

Response to Bugle Article comment by:
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Her (Janet's) claim that I received monthly financial statements is blatantly untrue. In fact, I provided weekly estimates on the upcoming food and beverage costs after making several cost cutting measures as I had always done on wages and supplies.

Next, Janet insists that there is a large kitchen staff. I, 1 full time and 1 part time cook, and 1 dishwasher is not a large kitchen staff for what we do and the volume we produce. As with her statements here again, Janet had continuously attempted to abuse and place blame on the staff. I did what they asked me to, however, I put my foot down when she requested that Mac & Cheese be placed on the menu. Maggie Holt had agreed with me on this measure.

I believe that Janet's statements is her attempt to grate me on the coals as she has no clue about a restaurant and what it takes to operate a business. Both I and Gary Hilbers, a dedicated volunteer and board member, have each spent over 60 hours per week to keep the restaurant operational. And now Janet would like to throw both of us under the bus as she has done with others, particularly Kala. This is rude and hurtful and I demand an apology from this woman.

Janet has wanted to close the Ranch House for months. Defeat is the only way she can handle this instead up stepping up to the plate with some progressive ideas. I am grateful for the monies that Janet and Maggie both contributed to its operation. However, to keep hearing it over & over again is unnecessary. As far as paying staff, Janet was not truthful in that and do not wish to publicly incriminate her with its details.

I was hired as a Chef and Kitchen Manager, not a financial operations manager. Within 6 weeks of my joining the team, I managed to turn the restaurant around from the shortcomings of the previous kitchen management. It was Janet and Maggie's inability to create new outside cash flow to assist in the development of the restaurant. They need to grow up. They need to move on. They need to stop using Kala, staff and volunteers as scapegoats.

We all need to come together in peace and harmony to implement the dream we envisioned as a community to fruition. That is why I have dedicated my time and professional talents to assist in these efforts.