

Send information about special dinners, new restaurants, renovations, restaurant anniversaries, and menu changes for consideration in Restaurant Specials to: Keely Wygonik, Taste/Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Or fax information to (313) 591-7279.

WINE TASTINGS/DINNERS
Nifty's
 Gourmet wine dinner 7 p.m. Thursday, July 18 on Nifty's enclosed deck, 1403 S. Commerce, Wolverine Lake. Seven course dinner, complimenting the wines of Sonoma Valley's Rodney Strong Winery. Cost \$65 per person. Call (810) 624-6660 for reservations.

Vic's World Class Market
 Celebrate the "marriage" of white and red wines from all over the world at Vic's. Allocated inside the market, 42875 Grand River, Novi, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, July 18. Wine tasting, light munchie foods, entertainment, \$10 per person cover charge, (810) 905-7333. Ext. 109.
Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall
 Celebrating 25th anniversary during July. Offering dinner theater for \$25 per person. Genitti's

has added a new outdoor cafe, the marketplace offers "Bristle" next year round. The restaurant is at 108 E. Main Street, Northville, (810) 349-0522.

The Lark
 A wood-grilled Brazilian Barbecue Dinner, 7 p.m. Monday or Tuesday, July 23-30, 6430 Farmington Road, West Bloomfield. Cost is \$75 per person, not including other beverages, tax or gratuity. Menu includes barbecued baby spareribs, leg of lamb, and beef tenderloin, Brazilian rice, black beans with garnishes. Latin rhythms will be provided by Heidi Hepler and Michele Ramo. Last date for cancellations without charge is July 22, (810) 661-4465.

Trattoria Bruschetta
 Restaurant at Novi and 12 Mile Roads, inside the Hotel Baronette, on the perimeter of Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi, offers a Chef's Table. Chef Frank Turner invites guests into his kitchen every Friday and Saturday evening where they can watch Turner and his staff prepare fresh Italian dishes. Chef's Table guests may dine from Trattoria's regular menu or be surprised with a chef's choice, five-course Italian Feast. Seatings at 6:30

p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Reservations required seven days in advance. Prices for the five-course Italian Feast begin at \$40 per person. (810) 305-5210.

Pike's Street
 A Late Summer Night 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 19, to introduce the captain of the Culinary Team Randy Ewert as the new executive chef and Brian McNamara as the new general manager. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, music. Tickets \$26 per person, portion of proceeds go to Light-house, a foundation for abused children. The restaurant is at 13 W. Pike Street, Pontiac, (813) 334-7678.

Events
Rivertown Beer Festival
 Takes place 5:30-9 p.m. Friday, July 26, Stroh River lace, Detroit. More than 200 beers, food, entertainment. Tickets \$25 per person, to benefit the American Red Cross. Call (810) 988-1061. Advance tickets available at Merchant's Fine Wine Warehouse and Merchant of Vino.

Dinner Theater
 "Just Be Patient," 7 p.m. Fridays and 6 p.m. Saturdays, Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, 108 E. Main, Northville, (810) 349-0522, seven course meal

along with show. "Just Be Patient," is a musical comedy spin-off from the hit TV series "E.R." Laugh with the characters as they involve the audience.

Menus
Chuck Muer's Seafood Tavern

Summer lite menu in July features Croissant sandwiches, combination salad plate, Vidalia Onion, Pineapple and Gorgonzola Salad with Michigan tomatoes and Balsamic Vinegar, Chicken Caesar Sandwich, Bistro Chicken Sandwich, Angel Hair Pasta, and Fruit Plate/Sunshine Coupe, 6550 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, (810) 851-2251.

Tres Vite Restaurant, 2203 Woodward Ave. in Detroit's Theatre District, (313) 964-4144, recently introduced new lunch and dinner menus offering more taste and variety. Corporate Chef Michael Prainito has created a varied menu that celebrates the fragrant spices of Italy and familiarity of homegrown flavors. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 5-10 p.m. Saturday; and 5-7 p.m. Sunday, (if there is a show at the Fox Theatre).

Appointments

Jake's on the Lake, 4105 Orchard Lake Road, (at Orchard Lake Road and Pontiac Trail) Orchard Lake, (810) 851-8888, has named Louis "Mickey" Shatrou as its new executive chef. Most recently, he was the executive chef at Whispering Pines Country Club in Hickory, and spent six years on the culinary staff at Opus One in downtown Detroit, and worked at the Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor. Chef Mickey, 31, is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. He spent several years studying with and working under some of the best American and European chefs on the East Coast including Chef Jean Louis at Restaurant Jean Louis in Greenwich, CT.

NEW PRODUCTS

Sweet Lorraine's
 The restaurants Sweet Poppyseed Dressing and Jamaican "Jerk" Marinade is now available at Fisher's Market and Quontron Market, Birmingham; Market Square, W. Bloomfield & Southfield; Merchant of Vino, Troy; Papa Joe's, Rochester Hills; Vic's Market, Beverly Hills; and Shopping Center Markets.

What's your favorite "Dinner to go"?

After a busy day, the last thing some of us want to do is go home and cook dinner. Dinner to Go solves the dinner dilemma. What are your favorite carry-out restaurants? What is your favorite dish to go?

If you're a restaurant owner, what types of carry-out cuisine do you offer? Send us a copy of your menu. We're collecting the information for a new feature—"Dinner to Go" that will spotlight carryout menus of metro Detroit restaurants and delis. Send or fax information to: Keely Wygonik, Taste/Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (313) 591-7279. Thanks for your help, and we look forward to serving you new "Dinner to Go" suggestions.

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