



STEVE STOVER DINING IN COLUMBUS

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Steve Stover discussed the Columbus area dining scene today. Steve opened with a “mic drop” – typically a move reserved for the end of a presentation. Once the mic came back on line Steve noted several trends that developed during COVID and continue today. Among those trends are shorter hours at some restaurants, fewer tables, more reservations required, more fixed price menus and more takeout/curbside pickup.

Columbus’ world cuisine scene is trending with 48 different countries represented. There are over 300 outdoor dining spaces in the Columbus area which also features 48 rooftop bars.

Food halls are becoming more common in the area. There were six food halls open in 2023 and there are two more coming soon. Food halls typically feature eight or nine different vendors each offering a different choice of food. There were 150-200 restaurant openings in Columbus in 2023 and about 50 closings.

Steve likes the growth of available happy hours in the area. He likes the opportunity to sample the menu offerings of the restaurant while being able to “get home in time for Jeopardy”.

Vegetarian restaurants are trending. Stover likes Commune – which he believes is one of the best

restaurants in Columbus. He cited SOW Plated as a vegetarian option although it is not entirely a vegetarian restaurant.

Other trends include the growth of artisan butchery, wine bars (Columbus was late to the game), comfort food and specialty pop-up dinners.

Some upcoming/recently opened locations singled out by Steve were the café at Littleton’s Market, Capitol Grill in the former Chammps at Lennox, Butcher and Rose, Del Mar Mediterranean and El Camino.

Columbus State Community College’s Mitchell Hall features Degree restaurant which is run by culinary and hospitality management students under the direction of experienced leaders. The restaurant is open irregular hours which correspond with the college’s schedule so a call ahead is in order.

Here are some of Steve’s top new restaurants of 2023

- “FYR” restaurant at the expanded Hilton downtown
- Agni, from Avishar Barua - wood-fired tasting menu in the Brewery District
- Hiraeth, from BJ Lieberman of Chapman’s Eat Market
- Ginger Rabbit Jazz Lounge, wood -fired modern comfort food in the Short North
- Speck, modern Italian from Josh Dalton of Veritas (downtown)
- Cento, Cameron Mitchell’s 100th restaurant, upscale Italian in German Village

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GREETERS

January 30
Richard Barth
Rod Essig

February 6
Rick Barth
Cameron Box

February 13
Mike Brady
Ali Carine

REGISTRATION DESK

January 30
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February 6
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Cameron Box

February 13
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Jim Nicklaus

CALENDAR

January 30 - Scioto CC/Zoom
Beth Johnson –
Honor Flight Columbus
Host: Jessica Grisez

February 6 - Scioto CC/Zoom
TBA

February 13 - Scioto CC/Zoom
Ryan Miller,
2nd & 7 Foundation
Host: Jessica Grisez

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OUR NEXT MEETING

JANUARY 30TH
Scioto Country Club/Zoom

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STEVE STOVER

DINING IN COLUMBUS

- Valentina's, Cameron Mitchell's fifth Italian concept from CMR, at Bridge Park
 - Stories on High, rooftop bar on the 28th floor of the Hilton downtown
 - Jackie O's on Fourth, downtown taproom and patio from Athens-based Jackie O's
 - The Junto Hotel in Franklinton features The Brass Eye (rooftop bar)
 - Subourbon Southern Kitchen, in Linworth
- Steve provided copies of the complete list. If you missed picking up a copy contact Rich Simpson at bookmanrich@gmail.com.

THE MEETING



Vice President **Angela Lanctot**, filling in for **Andy Livingston**, opened the meeting and asked **John Ness** to offer the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim Winfree asked **Don Trotier** to introduce his guest – son **Brian**. **Rich Simpson** introduced his guest **Denny Ramey**. **Debbie Johnson** introduced **Lori Wengerd**. **Chip Knoop** introduced **Jim Manning**.

Debbie Johnson recognized the following Paul Harris Fellowship recipients, **Beau Taggart**, **Phil Glandon** for his wife **Lynn**, **Jim Nicklaus**, **Ned Clark**, **Cullie Rechner** (+1), **Dick Vesper** (+3), **Tim Kellogg** (+7) and **Mike Brady** (+8).

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Peggy Concilla asked folks to try to pay current invoice by February 6 or 7.

Norm Essey announced that the Divine Dignity group, whom the club supported last fall with a grant and hands-on workers for hygiene bag assembly, is seeking volunteers to do once-monthly deliveries to distribution centers for the coming year. Please contact Norm for details if you are interested in assisting...

Norm Essey 614.638.7384/normessey@gmail.com



Chip Knoop noted that there is one funding request for the upcoming Community Service Committee meeting. Additional requests would be welcome. Contact Chip or **Barri Jones** if you have a suggestion.

John Krauss reminded us of the May 14 Fundraiser date at the Amelita Mirolo Barn.

SORTING OUT WHERE TO CONTRIBUTE

Where do your contributions go? There are three main organizations where we as Upper Arlington Rotarians direct our Rotary giving. Sometimes it can be confusing, so here is something to hopefully help keep things straight.

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