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River Forest Residents Tony and Marion Durpetti Celebrate 70 Years of Their Chicago Restaurant, Gene & Georgetti

River Forest residents Tony and Marion Durpetti purchased Marion's father's iconic Chicago restaurant in 1990. Twenty-one years later, Gene & Georgetti (500 N. Franklin Street in Chicago), a Chicago legend for 70 years, marked their milestone anniversary with three, sold out nights of throwback dinners—with all proceeds benefiting three specially selected charities—on Thursday, July 14- Saturday, July 16. These 1940's-themed celebrations featured special 4-course prix-fix menus, cocktails, entertainment, décor, glamour—and prices—straight out of their opening year of 1941.

Gene & Georgetti went back to its roots during this one-time-only extravaganza with three distinctly themed evenings, serving in total over 1100 guests per night! On Thursday, guests experienced a retro dinner party, complete with vintage movie posters, classic libations and décor. On Friday, partygoers hearkened back to Hollywood's golden years—the era of the movie star—with celeb impersonators and 1940's films on the screens. Finally, on Saturday, the packed house swung to the sounds of the “Big Band Era” with legendary Sway Chicago, as they joined Gene & Georgetti to wrap up the festivities.

As an extra “thank you” to the community that has supported them for 70 years, Gene & Georgetti donated all proceeds from the celebration—over \$23,000 total—to three beneficiating charities: Common Threads, Standing Tall, and St. Vincent DePaul Center.



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