

Dinner adds a new dimension

By Ethel Simmons
staff writer

Gradually building up a dinner clientele is Richard and Reiss, the daytime coffee shop where moderately priced meals are served on white tablecloths at night, along with wine or beer.

Bill Roberts has owned the restaurant for more than two years. He originally bought it as an investment, when he was still working at the Pontiac Silverdome, where he ran the restaurant and banquet facilities.

In April, Bill Pickett, who had been on the management staff at the Silverdome, joined Richard and Reiss as chef. The graduate of the Culinary Institute of America helped put together the dinner menu that offers such pleasures as Beef Wellington for \$10.50.

At the restaurant one recent evening, owner Roberts talked about the changes that have been occurring since he, "itchy to get started," left the Silverdome to devote all his energies to the new operation.

RICHARD AND Reiss has acquired the 17th — and last — liquor license given out by the city of Birmingham.

The restaurant began serving dinners in March, and some city commissioners liked what they saw, subsequently awarding the much-coveted license.

"We began pouring Oct. 22," Roberts said. His decision was to serve only

table talk

wine and beer at first. "We want to bring it along slowly." Next step will be to serve liqueurs, especially port, which he believes "are a coming entity."

Full cocktail service isn't likely to happen soon. "We're in the food business," he emphasized. "We're not going to be a bar bar."

The tiny, contemporary restaurant, which seats 50, is open for dinner 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Roberts isn't looking to expand because he doesn't want to lose the charm of the place.

What he does want is "to fill the tables five nights a week."

The dinner menu changes weekly, except for the Beef Wellington, which has become a house specialty. "We do a different veal dish, chicken dish, pasta and veggie item (last week we did ratatouille). There's always fresh seafood. Tonight it's poached halibut with dill sauce."

MOST OF THE entrees are priced from \$6.95 to \$8.95. "We're trying to keep prices down. I think it's the best value in the city," Roberts said.

The wine list is basically Chef Bill's. "We try to change monthly, to have new items," Roberts said. "We need a bonyard Italian wine because we serve a lot of pasta. There's a lot of holes in

it," he admitted, saying gaps in the wine list will be filled in.

Like the food, the wine is priced low, even the most expensive offering. "I don't know where you can get one (Perignon champagne) for \$60. It's \$90-\$120 in other restaurants."

Richard and Reiss is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays, 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays. No credit cards are accepted, in order to keep prices down.



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Muppet babies

Henson's Muppet Babies, who appear on CBS' Saturday morning cartoons, will make their Detroit debut in "The Muppet Show on Tour — 2nd Edition," arriving Thursday, Dec. 26, at Cobo Hall. Baby Piggy (above) is a younger version of Miss Piggy. The babies will be seen, with their adult counterparts and other Muppet friends, in the live stage show through Monday, Dec. 30. To order tickets, call 587-7500.

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