

CHRISTMAS CITY PIE

The only thing I ever invented



Pink peppermint-stick ice cream with hot fudge sauce seemed an unlikely combination. Maybe, but when opening a place in The Christmas City, Bethlehem, PA, and wanting a signature dessert, necessity and nostalgia became the mothers of invention!

The original, served in the silver goblet, was a staple in the Circular Dining Room at Hotel Hershey, where Cap'n Clawed's family would venture for very, very, very special, special occasions...very occasionally!

Years later, although now 30 years ago, when planning what was the New Street BridgeWorks, it all came together. Skip the silver goblet, we're on the SouthSide of Bethlehem. How about a graham cracker crust drizzled with Hershey's Chocolate Syrup for authenticity, filled high with pink peppermint-stick ice cream, topped with chocolate sauce? Call it Christmas City Pie... "loved by kids from one to 92" right out of Mel Torme's "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire (The Christmas Song)." Both the restaurant and the invention were hits, although not as big as Mel's song.

Now, the Marblehead rendition with a Barnacle Bob twist—an individual serving atop a ginger snap crust. WOW! And I thought my head was spinning at the Circular Dining Room.