

Getting Around

By ETHEL SIMMONS

Paul Leung, owner of the new Oceania Inn at Meadowbrook Village Mall in Avon Township, boasts that his is "the best Chinese restaurant in the area." He claims even some of the competition agrees with him.

I stopped in one afternoon last week, too early for dinner but the right time to sample eggrolls and tea.

Judging from the eggrolls alone, I'd say Leung has good reason to claim his dishes among the best.



Paul Leung in bar of his new Oceania Inn at Walton and Adams. Ceiling canopy effect is idea taken from Pontiac Stadium roof.

Most beautiful Chinese restaurant

And it definitely is the most beautiful Oriental restaurant in the area that I have visited. The interiors were done by Sherman Associates of Dearborn, who also did the Trio, the Bijou, Charlie's Crab and Joe Mac's. Leung said.

You enter through bright orange doors that will shortly be hung with a new canopy. There is also a mail entrance with a carved archway in red with gold dragons. This also will be canopied soon.

THE SEPARATE bar has part of its ceiling hung with draped fabric. Leung said they got the idea from the Pontiac Stadium. The main dining room features ceiling tiles and carved ceiling beams with color accents of turquoise, green, blue, red and gold. One portion of the ceiling is dropped wood, symbolizing a pagoda.

Painted flowers and symbols adorn tasseled silk lanterns that hang low over each table. Walls are brightened with Oriental paintings and a hand-painted screen.

According to Leung, all the decorative touches are imported from Taiwan.

Leung's wife, Amy, who works as a hostess in the Oceania Inn is officially the owner, he is not a U.S. citizen. Both were born in Canton, China, but did not meet until they were students at Wayne State University where he was studying medical technology and she majored in business administration.

LEUNG EARNED his degree but never went into medical technology. Instead, he helped in his brother-in-law's restaurant, the Kow Kow Inn, on Six Mile and Woodward, in Detroit.

After getting most of his experience there, Leung opened the Dragon Inn in Rochester. Located at 121 S. Main, the Dragon Inn has been in business for three years.

"Since we have been recognized as having good food, we decided to open a good restaurant, with a bar, and a better atmosphere," he said of his elaborate new place.

There are more than 100 items on the menu, including traditional Chinese dinners, Cantonese style dinners and Exotic Dishes of the South Seas. Special family dinners, for parties of two to eight, let you pick a number of selections from an "A" list and a "B" list, for interesting variety.

YOU DON'T always have to order a big dinner, either. Leung said the Pu Pu Platter, with five different appetizers that you toast at your own table, can be ordered along with a drink after football games or nearby Meadow Brook Theatre.

A couple of the Exotic Drinks—Pineapple Paradise and Pina Colada—are served in a fresh pineapple and coconut, respectively. The Scorpion comes with a gardenia.

Leung described the menu prices at the Oceania as "reasonable." The restaurant, which takes reservations, is open seven days a week, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., except Friday and Saturday until 1 a.m., and Sunday opening at noon. Seating capacity including the bar is 200 persons.

Leung and his wife live in Rochester's University Hills subdivision. He spends most of his working hours at the Oceania, where he is manager, and his younger brother, Wai Leung, handles the other restaurant.

DINED RECENTLY at the Vintage Room in Riverview, and met the owner, Francis Finegan. Seems he's a resident of Farmington Hills and has lots of customers from the Birmingham-Southfield-Rochester area.

The Vintage Room adjoins Islandview Manor, a gracious apartment complex for the elderly. It serves as a dining room for the building's residents during the day. At night, the restaurant is open to the public and has acquired a reputation as one of metropolitan Detroit's top gourmet dining spots.

With Pancho Velez, formerly chef of the stellar London Chop House, supervising the kitchen, it's no wonder.

Eden Glen 1 year old

Eden Glen, Stouffer's newest Detroit area specialty restaurant on Big Beaver Road near Coolidge Highway in Troy, will be one year old, the week of Oct. 27.

