



*Jeff & Shelia's Adventures in Dining*



# *The Bayou Bar & Grill*

Murphy's Law of battery backup power systems for computers: "They will only fail when the power is already out." After one of these instances at Qualcomm in which the battery literally exploded into flames, the dedicated systems administration cleanup crew decided to unwind at San Diego's best New Orleans style restaurant, The Bayou Bar and Grill. After a few hours of live jazz music, thirst quenching Hurricanes, and tasty Cajon cooking we almost forgot about the events of the day. The evening didn't end just with dinner. Once The Bayou closed we moved the party to Deke Clinger's chic loft which was conveniently located two doors down and two floors up.



# Bully's East

While working under the tutelage of Dwight Fromm, Shelia and Jeff often found themselves leaving work long after most restaurants had closed for the evening. Thankfully, the kitchen at Bully's East in Mission Valley was always open until 12:15AM during the week and the



weekends! Not only do they have the best prime rib in

town, but the bar pours generous drinks and friendly conversation can always be found. One late Saturday night, Jeff tested Shelia's spontaneity by suggesting they square up their check and head out to Vegas for some poker and blackjack. Good thing we're rich in love, because we left Vegas with empty pockets!

# *Busalacchi's*

While scouting for new dining spots, Jeff and Shelia found something very special in Busalacchi's. An upscale Italian restaurant on Fifth Avenue in San Diego, Busalacchi's is an old two story house transformed into a quaint, friendly restaurant. Rain showers softly fell outside the first night we ate there, but the warmth of the people and the exquisite food more than compensated for the inclement weather. Just as we finished our meal and resolved to come back again very soon, we were pleasantly surprised to spot Kevin Hagen, a friend and co-worker. He stopped by our table and we discovered that he and his family were long time patrons of the establishment. Kevin surprised us by sending over a bottle of delightful Champagne which concluded our wonderful evening.



# Di Leone's

Before there was Shelia, before there was Qualcomm – there was Vito Di Leone's Italian restaurant in El Cajon. A small, yet charming little dining room, it was a family treat for Jeff and his parents after long evenings whacking golf balls at Singing Hills golf course. On one of their first dates, Jeff shared his love of Di Leone's with Shelia. We both agree that while the food is typical of

most Italian joints, the mozzarella pizza is out of this world! Fresh from the oven or served as either cold or hot leftovers, it has a unique flavor we can't find anywhere else. Even though they've since moved to a larger, more commercial location, we pledge to continue this family tradition!



# Emeril's



No trip to New Orleans is complete without visiting the mothership of Emeril Lagasse's food empire, named simply Emeril's. On our visit with Kevin Workman, we stopped in for lunch. Sammy Hagar (of Van Halen fame) was due in

the next day, so

we honored him by

drinking shots of his Cabo Wabo tequila over a meal of crawfish etouffee and creole BBQ shrimp. After lunch we treated our collective sweet tooth to a volcanic, Chocolate Grand Marnier soufflé. Our bellies had a tasty treat and our whistles were whet in preparation for our first night on Bourbon Street. BAM!



# Flagstaff House

In early 2002, Jeff and John Roden were diligently researching new storage networking technologies in Boulder, Colorado, when they stumbled upon the Flagstaff House. This fancy little restaurant is snuggled against the side of a mountain overlooking Boulder and the outskirts of Denver. Jeff was so impressed with the food and atmosphere, he insisted that Shelia come along the



next night when she flew in for skiing that weekend. We were amazed that a bottle of vintage 1994 Bordeaux was unceremoniously tossed in the garbage by their wine steward because he was unsatisfied with the sediment and bitter flavor. A second bottle was opened up and met the establishment's rigorous standards. If ever in the Boulder area, this place is a culinary treat.



# Miss June's



In the summer of 2000, Shelia and Jeff journeyed to the Caribbean isle of Nevis with their good friend Kevin Workman. Kevin suggested the group dine at Miss June's, a popular Nevis establishment frequented by many famous people, including Aerosmith. The trick was convincing Miss June to open her kitchen for us that night. Miss June remembered Kevin from an earlier trip so negotiations went smoothly. Food had

been simmering all day long and by the time our group arrived, it seemed there was an array of unique dishes sufficiently large enough to feed the whole island! Her blend of Caribbean cooking with traditional British Colonial recipes blended together to form a splendid supper. But the evening didn't end there. Miss June insists that all her guests stay until early the next morning, leisurely sipping rum punches, and heartily laughing at stories of island life.



# Le Cirque

The couple celebrated their first year anniversary by going to Las Vegas with Jeff's long time friend, and best man, John Koch and his girlfriend, Karen Penninger. Nothing could make this occasion more special than dining at Le Cirque, an ultra-exclusive French restaurant in the Bellagio hotel.



