

FOOD

Eat-stravaganza!

By HW Staff

pick State's first Restaurant Week starts next week in Hudson



YUM! — Leona Beldini and Karen Gutch (above) enjoy some of the tasty treats at Hudson Restaurant Week's kickoff on Jan. 11. Spirito Grill chef and general manager Joseph Mastrella, right, serves a guest.

It's hard to believe that in all of New Jersey's 567 municipalities, not one of them has ever had a culinary event that incorporates a variety of restaurants under one banner.

But through the efforts of Tamara Remedios and Xplore Communications, her Matawan-based group of business and information directories, the state got its first Restaurant Week in our own backyard.

Sponsored by "Get Out Hudson!" an Xplore publication geared specifically toward Hoboken, Jersey City and Secaucus, Hudson Restaurant Week offers a full week of prix-fixe lunches and dinners at 21 participating restaurants. From Jan. 24 through Feb. 4, the following restaurants will offer three-course lunches for \$15.05 and three-course dinners for \$30.05:

- 3Forty Grill, Hoboken
- 4Fifty5, Jersey City
- Baja, Hoboken and Jersey City
- Café Newport, Jersey City
- Casa Dante, Jersey City
- Comfort, Jersey City
- Confucius, Jersey City
- Edwards Steakhouse, Jersey City
- Illuzion, Hoboken
- The Jefferson, Hoboken
- Komegashi and Komegashi too, Jersey City
- Liberty House, Jersey City
- The Madison, Hoboken
- The Merchant, Jersey City
- The Quays, Hoboken
- Sabor, North Bergen
- South City Grill, Jersey City
- Spirito Grill, Weehawken
- Trinity, Hoboken

Baja, Confucius, Komegashi and The Merchant offer even lower prix-fixes. South City Grill is only participating for lunch while Café Newport, Confucius, Komegashi and The Quays are only honoring the promotion for dinner. And in



case you're wondering, the five cents at the end of the prix-fixe is in honor of the New Year.

The idea for the event, Remedios said, came about after talking with some restaurateurs who said they were looking for an event that would entice local resident to eat out in the communities they live in rather than go to New York to dine.

"Why talk the PATH train, why take the tunnels when you have it in your own backyard?," she added. "We want to build Hudson County to be a dining destination."

The event, which is sponsored by the Jersey Office of Travel and Tourism, received an advertising grant from the state of New Jersey.

"We've received so much support from the cities and the county and financial support from the state," Remedios said. "It was nice that a first time event received such a warm, fuzzy feeling."

For more information, go to www.hudsonrestaurant-week.com