

The History of Clara Charlotte Jaessing

Clad in an apron and a mellow demeanor, Clara Jaessing Keller was as comfortable in her kitchen and vegetable garden as she was catering parties or starting her own restaurant.

Born April 16, 1903, the fraternal Granddaughter of early settlers to the Maumee Valley. Her grandfather, Carl Clemens Jaessing, was born in Dresden, Germany and settled here in 1860.

Clara's maternal grandparents, Frederick and Charlotte Kleile were shopkeepers and owned a meat market right here on West Wayne Street and a slaughterhouse on Cass Road.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in the heart of Historic Maumee was an important part of the Jaessing Family heritage. Grandfather Carl was the 1st appointed Trustee there, and Clara's father and her brothers Carl (my Father) and Fredric were active members. Clara's 1914 Confirmation photograph graces the mantel at 219 West Wayne Street.

Despite her mellow demeanor, Clara was driven, and went on to attend Baldwin-Wallace College at a time when few women pursued higher education. She studied Culinary Arts, a discipline that would suit her well for years to come. In August 1941, she married Frank Keller, a skilled carpenter, and they settled on 40 acres near Stony Ridge. In 1957, Frank and Clara built a home on her property in Maumee just a short distance from the Stuckey's Restaurant franchise that she established at the corner of Ryan and Reynolds Roads. While Clara had many talents including beadwork, needlework, quilting and baking, she was clearly an adept businesswoman, using her family money wisely to build her business.

My Aunt Clara was 13 years older than my father Carl, so she was like a grandmother to me and my five siblings. We cherished our regular visits with Aunt Clara, who although childless, knew how to make us feel comfortable and loved. Aunt Clara died in 1962 at the age of 59. Although she was not a tea aficionado, Clara loved all things culinary, and so, it seems appropriate, that on this Maumee street where her grandparents used to keep shop, Clara's enduring spirit remains in Clara J's Tea Room.

~Rebecca Jaessing, Proprietor



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Clara J's Tea Room

Serving Lunch Tuesday - Saturday
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Tea and Sweets
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Neapolitan Gift Shop

Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Lunch Menu

Lunch Tuesday through Saturday 11:00-2:00
Tea and Sweets 10:00-3:00 Menu Subject to change

Sandwiches served with specialty Chips and Quinoa Salad

Tea Room Sampler Petite Scone, Savory, Two Tearoom Sandwiches, Tearoom Sweet and Tea of the Day ...\$16.75

Quiche Always vegetarian & Homemade of the finest cheeses and ingredients, accompanied with Specialty Salad and Tea Bread ...\$11.25

Clara J's Sandwiches

Choice of Multi Grain or White Bread.
Gluten Free Bread available for \$2.00 additional.

Clara J's Signature Ribbon...\$11.25

Chicken Salad with Grapes, Pineapples, Coconut...\$11.25

Classic Egg Salad... \$11.25

Ham & Cheese on Everything Bread... \$11.25

**Gourmet Grilled Cheese ... Havarti, Spinach, and Pear
with Honey lavender butter...\$9.95**

Clara J's Salads

**Salad Trio with Classic Egg Salad, Chicken
Salad and Quinoa Salad, tea, bread and fresh fruit ... \$10.95**

Strawberry Pineapple iceberg Wedge Salad with Melon and Mint served with Yogurt and Poppy-seed Dressing... \$9.25

Homemade Soups

Soup and Quinoa Salad or Soup and Half Sandwich \$9.45
Chicken Orzo or Creamy Vegetarian Soup de Jour ... Cup \$4.95 Bowl \$5.95

Sweets

Clara's Cookie... \$1.75

Sweets Sampler for two... \$9.50
from the Proper Tea Menu

Neapolitan cupcake... \$3.55

Scone... \$3.20... add Devonshire Cream, Jam & Lemon Curd... \$3.95

"Devonshire Tea" For Two ...\$21.95

Scones (2) with Devonshire Cream, Lemon Curd & Jam with Medium pot of tea
(For **ONE** guest one Scone, Tea Tray with Small pot of tea ...\$10.95)

Split a meal add \$3.00 Menu Substitutions add \$1.50 Parties of five or more a 20% gratuity is recommended. **Nuts, mushrooms & onions are used in food preparation in Clara's Kitchen**

Proper Tea

By **RESERVATION** served at 11:00 A.M. or 1:00 P.M
Thursday, Friday and Saturday
...\$23.95 plus tax and gratuity

Teapot to share and the following **Scone** Served with Clara J's
Lemon Curd, Devonshire Cream, Fruit Jam

Savories

Cucumber Quinoa Bowl

Asparagus Bite

Classic Deviled Egg

Sandwiches

Clara J's Signature Ribbon Sandwich

Traditional Cucumber

Ham & Cheese Mini Baguette

Sweets

Clara J's Cookie

Chocolate Raspberry Cup

Blueberry Cheesecake

To reserve Proper Tea a credit card confirmation is required and will be charged if less than twelve hours cancellation or no show.

Children's Lunch Menu

Tea Room Sandwich: Cucumber, Turkey &
Cheese or Peanut Butter & Jam, Finger Jello,

Rainbow Fish

Kraft Macaroni & Cheese

a Sweet, Raspberry Lemonade or Tea ... \$9.95

for those over 12 years of age \$1.50 add on

Children's Proper Tea in the British Tradition is available by Reservation
\$16.95 Plus Tax & Gratuity

Thank you for coming to Clara J's Tea Room. We appreciate that you have
chosen a locally owned business to patronize!!

We would be honored to host your special event. .. Bridal Tea, Baby

Shower, Birthday Party, Garden Club, Bridge et al. ...

Carry-out & Catering?? We can assist!!

For the comfort of all guests PLEASE turn your cell phone off