

Entertainment

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table talk

Italian evening

"Una Serata Italiana," an Italian evening with the music of San Remo, will be presented Wednesday, July 24, at the Cafe Cortina in Farmington Hills. Pino Marrelli and Lisa Agazzi will sing songs from the San Remo Festival and from contemporary Italy. There will be a five-course dinner, with veal as an entrée. Champagne d'Alba will be served with appetizers. Cost is \$37 per person. For reservations call 474-3033.

(fat). The restaurant also offers a similar line of spa entrees, including oven-steamed perch with red onion and tomato salsa served over rice pilaf (3 grams of fat) and chargrilled yellowfin tuna with citrus barbecue and steamed red-jacket potatoes (5.5 grams of fat).

Door 2 Door

A new Door 2 Door location has opened to deliver meals from 28 area restaurants in Rochester, Shelby, Utica, Troy, Sterling Heights and Warren. Uniformed drivers will deliver dishes from Foxy's, Charley's Crab, Oceania Inn, Joe Bologna's, Chi Chi's and others. Customers pay prices similar to those charged in the restaurant, plus a fee for delivery. A complimentary guide to items available can be obtained from participating restaurants. To order items, call 556-MENU.

Corporate Chef

Edward G. Janes, executive chef of Two Chees restaurant in Novi, has been promoted to corporate chef for Pico Management. He is responsible for food management at Pico's properties, owned by Toni A. Wisne. Two Chees, J.W.'s Saloon and the Sheraton Oaks Hotel.

Wins award

The Tasters Guild, an international association of wine and food fanciers, has bestowed its "Corporation of the Year" award on the C.A. Muer Corp. for its program of educating its restaurant employees and guests on the subject of wine and food. Among the many Muer restaurants sharing in the award is Charley's Crab in Troy.

Broiled vegetables

Chef Vito dePalma of Depalma's Dining and Cocktails in Livonia is featuring a variety of broiled vegetables through the end of July. Eggplant, zucchini, carrots, mushrooms and onions are marinated in olive oil, fresh garlic, balsamic vinegar and fresh basil, then broiled. The restaurant also features live opera, performed by the Verdi Opera Theater and the Enrico Caruso Society, from 7 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. On Thursday nights, strolling mandolin and accordion players entertain.

Cancer benefit

On Sunday, Aug. 4, the Lakeview Grill in Lake Orion will host a Hawaiian luau to benefit the Michigan Cancer Foundation. Michael Plontek, co-owner and chef, will offer Hawaiian foods, including tropical fruits and vegetables, macadamia shrimp, Waikiki chicken and beef brochettes pineapple. Live Hawaiian music and a limbo contest will also be featured. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at the Grill (693-6800) or at Sheila Sloan Public Relations in Southfield (557-9393).

Light desserts

The Rugby Grille at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham is offering a series of desserts, called spa desserts, with reduced fat, calories, cholesterol and sodium. Among the desserts available are fresh fruit cream puffs (1.7 grams of fat), chocolate custard chiffon (3.2 grams of fat), lemon meringue bread pudding (7.7 grams of fat) and Grand Mariner chiffon with custard (3.5 grams of

Picnic baskets

Gourmet picnic baskets, to be enjoyed in the restaurant's herbal atrium or taken out, are available at Morels in Bingham Farms. Same-day orders (placed by 10 a.m.) may be filled with such foods as trout for two or tenderloin for 20. Combos are served in wooden picnic baskets complete with silverware. Baskets run from \$8.95 to \$12.95 per person.

At Meadow Brook

Patti Page brings back warm memories

Patti Page and Pat Boone will appear at Meadow Brook Music Festival at 8 p.m. Friday, July 19. Tickets are \$27.50, \$22.50, \$18.50 and \$12.50. The Meadow Brook Music Festival is at the Baldwin Pavilion at Oakland University in Rochester Hills.

By John Monaghan
special writer

PATTI PAGE still enjoys performing the songs that made her famous as much as her loyal fans love hearing them.

"I think of lovely things," she says, "as I've heard people do when they hear them. So many things have happened to me over the years that I can't help but recall them when I perform."

Since the original success of "How Much is That Doggie in the Window?" and "Tennessee Waltz" in the early 1950s, Page has recorded 80 albums and 137 singles, performed in three movies, hosted weekly television shows on all three major networks, and toured around the world.

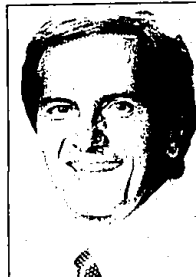
This Friday, Page's current concert tour brings her, along with Pat Boone, back to the Meadow Brook Music Festival in Rochester Hills to stir the collective memory all over again.

Even snuff critics in New York who previously criticized her all-American persona and vocal stylings are calling her performances "unpretentious," "remarkable" and "intimate." Her desire to get close to her New York audience found her greeting each individual there.

THAT SAME kind of intimacy is harder to capture at a large venue



Patti Page



Pat Boone

like Meadow Brook, though Page, who has performed there before, still gets out into the audience late in the show.

"The last time I tried this at Meadow Brook, I ruined a beautiful pair of shoes," she remembers. "It had rained a short time before, so the ground was still soft. My heel just stuck."

Page's career has taken her in several directions, including motion pictures. She had parts in three films, including the classic "Elmer Gantry" in 1960.

"I was used to television where you're on the go all the time," she says. "So sitting on a soundstage and waiting for them to call me was a little hard for me."

Her last film, 1961's "Dondi," was based on the popular comic strip and starred David Janssen.

"It's in the book as one of the 50 worst films of all time," Page notes with a laugh.

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"WHAT APPEALS to me in a new song? The idea that I might be able to sing it," she says. "I couldn't sing a certain Whitney Houston song that I love so much, because it's not in my range."

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Critics have noted that Page's voice has changed surprisingly little over the years.

"My voice was a little higher back then," she says. "I can still hit the same notes, but now I can hit the lower ones too."

The Meadow Brook show will reunite Page with some especially loyal fans. "I have so many friends in Detroit," says Page, who made frequent visits to the Motor City when she hosted a television show sponsored by Oldsmobile. Her first Detroit performance was at the London Chop House.

On Thursday, she will be searching the first few rows for members of the Patti Page Appreciation Society, which is based in Flint. Unfortunately, she won't have much time to visit. She leaves the following morning for an engagement in New Jersey.

upcoming things to do

MEADOW BROOK

Bobby McFerrin, conductor and Grammy-award-winning vocalist, leads the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 and vocalizes a mandolin part in "Andante" from Vivaldi's Concerto

for Two Mandolins at 8 p.m. Thursday, July 19 at Meadow Brook. Tickets are \$21, \$16 and \$11. Pat Boone and Patti Page will share the spotlight at 8 p.m. Friday, July 19. Tickets are \$27.50, \$22.50, \$18.50 and \$12.50. Eric Nagler, seen on the pop-

ular Canadian television series "The Elephant Show," brings his children's concert to Meadow Brook at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 20. Tickets are \$7, \$6 and \$5. Bobby McFerrin conducts the DSO and performs a medley of vocal selections at 8 p.m.

on Saturday, July 20. Tickets are \$21, \$16 and \$11. Versatile pop singer Johnny Gill, with special guest Angie B. performs at 8 p.m. on Sunday, July 21. Tickets are \$22.50, \$22

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