

After her father opened La Strada in 1993, Lisa tried running the business with only minimal experience in the restaurant industry, and she loved it from the start. Lisa proudly acknowledges her father for selling it to her. He often said, “opening the restaurant was the biggest mistake of his life”, but she has always told him that his “biggest mistake” was the best thing that ever happened to her.

La Strada is open daily from 11:30 am – 10:00 pm., and is located at 4716 E. 2nd Street in Belmont Shore. La Strada offers authentic Italian cuisine that is prepared fresh daily and also has catering services, which are tailored to client’s needs. When you enter the quaint 1200 square foot restaurant that has a 50-seat capacity, you will notice the walls are painted with clever expressions, and a mural of Belmont Shore’s 2nd Street, along with pictures of her extended family. Red checked tablecloths and wood chairs also help to set the mood to indulge in a tantalizing menu selection that includes Salmon alla Sorrentina, Fettucine au Gratin, Eggplant Parmesan & Bianca Pizza.

For dessert, get ready for a deep-dish chocolate chip cookie with gelato or the traditional Tiramisu.

Lisa has now had the restaurant for 21 years and she loves what she does. “Owning a restaurant is sort of like having an extra big house with 20 extra kids. Things break all the time, there is a lot of cleaning, and the kids have to be managed”, but what she loves most about living and owning a business in the 3rd District is the small town feel, and its people. She adores her staff and says, “the restaurant has given me an opportunity to meet so many new people, experience new things, and it is a great way to give back since everyone needs to eat!”

