

Lino's Restaurant

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At any given time at Lino's Restaurant in Rochester Hills, you can smell the unmistakable aroma of authentic Italian cuisine, look around the room and see families enjoying a meal together and hear golfers fudging their golf handicaps.

In a comfortable, recently remodeled dining area, your biggest problem will be deciding what to order. Your choices range from a tender filet mignon to a succulent lobster tail to traditional Italian pasta dishes and a full menu of other mouth-watering choices.

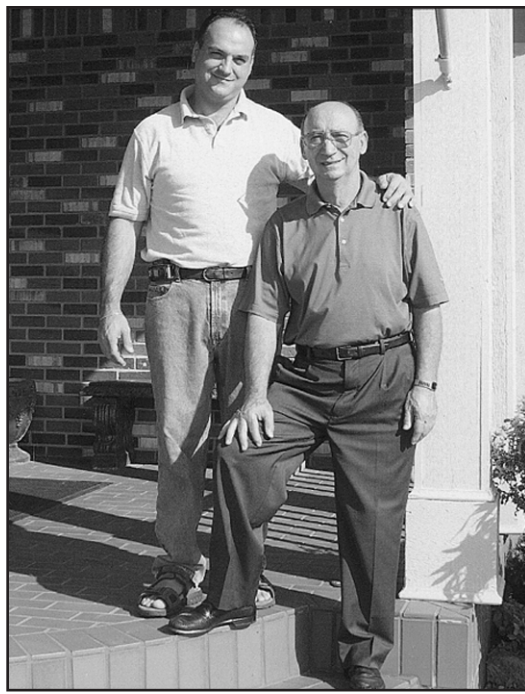
Owned by the Borraccio family, Lino's is well known in the Rochester area. The upscale, but unpretentious, restaurant has been in the same location for 24 years.

Food is always freshly prepared. On Tuesdays you can find Tony's mother and other ladies in the kitchen making gallons of sauces the old-fashioned way. Wednesdays the homemade pastas are created and on other days you'll find peppers being roasted in the oven.

The perch comes fresh from Canada and is lightly dusted with flour so the fresh taste comes through without a lot of batter.

Homemade lasagna, with or without meat, is a house specialty, the 16 oz. black Angus New York strip steak melts in your mouth and a 14-oz. veal chop, the chicken with Grand Mariner and seafood ravioli are culinary delights not to be missed.

Whether you bring in your family or host a business meal, you'll receive great food and service every single time.



Tony, pictured at left, and Lino Borraccio are just two of the family members at Lino's Restaurant in Rochester Hills.

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"Consistency is important," said Lino. "You can come 10 times out of 10 and have a great meal."

There's always a family member present at the restaurant to greet customers.

There's a full-service bar so patrons can enjoy a glass of wine with their meals.

A popular spot for business executives, Lino's Restaurant also hosts functions in its banquet room that seats 90 people.

"We host a lot of corporate dinner meetings, local school functions and sports banquets, memorial luncheons and holiday parties," said Lino.

The restaurant also offers catering off-site.

Service is a top priority. The

experienced waitstaff knows how to read their customers and won't interrupt a conversation to check on the table just because they are passing by.

Patrons will find many changes to come as the Borraccio family continues to remodel the restaurant.

With all the construction changing the landscape of the area around the restaurant, the Borraccios want patrons to know that Lino's will be staying open and the family's commitment to the community will remain unchanged.

"We're not going anywhere," said Tony.

Hours are 5-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 5-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 4-9 p.m. Sunday.