


OBJECT ID	2012.23.21
OBJECT NAME	Apron
OBJECT COLLECTION	Ramova Grill Collection (is part of)
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

The apron of one of the owners of Ramova Grill. It is made of a white fabric and on the top is has a thick piece of fabric from one side of the top of the body fabric to the other side to go around the cook's neck. There is a little brown stain on the left side of the thick piece and in the middle of the top front of the body piece. The top of the body part is smaller width but curves out to go around a person. At the top of the wider part there are strings on each side to tie in the back around the cook. There a few marks on the apron by the left arm, by the bottom, and in the center of the body piece.

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

Apron, Ramova Grill Collection, *National Hellenic Museum*, https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/. Accessed 03/29/24.