

# Schoolcraft event offers taste of popular restaurants

Mark your calendar for the feast of the season when the Schoolcraft College Foundation presents its second annual "Culinary Extravaganza" 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, in the college's Waterman Campus Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads, Livonia.

Joe Muer of the popular Joe Muer's, Detroit, is the Extravaganza's honorary chef for the second year, along with co-chairs Betty Jean Awrey of Awrey Bakery in Livonia, and Jean Shaper

of Northville. All proceeds from the event will fund culinary arts scholarships.

Tickets for the extravaganza are \$35 per person, and can be reserved by calling Schoolcraft's Institutional Advancement office at 482-4417. Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and personal checks are accepted.

Over 60 of the finest restaurants and beverage corporations in the Detroit metropolitan area, including 2 Unique Caterers, Acadia, American Harvest, Bo-

dles, Cafe Bon Homme, Cafe Cortina, Canteen Corporation, Caucas Club, Central Distributors of Beer, Chanley's Crab, Chez Pierre, Chimayo, Courthouse Brasserie, Cocina Del Sol, DaVinci's Market at the Novi Hilton, DePalma's, Diamond Jim Brady's, Edwards Caterer of Northville, Elite Westers, Excalibur, Fox & Hounds, Golden Mushroom, Good Time Party Store, Gratzl, Heavenly Bakery, Jacques Demere's, Joe Muer's, Kathy's Cakes, Les Saisons, Le Metro, Livonia Marriott, Lorie's Confectionately Yours,

MacKinnon's, Malibu, Marco's Dining & Cocktails, Mid Town Cafe, Morels: A Michigan Bistro, Old Woodward Grill, One23 Orchard Lake Country Club, Pavlina Cakes, Pike Street, Prickly Pear Cafe, Rocky's of Northville, Sebastian's Grill, Showerman's, Station 885, Sweet Dreams Pastries, The Breadwinner, The Coffee Beanery-Laurel Park Place, The Dearborn Inn, The Restaurant at The Ritz-Carlton, Too Chezy, The Westin and Woolly Booby's of Northville will offer tastes of gourmet appetizers, en-

tree, desserts, wines and liquors. Exciting prizes will be awarded to guests throughout the day.

Schoolcraft College's American Harvest Restaurant, featuring gourmet specialties prepared by the school's award-winning Master Chefs and Culinary Arts students, is now open for lunch, noon to 1:15 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Now to the restaurant this fall is the offering of French and Russian culinary selections, in addition to its traditional American

culine. A variety of tempting entrees are offered daily, with prices ranging from \$6-\$10. Each Friday the regular menu is cast aside for order to present an extensive, gourmet buffet of appetizers, entrees, and desserts for \$3.25 per person.

Seating is limited to 50 guests; per day. Reservations can be made by calling American Harvest at 462-4488. The American Harvest Restaurant is located in the Waterman Campus Center.

## WHAT'S COOKING

Send items to be considered for publication in What's Cooking to: Keely Wygonik, Taste/Entertainment editor, The Observer & Excite Newspapers, 3625 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is 591-7279.

**THE LARK**  
Tickets are still available for the 15th annual chili cookoff at the Lark 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19. Tickets are \$32.50 per

person and include beer, pop, coffee, sandwiches and other snacks, call 661-4466. Make reservations for the Feast of Provence, Monday or Tuesday, Sept. 27-28. Fixed price dinner features seafood stew, roasted rack of lamb, ratatouille and other delights. Cost \$70 per person not including beverages, tax or gratuity. Call 681-4468 to make reservations.

**NORMAN'S**  
Norman's Eaton Street Station,

245 S. Eton, Birmingham, 647-7774 is offering a special Italian menu and featured Italian wines through Sept. 30.

**RIDGEWOOD CAFE**  
The Ridgewood Cafe and Bake Shop at Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, is re-opening Monday, Sept. 13 in J-305. Twice a month a grand buffet is offered in place of the regular menu at \$6.25 per person. The fall

semester buffet dates are Sept. 22, Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Nov. 9, Nov. 24 and Dec. 15. Hours are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 471-7788 for information.

**PAPA JOE'S**  
Gordy Mathes has taken over leadership of Papa Joe's Market Place Cafe in the Hampton Plaza on Rochester Road at Hamlin Road in Rochester Hills. Mathes revamped menu will include homemade soups, specialty salads, deli sandwiches, and hand topped gourmet pizzas. For information, call 853-6283.

**DOMINO'S PIZZA**  
Domino's is unveiling the thinnest pizza on the market. The crust is extra thin and crispy, and topped with special Italian seasoning. The pizza has been available in the Midwest for several months, and is now available na-

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**WINE TASTING**  
Bruschetta an Italian cafe at Oakland Mall in Troy, is offering a wine bar, 4-6 p.m. Fridays through Sept. 17. The cost ranges from \$6 to \$7 per person. Three wines from a specific region will be featured every week, and served with the cafe's signature dish, Bruschetta. For more information, call Bruschetta, 689-2900.

**SOMERSET COLLECTION**  
Sabastian's owner, Matthew Prentice, and his staff are planning a moveable feast for "An Evening with Interlochen" 7:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18. The Interlochen benefit gala begins with dinner buffet 7:30-9 p.m., followed by Somerset Collection fall fashion show, 9-9:30 p.m. Interlochen faculty, staff and students will perform 9:30-10:30

p.m. with coffee and dessert reception concluding festivities. Tickets \$100 per person. Call 355-3955 or 644-8779.

**PLYMOUTH LANDING**  
Plymouth Landing, 640 North Main Street, Plymouth is offering a special menu throughout September featuring appetizers and entrees from the islands of Greece including Moussaka, Spanakotteropita, Pastitsio, Souvlaki, braised lamb skantz, lamb chops and oven roasted chicken. Hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Reservations accepted. Call 455-3700.

## Night at Porterhouse benefits symphony

The Plymouth Symphony League and Porterhouse Meats will present "A Night Out At The Porterhouse," 5-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, to benefit the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

Porterhouse Meats is at 1058 S. Main Street, Plymouth. Donation \$5 per person. For information, call 455-8770.

Sample fine gourmet foods, meats and seafoods from the Porterhouse, and gather ideas for the holidays from Kristin and Jack Trebble, owners of Porterhouse Meats.

Over 60 members of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will present a short Pops Concert under the direction of Russell Reed.

This will be the kickoff for the new season which begins 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Belleville High School Auditorium, 501 W. Columbia.

For season ticket information, call 451-9112.

The Oct. 9 concert, "Magnifique," will feature guest artist Flavio Varant and Grieg's "Piano

Concerto, Op. 16," plus selections of Wagner and Berlioz. "An Orchestra Safari" follows Nov. 14. This is a family concert with young Joshua Cullen, piano, and orchestration from "Beauty and the Beast," Disney's Muppetta, and a trip through the orchestra with Britten's "Young Person's Guide."

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