

Getting Around

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Chinese New Year meets Mardi gras

Who says you go to a restaurant just to eat? Especially now, with Chinese New Year's upon us, not to mention the Mardi Gras.

Both the Mon-Jin-Lau in Troy and the Oceania Inn at Meadowbrook Village Mall in Avon Township are planning to celebrate the Chinese New Year, the Year of the Horse, by presenting the Lion Dance for the public. What's more, you don't actually have to set foot in either restaurant, although you'll be tempted to, in order to enjoy this spectacle.

Marshall Chin, owner-operator of the Mon-Jin-Lau at Maple and Stephenson, said the Lion Dance will be performed Monday at 6 p.m. outside the restaurant. Presented by the White Crane Style of Kung Fu club members, the Lion Dance will take place under the big Oriental canopy.

CHIN SAID, "We want everybody to come out and see it and share the tradition."

The presentation will start outdoors, and then the Lion will go through the restaurant, entertaining patrons. For diners there will be a special New Year's menu insert, as well as the regular menu.

The special menu will include foods traditionally eaten during New Year's. Chin said. Four selections will be offered Monday-Saturday, Feb. 11, in addition to the usual dinner.

"My family had a store down in Chinatown (in Detroit)," Chin said. "I grew up in Chinatown. My father used to string lettuce in envelopes for the New Year's."

Among traditional foods at the Mon-Jin-Lau will be stuffed mushrooms, which represent gold. And a prosperous New Year to you!

The actual day of Chinese New Year is Tuesday, Feb. 7, according to Chin, but he said the Lion Dance is usually not performed on the day of the new year.

"FOLLOWING THE Lion Dance at the Mon-Jin-Lau, club members will go to Chinatown to present the dance for the Chinese Merchants Association, the Chinese Benevolent Society," Chin said.

The White Crane Style of Kung Fu has performed the Lion Dance at many celebrations, including the summer ethnic festivals on Detroit's riverfront.

Chin promises that this dance, which is called the Dragon Dance in San Francisco, will be unusually colorful. He won't be taking part in the dance itself—his part will be to throw the firecrackers.

Earlier in the day, on Monday, the White Crane Style of Kung Fu also will perform at the Oceania Inn. Paul Leung, manager of this Chinese restaurant at Adams Road and Walton Boulevard, has arranged an authentic New Year's Eve celebration at the mall.

All events will be open to the public without charge and include not only the Fire Dance but a free hors d'oeuvres buffet, continuous film and slide show and live instrumental music.

Activity begins with the Lion Dance at 5 p.m.; hours of the entertainment are 4-8 p.m.

Thursday, February 2, 1978

TO GET IN SHAPE for celebrating the Chinese New Year, you might want to start having food and fun in French creole, New Orleans Mardi gras style. The Eden Glen in Troy, which has been packing in weekend crowds with its New Orleans brunch, is planning five days of Mardi gras dining Friday-Tuesday, Feb. 7.

A special New Orleans cuisine dinner will be served daily except Sunday from 5:30 p.m. The one-price menu includes seafood gumbo salad bar, choice of veal berraise or poulet Rochambeau asperges aubeurre, choice of creme de carmel or chocolate mousse accompanied by cafe au lait or espresso.

The regular dinner menu will also be available, helpful if someone in your party must follow a particular diet. There will be dancing to the Joe Grande Trio on Friday and Saturday night, a New Orleans Brunch 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, and a day-long Mardi gras celebration Sunday.

On Sunday, beginning at 10:30 a.m., festivities will include a carnival parade with the crowing of a king, plus servers dressed in authentic costumes and masks. The Red Garter Band will play, as usual, and brunch hours will be extended until 9 p.m.

RESERVATIONS ARE suggested for all Eden Glen Mardi gras week mealtimes. The celebration runs through Tuesday, Mardi gras, which means "fat Tuesday," and now I know why they call it that.



Regular guy

Stuart Mitchell, a relative newcomer to the Raven who is quickly becoming a regular, is appearing through Sunday at the coffee house in Southfield. Shows are at 9:30 p.m. Thursday and Sunday, 9:30 and 11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

2 theater nights set

Two special theater evenings have been planned by The Community House in Birmingham, offering packages that provide candlelight dining, theater seats, round-trip transportation and all the details left to The Community House.

The first, scheduled for Feb. 22, begins at The Community House with a complete prime rib dinner, served by candlelight. Wine is also included with the dinner which has been specially planned for this event.

Following dinner, the group will be taken to the Fisher Theatre where seats have been reserved for the new Neil Simon, award-winning play "California Suite." The four-act comedy depicts California life as only a New Yorker might see it, taking place in a Los Angeles hotel with four different peeks into the lives of its visitors.

The second theater evening is scheduled for Feb. 24, with a candlelight dinner featuring pineapple halves filled with fresh fruit, beef tenderloin and shrimp kebabs on wild rice, dessert and wine with dinner. Following dinner, the group will board a chartered bus to Greenfield Village Theatre to see "Where's Charlie," musical version of "Charlie's Aunt" presented by Greenfield Village Players.

ON BOTH THEATER evenings, the chartered bus will return the group to The Community House following the performance.

Reservations for both evenings are being taken at The Community House, Bates and Townsend. For further information, call The Community House, 644-5832.

Folksinger to appear

The Detroit Institute of Arts Detroit YOUTH theatre will present young people's folksinger Tom Glazer in "A Second Helping of Spaghetti" on Saturday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

With the assistance of "Irving," his guitar, Glazer will sing some of the songs children have sung for decades, and will conduct an audience sing-along.

Glazer is perhaps best known for his hit recording of "On Top of Spaghetti," singing his own lyrics to the hit tune "On Top of Old Smokey." His career also includes writing and personal appearances on radio, television and films.

His recordings include "Tom Glazer's Concert for Children" and "Tom Glazer's Second Concert for Children," as well as "Spaghetti." Glazer is author of two books: "A New Treasury of Folk Songs" and "Tom Glazer's Treasury of Folk Songs for Children." He has been hailed by the New York Times as a man "able to speak to children as saints speak to birds."

Tickets are priced for children and adults and discounted in groups of 10 or more. Ten-ticket discount books good for any show also are available. Tickets may be purchased at the Detroit Institute of Arts ticket office. For further information and a free YOUTH theatre "Something Else" Saturday season schedule, call 832-2730.

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