

An Exchange of Birthday Greetings

Yesterday, March 3rd was Carl's birthday. A few weeks ago, my friend Harvey, who was also Carl's friend, suggested we go to a seafood restaurant to celebrate Carl's birthday. Since the restaurant was closer to my house than his, Harvey came to my house to pick me up.

Harvey had parked his car across the street from my apartment house. It was really cold last night, and we quickly crossed the icy street and got into the car. As soon as I closed the passenger door, I looked ahead and there was a large red van, whose license plates were from South Carolina! I told Harvey – look at that! That Car is from South Carolina, it is almost like Carl is saying hello to us. (I rarely see a car from South Carolina in New Jersey where I live.)

Because of the direction that car was facing, we did not take the most direct route to the restaurant. We did come to a stop sign to the last major street before the restaurant. A car was standing at the stop sign waiting to make a right hand turn. It was then that I noticed that the car had Connecticut license plates on it. "I can't believe this! Look Connecticut license plates!" I said. "This is mind-boggling. Carl is really acknowledging us."

We arrive at the restaurant, shown to our seats, and handed the menu. I immediately begin to laugh. There on the 3rd or 4th line of the menu was printed "Happy Birthday, Carl!"

Well, I guess we are exchanging birthday greeting, I told Harvey. This restaurant lists where their fish was caught. I ordered the Catfish from North Carolina. I thought it was fitting to the occasion.

McCORMICK & SCHMICK'S
SEAFOOD RESTAURANT
DINNER - FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2006
Happy Birthday Carl!!!

PENGUIN BANKS, HAWAII AHI TUNA	MASSACHUSETTS, POLLACK	MASSACHUSETTS, SEA SCALLOPS	WASHINGTON, WILLAPA BAY OYSTERS
RHODE ISLAND, JUDITH POINT SQUID	LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK TOPNECK CLAMS	CANADA, PHANTOM CREEK OYSTERS	MARYLAND, BLUE CRAB
GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR TILAPIA	SOUTH CAROLINA, BAY SCALLOPS	BUHL, IDAHO RAINBOW TROUT	KONA, HAWAII SWORDFISH
NEW YORK, DUCK ISLAND PETTIE OYSTERS	NORTH CAROLINA, CATFISH	BOOTHBAY HARBOR, MAINE LOBSTER	BAY OF FUNDY, CANADA ATLANTIC SALMON
MASSACHUSETTS, ATLANTIC COD	CONNECTICUT, LITILENECK CLAMS	BRITISH COLUMBIA, ROYAL MIYAGI OYSTERS	MASSACHUSETTS, GREY SOLE
VIRGINIA, OYSTER CREEK OYSTERS	MASSACHUSETTS, WELLFLEET OYSTERS	P.E.I. CANADA BLACK MUSSELS	HAWAII, MAHI MAHI
RHODE ISLAND, MONKFISH	OREGON, MANILA CLAMS	NEW BRUNSWICK, LA ST. SIMON OYSTERS	NEW YORK, CHOWDER CLAMS

APPETIZERS

Buffalo Chicken Tenders with Crisped Onions and Blue Cheese Dressing	6.95
Fresh Fried Calamari with a Trio of Dipping Sauces	10.90
Coconut Fried Shrimp with Horseradish Marmalade, Tropical Fruit Salsa	8.85
Blue Crab, Shrimp and Artichoke Dip with Fried Pita Chips	11.80
Popcorn Shrimp with Sherry Mayo and Cocktail Sauce	9.80
Black Mussels Steamed with Tomato, White Wine and Butter	8.95
Ahi Tuna, Seared Rare with Wakame Salad, Wasabi and Soy	11.40
Jumbo Prawn Cocktail with Cocktail Sauce and Horseradish	12.95

MCCORMICK & SCHMICK'S SPECIALTIES

Sea Scallops <i>New Bedford, Massachusetts</i>	
Sautéed with Artichokes, Mushrooms, Bacon and Tomatoes	19.70
Seafood Étouffée	
Gulf Shrimp, Chicken and Andouille Sausage	15.85
Atlantic Cod <i>Gloucester, Massachusetts</i>	
Pan Seared with Artichokes, Tomato and Garlic	18.90
Northwest Salmon Sauté <i>Bay of Fundy, Canada</i>	
Asparagus, Forest Mushrooms, Raspberries and Hazelnuts	16.95