

Dutch's at Silver Tree

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The beautifully remodeled Dutch's at Silver Tree is in a serene setting located on the shores of Deep Creek Lake. The porch dining area has a rustic lodge feeling with a great view overlooking the Lake (see photos at right).

In 1984 Dutch's Daughter Restaurant opened its doors in a VFW building in Frederick, Maryland. Since that time, Dutch's has consistently served award winning dining experiences in a comfortable atmosphere. The Dutch's dining experience was enhanced in 2000 when an elegant three story dining facility opened in a residential section of Frederick. The new location meant that additional services and expanded menus could be offered to guests. Now the Dutch's dining experience has expanded once again with the opening of Dutch's at Silver Tree. The new restaurant occupies the eatery section of the former Silver Tree Inn at Deep Creek Lake.

The new Dutch's at Silver Tree is located in a historic and familiar location to Deep Creek Lake vacationers. The original building on the site was referred to as Nemaquin Lodge and constructed in the late 1930s through the efforts of Dr. Thomas Bennett. The log style lodge featured three massive stone fireplaces and towering walls built with timber cut on the property. The lodge name was derived from a Delaware Chief who spent a considerable amount of time in Western Maryland during the mid eighteenth century. Since the 1970s, the original lodge

underwent extensive renovations and additions and became associated with upscale lodging and fine dining.

Owner Eileen Gideon has looked forward to expanding her business to Garrett County for some time. "My father, Fred "Dutch" Onderdonk, spent many years supporting my family working on the Hamilton Farm tending to produce. My father always told me that he wanted to return to Oakland because he missed the mountains, weather, and people," recalled Eileen. While Dutch has passed, Eileen believes that he would be proud to see the expansion that recently occurred.

Eileen is familiar with Garrett County, Nemaquin's story, and Deep Creek Lake since her home was originally in nearby Oakland. "I am really looking forward to serving Garrett County where I was born."

The move to Garrett County was facilitated by Phil and Erika Rauh, owners of the Silver Tree building and long time friends who informed Eileen of the opportunity available at their facility. "Phil and Erika have been wonderful to work with and have been instrumental in making a smooth expansion to Deep Creek Lake," stated Eileen.

Eileen is assisted by Meagan Till, restaurant manager and long time employee. “In 1994, I started working for Dutch’s as a freshman in high school. Starting out in the kitchen, I worked my way through every station from making salads to cooking steaks behind the line. After transitioning to the new building in 2000, I was appointed to a management position. I feel like I have grown with the restaurant the past 18 years. Eileen has instilled in me an amazing approach to customer service, and I am looking forward to sharing Dutch’s with Garrett County. I know we will maintain the distinction of being your first choice of dining. I am also looking forward to making Garrett County my new home and growing with our new Dutch’s at Silver Tree.”

Meagan is joined by 60 co-workers who staff two dining areas and the outdoor Harbor Bar. The outdoor facility is scheduled for updating while the new Inner Harbor is already finished with large glass windows and doors that provide a panoramic view of the lake and wooded areas. Dutch’s features jumbo lump crab cakes, Atlantic salmon, and filet mignon.

Eileen and Meagan believe, “Our guests are the foundation of making Dutch’s what it has become over the past twenty five years. Dutch’s would not be where it is today without their continued support. We are now eagerly looking forward to developing long lasting relationships with the residents of Garrett County.”



Great food, lake side views and rustic wood interior combine for a memorable experience at Dutch’s at Silver Tree.

