

## **‘Scoopers’ to dish up treats for charities**

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The value of a scoop of ice cream is not always measured in calories.

Dueling guest “scoopers” will pit their fundraising technique against each other in “Scoops for Charities” this weekend at The Continental Restaurant, 788 S. Buffalo Grove Road, Buffalo Grove.

From 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday, participants will raise money for research and treatment of multiple sclerosis, Canavan disease, muscular dystrophy and more.

“We have several regulars at the restaurant who suffer from these problems and we want to do something to help,” said restaurant owner Pete Panayioutou, who will donate 100 percent of the proceeds of each \$1 scoop to the charities.

The event also kicks off the new outdoor dining patio and indoor ice cream bar at The Continental Restaurant in Buffalo Grove.

Ice cream lovers will choose from among several flavors of Edy’s ice creams.

Police Chief Steve Balinski will bring several officers to scoop with him. Fire Chief Tim Sashko will bring a team of firefighters, including Lt. Joe Weiser.

“We’re really into this,” said Sashko. “It’s a great way to spend a holiday weekend.”

For him and Weiser, it will be a return to their youth, when the two learned the fine points of scooping at a Baskin Robbins in the Plaza Verde Shopping Center, diagonally across from Buffalo Grove High School. Though the ice cream store closed a long time ago, they have not forgotten their skills or the fun they had there.

Balinski has been practicing his scooping in his off-hours, said Panayioutou.

Both chiefs will have vehicles parked on the sidewalk, adjacent to the outdoor tables, in front of the restaurant.

Edy’s is donating a portion of the cost of the ice cream, said Panayioutou, who sampled many brands and flavors before settling on the ones he will serve. For details, call (847) 459-4095.