The Food Service Industry

Introduction

- Restaurants play a significant role in our lifestyles
  - Dining out is a social activity
  - Successful restaurants offer a reasonable return on investment
  - Restaurant concept determines talents required
  - There is no substitute for experience

Why go into the Food & Beverage Business?

- Money
  - The potential for a buy-out
- A place to socialize
- Love of a changing work environment
- Challenge
- Habit
- Too much time on your hands
- Opportunity to express yourself

Early History of Eating Out

- Long History
  - 1700 B.C.E. taverns
  - 512 B.C.E. Ancient Egypt public dining place
  - 70 A.D. Herculaneum, Rome
    - Eruption of Mt. Vesuvius
  - 1200 London cooking houses
  - 1550 Constantinople café
  - 1650 Oxford coffee house
    - Became popular in Colonial America

History of Restaurants in Europe

- People ate together in large groups 12,000 years ago
- Food was sold in public market places 7,000 years ago
- Greek and Roman banquets occurred 2,500 years ago
- By the 1500’s, quantity food was produced primarily in religious institutions, and wealthy persons employed chefs
- Before the 1600’s, persons living along trade routes, e.g., the first hospitality entrepreneurs as they opened their houses to travelers
- Separate eating places began in Europe in the mid-1700’s

French Culinary History

- 1767: Boulanger
  - Father of the modern restaurant
    - Sold soups “restorantes” (restoratives)
- 1782: Grand Tavern de Londres
- 1785: Aux Trois Freres Provencaux
- 1794: French Revolution
  - Chef to the former nobility suddenly had no employment
  - Some stayed and opened restaurants; some went to Europe; many fled to America

History of Restaurants in America

- Taverns and inns became popular in cities during 1800’s
- Most luxurious dining was offered by large hotels
- By the late 1800’s, public eating places were almost everywhere and offered a wide variety of food items
- One of the first restaurants chains was that of Fred Harvey (Kansas) in the mid-1870’s
- By 1920, numerous eating places were located near major highways
- In the 1940’s frozen foods became popular
- McDonald’s restaurant chain began in the 1950’s
- In the 1970’s, wines increased in popularity
- The ‘modern’ restaurant era began in the early 1980’s as Americans began to eat out more frequently

Steak Marination:
Salt, pepper, paprika, oil. Garlic, Thyme, Butter + Oil
175 to sizzle 2.5 minutes, rest for 2 minutes

Challenges of restaurant operation

- Family Issues
- Long hours
- Little security for managers working for others
- Possibility of losing investments and investors
- Starting a restaurant involves high risk
- Results of Dr. Parsa’s study:
  - Highest failure rate during first year: 26%

Buy/ Build/ Franchise/ Manage

Advantage & Disadvantages

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<th>Original Investment Needed</th>
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Traditional service staff and their duties and responsibilities

Front of House
- Is the area where diners sit
- Waiter, waitresses and hosts interact with guests
- These staff are said to be ‘on the floor’ since they are visible representatives of the restaurant
- Floor staff are supposed to be courteous, informative and neatly dressed, since their behavior determines whether or not guest enjoy themselves

Front of House - Staff

Maitre d’Hotel
- The person responsible for the overall management of service at a fairly elaborate establishment

Head waiter
- Second-in-command. Oversees service in a particular area of the restaurant, such as a banquet room. If no maitre d’, the head waiter is responsible for the overall management of service

Captain
- Responsible for running one ‘service station’ or section of a restaurant that typically includes 25-30 guests. Take customers’ orders and oversees one or two waiters and a busboy

Waiter
- Assists the captain by attending to the customers’ needs throughout the meal

Busboy
- Responsible for the most basic needs of the guests - filling water
- Glasses, bringing bread and butter, and conveying dirty dishes to the kitchen/dishwasher

Front Of House - Specialized Staff Positions

Chef/Proprietor
- The person whose personal style is the defining characteristic of the restaurant

Host or Hostess
- Greets the guests and shows them to their tables

Sommelier ( or Wine Steward )
- Usually only found at very formal restaurants. Chooses and maintains the restaurant’s stock of wines. Serves wines to customers

Bartender
- Provides bar service during meals. Gives the finishes drinks to waiters for delivery to the tables or serves customers directly if they are waiting to be seated

Coat Checker
- Seasonal worker who checks customers’ coats as they enter the restaurant

Back of House
- Is the staff area, where cooks and other support staff work to prepare food
- This area includes other staff areas such as a break room and changing area
- Cooks, expediters and dishwashers work in the back of house, usually largely unseen by the public
- In most kitchens, the back of house has a strict hierarchy, with each staff member performing a specific task

Back of House - Staff

Chef de Cuisine
- Has the vision and conceives the dishes for the restaurant. His/her personality imbues (灌输) the whole restaurant

Executive Chef
- Run the whole restaurant. Is responsible for hiring and firing staff, determining costs, revamping the menu, taking care of all administrative tasks, interacting with dining room managers and chefs, and ensuring the well-being of the restaurants

Sous-Chef
- Always in the kitchen. Determines daily specials, takes inventory, oversees staff, does all the hands-on work

Expediter
- This is usually the sous-chef. Serves as the liaison between the customers in the dining room and the line cooks. Makes sure that the food gets to the customers in a timely fashion, so that everyone sitting at a particular table is served simultaneously

Pastry Chef
- Reigns over the pastry section of the kitchen. Traditionally, the pastry section has been assigned less status than the main kitchen

