

PEOPLE

Being FRANK This lawyer's Sinatra SWINGS



Mark Mack, an area attorney, grew up listening to the great jazz-era vocal stylists. Now, he's singing their songs and delighting audiences.

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PLAINS TWP. — Sometimes, a stroll into The Woodlands' Courtyard Cafe is like a stroll back in time. Particularly if it's on a Wednesday, Friday or a Saturday night. And particularly when Mark Mack is on the stage.

Go there, and it's easy to drift back to the golden era of the great jazz singers, when polished vocal style took precedence over all. Go there, and — courtesy of The Marty Edwards Jazz Organization — you will hear the classic sounds of Dean Martin, Tony Bennett, Lou Rawls and Sammy Davis Jr.

Go there, and you will — more than anything — hear Mark Mack do dead-on renditions of songs by Frank Sinatra.

Mack, 47, of Kingston, does what many agree is an excellent Sinatra. His voice booms with

authority, he croons with style and he carries a magnetic charisma. He frequently makes direct eye contact with members of the audience and often points with a smile to onlookers as he delivers his songs. He jives with the band, dedicates numbers to people in the crowd, wears the finest of suits and has an old-school style that shows a clear appreciation for "The Chairman of The Board."

Frank, no doubt, would love this guy.

"I've always liked to sing," says Mack, who also happens to be one of the area's more prominent attorneys. "No money can do for the soul what this can do for my soul. I feel as though I'm letting out my emotions to people in an art form."

"Everybody, should have a creative part in their life — be it writing, be it painting, be it sculpting, singing, play-

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◆ IF YOU GO

WHO: Mark Mack, with the Marty Edwards Jazz Organization

WHERE: The Woodlands Inn & Resort, Route 315, Plains Township.

WHEN: 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

COVER: None
INFO: 824-9831

Mark Mack sings some Sinatra at The Woodlands Courtyard Cafe. He performs with the Marty Edwards Jazz Organization every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