Unfortunately, we didn't have a reservation, and they were booked weeks in advance. On a whim, the group stopped by on their way to another restaurant and Jeff tried one final tactic – palming cash to the door staff. Amazingly, a table opened up! Jeff and Shelia shared the Chateaubriand and the wine steward suggested a complementary red wine. The final touch was a set of four special desserts with Shelia's plate being adorned in chocolate calligraphy, "Happy Anniversary!"

# Lillian's

The Gulf coastline near the border of Florida and Alabama is a favorite hang-out of popular musician, Jimmy Buffet. The chief Parrot-head is particularly fond of the Florabama bar which straddles the state line. On Jeff and Shelia's trip to this beautiful area in the summer of 2000, a humble pizza shop a few miles on the Florida side captured our hearts. Lillian's is your basic, no-frills pizzeria with the atmosphere of a convenience store, but the mushroom and garlic pizza was incredibly tasty! We topped it off with a couple of Corona's and we could almost hear the merry strains of Margaritaville floating in on the warm, gentle breeze.



# Little City

No California romance is complete without a trip to San Francisco. This was one of Jeff and Shelia's first vacations together and yet it still holds some of the most vibrant memories. Trying to impress his lady companion, Jeff suggested dinner at a place called Little City that he knew had fantastic roasted garlic and baked brie. (You see, before she fell in love with Jeff, Shelia had nurtured a long-time romance with both garlic and cheese.) Shelia was impressed! Dinner and wine blended with spirited conversation to create a perfect evening for the young lovers.



# Papas & Beer



Last summer Shelia's long-time friend Carter Granat visited San Diego. While he was here, Jeff and Shelia insisted on taking him to Rosarito Beach in Baja California, Mexico. Walking the streets, Carter was impressed with the wide assortment of items for sale on street displays. He enjoyed bargaining with the vendors and ended up the proud owner of a Rolex (albeit with dubious

pedigree) and a handsome, scorpion belt buckle. The culmination of our journey was several hours spent on the beach at Papas and Beer, a hangout and nightclub. Shelia had her hair braided and we all enjoyed several buckets of miniature Coronas while watching numerous "touristas" ride the mechanical bull. ¡Que divertido!

# Point Loma Seafoods

Point Loma Seafoods is a bustling little fish market with a busy parking lot and an even busier kitchen. They have an obscure method of ordering – just elbow your way to the front and relay your order to the first available person at the counter. All regular patrons know they will be subjected to answering the inevitable question, “Where’s the line?” from the ubiquitous newbies. Although getting in and out can be stressful, their food is fabulous and is a regular weekend pastime of many San Diegans. Jeff and Shelia enjoy getting their clam and oyster sandwiches to go and heading out to Shelter Island for a picnic style lunch with Ladybug, who likes to romp in the grass.



# *Spices Thai*

Southeast of Del Mar is a strip-mall restaurant named Spices Thai. Jeff, Shelia, and Sandra Gibson ate there as a good-bye luncheon when Sandra left Qualcomm to pursue her dream: becoming a novelist. Over phad thai noodles, Jeff mentioned he had an extra ticket for a Padres playoff game and Sandra suggested that Shelia fill the seat. She did and this was the first night Shelia and Jeff had a real opportunity to get to know each other. Thanks to Sandra's keen suggestion, Jeff and Shelia moved one step closer to marital bliss.



# Yumi's



Alphabetically last on our list of special restaurants, but first in our hearts is Yumi's Sushi. Yumi is the owner, chef, waitress, and comedian all built into one. Shelia had been here many times before Jeff entered her life, and many Qualcomm'ers have been frequenting Yumi's for years. By far the friendliest restaurant in the universe, most patrons come on a regular schedule, once a week on a particular night. Dinner here is an all-night affair, usually finishing with plum wine somewhere around midnight.

A unique aspect of Yumi's is that she encourages customers to invent their own personalized sushi specials with whatever ingredients they dream up (and she can stock). After establishing a regular routine of dining with Yumi every Thursday night, Jeff and Shelia created a spicy sushi roll. While searching for a name to christen their roll, Yumi noted their constant warm affection and said, "You two are like a couple of lovebirds – always together hugging and kissing." After that, the name of this roll was self evident – The Lovebirds!



Your attendance has made our multi-splendiferous wedding day more complete. We are extremely happy to have you share in our pledge of love and commitment to each other.

We'd like to extend a special thanks to Brad Boggess for his artistic efforts in putting together this "Adventures in Dining" seating theme. Thank you, Brad!

-Jeff and Shelia Krueger

