

Food and Wine

New Ownership For Bernard's Market & Café To Grow On Strengths And Expand Catering Business

—New Additions to Include Juice Bar, Omelette Station and Expanded Salad Bar—



Mike Mohr (left) and Rob Byrne (right), new owners of Bernard's Market & Café in Glen Head, NY, vow to continue the eatery's fine reputation for culinary excellence and promise to deliver impeccable customer service. (photo by Joseph Spiegel)

Bernard's Market & Café, the popular gourmet/specialty market in Glen Head, Long Island, noted for its culinary excellence, has announced a change in ownership, along with new developments for the store and a plan to expand the market's established catering business.

Cited by The New York Times as "four-star takeout" and "a multidimensional must-stop for food aficionados," Bernard's has made its mark as a "destination" for fine food shopping in only two and a half years. The beautiful and elegant 7,000-sq.-ft. store is known for its world-class prepared foods and specialties, along

with stellar meat, cheese, seafood, deli, pizza and café departments.

"Bernard's has already proven itself with great critical acclaim and a loyal following," noted Rob Byrne and Mike Mohr, the new co-owners who bring over 20 years of gourmet catering and restaurant experience. "We will further Bernard's reputation for superb quality food as well as expand its growing catering business. Our goal is to provide friendly, impeccable service and complete customer satisfaction."

The partners have already expanded Bernard's popular deli which now features

old-fashioned, hand-rolled water bagels; fresh oven-roasted turkey; a wide variety of cold cuts; smoked fish; and a full line of delectable appetizers.

"You will see other exciting changes in the coming months," said Rob. "We will be expanding our very popular chopped salad bar, bringing back a sushi station, and adding a fresh juice bar and omelette station." Bernard's also plans to serve wine in its indoor and outdoor café in the near future. "Our sunny outdoor café is the perfect spot to sit and enjoy a leisurely lunch or a glass of wine on a warm summer evening."

Partners Rob and Mike are self-described "owner/operators" who have a hands-on approach. You may see them behind the counter, the stove and even the cash register. Their combined experience includes over 20 years in the gourmet catering and restaurant business on Long Island and in Connecticut.

"I am confident that Rob and Mike will carry on the first-rate quality that

Bernard's has become known for," commented Christopher Doran, Bernard's former owner who established the market in 2004. "They have years of hands-on experience as operators in the gourmet industry and know well the ins and outs of running a successful business."

Rob and Mike plan to expand Bernard's off-premises catering to include a full line of offerings to suit any size event. "Our catering manager, Julia Salas, will work with our customers to create the perfect menu," said Rob, "from small, intimate dinner parties to picnics and large corporate affairs. She can arrange for an on-site chef, professional waitstaff, and any other necessary details to ensure a successful event." Bernard's has also been very busy making sandwich and lunch platters for local businesses.

Bernard's Market & Café is located at 716 Glen Cove Avenue, Glen Head, NY 11545; telephone (516) 759-9100; fax (516) 759-9240; and web

www.bernardsmarket.com.

Drew Lawrence Speaks At Glen Cove Senior Center



Pictured left to right: Adrian Hersey, Drew Lawrence, Carol Waldman, Director of the Senior Center, and Arthur Finer.

Recently, the Senior Advisory Council met at the Glen Cove Senior Center, with Drew Lawrence as their guest. Drew owns and operates Shirine Services, specializing in project management and property maintenance management. This very generous man has offered his services, at a reduced fee, to those Seniors who might need some help with minor home repairs. A committee is working with Drew to establish guidelines for applying for his assistance. The Advisory Council is always looking for ways to improve the quality of life for local Seniors.

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