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The Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce is continuing its Let's Go Shop/Let's Go to Lunch campaign on Friday, November 6, 2009 at Little Italy Italian Café in Twentynine Palms. Come on in and have lunch with your Chamber Membership!

Let's Go Shop/Let's Go to Lunch is easy for the featured member. The featured member picks an open Friday and agrees to be open during their regular business hours for the general public as well as members to stop in for shopping or lunch. The Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce then advertises that the member business is a featured Chamber Member for that month. If your business is interested, contact the Chamber at 760-367-3445 for more information or to sign up!

This month's featured members are Little Italy Italian Café on November 6 and Chuck Caplinger's Desert Art Studio on November 20.

#### **Little Italy Italian Café**

Little Italy Italian Café, located in the Bowladium, has served handmade pizza, pasta and sub sandwiches since October 2008. Owner David Donald said the meatball, Italian, and deluxe bacon cheese subs are very popular, but his best-selling item is pizza.

"Pretty much everybody has told me it's better than anything else in town," Donald said.

Pizzas come in 10-inch or 14-inch hand-tossed crusts, but Donald said he can make the crusts thinner if a customer requests it. Subs come on 6-inch or 12-inch hoagie rolls.

The cafe also offers hot wings, barbecue wings, mild wings, cheese bread, mozzarella sticks, zucchini, mushrooms, jalapeno poppers, and various types of ice cream bars and sandwiches.

"People think, "How can this little place out of the bowling alley make good food?" Donald said, adding, "Give it a try... you'll come back."

The cafe is offering 25% off any item to its customers on November 6.

Little Italy Italian Cafe is open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week. In-town deliveries are available from 5 to 9 p.m. It is located at 73768 Gorgonio Drive, in the east end of the Bowladium building, and can be reached at (760) 367-5002.

#### **Chuck Caplinger's Desert Art Studio**

Chuck Caplinger's Desert Art Studio features paintings of desert wildlife, landscapes, cowboys and equestrians. Some oils on canvas and prints are available for purchase. Portraits are done on commission.

The gallery was established in 1997 when Caplinger and his wife moved to 29 Palms. The gallery hosts artist receptions and other special events once or twice a year.

Caplinger is the gallery's sole employee. He is a co-founder of the Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council, founder of the City of Twentynine Palms Art in Public Places program and the Public Arts Advisory Committee. He painted three local murals and designed the City's new "29!" sculpture.

The gallery is located at 74655 Wellock Road in a geodesic dome. For more information, visit [www.desertartstudio.com](http://www.desertartstudio.com) or call 760-361-2305.