

# The Brant Inn



Whatever the decade, a night at the Brant Inn was something special. Indeed, it was usually a special occasion - a birthday, an engagement, a chance to hear a famous American band - that prompted a visit.

The Brant Inn, most of all, was a dancing place that attracted a dancing crowd: fox trots and waltzes and the occasional polka and maybe a Latin move like the rumba. You went in couples. You dressed up. No tie or jacket? Well, then, you'd have to rent them from the checkroom stockpile.

Whether it was the indoor Lido Deck or the outdoor Sky Club, your anticipation of the evening had been whetted by the Saturday night remote broadcasts on CBC radio that made the Brant Inn a familiar name across Canada and into the United States.

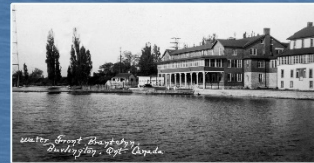
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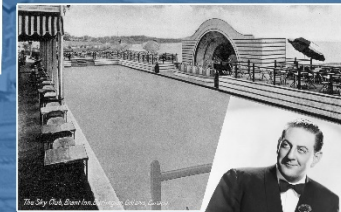
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Dancing under the stars at the famous SKY CLUB, Brant Inn, Burlington, Ontario



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The Sky Club, Brant Inn



John Murray Anderson's vision turned the Brant Inn into one of Canada's best known dance spots in the 1930s and 1940s. It played host to top Canadian and American performers and was a feature of CBC Saturday night radio. Anderson sold the Brant Inn in 1967 and it was torn down in 1969.