



Chuck Muer's new Diggers restaurant, a revamped Clamdiggers in Farmington Hills, will have an expanded menu with emphasis on a broader range of foods.

## Muer digs in with another approach

Restaurateur Chuck Muer has announced that he will close his Clamdiggers restaurant in Farmington Hills for remodeling on Jan. 1 and reopen Jan. 10 as Diggers, a broader restaurant concept.

"We've been quite successful with fine seafood dining at Clamdiggers, but there is a growing market need out there for more casual and impromptu dining, too," said Muer.

"We are combining the two in the new Diggers by bringing in some exciting new meat and pasta items, and by brightening the decor and making it somewhat more casual."

New items on the broader lunch and dinner menus will include Aspen barbecued ribs from Muer's Shaft restaurant in Aspen, prime rib, and a linguini with red clam sauce created by Executive Chef Larry Pagliara.

MUER EMPHASIZED that old favorite Clamdigger entrees like Maine

lobster, Alaskan King crab legs, stuffed flounder and fresh fish from Boston, Great Lakes and Canada will still occupy an honored place on the menu.

The raw seafood bar will remain a center attraction, with its heaps of fresh oysters, clams and shrimp reposing on a bed of crushed ice.

Muer said the new menu and character of the restaurant will appeal to a broader range of diners, particularly for lunch and after-work and late evening snacks.

"Clamdiggers has always been a popular dinner house, with a loyal following. Now it will also be the kind of place you'll stop by with the gang after a ball game or club meeting, or for a snack after the show or shopping," Muer said.

Sandwiches, including a half-pound burger and a steak sandwich on homemade bread, will help serve this market, he said.

PRICES WILL RUN about \$2 lower on most dinners by including the basic entree, vegetable and hot homemade bread, and leaving soups and salads optional, ala carte.

Waiting time should no longer be a problem on most days, according to Muer. Seating capacity is being expanded from 165 to 225, by removing the salad bar and piano bar.

Seating will be on a first-come basis, with no reservations taken.

Hours for the new Diggers will be approximately the same. Monday-

Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday from 11:30 a.m. to midnight; Saturday from 5 p.m. to midnight; Sunday from 3 to 10 p.m.

Muer opened Clamdiggers, at 30555 Grand River, Farmington Hills, in November 1975.

The new concept at Diggers will be very close to the kind of restaurant

Chuck Muer will open in Toledo, Ohio, in January. The first to be named

Chuck Muer's, it will be located on

Baronial Court off Airport Highway

just east of I-475.

## 'Here's Love' benefit due

"Here's Love," the musical version of "The Miracle of 34th Street," will be performed at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Punch and Judy Theatre in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The performance is a benefit for the World Medical Relief Fund. Dave Lockhart of WXYZ Talk Radio will be the host. The Punch and Judy Theatre is located at 21 Kercheval.

## Northfield Hilton plans gala evening

Three gala New Years Eve packages are offered by Troy's Northfield Hilton to usher in 1980 in festive style, according to general manager Arthur Gimson.

The first "Celebrate" plan starts with an open bar and hors d'oeuvre at 8:30 p.m. New Year's Eve. The hour-long cocktail party is followed by a four-course prime rib dinner, including a bottle of champagne and a favorite after-dinner cordial.

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