

Founders of 82nd Street Cafe count customers, employees as blessings

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It would be impossible for Larry and Sherry Pierson and their son, Randy, founders of 82nd Street Cafe, to count the plates of hot, made-from-scratch meals that they've served since 1988 – but their kitchen staff knows the names and orders of their loyal customers, some of which dine at the cafe more than once a day.

It would also take some time for the family to tally up the number of “perfect scores” they have received in restaurant health inspections over the past two decades, but they can tell you that they've run out of room on the wall to hang the awards.

One thing the Piersons can quickly count, though, is their blessings. Larry, Sherry and Randy, who bought the majority interest of the business in 2006, attribute the cafe's success to their wonderful customers and employees.

“We are so grateful for our customers,” Larry says. “They have allowed us to be a thriving member of the business community for so long, and have made it possible for our family and our employees to make a living. If it weren't for our customers, we'd have to find something else to do!

“Sherry and I have also benefitted from the long-term friendships we've been able to establish over the years,” he adds. “We feel so fortunate and blessed.”

Of course, it would be difficult to keep the customers coming without great employees.

“The longevity of our employees means a lot. Our full-time staff averages more than five years with us,” Larry says. “A consistent staff means consistently good food – and that’s very important to us. We want our meals to meet your expectations every time!”

If you haven’t tried 82nd Street Cafe, the Pierson family invites you to stop by!

You can dine-in and carry-out, or drive-thru if you’re short on time. 82nd Street Cafe serves their meals in a “fast casual” way – everything is made-to-order, but you’ll still have time to relax and enjoy your lunch hour.

The daily special menu is available at lunch and dinner, and features favorites like roast beef with mashed potatoes, brown gravy and a hot roll; chicken fried steak with mashed potatoes, cream gravy, pinto beans, salad and a hot roll; or southwestern chicken strips with a vegetable medley, salad and a hot roll. Each of these meals is just \$7.49! 82nd Street Cafe also has a full menu of breakfast, lunch and dinner items, including burgers, desserts and sandwiches.

82nd Street Cafe is located at 3416 82nd Street, west of Indiana Avenue. The cafe is open Monday through Saturday from 6:30 a.m. until 9 p.m., with full breakfast, lunch and dinner menus and daily specials.

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