

# **T.&J. STEAK OUT**

## **OPEN 7A.M. TILL 2P.M.**

The original, "T & J Steak Out," opened the summer of 1966. It was located two doors from Fred's Liquor Store on 96th Street, Stone Harbor, NJ. Owned by Matthew and Doris Vecere, the initials, "T & J" were their son's, Tom and Jeff. Mr. Matt came up with the name, "Steak Out" while grilling Steaks in his back yard. They served breakfast, lunch, sandwiches and steak platters.

In 1985, Tom and Donna Vecere purchased the current Sea Isle City location, at 4005 Landis Ave. Originally, it was a one-story block building and it was the home of "Pip's Place," a family restaurant serving breakfast and lunch. The Vecere's completely gutted the first floor, added an addition to the rear of the building and built the second floor. Everything in the restaurant was custom built by Tom Vecere and they opened for business during the summer of 1986. Open 24/7, it quickly became, "the munchie manor of choice." Located in the center of Sea Isle City's, "party central" (9 bars within 3 blocks), it served up huge breakfast portions, delicious sandwiches and fast service.

During the summer of 1990, the current owner, Jason Pellegrini, started working as a late-night cook. Jason and his sister, Lori, spent two summers working for the Vecere's. In March of 1997, Jason purchased the business from the Vecere's, also hired "Pat" Lovegrove to continue working as the hostess. Pat and Jason worked together for seventeen summers before Pat retired after the summer of 2011. On Pat's last day of work, she said, "2011 was my best summer ever working, in my twenty-six years at Steak Out."

This summer, head cooks, Jeff, Kevin and Danny and lead servers, Brittinee, Kaitlyn and Nikki are cooking and serving up the same meals, since the original Steak Out in 1966. Steak Out, aka "the place," is a South Jersey icon and we would like to thank you for supporting us for fifty-four years. We are open daily serving breakfast and lunch! (Above is the original sign from 1966).