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*The Ghost of Restaurants Past in
Greenburgh Part I*

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There is an old saying which goes, “You are what you eat.” While this is often said as a warning about how eating junk will make you look and feel awful, this warning masks a deeper truth. This deeper truth, which we are all feeling now in light of Covid-19, is that restaurants are what give small towns and big cities life. Since Covid-19 has showed us all the psychological importance of restaurants, it is only fitting that we pause now to remember those much beloved restaurants of yesteryear.

Marty’s Mug & Munch 1969-1989

Marty’s Mug & Munch in Ardsley was founded in 1969 by a WWII veteran, Marty Engleman, son of Dr. Charles Engleman (a pharmacist who ran Ardsley’s local pharmacy from 1931-1976

(<https://ardsleyhistoricalsociety.org/assets/pdf/ArdsleyHistoricalSocietyVol28No2.pdf>) and Hannah Engleman. He was a member of the Ardsley High School class of 1943. He married Francine Kornbluh on April 3rd, 1954

(<https://www.edwardsdowdle.com/obituaries/Francine-Engleman/#!/Obituary>).

Francine Engleman helped her husband Marty run the restaurant which was known throughout the county for its excellent burgers

(<https://obits.lohud.com/obituaries/lohud/obituary.aspx?n=marty-engleman&pid=186869065&fhid=2248>) and Rubens

(<http://southbronschool.blogspot.com/2010/10/ruben-brosbe-shortcomings-are-shock-to.html>). Twice, it won the “Best Hamburger in Westchester” contest

(<https://obits.lohud.com/obituaries/lohud/obituary.aspx?n=marty-engleman&pid=186869065&fhid=2248>).

For two years, Marty was the President of The Westchester County Chapter of the NYS Restaurant Association. The Englemans were married 63 years and had two children: a son named Lenny, and a daughter named Sharon

(<https://obits.lohud.com/obituaries/lohud/obituary.aspx?n=marty-engleman&pid=186869065&fhid=2248>).

After 20 years of business, the restaurant closed down in 1989, and Marty passed away on October 4th, 2017

(<https://obits.lohud.com/obituaries/lohud/obituary.aspx?n=marty->

[engleman&pid=186869065&fhid=2248](#)). His beloved wife Francine passed away on August 15th, 2020 (<https://www.edwardsdowdle.com/obituaries/Francine-Engleman/#!/Obituary>).

Giuseppe's c.1982-2012

Another restaurant in Ardsley which lasted 20+ years was Giuseppe's. Giuseppe's was located at 698 Saw Mill River Rd, Ardsley, NY 10502

(<https://www.allmenus.com/ny/ardsley/141220-giuseppes-restaurant/menu/>)

Giuseppe's was founded in 1992 by Joe DeSalvo (Personal Communication from Ardsley Historical Society President Pete Marcus). It was a well-loved friendly-neighborhood Italian restaurant. As such, it served a wide variety of pastas such as: Spaghetti Alla Puttanesca, Rigatoni Arrabiata, Baked Ziti Siciliana and Cavatelli Bolognese. In addition to these pastas, it also served other classic Italian dishes like Eggplant Parmesan and Calamari

(<https://www.allmenus.com/ny/ardsley/141220-giuseppes-restaurant/menu/>). They closed in April of 2012 (Personal Communication from Ardsley Historical Society President Pete Marcus). It was replaced by a more formal Italian restaurant named the Italian Kitchen in May of 2012.

Water Wheel Inn 1955 – c. 1990

The Water Wheel Inn. The property was originally a realty office for Beacon Hill Realty in 1923. Seven years later, it was converted into the Olde Saw Mill Tea House. It was in 1955, that William Lodes bought the Tea House and founded the Water Wheel Inn. By 1981, the Inn was starting to lose popularity and it was sold to James Shallo. Unfortunately, Mr. Shallo couldn't turn the place's luck around and business continued to decline, and, by 1990 it was back on the market (Personal Communication from Ardsley Historical Society President Pete Marcus).

