



OBJECT ID	2012.23.12
OBJECT NAME	Hat
OBJECT COLLECTION	Ramova Grill Collection (is part of)
MATERIAL	Paper; Tissue
OBJECT ENTITIES	Grill, Ramova (owned by) Dinos, Tony (is related to) Miller, Ward (is related to) Gertos, Bob (is related to) Gertos, Bill (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	Paper Hat Ramova Grill

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

A white paper hat with two blue lines going from the back and towards the front they curve down to about half way down the side. In the front the blue lines from one side go all the way to the bottom as it carries over to the other side and the other blue lines stop once they meet with the other blue lines in the front. There is white paper tissue in the hat that helps with putting the hat on and gives the hat a top. Inside the hat there is blue print that says what side is the front. There are a few stains on the outside of the hat and inside the hat.

#### ORIGIN

The Ramova Grill opened in Chicago in 1929 and after 82 years it shut down in 2012. Tony Dinos was from Greece and moved to the United States in 1960 where he started working at the Ramova Grill, his first and only job he has ever had in the United States. He started out as a dishwasher but once he learned English better his uncle, Pete Gertos, promoted him to cook and four years after that he bought in and owned part of the place. In 1965, while working at the grill, Dinos met Liberty Sfondels, whom he would marry just two month later and are still married to this day. The Ramova Grill was known for their pancakes and chili. Dinos got the chili recipe from the original owners and will not give the recipe to anyone, not even his son-in-law who owns a diner in Indiana. Dinos and his partner Bob Gertos have decided to close the grill after working there for 52 years to spend more time with family and travel.

#### CITATION

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