

Platters to perform at Marshbank Park

It'll be a summer evening awash in 1950s nostalgia when The Platters perform at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at Marshbank Park, Hiller Road north of Commerce Road in West Bloomfield.

Sponsored by West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation, the concert takes place at the park's concert hill which can accommodate an audience of about 5,000 with parking for about 600 cars. There is a \$3 parking fee for cars entering the park. Additional parking is available off-site.

Remembered for such hits as "Only You," "The Great Pretender" and "You've got that Magic Touch," The Platters managed by Buck Ram who is also a writer, arranger and producer. Ram hand-picked the original five Platters in 1954.

Fonte D'Amore

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Fonte D'Amore is still a Del Signore family operation, but Luciano a fourth-generation Italian chef, is primarily responsible for running the restaurant. Monica books parties, runs the floor, and greets customers. Luciano oversees the kitchen.

He's introduced Abruzzo cuisine, which he describes as small town cooking or "rustica" that's light, flavorful full of fresh herbs including basil, tomatoes, and crusty bread.

"I have a strong passion for food," said Luciano. "I like simple cooking."

Everything on the menu is made fresh daily. Nothing is pre-made. Realizing that going out to dinner is no longer a formal event, Del Signore said it would break his heart to change the formal decor in the restaurant's three dining rooms, but he wanted people to feel more comfortable.

Linen tablecloths were replaced with white paper, and crayons were put on every table so children can have fun drawing or playing games while they're waiting for dinner.

"People come in dressed in jeans and say, 'oh we're not dressed up enough.' I reassure them they're dressed fine. We're really affordable. It's not uncommon for a couple to come in and spend \$25 for dinner and cocktails," said Del Signore. "On Wednesdays and Saturdays we have music from 6-10 p.m."

House specialties include Chicken Francesca — chicken sauteed with jumbo shrimp, Dijon mustard, shallots, dill and cream, and Filet Marino — pan roasted fillet with onions, mushrooms, shallots, sweet sherry, demi-glace and cream.

The luncheon menu features smaller portions and sandwiches including the Fonte Burger, club sandwich, and a meatball sub.

Radio show



Sentimental journey: Steve Zicka (left), Maggie Savage, David McAtee and Jo Farris star in SRO Productions "WRSO On the Air," 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Aug. 20-21, at the City of Southfield's historic center, The Burgh, on the northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, one block east of Telegraph. Call 827-0700 for ticket information.

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