

## Sun and Ice In Puerto Rico

Judy and I were holidaying in Puerto Rico. We spent a week in Old San Juan and stayed at the El Convento Hotel. This hotel was built 365 years ago as a Carmelite Convent and was converted to a hotel in 1959.

After 1 week at the El Convento we moved to the Dupont Hotel to be on the beach. One morning we were at the concierge desk asking where we could go for entertainment that evening. The concierge recommended an ice skating show at one of the large hotels. We could go for dinner, see the show, and it was supposed to be very good. I asked if the food is good and the concierge did not know. There was another man at the desk who she knew. She said to him, "Mr. Rodriguez, is the food good at the hotel for the ice skating show"? He said that the food was very good and it was well worth the price as the show was included. Based on this Judy and I went to the ice show that evening.

We arrived at the Hotel at about 6:00 o'clock and proceeded to the dining room. The maitre d' asked our names and when we told him he said, "Ah! You are friends of Mr. Rodriguez. He told me to expect you. Come this way." We followed him to a banquette beside the ice surface at the centre of the performance area. There were 3 banquettes at ring side and at one of them was occupied by Gavin MacLeod, captain of the TV series "Love Boat". We sat in the one next to him and they were the best seats in the room.

We had been seated for about 2 minutes when a waiter came along and presented us with a bottle of champagne and said it was, "Compliments of Mr. Rodriguez." This was becoming very exciting. A short while later Mr. Rodriguez appeared at our table and asked if everything was all right. We told him that everything was wonderful and I said that I couldn't help but believe that the excellent service and the perfect table had something to do with him. He said that he just told everyone that, "You are my friends".

When the waiter came back to take our dinner order I asked him "Who is Mr. Rodriguez?" He looked quite surprised and told us that Mr. Rodriguez owns the hotel.



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