

“For The Love of George” and a Testament to “The Booth”

A Table Awaits – at George’s Senate Coney Island...

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George in the kitchen on Sunday February 4, 2024 is a part of his crew making breakfast & brunch...
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In last we spoke, I told you about the “love” that George has for his “love of food”, and “good food for a good price.”

In our second writing – I went back to Northville on a Sunday to “sit-in” on one of the busiest day’s in the life of “Georges Senate Coney Island” on Dun Rovin Drive in Northville, Michigan.

When I first arrived, it was steady pace of customers enjoying brunch and lunch from when they arrived from just before 11:00AM. George introduced me to one of his most loyal customers, a Veteran from Lincoln Park, who travels to Northville every Sunday just for pancakes and the hospitality that George and his staff give, a truly warm place, with everyone working hard, and yet he takes the time to visit with customer g

that enters those doors on both sides of the restaurant. Those doors that I spoke about in my previous writing, those doors that are the window to a family who treats every customer like family.

George invited me into the kitchen on this Sunday, where I was introduced to some great people making great food. Food that is created in larger quantities, with home cooking quality. George is a “hands on” person that works side-by-side with his employees every day. On this Sunday, the pace at which they work, is exceptional – the restaurant became more crowded with each passing minute, with

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families and friends gathering. It was heartwarming to hear the volume increase in conversations and laughter as they sat down and waited for their turn to order and enjoy a “good homemade meal.”



A table waits as brunch is ready to go in Georges Senate Coney Island kitchen - photo taken by: victoria zande February 4, 2024

“Everything is fresh”, George says to me, “all homemade.” As I walked through the West Entrance Way, right next to the main dining room, and just behind the counter Customers are waiting for their pick-up orders, or paying as they leave from this “family-room” environment.

I continued to tour the kitchen, and was met with the amazing smell of homemade soup (homemade, yet in a large enough commercial size stainless steel soup pot to serve every customer that was waiting to eat.)

As a former server and hostess for several restaurants of different levels in dining, Georges Senate Coney Island restaurants encompass them all. While, on this particular day, I am literally sitting “in the middle” of the Northville restaurant (next to the fireplace, and just this side of the side dining room and bar where more guests are enjoying brunch and lunch), that room to the back, yet front also serves for many private parties and occasions.

As I mentioned, Georges Senate Coney Island is solid in its core of “family tradition” and “family dedication.”

Everything at every location that George makes and serves is homemade. From Northville, to Livonia, Taylor and Dearborn.

The “Sun Rises” and the “Sun Sets” at every Georges Senate Coney Island with the same chair that sits in your house, and when the last person leaves for the day, so does George. Of course, he has been here since 4:00AM, making sure that toast is buttered (not just checking on it – doing it himself), and making sure coffee is brewing, French fries are fresh, hash browns are crisp, and his famous Greek Salads are “one of a kind”.

It is hard work to make an imprint, impression, and impact, in inspiring customers to not only come in and stay for the homemade menu, but to want to come back in a manner unto which George and his family have in the years that they have dedicated their lives in wanting to make sure families have, if anything else on the given day they visit George’s Senate Coney Island, their time to sit down and be treated like family with true traditional family cooking, and served from a familiar face who genuinely loves everyone who walks in through the “in through the out door”.

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Food at an affordable price (as family price and a price for families), so when you sit in that chair, it doesn't have to cost more than the cost of the chair you sit in, but the chair you want to sit in.

The comfortable chair at the end of the day, the comfortable chair says yes to enjoying Georges Senate Coney Island "today."

A family of four that sits to the left of the center of the main dining room enjoying their brunch and lunch are true "Detroiter's", as the Gentleman wears his Winter Detroit Lions cap "In Pride" of achievement...

By 11:30AM the brunch and lunch crowd was in full swing. I stopped by the front counter and asked the Hostess "When does it start to slow down", and she replied "Usually about 2:00PM it starts to break".

These are just the weekly and daily events at Georges Senate Coney Island. Each occasion (Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, and Mother's Day) George is personally "hands-on", George is here, visiting, cooking, and making sure that from each individual to each family and friends' that gather are welcomed and well taken care of .

While menu prices have changed slightly, it is ever so slightly as some did, while most of the other menu items did not. George wants to make sure that everyone who walks through those glass doors, can visit and enjoy an affordable meal – from one person at a small table to six people in that corner booth.

"My prices are lower than most other restaurants", George tells me in our second meeting just before my Sunday Brunch/Lunch visit on February 4.



brunch in the main dining room at georges coney island, northville, michigan (dun rovin)
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"I want to make sure that it is a good homemade, affordable meal for everyone".

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