



## *Elkhart Inn*

### *History of the Elkhart Inn*

Elkhart Inn's history began in 1886, almost 130 years ago, when Una Tillman bought the land from resort owner, Otto Osthoff, and built a substantial Tudor style home for herself. In 1916, it was sold to Peter Brecheimer who owned it for the next 18 years and carried on a business of blacksmithing, wagon-making and securing patents on his inventions.

After Mr. Brechmeier's death, the property was bought by a Hungarian immigrant and inventor from Budapest named Carl Schwartz. In 1935, Schwartz transformed the private residence into a European-style restaurant and named it "Club Elkhart." The ornate wood, hand-carved bar, back bar, and wood trim are all still present in their original condition.

Schwartz also invented many well-known things, including the coin sorting machine, gas pump meter and music-changer or jukebox, for which he sold the patent to RCA.

After three more owners, the property was sold in January, 1993, to Larry Knowles and Steve Thomas who renamed the restaurant "Sal's Elkhart Inn." Fine Dining in an Old World Atmosphere became the tagline for Sal's Elkhart Inn twenty-two years ago.

Today the Elkhart Inn, one of the Midwest's landmarked inns, continues the rich tradition of serving classic dishes using locally grown food to family and friends, old and new, just as it has for close to 100 years.

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