

LGB Business Partner Spotlight: Little Brass Café

We're spotlighting a business partner in each edition. This month, we'd like to introduce Tony and Samantha Argosino, owners of Little Brass Café.

Q: Can you tell us about your business here at LGB?

A: Little Brass Café is a coffee shop-café, located before TSA, serving coffee, espresso drinks, hot and cold gourmet sandwiches, pastries, specialty sodas, beer and wine. We also cater.

Q: How has COVID-19 affected your business?

A: Since the stay-at-home order began, our sales volume has dropped by 80%. As a result, we had to furlough staff for a couple of weeks before bringing them back in June and reducing our operating hours from being open 84 hours to 39 hours per week. We used to be open 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Now we're only open Sunday through Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and closed on Saturdays until we see consistent volume. We were also involved in the Great Plates Delivered Program, a meal delivery program offered to local older adults during the COVID-19 pandemic. We made over 500 meals per week while the three-month program lasted. Now we're signed up to be involved in the Los Angeles County Great Plates program.

Q: What do you like best about operating at LGB?

A: We like that LGB has its own community within Long Beach. The airport is well-loved by the travelers: it's quaint, clean and well-managed. We love being at LGB because we get to offer a positive experience to travelers as well as our regulars. We enjoy being a value-added amenity before security and providing a friendly atmosphere for our regulars - the airlines, TSA and airport staff.

Q: Anything else you'd like to share with your fellow LGB business partners?

A: We aren't going anywhere. Long Beach Airport has become home for our little café. We will continue to be here for the travelers, airlines and airport staff to serve their needs the best that we can!

