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**February 11 Opening for South Jersey's Newest Gathering Spot
The Whitman Offers Relaxing Climate, Sophisticated Lounge Menu**

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, N.J., Feb. 6, 2009 – South Jersey's newest lounge and social gathering spot, The Whitman, is set to open to the public Feb. 11.

A new addition to the iconic, 33-year-old Whitman Diner on the Black Horse Pike, The Whitman lounge offers patrons a place to unwind with friends and co-workers, while enjoying a variety of drinks, a sophisticated new food menu and a friendly atmosphere. They'll relax on plush, curved banquettes designed for socializing, and watch passing traffic through giant olive-shaped windows. The lounge was designed for impact by Philadelphia-based DAS Architects, the group responsible for many high profile restaurants in the region.

“Quality time with friends, in comfortable surroundings, has become more important in this fast-paced world,” says George Poulianas, The Whitman's owner. “That's what The Whitman offers.”

While the lounge shouts “Come and stay awhile,” patrons can move back and forth between the lounge and the diner, where they can still order familiar comfort foods. Diners can head over to the lounge for a nightcap, or lounge patrons can wind up the

night with an early morning breakfast in the diner. The lounge also offers its own “moonlight breakfast” menu.

The Whitman is located at 4990 Black Horse Pike (Rt. 42) in Washington Township, at the intersection of Johnson Road. For more information, including menu offerings, visit www.thewhitmandiner.com.