

Axel Eugen Blumensaadt

Axel Blumensaadt is the great-grandfather of Bill Blumensaadt, the owner of Axel & Harry's Waterfront Grille, located downtown on Put-in-Bay's gorgeous waterfront.

Axel was a chef working in Europe when in the late 1890's he traveled to the New York World's Fair on an ocean liner. On his trip home he met Josephine Kramb from Oak Harbor, Ohio who was traveling to Europe with her older sister, Edith. Axel was smitten, but Edith intervened and succeeded in ending the budding romance.

But their paths were destined to cross once more when ten years later, Axel returned to the states where he had been invited to work as the summer chef at the Hotel Philadelphia. At the end of the season he was on a ship returning to Europe when he discovered Josephine was traveling on the same ship.

This time, Edith had no affect on the relationship, love blossomed and the two were soon married.

Axel made his home in the states with his new bride and worked for a short period of time in Boston and later in the Northwest Ohio area so that Josephine could be close to her family.

The romance of Axel and Josephine provided much of the inspiration for Bill as he designed the building and planned his overall vision for the restaurant.