

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 until 2:00
Tea & Sweets 10:00 - 3:00, Menu Subject to Change

Tea Room Sampler ... Petite Scone, Devonshire Cream, One Savory, Tearoom Sandwiches,
Tearoom Sweet & Tea of the Day, \$16.95

Quiche ... Always Vegetarian, made in house with the finest cheeses
Accompanied with Summer Orzo Salad & Tea Bread ... \$11.25

Sandwiches

Sandwiches Served with Chips & Summer Orzo Salad, \$11.25
Bread choices include white, multigrain, or everything

Clara J's Signature Ribbon, layers freshly sliced breads with chicken salad, garden medley
seasoned cream cheese, and spinach spread

Tropical Chicken Salad with grapes, pineapple, & toasted coconut

Carrot & Raisin Salad, mixed with apples & zesty lemon

B.L.T., fresh slices of tomato, leaf lettuce & in house made bacon jam

Gourmet Grilled Cheese, Havarti, Spinach, sliced pear, honey & lavender butter

Salads

Salad Trio with Carrot & Raisin Salad, Chicken Salad & Summer Orzo Salad, tea bread &
fresh fruit, \$10.75

Spinach & Berries, with seasonal berries, Clara J's fresh cheese, lavender infused vinaigrette
dressing, \$10.25

Soup & Salad or Soup & Half Sandwich, \$11.25

Soup from Clara J's Kitchen

Daily Creamy Vegetarian

Cold Soup du Jour

Cup \$4.75 Bowl \$5.75

Sweets

Clara's Cookie, \$1.75

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

Scone \$3.25; Devonshire Cream, Jam & Lemon Curd, \$4.00

"Devonshire Tea" For Two \$21.95

Two Scones, Devonshire Cream, Lemon Curd & Jam, medium pot of tea
For ONE guest: One Scone, Tea Tray with small pot of tea \$12.50

Gluten Free sandwich bread & dessert available upon request

Proper Tea

By Reservation
Seatings at 11:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. Thursday, Friday & Saturday
\$23.95 per person plus tax & gratuity

Teapot to share plus the following

Scone

Clara J's Lemon Curd, Devonshire & Fruit Jam

Savories

Cucumber Orzo Boat
Zucchini & Havarti Tarte
Watermelon & Feta Bites

Sandwiches

Clara J's Signature Ribbon Sandwich
Traditional Cucumber
Carrot Salad Finger Sandwich

Sweets

Clara's Cookie
Black Forest Chocolate Brownies
Key Lime Mousse

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: Classic Cucumber, Carrot & Raisin Salad,
Turkey & Cheese or Peanut Butter & Jam
or

Kraft Macaroni & Cheese

Served with finger Jell-O, Gold Fish & Tea Room 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!!

Nuts, mushrooms & onions are used in food preparation in Clara's Kitchen
Split a meal add \$2.75 Menu Substitutions add \$1.50

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