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and iron and steel workers are extolled in a sky-high mural.

Tomasso smiles, recalling the day Cohen and Bob Hankin put wheels in motion for the Phoenixville Foundry. “Bob (Hankin) joked that it must be his turn to buy the building, and she took him up on it,” remarks Tomasso. PAEDCO raised \$5 million for restoration, and it went from one of nine of the most endangered structures in the state to one of the finest. “The Foundry is a towering symbol of Phoenixville’s revitalization,” affirms Cohen. “It’s a major visual presence that resonates with everyone. It’s what is possible when a determined, successful businessman believes in the transformation power of art and history. That’s an extraordinary combination.”

Cohen, a contract and residential interior designer by trade, donated her services for the Phoenixville Foundry’s Schuylkill River Heritage Center. The museum not only features the legacy of the river, but highlights of Chester County and other communities along the watershed. “This fall The Preservation Coalition of Greater Philadelphia will present the center with an achievement award,” says Cohen. “I’m so gratified because this distinction usually goes to Center City architectural projects.”

Another effective organization is nestled in quiet river-bank beauty. The Schuylkill Canal Association mushroomed from township advisory committee to major statewide player in its mission to restore the canal and surrounding lands as recreation and economic assets. Currently 25,000 people a year visit Schuylkill Canal Park, the restored locktender’s house and five miles of towpath. It’s a place of serene solitude where families picnic, people bike, hike and meditate, and artists paint impressionistic interpretations of nature.

RESTAURANTS REGALE

With more than 50 places to eat in and around Phoenixville, dining tours could go on for weeks. Notable restaurants of historical origin include the

Columbia Bar and Grille, 101 Bridge, and Pickering Creek Inn.

Chester County landmark Columbia Hotel, serving guests since 1893, frequently greeted the late Steve McQueen during his filming of *The Blob*. Columbia Bar and Grille has been a reliable favorite with discriminating guests since 1893. A variety of delightful dining venues (alfresco, fire-side, casual or casual elegant) await your dining pleasure.

The gloriously restored Phoenix Iron & Steel superintendent’s building is home to 101 Bridge where seasonal foods are prepared with contemporary flair and creative culinary magic. 101 Bridge offers a range of dining options, including casual elegant, pub and alfresco.

Speaking of landmarks, a Phoenixville dining tradition is Franco Ristorante. For 22 years, proprietors Gail and Franco LoPresti have made their mark serving superb, authentic Italian cuisine (made fresh to order) with an enjoyable selection of beers, wines and specialty cocktails. On any given evening, take notice of the family pride on display with Gail, Franco, and daughters Darlene and Sabrina.

Black Lab Bistro, a portrait in ebony and amber, specializes in artistically presented food that regularly rates accolades. The Clausons have firmly established their bistro a favorite dining destination in Chester County. Black Lab’s alfresco dining in spring or summer is an excellent way to take in the spirit of Phoenixville.

Connoisseurs of Celtic cuisine flock to Molly Maguire’s Irish Restaurant & Pub for that perfect pint of Guinness and steak pie or boxtie. Next door, The Fenix caters to martini lovers seeking unique tapas and scrumptious desserts.

A favorite of beer aficionados for many years, with locations in Phoenixville and Royersford, is Sly Fox Brewhouse & Eatery, acclaimed throughout the area for its versatile menu. From pub delights to banquets, this popular spot is a winner every time.

Casual menus are featured at Steel City Coffee House and Nudy’s Café.

Steel City, co-owned by Jane Tucker, is an example of good business timing. In anticipation of the renaissance, she and a partner bought the building and poured life into Bridge Street. It’s a venue for live performances by hot new bands and the spot to go for great coffee, sandwiches, soup and salad. Nudy’s serves breakfast and lunch above and beyond what is expected, such as fruit-filled French toast and a vast selection of pancakes.

New additions to Phoenixville’s restaurant scene are Bistro on Bridge, Becca’s Restaurant, Marly’s and Daddy Mims. Bistro on Bridge is the passionate creation of brothers Zach and Seth and mother LaDell Hoffmann. Zach notes, “Our mom must be given the credit for much of what we’ve accomplished in the restaurant and entertainment business. We’re very excited about being part of Phoenixville’s growth and serving area guests.” The Hoffmanns are also thrilled with their opening of Club 212 which features dancing and live entertainment.

Bob Ryan of Robert Ryan Catering extends Phoenixville restaurants’ reach through networking. “A lot of weddings have breaks between the ceremony and reception. I invite restaurants to provide these guests complimentary hors d’oeuvres and special cash bars. They’re thrilled with the added income and potential future patrons. I also urge our brides to book rehearsal dinners locally.”

ON THE WINGS OF DESTINY

On the north side of Phoenixville, an unparalleled phenomenon provides another renaissance dimension. Franklin Commons offers 225,000 square feet of educational opportunity in a building long categorized as implosion fodder. First spinning silks, then carpets, the mill was purchased by Budd Company to manufacture plastic sewer pumps, and then abandoned in 2003. Enter David and Marian Moskowitz, developers with revolutionary ideas and the savvy to execute them.

The mixed-use educational, corporate and recreational facility includes a

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bistro, conference room and numerous other entities, including Lansdale School of Business, Neumann University, Phoenixville Area Children's Learning Center, Renaissance Academy and Rock & Roll After School. "We believe that this is the only place in the U.S. where a child can enter at three months, never leave the building, and walk out with a doctorate," says David Moskowitz. "It's also the sole instance of a private developer converting an industrial site into a multi-functional complex using no government funds."

With jobs and training available, local enthusiasm sky-rockets and relocation blossoms. It's a good time for DeMutis Group's new Renaissance South condos. "Of all our projects, this one is most symbolic of Phoenixville's return," says DeMutis. "While the national economy is in turmoil, locally, it's stable. We have better amenities than most Pennsylvania communities, and with Renaissance South, we offer affordable homes with garage parking, high-speed elevators and onsite storage."

DeMutis promises that the Phoenixville renaissance is only five percent complete. Plans call for more residential and commercial development and impending excitement. Phoenixville is what happens when so many dedicated people get behind a good plan. America, take heed!

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