

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

This year has certainly been filled with many twists I never expected. If someone said to me a year ago that I would become a part of a reunion campaign, start a fanzine, and would shake hands with the creator of one of my favorite shows of all time, I would have gently asked this individual, "What mental institution did you just escape from?" This has been, and continues to be, a wild ride of unexpected peaks and valleys through an unorthodox way of operating a campaign.

When Joy and I joined forces, we expected to lead the usual type of campaign – letter writing, calling and emailing broadcasting networks. After the first two months, we realized we needed another strategy to make this campaign successful. Six months into the campaign, we experienced an unforeseen event that propelled us into getting an interview with creator, Glenn Gordon Caron. Besides talking about a reunion and possibilities of seeing *Moonlighting* DVD's in the stores, we asked questions many fans have wondered about since *Moonlighting* went off the air 13 years ago.

As Joy and I redirected the focus of this fanzine, we have formed a core group of people we can trust without hesitation. Diana Maiocco, who did a superb job in conducting Glenn's interview; Salvatore Forte, who offers his expertise in the production of this publication; Honey Chodan, who worked tirelessly in transcribing all the interviews; Pam Hardin, Michelle Krueger and Heather Clemens who continue to contribute their unique talents to make *Moonlighting Strangers* different and fun to read. I also want to thank Karin Zeller, who helped us promote our reunion message onto several German websites.

We also expected to make this issue the first of our quarterly format. However, at this time, we decided we will keep the bimonthly format. We have also added three new sections to make this fanzine more interesting and a more well rounded publication. The "Allow Us To Introduce Ourselves," section gives us a chance to let everyone know us better. In the "Spreading The Good News" section, we will focus on the contributions and charitable efforts the on-air and behind the scenes *Moonlighting* stars have lent their support to. The "Spotlight On" section highlights the special creations, thoughts and insights *Moonlighting* fans want to share. We are spotlighting Kim Jackson. She has an interesting way of decorating her *Moonlighting* VHS tape collection.

Joy and I expected we would be a force to be reckoned with. We never expected we would do it as an alternative media source that promotes the cast and crew of *Moonlighting* their best interests.

Christie Taylor
CO-Publisher & Vice Chairman of the *Moonlighting Reunion Campaign*

A SPECIAL HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM THE MOONLIGHTING REUNION CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN

I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank both Joy Chodan and Christie Taylor for asking me to join them in their exciting venture of promoting the *Moonlighting Reunion Campaign* and for asking me to become a staff member of their online fanzine, *Moonlighting Strangers*.

I was a huge fan of the show when it originally aired on ABC and like a lot of people, rediscovered it when the Bravo Cable Network began airing it again. I remember when I saw Bravo promoting their New Year's Day *Moonlighting* Marathon, I thought, "Wow, I haven't seen this show in a while, I should watch some episodes." Then I got hooked, taped all the episodes and started surfing the Internet for some more information on the show. That's how I met Joy and Christie and the rest, as David Addison once said, "Is kismet."

Putting together what is now our third issue and promoting the Reunion Campaign has proved to be very challenging but a lot of fun. It has allowed me to exercise a set of "muscles" I don't normally use in my job as a television advertiser, but my background has certainly helped. The fact that we have a core group of people, each with diverse skills and talent to offer, is one of the reasons why we have come as far as we have, as well as the many *Moonlighting* fans who have supported the Reunion Campaign and forwarded original material and messages to post in the fanzine.

The first two issues of the fanzine have been getting rave reviews and I know this issue is going to be a hit too! I still can't believe that I had the opportunity to meet Mr. Glenn Gordon Caron. What a gracious man and what a great interview! Thank you Mr. Caron.

Before I sign off, I would like to put in my two cents about why a *Moonlighting* Reunion motion picture should be made. People want to see their favorite characters again and again--look at sequels. If Harrison Ford can reprise Indiana Jones after 14+ years and, it was just reported that Bruce Willis will be playing John McClane again in *Die Hard 4*, why should it be so hard to picture where David Addison and Maddie Hayes would be today? These two characters are undoubtedly two of the most popular and acclaimed roles these gifted actors have portrayed in their careers. It would be so interesting for fans to see them reprised and I think, challenging for the actors as well. The fan fiction we have published in the fanzines all had interesting scenarios so I'm sure that Mr. Caron and the wonderful writers from *Moonlighting* can create funny, intelligent, emotional, thought-provoking story that an audience would pay to see on the big screen. And don't forget the silly chase scene.

Enjoy this issue and let us know what you think.

Diana Maiocco
Media Consultant and Staff Member, *Moonlighting Strangers*