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Demos' Restaurant turns 20

'Boro eatery to offer food, prices from '89 to celebrate

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Demos' Restaurant may offer authentic recipes at a reasonable value, but for Jim and Doris Demos their restaurant carries 20 years of memories.



The Demos Family, from left, Doris, Jim, Felicia and Peter, will mark the 20th anniversary of the popular Murfreesboro restaurant with a 'throwback' night, offering dishes and prices in place during its opening in 1989.

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"I can still remember the first couple that put us on a wait," because all the tables at the restaurant were full of customers, Doris said with a smile.

Jim Demos looked at her with twinkling eyes.

"And you know what I did? I picked her up and swung her around," he said.

Two decades ago, Jim and Doris Demos created a family-style dining atmosphere that has grown to become a favorite among the community.

In celebration of its 20th anniversary, Demos' restaurant will open its doors to offer traditional favorites at original 1989 opening night prices.

"We're so proud of being in Murfreesboro and for being so appreciated, and we're appreciative of all the people who supported us all these years," he said. "So we wanted to do something special to let these folks know and to thank them so much."

The anniversary commemoration will begin Thursday and continue until Nov. 12, with the special menu pricing available for one day at each of the five locations — Murfreesboro will celebrate Nov. 2. Doors will open at 11 a.m., but the Demos family invites community leaders to dine at 10:30 a.m.

"When we looked at our original menu, we saw that virtually every item is on our current menu — several at the same price — so it seemed appropriate that we celebrate our 20th year in

business by saluting the longevity of our recipes and giving our customers a price break at the same time," Jim Demos said.

Looking back on their hard work, the couple can only feel a sense of pride.

"We never anticipated it would grow like this," he said. "We thought we would just be a mom and pop operation as long as we could."

"And we did," she continued.

While the couple is still involved in the day-to-day operations of the restaurant — Doris Demos visits with guests in the dining room and Jim Demos spends his time developing new recipes in the kitchen — their son, Peter, and daughter, Felicia, have since continued the business forward.

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