

Kildare's Irish Pub, West Chester, in collaboration with Downingtown's Victory Brewing Company, produced a memorable evening's repast on June 8, 2005.

The five course special menu showcased Executive Chef Stephanie Goldberg's creative talent. Her delightful offerings were impeccably paired with a diverse selection of Victory beers. Most notably, the robust Hop Devil found a masterful abettor in the Cheddar Soup with Storm King Croutons. Festbier Steamed Mussels with Garlic, Tomatoes, and Leeks whetted the appetite for the Grilled Pork Chop, Cashew White Rice, Grilled Peach, and Whirlwind main feature. The Sunrise Weissbier Granita with Fresh Kiwi and Strawberries provided a surprise ending. The same fruity beer, an ingredient in the frozen delicacy, accompanied dessert.

Victory guest host Steve German described dishes, beers, and gave a short course on brewing to the delight and enlightenment of the 30 diners. Hospitality is an area in which Kildare's excels and Maitre d' Dane Gray and the Kildare's staff ensured the comfort and satisfaction of guests. Live acoustic music continued for those who wished to extend their evening's entertainment after dinner.

Kildare's is planning future special dining experiences. Treat yourself to a unique opportunity offered by Kildare's Irish Pubs in West Chester, King of Prussia, and Manayunk.

—Sharon Neal, West Chester