

Hop to it, make plans for Easter brunch

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CORRESPONDENT

Enjoy Easter brunch with family and friends on Sunday, April 20. Avoid disappointment and make your reservations soon.

Here's a sampling of restaurants that will be open:

Embassy Suites - 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia, (734) 462-6000. Seatings at 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.; \$24.95 adults and \$14.95 ages 6-12 years. Menu includes breakfast items, assorted salads, carving station, chicken, cod, roast pork, potatoes and desserts.

Hawthorne Valley Country Club - 7300 N. Merriman, Westland, (734) 422-3440. Dinner items served 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., include salads, fruits, beef sirloin, ham, chicken, meatballs, desserts and more. Breakfast buffet served 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; \$15.50 adults, \$9.50 children 10 and under, no charge for children 3 and younger.

Summit on the Park - 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, (734) 394-5487. \$23.95 adults, \$11.95 children 4-12 years, no charge for children 3 and younger. Buffet served 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. features selection of salads, carving station, chicken and fish entrees, sweet and fruit tables.

Ernesto's - 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth, (734) 453-2002. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the buffet will include salads, fruit, breakfast items, chicken, turkey, pasta dishes, desserts and more. Dinner items only, including prime rib, lamb, ham and fish, 2-6 p.m. Cost for both buffets: adults \$24.95, children 6-10 \$9.95, 5 and younger free.

Jack Dunleavy's - 340 N. Main, Plymouth, (734) 455-3700. Choose an 11 a.m., 1 p.m. or 3 p.m. seating; adults \$21.95, children 4-10 years \$8.95, no charge for children age 3 and younger. Ham, prime rib, roasted turkey, smoked salmon, pasta, salads and assorted desserts are on the menu.

Hellenic Cultural Center - 36375 Joy Road, Westland, (734) 525-3550. Buffet served 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. includes breakfast items, pastries, beef and ham carving station, roast pork, Fettuccine Alfredo, pierogi, salad bar and more; \$22.95 adults, \$17.95 seniors, \$8.95 for children 12 years and under.



Holiday Inn - 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive N., Livonia, (734) 464-1300. Breakfast items such as French toast and cheese blintzes, salads, prime rib, lamb chops, ham and desserts served 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; \$21.95 adults, \$19.95 ages 55 years and older, \$8.95 children ages 6-12, children 5 and under free.

Station 885 - 885 Starkweather, Plymouth, (734) 469-0885. Buffet served 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. includes smoked salmon, peel-and-cut shrimp, prime rib, ham, pasta, salads, home-

made pastries and more; \$16.95 adults, children 2-10 \$8.95, children under 2 free.

The Ritz-Carlton - Fairlane Plaza, 300 Town Center Drive, Dearborn (313) 441-2000. Seatings 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Adults \$65, children 3-10 \$22. Brunch will feature made-to-order omelets, soups, roasted leg of lamb, chicken Creole, seafood station, ham, seared beef kabab, roasted duck, assorted sushi, vegetable and shrimp Dim Sum, salads, desserts, children's buffet and more.

Sandtraps on 5 - 35760 Five Mile, Livonia, (734) 464-5555, \$16.95 adults, \$8.95 children 12 and under. Walk-ins welcome noon to 4 p.m. Reservations required beginning at 5 p.m. Family-style meal includes salad, potato, vegetable, ham, beef, chicken and dessert.

Sweet Lorraine's - 17100 N. Laurel Park Place Drive, Livonia, (734) 953-7480, \$29 adults, children 6-12 \$12.95, children 5 and younger free. Omelets, waffles, ham, seafood, lemon basil chicken, rack of lamb, soups, salads, kiddies' buffet and desserts will be served 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Rosa's Italian Chophouse - 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia, (248) 473-2429. \$17.95 adults, \$8.95 ages 3-10, no charge for children 3 years and younger. Buffet, served 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., includes shrimp, salad and fruit bars, roasted chicken, prime rib, salmon, mostaccioli, macaroni and cheese, desserts and more. Breakfast items also available until 2 p.m.

Hilton Novi - 21111 Haggerty Road, Novi, (248) 349-4000, \$30.95 adults, \$25.95 seniors 65 and older, \$15.95 children 5-12, no charge for children 4 and under. Brunch served 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. includes breakfast items, prime rib, lamb, ham, peel-and-cut shrimp, fruit, cheeses, salads, baked scrod, desserts and children's buffet.

