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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 your questions to:
askbabs@thehalfwaycafe.com

Q: Babs, I come to your Holbrook location about 3 times a week, during the day as well as at night. On certain days I notice mostly country music being played and I am not a big fan! Can you do something about the music selection?
-Nancy Holbrook, MA

A: Nancy, thanks for writing in, and letting us know about your experience! I have to tell you that ALL of our Halfway locations now have jukeboxes so that you can make your own music selections. Also, if you are feeling a little more adventurous you should visit one of our locations that holds karaoke!

Dedham Wednesdays @ 9:30pm
Marlboro Mondays @ 9pm
Canton Tuesdays @ 9pm
Marshfield Wednesdays @ 9pm

Come on in and sing your heart out, Nance!

-Babs

Welcome back to another installment of Cafe Talk! We are well into the summer months now, and I must admit that it has definitely felt more like Fall and even Winter around here lately. Here's to the rest of the summer being sunny and warm. Cheers!

As I mentioned in the first issue, we want to write about things that YOU want to read about, so if you have any suggestions, or questions, we will gladly welcome your input at comments@thehalfwaycafe.com.

Please enjoy,
From All of Us at the Halfway Café

Today's Halfway History Lesson: It's Buzz Sauce...NO...It's Cafe!

Have you ever ventured beyond Buffalo sauce on your wings and tried either the Café sauce or the Buzz sauce? Did you know that the Buzz sauce was originally going to be the Café sauce but by accident a new Café sauce was created and as a result the Buzz sauce recipe sat in a drawer for fifteen years! Let us attempt to explain what happened almost twenty years ago...

John Grasso had a recipe from a downtown Boston restaurant that he had worked at. So one night he and his business partner, Big Boy Steen set up shop in Big Boy's kitchen to test the recipe.

John wanted to stick exactly to the original recipe while Big Boy wanted to add and subtract ingredients as he went along. Thus they ended up with two different sauces

on the testing table. To Grasso's surprise Big Boy agreed that the original recipe was a better product. Grasso decided to take a quick cat nap on Big Boy's sofa. The nap ended up being two hours and in the interim Big Boy went to work. Since he only slept during the day he was ready to rock and roll the night away creating...

He took the recipe and added Ah So sauce to it. The clincher, that wasn't revealed until years later, was how and why he decided to add tarragon! He was looking in his spice cabinet for cayenne pepper and he accidentally knocked a CONTAINER of tarragon into his sauce mix. Always being a crafty individual, he removed the excess tarragon in the sauce. He loved the aroma of the mixture and immediately woke Grasso up and told him that he had the sauce that was going to propel their business. Grasso agreed and went back to sleep. Thus, the Café Sauce was born.

The Original Cafe sauce sat in a drawer for almost fifteen years until Grasso dug up the recipe, and made up a batch for Big Boy to test. Big Boy loved it and asked Grasso where he got the recipe. Grasso then told him that it was a Big Boy creation that we decided to put on the back burner because his original creation was too outstanding! Big Boy was sold and 2005 gave birth to the Halfway Buzz Sauce. There are many Big Boy creations that have graced the Halfway menu...Halfway Chicken Sandwich, Chicken Ala Halfway, Halfway Mashed Potatoes, Breaded Craw Fish but the best and brightest Big Boy creation to his legacy was the Café Sauce.

You will never be forgotten my friend ...



Halfway Cafe Recipe for the Season

Our Corporate Chef, Steve Allegro, has provided a recipe for you to try at home!

Eggplant Rollitinis

Ingredients:

1 Large Eggplant, peeled & sliced thinly lengthwise

1 Cup Flour

2 Cups Seasoned Bread Crumbs

3 Eggs, beaten

1 Cup Shredded Mozzarella

Combine Following for Cheese Mix:

4 Eggs, beaten

2 Lbs Ricotta Cheese

1 Lb Shredded Mozzarella

2 Tbsp Ground Black Pepper

1/2 Cup Grated Parmesan

Directions:

Dip each slice in flour, egg, then seasoned breadcrumbs.

