

## 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.

Serving Proper Tea Thursday – Saturday  
11:00 a.m. Et 1:00 p.m.

### Neapolitan Gift Shop

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

## ☉Lunch Menu☉

Clara J's Signature Layered Ribbon Sandwich - Three layers: Chicken Salad, Spinach, Herbs, Frosted with Cream Cheese. Served with Specialty Chips Et Salad..... \$9.95

Clara J's Homemade Chicken Salad or Ham Salad Your Choice of Greens, Wrap, White or Wheat Bread..... \$9.95

Quiche - Always Vegetarian Et Homemade with the Finest Cheeses and Ingredients with Specialty Salad and Bread d'Jour..... \$9.95

Santa Fe Chicken Wrap..... \$9.95

Santa Fe Veggie Wrap..... \$8.00

Harvest Gourmet Grilled Cheese: Rustic Apple and Gourmet Cheese on Specialty Bread..... \$9.95  
Add Virginia Ham \$1.25

Bountiful Salad Combo of Chicken, Ham and Specialty Salad..... \$9.95

Autumn Lentil Salad: Specialty Greens with Zucchini, Cucumber, Feta Cheese With Clara J's homemade Vinaigrette dressing ..... \$8.75

Soup and Specialty Salad or Soup and Half Sandwich..... \$8.95  
Sandwich Choice of Chicken or Ham Salad, Ribbon

Clara J's Homemade Chicken Orzo Soup or Soup d'Jour..... Cup \$4.95  
Bowl \$5.95

Ask your server about our Tea Sampler..... \$15.95

## ☉Children's Lunch Menu☉

Macaroni Et Cheese, Grilled Cheese, or Tea Room Sandwich: Cucumber, Turkey Et Cheese, Peanut Butter Et Jam. Accompanied with Finger Jello, Fish Crackers, a Sweet. Choice of Raspberry Lemonade or Tea..... \$9.25  
12 yr+ \$10.75

Children's Soup in a Cup with Half Sandwich Et Beverage..... \$6.25

### Carry-out Available

Parties of five or more a 20% gratuity will be added  
We offer Special Events and Catering , please ask!  
2013 September October November

## ☉Proper Tea☉

By Reservation Only  
Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 11:00 A.M. or 1:00 P.M

Adult: \$28.00  
(including tax and gratuity)

Proper Tea includes the following

A Teapot with your choice of tea to share

Scone: Clara J's Lemon Curd, Devonshire Cream Et Fruit Jam

Savories: Autumn Crunch, Crostini with Apple Cheddar, Spinach Puff

Sandwiches: Clara J's Signature Ribbon Sandwich, Traditional Cucumber, Santa Fe Chicken Pinwheel

Sweets: Clara's Cookie, Rocky Road Bar, Carrot Cake

Proper Tea Reservations Et Cancellations: To reserve Proper Tea a credit card confirmation is required. Cancellations made within 12 hours of proper tea or no show are subject to no refund.

Princess or Prince Proper Tea Menu By Reservation: \$17.50  
Split a meal add \$2.75 Menu Substitutions add \$1.50

## ☉Sweets☉

Clara's Cookies (3)..... \$4.50

Sweets from our Proper Tea Menu for two..... \$9.50

Neapolitan Ice Cream ..... \$3.75

Scone ..... \$2.00

Devonshire Cream, Jam Et Lemon Curd ..... \$2.95

"Devonshire Tea" for One - Two Scones with Devonshire Cream, Lemon Curd and Jam Tea Tray with a Small Tea..... \$10.50

"Devonshire Tea" for Two - Four Scones with Devonshire Cream, Lemon Curd and Jam Tea Tray with a Medium Tea..... \$17.00