

Restaurant Review 29 Charlie Gitto's April 4, 2015

RESTAURANT REVIEW: Charlie Gitto's: I was joined for lunch recently at Charlie Gitto's at the corner of Olive Blvd and Chesterfield Parkway (15525 Olive Blvd). Gitto's qualifies as a lunch only review in an effort to save money but still experience the food of the place. The number one restaurant on the "lunch only" list is of course Annie Gunn's.



By showing up at 1:00 on a Wednesday afternoon, the lunch crowd was starting to leave.

As is my custom to offer balanced taste tests of area restaurants for lunch I tried the roast beef sandwich. I normally shy away from the French Fries looking for a substitute item, but the waiter said the fries were "different" and worth trying. He was right.

The roast beef sandwich (\$11) was just right. It might have been three dollars overpriced, but the tender beef slightly seasoned was the correct portion. It was very satisfying but did not leave you stuffed. The fries were crispy and were not the ordinary fries you would expect with a sandwich.



As if all Italian restaurant I did the Olive Garden test and ordered a side of Fettuccine Alfredo and compared it to what is served at the Olive Garden.

The side of Fettuccine Alfredo was \$5. The portion was small, not like some that seem to be sponsored by the new cardiologists in the neighborhood. It was as good or better than what is sold at the Italian Gardens, but in a much smaller bowl, as a side.



My luncheon companion ordered the Linguini with Fresh clams (\$15). "I love these. They are my most favorite thing on the menu," she said. While enjoying the meal and slurping down every last bit of clam, she did have one complaint. The noodles claiming to be Linguini, normally a thin round noodle, were Fettuccine noodles.



With all the pasta, desert was out of the question. Yes Charlie Gitto's was a little pricey. But what the heck, for lunch you should be able to treat yourself once in a while.