

The Rainbow Restaurant - a Staple in Downtown Oshawa

Anyone who is looking for a good breakfast is bound to find their way to the Rainbow Restaurant located on Simcoe Street.

The Rainbow restaurant has been downtown Oshawa since 1960. At that time, the downtown was considered 'the hub' of the City, with there only being a north GM plant a few restaurants in town. In order to accommodate the needs of the shift workers who wanted to grab some food before heading home, the Rainbow was open 24 hours as day.

Chris Givelas, his father John and two brothers (Nick and Steve) were the driving force behind this monumental project. As immigrants from Greece in the 1950's, the family pulled together, worked very hard and opened up the Rainbow. This family business has

been passed from one generation to the next, with the current owner/operator being Chris' son. This photo was taken in February when Chris recently celebrated his birthday with family and friends.

Louie, grew up at the Rainbow restaurant, spending many hours talking to the patrons. He realized, listening to their stories, sharing their sorrows, triumphs and challenges, that the Rainbow became family to many people in Oshawa. This is evident as many people who come to the Rainbow today have made this a part of their everyday lives. The Rainbow has become a destination restaurant and is not only one of the oldest restaurants in Canada, it is a historical landmark in Oshawa.



Through the ages, Oshawa had seen its ups and downs. The Rainbow has endured all of these challenges. The family at the Rainbow is excited to see the growth in the downtown, the new University campuses

and all the development in the downtown. Come in, meet the regulars and become a new customer discovering the Rainbow!