

table talk

Santa joins families at hotel brunch

A "Family Fun Brunch with Santa" continues Sundays, Dec. 16 and 23, at the Troy Hilton Hotel's Pool Terrace Coffee Shop. Santa will be talking with children from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brunch hours run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for eggs, Belgian waffles, beef stroganoff, blintzes and crepes, as well as lots of goodies. Brunch is \$7.95 for adults, \$6.95 for seniors, \$4.95 for children under 12; children under 3 are free. For reservations, call 583-9000.

English madrigals and carols. Reservations are \$55 per person. For more information, call 334-9910.

Casablanca lives

The Casablanca Restaurant no longer exists, in Detroit, but a cookbook has been compiled of its natural foods cuisine. The Casablanca Restaurant Cookbook, a 90-page book, offers recipes for such dishes as cream of bean soup, carob banana cream pie and pineapple-champagne shrimp. To order, send check for \$7.95 to: Blue Parrot Productions, Dept. PF, POB 11501, Royal Oak 48068.

It's gingerbread

A giant gingerbread house, creation of the Michigan Inn's food and beverage director, Steve Hedberg, is on display through the end of the year at the Southfield hotel's lobby. Five employees worked five days to make the 6 1/2-foot-high house, using 400 pounds of gingerbread.

Seasonal fun

Holiday parties are in swing at Bennigan's Tavern in Bloomfield Hills. The menu has such entrees as grilled halibut at \$6.95, smothered chicken at \$7.45 and baby back ribs at \$8.95. There's also a variety of appetizers, soups, quiche, salads, burgers, sandwiches, desserts and drinks. Happy hour runs from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. For more information, call 334-9810.

Holiday feast

Traditional English holiday fare is being offered at 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 25-27, at the Lark in West Bloomfield. The seven-course meal includes grilled fresh dover sole a la meuniere as well as roast goose with sausage, sage and onion dressing, braised celery and braised chestnuts. Musical background will feature

at \$8.50 per person. Charter buses leave the Kingsley an hour before the game, which pits Michigan State University against Army. Bus service is \$7.50 per person. For reservations, call 642-0100.

Dickens' party

A "Dickens' Christmas Celebration" with food and spirits, period music and entertainment will be presented at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, at the Hotel St. Regis in Detroit's New Center. Wine, punch and hors d'oeuvres will be followed by a seven-course dinner highlighted by crown roast of pork, quail and roast goose. Actors from Meadow Brook Theatre, the Michigan Renaissance Festival and the Attic Theatre will read from "A Christmas Carol" during the meal. Hosteller Michael Kahler will be dressed as Tiny Tim to greet guests. For more information, call 873-3000.

German entrees

Hasenpfeffer mit spatzle, a German holiday dish of marinated wild rabbit, is one of the entrees at the German Food Festival through Thursday, Dec. 20, at the Westin Hotel in Detroit. Food and Beverage Director Uwe Christensen, a native of Germany, and Executive Chef Beat Richel selected the regional foods. To reserve for lunch, dinner or brunch, call 588-8800.

Afternoon tea

"Tea at Three," afternoon tea, is being introduced 3-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays at the Bakers Garden restaurant at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn. Various teas and coffees, finger sandwiches, pastries, cheese cake, croissants, butter pound cake and cranberry nut loaf are choices to select from at teatime.

Pretend drinks

In addition to or instead of alcoholic beverages, party hosts may wish to serve "The Great Pretenders" at their holiday gatherings. The "Pretenders" are non-alcoholic drinks created by Michigan bartenders for the Automobile Club of Michigan. Included in the 1994 Great Pretenders Party Guide, free at Auto Club offices, are recipes for 19 drinks including one called Christmas Present, created by Bill Baker of Southfield's Golden Mushroom.

Alpine village

A hand-made Swiss Alpine gingerbread village made by Pastry Chef Kevin Goudie decorates the lobby of the Westin Hotel in downtown Detroit's Renaissance Center. Gingerbread has been fashioned into 3-foot-high houses, mountains, trees and people.

