

OUR HISTORY

1959 - Present

1959:

John LaSpada opened a cheese steak and hoagie shop in Parkside PA and named it "*The Original*". Because of the store's immediate success selling "The best damn sandwiches in town", John quickly brought in his wife Yolanda, sisters Mary and Josephine, brother Charlie, as well as brother in laws Ernie Caccia and John, Gabby and Ray Moretti to help run the growing business. Truly a family affair!

1977:

As time progressed, John LaSpada brought in his son Raymond LaSpada as his new partner.

1978:

Upon John LaSpada's retiring, Raymond was joined by his cousin Charlie LaSpada Jr. as owner of the now landmark *LaSpada's "The Original"*.

1982:

Raymond eventually sold his share of the Delco hot spot to his partner and cousin Charlie Jr.. Later that year Charlie added a new partner and longtime friend, Bill Fromholzer.

1984:

Charlie and Bill purchased a famous hot dog stand in Ridley Township called *Chewy's*, bringing their famous sandwiches to another corner of Delaware County. This second shop was named *LaSpada's Original Steaks & Hoagies*.

1989:

Charlie LaSpada and partner Bill Fromholzer, now with 2 locations, decided to end their partnership. *LaSpada's "The Original"* in Parkside was sold to a former employee. Charlie LaSpada continued to run *LaSpada's Original Steaks & Hoagies* in Ridley Township.

1991:

As *LaSpada's Original Steaks & Hoagies* grew in popularity, Charlie asked longtime employee, Thomas Morrison, to become his partner.

2001:

Charlie LaSpada, after over 30 years in the sandwich business, retired and sold his share of *LaSpada's Original Steaks & Hoagies* to his partner and LaSpada's employee of 22 years, Thomas Morrison and his wife, Debbie Morrison.

2012:

Tom and Debbie Morrison continue to own and operate *LaSpada's Original Steaks & Hoagies* in Ridley Township. Because of the store's lengthy success, Tom and Debbie Morrison hoped to continue the *LaSpada's* tradition and bring "The best damn sandwiches in town" to yet another corner of Delaware County. *LaSpada's Original Steaks & Hoagies Garnet Valley* opened in February of 2012!

We are no longer affiliated with the LaSpada's in Parkside or Aston, both of which have changed hands over the years. We only hope that they are continuing to follow the same tradition started in 1959 by founder John LaSpada, his brother Charlie Sr and their sons, Raymond and Charlie Jr. (my mentors).

Thank you for your continued support,

Thomas Morrison