

# SINGLE GOURMET - METRO NY

Adventures in Friendship & Fine Dining!

DECEMBER 2010

In the past month, we've made new friends and enjoyed great food at Dolphin (Yonkers), Capital Grille (Stamford), Pour Wine Bar (Mt. Kisco), and The Tap House (Tuckahoe). Each restaurant has a different ambiance and menu, and all did a great job. We highly recommend them! And its always fun meeting and welcoming new members at each event. Now the leaves are falling, the stores are decked out in red, green, silver and gold, and its time to think about the holidays. As many of you know, at Single Gourmet we celebrate every holiday, throughout the year. (Sometimes we even make up holidays just so we can have a party.) There are Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year's eve events in NYC; and the annual Thanksgiving weekend lunch, Holiday Gala, and New Year's Day lunch in the suburbs.

This year, our Thanksgiving weekend

lunch will be at **THE TERRACE CLUB**. We had a fantastic meal

there in May, when they had been open less than a year. Everyone agreed that the food is amazing. As is the view -- the restaurant sits right on Lake Mahopac. This annual lunch is a nice end to the holiday weekend; and The Terrace Club is the perfect place

to enjoy a light meal (no turkey!) and the beautiful serenity of the lake in the winter.

| COMING UP..                   |   |      |             |    |
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| <a href="#">Terrace Club</a>  | Date  | Time | City, State | \$ |
| <a href="#">EQUUS</a>         | Details available to Single Gourmet-MetroNY members                               |      |             |    |
| <a href="#">Lexington Sq.</a> | For more information about the club and membership, please return to the website. |      |             |    |

Next, the event everyone's been talking about all year, the one you've been waiting for, the one, the only...**EQUUS!** Our annual holiday gala at Equus (in The Castle in Tarrytown) is our most popular, most sumptuous, our most elegant event of the year. Equus is gorgeous at any time of year, and it is positively magical at Christmas. Quoting the NY Times, it "never allows you to forget you're dining in a castle" -- guests are treated like royalty." It wins top honors in Zagat's, "**EXTRAORDINARY TO PERFECTION**", and is on their lists for Top Food, Top Decor, and Top Service. This is truly an experience not to be missed. If interested, please RESERVE ASAP, as this event always sells out, **seating is limited**, and we've already received reservations from our "Save the Date" note in last month's newsletter.

Our first event of 2011 is our New Year's Day lunch at **LEXINGTON SQUARE CAFE** in Mt. Kisco. For everyone who enjoyed The Tap House last Sunday, you'll like Lexington Square. It has the same owners; and the same upscale-casual ambiance, though the layout and decor of the restaurants are different. Again, the menu focus is on simple, high quality, well prepared New American food. This is a relaxing, fun and friendly way to kick off the new year.

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Last but not least, there are **TWO SPOTS** left for the **New Year's trip to SICILY** - if interested let me know immediately!

Its time to get in the holiday spirit, which at Single Gourmet means "fun, friendship and fine dining"!

*Cheers!*

*--Karen*

## SUBURBAN EVENTS

(Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Dutchess, Fairfield)

### **THE TERRACE CLUB-Thanksgiving Wknd**

"AMAZING" was the unanimous verdict on the food after our first visit in May. The NY Times awarded The Terrace Club a "VERY GOOD" rating. Chef and co-owner, Kenneth Breiman, spent his prior 2 years as Executive Chef at none other than X20, Xaviars on the Hudson. The lakeside views are gorgeous, at any time of day, in any season. A relaxing, delicious way to end the long holiday weekend.

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### **EQUUS "Holiday Gala"**

Our most sumptuous event of the year, always sold out, always extraordinary, dining at Equus in The Castle is an amazing experience not to be missed! Consistently rated "**Extraordinary to Perfection**" by Zagats: "Lap of luxury dining...set in a turn-of-the-century castle so **exquisite** it takes the Survey's Top Decor honors. The well plated cuisine is cooked to **perfection**, the old world service appropriately gracious...but don't forget to bring a bunch of money - its not for the faint of wallet." True, it ain't cheap, but the experience is worth every penny!

