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James Neiss/staff photographer Patrons give the staff at Kelly's Corner, bartender Sheila Plowe and manager Krystal Jackson, a round of applause after being told the popular watering hole is celebrating its 10th anniversary. Kelly's Corner is holding an anniversary party on Saturday with food and drink specials all day and live entertainment by Southern Fixx.

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"Good times, good friends and great memories" is what Kelly's Corner on Cayuga Drive says it's all about. Since owner Chad Robertson opened it's doors back in 2010, the bar has welcomed guests 365 days a year to enjoy their time-honored specials like 45-cent chicken wings on Sundays and Mondays.

To mark its 10 years in business, Kelly's Corner is hosting an anniversary celebration that kicks off at 5 p.m. on Saturday at 524 Cayuga Drive.

Krystal Jackson is the manager of Kelly's Corner, along with Robertson's two other local businesses, the Village Gate on Niagara Street and Kelly's on the Greens at the Hyde Park Golf Course, and has been part of the

team since the bar opened. “We’re a close-knit, neighborhood bar. We make sure to take care of our customers — always. That’s the most important thing,” she said.

Kelly’s Corner has been host to an array of parties over the years from birthdays and baby showers to stags and more but their most esteemed events are those that give back. Pete Eodice, band member of Southern Fixx, a popular rock band that regularly debuts at Kelly’s, coordinates many of the fundraisers.

“We do bike runs to raise money for charities like breast cancer research and support for veterans. ” he said.

Kelly’s is also home of the Shamrock Club — the same revered social club that the Kelly family started years ago at what was the original Kelly’s Corner.

In addition to keeping the patrons on the inside fed and happy, Robertson also makes it a point to put time and energy into maintaining the outside of the business through landscaping, paving, and other improvements as needed. “One thing we really care about is being good neighbors. That’s something we take pride in.” said Jackson.

The celebratory night calls for food and drink specials and a full lineup of music. On the music menu is Billy Hickey on acoustic, Southern Fixx featuring southern rock, and The A-List who offers a little bit of everything. The music starts at 7 p.m.

The event is admission-free. Attendees may donate a non-perishable item upon entry for a chance to win a door prize. Donations will be gifted to City Missions on Buffalo Avenue. “We like to keep things local and know it’s going back to our community,” said Jackson.

“We’re so appreciative to our loyal patrons over the past 10 years. We must be doing something right. Hopefully we’ll be around for another 10,” said Eodice.

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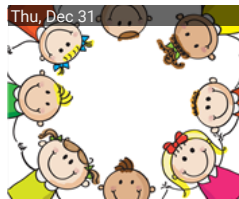
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