

Van Abel's of Hollandtown History

Arriving in 1848 in what is now Holland, Wisconsin, Martin Van Abel started a rest point for the cattle drives towards Green Bay. This place was a saloon as well as an Inn on the second floor. (This picture hangs in the front entry.) Martin's Son's Bill and Albert took over the business after Martin. Through prohibition and the Great Depression times were tough but the business struggled through. Soon After Returning from a German Concentration camp in WWII Bill's Son Wilfred and his brother Don built what is now the Front Bar, Dining room, and Bowling Alley. The Main Hall was added soon after. With the aid of their spouses, Bernice and Duff, recipes and traditions were created. Roasted Chicken was the handy work of Mag Eiting. The now famous Broasted Chicken followed in the summer of 1965. Minor renovations and additions continued through the years until 1984 when the North Bar was added. In 2002 Will and Don passed the business to their ten children. Renovations continued with the new restrooms and the addition of Off-Site catering. From generation to generation one thing always holds true: "Van Abel's of Hollandtown... Treating Your Eating Like Family since 1848"