Newest Deli Unique is the place for power breakfasts

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD SPECIAL WRITERS

For bagel noshing it's not. For power breakfasts, where cellular phones are kept busy, it is. Business professionals are mixed with friends out to lunch together. Dinner hours are very casual at Deli Unique of Bloomfield

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Due to conservative eignage regulations in Bloomfield Hills, the Kingley Inn and Suites, still in the process of major renovation, has no marquee for Deli Unique, housed in the hotels former offee shoe, Its transformation from a 1800s attmosphere has made it a combination of typical New York style deli and good family restaurant seating 100.

The only promotion before Deli Unique's opening in Inte February was the Unique Restaurant Corporation's (URC) newsletter. Leyal patrons of URC dining spots, now numbering 12 in Oakland County, acted as field soldiers spreading the word. Former coffee shop regulars have joined the ranks for breakfast and lunch.

JURC's 38-year-old owner Matt Prentice has kept his deli roots alive with the Deli Unique concept. His vision, however, extends far beyoud this. His corporation, under the direction of mianaging partner. Keith Schofield, has full responsibility for food services at the Kingsley. Extensive renovation and redesign of the Kingsley's former dining room to URC's 13th restaurant Northorn Lakes Seafood Company is in progress.



Auburn Hills reaident Tim Wilkins, with 18 years restau-rant experience in the Machus corporation, signed on with URC last October. He assumes Food and Beverage Director responsi-bilities at Northern Lakes sched-uled to open in early June.

Ray Grimes is chof at the Bloomfield Hills Deli Unique. Together with manager Lea Protous, he keeps the food dished out on premise while simultaneously filling faxed in lunch orders. If you take this lunch orders. If you take this lunch route, ask for the special fax-in

order discount.
Looking for a relaxed lunch
hour recently wore Sue Jarvis of
Oxford and Lisa Wylin of
Waterford, who dubbed Deli
Unique "a great place to meet a
friend for lunch." Jurvis,
President of Aristocat Limousine

Service located in the annex next to the Kingeley, estimated that she'd had lunch at Doll Unique about 20 times since the opening. Her favorite is Crab Pasts Salad, a tri-color rotini pasta tassed with broccoli and tomates in housemade ranch dressing, \$7.50 for the large and \$5.26 for small. She also said the soups were "great" and the housemade corned beef "excellent."

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Wylin called the decor "mod, stylized and comfortable." She praised both the good service and her Turkey Reuben "with lots of meat."

Billed as Grittreat Omelettes, they are the moraing eye opener features at an average of \$5.75 each. There's lox, eggs and onions, and a lox platter, but not bagels, lox and cream cheese. For lunch or dinner, the specialty of the house is corned beef. You can order it as a Dinty Moore, a Rouben, URC Deluxe or Double Deli with pastrami. All sand-wiches are \$6.95. There are burgers, traditional \$4.50 and turkey served with toriyaki glazed mushrooms and onions \$5.25 or a Vienna Dog \$3.50.

Hearty Chickon Noodle Soup \$2.25 for a cup and \$2.75 for a bowl is monikered "gentile chicken soup" by Schofield. It's definitely hearty with chunks of chicken, carrots, oniona, celery and tonder 'egg noodles. At the same price, there's soup of the day, traditional mushroom barley and low-cal Russian cabbage boracht. Following a Josewish theme, however, is 'yiddish Cheeseburger. This is where you can get lox on a bagel with toma-

Dell Unique of Bioomfield Hills Where: 1475 N. Woodwerd venue. Bioomfield Hills, in the Kingsley Hotel & Suites, (810) 646-7923, fax (810) 646-

8047.
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Cost: Broakfust \$4.25\$5.75. Lunch and dinner
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to, onion and cream cheesel And there's Bubbl's Favorite, slow roasted brisket on a grilled onion roll with horseradish. Bubbl, in case you're unfamiliar, is Jewish for grandmother.

A kid's menu designed by Lea Porteus' inne-year-old son Collin, a fourth grader at Northwood Elomentary in Royal Oak, completes a family-oriented eating experience. There are crayons, tool

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to midnight, Friday, Mey 2, Kingsley
Hotel and Suites, 1475 N. Woodward,
Broomfield Hills, Tickets \$125 per person, call (810) 847-2528. The event will son, call (810) 647-2528. The event will feature a wine tasting hosted by Madelile Triffor Master Sommelter of Unique Restaurant Corp., strolling din-nar, esterad by Matt Prentice of Unique Restaurant Corp., dancing accompanied by the Simone Vitale Orchestra, casino gaming, cigar sampling, and cognec



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international wineries. A teste of Italy ewaits at the 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 15 Wine Maker Dinner. The cost is \$90 preguest, for reservations, and more information, about the international Journey of Food & Wine, call (313) 441, 2100.

CREAT LAKES GREAT WINE ALK-AROUND Sponsored by Cakland Community College's Hospitality Department, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, third floor J Building, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Fernington Hills. Tickets \$40, call (810) 471-6340.

top restaurents including Golden Mushroom, Tribute, Rocky's of Northville, Pike Street, Five Lakes Grill and Morels. Proceeds benefit scholar-ships fof studnets in the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Programs at OCC.

THE GARDEN PARTY, LA FETE AU JARS

HE GLEDON PARTY, LA FITTE AU JANDON June 3: In the gardens of the St. Vincent and Sørah Fisher Center, Vincent and Sørah Fisher Center, 27400 W. J. Willie Road, Farmington Hills offers entertainment, wines from around the world, and an incredible array of food. Call (BLO) 626-7627, Ext. 280. Event proceeds benefit the Center's programs.