It is often said that, "If you're going to go out, you should go out, in a blaze of glory." Sometimes metaphors come to life, which is exactly what happened in the case of the Water Wheel Inn, a spectacular blaze broke out. The building burned to the ground around midnight on December 21, 1992

(<https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/westchester/ardsley/2019/08/23/water-wheel-restaurant-ardsley-burns-1992/2086312001/>). Marty's Mug & Munch,

Giuseppe's, and The Water Wheel Inn brought much energy and character to Ardsley. One restaurant that did as much for Hastings was Manzi's.

Manzi's 1974 - 2009

Manzi's in Hastings was founded in 1974 by Tony Manzi (Hastings Historical Society Archives). It was originally located on Riverdale Avenue in Yonkers, but moved to 19 Main Street Hastings in 1976 (Hastings Historical Society Archives). It served *Authentic Italian Food*, as opposed to Americanized Italian Food. Like many Italian restaurants, the heart and soul of Manzi's was its pasta dishes which always included: spaghetti, fettuccini, or linguine in a homemade Alfredo or Bolognese sauce with chicken, seafood, or beef and fresh vegetables (<https://www.nytimes.com/1983/01/16/archives/dining-out-sturdy-fare-in-a-polished-setting.html>). Manzi's closed in 2009 and was replaced by Rainwater Grill (Hastings Historical Society Archives).

Rainwater Grill 2009 - 2013

Rainwater Grill in Hastings was founded in 2009 by Tony Fortunate (<https://www.globenewswire.com/fr/news-release/2011/04/27/1037960/0/en/Rainwater-Grill-Introduces-Its-New-Executive-Chef-Ian-Friedman.html>). It was known for its high-end burgers such as: the Surf & Turf (Lobster and Sirloin) Burger, Lamb Burger, and Salmon Burger (<https://www.allmenus.com/ny/hastings-on-hudson/303850-rainwater-grill/menu/>). It closed in 2013 (<https://dailyvoice.com/new-york/rivertowns/business/hastings-rainwater-grill-closes-after-sale-of-business/544156/>). Another well-loved restaurant in Hastings which is no longer around, was Buffet de la Gare.

Buffet de la Gare 1980 - 2013

Buffet de la Gare in Hastings was founded in 1980 by Gwenael and Annie Goulet (<https://westchestermagazine.com/life-style/westchester-restaurant-closings-hastings-on-hudsons-buffet-de-la-gare-will-close-its-doors-in-july-2013/>).

Gwenael Goulet was born in France in 1950. He came to America shortly before his 30th birthday. When he turned 30, He founded Buffet de la Gare. He and his wife, Annie, ran the restaurant together until 2011, when he passed away due to cancer (<https://obits.lohud.com/obituaries/lohud/obituary.aspx?n=gwenael-goulet&pid=152668595>). His widow continued to run the restaurant for another two years after his passing, before closing down in 2013 (<https://westchestermagazine.com/life-style/westchester-restaurant-closings-hastings-on-hudsons-buffet-de-la-gare-will-close-its-doors-in-july-2013/>). While not quite a buffet, one restaurant that served an equally wide variety of food was El Dorado Diner in Tarrytown.

El Dorado Diner (Tarrytown) ? - 2017

El Dorado Diner in Tarrytown was founded by: Dorothea Cucineli, Miraim Parker, and Ronald Greco. It served: salads, wraps, sandwiches, burgers, omelets and other typical “Diner Food.” The Tarrytown branch closed in 2017, in order to make room for the Honda Service Center (<https://thehudsonindependent.com/el-dorado-diner-closes-to-make-room-for-honda-service-center/>). This was actually the company’s second location, the first location opened in Elmsford in 1963(Greenburgh Assessor’s Office property deed for El Dorado Diner Liber 6348 Page 359), and is still open today. It is located on 55 W Main St, Elmsford (Greenburgh Assessor’s Office property deed for El Dorado Diner Liber 6348 Page 359). You may place your orders today online at <http://www.eldoradodiners.com/Default.aspx?location=ELE>. They also have another location in Scarsdale.



There are other restaurants which used to exist in Greenburgh which we know the names of, but, regrettably, have no other information on.

These include:

- Italian Kitchen in Ardsley (May, 2012- March, 2014)
- Rudy's Beau Rivage in Dobbs Ferry
- South Seas in Hartsdale

If any of our readers can provide more information on these locations, it would be greatly appreciated.



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