

The Pita Spot & Lou's Computers ~ *Serving up Terrific Energy*

"My mom was the best cook in the whole neighborhood. Friends would go home to their moms and tell them 'I wish you could cook like Aunt Georgette!'" laughed Vivian Torregrossa. She and her five siblings grew up around a LOT of good Lebanese food and their parents were always entertaining. "My dad was a top fashion designer in Lebanon, creating wardrobes for Middle Eastern queens and Miss Lebanon of 1971, who became Miss Universe. So there were always lots of people in the house sharing lots of food."

All six kids in Vivian's family grew up to be good cooks. After her father passed away her brothers Eddy and Tony Hokayem opened Village Pizzeria in Greenwich Village, NY; it's been there for 18 years now. They were only in their early 20's at the time but they made sure their mom and sisters were well taken care of. "We were always there for each other and the same was true when I opened the Pita Spot." Vivian's sisters help on weekends when they can while Tony and Eddy became business partners. Tony walked away from his life to help for 4 or 5 months and Eddie still comes up ev-

ery week for 3 or 4 days then goes back to New York to check on Mom and his own restaurant.

"We love our young staff," Vivian continued. "They work hard and are so supportive of each other...they are like family to us. And our amazing cook makes everything from scratch using all natural ingredients. She is cooking for a family, our guests, and they feel it." Vivian is especially proud of the "million stars" the Pita Spot got from one delighted eight year old and thrilled that 5-year old Eileen celebrated her first day of kindergarten by choosing the Pita Spot for her favorite "mini-pizza" dinner! What she envisioned...a Mediterranean atmosphere, home cooked meals, great energy...it's all happened. "Our community has been extremely gracious and supportive to us. We are so happy when folks come back and bring their friends and families with them."

And one more dream has just come true. Vivian's husband Lou just moved his home-based shop two doors away in the same 45 Williams Avenue plaza. Lou Torregrossa sells, services, upgrades and networks computers for his individual



Vivian & Lou Torregrossa at The Pita Spot

and business clients. "My wife has been working such long hours at the restaurant it was hard for us to spend enough time together. Now we get to see each other throughout the day and we're both much happier," Lou added merrily.

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