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Cafe Talk

Fall 2010



Ask Babs

This is a chance for you, our curious customers, to "Ask Babs" anything about the Halfway or life in general.

Be fore-warned that Babs knows a little about a lot, and is an expert on nothing!

With that said, please email any of your questions to:
askbabs@thehalfwaycafe.com

Q: Babs, my wife and I are so excited to come watch football at the Halfway in Dedham! Do you have any specials going on during the games this season?
-Tim, West Roxbury

A: Tim, I am glad you asked! First of all, we have the NFL Sunday Ticket AND the Big Ten football package in all locations again this season so you can watch all your favorite teams!

As for specials during the games, we will be offering All-You-Can-Eat wings during ALL NFL and ALL Big Ten games in the bar this season!

Nothing goes better with wings than football, right? Well maybe a beer or two! Don't forget we have \$1.75 small drafts in all locations as well!

Until next time! ~Babs

Milky's Useless Facts

By: John "Milky" Adams

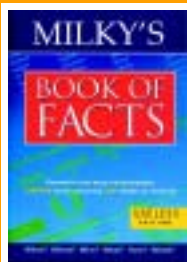
Happy 20th Anniversary Halfway!

Hello again to all my useless fact worshippers.

The Halfway Cafe has been serving up great food & fun since 1990.

Now I could have left it at that, but I needed to know more. I wondered what else had been

around since 1990, and I am sure many of you have thought the same thing. I searched high and low to come up with a list of companies, products,
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The Halfway Cafe Turns 20!

This Fall marks the 20th Anniversary of the Halfway Cafe in Dedham being purchased.

In 1990 John Grasso and David Steen couldn't have been happier to open up a restaurant together!

As two bartenders who had worked together for years, they were the perfect duo to open a successful restaurant. Who new that would eventually mean multiple successful restaurants 20 years later?

As some of you already know, we lost David "Big Boy" Steen to lung cancer in November of 2006. Although he is not with us to celebrate the 20th Anniversary, John & David's vision that the Halfway Cafe is about the people still lives on.

We want to thank you, our guests, for your loyalty and patronage over the past twenty years. As a token of our appreciation for being so great to us, we will be hosting a week-long celebration this Fall including a variety of events and promotions as our gift to YOU!

Please stay tuned to find out when the celebrations will begin in all locations!

***Thank you for your support 20 years ago and today!
From your Family at the Halfway Café***



Featured Halfway Cafe Employee:

Martir Francisco Lazo
- Head Chef/ Kitchen Manager - Watertown

You most likely have never met him, and you probably very rarely even see him, but take our word for it Martir

(or "Cisco" as we call him) is always in the Watertown kitchen making sure your food tastes delicious and gets to you in a timely manner. Cisco is always working hard in the kitchen and he manages to always have a smile on his face while doing it.

Cisco has worked in kitchens for as long as he can remember, but we have been fortunate enough to have him working with us for the last 11 years! That's right, he is one of our more than twenty employees who have worked with us for five years or more and are a part of the Halfway Hall of Fame. Prior to working at the Halfway, Cisco worked at a few other restaurants (continued)

and whatever else I could find that have been around for 20 years!

There are thousands of findings, but here is a list of the more familiar names:

Bath & Body Works
ABC Family Channel
Interscope Records
Jamba Juice Smoothies
Lucky Brand Jeans
Sirius Satellite Radio
Time Warner Inc.
Universal Studios Florida
Kid Cuisine
Super Nintendo Game System
CambridgeSide Galleria
Internet Movie Database (IMDb)
Adobe Photoshop
T-Mobile

Bonus Useless Fact:

The original Law & Order, which just ended this past May, premiered September 13, 1990, which was ONE day before the Halfway in Dedham officially opened!

Ideas for future segments? Email me at milky@thehalfwaycafe.com and I'll be your blue ribbon, useless fact finding commissioner!

Halfway Cafe Recipe for the Season Stuffed Acorn Squash

1 large squash – cut in half, remove seeds, bake (cut side down) about 30 minutes.

1/2 cup Diced Onions
1/2 cup Sliced Mushrooms
1 tbsp Chopped Garlic
1 lb Italian Sausage Meat
1/2 cup Frozen Corn Kernels
1/4 cup Butter, Melted
1 cup Seasoned Bread Crumbs

Stuffing: Saute in butter Diced Onions, Sliced Mushrooms, and Chopped Garlic. Remove from heat, put in bowl. Add to bowl: raw Italian Sausage meat, frozen corn kernels, melted butter, Seasoned Bread Crumbs, and salt and pepper to taste. Mix well, stuff the squash. Cover with foil, bake at 350 for about 1 hour until squash is tender and stuffing is cooked through.

Enjoy!



in the area including Sage and Luciano's on route 1. Cisco currently lives in Lynn and has lived in the states for about 13 years now, but he was born and raised in El Salvador. He still has family in El Salvador, but hasn't had a chance to return home to visit since he has been here. Cisco is the second youngest of his seven siblings and has two children of his own, Michael 11, and Paola 9. The Halfway is Cisco's second family. He loves the staff in Watertown and other Halfway locations as well. That is one of the main reasons he is always smiling, and even on the busiest days Cisco keeps the staff smiling too by asking "Are we having fun yet?!"

Speaking of fun, here's a fun fact about Cisco that even some of his co-workers may not know. He was the winner of the first-ever Safari Dog Eating Contest held at the Halfway Cafe in Marlboro back in 2001. He managed to finish the Safari Dog in 4 minutes!

When Cisco is not at the Halfway you will most likely find him at the casino or out on the water fishing and sipping on a Heineken! Whether he is at the Halfway or doing something fun on his days off, he makes sure everyone around him is having a good time. We are grateful to have Cisco as a part of our Halfway family, and we honestly don't know what we would do without him!

Fundraising: Cafe Kickback Program



Here at the Halfway Cafe, we always do our best to become involved in all of the communities that surround each of our seven restaurants. Over the past twenty years, we have held many fundraising events, the largest being our Annual Charity Holiday Auctions and Annual Golf Tournament, amongst many other fundraising events that have benefited local charities.

This summer we were able to raise \$20,140 for the Jimmy Fund at our 11th Annual Charity Golf Tournament. Because of events like these, the Halfway Cafe has been able to donate over \$345,000 to local food pantries, homeless shelters, The Jimmy Fund, MDA, Make a Wish Foundation, Boys and Girls Clubs, Habitat for Humanity and many other local organizations over the past twenty years. Social responsibility is very important to us at the Halfway and in looking for ways to increase our community involvement, we have created the "Cafe Kickback" Program.

This is our way of becoming more involved with local organizations such as schools, sports teams, churches, national associations, scout troops, charitable causes, hospitals, and other local fundraisers in order to give something back to the community. Your team, group or organization chooses a specific date to host a Cafe Kickback fundraiser at one of our Halfway Cafe locations. On that date, from open to close, when your supporters dine in or order take out from the specified Halfway Cafe location and present a "Donation Ticket" that we have created for your organization, a certain percentage of those sales (excluding tax & gratuity) will be donated back to your organization!

Percentages we will donate back to your organization are as follows:

Sales up to \$500 – 10% will be donated
Sales between \$501–\$1,000 – 15% will be donated
Sales over \$1,000 – 20% will be donated

To get started, visit our Cafe Kickback page on the website and print out an application. Bring the application in to the location you wish to host your Cafe Kickback fundraiser, and speak with a manager to set a date. Once you have a date we will get the Donation Tickets to you and you can email or hand them out to supporters of your organization.

Please email Arlene@thehalfwaycafe.com with any questions.