MGM Grand Casino - 1300 John C. Lodge, corner of Michigan Avenue and Third, Detroit, (877) 647-8471. Brunch served 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for adults 21 years and older, includes made-to-order omelets and waffles, shrimp, crab claws, salads, leg of lamb, chicken, pastries and more. Cost \$28.50.

Lovert Hall - adjacent to Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road, Dearborn, west of the Southfield Freeway, (313) 982-6001, \$37.60/adult, \$21/child (8 and under). Serving 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Menu includes breakfast items, grilled vegetables, peel-and-cut shrimp, salads, pan-seared salmon with orange tarragon glaze, leg of lamb, Chicken Kiev, ice cream bar and cookie decorating station.

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TABLE HOPPING

Send items for consideration in Table Hopping, including brunches, wine tastings, and other special dinners, announcements and events, to Keely Kaleski, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple Birmingham, MI 48009. To fax (248) 644-1314 or (734) 591-7279, e-mail kalesk1@oe.hometown.com

Cafe Cortina
Ristorante Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, has been recognized by The Best Of! Pasta airing regularly on the Food Network. The crew from The Best Of! will be shooting at Ristorante Cafe Cortina 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 11. To participate, call for reservations (248) 474-3033 or visit www.cafecortina.com for more information.

Slice of Life
Buddy's Pizza and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's 27th annual *A Slice of Life Benefit* is Monday, April 21. Visit any of Buddy's six dine-in locations 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., purchase a ticket at the door, and enjoy all-you-can-eat pizza with two toppings and your choice of Garden, Antipasto or Greek Salad. Purchase a ticket at any of Buddy's three carry-out locations and receive a square pizza with two toppings, or an individual size Garden, Antipasto, or Greek Salad. The cost is \$10 adults, \$8 seniors (over 62), and \$6.50 (children 10 and younger). We have raised over \$2 million over the past 26 years," said Robert Jacobs, Buddy's owner. "The Capuchin Soup Kitchen is an amazing and caring operation. They receive no government funds and they rely mainly rely on donations."

Last night on the Titanic
On Sunday, April 13, approximately 300 guests are expected for dinner at the Roosevelt Banquet Center in Detroit to experience the Last Light on the Titanic. The dinner, taken from one of two menus salvaged from the wreckage of the ship, will include the same 11 course meal served to First Class passengers on what proved to be the last dinner on the Titanic. The dinner, to benefit Independent Opportunities of Michigan, will begin at 6:30 p.m. Authentic music for the era for dancing will be provided by the Music Messengers String Quartet. Tickets are \$150 per person, and include dinner, wine package and entertainment. For ticket information, and to view the menu, go to www.doubleposureinc.net or call (248) 656-RSVP.

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Your Observer & Eccentric, Mirror and HomeTown Newspapers, in conjunction with the United Way Volunteer Center of Oakland, are calling for nominations for the HomeTown Heroes™ Awards, which recognizes, encourages and rewards outstanding volunteers who have given selflessly of themselves to support non-profit organizations in Oakland County. Nominees and awardees will be recognized at the Fourth Annual HomeTown Heroes™ Luncheon that will take place on June 4, 2003 at Marriott Pontiac at Centerpoint in Pontiac, Michigan. For a complete description of the nominating categories, please visit www.unitedwayoakland.org.

NAME OF NOMINATOR: _____ IF GROUP, CONTACT PERSON: _____
ADDRESS, CITY, ZIP: _____
DAYTIME PHONE: _____ FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____
NOMINATING CATEGORY: DIRECT SERVICE SENIOR YOUTH
 GOVERNANCE FAITH-BASED BUSINESS
NAME OF NOMINEE: _____ AGE: _____
(Must volunteer for an Oakland County non-profit organization)
ADDRESS, CITY, ZIP: _____
DAYTIME PHONE: _____ FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____
SCHOOL ATTENDING (if appropriate): _____
PLACE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE: _____
YEARS OF SERVICE: _____ AVERAGE NUMBER OF HOURS WORKS PER MONTH: _____
TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED: _____

On a separate sheet, in 200 words or less, tell why you have nominated this individual, group or business. Describe the nominee's major accomplishments, commitment, self-motivation, problem-solving skills, and measurable impact upon the community. Entries must be typewritten. Do not staple pages. Include a photo (no larger than 5" x 7") of the nominated person or group, or for Business nominees, include a photo of persons participating in the volunteer activity.

Entries must be received by **Wednesday, April 16, 2003.**
Mail or fax forms to: HomeTown Heroes™ Awards • c/o United Way Volunteer Center
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