

Rudy's Hot Dogs celebrates 90 years in business

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TOLEDO, OHIO -- A Toledo institution celebrated 90 years of business on Wednesday, and to mark the occasion, Rudy's Hot Dogs treated loyal customers. The line at the Sylvania Ave. location was out the door, but not just because of the 90 cent franks.

Brothers Harry and Andy Dionyssiou took over their uncle Rudy's business 60 years ago. "There was just a little place, a little hole in the wall. My brother and I, we expanded it."

Ninety years after the hot dog place opened, it is still a lot of cousins, nephews and sisters working behind the counter. "This is family tradition."

It's not just the employees that have become a part of the family, the customers have as well. Donna Kawczynski says she still comes to Rudy's twice a week. She says she's it has been a tradition for about 60 years, ever since she was a little girl.

Some Rudy's fans even traveled quite a ways to make it back to Toledo for Rudy's anniversary celebration. "(I) drove 200 miles," said Sherrie Wilson, who made the round trip in from Indiana.

Burt Boileau even drove from Florida to enjoy a classic hot dog.

No matter where they are from, one thing remains the same. Everyone comes to Rudy's for some great food.

Toledo Mayor Mike Bell joined in the 90th anniversary celebrations on Wednesday, making a special trip to the restaurant. "I just wanted to be here to give them a proclamation just to thank them on behalf of the city of Toledo, for staying with us and believing in us and serving up all of these hot dogs."

The Dionyssious took the time to say thank you right back, to all of their loyal customers. "They are the ones who kept us here for 90 years."

To make a special day even more special, Rudy's donated a portion of Wednesday's profits to help in the tornado recovery efforts.