

Focus on Dining

By Margie Royal



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A long-time local Media landmark, The Little Inn, has a new name, look and menu. New owners, brothers Lazaros Karasavas and Mihales Karasavas, opened their new restaurant "Generations," Nov. 26, on the site where the former Little Inn stood. For 31-years, The Little Inn was part of the Media dining scene, and the brothers intend to retain some of the traditional favorites. The Little Inn served as well as offer selections to tempt "today's savvy food aficionado."

Generations' executive chef is James Distel, who returns to the Philadelphia area after serving as the executive chef for Hidden Meadow Ranch in Arizona. Distel's previous local connections include serving as founder and executive chef of the catering company Unique Treats in Drexel Hill and as chef at Charlie's Place in Bala Cynwyd.

Patrons entering Generations will now find a comfortable waiting area called "The Study," which leads into the main dining room, "The Library."

"The State Room," can accommodate private parties up to 50 and "The Banquet Room" can comfortably seats 100+.

The bar area is now known as "The Drawing Room."

"Generations in its very name will provide something for everyone from young singles, to growing families, to busy business associates, to our neighborhood regulars," said Lazaros. "Hospitality is our passion and the restaurant business is in our blood ... it is why we are providing an inviting new experience that compels you to visit and continue to return to discover what is new," added Mihales.

Generations will host a number of special events to celebrate its grand opening over the next couple of months. For more information, visit www.generations-mediapa.com or call 610-565-8212 for reservations.

Carl Peterson, an international Scottish singer and balladeer will be performing at **Tea & Cakes**, in Media on Dec. 17. There will be two seatings; the first at 6-7:15 p.m. and the second from 7:30-9 p.m. Call 610-566-5460 to reserve a seat. A prefixed menu will be available, customers will have a choice of three different entree selec-

tions which include appetizer, salad, beverage and dessert for \$19.95, plus tax. Tea & Cakes is at 114 S. Jackson Street, Media. * * *

Tavola Restaurant & Bar at the Springfield Country Club, 400 W. Sproul Road, Springfield, hosts a **Santa Brunch**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14. Adults can enjoy a complimentary mimosa while Santa and his elves visit with children. Call 610-543-2100 for reservations. * * *

The Newtown Grill, 191 S. Newtown Street Road, Newtown Square, is also hosting a **Brunch with Santa**, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Dec. 21. Look for an antipasto cart with seasonal salads, a carving station, smoked fish, turkey, ham and salmon and grilled vegetables, homemade breads and pastries. Santa will visit from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 610-356-9701 for reservations. * * *

Casa Youth Advocates are holding a fundraiser, 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12 at **Lotsa Pasta Restaurant & Pub**, 410 South Springfield Road, Clifton Heights. The organization aids abused and neglected children in Delaware County. The event, *Elvis Carols For Casa Kids*, includes a buffet style Italian dinner, auction, raffle drawing and Elvis songs performed by Frank and Fran Urso.

Tickets are \$25 per person and are available at the door. If you are planning to attend, call 610-565-2208 to reserve a seat. * * *

Each December, **Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant** celebrates the season with a series of performances by The Cartoon Christmas Trio, a musical group that performs authentic arrangements of musical selections from the holiday TV special *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, which originally aired in 1965. Upcoming area performances are Iron Hill Media on Wednesday, Dec. 17; Iron Hill West Chester on Friday, Dec. 19 and Iron Hill Wilmington, DE on Sunday, Dec. 21. All performances will begin at 7 p.m. and run approximately two hours. * * *

Dining and restaurant news is welcome. Send an email to mroyal@allaroundphilly.com or fax to "Focus On Dining" at 610-353-5321.

Broadway Treats For Musical Theater Fans

By Margie Royal

The new 2008-2009 Cadillac Broadway Series, which brings theatrical presentations to Philadelphia's Academy of Music and the Forrest Theater, kicked off in late November with *The Wizard of Oz* (Nov. 28-30) and a lively, fun production of *Legally Blonde The Musical* (Dec. 2-7).

The Academy of Music is a particularly splendid venue in which to watch a performance. Its grand chandelier is newly returned from its 13-month renovation trip to France and is gleaming and glorious once more.

Most recently, the Academy hosted the first-ever Philadelphia production of *Legally Blonde The Musical*, which starred Becky Gulsvig

in the lead role of Elle. Gulsvig was the Elle understudy for the original 2007 Broadway cast and was terrific in the role of the sorority girl whose life undergoes a "serious" transformation when her boyfriend breaks up with her. The production also featured stunning (often pink!) costumes along with nifty choreography. A stand-out number was certainly the amazing jump rope song, "Whipped into Shape," which featured chorus members and actress Colleen Sexton as Brooke skipping rope while singing!

