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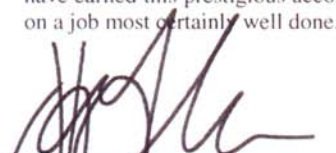
HONORING RISTORANTE CAFÉ CORTINA

LET IT BE KNOWN. That it is with deep appreciation of the significance of this milestone that we commend the entire Tonon family, its esteemed Chef Jeffrey Hoffman, the waitstaff, and all of the individuals who are behind the scenes, who have worked so successfully to earn Ristorante Café Cortina the esteemed honor of being featured in a international magazine, The Magazine of La Cucina Italiana. We are extremely proud to recognize the important role this fine dining establishment has played in contributing to the economic well-being of the Farmington/Farmington Hills communities, the respected significance it has earned, the lives of countless citizens it has serviced and the delicious cuisine it has served to so many patrons.


Romantic ambiance, exceptional culinary cuisine, fastidious service, and home-grown ingredients are all words which are synonymous with Ristorante Café Cortina. This distinct honor represents more than just an article in a magazine. This monumental event signifies a pride of ownership. It represents family and friends working together. It also represents a commitment and the challenge of educating customers about true Italian cuisine. It portrays hard work and ethnic heritage. It represents what two young individuals in love can accomplish when their hearts and their minds are in tune with each other. Also contained in the article are some of Café Cortina's most distinguished and delectable recipes.

Twenty-six years ago, as a young married couple, Adriano and Rina Tonon purchased a small piece of land out of the mainstream on 10 Mile Road in Farmington Hills. On it was an apple orchard and a small house. Not long after, an architect friend designed a small restaurant for them and the rest, as they say, is history. Ristorante Café Cortina (named after a favorite ski resort town in the Italian Alps) was built, along with leaving room for a vast garden, on which lays the basis for only the freshest ingredients to be used in the Café's recipes. Although Adriano, Sr. passed away twelve years ago, his oldest son and namesake Adriano stepped in to join in the business and has become known as the smoothest maitre'd working in metro-Detroit today.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE. Therefore, This document is signed and dedicated to commemorate Ristorante Café Cortina and their honor of being featured in The Magazine of La Cucina Italiana. We salute the entire Tonon family, Chef Jeffrey Hoffman, and all of those individuals at the Ristorante who work so very hard to have earned this prestigious accolade. We join them in celebrating this most joyous occasion and congratulate them on a job most certainly well done. Congratulations and Buon Appetito!


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