

Restaurants offer good food, charm

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irmingham has been restored in the restaurant, originally housed in an old barn.

In Bloomfield Hills, Bedell's Restaurant (Woodward at Square Lake Road, phone 334-4561) offers an atmosphere of hearty food and casual elegance.

The Kingsley Inn (1475 N. Woodward, phone 644-1400) has an extensive menu, with traditional fine service, appealing to a discriminating clientele.

IN BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP. Machus Red Fox (6676 Telegraph, phone 626-4200) is the flagship of the Machus restaurants. Everything here is done in grand style, the service matching the excellence of the menu fare.

In West Bloomfield, the Rikshaw Inn (6407 Orchard Lake Road, phone 851-6400) has a broad menu of Chinese dishes. Located in Orchard Lake Mall, it's close to shops, too.

Win Schuler's (6056 W. Maple, phone 851-8800) runs the gamut from steaks to fish. It's one in a branching out of the original Win Schuler's in Marshall, known for its filling feasts and bar cheese.

In Orchard Lake, the Meeting Place (4105 Orchard Lake Road, phone 851-0060), first was devoted to steak and meat dishes. It has reoriented its menu to emphasize fresh food and vegetables, also.

Troy is a little bit of heaven for dining out, with many newer restaurants nesting here.

NEEDEN GLEN, (2085 W. Big Beaver, phone 649-1880) has a smart cocktail lounge, a Sunday New Orleans brunch complete with Dixieland band, and

seems to be always the scene of family birthday and anniversary celebrations. The food is thoughtfully prepared.

The Kyoto Steak House (1985 W. Big Beaver, phone 643-6340) groups its diners around a large toppan table where the chef gets to show off, chopping and grilling the entire meal before your very eyes.

Charles's Crab, adjoining the Northfield Hilton Inn (Crooks Road at I-75, phone 879-2060) is where to go for the area's top spots, the Chuck Muer restaurant will satisfy the tastes of even the most exacting seafood connoisseur.

The Double Eagle (5725 Rochester Road, phone 879-1550) is another smart restaurant owned by Bruce Cameron (who also owns the Midtown Cafe and the Meeting Place). It's got an Aleksis Lahti, arty Scandinavian decor, a feature of all three of these restaurants, plus a vista that overlooks the city-owned green Sylvan Glen Golf Course.

THE HAYMARKET in the Troy Hilton Inn (1455 Stephenson, phone 583-9000) has been a solid dining room with its renovation time (already) and the decor is being redone just in time for the GOP convention.

Alfred's (Big Beaver and Coolidge, phone 648-8855) is located inside one of the county's most luxurious shopping malls, Somerset Mall. You can spend your money at the best shops, enjoy a meal on the premises, leaving from a broad range of inexpensive, tasty fare.

A newcomer vying for the diners' trade is Sydney's, a restaurant of many cozy areas, at the bottom of the Top of

Troy, the city's tallest building. Host Sydney Harris seeks to make his restaurant a gathering spot for celebrities and just folks.

In Bingham Farms, Jacques Petit Jardin (3010 Telegraph, phone 642-1373) is an inviting continental restaurant, lovely-to-look-at from foyer to dining room, which includes a tree-filled atrium.

In Southfield, chefs who have made a name for themselves are instrumental in the success of two leading restaurants. Chef Duglass Duglass now has his own Restaurant Duglass (22269 Southfield, phone 424-9244), a pricey clubby spot where you can order quality food prepared and served with flair.

THE GOLDEN MUSHROOM, (18100 W. Ten Mile Road, phone 558-2320) depends on the flourish of Chef Milo, formerly chef of Detroit's prestigious London Chophouse. The rich dishes please the palate of a gourmet.

The Vineyards (29230 Franklin, phone 357-2579) has a long history of excellence, its interior a warm backdrop for the food specialties including roast pork.

The Excalibur (28875 Franklin, phone 358-3355) maintains a following, serving veal picant, veal marsala and veal Excalibur. Plants and booths accent the room.

The Benchmark in the Michigan Inn (16400 J.L. Hudson Drive, phone 559-6500) has an elaborate menu and a sumptuous setting. The food consistently rates high, making this hotel spot one that is out of the ordinary.

The Bijou Restaurant (30855 Southfield, phone 644-5522) is the place for

go for fine continental food and wine. An expensive little jewel, the menu of delicious dishes is explored in a scene that features blow-ups of famous movie stars.

IN FARMINGTON HILLS, restaurants with personality are sprinkled around. The Cafe Cortina (30715 Ten Mile Road, phone 374-3033) is an eye-catching Italian place that offers outstanding Italian food.

Another spot for Italian dishes is the Roman Terrace (27822 Orchard Lake Road, phone 851-4094). A comfortable restaurant, it offers a wide selection of food.

The Great Dane (31646 Northwest, phone 851-0555) has a reputation for good food in pleasant surroundings.

The Botsford Inn (28000 Grand River, phone 474-4800) is notable for being Michigan's oldest surviving country inn. Built in 1836, the white frame inn captures the mellowness of the past. You'll get a good meal here.

The Wing Hong Restaurant and Wing Hong Tokyo Japanese Steakhouse (31455 W. 14 Mile Road, phone 851-7000) is where a Chinese or Japanese meal can be enjoyed. The steakhouse is an addition that recreates the authenticity of a Japanese teahouse.

DIGGERS, formerly Slamdiggers (30555 Grand River, phone 478-3800) is another Chuck Muer fun palace for those who like seafood. Diggers still has fresh, daily seafood specialties but

now spotlights casual snacks and ala carte ordering for easy-on-the-pocket-book meal.

In Rochester, the Cooper's Arms (306 S. Main, phone 651-2268) has been under the guidance of owner Roger Knapp since it opened nine years ago. The English Tudor restaurant is a friendly place to dine on fresh fish, prime meats and chef's specialties.

10-01 North Main is the name of the restaurant (1002 N. Main, phone 652-7333) that opened earlier this year and has become a favorite dining spot. The light, airy decor is relaxing for partaking of everything from hamburgers, salads and sandwiches to more complete entrees.

In Avon Township, Win Schuler's (2601 S. Rochester, phone 852-8330) takes on a contemporary air, with stained glass and plants backdropping the meals. A big, five-course dinner of traditional Schuler fare is one of the highlights.

Gu's Steakhouse (655 Michaelson, phone 693-8882) has the added charm of being located in the Rochester Golf and Country Club. Menu offerings please steak lovers especially.

FOXY'S (1254 Walton Blvd., phone 652-1177) is another Harris Machus restaurant, this one with such diversity as crepes, quiches and Mexican food.

The Oceania Inn (68 N. Adams, phone 375-9200) is inside the quaint MeadowBrook Village Mall, but it has a lavishly decorated dining room and a menu of exquisite Oriental dishes.

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