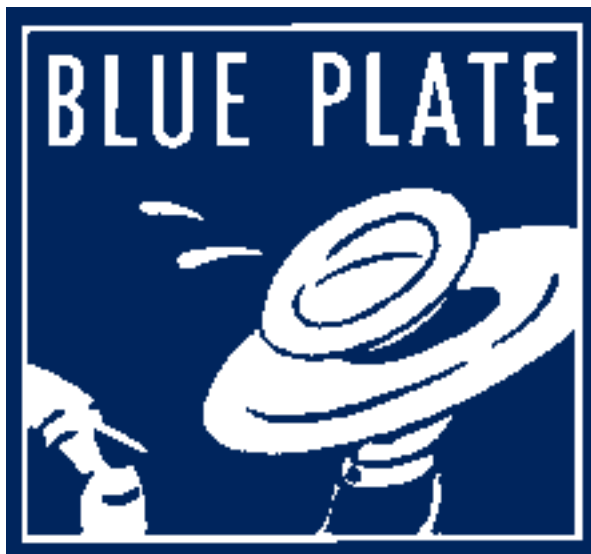

Chatham New York, 8 January 2002

Dear Diner:



Another year has passed, and I'm certain none of us is sorry to see this one go. To those of you who have second homes in the City, I fervently hope that you and your family escaped personal tragedy and that you have regained some of the confidence and good humor you presumably lost since 9/11.

We at the Blue Plate hope that we can continue to provide a cozy haven for all our guests from near and far (during 2001 we had visitors from Birmingham, Charleston, Chicago, Corona del Mar, Cucamonga, New Orleans & Salt Lake City as well as from right around the corner!)

After a brief hiatus, we will embark on our--gasp!--**sixth season** on Thursday, January 31st. We are still going strong in Chatham because of your confidence and loyalty. You have patiently endured our electrical problems, our plumbing problems, our personnel problems. Even on those--we hope rare--occasions when the food or service wasn't all it should have been you have returned again, ever hopeful that next time would be better. (We hope it was.) I hope to thank many of you in person during the coming year.

Meanwhile, should you have suggestions or complaints, please communicate these directly to me. **We want to keep you coming home to "the Plate" for years to come!**

Sincerely,

Judy Grunberg

Joined by

Mark Meppen, chef

Marcia Curran, manager

& the whole Blue Plate gang
