



OBJECT ID	2012.23.16
OBJECT NAME	Cup, Coffee
OBJECT COLLECTION	Ramova Grill Collection (is part of)
MATERIAL	Ceramic
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	Ramova Grill

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

A brown ceramic coffee cup with writing on the white ring on the bottom of the cup in red marker that says, "Ramova Grill." The inside of the coffee cup is darker at the bottom and is a lighter brown towards the top. The top ring on the cup is a dark brown but on the outside of the cup it is a lighter brown at the top and gets darker towards the bottom. It is a C-shaped handle on it and under the handle is a chip where you can see the white ceramic and the bottom part of the handle has a crack in it. The shape of the cup starts out wider on top, curves in a little in the middle, and then back out towards the bottom. It rounds in towards the bottom to the white ring on the bottom of the cup. There are some small chips and a crack on the lip of the cup.

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

Cup, Coffee, Ramova Grill Collection, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/16/24.