



The Snooty Pig Café in Keller (left) and The Classic Café in Roanoke

SO MANY RESTAURANTS, SO LITTLE TIME

No one is going to go hungry along the 114 West Corridor. A person could eat at a different restaurant for quite some time without hitting the same place twice. Every community in the area has delicious eateries, from reliable quality chains to quirky, one-of-a-kind restaurants offering everything from down-home to haute cuisine. Whatever the purpose in dining out—family meal, romantic dinner, special holiday brunch, business lunch—there is literally a place for every taste, every occasion and every wallet.

A drive along the corridor reveals a mouth-watering lineup of familiar

names—the recently opened Cheesecake Factory and Truluck's in Southlake Town Square, the soon to open Cheddar's at Alliance Town Center, Central Market's Café on the Run, the "restaurant row" of Grapevine that includes P.F. Chang's China Bistro and Carrabba's Italian Grill.

There are hundreds of restaurants, too many to name. What follows is an informal, totally subjective, completely unscientific survey of people who live or work along the 114 West Corridor. Here are some of their personal favorites:

Lori Nichols, who works in the internal audit division at Sabre Holdings, raves

about Sushi Sam (Southlake Oaks), Vinny's (Trophy Club), the Italian Bistro and Babe's (Roanoke).

Nichols writes, "Sushi Sam has great sushi and Japanese food. We live in Flower Mound, but we'll drive over there for dinner. Vinny's has great bread they keep bringing out and Vinny always stops by the table to see how your food is. The Italian Bistro is a small family-run place with great chicken dishes. Babe's is a Texas restaurant, family style, with huge portions of steak and fried chicken."

Keller resident Melanie Taylor calls the Snooty Pig Café the best kept secret. "You wouldn't guess it's special in its strip mall location, but the food is so good—like something your mom or grandma just went back and made for you," Taylor writes. "They have great omelets and incredible muffins and everything tastes homemade."

Although she lives in North Richland Hills, Michelle Redwine loves to drive over to The Classic Café in Roanoke. "It's in a renovated home and has lots of rustic charm and wonderful artwork for sale," Redwine says. "It's a very welcoming place, like going to see an old friend. They have traditional dishes, but they're always pushing the envelope and experimenting with appetizers and entrees. They have meat, seafood and poultry of the very best quality."

Randy Black of Grapevine votes for Cielo at Marriott Solana, especially their lunchtime pasta bar. Black, who works for McKesson in Solana, writes that "the wide variety of pastas, sauces and toppings ensure that everyone in your lunch group can get what they want." Black also gives high marks to Weinberger's Delicatessen, also on the Solana campus.

"They have a great selection of authentic Chicago deli favorites," Black writes. "The Chicago dog is my favorite and is an inexpensive and tasty lunch option. Weinberger's is really the best when you don't have much time."

Closer to home, Black votes for Flip's Patio Grill in Grapevine, one of the area's newer spots. "They offer a large selection of beer on tap. The Black and Bleu Burger is my favorite, but make sure you order extra napkins!"

Jason Kinney and Jennifer Mays, who

both work for Travelocity in Southlake, weigh in on Cristina's Mexican Restaurant in Trophy Club, while Mays and another Travelocity co-worker, Tamara Coatney, both pick the Brio Tuscan Grille in Southlake Town Square. Coatney calls Brio "a chain that doesn't feel like a chain, with great food and nice atmosphere," while Mays says it's "a gathering place for the see-and-be-seen crowd."

Cristina's is "reliable Tex-Mex in a bustling, cheerful atmosphere," says Mays, and Kinney adds, "the food is tasty and the service is quick and responsive."

Additional favorites for Coatney include Corner Bakery in Southlake Town Square ("great chopped salad...get there early for lunch or be prepared to wait in line"), as well as Joe's Pizza, which has multiple locations along 114 ("real New York pizza and New York attitude from the employees!").

Mays likes Mimi's Café in Grapevine for breakfast and Thai Chili on Grand Avenue in Southlake Town Square "for your spicy Asian food fix."

Valerie and Grant Snyder, residents of Roanoke, agree with the buzz on Cielo at Solana Marriott, calling it "a great option for large groups or meetings" and also noting the breakfast buffet and cozy outdoor seating in good weather.

Additionally, the Snyders consider the Southlake Tavern "the best pub atmosphere in Southlake," adding that the Tavern "offers a selection to cure almost any craving, from bar burger to comfort food like meat loaf and chicken fried steak, to the top of the line seafood, steaks and ribs." They also note that you can enjoy "a full service bar sporting event from multiple TVs."

When they're home in Roanoke, their favorite is C&A's Italian Family Deli. Valerie writes, "Being from the north, we've searched for over five years to find a true deli—and it's right here in our backyard!" In addition to deli meats, subs and sandwiches, the deli features an all-you-can-eat spaghetti & meatball dinner every Tuesday, with great cannoli and cheesecake.

This is just a small sample of the diversity and range of restaurants, and certainly is not intended as a comprehensive listing. The challenge is to come to the 114 West Corridor, try some of the many restaurants and pick your own favorites.



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