

CHEF'S CORNER

JANUARY 2010

Senior Member of the Kitchen (and the Club!)

Mrs. Celestine Ford, respectfully referred to by the staff as Ms. Ford, has been with the Saint Louis Club since our doors were opened in 1964. In December she celebrated her 45 year anniversary! This is not only a landmark for the Club but it's also noteworthy because you don't hear about this kind of longevity often these days.



for private parties and club events. You will most often see her preparing blinis and carving our house-smoked salmon. Celestine says she enjoys working; it keeps her mind active. In her spare time she does charity work for her church. She has seven children – all girls, 15 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Ms. Ford's first job was with the Mayfair Hotel downtown, where she did vegetable prep for five years. When the Pierre Laclede Center opened, her husband, who worked for the building, made her aware that a new club at the top of the east tower, was looking for kitchen staff. She was initially hired as a pantry chef. After ten years she was promoted to garde manger and was in charge of the pantry.

In my tenure at the Club, it has been a pleasure working with Ms. Ford. She is a lady in every sense of the word – always well groomed, reliable and she has a wonderful disposition. In her work capacity, she excels with creating buffet salads. We even have a potato salad named after her!



Although officially retired, Ms. Ford continues to return on a part time basis to help with party prep and to work carving stations

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