

FOOD BRIEFS

GLUTEN-FREE LINE EXPANDS TO HENRY'S:

Frankly Natural Bakers' gluten-free products are now available in Henry's Farmers Markets in Southern California. The stores will carry the entire gluten-free line, which include brownies and energy bars, which cost about \$2.50 each. Go to franklynatural.com.

HAPPY HOUR AT TANGO: Tango Restaurant & Lounge is offering a special Super Happy Hour from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays at 417 W. Grand Ave., Escondido. The restaurant offers fish tacos, margaritas and Stone Brewery drafts for \$2 each. Call 760-747-5000 or go to tangoongrand.com.

MARIE CALLENDER'S SPECIALS:

Marie Callender's restaurants have two new menu offerings. First, kids can get a free meal on Tuesdays and Saturdays: one free kid's meal with the purchase of an adult entree. Second, the eatery offers a "Two Course Meal for Two People" for \$18. The deal offers two entrees (choices of Chicken Alfredo, Roasted Turkey Dinner, Meatloaf, Turkey Caesar Combo and more) and two slices of pie. Go to mcpi.com.

BLACK&BLUE GROUP EVENTS:

Black&Blue, the steakhouse inside Valley View Casino in Valley Center, will begin booking private group events, in addition to hosting wine tastings, chef demos and other food-related events. Private parties and groups from 20 to 100 people can book the restaurant on Mondays and Tuesdays. The regular menu will be available at 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Call 760-291-2130 or go to valleyviewcasino.com.

SOUTH COAST RANKS HIGH:

South Coast Winery finished the 2009 wine competition circuits ranked among the top wineries in the nation. The winery won 353 awards in regional and international competitions this year, including the California Golden State Winery of the Year award. Go to wineresort.com.

SUSHI AT ROCKIN' BAJA:

Rockin' Baja Coastal Cantina in Old Town introduces Hot Roc Sushi from 5 to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 5 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday. The late-night happy hour includes cocktails, \$2 "topless" tacos (add your own condiments), sushi and a fire pit. Call 619-260-0305 or go to rockinbaja.com.

BUDGET MEAL PLAN LAUNCHES:

FoodieView.com, a recipe search engine, has launched its free "Meal Plan-of-the-Week" feature, which helps guests plan low-cost meals in seven-day time periods. The feature has seven lunch and seven dinner recipes, which account for leftovers, and includes a shopping list. Go to foodieview.com/mealplan each Thursday for a new set of recipes.

BARONA OPENS ITALIAN

RESTAURANT: Barona Resort & Casino recently announced the opening of its newest restaurant, Italian Cucina, to be followed by the opening of Seafood Plaza. Italian Cucina menu items include classics and specialties such as Spaghetti With Homemade Sausage, Porcini Mushroom Risotto, Ricotta Gnocchi Ragu and Mediterranean Sea Bass

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With Basil-Parsley Butter. Menu items will be \$4.50-\$19.95; entrees include all-you-can-eat Caesar salad. The interior of the cucina includes a 3,800-pound ceramic wood stove, a fountain and more to create the effect of an Italian piazza. Call 888-7-BARONA or go to barona.com.

BRING YOUR OWN WINE:

From 5:30 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Addison invites guests to bring their own wine to enjoy with dinner; the sommelier will not charge corkage fees. Addison is in the The Grand Del Mar, 5200 Grand Del Mar Way in San Diego. Call 858-314-1900 or go to addisondelmar.com.

HALF-PRICE WINE WEDNES-

DAYS: Truluck's Steak, Seafood and Crab House in La Jolla is offering half-price wines by the bottle

on Wednesdays at 8990 University Center Lane. The restaurant has more than 100 bottles by sample, glass and bottle. Happy hour is 5 to 7 p.m. daily with half-price appetizers, \$1 off cocktails and live entertainment in the piano bar. Go to trulucks.com.

P.F. CHANG'S KIDS MENU:

P.F. Chang's China Bistro is now offering a children's menu featuring Kids' Chicken, Kids' Lo Mein, Kids' Chicken Fried Rice and Baby Buddha's Feast, all of which come with games and puzzles. The restaurant chain is also introducing a Regional Classics Menu, with five entrees for \$9.95: Hunan Pork, Mandarin Chicken, Hong Kong Beef with Snow Peas, Shanghai Shrimp with Garlic Sauce, and Canton Chicken & Mushrooms. Go to pfchangs.com.

