

## the story

There's a story behind the name of our new restaurant that we would like to share with you.



Dickie's is named after Richard Klingler, one of the owners of Swan Lake Resort. He is the only child of Hughlin and Leota Klingler, who as a small child, was lovingly referred to as "Dickie" by his mother. Hoosier born and raised, as a young boy, Dickie was always finding ways to make a buck. Whether it was white washing trees in his neighborhood or concocting window cleaner to sell door to door, Dickie had a knack for ideas and finding people that had a need for his products and services.

Back in the early 1950's, with the support of his wife Pauline, Dickie started building wooden toys that he sold to stores. Eventually, he decided to try his hand at building a travel trailer in his grandparent's garage. Out of that garage, a company named Holiday Rambler Corporation was born.

For the next 35 years, Mr. K (as everyone called him) was known as an innovator within the RV Industry. Over the years, more companies were formed and a variety of products were manufactured, such as office and drafting furniture, kitchen cabinets, cargo and delivery vans, and even fishing and deck boats.

In 1986, Mr. K and Pauline decided that it was time to sell their businesses. In December of that year, the Harley Davidson Motorcycle Company purchased all of the businesses from the Klingler family. Since that sale, Mr. K and Pauline have resided in Florida and have spent time traveling on their boat and time with their family.

Richard is still recognized as one of the top ten most influential people in the RV industry. He has been celebrated as an entrepreneur, visionary and inventor. He has made lasting contributions to the inception, growth and success of the RV industry.

Today, Richard and Pauline are involved with another investor in the development of several commercial properties in Naples, Florida and in Indiana with Swan Lake Resort - a business devoted to recreation, leisure and hospitality. Not forgetting where they got their start, the resort offers a small area for RV travelers to park and enjoy the beauty of the resort.

It is with great excitement that we invite you to enjoy the fun here at Dickie's - located at beautiful Swan Lake Resort.

