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# Mel's Diner gets facelift

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Local favorite Mel's Diner, known as Southwest Florida's kitchen since 1989, has decided to spruce up its image. Mel's has always been a comfortable, family-oriented restaurant serving comfort food made from scratch like meatloaf, burgers and traditional breakfasts.

The full-service, casual diner will soon be revamped with warmer, earthy tones and by adding contemporary elements to the nostalgic decor.

The menu will have the same

comfort food feel, while adding fine-dining twists to classic dishes. For example, adding Portobello mushroom and demi glace to the meatloaf.

Mel's Diner is still in the planning stages of their rejuvenation, but looks forward to inviting guests to enter a recipe contest to come up with exact menu changes in the near future.

The chain of restaurants now has 10 locations, including one in Golden Gate and one at 3650 Tamiami Trail North. For more information visit [www.melsdiners.com](http://www.melsdiners.com).