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Kildare's - The Bloody Irish Take Over Pubs

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Have you ever been to an Irish Pub? I doubt it, if you have not been to a Kildare's. That's right...I said "A Kildare's." This is because there is not only one or two or three, but as of right now there are four! And I say "right now" because within a month there will be five. You think that's it? Nope. Kildare's will be coming to many more hot college towns and happening cities in PA and expanding out past state borders on the East Coast beginning early 2006.

Where did the first Kildare's Irish Pub open? What better town to take a risk at the competition by opening a restaurant/bar, than the college filled party town of West Chester, PA? If I'm not mistaken there are bars on every block; however, it does not take a genius to see that Kildare's was what the people wanted. The huge success of the now oldest Kildare's is what led to the opening of the King of Prussia location, which I must say is another area that not just any restaurant or bar can open in and make a profit. The King of Prussia Kildare's is located directly in the mall parking lot and is four times the size of it's elder in West Chester. I, for one, have a special bond with this location, being that it is where I had my first Kildare's Irish Pub experience.



I recall walking around feeling as though I was walking through different styles and themes for rooms. For example: One room had the classic corner bar pub atmosphere with a brewery while another made you feel as though you were dining in a nice restaurant with mouth watering Irish/American appetizers, entrees, and desserts on the menu. In fact, I had just finished dining at a near-by pricey restaurant when my eyes spotted the items listed on the menu that I just had to order something. Ok back to the scenery...there is another room that was entertained by a live band that had my friends and family dancing. My mom was having a blast and couldn't stop dancing. Yes, I said my mom! This is the point I'm getting at, everyone is comfortable and can relate to something at Kildare's. Even if you're not Irish! Not to mention the staff was unbelievable. The server, the bartender, and even the bar back went out of their way to ensure we were taken care of and we had what we needed.

The third Kildare's opened up on Main Street in Manayunk and the fourth one just opened in Media near the Granite Run Mall on September 17. There is a fifth location to open in October at one of Philly's most famous hot spots - South Street on Second and South to be exact. Each and every Kildare's has its own special décor from different time periods which makes each Kildare's different from each other, so even if you've seen one, you have not seen them all.



Now I bet you're wondering who the genius is behind all of this, right? Well his name is Dr. Dave Magrogan. Dave worked in the hospitality industry for 12 years before opening his own practice to become a Chiropractor; but it wasn't long before Dave yearned to get back into the hospitality business and he took a risk at selling his practice and opening his own restaurant/pub. A risk I'm sure many people wouldn't be able to do; but Dave did and he knew what he was meant to do, and that was to provide people with Kildare's "An Authentic Irish Experience."

Dave, a graduate of West Chester University and Life University in Atlanta is only in his early 30's and likes to drive his Hummer H2, drink Guinness (not while or before driving of course), shop at Kenneth Cole and take his kids to Sea Isle City and Key West during his time off. Dave shows off a claddagh ring on his right pinky to show his Irish support; but his true support comes from his right hand man, Paul Lauriello. Paul has been with Dave from the beginning and wears a tall hat as he is the Managing Partner of the King of Prussia location, District Manager, and Head of Operations for Kildare's.

Sound like a pro and learn some fun and interesting facts below, so you can share with your friends the next time you're at Kildare's drinking a Guinness:

- All furnishings and décor in each Kildare's is made in Ireland and then imported to the U.S.
- Each chef attends a training program in Ireland
- Even the people who paint the interior come straight from Ireland
- The General Manager of the Manayunk location is from Ireland and his last name is Kildare
- There are five themes within each Kildare's: 1) Victorian 2) Cottage 3) Shop 4) Brewery 5) Gaelic



Whether you are out for some good family dining during the day, or just out at night looking for a fun, relaxed, pub atmosphere to enjoy with some friends - Kildare's is sure to fulfill all of your expectations. For more information, check out www.kildarespub.com or stay updated by viewing www.philly2night.com but be sure to sign up on the guest lists in order to gain VIP access to any upcoming events and/or grand openings at a new Kildare's.