

Table talk



Dixon Chin, one of the managers, stops to chat with customers at the China Gate. (Staff photo by Charlie Kidd)

Dining Cantonese

By ETHEL SIMMONS

Fragrant smells of authentic Cantonese food waft on the air in the courtyard of the China Gate restaurant at West Bloomfield's Pine Lake Mall. You can follow your nose, and once inside the restaurant, you go through an archway symbolizing the China Gate to enter a spacious main dining room.

Booths and tables are arranged in a colorful setting of Chinese red and black, with decorative touches that include silk embroidery paintings; imported from Hong Kong and a scenic wallpaper mural.

The restaurant at 4343 Orchard Lake Road and Lone Pine is open Monday-Thursday 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Friday-Saturday 11 a.m.-1 a.m., and Sunday and holidays noon-11 p.m. KIN MING CHIN, the owner, is semi-retired from the import business, supplying Chinese foods to Chinese restaurants in metropolitan Detroit.

He has managed restaurants and always wanted to open his own. The dream was realized with the China Gate, which opened March 2. Two sons and a son-in-law, all schoolteach-

ers in the Detroit area, take turns managing the restaurant, after school.

They are brothers Dixon and Ben Chin and their brother-in-law, Ben David. Sisters and wives also work in the restaurant.

Owner Chin and his wife were both born in Canton, China. The head chef, Ping Sing Leong, is originally from Hong Kong.

Because Chinese food has become so popular, more and more diners are sophisticated about the kinds of dishes offered.

SPECIALTIES on the China Gate menu appeal to these tastes. One of the most-requested specialties is Mongolian Beef, which is soaked with rum, then lighted and the flames doused with mushroom sauce. Peking Duck, boneless roast duck with duck sauce, must be ordered a day ahead.

More typical dishes are offered as Dinner for Two (or Three, Four, Five or Six) and Deluxe Dinners. These choices include wai shu gai (stuffed boneless chicken), shrimp with lobster sauce, and roast pork. Soup, egg roll, dessert and coffee or tea are included for \$11.50, on Dinner for Two.

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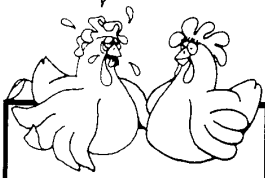
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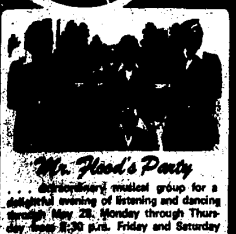
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