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PALOMA'S RESTAURANT

Bringing People Together Through Food

Meet Nancy and Sean, owners of Paloma's Restaurant in Old Orchard Beach. What began as an opportunity to open a restaurant has grown into a welcoming gathering place where fresh ingredients, diverse flavors, and genuine hospitality come together. Since opening Paloma's, they've created an experience that reflects their passion for food, culture, and community.

Nancy brought years of entrepreneurial experience from Colombia before moving to Maine, where she and Sean built Paloma's together. Their shared passion for food and hospitality inspired them to create a restaurant that introduces guests to new flavors while making everyone feel at home.



Finding Their Place in Old Orchard Beach

When Paloma's first opened, the restaurant focused primarily on Colombian-inspired dinner service. As they got to know the community, however, Nancy and Sean quickly realized that many visitors and locals still associated the location with breakfast. Rather than resisting that history, they embraced it.

By listening to customer feedback and paying close attention to what people were looking for, they gradually evolved Paloma's into the brunch destination it is today. Their willingness to adapt while staying true to their vision has helped the restaurant continue to grow year after year.

Blending Two Cultures

One of the defining characteristics of Paloma's is the menu, which blends Latin-inspired flavors with familiar breakfast favorites. Nancy and Sean wanted guests to experience something new while still feeling comfortable with every meal.

Today, guests can enjoy traditional breakfast favorites alongside Colombian-inspired dishes featuring ingredients like sweet plantains, yuca, arepas, and fresh tropical fruits. Prepared with fresh ingredients, the menu reflects Nancy and Sean's passion for sharing new flavors and creating memorable dining experiences.



More Than a Meal

While the food is central to Paloma's, Nancy and Sean have also designed the restaurant with families in mind. From preserving children's artwork on the walls to leaving open space for strollers and young families, every detail has been thoughtfully considered.

They believe dining out should be enjoyable for everyone. Parents should be able to relax while children have room to feel comfortable, and families should have healthy options alongside the traditional vacation favorites. Their goal has always been to create an atmosphere where guests feel welcomed, whether they're stopping in after a morning at the beach or gathering with family and friends.



Putting People First

Ask Nancy and Sean what they enjoy most about Paloma's, and the answer is simply the people. They've built strong lasting relationships with customers, welcomed visitors from around the world, and take pride in supporting their team as they grow both personally and professionally.

Those same relationships extend beyond the restaurant. Whether it's collaborating with neighboring businesses, supporting fellow local entrepreneurs, or sharing recommendations with visitors, Nancy and Sean believe that a strong community benefits everyone. Their success, they say, is built on kindness, collaboration, and making every guest feel like they belong.

Growing With the Community

Paloma's continues to evolve because Nancy and Sean never stop listening. New menu items often begin as customer suggestions, while inspiration comes from their travels, conversations with employees, and experiences with different cultures. Every season presents an opportunity to learn something new and continue improving.

Rather than chasing trends, they focus on serving what the community wants while staying true to the values that inspired the restaurant from the beginning. That balance has helped Paloma's become a favorite for both first-time visitors and returning guests alike.

Looking Ahead

Looking ahead, Nancy and Sean hope to expand dinner service, introduce more healthy grab-and-go options, and create additional community events. No matter how Paloma's grows, their mission remains the same: creating a welcoming place where fresh food, meaningful connections, and an appreciation for different cultures bring people together.