DINING EVENTS

SUMMER JAZZ NIGHT:

Westgate Hotel in San Diego will hold a summer jazz night on its Riviera Terrace at 7 p.m. Aug. 20, with champagne reception, three-course dinner and jazz concert featuring Sacha Boutros. Cost is \$69; call 619-238-1818 or go to westgatehotel.com.

STONE BEER FESTIVAL:

Stone Brewing Co. will host its 13th Anniversary Celebration and Invitational Beer Festival on Aug. 22 on the campus of Cal State San Marcos; tasting sessions are at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. More than 100 beers will be available, including Mana Wheat and Black Pearl from Maui Brewing Co. There will also be food and home-brewed sodas. Tickets are \$35 and include a 13th anniversary tasting glass and 10 tasters. Go to stonebrew.com/13th.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST:

Mission San Luis Rey will hold an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 23 in the mission's dining room. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 10 and under and free for children 2 and under. Breakfast includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage,



coffee and juice. Go to sanluisrey.org.

PADRES SERVE FOR A CAUSE:

Acqua al 2 and the Adrian & Betsy Gonzalez Foundation will team up at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 23 for Celebrity Staff Night, where members of the San Diego Padres will suit up and serve meals to benefit the foundation and honor the restaurant's ninth anniversary. The players will shake up and serve cocktails, prepare the restaurant's Italian dishes and wait tables. The five-course menu will be paired with wines, and guests can bid on auction items. The foundation works with underprivileged youth through athletics, education and health. Tickets are \$195 and can be purchased at www.agonzalez23.com. Acqua al 2 is at 322 Fifth Ave. in the Gaslamp Quarter; go to www.acquaal2.com or call 619-230-0382.

CLASSES

THE KITCHEN WITCH:

The Encinitas school hosts cooking classes at 127 N. El Camino Real; call 760-942-3288 or go to www.kitchenwitchonline.com.

■ **6 p.m. Friday:** New Mexico Dinner Party; \$59

■ **6 p.m. Aug. 20:** Japanese Small Plates and Chilled Infused Sake Party; \$69

SCRIPPS NUTRITION WORK-

SHOP: Scripps Clinic Torrey Pines will hold a free workshop on nutrition for cancer patients, survivors and family at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 25. Guests will learn about nutrition in the treatment and recovery phase of cancer, myths and facts of supplements and more. Parking is \$3; call 858-554-8533.

TEA SERVICE CLASSES:

Barbara of Memories English Tea Garden in Vista will offer a class in healing with herbs and serve an afternoon tea at noon Saturday. Cost is \$20. For directions, call (760) 945-0476. Other classes coming

up:

■ **Saturday:** High tea and how to make crystal-clear iced tea; \$20

■ **Aug. 22:** Afternoon tea and how to stay young; \$10

IN THE SPIRITS

DECANTER WINE LOUNGE &

RESTAURANT: The Rancho Santa Fe restaurant and wine lounge hosts wine tasting classes Wednesdays at 18025 Calle Ambiente (in the Cielo Hillside Village). Tastings are \$15; reservations are required. Call 858-756-9333 or go to decanterwinelounge.com.

ENO-VERSITY AT THE HOTEL

DEL: ENO, the wine, cheese and chocolate tasting room at the Hotel del Coronado, has announced its 2009 classes for ENO-Versity. Classes are \$35 per person and start at 4 p.m.; call 619-522-8546 or go to hoteldel.com. The Hotel Del is at 1500 Orange Ave. in Coronado.

■ **Aug. 22:** Peter Cargasacchi

FIFTY BARRELS WINERY AND

TASTING ROOM: Hosts tastings from 5 to 8 p.m. Fridays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays at 3800 Oceanic Drive, Suite 106, Ocean-side. Call 760-696-2998 or go to carlsbadcoastal.com.

HOLIDAY WINE CELLAR: Daily tastings from 5:30-7 p.m. at 302 W. Mission Ave., Escondido. Wine Down Mondays feature five wine tastes for \$5 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays, and "Hop Over the Hump Wednesdays" are weekly beer-tasting events for \$5. Call 760-745-1200.

■ **5:30 p.m. Friday:** Ryan Hill of Hill Family Estate; \$15

■ **5:30 p.m. Monday:** Megan's Uber Grab Bag Flight Night; \$5

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