



Bienvenidos a Casa Tina's!

As many of you know, we are now celebrating our seventh month in our new Casa Tina's location. After 16 years of business and 10 years trying to expand into a larger location, we are happily adjusting to our new environment.

Some of you have asked if we expanded or moved. We were next door for 16 years, bought this space, constructed, moved in, and converted the old space to our wine and tapas bar, **Pan y Vino**.

And yes, we are the same owners- Javier and I have been the original owners since our inception in January of 1992. (See back of our menu for the detailed story).

I hope this clears some things up because some of the wagers I have been hearing about sound quite costly! Anyway, we have numerous projects in the works, so stay informed by stopping by regularly to check out the progress.

Casa Tina's Décor

Every day numerous customers ask what influenced us to decorate the restaurant the way we did.



Sacred Heart with Milagros

Honestly, much of interior Mexico looks just like this.

The mass representation of Mexico as the land of chili peppers, sombreros, zarapes and donkeys sells the true beauty of our southernmost neighbors short.

Sure, those iconic images do exist in Mexico's everyday life, but there is so much more to this beautiful country whose land is as varied as ours. The coastal areas feature heady mixes of tropical blue waters,

swaying palm trees, and air filled with the fragrance of ripening papayas and mangos. The décor is centered on everything peaceful and natural with a minimalist attitude. The focus is on the gorgeous surroundings.

The cobblestoned narrow streets of indigenous Indian cities such as Patzcuaro and Janitzio are lined with vendors enticing you with the intoxicating aromas of fresh corn tamales, grilled nopales cactus and hand made corn tortillas. The Spanish colonial cities such as Morelia have an interesting combination of all things Mexican. The opulent gold gilded churches and elaborate haciendas often host local artists performing traditional dances and songs in the native Indian tongue of Purepecha. The town center or zocolo features nightly performances by traditional Mariachis in full charro gear.

The mix of Spanish colonial and indigenous Mexico began in 1519 when Hernán Cortéz set about the largest colonization

Asi es La Vida



We would like to thank all of you for your amazing support of our new endeavors.

Gracias!

- Javier, Tina Marie and our Casa Tina and Pan y Vino Family.

of Spain in the Americas with the eventual conquering of the Aztec empire in 1521. The Spanish brought with them the Catholic faith and set about converting the many different Indian tribes. Not wanting to create undue turbulence, many Indian families adopted the rituals and symbols of the Catholic order but hidden amongst their possessions remained the numerous pagan gods and goddesses to which they still make homages on holidays such as Dia de Los Muertos.

This is just the tip of the iceberg in beginning to explain the décor of Mexico. It is a large, stunningly beautiful country separated geographically by rivers, mountain ranges and deserts, and ideology divided by religious affiliations and spiritual beliefs. We love the true nature of Mexico and have tried and will continue to do our best to depict my husband's homeland in the most positive and interesting light possible.

Dia de los Muertos Fiesta: Tuesday Oct 28th- Sunday Nov 2nd

Each year we host a Dia de los Muertos festival. This is an ancient tradition celebrating and honoring departed loved ones. Many people do not know much about this important ritual so our hopes have always been to educate people about the beauty and importance of Mexico's numerous cultural holidays and events. This year's festivities include the following:

Traditional décor and ofrenda display and...

Tuesday October 28th- Art Showcase featuring artists whose work is featured in Casa Tina as well as a display of numerous paper mache and ceramic Catrinas from Michoacan, Mexico. Artists to include Lori Krout, creator of our fantastic newsletter cover, Jon Jon, creator of our incredible chandeliers, and Anna Hamil-

ton, muralist extraordinaire. Artists will be available for discussion, and artwork will be available for purchase.

Wednesday October 29th-Tequila Dinner featuring Corzo Tequila and Mexican seasonal dishes from the state of Michoacan. Video screening and discussion on the production of tequila and matching tequila to food. Dishes to include Sopa de Tarasca, Flor de Calabaza con queso de cabra, uchepos, and moles. Price per person to be established. Reservations Required.

