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## Wine & Dine, But Start On-Line!

By Melissa Galea

Are you looking for something good to eat? Instead of rummaging through the refrigerator and clearing out your pantry shelves, why not search on-line for your next meal?

WindsorEats.com is a website showcasing a variety of dining options throughout Windsor and Essex County. Whether it's time for breakfast or an after dinner drink, if you're meeting a client for lunch or just treating yourself, WindsorEats.com has what you're hungry for.

The website was launched in 2004, when sibling duo Adriano and Pina Ciotoli recognized the need to promote local dining establishments. After returning to the same restaurants over and over, Adriano realized that having a menu available in advance would make him, and other hungry patrons, more apt to try something new. He set out to build a comprehensive listing of what to eat and where, and in 2006 was joined by his sister Pina who now co-owns WindsorEats.com.

The site is easy to navigate and catalogues


dining establishments by cuisine as well as location. Are you craving sushi in South Windsor? Or would you prefer crepes in LaSalle? If you're not quite sure, you can simply browse full restaurant menus. Once you've decided, you can even book your reservations on-line.

In addition to promoting local dining, WindsorEats.com supports the community scene by including a monthly events listing of all the great festivals and things to do in the area.

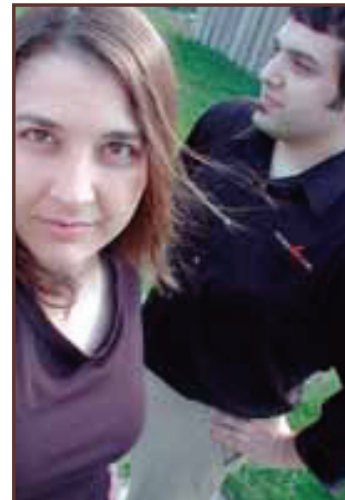
To Adriano and Pina, facilitating community involvement is important, but the need to help out local businesses is especially urgent at this time. Large corporate chains that

infuse our city's strips are tough competition for smaller dining establishments, despite their comparative lack of ambiance.

"Rather than going to a chain restaurant, we always encourage people to try one of the many local restaurants and cafes, owned by people who are a part of this community," explains Adriano. "Promoting dining in our region is something we believe contributes to the liveliness of our city and county, both culturally and economically."

So the next time you are deciding what to eat, forget about the yellow pages, the grocery aisles, or your favourite chain. Instead visit WindsorEats.com and try something that is unique to our city. 

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WindsorEats.com owners brother and sister, Adriano and Pina Ciotoli