

# ~ Sha Sha Cafe ~

By Jessica Dearborn



*"One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well."*

*Virginia Woolf*

The Sha Sha Café, owned by Kay Kittisub, is a savory Thai food restaurant warmed with her smile and love for food. Kay came to America from Thailand to see "a different world," May 1, 1983.

The day I interviewed her, she had been here twenty years and eight days.

In 1989 she bought the Sha Sha Café, fulfilling her vision of owning her own business. Over the last fourteen years she has extended her family through



Sha Sha Café owner Kay Kittisub

friendships with the locals, many who have been loyal customers and fans of her Thai cuisine.

Her passion for good food is tasted in all the dishes. The quality and freshness of the food is obvious even at the sight of it. The atmosphere is welcoming and bright with colorful paintings on the walls. Every dish can easily be prepared to the diners taste and the

palates satisfaction. The large portions encourage sharing and extended conversation. All dishes are freshly prepared and if you are a vegetarian, most dishes can include, or substitute tofu for meat. During my time spent with Kay, we dined over four of the many appealing dishes offered. First, our beautifully displayed appetizer was served: chicken satay served with peanut and cucumber sauce.

Next, three dinner dishes arrived of spicy garlic and pepper with pork on a bed of steamed cabbage, spicy noodles and shrimp pan fried with basil, in a spicy sauce, and finally, vegetable curry with mixed vegetables in red curry and coconut milk. Kay also serves an array of other choice dishes to tempt even the most doubtful of diners.

Through the years, customers



Sha Sha Café Thai Kitchen

have asked Kay what "Sha Sha" means, the truth is, she doesn't know. She tells them, however, that it means "delicious," and when she then approaches the cus-

tomers to ask how their food is, they answer, "Sha Sha!"

The Sha Sha Café is open seven days a week and offers catering, dine-in, take-out, and free delivery. If you are having a meeting, a luncheon, or can't escape your desk, call Sha Sha Café and they will see that your dining needs are filled. The hours are: Monday through Friday, 11:30am to 10:00pm, and Saturday through Sunday, 5:00pm to 10:00pm. If you should like to make reservations for a family night out, please call (323) 851-5494. If you'd rather fax in your order, dial (323) 851-5894. The Sha Sha Café is located at: 3353 Barham Boulevard in Hollywood, conveniently located near the studios.

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