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### **LEXINGTON SQUARE CAFE**

Our annual lunch is a relaxing, friendly way to kick off the New Year. Whether you danced till dawn or enjoyed a cozy night at home, toast the first day of the New Year with your Single Gourmet friends!

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## NYC EVENTS

### **SAN MARTIN for Thanksgiving**

We enjoy doing Thanksgiving each year at San Martin because they lend a Mediterranean touch to each course and they pour complementing wines throughout the meal. And if you'd like to invite friends or family members, we wave our usual guest fee. Its the best turkey dinner in town, a truly festive way to enjoy course after course of delicious food and delightful wines. Join our holiday table, bring a friend and make new friends!

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### **FISHTAIL**

We make no bones about our unabashed admiration for Chef David Burke's creativity, and we're not alone. To quote Zagat's, "David has done it again!", proclaiming Fishtail to be a "bright, sophisticated where the creative, if costly, fin fare will capture you hook, line and sinker!" Happily we can report that its a mutual admiration...David loves the Single Gourmet, and whenever we dine with him, he goes all out to make our meal more than just a dinner; there are always little extras. And, if you're not an 'afishianado', there's meat to eat too.

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### **SALMON RIVER for Hanukkah**

Our annual Hanukkah feast is always at Salmon River. We advise you to come early because they serve some of the most scrumptious edibles before you're even seated! The party starts the moment you walk in with skewered meats, popcorn chicken, shrimp tempura, and more--BEFORE you sit down to a 4 course dinner, with wine! Hanukkah is a joyous holiday so feasting is a blessing and we'll be blessed with a fabulous dinner, including traditional and some non-traditional dishes. Excellent wines will accompany our holiday feast. You don't have to be Jewish to enjoy our celebration!

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### **FRIAR'S CLUB BRUNCH**

This show-biz hangout offers a brunch buffet with everything from your favorite omelet to smoked salmon, blintzes, carved meats, fresh salads and a "make-your-own-sundae" station! If you haven't been here before, you must take a tour of the building. It has a virtual museum collection of show business memorabilia from generations of entertainment biz luminaries.

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**LE PERIGORD**

We love Le Perigord because it is almost the last bastion of classical French food. We lament the passing of La Cote Basque, La Pavillon, and other great French restaurants. But we rejoice that Le Perigord is here to offer the great French cuisine of yesteryear. You'll dine on traditional French fare, properly prepared, suitably sauced, smilingly served. The wines accompanying each course will be properly French, & the desserts are magnifique!

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**LILY'S for Christmas**

When you walk in to Lily's you'll feel like you're in a Parisian, Stockholm, or London meeting place for artistes! The decor is definitely bohemian and the food is artistically crafted. Chef Ulrika Benggstrom formerly was head chef for the Swedish Consulate, and her menu is quite continental, with nary an American or Asian influence to be found. The feedback from our dinner here in July was overwhelming, and many suggested that it would be an ideal place to celebrate Christmas. We agree!

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**DOMENICO for New Year's Eve!**

We're delighted to party once more at Domenico, our New Year's Eve host for many years. The folks here know how to plan a party, and a great party's in store for you to welcome in 2011. A lively DJ will play all your favorite music for dancing and celebrating. Yes, you can bring a guest(s) but since we expect a large crowd we hope you'll reserve early. Among the plusses for our party here at Domenico is its location. On New Year's Eve you'll want a place that's near all public transportation -- trains, busses, and just steps from Grand Central. Don't get left out in the "old"...welcome '11 with friends and fellow "gourmets" at Domenico!

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**Last Call!**

**Only 2 spots left for the New  
 Year's trip to sunny  
 SICILY!**

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## OTHER EVENTS

If interested, please [contact me](#) to reserve.

**View Restaurant**, Oakdale (LI), NY  
Sunday December 5, \$67

**GW**, Roslyn (LI), NY  
Thursday December 16, \$75

## TRAVEL

If interested in any trips please [contact me](#)

### **SICILY for New Year's!**

(organized by the NYC chapter)

**Dec 26 - Jan 4**

This year's annual New Year's trip is to SICILY! Our "home bases" will be Taormina and Palermo, on opposite coasts of the island, with day trips to places like Agrigento, Siracusa, Mt. Etna, Erice, Segesta and Custonaci. In addition to the "usual" sights, we'll see fabulous Christmas displays, including a live Chreche. As befitting "gourmets", we will dine at the best restaurants. Our restaurant list is a succession of great eateries with typical Sicilian specialties and great local wines. The New Year's Eve Cena will be a party as only Sicilians can produce--music, dancing, all night revelry and a traditional dinner.