Fry each slice in 350 deg oil until golden brown. Drain, cool to room temperature.

Lay out slices. On the bottom of each slice, place about 1/4 cup cheese mix. Roll slice up, put in casserole.

When all rolled, place in 350 deg oven until hot through center.

Remove from oven, top with warm marinara and shredded mozzarella.

Place in oven to melt. Serve with your favorite pasta, garlic toast, and a nice green salad.

First EVER Halfway Cafe MINI Golf Tournament

So you didn't participate in the regular golf tournament because you wouldn't be able to hit the broad side of a barn with a golf ball, right? Well you're in luck because there is NO excuse as to why you can't play in our MINI Golf Tournament!

On Saturday August 8th at 11am the BEST and the WORST two-somes will meet...at the Halfway Cafe in Holbrook! The mini golf course is right next to our Holbrook location behind Crescent Ridge Dairy Bar.

The cost is \$40 per person and includes mini golf, food, drink ticket, ice cream, event T-shirt, live entertainment, and more. There will be plenty of raffles and auctions with great prizes. All proceeds will benefit the Sean Joyce Foundation.

Ask your server for a sign-up sheet or call our Holbrook location for more details at (781)767-2900.

Milky's Useless Facts

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By John "Milky" Adams

Your useless fact finding guru is focusing this time around on people who share a name with someone famous, since I am one of them. Growing up I heard "is your middle name Quincy?". These days it's "dude I love your cousin's beer", a classic.

I have found over 2 dozen Halfway employees who also have a famous name.

Among them are:

Marshfield's Sean Finn (Mayor of Saint Lambert, Quebec)

Area Director Mike James (guard for the Washington Wizards)

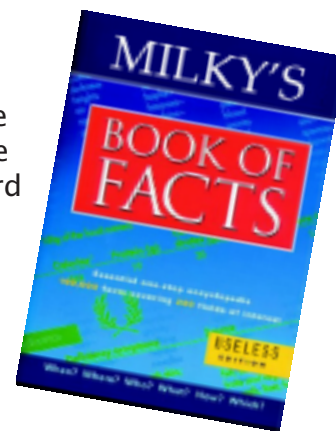
Holbrook's Paul Mitchell (co-founder of John Paul Mitchell hair care products)

Watertown's Robert Pettit (co-creator of the Tinkertoy)

Canton's Patrick O'Sullivan (forward for the Edmonton Oilers)

Dedham's Juan Meza (super bantamweight champ aka "Kid Meza")

Marlboro's Julie Campbell (author of the "Trixie Beldon Mystery" series).



Featured Halfway Cafe Employee: Jenn Sayers, Bartender/Server

Allow us to introduce one of the most well-known servers in the company. The Halfway Cafe Dedham... where Jenn knows everyone's name! If you have been to the Halfway in Dedham within the last 11 years, Jenn has probably waited on you. If so, she most likely knows your name, age, what you do for work, where you live, and your blood type!



Jenn Sayers was born in Boston and raised in the Riverdale section of Dedham. Jenn started working in the restaurant industry when she was only 15 years old. She came to the Halfway in 1998 through Sean Finn, who has been with the company for 19 years.

She had her daughter, Kelsey, in 1995 and moved to Canton in 1998. Jenn is a Dedham girl at heart and has been at the Halfway Cafe in Dedham for 11 years now. Jenn has worked in most of our Halfway locations through their openings and trained many of our current staff members in various Halfway locations. She has many ties to the Halfway Cafe including meeting her husband at the Halfway in Dedham. Her daughter also recently started hostessing at the Halfway in Canton.

Jenn started nursing school in September of 2005, while still working full time. Unfortunately, she will be leaving the Halfway in August to pursue her nursing career at Norwood Hospital. Jenn leaving the Halfway is bittersweet because we hate to see her go, but we wish her nothing but the best in her new career. She has made many great friends throughout the years, and since family is the most important thing to Jenn, we hope that she will miss her Halfway family as much as we will miss her.

Jenn has plenty of hilarious stories from over the years, none of which we could put in print, but if you ask her she will surely tell you!