



“At a very early age, I decided I wanted to be a part of the restaurant industry. With hard work, dedication and an entrepreneurial spirit, anyone can go far in this business.”

Burton “Skip” Sack
Chairman/Partner,
Classic Restaurant Concepts
Chairman of the Board,
National Restaurant Association

Even at the young age of 13, Skip Sack recognized that the restaurant industry provided tremendous opportunity for someone with an entrepreneurial spirit. With the right attitude, and a little hard work, he knew he could go far.

And that’s just what he did. His first job was washing dishes in a snack bar on Cape Cod. He moved up through the ranks of the restaurant industry, eventually owning and operating 16 Applebee’s Neighborhood Bar & Grill restaurants in New England. As the current operator of three Irish pubs and restaurants in Boston, Skip is fulfilling his American Dream in the restaurant industry.

The restaurant industry is filled with stories of entrepreneurs like Skip Sack. America’s restaurant-and-foodservice industry, with more than 878,000 locations and 12 million employees, is the cornerstone of the economy. It is an industry of opportunity, where individuals work hard to achieve their own American Dream.

Just ask Skip Sack.

RESTAURANT FACTS

In 2004, restaurant industry sales are projected to reach \$440.1 billion; in 2010, sales are projected to reach \$577 billion.

The restaurant industry’s sales equal four percent of the U.S. gross domestic product.

The nation’s 878,000 restaurants employ an estimated 12 million people, making the restaurant industry the nation’s largest private-sector employer.

