

# The Great Years

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*View of the pool - Classic Diplomat Hotel*

		<h2>Twist Here, But Will It Last Long?</h2>
<p>HEADLINERS IN THE LES AMBASSEURS ROOM this season will include such attractions as Sophie Tucker and Vic Damone (above) from December 22 through 31, with the sensational young dance team of Raye and Roman. Gordon and Sheila MacRae, Eleanor Powell, Buddy Hackett, Patti Page and other star shows have been signed, with dates to be announced, for a 10:30 p.m. show nightly. Damita Jo and her trio returns to the Tack Room on January 2. David Fisher provides keyboard mirthmaking nightly in La Petite Chose.</p>		<p>Will "The Twist" outlast its performers sacroiliacs?          Mario and Joan Vallo, the Diplomat's bright young dance instructors, don't think so. They have rocked Hotel Row with dance extravaganzas and the "mambo mania," and predict "The Twist," too, shall pass. The Pachanga, introduced last season, has their vote as the most-popular step for Champagne Hour dancing in The Tack Room.          Mandy Campo, who leads our Latin Band, isn't taking any chances. He has beefed-up his combo to five pieces to assure the necessary Big Sound for the sensational, ad-lib "Twist" - while still retaining a cha-cha flavor. Out of it may come "The Twisted - Cha" ?          Meanwhile, back at the popular music bandstand, Musical Director Van Smith rocks along with the perennial favorites; occasionally filtering eight bars through his six-sound invention, the "Damfino."          However it all turns out, everybody dances all the time in The Tack Room.</p>

*Classic Diplomat Hotel - Café Cristal Night Club*



*The Great Years* is dedicated to my family

ANDRIA ELIZABETH

And my five Grand Children

SHANERA SAROJIN

TASHINA MARIAH

NANI DARSHANA

ANDREW CARL

LUCAS RYAN

And the next generation

MALIA NALU

HINA'EA HI'IAKA

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## Introduction

In 2002, I retired from my last hotel assignment - The Lago Mar Resort. Always having an interest in computers and now time to explore new areas of my life, I decided to write ***My Life Story***. The format was a CD-rom written in HTML (the computer language easily displayed on any computer). The basis of the story was a collection of family pictures, including some from my Mother & Father and some original hotel brochures of the hotels my father operated, including one his folks operated in New Hampshire in the late nineteen century. The first assembly of these family pictures numbered over 400. Today there are many more.

The photos brought back memories of years of the past, so that short stories could be written of each decade along the career path. Even funny incidents were documented. Only direct family members received copies of the *My Life Story* CD-rom.

Now, it's several years later, so rather than prepare an updated version of the CD-rom, I have decided to produce a book in color, with the help of a print-on-demand Internet company who recently published my hobby anthology, 600 pages in b&w, large hardcover book - ***Encyclopedia Small Silver Coins***. The text from the CD-rom stories was expanded with the pictures and stories of my 30 years at the ***Classic Diplomat Hotel***.



Picture taken by Bob Lane 1985

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Roger and Marilyn at a Party