

Lo Presti's at Maxwell's Extends a Heartfelt Thanks to Hamilton as they Bid Farewell

Lo Presti's

When Lo Presti's at Maxwell's closes its doors on Saturday, April 23, downtown Hamilton will be saying goodbye to a premier fine-dining establishment. Known for its cozy, family atmosphere and rich selection of authentic Italian fare, Lo Presti's boasts over four decades of history.

Renowned chef and restaurateur Terry Terpyo and his wife Kalipso have owned the Jackson Street East restaurant since October 2008. The couple feels honoured to have had the opportunity to take over Lo Presti's at Maxwell's and to have built upon its legacy.

Weddings, baby showers, birthdays, anniversaries, and every other milestone have been held in the elegant Terrace Room. "We've had families celebrate the same child's baptism, communion, and confirmation here. We were honoured to have been a part of these celebrations and to have helped make them memorable. We have regulars that come in each week and many clients that we see every once in a while, and we're always happy to get reacquainted, sharing stories and laughter," says Kalipso. "I always said that when you first walked through the doors of Lo Presti's you were a guest, but upon leaving you were part of the family. We worked hard to achieve that relationship with each and every one of our guests. When they tell us they feel like they're home, it means the world to us."

While Kalipso and Terry will miss their guests, they will not be sorry to say goodbye to the long hours it takes to run a busy restaurant. "Terry would be at work from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. six days a week to ensure the quality and consistency of our meals," says Kalipso. "Many clients mentioned they would see Terry's truck parked in the parking lot on their way to work, and they would joke that they knew all was well in Hamilton."

Terry has been a chef for over 45 years. Most items on the menu at Lo Presti's are made in-house together with his hard-working and dedicated kitchen crew. When a regular client would order something out of the ordinary, Terry would ask the server to check to make sure that was what they wanted. Such is the personalized level of service at Lo Presti's, not only remembering clients' names but what they ordered. With that kind of attention to detail, it's easy to see why many guests travelled from Toronto, Kitchener, Guelph, and beyond to dine at Lo Presti's at Maxwell's.

Kalipso worked front of the house along with a great team of servers to ensure every guest was taken care of to the utmost standards. "Our staff is the best any business owner could ask for," says Kalipso. "Lo Presti's is our home away from home, and they are our work family. Together we



upheld the best service standards. Terry and I would like to extend our deep gratitude and thanks to each and every staff member for all of their hard work. We couldn't have done it without them and we wish our staff the very best with their future endeavours."

Terry and Kalipso would also like to thank their daughters, Alexandra and Kristina. "They were born into the business and have been on this journey with us every step of the way. Their support, love, and sacrifice made it possible for us to accomplish what we have. When our son-in-law Chris joined our family, he gave us his love and support as well," says Kalipso.

The couple looks forward to relaxing and doing simple things like going to a cottage in the summer and spending time with friends and family, especially their beautiful grandson.

"When we're asked what we will do now, our answer is to enjoy the time we never had. Relax, catch our breath, and wait for the world to get back in order," says Kalipso.

"As we near the end of our time at Lo Presti's it is bittersweet for us. Terry very much hoped that Lo Presti's at Maxwell's would continue serving Hamilton, but we are fortunate to have had this time together with everyone who came through our door. For as much as they have touched our lives, we hope we have touched theirs as well. We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts."

