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6 AREA CELEBS DISH ABOUT THE MEALS THEY ADORE AT THEIR FAVORITE LOCAL RESTAURANTS

for diners, Bergen County has no shortage of fabulous fare. You may even have celebrated the closing on your first home here over a memorable meal at one of the county's top restaurants. Whether we gravitate toward American fare, Italian favorites or Mexican food, the eateries we cherish are an essential part of our life in the community. With that in mind, *Bergen Health & Life* invited six local luminaries to reveal the dishes they adore at their favorite area dining spots. Feast your eyes on their selections on the pages that follow.



diver scallops **CHAKRA**

Carolee Carmello, *Leonia* Broadway actress (*Mamma Mia!*; *Lestat*; *Kiss Me, Kate*; *Falsettos*)

FAVORITE RESTAURANT:
CHAKRA, 144 Route 4 East,
Paramus; 201-556-1530;
www.chakrarestaurant.com

WHY I LIKE IT: "It's very romantic, moody, even sexy ... a far cry from Chuck E. Cheese! It's a restaurant for a grown-up evening without the kids."

MY MENU PICK: "A green salad with goat cheese and hazelnuts, and either the diver scallops or the butternut squash risotto—or both! And I always save room for the apple strudel."



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