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with JANE MULLER

Tea rooms on health kick

A prevailing change of taste to more health and diet conscious eating has given restaurant goers an appetite for tea room fare. That theory has proven itself in practice with the immediate success of *The Tea Rose*, which opened on Mary Street in March.

Owner Evelyn Reichenbach says the food she offers, is both homemade and healthy, created from "real" ingredients right down to the herbs in the fresh salad dressings.

"People are getting away from finger food and deep fried foods," she explained.

The lunch menu features a soup of the day, a selection of salads and sandwiches, as well as a selection of desserts like the large scones that have been dubbed "killer scones" by the staff and butter tarts like mom makes.

This venture is a first for Evelyn. Before opening the restaurant and gallery in a renovated red brick house, she spent a lot of time as a restaurant customer. She also enjoys entertaining at home and takes great pride and care in the presentation of the food and table.

"I have never been in a commercial kitchen," Evelyn admits.

The restaurant's kitchen was one of just two rooms that required remodelling. It now has a large counter in the centre and another room has a new wall to divide it from the washroom area.

Between the time she and husband Les took possession in January and the opening, a meticulous decorating scheme was carried out, adding plate and chair rails and pretty floral wall coverings. The art that is displayed on these walls is an overflow from the gallery housed upstairs. It's operated by Marianne Butler, a commercial artist and friend of Evelyn.

The quaint former house required extensive exterior upgrading including a new roof, soffits and a side porch that now incorporates a wheelchair ramp.

The side access leads to a gift shop that doubles as the restaurant's entrance foyer. The Victorian theme of the decorating is carried through many of the offerings in this retail area.

The *Tea Rose* is open Monday to Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and for brunch on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Continental breakfasts comprise muffins, croissants, toast, cereal and of course the scones. At lunch the menu reflects a varied array of Evelyn's choices. The brunch spread covers hot breakfast favourites like bacon, eggs and pancakes as well as roast beef.

This summer there will be some experimentation with cold soups and there will be room for 10 to dine on the front porch.

Winning answer

Page-Pal Communications Inc. is the best message service in Southern Ontario, according to the Canadian Message Exchange Group (CAMEX). The Milton-based company, known until last year as Milton Answering Service, passed a secret test period in a winning way.

Paul Hannon, president and owner of Page-Pal, provided CAMEX with the names of some customers. Mystery callers contacted the service to get in touch with these customers and rated the performance of the employees. Page-Pal scored nine out of 10, the top score in Southern Ontario.

Mr. Hannon, who bought the 24-year-old company three years ago, will be going to Montreal in June to pick up the 1990 award for excellence. The name was changed to Page-Pal last year when operations expanded beyond Milton with branches in Oakville and Hamilton.

Caribbean cruise, \$5,000 shopping spree won

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For two visitors, the show was particularly worthwhile — they were major prize winners. Nancy Little of Randall Crescent won a \$5,000 shopping spree in a draw sponsored by the Milton Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Little will take home the merchandise of her choice sold by any of the exhibitors at the show.

Meanwhile, Lynn and Adrian Fuller, also of Milton, won a Carnival Caribbean cruise for two, courtesy of Bruce Hood's Milton Travel.

The Harvest Drive couple, who 10 years ago spent their honeymoon on a Carnival cruise, won the trip at the Beach Party Dance held at John Tonelli Sports Centre Saturday night. More than 700 people attended.

Showcase's Friday night barbecue dinner and fireworks as well as Saturday's family breakfast and dance in the evening, were well attended, said Carol McDonald, the event's publicity co-ordinator.

"We had good response from exhibitors," she added. "About 80 per cent rated the show good to excellent."

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Photo by DONNA COULTER

It took nine months for the Showcase core committee to pull the event together. At the ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday evening are from left, Roger Lauzon, Brian Budworth, Carol McDonald, Paul Lonergan, John Lawrence, Doug Kocher, Randy Masters, Peter McCuaig, Jim Strain, Becky Tonner, Anne Eadie and Jeff Bergsma. Not in the photo are Don Hearn and Bob Lee.



Bradley Ridler, 5, of Acton left with a handful of balloons and a smile.



Taking a break from their roles as Showcase exhibitors, Bruce Hood owner of Milton Travel and Donna Coulter, co-owner of Northend Nissan check out the foodfare fare.



Looking for the lion's share of smiles is Steve Wilson of the Royal Bank in Milton Mall.

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