

table talk

At Vineyard's

The long-established Vineyard's Restaurant at 2010 Franklin Road, Southfield, is now the home of two new Vineyard's Restaurants — Constant's and the Franklin Grill. A new nightclub called Marlowe's has opened on the lower level of the Vineyard's. Roger Sherman has done the sophisticated decor for the restaurants, and Aleksei Lahti has designed the nightclub setting, with neon rainbows under the arches. Executive Chef Rick Stephen is emphasizing northern Italian cuisine in Constant's and seafood and steaks cooked over a Mesquite grille in the Franklin Grill. Both restaurants are open for lunch and dinner. Marlowe's, which takes its name from the "Nick Marlowe" radio series, features music for listening and dancing. Current attraction is Orange Lake Drive. Hors d'oeuvres by Chef Stephen also are available. Weeknights and served without charge from 5-7 p.m.

English feast

An Old English Holiday Feast will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 27-28, at the Lark, 6450 Farmington Road, north of Maple Road in West Bloomfield. The first course is Melton Mowbray Pie with Cumberland Sauce, followed by Broiled Oysters with Bacon, or Prawn Bisque, then Grilled Fresh Dover Sole à la Menniere. After palate-refreshing English Apple Cider Sorbet is a main course of Roast Goose with sausage, sage and onion dressing, accompanied by braised celery and chestnuts. English Trifle for dessert, then Saffron Cheese Savory and a glass of Sandeman Founders Reserve Oporto Wine, and afterward tea or coffee completes the meal. Price is \$49.50 per person; tax

and gratuity is additional. English music to accompany the feast will include both madrigal and carols. For further information, call 661-4466.

Winter feast

An American Winter Feast is being offered every Wednesday during December at the Meeting Place, 4105 Orchard Lake Road, Orchard Lake. The menu includes Tomato Cabbage Soup, Rabbit Terrine with Chestnut or Pike Quenelles with Cranberry Sauce, Chicken and Romaine Salad with Oil and Lemon Dressing, Sweet Potato Purée, Turkey Breast Oklahoma — or Lake Superior Whitefish with Julienne of Vegetables and Vermouth Sauce, Dill Toasts and Banana Nut Bread. The entire meal is \$12.95.

Britts' Cafe

Linda and Jim Britt have opened Britts' Cafe at Silver's, 151 W. Fort, in downtown Detroit. Jim Britt was in charge of the kitchen at Twenny's in Birmingham and later ran the kitchen at City Delights and was night chef at La Marmite in Detroit. Downtown office workers have frequented the dining room at Silver's. As Britts' Cafe, the dining room has been remodeled.

Chef de Cuisine

Steve Meyers, who earned his culinary arts degree at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, has been named chef de cuisine at the new Burroughs Farms Roadhouse Restaurant near Brighton. He will be assisted by his wife, Sue Steiner, who has worked in kitchens at Barton Hills Country Club

and Spring Lake Country Club. Meyers' experience includes both Barton Hills and Spring Lake, as well as the London Chop House and the Detroit Athletic Club. The Burroughs Farms Roadhouse was renovated at a cost of \$500,000 in a 120-year-old, two-story farmhouse on Brighton Road three miles west of Brighton. Its part of a 345-acre recreation and conference center complex being developed. The restaurant menu includes such offerings as Spaghetti Pie, Roadhouse Salad, Pumpkin and Carrot Nut Breads, Taco Salad, Suya Wong (a ham and cheese fried in egg-batter-topped bread), Amaretto Truffle and Mocha Pie.

Mama & Pasta's

The accent is on homemade pasta, with freshly made sauces, and chicken dishes at Chuck Muer's new Mama & Pasta restaurant at 3511 Michigan, Wayne. Customers can see the pasta being made while they sit at their tables, and there is a daily pasta special. Chicken cacciatore and Julienne breast and chicken sautéed with fresh vegetables are among menu items. Muer's restaurant empire began with seafood specialties but has been expanding to include other kinds of popular entrees. A seafood offering here is Fresh Boston Scrod with fennel noodles. Lunch is served weekdays and dinner Mondays-Saturdays. The restaurant seats 165 customers, the cocktail lounge 25.

