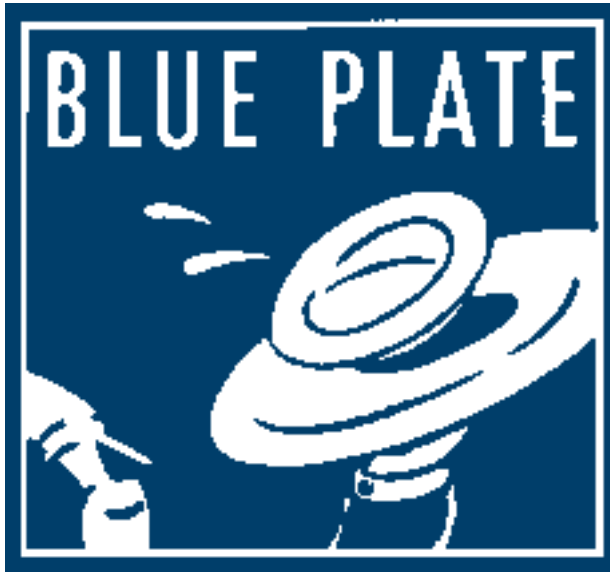

Chatham New York, 21 January 2003

Dear Blue Plate Friend:

Here we are again, with our annual New Year's greeting & update!



It's been a good year, *most things considered.* During 2002 we have welcomed guests from far & near: perusing the guestbook, there've been visitors from Australia & Austerlitz, from Cape Town & Copake, from Northampton & North Chatham.

My favorite comment, from a young diner this past November, reads: "good ice cream stop putting leaves in it." Well, Chet, we admit to occasional culinary excesses; we'll try to do better in the future.

We're still working on expanding the number of locally grown products used in our kitchen; ideally, we would like to provide *only* those items grown in the most earth-enhancing manner, close to home, while keeping our prices at a level accessible to all. We have yet to achieve this, but it's our first priority as we move forward.

Last April, we inaugurated our Wednesday night jazz series, featuring popular local regulars pianist Lincoln Mayorga & basist Otto Gardner, AKA Me & the Mailman. On occasion, another gifted duo, Allen Livermore & John Sauer, tenor sax & piano respectively, have appeared as well. Speaking of music, we are happy to announce a special evening of contradance music played by Selma Kaplan & George Wilson on Wednesday, February 5th, both of whom are well-loved in the Bluegrass/folk dance communities.

Another innovation this past year was the establishment of a new website. While still "under construction," it lists the current menu & contains a variety of photos of some of our staff, relatives & customers. Please check us out at www.chathamblueplate.com. From there you can e-mail us directly with suggestions, complaints, even photos you may have of yourselves wearing the famous Blue Plate T-shirt in exotic places.

It's hard to believe we are soon to embark on our seventh season at 1 Kinderhook Street!

We are grateful to all of you for your enduring confidence, whether you live across the continent or just across the street. We hope to see every one of you many times before the end of another season!

Sincerely,



Judy Grunberg, owner

Joined by Marcia Curran, manager, Leo Castellanos, chef (enjoying a well-earned vacation in Oaxaca) & the whole Blue Plate gang