Thursday October 30th- Movie Night. Screening of a few short clips about Dia de Los Muertos and Frida Kahlo throughout the day. Screening of the movie *Frida* starting at 9 pm. Movies are free with a food purchase of \$10.00

Friday October 31th- Friday Fiesta! Special events to include dancing entertainment, live music, and food specials. More details soon!

Saturday November 1st- Cirque Saturdays! Saturday night's entertainment is provided by Clearwater's Dance and Circus Arts. Come see our beautiful aerialist perform on the hoop, trapeze, fabric and sling to beautiful Spanish guitar music. Please be advised: we try to limit your table time to 1 and ½ hours in order to seat all of our customers in a timely manner. Thank you.

Sunday November 2nd- Screening of Diaz de los Muertos video and last chance to view the beautiful Dia de los Muertos Displays.



Dia de Los Muertos- Panteon Patzcuaro, Mexico

Social Service Announcement:

Attention! Are you a burritoholic? Do you suffer from nachoitis? Do you have molephobia? If so, we are here to help you. All you have to do is admit to your server that you suffer from one of these ailments and you need help. They will then suggest a dish for you to try and maybe even offer you a sample. It's okay.....we understand..... And you can always go back to your addiction and no one will be the wiser. Just remember...we are here for you!

Downtown Dunedin Calendar of Events

- **Thursday night movies at Casa Tina's** October 16th, 23rd, 30th. 9 pm til end of movie. Come on in to eat and enjoy a movie! Kitchen closes at 10pm. Free with \$10 food purchase.
- **Friday Movies in Pioneer Park** October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th. Free per City of Dunedin.
- **Antiques Fair-** October 18th. 10am-5pm, Main Street.
- **Dia de Los Muertos** October 28th –November 2nd, Casa Tina's. More info above.
- **Friday Morning Farmers Market** Pioneer Park. 9am- 1pm weekly, starting late Oct through May 2009.
- **Dunedin Wines the Blues** November 8th, 5pm-11pm, Main Street. Great wine and blues festival.
- **Arts and Crafts Show** November 15th and 16th, Main Street.

Please see www.casatinas.com for an up to date listing of Casa Tina's and Pan y Vino's events.



Casa Tina's Viva La Musica Campaign

We love kids and we love music!

The following is my personal passion and plea. If you are not interested in learning about the drive behind our **'Viva La Musica'** campaign please skip over to the fundraiser schedule section. You can't say I didn't warn you...

Every day, millions of dollars are raised through local events for numerous charities. The Breast Cancer Society, March of Dimes, and Muscular Dystrophy Association are among the numerous altruistic organizations that work tirelessly to raise funds to help battle disease, support research, and provide education in hopes of someday eradicating these ills one by one.

The impoverished in Africa, the politically oppressed in Pakistan, and the devastated survivors of hurricanes and cyclones of Galveston and Myanmar all are in desperate need of the financial donations raised worldwide by countless charities. There is no question that we must be concerned with multiple issues on daily basis. That we are all intertwined and cannot live our lives sheltered and untouched by the misfortunes of others. These organizations and charitable events are necessary to help those in need, to bring about change, and to make our world a better and more hospitable place.

So why then, do you ask, do we focus our giving on children's music education?

Well, it is my personal belief that charitable giving should begin at home with your family and then secondly within your community. I also believe that you should choose to support something that you feel very passionately about, therefore fueling your desire to be more charitable, to be creative in finding ways to support your beliefs, and hopefully inspiring others to do the same. Because of this, our charitable efforts at Casa Tina are focused on children's music education. *Education is the key to all change.*

Without education we know not what we do. We have no path to follow, no information to guide us. The children...our children, our future leaders... we must be there for them.

