

Today's Business

Know more about this photo?

Contact Peter Knight, owner of the local A&W restaurant, at 368-8548 or info@awrootbeer.com. Knight is hoping to find out more about the photo and find other historic A&W photos as part of the company's 90th anniversary celebration scheduled for June 18-20.



COURTESY PHOTO

A&W looking for clues about historic photo

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Peter Knight, owner of the local A&W restaurant, is hoping to find more information on a photo of two A&W waitresses who appear to have been working at the Lodi location back in the mid-'50s.

Knight said he'd like to find the identity of the two women because A&W has chosen the photo to be the image on a T-shirt to commemorate its 90th anniversary.

"The more you look at these two teenage girls (the more) you wonder about them," Knight said in an e-mail. "The girl on the right, for example, reminds me of the 'Rizzo' character in 'Grease.'"

Knight said the photo tells a story of "a simple time long gone" and he'd like to know when the photo was taken and by whom.

"A woman gave me this photo many years ago, and I would like her to come forward to help identify these girls," he said.

Knight said he has a few other historic photos at the Lodi restaurant located at 216 E. Lodi Ave., and asked for anyone who has other historic photos to come by and drop them off so he could make a copy.

The official A&W 90th anniversary party takes place from 5 to 9 p.m., June 20 at the Lodi restaurant. The event will feature a classic car show, a birthday cake large enough for 5,000 people and free A&W root beer floats. Other events will take place during the three-day celebration.

Roy Allen founded his first root beer stand in Lodi in 1919, and would later partner with Frank Wright to form A&W Root Beer.

For more information, visit www.awrootbeer.com.

Winners chosen for VIP tour

Lucy and Scott Molinari are the local winners of a VIP tour of the Lodi area as part of the A&W's 90th anniversary party.

The Molinari's are the owners of Minerva's furniture store on Oak Street in Lodi, said Peter Knight, the owner of the Lodi A&W. The couple won their trip as part of a local drawing, and will accompany another couple who won the tour as part of a national contest through A&W's corporate Web site.

The winners will enjoy complimentary lodging at Wine and Roses, private tours of local wineries and other attractions, a boat tour of the Mokelumne River, throwing out the first pitch at a Lodi Baseball Club game and other activities.

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