

Despite failed inspection, Joy Yee pulls through

Quality and quantity of food surpass moderate prices

by Millie Winter

After being closed for 9 days in 2017, Joy Yee is alive and hopping with people again. So hopping these days, that I was actually seated maybe a little too close to other customers. But overall, I would say the restaurant provided a large portion of good food, for a moderate price.

Joy Yee promotes the idea of sharing is caring as most items cannot be finished or even dented by a single person with a less than gargantuan appetite.

The restaurant itself provides a happy vibe filled with a majority of Northwestern students and families. Although at first glance it didn't seem to have enough wait staff members, two or three waiters for the entire restaurant were able to get the job done, and well.



In addition to Chinese food, Joy Yee is also well known for bubble tea | Pak

The menu is rather large, both in size and in options. When it came to picking what boba smoothie I wanted, I was unaware of how many different combinations I could choose from. The options take up 3 pages of the menu. I ended up going with the strawberry smoothie with mango popping boba, and it was delicious. With so many different combinations, Joy Yee is definitely the expert on bubble smoothies/tea.

This was not my first time eating at Joy Yee, but this time I think I finally got the menu down and I wasn't as

overwhelmed with the abundant options for both food and drink. We decided to order the seaweed salad as an appetizer. The fresh, salty and sweet flavor combination made the dish very enjoyable. Whenever I go to a Chinese restaurant, I always have my eye out for the orange chicken. Sadly, Joy Yee's orange chicken was a bust the first time I tried it. It lacked the orange flavor I look forward to. Instead, ordering the sweet and sour chicken was a much better alternative. The chicken was moist and the crunch from the fried coating

was just right.

Although we were left with a lot of leftovers, this didn't mean the food wasn't good. The portions were huge and I wasn't able to finish it all in one sitting. The price for the sweet and sour chicken was \$11.50, which seemed high until I realized that it is reasonable for how much chicken you actually get. We also got Tom Yum soup. This, too, came in a unusually large bowl. Priced at \$9.50, the soup was filled with noodles, mushrooms and other vegetables.

Our food came rather quickly and the staff seemed to be on task and focused on pleasing their customers. As the place started to fill up, the privacy started to decrease. Some tables have a little space in between each other (a foot at most), but most are all connected, making it a little awkward to be eating your meal while sitting directly next to a stranger.

Although the space was clean and lovely when I went, on Aug. 16th, 2017, the Evanston Health department decided to stop in for a random inspection of Joy Yee. The inspection found live cockroaches.

According to The Daily Northwestern, the roaches were found in the food preparation area, food containers, the ice cream machines, and on walls of the restaurant.

After the inspection, the department closed Joy Yee. A follow up inspection resulted in a "clear" for the restaurant, although, one dead cockroach was in a discarded flour bin. Closed for only 9 days, the restaurant reopened the following Friday, Aug. 25, 2017.

Joy Yee serves as a convenient location for students to grab a bite to eat, albeit a big bite. The first location in Evanston, was opened in 1994 and their other locations (Chicago's Chinatown, Naperville, UIC, and Tinley Park) all opened later. Joy Yee was the first in the midwest to offer Taiwanese bubble tea, which seems a hit item. I would say the restaurant provided a large portion of good food, for a moderate price.

Their Chinese food is loved by many in Evanston, and I will be going back soon when I'm craving Chinese food. Perhaps in a month or so, after I have finished all of my leftovers.

Clubs enjoy recent successes

Academic clubs place exceedingly well at recent competitions

by Connor Caserio

Over the past few months, a number of clubs participated in important interscholastic competitions. While some won their events and others did not, they all did an admirable job of representing the school.

Science Olympiad

Science Olympiad won the first place team trophy at the Solon Ohio Invitational in early February. This victory blew the team's expectations out of the water. They defeated Stevenson, their main rival in Illinois, and placed ahead of Mason High School, last year's national runner up.

The strong performance of senior Asher Noel, who won first place medals alongside junior Irene Xu in Astronomy and junior Jason You-Onin in Circuit Lab, was key to the victory. "I'm fortunate to have amazing partners in my events, and our performance reflects the commitment we have to joyful learning," said Noel.

DECA

On Feb. 23, DECA competed at the Area DECA Meet and qualified to compete at the State Meet later this March. A number of competitors won their events, including senior Bill Yen in Entrepreneurship Individual Series and senior Anna Shah in Apparel & Accessories Management.



Math Team

Math Team placed first at the State Regional Math Meet on Feb. 23, qualifying for the State Competition later this spring. The Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, and Freshman-Sophomore and Junior-Senior 8 person teams won their categories.

Junior Precalculus competitor Emily Dale felt the team had a solid overall performance. "We've won our regional basically every year, but our team score was the highest it's been in years," said Dale.