Our price is truly ALL INCLUSIVE -- airfare on Alitalia, ground transportation when we are in Italy, 3 meals a day (with wine at lunch and dinner), all sightseeing admissions. The price is \$5400 Single occupancy and \$5050 Double occupancy, payable in full with your reservation.

### **ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S CRUISE**

(organized by the Chicago chapter and Singles Travel Int'l)

**December 29 - January 3**

Join singles from across the country as we ring in 2011 on our most popular cruise of the year. Welcome in the New Year aboard Celebrity Cruise's Century, which has been recently renovated. We set sail from Miami with visits to Key West, Nassau and Coco Cay, our own private island! Optional pre-cruise stay in Miami. What better way to celebrate? Just ask our many repeat travelers! Starting at \$859 including port charges & taxes. (there are many variables with cruise pricing--various levels of staterooms, optional onboard amenities, pkgs, etc.)

## SINGLE GOURMET

## GIFT CERTIFICATES

*Perfect for the holidays*

GIVE YOUR FRIEND(S) A GIFT THAT IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED, NEVER THE WRONG SIZE OR COLOR, NOT SOMETHING THEY ALREADY HAVE....TREAT THEM TO:

- a 1 year **Membership**, \$75, and you'll receive a free membership for yourself! We can either mail the certificate to you, or directly to your recipient.
- an **Event**. Pricing depends upon the event you select, so this option is only billed when you reserve. We'll send you, or your recipient, a "dinner certificate" that does not specify a restaurant or price, and you can decide at any time during the year which event you'd like to attend with your friend.

**GIVE THE GIFT OF FUN, FRIENDSHIP &  
FINE DINING**

## RESERVATIONS

**HOW TO RESERVE** Reservations are due the **MONDAY** prior to the event, **IN WRITING** and **accompanied by payment**. *All reservations require a credit card on file with us to hold your spot, even if you plan to mail a check or pay cash.* (If you don't have a credit card on file with us, give a call so we can take your information).

**Website (with a credit card):** Reservations form is on the website (in the Members section--*Username is '-----' and password is '-----'*). Fill out your contact information, enter the name of the event and number of reservations, then "send" the form.

**Mail (with check\* or credit card):** Mail this form, or a note, to 166 Franklin Ave, Harrison, NY 10528. Please be sure to include a check or credit card information (if we don't already have it on file). *Please note, if you are paying by check there is no need to call or email to let us know you are reserving. Just send us your reservation with payment and we'll sign you up.*

**Email (with credit card):** "Reply" to the email that accompanies the newsletter. *Please specify that you would like to pay by credit card.*

### GUEST POLICY

Nonmember guests (who have not attended a Single Gourmet event before) are welcome on a space-available basis, with a surcharge of \$5 for events up to and including \$70; or \$10 for events over \$70.

**CANCELLATION POLICIES** (unless otherwise stated in the newsletter)

#### **for Suburban Events (Westchester, Fairfield, Rockland, etc)**

- 3+ days prior – Full credit.
- 48 to 24 hours prior – 50% credit.
- Within 24 hours prior – No credit.

#### **for NYC and Long Island Events**

- 8+ days prior to the event – Full credit.
- Within 7 days prior – No credit.

**Exceptions to the above policies are highlighted in the newsletter.**

*If we are able to fill your spot from a waiting list, you will receive full credit minus a \$5 administrative fee. No cash refunds. Credits must be used within 3 months towards another Single Gourmet event.*

*A reservation acknowledges that you have read and agree to the terms, and you authorize Single Gourmet - Metro NY to charge your credit /debit card for the event*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

MC or Visa # (if not already on file) \_\_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

| Event | Price | Guest name ? | Guest price | Total \$ |
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