

# Twenty-Year Friendship Keeps Kitchen Humming



Story by Rachel Peine; photo by Susi Schu

Twenty years after sporting toques\* as culinary students in Germany, Georg Schu and Stephan Stolze are still in the kitchen. Except this kitchen is at Gilbert's Resort in Key Largo. Susi Schu was also a student at the Dorint Harzhotel Kreuzeck, near Hannover, where the three met in 1987.

After finishing their culinary education, their paths diverged. Stephan worked in several first class Hotels in Germany

and France, moving up to become Executive Chef in a 400-room Hotel/Vacation Resort. Georg and Susi became self employed and operated four different Restaurants and a hotel in Germany.

They kept in touch, and some large phone bills proved their friendship. When Georg and Susi were offered the management of Gilbert's Kitchen in 1999, Stephan was

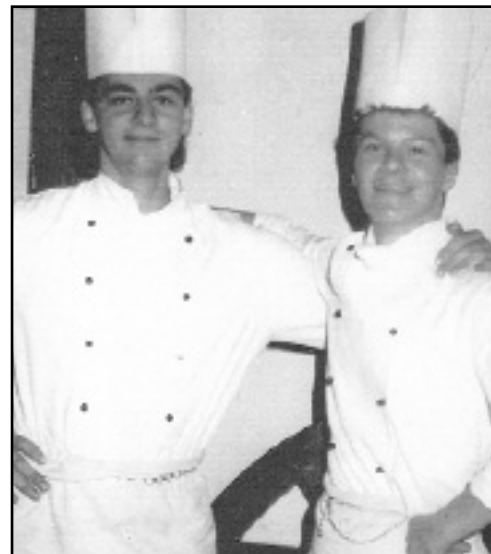
tempted to join them but had just started a new position. Finally, after many more enormous phone bills, Georg and Stephan reunited last year to run Gilbert's Kitchen as a team. Susi enjoys watching them act like they're in their 20's again, as if nothing has changed.

Now, while Georg and Stephan combine their skills and their love for food, you can get great German Dishes at Gilbert's Restaurant, fresh shucked Oysters and homemade

fish dip at the Raw Bar, and the best fish sandwich in the Upper Keys.

It's 2007, the friends are at work, and the kitchen is humming.

\* A toque blanche (French for "white hat"), often shortened to toque, is a tall, round, pleated, starched white hat worn by chefs.



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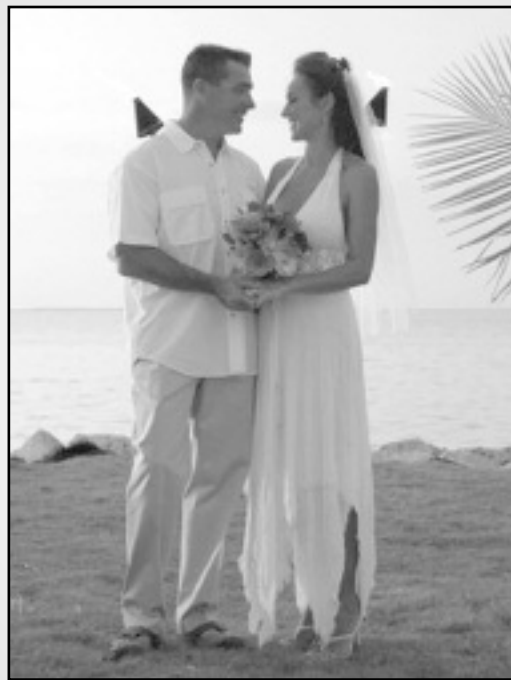


Photo by Dr. Magrane

Two Boy Scouts from Islamorada Troop 914 just completed their PADI dive course at "Florida National High Adventure Sea Base" on Lower Matecumbe. Jonathan Bogue (left) and TJ Magrane, completed four long days of instruction. Which included four pool dives and four open water dives on Alligator Reef for their certification.

Scouting is known for bringing families together. Jonathan's mother, Sue Bogue, also graduated from the same class. Dr. Brian Magrane, who is already certified, was able to observe his son during the open water dives. Now they are planning some father/son dives.

**G.I. Jane Marries**



G.I. Jane (Jayne Marie Moore) from the T.V. show the Bachelors recently married Paul Barry in Islamorada. Jayne's parents John and Wendy Moore live in Key Largo. Paul is in the Coast Guard and the newlyweds will reside in North Carolina.

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