



May '07

# The Aisle Report

Brought to you by the Maid of Honor, Sarah Bartash

<http://norahandbrian.weddings.com>

**!! PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR UP-TO-DATE DETAILS !!**

This is the second-to-last issue you will receive of the AR, and I want to thank all of you who have taken the time to open it up and see what it was all about. As we get closer to the big day, things are accelerating and deadlines loom. Everyone should have received their wedding invitation, so do send back those RSVP cards (*note* – they are postcards, so no need to add extra postage – just mark ‘em up and toss ‘em in the mail!) In this issue, please find an event calendar, info about venues and the Bride’s Checklist!

We are really looking forward to seeing you all soon!

– Ed.SB aka MOH – reach me at [sb@bellethecat.com](mailto:sb@bellethecat.com)

## The Festivities!

This is just the outline of things that will be going on surrounding the actual wedding and reception. Do please **check out Norah and Brian’s website** for the most up-to-date details as well as any last minute changes!

- 6/8/2007 = Bachelor Party Starts
- 6/9 = Couples Shower
- 6/11 = Bachelor Party Ends
- 7/4 = 4<sup>th</sup> of July!
- 7/5 = Bouquet Making Party, Bachelorette Cruise
- 7/6 = Rehearsal Dinner
- 7/7 = **The Big Day!**
  - 4 p.m. Wedding
  - 5 p.m. Reception
- 7/8 = Gift Opening
- 7/9 = Mr. and Mrs. Mauss take off on honeymoon!



Countdown to **07/07/07**



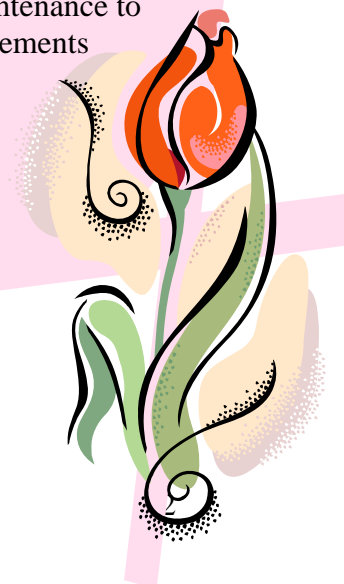
### **Bride's Checklist:**

- ❖ Final fittings planned for bride
- ❖ Veil getting completed
- ❖ Bridesmaids choosing up-dos, getting shoes (start breaking them in!), alterations
- ❖ Music chosen for cocktail hour and band breaks
- ❖ Readings being chosen along with readers
- ❖ Thank-you notes, guest book, programs getting printed, change of name documents, wedding announcement to newspapers
- ❖ Seating being planned
- ❖ RSVPs arriving!

### **Location, Location, Location**

The region in which Norah and Brian are getting married is one of great history and beauty. The wedding is being held in **La Crosse, WI** (see past issues of the AR for details about the church.) The city itself sits on the Mississippi River in the Driftless Area (or Coulee Region); an area bypassed by the last continental glaciers. This created bluffs (in contrast to prairies which much of the Midwest is associated with), the most prominent being Granddad's Bluff which was mentioned by Mark Twain in "Life on the Mississippi." The name La Crosse was given by a French fur trader named Zebulon Pike who saw the native people playing a game with sticks – "la crosse" in French means a hooked stick or shepherd's crook (note: this game later evolved into modern lacrosse).

**Pettibone Resort**, where the reception is being held, is named after Albert Pettibone, who was mayor of La Crosse in 1862, 1863, and 1865. He was one of the leading business men in La Crosse in the lumber business. He opened the area now known as Pettibone Park for public recreations in 1890. In 1901 he deeded it to a commission and set up a trust fund of \$50,000 for maintenance to the park. He himself donated another \$50,000 to be used for improvements and maintenance. The resort and park offer stunning views of the Mississippi River and Minnesota Wildlife Refuge



Next Month is our FINAL ISSUE! Don't miss it!