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Four "Current" Retro patterns are familiar favorites: American Rose, a classic floral; Fox Fern, a gorgeous botanical design; Checkers, eggs-over-easy diner style at its best; and Styleline, featuring elegant outlining to enhance any entrée.

The four "Contemporary" Retro designs are HLC's modern interpretations of patterns from as many as 40 or 50 years ago: Corsage, featuring a cozy floral motif; Gemstone, just right in a funky supper club; Garland, showcasing a breezy leaf pattern on the rim; and Pulsar, a hip, "outta sight," coffee-shop-perfect statement.

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the Mad Men era, where everything old is new again," said Gene Williamson, vice president of sales for the Foodservice Division of HLC Inc. "From Astro to Wheat, restaurateurs will love the themes and nostalgic feelings they are able to elicit using these revisited classics as well as modern interpretations. We are

excited to introduce the Retro collection to a new generation."

Retro dinnerware will be produced on HLC's ivory body with either clear or Arctic White glazes, both high-fire, leadfree glazes with a superior level of heat retention. Retro features a heavy-gauge, high-Alphalain® coating that offers exceptional durability and resistance to scratches, chips and impact.

Revisit good times with Retro — fun, funky, cozy, classic and made to last for decades to come.

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