

Win Schuler's opens in area

The seventh in a string of Win Schuler's restaurants opened Monday in West Bloomfield Township.

The restaurant at 6066 W. Maple Road near Farmington Road will be the first to encourage dinner reservations, according to public relations specialist Joyce Bentley of Win Schuler's Inc.

The change was made because limited reservation policies caused some wait for customers when the two newest restaurants in Ann Arbor and East Lansing opened in November, she explained.

Appetizers include Schuler's onion soup made with dark beer and a seafood combination of crabmeat and shrimp called "Seafood, Fleet Street Style."

Luncheon prices range from \$2.55 to \$4.95 and include "On The Lighter Side" salad courses for those who are weight watching and special quick-serve offerings for those "In Great Hastle."

Cheesecake tops the list of desserts which also include Peppermint Ribbon Pie and Caramel Ice Cream Pie.

The West Bloomfield restaurant is open for lunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and for dinner from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Dinner is served Sundays from noon to 10 p.m.

Entertainment will be provided in the wood-beamed lounge Tuesday through Saturday evenings. The two-story Old-English-style restaurant contains a balcony and three-section dining area with seating for 175 people. The lounge seats another 75.

Dinner prices range from \$5.95

to \$9.50 with a dinner of lobster tail with fresh lime at the top of the list at \$12.25.

Two of the newest items on the dinner menu are a broiled center cut ham steak served with port wine sauce and a "Steak 'N' Cream" dinner combining a petite fillet with a chicken crepe topped again with a chicken and wine sauce.

Old favorites include the royal cut strip sirloin with fresh mushrooms and the beefsteak pudding — a combination of beef, kidney and oysters simmered with mushrooms and butter in a casserole.



Seating for 250 at new Win Schuler's in West Bloomfield (Photographed by Patti Beck)

Condo owners call in gripes

A seven-day, around-the-clock PHONATHON, designed to offer condominium association members and co-owners a chance to air gripes about condominium living, will take place from midnight Saturday to midnight Aug. 3.

The PHONATHON is sponsored by the new Michigan Association

of Condominiums (MAC) Inc., a state-wide group being developed to deal with condominium problems cooperatively.

Louis R. Jarvis, president of MAC, said, "The PHONATHON's purpose is to provide a 'sounding-board' for associations and individuals to call in and make their gripes known."

"After MAC collects the gripes, they can be categorized, studied and reported on. Hopefully, the information gained will enlighten the public, especially condo owners, more on the realities of condominium living."

CONDOMINIUM OWNERS may call 757-8320 to state a "condo-gripe" on the electronic answering service. After the caller states his name, condo name, address, city and telephone number (if he wishes his call returned), he has one minute to state his gripe or gripes.

Jarvis indicated that MAC will keep all information and names confidential, will return calls if the

"griper" wants, and will only use the "gripe material" in its total, general study that will take place after the PHONATHON's 168 hours have elapsed.

Jarvis said that MAC's PHONATHON comes in the wake of the Federal Trade Commission's July 4, 1974, announcement that it is "beginning an industry-wide investigation of condominium housing," although MAC's PHONATHON has nothing to do with the FTC's proposed investigation.

"The problems the FTC will investigate on the national level are the types of problems MAC would like to hear about from condo association members and co-owners in the Detroit area," Jarvis continued.

"If MAC offers the psychological release of the PHONATHON and gathers loads of 'gripe material,'

then maybe we can begin to solve some of these problems before they fester, become too serious, and get FTC attention," he added.

"FTC STUDIES will be unnecessary if MAC can get communication lines open between buyer, developer, managers, and vendors. MAC wants to become the central condo 'buffer zone' in Michigan as condominium living becomes more extensive and the problems become more complex. MAC has suggested that philosophy at its first two organizational meetings May 11 and June 8, and even since the idea for MAC came into being eleven months ago."

Everyone calling in a gripe will receive the results of the PHONATHON after studies are made. A brochure explaining MAC's objectives and services will also be sent.

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I have never seen a single report that most utilities were inefficiently operated or that they wasted their money. Isn't there something the average citizen like myself can do to make these government people give the utilities fair rates?

A. There are two things you might do. The problem is very much a political problem, and you should write letters to your state senators and representatives expressing your concern about your state regulation of electric rates.

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property as a shareholder. There is increasing discussion among shareholders about taking this kind of action, and it would seem to be justified in many states.

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