

PRESS RELEASE:

Thursday March 29, 2018 Port Charlotte, Florida

KPC Food Services, LLC has announced the sale of one of its local holdings, “Best Pizzas!”, located at 2592 Tamiami Trail in Port Charlotte. Best Pizzas! was purchased by KPC Food Services in April of 2009 when it was part of the Dino’s Pizza franchise. KPC dropped the failing Dino’s franchise and rejuvenated the shop by completely overhauling the menu offerings and pricing structure. KPC managing partners Karen and Phil Crotteau say “this change in menu and pricing allowed annual double digit growth for almost the entire time that KPC held the business.” They also added that “the menu caught on almost immediately where we were the only shop in town where you could get something for almost any palette – from a garlic mashed potato pizza to a hot dog with sauerkraut, delivered!” Mr. Crotteau went on to say that “when we added pasta and burgers to the menu they took off like a rocket”. We had accomplished what we set out to do, said Mr. Crotteau, by rescuing this failing local landmark and bringing it back to life.

Mr. Crotteau is now nearing retirement and they were looking to sell the business to the right buyer. After reviewing a dozen offers over the last eighteen months, we settled with Nick and Amanda Wrasse, owners of Uncle Nick’s Pizza, also of Charlotte County. Uncle Nicks will close its current location and move into the Best Pizzas location (mentioned above) on May 23rd of this year, Best Pizzas! will cease operations and close to the public on May 21st for two days when it will reopen as Uncle Nicks Pizza. While some of the menu items may be dropped from the current Best Pizzas! menu, many, if not most will remain and be added to the Uncle Nicks menu. Also, that phone number that almost everyone knows by heart (941-255-9090) will remain, as will Uncle Nicks current phone number!

KPC will also stay active in the local Food Services Management sector for the next two to three years while they transition current contracts over to Uncle Nicks.

KPC Food Services, LLC would like to thank the many thousands of our loyal customers for our success and ask that you continue to patronize what is likely the oldest, continuously operated Pizza Shop in Charlotte County. Stay tuned as Uncle Nick’s takes over and adds their unique touch as only a local independent operator can do!