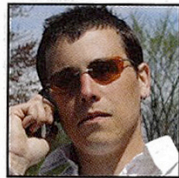


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'Tis the (Summer) season

And so the summer season begins at the end of May, and there will be a few new or reconfigured faces on the scene, along with some specials for those of the female persuasion.

Openings abound just in time for the beginning of the fabled season. The Singh Hospitality Group, noted for their diverse eateries and top-notch cuisine, has just opened **Ristorante Besi** in East Meadow (516) 280-6657. Executive Chef David Salony masterminded the menu, which includes artisan pizzas, such as the Funghi, with roasted mushrooms, caramelized onions and truffle oil and the Diavalo, with sopressata, sweet roasted peppers and garlic infused red pepper oil. Entrees include Chicken Forresta, a chicken cutlet topped with tomatoes and fresh mozzarella, and Snapper Vino Bianco, with mussels and fresh herbs.

Accomplished East End restaurateurs Chris Eggert and Kevin Boles have merged their respective popular East Hampton eateries, Bostwick's Seafood Grill and Cherrystones Clam & Lobster Shack into **Bostwick's Chowder House** in East Hampton (631) 324-1111. The location has a casual ambiance and fresh seafood. One of their signature dishes is the clambake with steamed lobster, clams, mussels, peel and eat shrimp and red potatoes. Halibut, swordfish, tuna, mako and other fresh fish will comprise the daily specials in highly original preparations.

Something for the ladies, both the mothers and the nightlife aficionados, will grace the island dining scene this month. **Porto Vivo Restaurant** in Huntington (631) 385-8486 is having Lady's Night every Thursday night starting at 4:30 until closing. With this special, there will be an interesting array of \$6 cocktails, including cucumber coolers and cannoli martinis as well as wine by the glass and 50% off the bar menu, which features such dishes as a wood grilled Angus prime burger with crispy pancetta, fontina and balsamic onions, and a Montauk lobster club sandwich with avocado and pancetta.

The Bellport in Bellport (631) 286-7550 is having a special "Mother's Day in a Southern Way" price fix menu on May 9. For \$28 (\$15 for kids), the highlights of their offerings include corn crusted oysters with fresh corn sauce, Texas "Louweez" buttermilk spiced fried chicken breast, smoked ham, andouille sausage, mushroom fricassee over cheddar corn spoon bread, and for desert, chocolate tres leche cake with pecan praline. ☎

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