

A Taste of Europe Comes to Troy with the Debut of Tre Monti Ristorante

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TROY, MICHIGAN, November 5, 2007...The Republic of San Marino may be small, but the cuisine of Europe's third smallest country is big on taste as Detroiters will find out later this year with the opening of Tre Monti Ristorante. Patrons will get a gastronomical taste of Europe unlike any other.

Tre Monti Ristorante is located at 1695 Big Beaver in Troy just east of Rochester Road. The restaurant is located behind the San Marino Club. Tre Monti will be open on Tuesdays through Sundays with lunch served Tuesdays through Fridays starting in mid December

Tre Monti features a menu of moderately priced regional specialties all made from scratch. The recipes are overseen by Maddalena Sarti, known as "Nona Lena" to the San Marino club members and friends for whom she has been creating Sammarinian specialties for 11 years. Nona Lena has been cooking for a total of 25 years and proudly reports that she still cooks "from scratch" the way her mother taught her. All ingredients are fresh, the pastas are homemade and the quality never wavers.

Among the authentic regional specialties featured at Tre Monti are a variety of pasta dishes made with fresh hand-made pasta including lasagna, tagliatelle, gnocchi, and ravioli. As well there are pizzas, fish, beef, veal and poultry dishes. Specialty soups include home made cappalletti and minestrone. Other specialties include home made regional breads like piada, a flakey flat bread and spianatta, similar to focaccia bread.

Guests at Tre Monti will have to make room for desserts like the famed *Torta Tre Monti* named for the country's defining mountaintops. The *Torta Tre Monti* is a layered wafer cake covered with chocolate and hazelnut. Tre Monti will have complete premium bar service including the distinctive regional wines, Sangiovese – a rich, deep flavored red and Biancale- a dry white.

The restaurant was developed by the members of the San Marino Social Club, originally formed in Detroit in 1938. The members, immigrants from the Republic, many of whom were attracted to Detroit by the jobs created by the newly automated factories and skilled trade jobs, opened a social hall on McNichols in 1954. The community has grown to approximately 500 families. The San Marino Club on Big Beaver opened in 1976. The facility reflects the architecture of the government palace in San Marino, evoking the Republic's cultures, traditions and 16 centuries of freedom.

Tre Monti is located in an elegant building designed by the award-winning architecture firm of Dominic Tringali. He was named 2006 "Builder of the Year" by Professional Builder Magazine and took six awards in 2006 Detroit Home Design Awards. The restaurant interior is designed by the renowned Ron Rea, of Ron and Roman of Birmingham.

The interior is distinguished by a grand circular stair with wrought iron railings in the main entrance topped by a stunning chandelier. Three limestone fireplaces grace the main floor including a set of matching ones in the main dining room. The restaurant is accented by artifacts from San Marino collected over the decades and large colorful banners made of hand-woven Italian fabrics. The lounge and restaurant feature genuine gold leaf.

The world's smallest republic, San Marino is completely landlocked by Italy. Located on the northern part of the Adriatic coast, the beautiful country is dominated by the three-peaked 2,437 feet high Mont Titano- thus the restaurant's moniker Tre Monti.

For more information on the restaurant or to arrange a tour prior to opening, please contact Melissa Bunker at (313) 886-9074 or marketwrite@comcast.net.

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