BORSCHT (Russian Beet Soup)

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 Quarts Beef Stock
- 3 Tablespoons of Butter
- 1 Stalk Celery, Sliced
- 1 Onion, Chopped
- 1/2 Cup Beet Juice (from blended beets)
- 2 Whole Beets, Sliced
- 1 Teaspoon Vinegar

Chopped Dill or Parsley (for garnishing)

Sour Cream

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. In a large heavy pan, melt butter and lightly sauté celery and onion for approximately 5 minutes. Add beef stock.
- 2. Add pureed beet juice to stock. Cover and simmer over low heat until vegetables are firmly tender but not soft.
- 3. At this point, add the chopped beets and vinegar. Season well with pepper and remove from heat before the beets begin to lose their color.

Serve with a dollop of sour cream and a sprinkling of dill or parsley over each bowl.