

# Aria Group Architects, Inc.

## 1992

*We would like to thank all of our friends and associates who helped us grow over the past four years.*

*We appreciate the opportunity to work with you in bringing to reality your hopes and dreams. All of us would like to wish you and your families a joyous holiday season and a healthy, happy, prosperous New Year.*

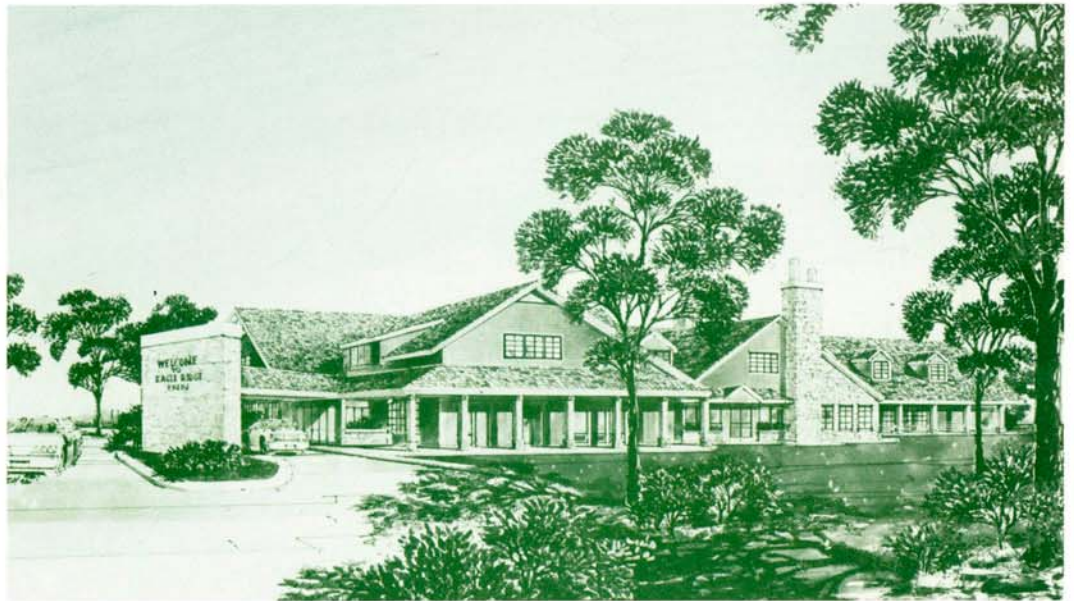
*Jim, Wall, Steve, Kathy,*

*Susan, Ray, Tom,*

*Jeff and Gina.*

## EAGLE RIDGE RESORT INN

*Galena, Illinois*



*Malar Casey*

A tragic fire destroyed Eagle Ridge Inn on January 8, 1992. On Friday, January 10 at 10:30 p.m., Jim met with a weary Joe Duellman and John Osmanski to start the planning and develop the program for the new Inn.

The first designs and budgets were presented the following Friday. The rest is a blur. The problem—completely redesign the Inn and expand it to accommodate three retail areas, 20 guest rooms, more recreational facilities, a new conference facility, administrative offices etc., yet maintaining the country inn charm of the old facility. Also, fast track the project so that the Inn could take advantage of their peak summer season.

Through many 16 hour days and 7 day work weeks we

were able to get a bid set of plans out for Phase I on March 2. Construction began on March 23. The insurance company provided the means for the contractors to work 2 shifts and weekends to perform a miracle in getting the main Inn open for business on August 13.

It would not have been possible without the assistance of our consultants and associates:

McGuire and Associates— Mechanical & Electrical Engineers



Paul Mast, Structural Engineer  
Beth Kuscera, Boelter Companies  
Kitchen Consultant  
IIW, Civil Engineers  
Nancy Warren, Consultant  
Connie Whately, Lighting  
Consultant  
Mara Barnett, Interior Decorator

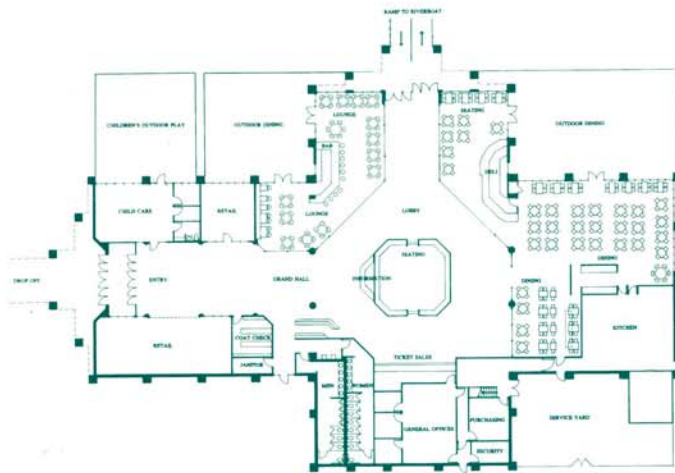
# EAGLE RIDGE INN CONFERENCE CENTER

*Galena, Illinois*



*Malvar Cosgro*

This 15,000 S.F. conference facility is attached to the 47,000 S.F. Eagle Ridge Inn. It includes a 6,000 S.F. ballroom, 5 meeting rooms and 5 conference rooms. Contractor—CSE Construction. Open December 4th, 1992



# SILVER EAGLE RIVERBOAT CASINO DOCKING FACILITY

*Galena, Illinois*

This 20,000 S.F. building was designed to accommodate the expected 4,000 daily visitors to the spectacular Silver Eagle Riverboat in Galena. We learned a great deal about building on the shores of the Mississippi River working in association with Marty Johnson of Straka Architects. Contractor—Conlon Construction—Dubuque, Iowa.

