

Business

The Fourth Bore Tap Room & Grill Opens in Theatre Square

By Sophie Braccini



Michael Karp at the door of the new restaurant

Photo Jaya Griggs

It can be a bit puzzling when a business owner closes a seemingly successful restaurant to replace it with another one. Michael Karp, who owns Barbacoa and Table 24 in Orinda's Theatre Square, did just that. He closed Barbacoa at the beginning of November and recently reopened as The Fourth Bore Tap Room & Grill – a modern American pub with craft beer and a year-round beer garden.

The restaurant features wood-fired rib eye, house-ground burgers, crispy cheese curd, homemade soups and salads. "It's a stripped down ver-

sion of Table 24, more pub style. The anchor will be the 30 rotated craft beers, and we'll have live music from time to time," says Karp.

Come spring, or on warm winter days, the space above The Fourth Bore, which has been used for private parties, will have a portable bar, and people will gather to play Cornwell darts. "I want the place to be fun, thriving. I want it to be a blast, approachable to everyone," says Karp. "This will be about groups, softball and soccer teams." With seven big screen TVs, Karp adds that it will be

a perfect place for kids as well. "People will find here in Orinda the kind of experience they go to Berkeley or San Francisco to find."

Karp says that while Barbacoa was a really good restaurant, he wanted a place that was "over the moon."

"Table 24 or Forge (Pizza) are over the moon, and that is what I want there," says Karp, who is the owner of six other restaurants, including Forge Pizza in Oakland, Danville and soon Napa. "I had the concept of the Fourth Bore in mind for some time,

so when I had the opportunity to partner with brewer J.J. Phair of E.J. Phair Brewery and Restaurants I had to seize the opportunity; it all happened at once."

Table 24 chef, Jonathan Williams, will be taking charge of The Fourth Bore, moving some of his favorite food with him, such as lobster that he will nicely incorporate into a macaroni and cheese. "With 30 different beers on tap, a great wine and artisan cocktail menu, the restaurant will be a place of constant new happenings, a central hub where people will always see someone they know when they come in," says Karp.

Table 24 will also evolve. According to Karp it will be elevated a bit, more entrée heavy, where people will go for a sit-down dinner experience.

The restaurant will celebrate its grand opening with live music starting at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3. For information, visit thefourthbore.com.

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Tatiana Hastings in her studio with some of her refinished furniture.

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For two years Tatiana Hastings has been developing a custom furniture refinishing business from her Lafayette home. "I get pieces, most of the time solid good structures, from consignment stores, or from friends," says Hastings. "When I get a piece, the fun part starts for me. I wait until an idea comes to my mind; each piece inspires something different." Hastings uses different decorative paint, textures and finishes. Sometimes people ask her to transform a piece they like, but want to modernize or want a different color or finish. She also does simple upholstery and distressing. "I started doing this when I was in school," Hastings says. "I was selling pieces on Craigslist when I was still in college. Then, when we moved into our new Lafayette home and looked for good quality furniture we realized that new home furniture was very expensive, so I went to consignment stores and started refinishing what I bought." She says she has redone everything in her home. "Our friends were surprised by the uniqueness of the pieces and asked about it," she adds. "My husband asked me, 'Why don't you start a business?' and he built a studio and office in the back of our house." In August, Hastings opened an online store, The Wood Knot. While most items are sold online, customers living in the area are also welcome to contact her to visit and see the pieces in her studio. "This is relaxing to me," she says. She does not plan to stop anytime soon.

Cisneros Named November Moraga Employee of the Month



From left: Kevin Reneau, Nicole Chenault, Jaqueline Cisneros and Roger Gregory

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Jaqueline Cisneros, a popular and veteran checker at Safeway, has been named the Moraga Employee of the Month for November. Cisneros has been with the local grocer for 16 years and has developed a loyal group of shoppers who appreciate her friendly approach and wonderful customer service. "I receive at least two customer compliments daily on how great an employee she is and she always seems to remember their names and ask about their family," said manager Nicole Chenault. Cisneros will be awarded \$50 gift cards to Safeway and Pennini's restaurant in Moraga from the Moraga Rotary and Chamber of Commerce at an upcoming Moraga Rotary lunch in early December.

News from the Three Chambers of Commerce

Lafayette

Annual Holiday Mixer at U.S. Bank from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 3498 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. The party includes food, fun, beverages and a big holiday raffle. The mixer is \$10 for members; free for members who bring at least three canned items for the Food Bank.

Moraga

Chamber Holiday Party from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10 at Aegis of Moraga, 950 Country Club Drive, Moraga. Registration required at MoragaChamber.org; \$15 per person.

Orinda

Christmas Holiday Party at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3 at the Hilton House, 21 Orinda Way, Orinda.

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Candy Kattenburg Retires

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Candy Kattenburg Photo S. Braccini

An icon of the Orinda business community is bowing out of her position as executive director of the Orinda Chamber of Commerce. Candy Kattenburg was the anchor of the organization for 10 years, managing it, organizing events, taking care of the members, and serving as the ambassador of the business community in the city.

"It was almost by accident that I got interested in that position 10 years ago," remembers Kattenburg. She lost her flight attendant job with United Airlines after 9/11 and was looking for new opportunities when she was helping with events at the Orinda Chamber of Commerce where her husband, architect Rick Katten-

burg, was a board member. "Since I had done recruitment when I was a Revlon sales manager, the executive director at the time, Valerie Holtz, asked me to help her recruit a replacement," says Kattenburg. "I asked to shadow her to understand what the job was, and realized that it was something I would love to do myself. It's been a great 10 years!" The director is now leaving to take care of her 90-year-old mother, who lives by herself in Walnut Creek.

Kattenburg says that the most important task is to maintain and grow the base of the Chamber of Commerce, and to be available for whatever the members need. She manages everyday operations, spends a lot of time on the phone answering all types of questions, "just being available is important, (the members) need to feel that someone is listening." A lot of changes have happened during her tenure, including new events from comedy nights to restaurants tours, a

revitalization of the Chamber, a new website and newsletter, the Trivia Bee, and Shop Orinda campaigns. She has also managed the classic luncheons, Fourth of July parties, and more.

With so much happening in Orinda, one might think Kattenburg manages a large staff, but she is "it." Fortunately the chamber board members are active, and Kattenburg works cooperatively with the board and successive presidents, such as Syliva Jorgensen who has been president for the past several years. "Sylvia has been great. When she came in and gave me the list of things she wanted to do, she blew me away," remembers Kattenburg. She says that she has loved all the presidents she worked with, and particularly appreciated that Jorgensen never had one loose end. She regrets to have to leave just as her good friend Roy Hodgkinson will be taking the presidency.

The Orinda Chamber of Commerce is seeking candidates to replace Candy Kattenburg. The executive director is in charge of membership sales and service, event organization and coordination, and is asked to be in the office one day per week. Like Kattenburg, the executive director will attend monthly board meetings, and attend events as the chamber representative. Interested parties should contact info@orindachamber.org.

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