

table talk

Jacques Demers

Detroit Red Wings Coach Jacques Demers has opened a new sports theme restaurant and lounge at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Southfield. The continental menu at Jacques Demers presents sports personalities' favorite dishes, such as Tommy Lasorda's linguine and clams and Wayne Fenton's porterhouse steak. Memorabilia of Detroit sports teams fills the restaurant and lounge. There's Lalah Thomas' and Alan Trammell's jerseys, a signed basketball from the Pistons, photos of sports highlights and Demers' Coach of the Year trophies.

Chef's Fest

Some 20 restaurants served specialties at the annual Chef's Fest, sponsored by the Birmingham-Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce, Friday at the Community House in Birmingham. Several Machus eateries were represented, with Machus

Adams Square Cafeteria offering barbecue ribs (50 pounds of ribs are served Saturday nights at the restaurant). Hogan's featured a steak pocket sandwich. Seafood items were popular, including Shrimp Martini from Norman's Elton Street Station. Seafood Strudel with Lobster Sauce from 120 Merrill, and oysters on the half shell, shucked by Roger Sutton, chef at Peabody's. There were a variety of chicken dishes, among them General Two's Chicken from the Mon Jin Lau. Other tasty food ranged from the Beverly Hills Grill's gaspacho to chocolate truffles from Monchelle Lamoureux.

Scholarships

Students in culinary arts programs in college interested in applying for scholarships may contact Pat Wilhite at the Lark in West Bloomfield, phone 681-1466. She has applications for 10 scholarships of \$1,000 each. Deadline for applications is Thursday, June 1. The scholarship are

awarded in July, with money coming from proceeds of the Lark's annual Chili Cook-Off, this year to be held Sunday, Sept. 10.

May wine

Chuck Muer private label May Wine, as well as May Bowle (a sparkling), is available at \$2.75 per glass and \$10.50 per bottle for diners at several of Muer's restaurants, including Charley's Crab in Troy, Chuck Muer's Uplown in Madison Heights, the Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor and the River Crab in St. Clair. New menu items have been introduced to complement the wine. Diners may select tempura softshell crab or salmon and bluefish pot au feu.

Healthy dishes

As part of this weekend's Michigan Tastefest, Henry Ford Hospital Chef Joe Beato, a member of the 1988 U.S. Olympic Culinary Team, will prepare some healthy dishes designed to curb children's appetites for sweets. His cooking demonstra-

tions will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday in the New Center One building. The Tastefest, will present specialties from Michigan restaurants and food producers. Hours are 5 p.m. to midnight Friday, noon to midnight Saturday and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday.

Wine tasting

A large, walk-around chardonnay and white burgundy wine tasting will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Pike Street Restaurant in Pontiac. Cost of the tasting and food prepared by Chef Brian Polcyn is \$20. For more information call 334-7878.

Soup winner

Steven M. Allen, sous chef at the Golden Mushroom in Southfield, won top honors and \$500 in Michigan's "Soup Bowl" contest sponsored by AAA Michigan Living magazine, the Greater Michigan Foundation and the Michigan Restaurant Association. His winning entry, Baked Apple Soup, will be featured Monday-Saturday, June 5-10, on the Golden

Mushroom's menu. Among the four professional chef finalists in the contest were two area chefs, John S. Adamski of the Pike Street Restaurant in Pontiac and Mark Kline of Machus Sly Fox in Birmingham.

Benefit night

Les Auteurs, "an American Bistro," will celebrate its one-year anniversary with a black tie dinner Saturday, June 3, at the restaurant in Royal Oak. Proceeds will benefit the William Beaumont Hospital Children's Center. The event features "The Smallest Auction in Town," local celebrity hosts and live entertainment. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres are at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30. Tickets are \$250 per person. For reservations, call 544-2887.

Pastry chef

Cynthia L. Ross has been named executive pastry chef for the Hotel Pontchartrain in Detroit. Before joining the Pontiac, she was executive pastry chef for the Sheraton Oaks Hotel in Novi, pastry chef for

the Sheraton Greensboro Hotel in North Carolina and consultant to Aviva Bakery Ltd. in Ann Arbor.

New manager

Richard Kirchner has been appointed to the new post of general manager at the Rhinoceros restaurant in Detroit. He most recently was multi-unit operations manager for the Applebees restaurants in Birmingham, Novi and Milford.

Culinary award

Among those honored in the professional category, at the recent Culinary Art Salon at Fairlane Manor in Dearborn, are Mary Brady of Schoolcraft College and Diamond Jim Brady's, who won Best of Show, and Christopher Wooden of Troy's Somerset Inn, who received the Judge's Special Award. Oakland Community College students took top awards in the college category. They were Penny Muldon, who earned the Angie award; Randy Finch, Best Pastry; Sarah Schwartz, Most Original; and Teresa Cuenca Judge's Special Award.

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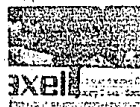
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