

Experience the cuisine Agabi Mediterranean Restaurant

His heart is in his food. He works diligently and quietly, his hands a slave to the kitchen, and the art of cooking in his soul.

Agabi Mediterranean Restaurant owner Essam Farag knows Middle Eastern cuisine and prepares each meal to perfection.

It's easy to see why when you visit Agabi. Its clean and cozy atmosphere mixed with historical artifacts give it an exotic charm. Egyptian papyrus paintings, each depicting its own ancient tale, adorn the walls, personally brought from back from Essam's native Egypt. Egyptian music serenades you as you dine, giving you a truly authentic meditteranean experience.

Whatever your fancy; Greek, Lebanese or Egyptian, Essam prepares your meals in an open concept kitchen, for a truly fresh and healthy lunch or dinner. A must try is his best-selling Chicken Shawarma. The thin sliced chicken is slowly roasted, then lightly grilled.

The menu is vegetarian friendly offering exotic and flavor-bursting items like the Assorted Vegetarian Appetizer - a platter filled with tabule, hummos, baba ganosh, and tomato feta. Try the Soup of the Day, freshly prepared meditteranean style, to beat winter's chill.

Agabi means love in the old Egyptian language, and it certainly holds true for Essam's savory cuisine. The menu items are reasonably priced, making it affordable for both lunch and dinner gatherings, or if you prefer, take-out. The restaurant is also available for functions. Agabi is located on 134 Lakeshore Rd., (with free parking!), 905-338-1888

Michael's Back Door celebrates 27th anniversary

ne of Mississauga's more popular and enduring dining establishments, Michael's Back Door Restaurant, has completed another year of satisfying customers. October 2008 marks the 27th anniversary of this venerable and beloved place located in Clarkson Village. Throughout its many years of operation it has evolved but continues to offer high quality food and attentive service while maintaining involvement in the community.

Co-owner Michael Morra enjoys hosting charity events and raising funds for worthwhile causes. This year's anniversary charity designate is Food Path Mississauga. On October 27th, Michael's Back Door will be the venue for a special gourmet evening. Tickets are \$150 per person and include drinks. Call for more details.

To honour its 27th anniversary and thank patrons, the restaurant is serving a special three-course meal throughout October. The cost per person is just \$1 a year, or \$27. This is an excellent opportunity to visit for the first time or return.

A couple of years ago the interior was renovated giving it a fresh look. Back in 1981 it only contained 60

seats but now has 130. Due to seats but now has 130. Due to tits spaciousness and unique layout, most sizes of corporate and family functions can be accommodated up to 40 people. A set menu or a la carte menu can be offered. Book now for your holiday events.

Although some changes have been dramatic over the years,





L-R: Mario, Stephan & Michael Jr.

the considerate attitude of the staff has remained constant. Some staff members have worked there a very long time. They always make the customers feel special and the large clientele base is especially loyal. Among the sports and entertainment celebrities and politicians who have discovered the warmth and charm of Michael's Back Door are Woody Harrelson, Gary Roberts, Tie Domi, Payne Stewart, Michael Burgess and Mayor Hazel McCallion.

Michael, Stephan, Mario, Michael Jr. and the staff would like to thank all who've supported them over the past 27 years and look forward to serving for many more.

Michael's Back Door Restaurant, located at 1715 Lakeshore Road West, east of Southdown Road, offers lunch Tuesday to Friday and dinner seven days a week. Phone: 905-822-5751. Web site: www.michaelsbackdoor.com.

