

*Liberty Caffé opens to enthusiastic patrons enjoying complimentary gelato and more*



Above: Mr. and Mrs. Di Donato cut the ribbon with Mayor Slesnick and Commissioners Anderson & Kerdyk



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Dormant no more, the historic Country Club of Coral Gables reopened Saturday, May 15, with steady stream of guests enjoying the debut of the Liberty Caffé and its Italian-inspired menu.

Open to the public from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week, Liberty Caffé offers breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks. It's the first time in two years that the city-owned club, 997 N. Greenway Dr., has been operational.

For the ribbon cutting Saturday afternoon, dozens of patrons -- residents and visitors alike -- showed up to enjoy complimentary gelato made fresh in-house with machines imported from Italy.


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Operated by Liberty Entertainment Group of Toronto, the country club will also feature a restaurant, which should open by fall, and a banquet hall, which will open not long after that. The gym and pool area should be open within the month.

Nick Di Donato, Liberty's president, said the opening of the \$200,000 cafe is the first step in rebuilding the club, which has lain dormant since April 2008.

Mr. Di Donato, wife Nadia and sons Anthony and Justin joined Coral Gables Mayor Don Slesnick, Vice Mayor Bill Kerdyk, Commissioner Maria Anderson, City Manager Patrick Salerno and municipal staffers for a ribbon cutting Saturday afternoon.

For more information on Liberty Caffé, call 305-392-0819.

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