

Sugar Plum visions

News from Sugar Plum Bakery

Summer 2007

Retired employee leaves good memories for Sugar Plum Bakery family

One of the Sugar Plum Bakery's favorite sons has retired, after an impressive 20-year career. Darryl Lawrence, who worked at Sugar Plum since its founding in 1987, moved to Florida in April.

When I was interviewing for the position of executive director, I asked if I could take a tour of the facility," recalls Trish Clark. "I vividly remember Darryl coming around the corner with his big smile to greet me. I met Ms. Lillie, Joel and Darryl that day and I will never forget it. Darryl is a wonderful spirit and we all miss him very much."

As a valued employee, Darryl was responsible for janitorial duties. During a typical shift, Darryl cleaned bathrooms, scrubbed floors, removed trash, shined stainless and cleaned sinks. "He worked independently and was very thorough with all his tasks," Trish says. "Darryl was a pleasure to work with and always cared about his work and others."

Both on the job and off, Darryl's personality made him a favorite. He was a hit at the bakery's Christmas parties, and he loved to sing karaoke. "Darryl lived close to me so I would often take him home if the bus did not come to pick him up," Trish says. "He loved listening to Bob 93.7 and always sang to the radio. He knew so many songs and so many different types of music."

At home, Darryl helps with housework and even cleans the remote controls. He appreciates a neat, orderly environment. He loves to cook and is a very good cook, Trish adds. Darryl is also an avid reader and loves romance novels.

We wish Darryl well in his retirement and feel certain that he's already made new friends in Florida.

In a letter to the Sugar Plum Bakery staff Darryl's mother expressed how much Sugar Plum meant to him:

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you at the Sugar Plum Bakery for making the 20



years of career services of Darryl Lawrence the experience that placed him at the doorsteps of working society and beyond. I would be remiss not to mention that without Sugar Plum Bakery and the opportunities for those, especially those with handicaps, the City of Virginia Beach would be minus the option of having a solid source of skill building, learning and community sharing, as well as the joy the bakery brings to so many in the Hampton Roads area on a day-to-day basis.

Darryl has enjoyed his tenure at Sugar Plum. It has enabled him to build structure in his life and taught him true dedication to service. It has brought him 'together' with his community and people he calls his 'friends.' It has been instrumental in his individual growth as a person and invaluable in teaching him the importance of his contribution in 'Working America' as a stable and responsible citizen. It has provided him with a standard of living that encompasses the 'American Dream.' This experience will remain a very special part of Darryl's memories, forever.

Again, thank you ever so much for your kindness and consideration in all that you have done for and with Darryl over the past 20 years."



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Our Mission

The mission of Sugar Plum Bakery is to serve the needs of persons with disabilities through training, employment, and education. Sugar Plum Bakery will promote the integration of people with mental and physical disabilities into society by helping them become independent and working, contributing members of our communities.

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Dear friends and neighbors

With birthdays, weddings and graduations, the spring season has been hopping at Sugar Plum Bakery. Many people

in our area continue to choose the bakery to provide treats for their special events, and we are grateful for their support.

And speaking of special events, I'm delighted to give you a recap of our 2007 Sugar Plum Bakery Annual Golf Classic held early in May. Yet again, Chuck Ferrer and his committee produced a spectacular tournament. Hearty congratulations go out to the winning team from U.S. Termite and Moisture Control – Mike Pelletier, Sean Albert, Ronnie Hord and Bob Ryan.

A special feature this year involved golfers who participated in the "Whole Nine Yards." These lucky players were surprised when they came off the # 4 green by Clay Pokorney, Dean Hurst's (Golf Committee member and Bayville Golf Club pro) Foot Joy representative, who presented them with a pair of Foot Joy's laceless "Real Fit" shoes! It really does pay to play.

Our sincere appreciation goes out to our tournament sponsors – Hall Automotive, title sponsor; JM & A, dinner sponsor; Tank Lines, WAVY-TV 10, Midstream Fuel, lunch sponsors; Gallico, John Harris/Affordable Homes, and Galliford-Mullard, beverage cart sponsors. Also, Moran Towing, ExxonMobil, Sysco Food Services of Hampton Roads and Dann Marine were all scorecard sponsors. Our Hole-in-One sponsors were Southern Hospitality Auto Group, Hall Mazda, The Priority Auto Group and Lynnhaven Marine.

Thanks to so many people, the golf classic was a well-attended great day, with good fun, food and camaraderie, which has become the hallmark of our annual event. If you'd like to be part of the fun next year, mark your calendars for April 29, 2008, and be sure to sign up early because we sold out again this year.

The Golf Classic was a huge success, and the funds raised will go a long way in contributing to our endowment to help ensure that Sugar Plum Bakery will continue to serve the community for many years to come. Thank you for your support of our vital mission.



Thad Nowak

President, Sugar Plum Board of Directors



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Super new sandwiches at Sugar Plum Café

Pretzel bread sandwiches and **roast beef specialty sandwiches** are just a few of the delicious lunch items on the new Sugar Plum Bakery Café menu. The San Fran Dip – roast beef, provolone and sautéed onions on a sour dough roll – comes with au jus dipping sauce. Or, you may prefer roast beef, Swiss cheese, tomato, onion and horseradish sauce on rye bread, grilled to perfection.

Some of the menu items put you in charge. Sandwich and salad builders give you plenty of options to create your favorites. Stop by soon to sample some of these tasty new lunch selections.



Be a Sugar Plum Sweetheart

We can always use more helping hands at Sugar Plum, especially volunteers to work as retail assistants, helping our customers with their bakery needs and packaging their purchases. If you have some time to donate, please call us at 757-422-3913 to find out how you can put your talents into service.

Wish List: We could really use a new vacuum cleaner, stand up model with crevice tool and hose to clean cases and corners. Preferably with easy-to-find bags.



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