Menu guide

"Dining Showcase 1984," a restaurant and menu guide, has been distributed to Southfield households by Restaurant Promotion Associates of West Bloomfield. The guide includes

reprints of menus and information, along with gift certificates from the 38 participating restaurants. This is the third annual edition prepared by Howard E. Tyner, resident of Restaurant Promotion Associates. The other guides have been distributed in West Bloomfield and Troy.

Makes pastries

Pastry Chef Chuck Olson has put together an array of pastries made on the premises at the Rincoceros in the Warehouse District near Detroit's riverfront. Among desserts are Wind-sor tortes; chocolate-walnut mousse cake; fresh fruit pie; and puff pastry with chocolate mousse, raspberry jam, orange marmalade, fresh fruit, whipped cream and coconut.

'A la carte' eve

The Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills again will offer "a la carte" partying this New Year's Eve, Saturday, Dec. 31. Dinner will be offered from 4:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. with a special menu and prices starting at \$11.95 for dinner. Live entertainment will be available in three rooms, with the group Medallion playing for dining and dancing in the Athenian Hunt Room, Charlie Dublin at the piano in the dining rooms, and Pogo at the piano bar in the lounge. There is no cover charge. Brunch will be served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, New Year's Day, and dinner starting at 2.

Midnight coffee

Free coffee will be offered after midnight on New Year's Eve in restaurants participating in the Michigan Restaurant Association's coffee

for careful drivers program. The association reminds partygoers to plan ahead, using the buddy system where at least one member of the party is assigned to keep a clear head and drive.

Full menu offered

The Lark restaurant in West Bloomfield will offer its full menu at 6 and 8 p.m. sittings on New Year's Eve. In the French tradition, there will be fresh Russian caviar, fresh goose liver from France and breast of pheasant. Estate-bottled brut champagne is \$25 per bottle. Live music completes the evening. For further information, call 661-4466.

Meating Place

A special menu has been prepared for New Year's Eve by Chef Scott West at the Meating Place in Orchard Lake. Entrees range from Calves Liver au Poivre at \$2.25 to Fresh Imported Sole Sauté with Sauce Albert at \$21.50 and include salad, bread and vegetable. Appetizers, soups, other salads and desserts are priced a la carte. Sunday buffet will be served from noon to 3 p.m. New Year's Day. For more information, call 551-0060.

Package deals

The Westin Hotel at Detroit's Renaissance Center is offering special packages at La Fontaine, the Summit, the Renaissance Ballroom and De-Jay's. La Fontaine will have seatings from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. and a special menu for its French cuisine. Entertainment by the Carlton Ryding Trio will highlight the second seating.

which requires a \$45-per-person advance deposit. First seating, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., requires a \$10 advance deposit. For reservations at La Fontaine, call 568-9217.

Christmas lights

Farwell and Friends restaurant and lounge in Westland is aglow for the holidays once again, with an estimated 10,000 tiny lights brightening the interior. Owner Bill Farwell said some 40 employees and friends spent all day putting up the lights and lined and decorating with Santa cutouts and artificial snow. The restaurant, which was closed for the day, reopened for a staff-only party that evening. Farwell says customers have admired the Christmas trimmings, declaring the place looks like a fantasyland or fairytale. Farwell and Friends recently celebrated its fourth birthday. The menu features a 20-ounce New York strip at \$9.95. "We have a lot of meat-and-potato type people," Farwell said of his customers' likes. Newly added to the menu are Mexican-type dishes and seafood items. Farwell's prides itself on friendliness and has even given out bumper stickers that say, "Friendliness is Farwell and Friends." Hours are 3 p.m. to 2 a.m. every day.

Holiday buffet

Northfield Hilton's Holiday Buffet will be served on Christmas Day in the Wicker Works restaurant. The buffet, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., includes roast duckling, breast of chicken in champagne sauce, seafood moray, roast baron of beef and carved honey-glazed ham, plus side dishes and desserts. Children may get their photos taken with Santa Claus. The staff will be dressed as elves. For reservations, call 879-2100.

Classic play to open

"Awake and Sing," an American classic by Clifford Odets, will open Friday, Dec. 30, at the Attic Theatre in downtown Detroit's Greektown. Performances will be at 8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 8 and 9 p.m. Saturdays and 6:30 p.m. Sundays through Feb. 11. For ticket information call 953-7789.

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