



# LBPA TODAY

Information Update for Lansdowne Business and Professional Association Members

## LBPA News in Brief

### **Lansdowne Symphony Closes 57th Season May 4**

The Lansdowne Symphony Orchestra will hold its final concert of the season 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at the Upper Darby Performing Arts Center. The performance will feature selections from Beethoven and Tchaikovsky. Tickets are available at the door for \$15 per person (\$12 seniors).

### **Tour "Victorian Lansdowne" May 13**

The Greater Lansdowne Civic Association and Lansdowne Economic Development Corporation are proud to co-sponsor the Philadelphia Open House Tour of Victorian Lansdowne on Tuesday, May 13. This guided motorcoach tour will visit some of Lansdowne's grandest Victorian homes and other important historical landmarks. The tour will conclude at the Twentieth Century Club for an exhibit of works by master wood carver John H. Elliott and a reception for tour participants. The tour is \$60 per person and lasts from 12:30 to 5 p.m. To reserve your seat, call 215-928-1188.

### **Memorial Day Parade**

LBPA members are invited to join your friends and neighbors in the Annual Lansdowne Memorial Day Parade, 9 a.m. Monday, May 26 at Lansdowne and LaCrosse Avenues. Marchers will each receive an American flag, and should arrive at the start of the route before 8:45 a.m. The parade route ends at the Penn Wood High School field for closing ceremonies. As usual, Penn Wood marching band will provide music. The parade will also feature a collection of antique cars, and the 26th Pennsylvania Volunteers in full Civil War uniforms. Be there!

### **Union AA Seeks Help for Fourth of July**

Union Athletic Association is seeking civic-minded "get-involved" type individuals to volunteer for the Fourth of July collections and parade. To help, call Mike at 610-284-5033 or e-mail mfitz99@aol.com. Remember, this is not all work — it's mostly fun!

### **Kelly Bliss Launches New Website**

Check out the NEW [www.KellyBliss.com](http://www.KellyBliss.com) that went up just in time for Kelly's SIX performances at the NBC-10 Fit Fest in April! Kelly's fitness videos and local classes are for anyone who wants a gentle workout, especially plus size people and those with fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue, arthritis, and knee or back problems. Call Kelly toll-free at 877-Kelly-Bliss (877-535-5925)

## May LBPA Meeting: Wine Tasting, Board Nominations

**When:** Monday,  
May 12, 2003,  
7 p.m.

**Where:** Twentieth  
Century Club, 84  
South Lansdowne  
Avenue

**Details:** Enjoy  
and learn about a  
variety of wines  
from PLCB wine expert Joe Crosley.  
This meeting will also feature  
nominations for your 2003-2004  
LBPA officers, so please attend!  
RSVP by calling 610-623-2091.



**Cost:** \$20 per person

### **June Meeting**

**When:** Monday, June 9, 2003, 7 p.m.

**Where:** Twentieth Century Club

**Details:** "A Humorous but Important  
Look at Customer Service"

## Your LBPA Officers

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*"As you climb the ladder of success, be sure  
it's leaning against the right building."*

— H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

## **Member Spotlight: Lansdowne Station Café**

Not too many locals are aware of it, but if you live in Lansdowne and are looking to go out for an affordable, gourmet-quality meal, you don't need to go far. In fact, Lansdowne Station Café, one of the area's finest dining destinations, happens to be nestled right in the heart of the borough at the corner of Baltimore and Highland avenues.

If you've already enjoyed some of Lansdowne Station Café's food, you probably know that the current owners, Kenneth Krupicka and Donald Gearhart, have quite a bit to do with the reputation the restaurant is rapidly gaining. Since purchasing the restaurant in December 1999, the pair have made a number of changes to the place. In addition to a revamped menu that is constantly offering new items, the pair made cosmetic repairs and installed new lighting, and made a number of updates to the kitchen equipment.

"Basically, we transformed Lansdowne Station Café into a place where people can go and relax while enjoying great food with great service," says Ken.

The great food available at Lansdowne Station includes breakfast, lunch and dinner. Tuesday through Friday, the restaurant serves breakfast and lunch from 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. and dinner from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Lansdowne Station Café is also open for breakfast on Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

On the final Saturday of each month, Lansdowne Station Café offers its monthly prix-fixe dinner, truly special meals that need to be experienced to be described accurately. The three-course meal costs \$27.99 per person, and includes a choice of appetizers, entrees and desserts that are sure to appeal to everyone with (or without) a taste for unique culinary delights.

The restaurant is in the process of building its own website, which will include current menus, downloadable coupons, directions, and the monthly prix fixe menu. The site — located at [www.lansdownestationcafe.com](http://www.lansdownestationcafe.com) — is expected to be fully functioning by the end of April.

Prior to buying the restaurant in late 1999, Don worked at Lansdowne Station for the previous owner. Kenneth, a native of the Port Richmond section of Philadelphia, had a well-rounded career before entering the restaurant business. A graduate of the Walter Biddle Saul High School Of Agriculture Science, he also studied agriculture business at Delaware Valley College before serving four years in the



***Don Gearhart (left) and Kenneth Krupicka offer a delicious array of foods at Lansdowne Station Café, located at 36 East Baltimore Avenue.***

United States Navy. He worked for Paragon Restaurant Group in California before returning to the area, spending the next 10 years as a caseworker for the Pennsylvania Department of Public Assistance.

Donald was born and raised in the Lawncrest section of Philadelphia and graduated from Northeast High School. In 1991, he received his associates degree in culinary arts from The Restaurant School of Philadelphia. Don then worked for a family-owned deli in Port Richmond, where he revamped their menu, and then spent over a year working for a local caterer before landing a job at the Lansdowne Station Café. When the opportunity to purchase the business arose, Don and Ken were both enthusiastic about the chance to fulfill one of their dreams.

After three-and-a-half years of creating the restaurant they had dreamed of, neither Don nor Ken plan on resting on their laurels. "We are always coming up with future plans to make the place even better," says Don. "Hopefully, they will all become reality someday."

Lansdowne Station Café is located at 36 East Baltimore Avenue, right at the corner of Highland Avenue. Parking is available in the municipal lot across the street and along Baltimore and Highland avenues. For more information, call 610-259-8240 or visit [www.lansdownestationcafe.com](http://www.lansdownestationcafe.com).