

Restaurant of the Month Hideout



Story and photo by Rich Peine

Want to go to a friendly place that serves a great meal, has plenty of ambiance and Keys flavor? Look no farther. At MM 103.5 (ocean side), turn onto Transylvania Ave., and go to the end.

The breakfast menu is second to none. Everything from Lox and Bagels, Biscuits and Gravy to Eggs Benedict Try the sausage; it's the best around. Lunch is another treat. They have a 6 oz Hebrew National hot dogs, a variety of salads, and fish or shrimp baskets, just to mention a few.

Barry is the owner (he likes the title "manager") and is assisted by Kathy who keeps an eye on things. They're always ready to take care of their patrons.

Barry came to the Keys 23 years ago from NYC and opened up the place. That's a

long time to keep a restaurant going. Few eateries survive that long. You can tell he likes what he's doing. He has a grin on his face even when the serious side of business occupies him.

Kathy has lived here in the Keys since she was 2 years old. She has worked at the Hideout for the past 13 years

The Coconut Telegraph isn't the first newspaper to discover the Hideout. It has been written up in the Times of London (England)

The hideout is open seven days a week from 7AM to 2 PM. They also have a Friday night all you can eat fish fry. Treat yourself and stop by.

Artist of the Month Darryl Norem at Gallery 94



The Coconut Telegraph has chosen Darryl Norem as Artist of the Month for November 2008. We have been hearing about her work for the past 2 years and after she opened her new studio at 94410 Overseas Highway, oceanside in Key Largo we were able to see for ourselves her amazing yet difficult to describe work.

The following is a description from Darryl's brochure.

"Darryl Norem's one-of-a-kind artworks are made of hand-cut, laminated foam-core and museum board to create dimensional surfaces. The tiled and patterned areas are then attached to these surfaces. It is a landscape puzzle of shapes, forms, color and textures methodically patchworked together. Her painting is

expressive and full of energetic movement. It is cheerful, vivid, whimsical and invigorating.

A resident of Key Largo for the past 12 years, Darryl was born in Alberta, Canada and raised primarily on the New York,



Connecticut border close to Manhattan. She directed an art gallery for seven years and has shown professionally in art festivals and galleries since 1982. Her childhood fascination with new locations and traveling on a road to a new adventure is the seed for her current body of artwork."

Stop by Darryl's new working studio and showplace or make an appointment 561-719-2666, or check out her website at noremart.com.

Lessons of a Legend

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presence drew them in like moths to a flame. Capt. Tony just loved people, and they knew it; he loved to make them smile.

Capt. Tony's wife, Marty Tarracino told Miami Herald reporter Cammy Clark that Tony... "really lived his life; it was a great ride... Tony needed to see the public and the public needed him." She felt that making people happy was his greatest goal." She told Clark that the highlight of his life was when he was elected Mayor of Key West in 1989. Tony loved Key West just as it was. He'd fought to save the Mallory Square sunset celebration; and to keep urban development from swallowing up the character of the island he loved. On his 92nd birthday this year, Captain Tony was honored with a plaque appointing him Mayor Emeritus of Key West and proclaiming that August 10 will be celebrated as Captain Tony Day forevermore.

Capt. Tony's youngest son TJ, Anthony Tarracino, Jr., said his Dad's greatest quality was compassion, and his gift was making everyone feel important. Captain Tony has said on many occasions that life is all about people, and in his last couple of days he'd told TJ that life is nothing but memories.

For the past five years, the legendary Capt. Tony has been on life support; his body was failing him but he wasn't finished with living yet. He'd

been determined to tell his side of the stories, and to impart the wisdom he'd gained on his journey. In September he'd been featured in the cover story in The Conch Republic Coconut Telegraph in Key Largo; by November "Life Lessons of a Legend" was a huge success; and his family had gathered around him for the festivities. What more could any man ask for?



Anthony Tarracino • 1916-2008

Captain Tony departed life the way he'd lived it, on his own terms. Now more than ever, Capt. Tony is with all of us, his spirit no longer confined to a hospital bed or a frail

body that belied the strength and the youth in his eyes. At the Pier House on Saturday evening someone said "We lost one of the good ones today," and my reply was "We lost one of the great ones today!"

A public viewing is scheduled from 4 to 8 PM at the Dean Lopez Funeral Home on Simonton St. in Key West, with Capt. Tony's funeral Mass scheduled for 11 AM on Saturday, Nov. 8 at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church on Truman St., followed by a reception at 1 PM for family and friends at Captain Tony's Saloon. Captain Tony's book can be purchased at his famous Saloon, in bookstores all over Key West, and online through Amazon.com or through the author's website at bradmanard.com.



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