All of us, parents, teachers, neighbors, and business owners alike- we set the example for our children of what they should be doing in the future. Do you want to teach them that we are here for them, ready to help them become our future leaders? Or, do you want them to look at us and see that it is every man for himself, and then someday question his or her abilities to make selfless decisions when

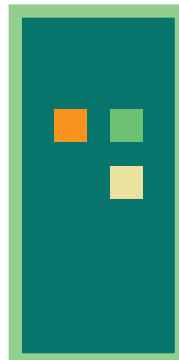
in a position of power?

And music education is a powerful, passionate tool, proven to have significant impact on children's future successes. Higher aptitude for sciences and math, lower incidences of drug, alcohol and sexual abuse, and a greater understanding of people of other cultures are only a few of the positive outcomes of children involved in music programs.

Therefore, we support our communities' children involved in music education by hosting once-a-month fundraisers. I am making a personal plea to you to become part of our campaign. There are numerous ways you can help, such as dining with us on those dates, making a donation of cash to the program we are supporting that month and/or donating products or service gift certificates that we can use for our fundraisers.

We hope to raise over \$8,000 this year, having already raised \$4,500 so far, and we have a goal of raising more than \$20,000 in 2009. I sincerely thank you for your ear, and I hope I might hear from you in the future.

Tina Marie



Viva La Musica Fundraiser Schedule

October Fundraiser- Monday the 13th
5pm-7pm for New Line Youth Group This group is lead by Betty Sloan and serves the underprivileged children of South



Clearwater. Betty has worked tirelessly to support the needs of these children and plans to use the funds to expose them to some fantastic musical arts.

November Fundraiser- Monday the 3rd
5pm-9pm Tarpon Springs High School Leadership and Music Conservatory (pictured at left). This group is lead by directors Kevin Ford, Robert Barfield, and Mike Malgoza. Funds will be used to send the students to perform at Grand Nation-

als in Indianapolis to perform their amazing show "Art at the Speed of Life," their most difficult and visually spectacular show ever. They will be the only Florida band represented at this national event, and have hopes of being top in the nation. The dedication of these students to being the best that they can be is truly inspiring.

December Fundraiser- Monday the 8th
TBA- Casa Tina Employees will pick this month's fundraiser recipient.

Birthdays and Celebrations

Sept. 24th- Happy Birthday Danny! Danny is one of our night managers and he is doing a fabulous job. We hope this year is great for you!

Oct. 4th- Feliz Cumpleanos Nyeli! Nyeli is our hardest working bus girl.

She and her family has been with us for many years.

Happy 5th Wedding Anniversary, Nicole and Rich. Nicole is one of our new bartenders in the new Casa Tina's. Congratulations guys!

MOVIE NIGHT



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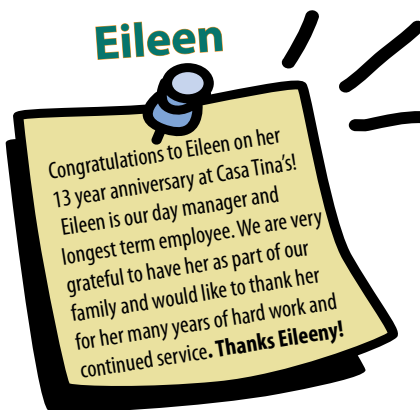
Pan y Vino



Have you been in to check out our wine and tapas bar yet?

Twenty wines by the glass, dishes such as warm brie, ceviche, smoked salmon, and Spanish meatballs and a cozy atmosphere make this an inviting place to hang with your friends.

It's also the perfect place to host your holiday party, bachelorette party, book club or rehearsal dinner with reasonable rates for



entire place. You have the fun and we do all the work!

Contact us soon as many dates for the holidays are already booked!

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For upcoming events at Pan y Vino, check out our up to date calendar at

<http://www.casatinas.com>

Seasonal Condo for Rent

1 bedroom, 1 bath seasonal condo available starting December 1, 2008. \$1800 per month, minimum 3 month rental. 950 Broadway Building. Walk to downtown, enjoy the restaurants, pool and bath house, and Pinellas Trail. Pier One furnishings, fully equipped, only 3 years old and in perfect condition. tina@casatinas.com



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