



Leona Allen, waitress and management assistant, pitches in to sort through the freshly cut fries. She joined the staff in 2004. (Rees Photo)



Jackie Webb (left) cutting fries, while Belinda Meekin prepares an order of burger and fries. (Rees Photo)



Pictured on the deck in front of the Take-out and Dairy Bar windows are the 2010 staff for Diane's Restaurant. Front row (L-R) Karlee Cormier, Leona Allen, Krystle Davis, Nicole Tower, Terri Brown, Charly Wheaton and Lisa White. Back row standing on the deck, (L-R) Diane Cormier, who just sold to the restaurant to daughter, Angie; Angie Davis, Robbie Davis, Judy McLaughlin, Jackie Webb and Belinda Meekin. Missing from photo Robert Davis and Jennifer Allen. (Rees Photo)

## Customer Appreciation Day – July 17th

By Maurice Rees

To show gratitude to their customers, Diane's Restaurant will be holding a 15th Anniversary Customer Appreciation Day on July 17th from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Activities will be for all ages.

No birthday celebration is complete without a birthday cake. There will be free birthday cake, along with live entertainment, face painting and bouncy house for chil-

dren. Hot Dogs will be available for 99 cents, and clams will be on sale. Steamed clams are new to the 2010 menu.

Cat Country radio summer cruiser will be on-site for the festivities. Francine Cormier, even though she had retired, will be in attendance to visit with customers, for whom she cooked for 15 years.

Additional appreciation incentives will include a draw for prizes. The Shoreline

Journal is providing gift certificates for two one year subscriptions. All customers attending the festivities are invited to sign the "15th Anniversary" guestbook.



This motorcyclist from Amherst decided to stretch out and rest his back after enjoying a meal at Diane's on Saturday, June 12th. (Rees Photo)

## Diane's Restaurant still family owned

By Ruth Power

Diane's Restaurant was originally built by Walter Yorke in the '70's. Then it was sold to Gordon and Linda Meekins in 1985, who moved the building to Lower Five Islands minus the dining room. Angie (Cormier) Davis purchased the dining room to be used as her house.

In 1995, Oswald and Diane Cormier bought the building back from the Meekins and moved it back in front of the clam factory and built on a dining room. In 1998, the Cormier's purchased land on Main Street, Five Islands. The foundation for the restaurant was built in June 1998 with the restaurant being moved in 1999.

With a new basement and many improvements, it was time to extend the business season. On April 20, 2001, Diane's Restaurant was officially opened for business

from April to October on an annual basis. Over the years, as business grew, many improvements have been implemented, including a paved parking lot and metal roof in 2005.

The Cormier's were not without setbacks, especially with the untimely death of Oswald in 2005 and Diane suffering health problems in 2009. In winter of 2010, Angie purchased the business from her mother. The restaurant is still family owned, employing family members as well as a number of local residents.

The business continues to grow and Angie has added new items to the menu to meet customer's expectations.

*(Editor's Note: Ruth describes herself as a nosy neighbor and someone who take pride in her neighbourhood, and Five Islands is a "happening place")*



Nicole Tower, student waitress, who joined the staff this year, takes a few moments to escape and read the Shoreline Journal. (Rees Photo)

## Diane's 2010 Staff Roster

**Angie Davis**, current owner, grew up in the business.

**Robbie Davis**, Angie's husband, works at Wilson's Equipment, Truro, driving Lube Truck, but also helps were needed.

**Jackie Webb**, cook, employed since 1999.

**Leona Allen**, employed since 2004 works as waitress and assists with management.

**Belinda Meekin**, cook, since 2009.

**Lisa White**, Angie's sister, works at the clam factory, but waitresses, when not at the clam factory.

**Judy McLaughlin**, a kitchen helper since 2009

**Charly Wheaton**, waitress, who joined the staff this year.

**Terri Brown**, waitress who joined this year.

**Nicole Tower**, student waitress, enjoying her first summer.

**Karlee Cormier**, Angie's niece, who joined the clam factory in 2008, but later transferred to the restaurant.

**Jennifer Allen**, Joined the staff this year as a part-time waitress.

**3 children have roles too: Krystle Davis**, Angie's daughter, the oldest, worked at the restaurant for a couple of summers, while she was in school. Now she helps out when she is not working at the hospital in Amherst.

**Brandon Davis**: The second of three children, helps when needed. **Robert Davis**, the youngest, started in 2009 as a helper, is specializing in playing hockey, was drafted 92<sup>nd</sup> overall into the QMJHL.

**Other family members** play an important role: Angie's sister, **Lisa**, pitches in when needed. Her brothers, **Jerry** and **Wayne**, also help manage the clam factory. Both Wayne and Jerry work in the plant, with Jerry doubling up as the truck driver. Jerry and Wayne are quick to spring into action, if clams are needed from the factory, or items picked up if they are on the road.

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