

The enhancement of Goodies at Rilakuma Cafe



Rilakuma Café has recently completed its interior renovation with a new showcase, as it is shown above in the photo. Ms. Anika Lompstropf, the proprietor of the café told me that this sumptuous-looking showcase was shipped from Kobe, Japan on her special order. She said that the primal reason she had decided to get this showcase was its roomy spaces inside the case to display the menu without hindrance due to a limited space. Moreover, the whole look of the showcase is very neat and adorable, which will be appealing to the eyes of customers. Together with her grandmother, Mrs. Lompstropf, Anika takes a meticulous care of the showcase everyday to coordinate the ever-present pleasant ambiance of her café for her customers. To Anika, appearance is equally important as well with the quality of the food at her café based on her belief that salubrious environment is essential to the general well-being of individuals.

Newly added wholesome delicacies



With more sittings and widened floor decorated with beautiful sky blue tiles from Italy, now come a new varieties of menu that seem to have already attracted customers from little ones to grown-ups, or sometimes a combination of both in the same person, such as myself.

Of the new delicacies to the menu are: a lunch set of “Delight Me,” which consists of a double Kitty burger, small hashed potatoes, and a bottle of cold Coke (or a bottle of plain milk) for \$5.50. If you do not feel like having a full lunch set, then you can opt for a vegetarian Cooper burger with a battered bean patty and a bed of fresh lettuce (\$3.50) or a Frank Sausage roll (\$3.75), a simple pastry that is especially delicious when it’s hot and crispy.

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The regular patronesses of Rilakuma Café, Mary and Fran are trying these new additions to the menu as recommended by their good friend, Anika. However, it was not entirely Anika's advice that made them decide to try the new menu; reading the menu pamphlet from Anika, both May and Fran carefully chose their selections based upon the detailed food information as listed therein in accordance with the nutrition guidelines set by the Department of Health of the city of Avonlea. Hence, it is also notable for Anika's solicitude for the health of her customers in the capacity of a dedicated supporter of public health, which is also closely linked to the domain food industry in which Anika's café business is included.



And here comes my favorite lunch set that comprises an fried egg burger with a small cup of sun-dried tomato vegetable soup slowly cooked by Mrs. Lompstropf in the wee hours of every morning and afternoon, a twice in a day,



and a bottle of Coke or Pepsi of your choice. (No diet ones, sorry.) This combo set is \$7.00, and will leave you with a satisfied feeling of having a good, wholesome meal at a comparatively reasonable price in the city. Here Ms. Meron and Mr. Gamba are about to commence their lunch date in the café.

The Wonder Coffee

Anika also got a new coffee maker imported from Germany that is claimed to make a wonderful drop of ground coffee without damaging its raw element

including the deeply rich taste and enchanting aroma when roasted. She buys the raw coffee material from a Columbian trader whom she has known for over 7 years since her time in Norway. She says the coffee from this trader has won her trust in quality because the trader himself cultivates it and sells it. So Anika deals with a direct trading with the producer and the seller in the same person without involvement of a middleman that will bring up the cost of a cup of coffee sold at her café. Anika herself loves the coffee, having it first when she opens the café in the morning. I tried the coffee as brewed by Anika while our interview session was in progression. I have to say I loved the every drop of the coffee, even to the last because it had such a delicate yet rich and clean taste without giving me such usual bitter tastes of the last drops of coffee. I have become an aficionado of Anika's coffee.