## Other 1992-93 Projects:

**California Pizza Kitchen**  
Bethesda, Maryland  
Opened July 1992  
Capitol Construction

**Midtown Atlanta**  
Opened October 1992  
R.D. Olsen

**Deerfield, Illinois**  
Plans in progress  
Spring construction

**Wheaton, Illinois**  
Spring construction

**Granary Restaurant**  
Galena Territory  
Opened July 1992  
Owner/Contractor:  
Eagle Ridge Inn

**Shangrila Restaurant**  
Chinatown—Chicago  
Under construction  
Reliable Construction

**Bittersweet Bakery**  
Opened August 1992  
Owner/Contractor:  
Judy Contino

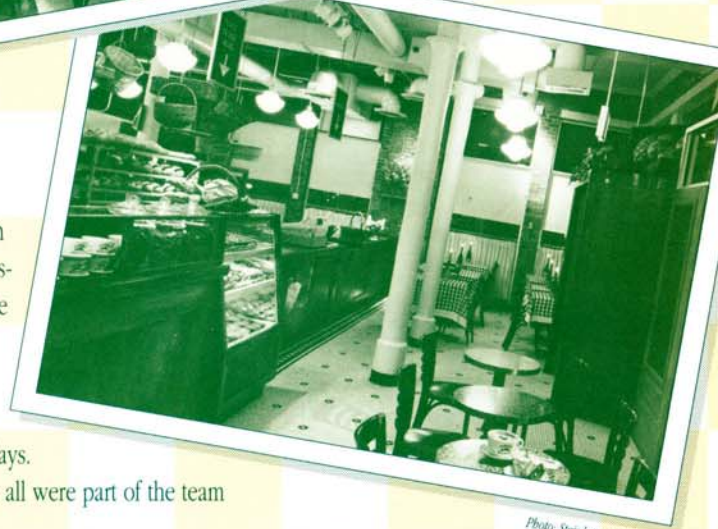
**Food Court &  
American Grill**  
Mezzanine Level  
Water Tower Place  
Under construction  
Owner: Lettuce Entertain  
You Enterprises  
Capitol Construction

# MAGGIANO'S RESTAURANT AND CORNER BAKERY

*Chicago, Illinois*



*Photo: Steinkamp/Ballogg*



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**W**e completed the original Maggiano's and Corner Bakery in Nov. 1991. It has been so successful that Rich Melman and Mark Tormey have taken this great concept to Oakbrook Shopping Center. Capitol Construction completed the project in 8 weeks for a Dec. 2nd opening, just in time for the holidays. Bill Aumiller, Brian Sperry, and John Hudec all were part of the team at both locations.

# ROMANO'S MACARONI GRILL

*Chicago, Illinois*



Brinker International, owner of the very successful Chili's restaurants, is bringing one of their new concepts to our area. This Italian dinner house was created from Phil Romano's memories of meals at his grandfathers home. Restaurant Specialties Inc. began construction in November, 1992.

**Chili's Restaurants**  
St. Charles, Illinois  
Plans in progress

**Indianapolis**  
(Eagle Creek)  
Under Construction

**Indianapolis**  
(Clearwater Crossing)  
Under Construction

**Bones Restaurant Remodel**  
Lincolnwood, Illinois  
Completed June 1992  
John Hudec Construction

**Charlie Trotters**  
Restaurant  
Misc. Remodel  
Out for bid

**Ravenswood Hospital**  
Cafeteria Remodel  
Under construction

**Home Run Inn**  
Tinley Park  
Preliminary design

**International Business**  
Interiors Office Expansion  
Plans in progress

**Essex Hotel Lobby**  
Renovation  
Completed Nov. 1992

**Robopitch Batting Cage**  
Prototype  
Drawings complete  
Sept. 1992

**Aria Group Offices**  
Beneficial occupancy  
Nov. 1992

**Kulaga Construction**  
plus many others

## WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME TWO NEW CORPORATE CLIENTS-CARPETLAND U.S.A. AND DISCOVERY ZONE

We are currently completing working drawings for a



Carpetland store in Jackson, Michigan and look forward to starting a store

in Minnesota in January 1993. It is good to work with Rick Meyer and John Booth again.

Discovery Zone has recently undergone some



changes in ownership and is planning a very ambitious roll out program in 1993. We have been asked to assist them in development of new design concepts

and a complete remodeling and expansion of their Darien store.

This year we grew out of our office on North Avenue. Our new home is a super space (even if we do say so ourselves) in downtown Oak Park. The 3,000 S.F. area includes a mezzanine for reference and samples.

This year Jim and Walt welcomed **Steve Rhodes** as a partner in Aria Group.

The following new additions bring us to a nine person firm:

**Tom Smiciklas** joined us in March 1992. Tom is a June 1991 graduate of the University of Illinois, Chicago.

**Gina Farina**, receptionist, secretary, and interior designer



(we got lucky). Gina received her degree in interior design from Harrington Institute in 1979.

**Jeff Peck**, started with our firm in March 1992. Jeff graduated from IIT in May 1992.

This February will mark Jim's 20th anniversary working in this very challenging but rewarding architectural business.

Kathy, along with 50 of our friends, clients and relatives, shocked Jim with a 40th birthday party at Bub City in August.

Adding to the excitement of this holiday season, Steve and Susan Rhodes are expecting the arrival of their first baby in late January.



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