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## DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION OF FRESNO

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## Restaurant of the Week features Cosmopolitan Grill

The Cosmopolitan Grill is the featured restaurant this week in the new Downtown Restaurant of the Week promotion. During the week of February 8-14, the spotlight will focus on the Cosmo for the Downtown workforce and throughout the wider community. Each week, a new Downtown restaurant is featured.

The Cosmopolitan has been a mainstay in Downtown Fresno for years. In fact, it's the oldest restaurant and bar in Fresno, opening in 1904, and remains family owned and operated, with father and son, Gary and Joseph LeFranco, sharing the responsibilities.

The Cosmopolitan welcomes customers and families for lunch from 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Dinner customers fill the tables on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 5:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. The bar (only) is open on Saturday. Catering is available and many family and business dinners can be accommodated on site.

Lunches have always been featured. Their deli sandwich is the biggest in the San Joaquin Valley. That and their tri-tip sandwich are favorites with their customers. All pastas, sauces and dressings are made from scratch every day.

Dinners on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday returned in 2006, featuring traditional Italian dishes with veal and steak. Word-of-mouth advertising makes it so busy that you're wise to make your Friday night reservations by early on Friday, or you might not get in.

Take note of these specials being featured for dinner this week:

Pasta: gnocci with salmon and asparagus in a tomato vodka cream sauce

Frutti de Mare: lobster, muscles, prawns, halibut in a San Margano tomato sauce over linguini

Lamb: braised lamb shanks in a red wine sauce with pasta/red sauce or mashed potatoes

The Cosmopolitan Grill is located at 1546 Fresno Street at G Street. Parking is available in their parking lot entered from G Street or the alley, as well as on the street.

Restaurant of the Week originated as a way to introduce a variety of Downtown restaurants to the 45,000 people who work in Downtown Fresno. Organization and initial contacts were made by a team of marketing students of Dr. Wm. Rice at CSU Fresno. In the following weeks, restaurants throughout the Downtown area will be featured.

Information is available at [www.downtownfresno.org/restaurant](http://www.downtownfresno.org/restaurant). Additional questions can be answered by calling the Downtown Association of Fresno at (559) 490-9966 or Cosmopolitan Grill at (559) 266-8662.

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