Line Cooks
- The people who cook the food. Divided up by cooking technique ( saute, grill, etc. ) or be type of food ( fish, meat, etc. ). Most cooks work up through the line before being promoted to sous-chef

Chef de garde manger
- The person in the garde manger section or cold station. Plates all the dishes that do not require heat and sometimes desserts, if there is no assigned pastry chef on the line

Leading employees

Employee resources are the most valuable asset and competitive advantages

- We need to realize that leadership of employee resources is critical:
  - We don’t manage our employees, we lead them
- Being a leader is exciting:
  - There are challenges, opportunities and rewards
- In the hospitality industry:
  - Almost everything depends on the physical labor of many hourly ( or nonmanagerial ) workers
    - People who cook, serve tables, mic drinks, wash dishes and mop floors
- How well employees produce:
  - Depends largely on how well they are led
    - Greatest challenge: employee motivation
- Leadership:
  - Process by which a person with a vision is able to influence the activities and outcomes of others
    - Begins with a vision, mission and goals
- Vision:
  - Articulation of the mission in an appealing way that it vividly conveys the future
Introduction

Nutrition is essentially the science of how living beings use the nutrients in food for nourishment. It involves Carbohydrates, Proteins, Lipids, Water, Vitamins, and Minerals.

The Restaurant Manager and Nutrition

There is an increased concern about health and well-being today. More meals are being consumed away from home. Lifestyle changes have increasingly emphasized nutritional issues. Restaurant managers should be concerned about nutrition in their own lives. Many guests are attracted to restaurants with nutritional food alternatives.

Benefits of a Nutrition Emphasis

- The industry benefits: many persons have a negative stereotype about unhealthy restaurant meals.
- The restaurant benefits: nutrition can be emphasized without significant/costly changes in operating procedures.

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<th>No. of calories per gram of nutrients</th>
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<td>Carbohydrates</td>
<td>Oxidized (‘burned’) for energy and warmth; excess stored as glycogen (a storage form of glucose which is a sugar) and fat</td>
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<td>Proteins</td>
<td>Build/rebuild cells, tissues, bones, and muscles. Primary component of blood, lymph fluids, enzymes, hormones and numerous other body materials</td>
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<td>Lipids (Fats and Oils)</td>
<td>Provide energy, carry fat-soluble vitamins, keeps body warm, comprise part of cell membranes and helps to protect organs</td>
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Fat-Soluble Vitamins

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<td>Vitamin A</td>
<td>Helps maintain the skin and the body's mucous membranes; helps with vision</td>
<td>Natural sources include liver, egg yolks and dairy products; some foods (skim milk and margarine, for example) are fortified (supplemented) with Vitamin A. Many fruits and vegetables are also good sources.</td>
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<td>Vitamin D</td>
<td>Helps in maintaining strong bones and teeth</td>
<td>Natural sources are few but include eggs and liver. Milk is usually fortified (supplemented) with Vitamin D. It is also made in the body when the skin is exposed to sunlight.</td>
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<td>Vitamin E</td>
<td>Helps protect the body against harmful internal reactions and maintains cell membranes</td>
<td>Commonly found in many foods</td>
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<td>Vitamin K</td>
<td>Helps in the blood clotting process</td>
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Water-Soluble Vitamins

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<td>Provides energy to cells</td>
<td>Cereal grains, organ and lean meats, legumes, seeds, nuts, fruits and vegetables</td>
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<td>Vitamin B - Riboflavin</td>
<td>Active in body reactions which release energy; helps to maintain healthy skin</td>
<td>Milk and milk products, meats, eggs, fish, poultry and leafy green vegetables. Rice, cereals, pasta and other products are often enriched with riboflavin</td>
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<td>Vitamin B - Niacin</td>
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<td>Meats and peanuts, pasta and breads. Many ready-to-eat cereals are fortified with niacin</td>
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<td>Vitamin B - Biotin</td>
<td>Involved in reactions involving amino acids, proteins, carbohydrates and fats and is essential to produce energy</td>
<td>Organ meats, chicken, yeast, eggs, milk, most fresh vegetables and some fruits</td>
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<td>Vitamin B - Pantothenic Acid</td>
<td>Helps convert carbohydrates to energy; involved in the production of cholesterol, chlorine, some fatty acids and red blood cells</td>
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<td>Vitamin B6</td>
<td>Active in protein metabolism</td>
<td>Meats and meat products; chicken, fish, avocados and eggs. Unmilled rice, soybeans, oats, whole wheat products and some types of nuts</td>
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Maximize the Contribution Margin

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<th>Menu Item</th>
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<td>Item C</td>
<td>$12.50</td>
<td>$26.50</td>
<td>47.2%</td>
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Menu Engineering Worksheet

Managing Plow Horses (Low CM; High Popularity)
- Increases prices carefully (in stages?)
- Relocate to low menu profile
- Shift demand (provide better value alternatives)
- Combine with lower cost items
- Assess direct labour factor
- Consider portion reduction

Managing Puzzles (High CM; Low Popularity)
- Reposition and feature
- Add value
- Rename
- Decrease price
- Limit
- Promote
- Increase visual presentation
- Use suggestive selling
- Take off menu

Managing Stars (High CM; High Popularity)
- Maintain rigid specifications
- Locate in highly visible menu location
- Test for price inelasticity
- Use suggestive selling
- Merchandise and promote

Managing Dogs (Low CM; Low Popularity)
- Eliminate
- Raise selling price
- Replace
- Manage