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Change is the Law of Life

Watching the coverage of the 50th Anniversary of that awful day in Dallas – November 22, 1963 – I was struck with profound sadness – as if reliving the sad empty feeling felt by all in 1963. I was but 9 years then – too young to understand death, but old enough to comprehend the enormity of what occurred. By contrast, anger dominants me when I think of September 11, 2001 – the other moment in time that forever stands still. We live in a difficult world - health care costs, terrorism, Iran, Syria, chemical weapons, uranium enrichment, the recession, illness.

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Specials at the Library Sports Pub include two-for-one burgers Saturday and Sunday until 4 p.m. or half-off pizza from 6 p.m. to close every Monday for Monday Night Football fans. And every Saturday night from 10 p.m.-2 a.m., enjoy half-off all alcohol.

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The next-door neighbor relationship with Play Golf 365 was a natural for Library Sports Pub and Grill. “We are all about sports,” Zakaria says, “a family place where you can watch the game and get good food at great prices.”

Don’t be surprised if you have to wait for a table during a big game, though. “The last Lions game there was a line out the door,” he adds. ■
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Rugiero family members are looking forward to an exciting 2014 when they will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of their first restaurant, Roman Village Cucina Italiana on Dix Avenue in Dearborn. The family also will open its fifth location next year at Plymouth and Merriman roads in Livonia.

Antonio and Enrica (Rita) Rugiero started it all in 1964. Their sons Anthony, Marco, Robert and Patrick all work in the family business.

“Growing up, the restaurant was our playground,” says Anthony, who today is the company president. “We didn’t have babysitters, so we would spend most of our time at the restaurant while mom and dad worked. We learned a lot from being there.”

Anthony and his brothers helped grow the business, opening an Antonio’s Cucina Italiana on Ford Road in Dearborn Heights in 1992, on 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills in 2000 and on Canton Center Road in Canton in 2007.

All four restaurants have pasta factories in the dining room where pasta is made daily, as well as cappuccino machines imported from Italy. All soups, sauces, breads and dressings are made fresh daily in-house.

“In today’s economy, family-owned restaurants that have been in business for 50 years are not that common, and that’s something that comes through on everything we do,” Rugiero says. “The recipes are the same ones my mother used back home in Italy. Mom’s Rugiero says. “The recipes are the same ones that come through on everything we do,” are not that common, and that’s something are made fresh daily in-house.

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“I sit on the board of the Opera House, and I love Bocelli’s music,” Rugiero says. “When he came to town, we met and found we had a lot in common. He loves to cook, so I invited him to our restaurant to cook his favorite dish. It was delicious. I asked if we could add it to our menu; he said yes.”

Anthony’s mother Rita’s hometown is Perugia, just an hour’s drive to Bocelli’s hometown of Volterra, Italy, where Anthony is involved in the University of Detroit Mercy-Volterra, a school where American students study the art of Italian architecture.

Rugiero told the Jewish News that he is especially grateful for the support he receives from the Jewish community.

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Rugiero says that one growing tradition is for customers to come in to buy take-and-bake lasagna the day before a holiday so they can make it a part of their holiday meals.

Another popular dish during hunting season is rabbit cacciatore.

“Cacciatore means hunter in Italian,” says Rugiero. “People are familiar with chicken cacciatore, but traditionally, it’s made with rabbit. My mother makes it in the morning, and it’s gone that day.”

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