

table talk

Revelers gather at Wassail Dinner

Oakway Symphony Society's Wassail Dinner will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, in the Residence Hall Dining Room at Madonna College in Livonia. Chef Ernie Wheaton's menu offers hot cider, platter of cheese and French bread, whole cornish hens with apple dressing and walnuts, and plum pudding. There is an open bar. Entertainment includes the Madrigal Singers of Royal Oak, a chamber ensemble, medieval instrumentalists, Uperpean Consort, jesters, presentation of the boar's head, Wassail toasts and Christmas caroling. Tickets are \$25 per reveler. For reservations, call 591-5046.

Monday and Tuesday at the Hotel St. Regis in Detroit. Dickens' 19th century will be re-created in the English-style hotel, with authentically decorated rooms, a six-course Victorian meal, four wines and festive period entertainment. Roast goose will highlight the meal, which ends with flaming plum pudding. Actors from Meadow Brook and other theaters will read from "A Christmas Carol" throughout dinner. Reservations are \$55 per person. For further information, call 873-3000.

New beaujolais

Nouveau Beaujolais Village by Bouchard N.M. is being served at the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills. The light, fresh and fruity wine represents the premier introduction of French Bur-

gundy wines for 1985. Special guests and the public drank the wine at the Kingsley's recent wine tasting, where wine consultant Timothy P. Mayer described its appeal. Two Frenchmen, guests at the hotel, said enjoying the new beaujolais is always an event in France, but that this was the first time they were in the U.S. to taste it. Wine expert Mayer recently conducted a series of wine classes to educate and train the Kingsley service staff.

Winter Feast

"A Winter Feast" is being offered during December at the Beniaushi sushi bar at the Kyoto Japanese Steakhouse in Troy. This month the authentic sushi bar is featuring Shabu Shabu and Yose Nabe, cooked in front of the patrons by Kyoto's master chefs. Yose Nabe, a Japanese bouillabaisse, is offered for \$14.95.

Old English

A dinner featuring traditional English holiday fare will be at 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 16-18, and Monday, Dec. 23, at the Tavern in West Bloomfield. The Old English Holiday Feast includes smoked salmon, broiled oysters, grilled fresh dover sole, Eng-

lish apple cider sorbet, roast goose, English trifle, stilton cheese, port wine and tea or coffee, for \$27.50 per person. For more information, call 644-4466.

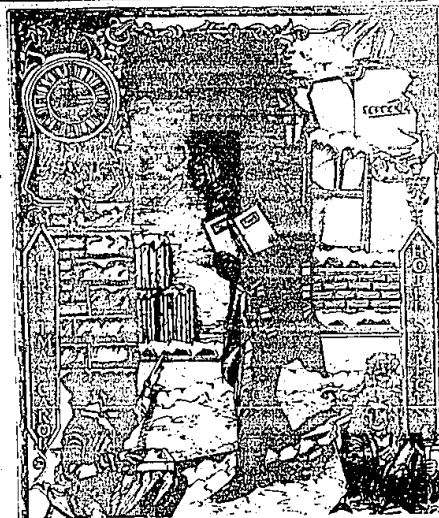
Exotic food

The Aristocrat Restaurant in West Bloomfield offers American and international cuisine and specializes in the "exotic food of the Far East." At lunch, the restaurant serves soup and a la carte salads, light entrees and international entrees. At dinner, Philippine entrees are emphasized, but there are also a variety of Asian entrees and international entrees. New owner of the Aristocrat is Dr. De Avelina Laxa, a radiologist. Hosts are Tony Laxa Jr. and Jim Yates, general manager. The restaurant, which also offers carryouts, is in the Pine Lake Mall.

Dinner delivered

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Scrooge and other characters from "A Christmas Carol" will be part of a dramatic reading at a Dickens' Christmas Celebration at Detroit's Hotel St. Regis.

Dickens dinner

The second annual Dickens' Christmas Celebration will be at 6:30 p.m.



Horns herald Oakway Symphony's Wassail Dinner festivities, coming up at Madonna College in Livonia.

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