

Searching for inspiration

Gerry is writing today Somewhere around 475 articles over the past nine years, it is not much wonder I don't know what to write about today. I am totally uninspired by this weather!

Lori Gysel & Gerry Kentner



I have been thinking spring, and I am ready for it. I brought some lily of the valley and tulips upstairs from their winter storage, just to put a breath of colour in my house. I have purchased my first piece of summer clothing in readiness for the season.

Usually Dave and I are on the road to Florida this week. This year we are foregoing our March trip so we can take a long talked about driving holiday through western Canada to Vancouver during July. Therefore there will be no articles about our southern vacation "food experiences" this spring. But, you can rest assured you will hear all about our western travels and "food experiences" this fall. If any of our readers have any suggestions of sights to see, places to eat or things to do we are just in the planning stages and would welcome your input.

On another note, last week's recipe was for "crock pot roast beef". A day after it came out a friend e-mailed me a recipe for roast beef. Here it is for you: Gracie Allen's Recipe for Roast Beef— Take one large roast and one small roast and put them in the oven. When the small roast is burnt, the large one is done.

I love that!! For those of you who don't know who Gracie Allen was, here goes. Gracie was the real life and TV wife of the famous comedian George Burns. Gracie and George had a TV show during the 1950s and 1960s. At the end of each program George would ask Gracie how she was. Well Gracie displayed a homespun sense of humour that stole the laughter and spotlight from George. It is a marvelous place in time to remember. Gracie wove her tales of her friends and their everyday lives, not the humour we experience today.

By the way, we would like to clear up a point of some confusion about our involvement with the Kentners Social Catering Ltd. Dave and I sold our business in 2005 and this January the new owner (Horst Summer) changed the name to Silver Thyme Events and Catering. So, we are retired from our 31 years as caterers. Lori and I continue to write this column and provide our recipes for you to share and we hope enjoy. Have fun and keep cookin'.

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Just Chicken

Ingredients

- 12 chicken drumsticks (bone in, skin on or off— whichever you prefer)
- 2 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 3 tbsp vinegar
- 1/2 tsp dried rosemary
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tbsp brown sugar
- 2 tsp dried oregano
- 1 tsp pepper
- 1/4 cup olive oil



Method

Mix all dressing ingredients, whisking in olive oil last. Place chicken in a Ziploc bag and pour dressing ingredients in with it. Seal well. Refrigerate chicken at least one hour or overnight.

To bake, place chicken in a baking dish and pour marinade overtop. Sprinkle with a pinch or two of salt. Bake at 350 degrees for 45-60 minutes, uncovered, or until chicken is tender and cooked through. Serves six.

Upcoming community dinners



Saturday, March 15
Knox Presbyterian Church, Main St. N., Acton invites you to their St. Patrick's Day Supper, 6 p.m. Enjoy beef stew and Irish entertainment. Adults \$10; children up to 12 years of age \$6; preschoolers free. Advance tickets

only: call the Church office, 519-853-2360.

Monday, March 17

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day, 5-7 p.m. at St. John's Anglican Church, corner of Trafalgar Rd. and 15 Sideroad in Stewarttown. Beef or lamb stew, dessert and beverages. Live music. Adults, \$9; children (ages 6-10), \$5 and preschoolers free.



DUFFERINrockstar of the week February 24, 2008

Amanda Marshall

is our most accurate Rock Star. She won with her ball resting against the rock! She plays indoors at the Dufferin Centre on the Red Under-8 team. She has played soccer for a long time, and all her indoor experience is at the Dufferin Centre. Soccer is her favourite sport and she likes to play an energetic game, providing cover all over the field and taking goal scoring opportunities whenever she can.



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