— Ethel Simmons

Show spotlights Gershwins

"Fascinating Rhythm: the Gershwins in Song" continues through New Year's Eve, Monday, Dec. 31, at the True Grist professional dinner theater in Homer.

Theater performances are Wednesdays-Sundays year-round. For further information, call 517-558-4151 or Michigan toll-free 800-828-6161. George and Ira Gershwin both began musical careers at an early age, but wrote their first song together in 1924 with the production of "Lady Be Good." They continued their collaboration with a dozen major stage scores, culminating in their last joint effort, the American folk opera, "Porgy and Bess."

The True Grist's New Year's Eve gala will include a full buffet featuring roast round of beef and seafood, a performance of "Fascinating Rhythm," party favors, a split of champagne and a dance

with a live band after the performance. The price is \$50 per couple or \$30 for a single admission.



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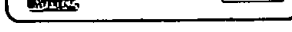
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Carlos Murphy's is throwing a Snow Ball.

Don't be alarmed. This is just our way of letting you know we'll be partying up a storm, during our Winter Carnival Week, Dec. 17-22.

We'll have extraordinary drink specials, guaranteed to light a fire in your soul, without burning a hole in your wallet. And a different wild and woolly contest each night, with great prizes.

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JOIN SANTA FOR CHRISTMAS BRUNCH (HO, HO, HO!) (Tuesday, December 25th)



Free picture taken with Santa for children under 4. We'll be serving up smiles with our extravagant Holiday Buffet in a winter wonderland setting. From 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

MENU Watercress Soup, Waldorf Salad, Fresh Fruit, Mandarin Orange Salad, Shrimp & Herb Rice, Sals, Oriental Pez Pods, Tuna, Marinated Tomato and Onion, Dill Assorted Cookies, Brownies, Danish, Bagels & Cream Cheese, Mousse, Truffles, Pudding and Custards, Tostes, Cakes & Hot Crumbly Cakes, Egg Nog, AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

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A special treat on Christmas Eve

With its traditional Christmas decorations, a fire in the fireplace and the lobby echoing with choir voices singing carols, The Dearborn Inn is a very special place to be during the holiday season.

Why not join in the spirit of the season and join us for the choir and dinner on Christmas Eve. Now that your tree is trimmed, the packages are wrapped and your home is ready for the holidays, it's time to take Mom for a lovely, relaxing evening out. We will serve Christmas Eve dinner from 5:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. in both our Early American Room and Ten Eck Tavern and a choir from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. will fill the lobby with Christmas Carols. Take time out for a special treat on Christmas Eve and give yourself more time to celebrate at home.

Make your reservations early at 271-2700.



Have an old fashioned Christmas dinner with us.

This year, we've added a festive holiday buffet to accommodate all of our guests and take care of those who were disappointed last Christmas. This generous buffet is priced at \$14.95 per person and will be served in the Alexandria Ballroom from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Both our Early American Room and Ten Eck Tavern will also be open from 12:00 NOON to 8:00 P.M. with a special holiday menu sure to please every taste. Christmas is more than a time of the year at The Dearborn Inn. It's a tradition.

Make reservations for your Christmas dinner by calling 271-2700.

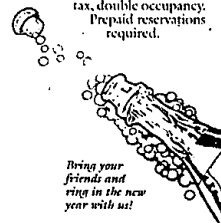


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New Year's Eve Party

- Unlimited Cocktails 8:30 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.
- Hours d'oeuvres 8:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.
- Continuous Music 9:00 P.M. - 1:00 A.M.
- Complete Buffet Dinner 9:30 P.M. Featuring Carved Strip Loin, Racks of Lamb Dijonaise, and Stuffed Flounder
- Champagne at Midnight
- Noise Makers, Hats, Favors
- Complimentary Coffee and Orange Juice at 12:30 A.M.

An exciting evening, for \$60.00 per person, taxes and gratuity included. And, as a "Special" for our party guests, a room at the Inn—only \$30 plus tax, double occupancy. Prepaid reservations required.



Bring your friends and ring in the new year with us!