

Restaurant Review 4 Talayna's August 29, 2014

RESTAURANT FAMOUS FOR PIZZA DISCRIMINATES AGAINST PEOPLE WHO ORDER PIZZA and ST. LOUISIANS: Talayna's Pizzas are an iconic St. Louis style pizza brand. While I grew up on Faratto's Pizza on Manchester in Rock Hill and Imo's...a Talayna's pizza made right maybe is the best St. Louis style pizza in the area. Instead of doing lunch with Jean for a restaurant review, we did Dinner with the wife and Jean. We went to the Talayna's in the Four Season's Shopping Center on Olive near Woods Mill.



The restaurant is not owned by the Talayna family but was originally a franchise that is owned by Mehdi and Susan Rouhani.

I have to admit that I really like Talayna's thin crust pizza. I was not disappointed with my pizza at dinner, a later lunch is another story. I was disappointed that dinner salads for \$2.99 are offered only to people buying pasta dishes.

Jean got one with her Penne Con Broccoli. The pasta dish was \$12.95. The side salad was \$2.99.



I ordered a hamburger and ham pizza (\$12.25). I tried to order the same side salad as Jean, but was told I could not... since my order was not pasta. I would have to order a House Salad for \$6.35.



My wife ordered the Gyro that came with a side of spaghetti with red sauce. I then decided to try a side of spaghetti with Alfredo sauce. That was a mistake. The side was \$3.75 and the Alfredo was a \$1.75 up charge for a total of \$5.65 for something that comes with a sandwich.



My wife liked her Gyro and the spaghetti side. She said the Gyro was better than the one at the Hanger Bar and Grill that she thought was tasty. Frankly I was not crazy about my Alfredo spaghetti. However the pizza was great.

I will be back for the pizza...just the pizza...and I did see below...

THE RETURN TO TALAYNAS: About two weeks later after Jean Whitney and her husband cancelled lunch at Tuckers, on my way back from the County Courthouse I went back to Talaynas to try a lunch pizza.

The dinner pizza was so good it brought me back for lunch. However, the lunch pizza was so bad I may never return.

First I was dismayed to find that the only pizza at a special "Lunch Price" was a New York Style Pizza." What the hell...don't we live in St. Louis...the home of provol cheese and St. Louis Pizza? What is this place selling at lunch..."NEW YORK" pizza!

So I ordered a small dinner St. Louis Style pizza. What a disappointment. The center sections were not crisp and in fact were soggy. I could have had better if I bought a frozen St. Louis Style Pizza at Dierbergs and fixed it at home.

Sometimes a return trip will show you something completely different.