



Owner and River Creek resident Rich Rosendale, welcoming his neighbors to Roots 657 Cafe

NEIGHBORS NIGHT OUT AT ROOTS 657 CAFE

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On March 7th, 35 residents and a few of our *On the Banks* sponsors came out for a fun evening at Roots 657 Café in Leesburg. Located at the intersection of Route 657 and 15, the Café and Market is co-owned by Chef and River Creek resident Richard Rosendale. Rich began cooking with both his grandmothers at a young age, and since then has competed on the world stage against some of the best chefs across the globe. A certified Master Chef, Rich was the youngest ever to pass the grueling exam to become a Master Chef.

Rich was there to greet us when we arrived and waited on all of us throughout the evening, stopping to visit each table and say Hello and chat. Also present were co-owners Danny Sterling and Muriel Sarmadi who, along with their staff, made sure we were taken care of with drinks and plenty of food the entire evening.

Muriel came up with the concept of Roots 657. After buying a piece of land outside of Leesburg, and needing a place to eat close by, she decided to start a café, and thus the idea for Roots 657 was born. The café offers eat-in and take-out meals featuring regionally curated products, house-made soups, salads, and wiches and fresh-baked goods. The shop also showcases the works of regional artisans, house-made gourmet foods, artisanal cheeses, a wonderful wine selection along with beautiful housewares. They even have a colorful selection of candybins and hand-dipped ice



cream! Several of us enjoyed browsing and purchasing items after we were finished eating.


Speaking of dinner, we had the pleasure of sampling a variety of their signature meals including the Roots 18-Hour Smoked Brisket, Pulled Pork, Smoke-house Chili, Baked Mac and Cheese, Marinated Slaw, Mixed Green Salad, Chocolate Cake, and warm Apple Cobbler. What a spread and some of the best BBQ ever! Many of the residents said that the delicious and mouth-watering brisket was their favorite item on the menu, while the corn pudding was a close second. One of the residents commented that the presentation, service and hospitality were great! Many oth-

ers remarked on the comfortable and relaxing atmosphere of the café and the fantastic food.

All the residents said they will definitely come back again and would recommend the café to their friends. It was a wonderful evening filled with delicious food and great people! Special thanks to the chefs and staff of Roots 657 Café!

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