The Cadillac Broadway Series continues this month with *A Chorus Line* (Dec. 16 - Jan. 4) at the Forrest Theater, then returns after the New Year to the Academy of



Natalie Joy Johnson as Paulette and China (a rescue dog) as Rufus in the touring production of *Legally Blonde the Musical*. The Cadillac Broadway series is bringing musical theater favorites to Philadelphia now through June. Photo by Joan Marcus

Music with *Ain't Misbehavin'* (Jan. 9-11) and *Jesus Christ Superstar* (Jan. 30-Feb. 1).

Ain't Misbehavin', which, by the way, makes its 30th anniversary national tour in 2009, will star Ruben Studdard along with other *American Idol* alums Frenchie Davis and Trenyce Cobbins.

The series also includes productions of *Rent* (Feb. 3-8); *Happy Days - A New Musical* (March 24 - 29); *Riverdance* (March 31 - Apr. 5); *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* (April 7 - 12); the Billy Joel

tribute musical *Movin' Out* (May 15 - 17) and *Spring Awakening* (June 23 - 28).

Performances run 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Sunday with weekend matinees 2 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets to individual shows range from \$25-\$100, and make great gifts for musical theater fans.

To order, call 215-731-3333 or go online to www.kimmel-center.org/broadway.

Second Saturday Will Be Festive

The Media Arts Council's (M.A.C.) 2nd Saturday Arts Stroll, 6-10 p.m., Dec. 13, feature festive activities for everyone!

In the spirit of the season, there will be holiday music at four locations (including two concerts) as well as Santa in his Christmas Wonderland at the Franklin Mint, and a Live Nativity at First United Methodist Church. Seventeen visual artists will be featured and works will include handbags, jewelry, glass ornaments, sculpture, paintings, robot art and photography. Fifteen musicians will play gypsy jazz, singer songwriters, hammered dulcimer, flute, jazz and folk/rock.

The featured artist this month is Matiko Mamaladze. Matiko was born in Tbilisi, Georgia, and has a master's degree in Fine Arts. Her dreamy, romantic paintings are mostly figurative and are highly sought after by art collectors.

There will also be a free Acoustic Holiday Concert by Craig Bickhardt, 7-7:45 p.m., at The Delaware County Institute of Science. Craig has years of experience as a recording artist, performer, and writer of songs for the likes of Johnny Cash and Willie Nelson. His performing style has often been called "soulful folk." He credits his Philadelphia roots for the influence, though he spent years in Nashville. Craig's performance will include a



Craig Bickhardt will perform a free concert at The Delaware County Institute of Science.

few selections from his *Precious Child* CD and some lesser known Christmas classics.

Other musical events include Christmas caroling by Hedgerow Theater at 6:15 p.m. at Trader Joe's followed by a stroll up State Street and another performance at 7 p.m. at the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union.

Second Saturday will have 49 businesses and organizations on and around State Street in Media hosting this free arts event. Visitors can stroll the friendly streets of Media and use the Second Saturday map to find participating businesses with music and art. This event happens on the Second Saturday of every month.

For more information, visit www.mediaartscouncil.org.



Look for paintings by Matiko Mamaladze on display Second Saturday. Mamaladze has been named Media's Artist of the Month for December.

Anthony's Christmas Eve Take Out Menu

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| Jumbo Shrimp Cocktail | \$15.95 doz. |
| Jumbo Scallops wrapped in Bacon | \$1.75 ea. |
| Shrimp Lejon (Minimum 12) | \$1.50 ea. |
| Smelts | \$11.95 lb. |
| Baca LA (Red Sauce) | \$14.00 lb. |
| Stuffed Flounder | \$6.95 ea. |
| Crab Cakes | \$6.95 ea. |
| Clams Casino | \$15.00 doz. |
| Fried Calamari | \$12.00 lb. |
| Calamari Marinara | \$10.00 qt. |
| Clam Sauce (Red or White) | \$14.00 qt. |
| <small>(1 qt. does a pound of pasta)</small> | |
| Lobster Bisque | \$10.00 qt. |
| Meatballs | \$10.00 doz or \$15.00 with gravy |
| Lasagna (1/2 pan) | \$22.00 |
| Roast Pork with Gravy | \$8.99 lb. |
| Eggplant Parmesan | 1/2 pan \$20.00 |
| Chicken Cutlets | \$8.99 lb. |
| Broccoli Rabe | \$8.00 lb. |
| Escarole Soup | \$9.00 qt. |
| Blackened Salmon | \$6.00 ea. |
| Scrippelles with Broth | \$12.99 doz. |
| Le Verde's (Cabbage & Potatoes) | \$7.00 qt. |
| Spinach & Beans | \$8.00 qt. |

ANTIPASTO

Small (5-10 servings) **\$39.95** Medium (15-20 servings) **\$49.95**

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