



## **Jin Kang, Sous Chef, Palmetto**

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Among the many cuisine choices available to The Landings Club members is sushi and the person mainly responsible for that is Jin Kang, a Palmetto Club- based sous chef who has worked here since 2014.

Kang, 52, was born in South Korea and emigrated to the U.S. in 2000. After a few years working at Gulfstream, Kang went to work at Hirano’s restaurant in Savannah where he learned the delicate art of making sushi from a master. He says he also acquired his philosophy of customer service.

“Whatever you do, you do it like a professional,” he says. “Customers are always watching you and that is how I serve them.”

Kang orders most of the seafood he prepares from Hawaii, Japan, New Zealand and other places and has it delivered the next day. “I try to collect high quality fish because our members expect that and deserve that,” he says.

Soon, Club members will be able to watch Kang prepare their meals at FinJin, the sushi bar to be constructed in the Palmetto clubhouse to showcase his talents. He had long dreamed of having his own Asian restaurant and had even thought of locating it at the Delegal Marina, where there is a small kitchen. Now, he’ll be able to approximate that at Palmetto.

“We have good members, I have a good boss, and good co-workers,” he says. “The members respect me and respect my job and that’s why I can do what I do. When members have a good experience, the next day, I get an email right away. I like the feedback and knowing that I did a good job.”

Kang majored in communications in Korea and after graduation moved to Los Angeles where he worked in cable television and hoped to one day produce content for broadcast. He enrolled at UCLA and worked in Arizona and Utah before returning to Korea to get married. He and his wife, Jung Hee Yun, who operates a beauty supply business in South Carolina, have two children, a daughter, 21, and a son, 16. Their daughter attends Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach with the help of scholarships provided by donations to The Landings Association.

When he isn’t working in the kitchen, he enjoys playing golf and enjoys taking care of the landscaping both at his home and at his church. “I love that,” he says.

*By Rick Colvin, a member whose career as a journalist included 12 years with the Los Angeles Times.*

