

Planning the wedding reception

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roast turkey, Chinese egg rolls, and noodle kugel. A sweet table is also available.

A new and expanded menu is also a highlight of receptions at the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills. Chef Dennis Lindinger welcomes special requests and offers new dishes such as stuffed boneless breast of chicken Mediterranean with rice and raisins, broiled veal chop with Bordelaise sauce and fresh roast duck.

Co-owner Layla Zawideh, in charge of the banquet facilities, notes that the chef's peppered shrimp -- each shrimp wrapped individually in bacon with a splash of brandy is a highlight of the hors d'oeuvres menu.

"We can handle receptions for up to 450 people. In the main ballroom, which has a minimum of 200 persons, we have a sunken dance floor," she added.

Zawideh also notes that with the completion of a new west wing of the hotel, several bridal suites, each with its own jacuzzi, will be available.

For a different setting for the engagement party or reception, one may choose to be afloat.

Diane Moore of Great Water Yachts in St. Clair Shores offers over a dozen yachts, ranging from 37 foot to 110 feet, for the party of a lifetime.

"We are having a 100-foot dinner ship built in Escanaba that will host a maximum of 149 guests," noted Moore. "A reception aboard the new Infinity will include the captain, crew and fuel for the cruise. Great Water Yachts will do all the assisting in arranging for catering, entertainment, flowers, decorations and limousines."

Up to 100 guests may enjoy an eight-course sit-down dinner aboard Infinity after witnessing the exchange of vows of the newlyweds while cruising Lake St. Clair. The boat's sky

lounge bar and open air deck for dancing and stargazing are part of the luxury offered.

The *Star of Detroit*, a 162-foot cruise dining vessel docked in Detroit, is also available for reception charters.

Director of Sales Cheryl Corcoran notes that a three-hour dinner cruise with live entertainment can include a dinner buffet with four hot entrees. Two-hour cocktail cruises and Sunday afternoon cruises are also available for booking.

Choosing the right place for the reception and the perfect menu for the occasion help make a wedding one of the most memorable events in a person's life. It does take care and planning, but there are plenty of experts at area locations to help make the day's dreams come true.

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