

SPOTLIGHT on Father's Day

by Clint Hamblin

Father's Day is upon us, so whether it's a family with two dads, a new grandfather or an expecting father, there are plans for cookouts, trips and family get-togethers to celebrate good ol' dad.

The Cohen-Withey Family

Twenty-two years ago, Bruce Withey was a new hire for a local real estate company. Steven Cohen was on vacation, so Withey was temporarily assigned Cohen's desk until he came back to work. Seemingly fated, Withey and Cohen met and fell in love. As they celebrated their 15th year together, they began thinking about starting a family.

"We had good friends that had used a surrogate and had a beautiful daughter," Withey said. "After we saw this child, the very next day we contacted an agency in California and started the process."

Without going into the very complicated details of surrogacy, in 2003 Withey and Cohen became the proud fathers of a son, Jeremy, and in 2005, they were blessed with their second son, Aaron.

"Five-year-old Jeremy is obsessed with baseball, watching television and mimicking each swing or pitch," Cohen said.

Both Jeremy and Aaron are active in their South End neighborhood and have frequent baseball play dates with their friends.

Four-year-old Aaron, who sleeps with his catcher's mitt, looks up to his big brother, has the same passion for baseball and tries to emulate Jeremy's every move. Aaron recently announced, "I'm very wor-

ried about the World Series, Dad."

"From the first step to the first word and first ice cream cone, we have incredible joy with our family. We're looking forward to all the firsts that come with having kids," Cohen said.

Father's Day for this family includes sun, sand and a beach vacation, and maybe a game of catch.



Aaron, Bruce Withey, Steven Cohen and Jeremy



Grandfather Stephen, father David and Charlotte Audrey Kunian

The Kunian Family

Attorney Stephen Kunian of the Boston Law firm Eckert Seamans is the proud father of David Kunian, whose wife Renee gave birth to Charlotte Kunian, their first child, just a few weeks ago. The Boston-

based Kunian family is planning a trip to New Orleans for Father's Day to meet and welcome Charlotte, the newest member.

"It's a big party," Lois Kunian said, "with three generations, including our other son Andrew, his wife and my sister all getting together to celebrate Father's Day."

Plans include going out for dinner to Herbsaint and Gallatoires, two very famous New Orleans restaurants, and a walk through City Park.

A New Orleans style cookout is planned for Father's Day with son David doing the cooking. Stephen Kunian says, "I have a

new granddaughter who will be 2 months old on Father's Day. It's the best Father's Day present I could ever get!"

The Bamboat Family

"It's a girl," Dr. Zubin Bamboat proudly announced. "We both wanted to know the sex as soon as possible. You can find out by the 20th week of the pregnancy." Now in residency at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), and unlike most dads, Bamboat knows about these things. Despite his vast medical knowledge, the soon-to-be dad says, "I'm going to just be

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