

# A treat for your tastebuds

hether you're craving good food and good conversation with coworkers, friends or family; need catering services or space for an upcoming event; or you just don't feel like cooking – whatever the reason you're heading out for a meal, there are many excellent restaurants, breweries, cafés and other food establishments in the area. The Pittsburgh North Regional Chamber is highlighting the following three Chamber Member restaurants.



## **Walnut Grill Wexford**

Open since 2007, the Walnut Grill Wexford is described as contemporary, mid-priced American cuisine by restaurant founder and president Kirk Vogel. Some of the most frequently ordered dishes

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are the Walnut Crusted Salmon, Wild Mushroom Chicken, French Dip and Smash Burger. Drink favorites include the Smoked Buffalo Trace Old Fashioned and Manhattan and specialty martinis.

Wednesdays through Sundays are the busiest times at the restaurant: there's live music and half-price wine bottles on Wednesdays, half-priced martinis on Thursdays and brunch from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

The restaurant recently underwent a full interior renovation, seating 212 inside and 135 on the patio, for an "awesome outdoor patio experience every day!" Vogel said. It also has a busy and extensive catering service.



#### **Olive Garden Cranberry Township**

Open since December 2004, the Olive Garden Cranberry Township delivers food that is "abundant, craveable Italian food served by people who treat you like family," said culinary manager Hayden Bergad.

Popular items include the Tour of Italy: a sampling of chicken parmesan, fettuccine with house-made alfredo, and lasagna, along with the chicken and shrimp carbonara and the chicken alfredo. Olive Garden also offers several Italian-inspired cocktails, such as the Italian margarita and the Italian Rum Punch.

The restaurant, which seats 215 and is busiest on the weekends and during the holiday season, offers catering for pickup and local delivery. Starting this fall, they are planning to remodel the dining room, Bergad said.





### The Sports Grille at Cranberry

At the Sports Grille at Cranberry, owner and president Sean Pregibon is quick to point out that his restaurant – which came to Cranberry in 2012 after his original concept started in Youngstown, Ohio, back in 2001 – is a sports-themed restaurant, not a sports bar.

"The emphasis is on the food," Pregibon said. The Sports Grille' menu "boasts homemade recipes from my family," Pregibon said. All of the

restaurant's sauces, soups, and dressings – including the customer-favorite garlic ranch dressing – are made from scratch. Pregibon picks the wine list, and guests can choose from a large selection of rare bourbons and tequilas and 20 beers on tap.

The Sports Grille at Cranberry has plenty of space to eat while watching your favorite sports or to host large gatherings. The patio was recently expanded to 3,200 square feet, and the restaurant has a private event room and two sound stages. Pregibon said there are no room rental fees, surcharges, or deposits to host an event there.



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