

# Restaurant offers classic Italian cuisine

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"Mangiamo All'Italiana!" Let's eat Italian. You can visit Italy without leaving home at Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. 10 Mile, Farmington Hills, 474-3033.

For the past 16 years, Rina Tenon and her husband Adriano have been giving guests a taste of Italy. "We want to do a good job, we offer very personalized service," said Rina. "We try to get to know the customers by name, and make all our own breads. Everything we serve is made fresh daily."

During the summer, chances are pretty good that the lettuce in your salad, and tomatoes tossed in your pasta were grown in the garden bordering the restaurant parking lot. At the far end of the parking lot, is another garden lovingly tended by Adriano's uncle Vittorio. Herbs, eggplant, peppers, and other home-grown vegetables add fresh flavor to the classic Italian dishes served at Cafe Cortina.

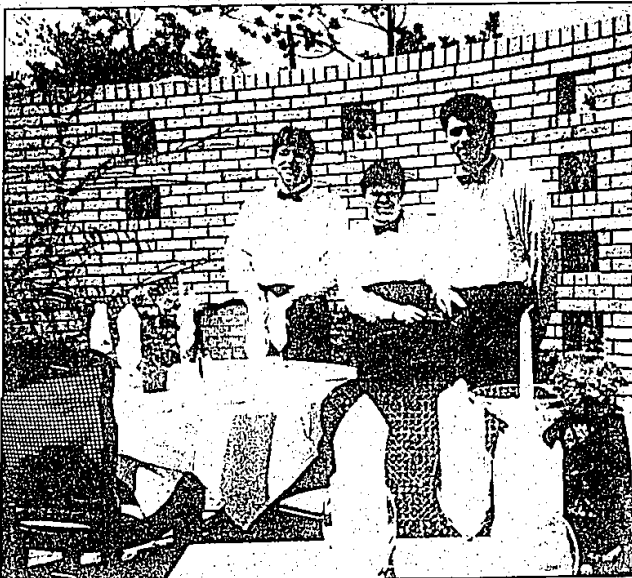
"My husband's family were farmers in Italy," said Rina. "Adriano was a baker. I grew up in the business. My parents had an Italian restaurant in Detroit."

Guests are treated like family at Cafe Cortina. "We love having young people here, it's a treat," said Rina.

When they opened, the restaurant seated 90 people, they've added a garden room, and can now accommodate 150-160 people. During the summer, guests can reserve a table in the outdoor courtyard.

Chef Paul Tostikian of Livonia, who has worked at the restaurant for 12 years, has been busy preparing for "An elegant Tuscan summer dinner," 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 15. Tostikian grew up in Southfield.

The six course regional Italian menu will feature fresh figs, imported prosciutto, focaccia, an Italian flat bread brushed with olive oil, and sprinkled with fresh rosemary, fish soup with garlic crostini bread, salad with radicchio, grilled meat chop with your choice of olive oil, herbs or sundried tomatoes, or rabbit with wild mushrooms, artichokes, buttered greens sautéed with olive oil and garlic, fresh sea-



Summer dining: Wait staff serve classic Italian cuisine in the courtyard at Cafe Cortina in Farmington Hills during the summer months.

sonal fruit, and Baccini ice cream with almond cookies.

The cost is \$42 per person. Call 474-3033 for reservations before July 12. Music will be provided by Pino Marchi & Lisa Agazzi. They will be singing the latest songs from Italy, and there will be dancing.

Cafe Cortina is open 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Fridays, 5-11 p.m. Saturdays, and 12:30-9 p.m. Sundays. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Much of the menu is in Italian, but don't worry, the wait-staff will translate for you. During the summer the menu includes grilled meat and vegetable dishes, with garden fresh basil, sage, and rosemary.

A meal at Cafe Cortina always starts with freshly made focaccia. The Italian flatbread, brushed with olive oil, and sprinkled with fresh

herbs is crusty like a pizza, and very flavorful.

House specialties are veal dishes with sundried tomatoes, grilled veal chops, pasta with fresh tomatoes and herbs, and grilled seafood. "Our scampi are unbelievable," said Rina. There are also chicken dishes on the menu, and daily specials.

Prices range from \$5.95 for sandwiches to \$14.95 for veal entrees served during lunch. Luncheon past dishes start at \$8.95.

Dinner prices range from \$11.95 for pasta dishes to \$23.95 for some veal and seafood dishes. Entrees are served with pasta, salad, fresh homemade bread, and focaccia.

American Express, Diner's Club, Visa and Master Charge are accepted. Reservations recommended for seating in the courtyard, and for large parties.

Cafe Cortina will also arrange private parties, bridal, baby shower, anniversaries and other special events.

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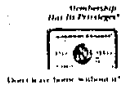
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