The restaurant, decorated with live trees growing in the spacious earth-tone dining room, will celebrate its first birthday with a week of special prices, gifts and surprises. The special goings-on will begin at noon every day and continue until closing.

All week long, guests will be asked to contribute a personal item that will be put into a time capsule along with artifacts, menus, news clippings and other contemporary items from Eden Glen. The capsule will be buried at week's end to be reopened in 1985—Eden Glen's 10th birthday.

There will be a special wine tasting evening and a parade of beauty contest winners.

Dean Rutledge will stroll among diners, blending melodic guitar and vocal ability with quips.

Tuesday evening will feature Doug Jacobs of the Red Garter Band with Kerry Price at the keyboard.

The Michael Brush Trio will entertain their engagement in the Town bridge lounge.

Theater goes to 3rd year

"Personals," the biennial musical based on classified ads in newspapers and magazines over the last 200 years is beginning the third year of the Dancer Theatre of Detroit presented by Mercy College.

A served dinner begins at 7 p.m. The show goes on at 8:30 p.m. in the Student Center on the Mercy campus at W. Outer Drive and Southfield. For reservations, call 331-6131.

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MONDAY OCT. 27
Kickoff Party with the sounds of Dean Rutledge's Ballroom Launching

TUESDAY OCT. 28
Cake Cutting ceremony and the music of Dean Rutledge & Kerry Price from the noted Red Garter Band.

WEDNESDAY OCT. 29
Wine Tasting Party and continuing fun in the Townbridge Lounge.

THURSDAY OCT. 30
"Thursday Night At The Movies" (Watch those some real great flicks on hand)

FRIDAY OCT. 31
Halloween Party (Come in your costume) and big prize drawings

SATURDAY NOV. 1
Sultry evening of the Time Capsule at lunch time. Evening: Eden Glen "New Year Coming Out Party"

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

at Ted's Old Town Inn

"LORIO" Returns
Tuesday, December 2nd

The sensational together sounds of "Lorio" returns to Gatsby's for an extended engagement beginning Tuesday, live 2nd "Plan ahead!"

Sunday Breakfast Buffet Continues

Fabulous and varied breakfast goodies until 2 p.m. at a pitiful low price. Management advises that everyone come and enjoy.

Shrimp Special is popular on Friday

Large crowds have consistently been reported to be gubbing up all the steamed and deep-fried shrimp possible at the notorious Ted's Friday night Shrimp Special. Further investigation has been recommended.

Ted's at Mall serves shoppers

Pontiac Mall shoppers continue to relish the old treat of stopping for a lunch break at the convenient Ted's Restaurant. A cafeteria or Seots Dining Room may be selected.

OLD TOWN INN NEWS

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NEW GATSBY'S OPEN

Larger, remodeled Gatsby's Opened Last Friday!

The popular Gatsby's at Ted's Old Town Inn opened after extensive remodeling which closed down the room for five days this past week, according to William Little, Ted's President.

The main room at Ted's, often known as the "fun, food, and entertainment room," was expanded from 180 to 220 seats assuring extra seating for the many previously sold-out shows in the room. Ted's is known to book only the top area acts for Gatsby's.

Customers may expect a variety of new entertainment. Mac Little, general manager, said forty new velvet-draped seats were installed on risers along the back wall for improved stage visibility. The stage itself was also modified with a curtain added.

New mirrors, hanging flowers, and efficiently styled lamps hanging over tables are particularly noted additions.

During the period while Gatsby's was shut down, Ted's customers were not shut out. The beautiful Pub and Palm rooms at the Old Town Inn, as well as the Cranbrook Coffee House, continued operations as normal to serve Ted's unusually loyal clientele.

'Loving Cup' returns to new Gatsby's

The ever popular 'Loving Cup,' featuring beautiful Marlene Hill is back at Ted's in the exciting new Gatsby's. When the group last appeared in Ted's main room, patrons frequently had to be turned away, attesting to the historic popularity of this group.

Miss Hill's lush and contemporary song stylings seem to be the focal point of 'Loving Cup's' strong following.

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