



Smiling chefs: Chefs (from left) Joe DelVecchio, Jim Shaffer and Steve Kedzierski confer with restaurant owner Bob McDonald (second from right).



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Floured hands: Pastry chef Giannina Giachino works in the Roman Terrace kitchen.

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old menu," McDonald said. "But we cook with olive oil and have made some other changes. People are eating lighter, and our menu reflects that."

McDonald has been able to hire back his night chef, another chef and two wait people who worked for him before the fire. And they're happy to return.

"I've worked at Fox and Hounds and the Townsend Ho-

tel," said Bill Wamby, McDonald's night chef. "But I was real happy to be working for Bob again."

And although there are changes in the menu, the clientele from the old Roman Terrace will find some familiar dishes.

"We still sell about 60-70 percent in pasta dishes," Wamby said. "And I noticed that my pasta primavera recipe had been

kept."

McDonald, who with his wife, Emilia, has three children in college, said the support of friends in service clubs like the Optimists and the Farmington Hills beautification committee has seen him through tough times.

"These groups really helped me to not get down," he said.

The restaurant, open since July 2, has had a better initial re-

sponse than expected, said McDonald, who has been in the restaurant business for 25 years.

In addition to the core menu, the restaurant features fresh seafood specials; provincial vegetables with special dips, such as grated olives; a new array of desserts including the house specialty, tiramisu; and sandwiches and half-orders of entrees.

Doing lunch: Nancy Waldman (left) and her aunt, Ida Katz, enjoy lunch at the Roman Terrace.



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