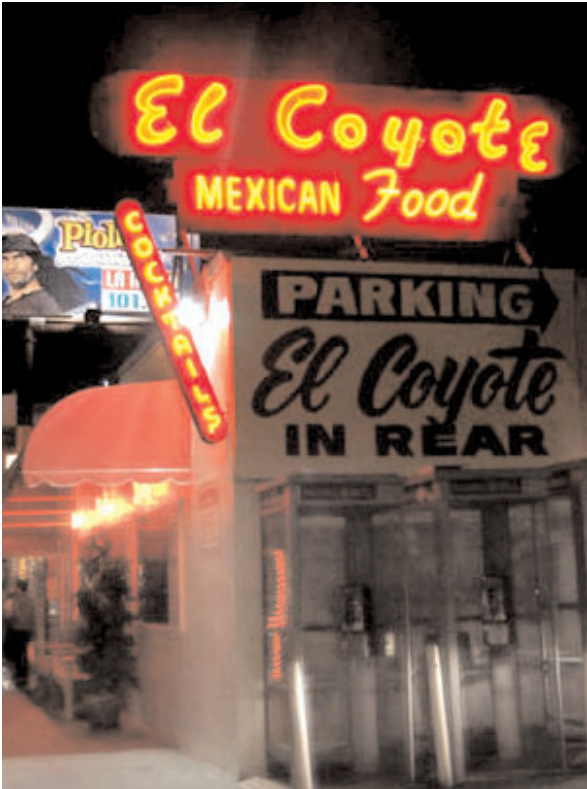




OUR MEMORIES OF OUR DINNER WITH ALLYCE

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It had already been quite a day! We were nearly giddy after finishing our DVD interviews as we drove over to meet Allyce Beasley and her husband, Jim, for dinner. What a difference from the uptight feeling I had that morning at breakfast! I was lucky enough to be on the phone when we interviewed Allyce for the fanzine last November. She was very generous with her time then, giving us a terrific interview that lasted an hour and a half. When Diana told her that we would be in Los Angeles for the DVD interviews, she said she would love to get together, so we arranged to meet for dinner. We, of course, were thrilled!

Allyce suggested a Mexican restaurant, El Coyote, in Hollywood. For three days, we rode around LA to the sounds of *Moonlighting* blaring from the stereo of our rented minivan, and it was just a short drive from David Naylor's office.

We got there a little early and immediately ordered drinks to celebrate the day. The place was festively decorated and the wait staff wore traditional Mexican costumes that provided a fun atmosphere for our dinner. It was almost surreal, as so many things seemed during the trip, when we saw Allyce walk towards the table. She looked terrific, even better than she did almost 16 years ago when the show ended, with straight hair now, which is very becoming. She greeted us like old friends. We introduced ourselves to her and she introduced Jim to us. I felt especially lucky that I was sitting on the end of the round booth, because Allyce sat in the empty place right beside me while Jim sat direct-

ly opposite her. We talked easily about our DVD interviews and the show, and I was amazed, just as I was during her interview, how open and candid she was. She confided in us that she would be doing DVD commentary that week for the episode *Twas the Episode Before Christmas* and promised to give us a report after it was done. (She did, telling us that she had a blast seeing director Peter Werner and producer Jay Daniel again during the session.) Every time I looked at her, I thought to myself, "Is this really happening?"

As we ate a great dinner, Allyce said more than once how much our efforts and our love of *Moonlighting* touched her. She said the only thing that would have made the night even bet-

ter was if Curtis could have been there, too. We felt the same way, particularly since Curtis was instrumental in introducing us to Allyce. When the check came, Jim and Allyce very graciously picked it up. By this time, we were truly overwhelmed by their generosity. Then Allyce sat patiently and happily while we took picture after picture of her with each of us individually and then even more as a group. She hugged each one of us. When she hugged me, I said to her, "You don't know what this means to us." She made us feel like it meant just as much to her. Finally, the restaurant staff gently asked us to vacate the large tables we had been occupying for so long. The place was packed, so we just moved the conversation outside. Huddled together under cover since it was still raining, we kept talking while Diana went for the minivan. When she pulled up, we finally had to say goodbye. As we drove out of the parking lot, we waved to Allyce and Jim as they walked down the sidewalk. My last memory of that night is Allyce in her cute little knit cap with a ball on the end, looking just like Ms. DiPesto. I'll never watch the Agnes episodes again without smiling a little bigger. Thank you, Allyce & Jim.

~~ Pam ~~



Allyce & Pam



Allyce & Kim

And just when I think that the DVD interviews were the "Icing On The Cake," we are asked to join for dinner, the amazing Ms. DiPesto...Allyce Beasley! Little did I know that THIS was the Icing On The Cake!

So we arrive early at El Coyote and are seated. And all of a sudden, I realize I do not have my hormone balancing cream. ARGH!! I am soooo hot, and dying in hot flashes and chills! Oh great, any minute now I am going to meet face-to-face Ms. DiPesto, and I will be a bundle of water!! So I run to the restroom, splash water on my face and body, and pray for the best!! I take a bite of my salsa, and plop on my pants, argh!! My best friends are all sitting around the table supporting me through all of this. Just then...in walks Ms. DiPesto and her hubby Jim. I see her and she is in a black pea coat and this adorable hat and she sticks her hand way out and gives us the biggest wave and amazing bright smile, with her head just bobbing like she did so many times in *Moonlighting* scenes – after that I was no longer nervous!!

I wish I could spend the next twenty pages writing about this experience! Because I could! And it's funny I went in thinking that is Ms. DiPesto, and left feeling that's Allyce!

