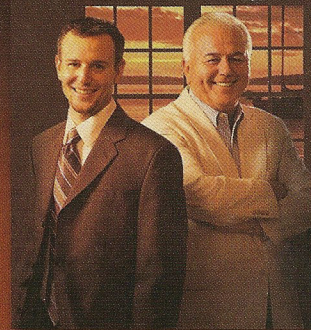


The Grille at RIVERVIEW



At the base of the Flagler Avenue Pier in picturesque New Smyrna Beach, a delightful dining experience awaits at The Grille at Riverview Restaurant.

We've been there several times now since father and son team Roby and Beau Robertson opened last fall ... for a romantic dinner, for a corporate outing and as well for a number of evenings spent with good friends. Each time the delicious food and warm atmosphere has met with the rave reviews of my guests.

The Grille at Riverview offers both inside and outside dining for lunch and dinner daily. In fact, The Grille is one of the only places in the entire New Smyrna Beach area that you can actually enjoy a sit-down lunch with full service. They have a terrific variety and are always willing to offer up a special menu for groups.

Inside the restaurant, rich woods and brick create an intimate and instantly comfortable feeling. The Grille offers dining on two levels, with the upper level often used for business groups, club luncheons and wedding receptions.

Outside, The Grille's Key West Deck provides some of the most spectacular waterfront views in the area ... often of dolphins cast with the golden glow of sunset. Take a stroll along the dock and enjoy a cocktail before dinner. The boats, the dolphins, the warmth from the setting sun, all make for a quintessential Florida dining experience. Perfect in every way.

While my friends and I always like to try new things when we eat out, there has never been a time I've visited The Grille that someone, or everyone, at the table hasn't opted for the Escargot. Simply exquisite. The sauce is rich and garlicky and yes, you will be tempted to soak up every bit of it with a slice of the fresh hot bread served at The Grille. Another appetizer extraordinaire is the Ahi Tuna. Skillfully pan seared rare and gently sliced, go for this one too.

Moving on through the salads, which are always crisp and plentiful, dinner awaits. Ah, now here is where choosing what to have gets tougher. A personal favorite is the Filet Mignon and Lobster Tail. So few area restaurants serve lobster anymore, especially the extra succulent cold water variety, that when I see it I am almost compelled to order it. But equally magnificent for my palate is the crispy

skin Maple Leaf Duck Breast served with a fabulous Gorgonzola Custard.

Another entree that hits the 10 meter for me is the Rack of Lamb, both in taste and in presentation. There is always more than I can eat but I never mind, because that means I have a few bites for tomorrow's lunch and a chance to remember yet another great evening at The Grille at Riverview.

For dessert, you must order the Creme Brulee. Well, you could order the Tiramasu because that is great too, but for me the Creme Brulee is the ticket to paradise. I love it with an espresso to the side and a snifter of Grand Marnier ... ah.

With an extensive wine list and full bar, The Grille is a casually elegant place, whether for a quick happy hour with friends or a much needed night out.

On the weekends The Grille features live music and dancing on their Key West Deck, making for a full evening's entertainment. And on Sunday, The Grille's brunch features ala carte offerings and an omelet and pasta station loaded with selections to custom blend just what your taste buds are calling for. If an early supper is on the top of your mind, The Grille offers a variety of Early Bird Specials Mondays through Fridays, from 4:30 to 6 pm.

Check out The Grille at Riverview...you will not be disappointed!

The Grille at Riverview is located at 101 Flagler Ave., New Smyrna Beach (N. Causeway bridge). For Reservations or more information visit the web site at www.thegrilleatriverview.com or call 386-428-1865.

