

At The Gate House, Good Times Come in Grand Servings

Delicious, Right Out of the Gate

Every guest has a favorite hangout. For some, it's the Esther Williams Swimming Pool. For others, it's that forever-famous geranium-lined Front Porch. But some guests may discover a new favorite place to relax – a local bar and restaurant recently acquired by Grand Hotel, known for good times and a rich history.

Introducing The Gate House. Just a short stroll down Grand Hill at the corner of Cadotte and Mahoney Avenues. What started as a small, Mackinac Island food stand in the early 1900s and grew into an entertaining family restaurant, now serves lunch, dinner and live modern music on most nights.

No need to get all dressed up. Just come as you are. Dinner at The Gate House makes for a wonderful dining option as part of the Modified American Plan.

You'll find more than delicious fare. Enjoy a cool breeze on the outdoor patio as you chat with friends. Catch a game on TV. Unwind at the bar with your favorite cocktail and relax to live music – there are two separate stages, one inside and one out. Or, cozy up by the fireplace in a comfortable seat.

More than just a feast for the taste buds, The Gate House will offer a feast for the eyes, as it is currently receiving a "Grand" new makeover by Carleton Varney, President of Dorothy Draper & Company, New York City.

This entails a complete re-design – from repainting to special touches, including a full wall mural of the Dorothy Draper design for the restaurant at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art. The Gate House will also feature a design, called sunshine fretwork, displaying a yellow moon and an orange sun – both set against a blue and white trellis. As The Gate House will be a lunch/dinner restaurant, the sun of Mackinac – the moon of Mackinac, will be ever present. Nasturtium orange has been selected by the designers as the background color for this bistro/café. Art work will feature floral lithographs from the islands, as well as a hint or two of maritime memorabilia – a must for navigators of the summer sailing races.

Whether you stop in for lunch, dinner, or just a late night snack, you'll want to sit back and take everything in – including the nostalgia. Just as Grand Hotel has its legacy, so too does The Gate House. Back in the early 1920s it was known as "Mary's Pantry" a place where patrons played nickel slots and dined on homemade meals. The Orr family purchased the French Outpost in 1972. In 2000, the Orr sisters, Debra and Sandra, rebuilt the property and operated it wonderfully and we are proud to take over the facility.

On your next stay, be sure to visit this historic landmark, where good times come in Grand servings.


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Steve Forbes welcomes former President George H. W. Bush to Grand Hotel.

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