What an amazing, caring, sharing, warm, funny, intelligent, genuine, sweet, talented lady!! And that's just a few words to explain her. She has this aura about her; she is a warm, loving

light!! And I know that I am not alone when I say this, every single one of us will NEVER forget her and that incredible three hours of our life! She brought us to tears when we drove away! Oh and btw, being with her, and not wanting to leave and miss a single word she had to say (just love her voice), she made me forget how I was feeling so sick and hot, and could not breathe!! Thank you so very, very much, Allyce!! I adore you!

Finally, I will say this. Diana, Joy, Christie, Mickey and Pam, without all of you this would never have happened. How fun was that to sit in the hotel room, screaming with excitement seeing *Cybill* and *ET* announce what we already knew, that she and GGC did commentary together! (yeah, us!) Or hearing that Allyce, *Cybill*, and GGC are all saying such nice things about us!!! WOW!! I adore all of you so very, very much!! You are an amazing group of gals and I am honored to call you friends!

WHOOOHOOO! We did it! *Moonlighting* on DVD!! YES!!

I truly will... See You At Blue Moon!

~~ Kimmie ~~



Allyce & Michelle

I believe I can say that all six of us unanimously agree that without a doubt, the best part of our trip to L.A. was meeting Miss DiPesto herself, Allyce Beasley. It was like the grand finale of an already amazing event. We planned to meet Allyce at the legendary El Coyote Café and we arrived first. We all sat at our table feeling blissful and excited, and just a little anxious. While we waited, we munched on chips and salsa and chatted about our L.A. adventure. Suddenly, I heard Diana say, "Oh, she's here." Immediately I felt a surge of nervousness and abruptly dropped my chip because the butterflies in my stomach had become so overwhelming. I turned to see her for myself. As she walked towards our table with her adorable smile, she tilted her head slightly and waved her hand rapidly back and forth, just as we've seen her done so many times before. Except this time she was right in front of us! That familiar gesture was so comforting that my nervousness left just as quickly as it arrived. I was so amazed that this was even happening. I just hoped I would find my voice as we all said hello and introduced ourselves. Shortly into the meeting, I realized I had a certain feeling like the one you get when you're with a favorite family member you hadn't seen in a long time. Allyce was so amazingly sweet and she was very much like the radiant person we've all seen on television and movies over the years. We also met Allyce's husband,

Jim, who had an engaging sense of humor and some captivating stories to tell. It was such a pleasure to spend time with both Allyce and Jim, just sharing stories and taking in every word hoping to store it in my memory forever. Additionally, their kindness and



patience was clear when Jim offered to take photo after photo of us with Allyce so that we would have many mementos of our incredible evening. Even though we spent nearly four hours with these two spectacular people, it just didn't seem like enough.

As we drove away I became overwhelmed as a memory came to me of being a teenager and watching *Moonlighting* on a particular Tuesday night. I thought about that teenage girl and imagined that if someone had told her that she would one day meet Allyce Beasley, Jeff Reno and Ron Osborn in addition to her actually being part of *Moonlighting* in a very real way, well, she would have thought it was the biggest lie ever told. Amazingly, it all really happened.

And to think, I didn't even want to go to L.A.

~~ Michelle ~~

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To have the privilege to meet someone as amazingly kind and talented as Allyce Beasley was a dream come true. Allyce has become a dear friend to all us and for that alone this campaign and fanzine have been worth it. El Coyote was really a great looking place, colorful, and festive. You could tell that it had been around for quite some time.

I loved the colorful fiesta dresses the waitresses wore. A waiter sat us at a

large booth in the back in the corner of the restaurant. The overwhelming feeling of knowing we had just shot the commentary still hung over us, along with a sense of accomplishment, and relief. Now we could just enjoy the feeling of knowing that Allyce and Jim would be walking through that door to have dinner with us. Since we were all waiting and relaxing, I thought it would be fun to shoot some more video tape. I asked everyone what their experience of shooting the commentary was like, and what their thoughts and feelings were. Everyone was just relieved that it was all over, and now they could relax, and talk about their recollections about their trip to L.A. Believe me, I'm no director like Peter Werner or Jerry Finnerman with the camera, but nonetheless, it was fun.

Then Jim and Allyce showed up. She was smiling at us dressed all in black with an adorable hat with a pom-pom on it. She looked beautiful, healthy, and just so cute waving to us. She greeted all of us and we talked for hours about the show, our DVD commentary, the campaign, our lives, and so on. Allyce told us how excited she was that

she was going to be a part of the DVD commentaries. She was also really excited and happy to hear that Glenn Caron and Cybill Shepherd had sat down to do DVD commentary together. The food was really good, too. It was absolutely fascinating to listen to and watch Allyce. She is so full of life and energy, she just glows. Jim is

really sweet and funny, too. At the end of our dinner, Jim asked if we wanted dessert and coffee and they graciously and generously picked up the check. Thank you again, Allyce and Jim. Then to top it all off, Allyce took picture after picture with us in the restaurant. We got a lot of great group and individual shots. I remember when I took a picture with Allyce she hugged me and told me how proud I should be for starting this campaign and that we pulled off this amazing accomplishment. You don't know how much that meant to me, Allyce. It was just so moving.

The waiters were finally starting to kick us out because they had other dinner parties. We made our way out of the restaurant and the place was packed. Outside we all gathered around Allyce listening to her under an awning while the rain came down. I didn't want to put up my umbrella because I was afraid that would signal to everyone that I wanted to go. And I didn't. I wanted to burn into my mind this moment and this incredibly special night for all us. Finally it was time to leave and we all hugged each other again. We all gathered in the car and Allyce stood there smiling and waving to us. As we sat in the car recollecting the whole evening everyone was walking on air. Michelle started crying from happiness and then the same emotions hit me, too, and the tears came down for me as well. I sat there thinking about all that we have