Chess Team

Chess Team placed fifth on tiebreakers at the state tournament in late February. They went 6-1 for the tournament, only losing a close match to Barrington by a margin of 2 points.

Despite the close loss, junior David Peng believes the team has a strong chance of winning the tournament next year. "The scene of IHSA is changing dramatically next year, as top players from Whitney Young (winners of this year's tournament), Stevenson, and a multitude of other top schools are graduating," said Peng.



Scholastic Bowl

Scholastic Bowl started the regular season off strong by winning against Maine South and Niles North, but finished with three straight losses.

The team fell short at the Central Suburban League Championship on Feb. 28. Scholastic Bowl Coach Benjamin P. Yang said the team, "beat Maine West in the first round, but then unfortunately lost to Vernon Hills in the quarterfinals."

Debate

Over President's day weekend, top

debaters competed at the prestigious Harvard National High School Invitational Forensics Tournament. Junior Max Rosen lead New Trier, advancing to the final session of Congressional Debate and earning a qualifying bid to the Tournament of Champions, a competition that features the country's best debaters.



Senior Congressional Debate

Captain Will Naviaux felt the team did an excellent overall job. Looking ahead, he thinks the team has a bright future because Rosen's "knowledge and experience with the team will make him able to do some really good things for the team."

Model UN

From March 1 to March 3, Model UN competed at the University of California Berkeley Model UN conference. Arguably the most important Model UN conference in the world, the Berkeley conference has over 1,200 High School attendees.

According to Sophomore Model UN member Max Russo, the team had an average performance at Berkeley. "None of us got Research or Best Delegate awards, but we did quite good considering that our school doesn't have a prestigious Model UN program," said Russo.



Leaking pipe causes issues in fieldhouse and gyms

Leakage in both the fieldhouse and gyms creates problems for athletes

by Grant Feldman

Extreme cold weather in early February caused an underground pipe to leak, causing flooding in the fieldhouse and temporarily blocking Winnetka Road.

As a result, several athletic teams and the sports medicine staff were unable to use parts of the fieldhouse during the day due to 2 to 3 inches of water on the ground, though some parts of the fieldhouse were still in use.

"We could practice on the actual track but we couldn't lift, which is what we wanted to do that day," said junior Josh Flinton, who is a sprinter for the track team.

While the weight room wasn't in use due to the flood, other parts of the fieldhouse were cleaned relatively quickly and reopened towards the end of the school day. Head athletic trainer Dale Grooms lauded the Physical Plant Services for their role in removing the water from the training room.

"We didn't have to move out. Maintenance did a phenomenal job," said Grooms. "They turned off the water and started sucking up all the water, so we were functioning normally by after school time."

The unusual cold was the main contributor to the pipe failure, according to Winnetka Facilities Manager Steve Linke. The Chicago area experienced record-breaking low temperatures in early February, which led to the failure of an RBC (rotating biological contactor) valve that treats wastewater and controls water flow.

According to WGN, pipes thawing after extreme cold "can inflict greater damage than the initial freeze, with bursts [occurring] when ice inside starts to melt and water rushes through the pipe, or when water in the pipe is pushed to a closed faucet by expanding ice."

"The cause of our valve failing was because the water main broke

[due to] the cold weather," said Linke. "We've had our share of pipes break, but we've not had an RBC valve let go like this."

Another potential cause for the leaking could be the age of the fieldhouse. The original Gates Gymnasium was built in the 1920s and old water mains are susceptible to breaking in the cold, said Linke.

Despite the water leakage caused by this faulty valve, it was considered a minor flood. Due to rearrangement of the gym area's infrastructure in 2014, the potential for major flooding decreased significantly, according to Linke.

"We made some changes to that building when we installed the elevator [in 2014]. One of the changes we made was to get rid of a lower level door on the south side, and just by doing that we stopped the catastrophic flooding," said Linke.

Regarding the amount of floods that happen in the fieldhouse, Linke said "Now I would say [floods] occur almost never. In 15 years we've had three major floods down there, not counting the minor one the other day, but none of those have happened since we [installed the elevator] so I would say that there is no [major flooding] anymore."

To clean up the water, the PPS staff used vacuums to remove the water before sanitizing everything, including the rubber floor and the walls. They also used fans to circulate the air, which is done for minor floods, but Linke said "in a catastrophic instance we would get big commercial dehumidifiers."

Linke also added that only fresh water leaked into the fieldhouse, rather than sewage. He also said that major floods only occur with extreme storms-- the kind every 100 years.

Aside from cleaning up floods, PPS takes other measures to ensure the fieldhouse is able to function smoothly.

"We look at the plumbing systems," said Linke. "Make repairs if we see leaks starting so that they don't turn into broken pipes. We clean the fieldhouse, disinfect the field house. Do maintenance on the lights inside, stuff like that."