



## Little wooden puppet

Jen Smith of Birmingham (right) alternates (with Jill Aasmus) in the title role in the Peanut Butter Players production of the musical play "Pinocchio." Colleen O'Shaughnessy of Troy (left) alternates (with Leigh Jonalita of Rochester) as the Blue Fairy. Peter Campbell (who alternates with P.J. Pow-

ers of Southfield) is Geppetto, the wood carver. Performances of the professional children's luncheon theater are Saturdays-Sundays through Dec. 12 at Austin Hall/Mallard Pub on Detroit's east side. Lunch is at noon; showtime is 1 p.m. For reservations at \$6 including lunch, call 559-8PBP.

## table talk

### Rattlesnake Club

Jimmy Schmidt, former executive chef of the London Chop House in Detroit and colander of the world-famous Rattlesnake Club in Denver, will open a second Rattlesnake Club, this one in Detroit.

Schmidt's plans were unveiled recently at the site of the new restaurant, at Stroh River Place in downtown Detroit's Riverfront. The club, which will open next May, features a main dining room, an informal grill and private dining rooms. It affords views of the Detroit River, the Detroit skyline and Windsor. In warm weather, guests will be seated on the terrace overlooking the river.

Schmidt's original Rattlesnake Club opened in December 1985 in a historic redevelopment, the former Twill Brewery in downtown Denver. The Rattlesnake Club-Detroit is housed in the historic Detroit riverfront project that also houses the Stroh Brewery Co. corporate headquarters.

Along with Michael McCarty of Santa Monica, Calif., Schmidt is a major partner in Schmidt Company Ltd., which owns the new club. Schmidt also joined with McCarty to open the Denver club.

The Detroit restaurant will have an elegant decor, furnishings and table settings. Chairs will be reproductions of the Kingswood chair from the Cranbrook collection of Finnish architect-designer Eliel Saarinen.

Food is expected to be unparalleled. "The menus will contain a broad representation of this country's finest food products, but our emphasis will be on Michigan resources," said Master Chef Schmidt.

Robin Leach's TV show "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" called the Denver Rattlesnake Club "ninth in the world of international restaurants." For Detroit's restaurant, Schmidt said, "I plan to do everything with upscale quality in a

very contemporary setting that would be world class, while reflecting the flavors of the Midwest."

### Raddison Plaza

Two tasteful restaurants are part of the new Raddison Plaza Hotel, which opened last month at Town Center in Southfield. The attractive, comfortable dining rooms are side by side on the main floor of the 385-room luxury hotel.

Guests may have breakfast, lunch or dinner in the informality of Tango's European bistro, or they may savor lunch or dinner in the special atmosphere of Bouquets. A comprehensive selection of domestic vintage wines is central to the decor at Bouquets, and the restaurant's name was chosen to indicate the bouquet of a fine wine. Private wine bins are available for customers to store their personal favorites.

Everything from pasta to pastries is prepared from scratch in the kitchen of Executive Chef Tom Meier. Fresh fish is flown in daily from the East and West coasts. Mesquite-grilled and smoked meats and poultry are among the entrees, along with 18 sauces, from classic to new creations.

Tango's cafe/bistro, which serves seasonal cuisine, has a piano bar and lounge. It offers an "office party special," where groups of six or more receive party favors, balloons and free desserts from 5-7 p.m.

Sunday brunch, which began this week, is served in the hotel's ballroom.

Meier was chosen as Chef of the Year in 1985 for the Raddison Hotel Corporation, competing against counterparts in nearly 100 properties around the country. He encourages guests to make suggestions of favorite dishes, themes and special requests. "The motto is my kitchen is, 'Never say no,'" he said.

### Maine lobster

An annual Lobsterfest dinner special, of steamed Maine lobster, continues through Sunday at D. Dennison's Seafood Tavern in Farmington Hills. Each lobster course, at \$12.95, comes with choice of side dish, coleslaw, rolls and butter.

### New menus

Steak and Ale Restaurants have introduced new lunch and dinner menus that are a commitment to beef lovers. The new dinner menu, a hardcover booklet type, features three new beef entrees: Chateau for One, a grilled tenderloin served with Hollandaise sauce, for \$11.95; Bourbon Street Steak, a grilled 10-oz. strip marinated in brown sugar and bourbon, for \$11.75; and a 16-oz. T-Bone steak, for \$15.95.

All 10 beef dinner entrees now include a baked potato, as well as fresh-baked bread, vegetables and choice of salad bar or Caesar salad. Additional dinner choices include several chicken and seafood combinations, from \$7.45-\$15.95, and combination entrees such as Lobster and Prime Rib at \$16.95 and Shrimp Pilaf and Top Sirloin for \$12.95.

The spirits menu has been expanded, to include 22 red, white and blush wine varieties and five champagnes. The new luncheon menu features five salads and eight sandwiches under \$6 and four burgers under \$5 served on fresh-baked onion rolls.

### New kitchen

Mary Ann's Kitchen in Bloomfield Hills has a menu that begins with muffins and rolls, freshly baked from scratch. There's a choice of five Frittatas, each made with two eggs, for \$3.25. American fries, old-fashioned oatmeal, quiche, salads, soups, sandwiches, sides and goodies are other selections.

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