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Subject: Tucson Convention Gourmands dinner (driving directions at the end)
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To: All Gourmand Members

Hi, fellow Gourmands. I thought that it's about time to send out my usual dinner reminder, since now it's less than three weeks until our Tucson Convention dinner. As I said earlier, it was tough finding a venue this time, but I believe we've found a good one – The Steak Out restaurant in Sonoita. Barbara and I have had dinner there three times and were very pleased. Their only drawback is that they're a little farther away than we would like, but we think the overall suitability justifies the trip. Here are some bullet points:

- They are a well-respected historic SEAZ (SouthEastAriZona) steakhouse. They do offer other entrees, including salads and a veggie burger, but unless you're a hard-core vegetarian or vegan, we'd really recommend the steaks. Their menu is available on their website, <https://www.azsteakout.com/> .
- They are offering us seating in a separate room from the main restaurant, less noisy and more private.
- They open at 5:00 PM, which is when we want to arrive.
- We will be able to order off the regular menu when we get there – no preordering, no restrictions.
- They will give us our checks by couple or table, as we prefer.
- The restaurant has a large, easy-to-access parking area.
- The drive, while a bit long, has a lot to recommend it. It consists of a little over 30 miles of good-quality, low-traffic State highways, and the last part of the trip passes through some of the most scenic views in this part of Arizona. Also, the little Hamlet of Sonoita is the center of the Sonoita-Elgin Wine Region, one of three major wine-producing regions in the state. If you decide to travel down to Sonoita before the 5:00 dinner hour, you might want to enjoy a tasting at one of the local wineries. A regional map can be found at https://www.sonoitavineyards.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/sonoita_elgin_map.pdf (the restaurant is Number 14 on the map).

A quick summary:

What – Gourmands dinner for the at Tucson Convention.

Where and When– The SteakOut Restaurant, Sonoita, AZ, <https://www.azsteakout.com/> .

Monday, March 18, 2024. Arrive at 5:00PM, order dinner or drinks when you like.

Current attendees 32 people total)

Balogh, Andy & Kathie
Franke, Dave & Marilyn
Greenwood, Wilt & Barbara
Harris, JD & Heather (Porters' guests)
Hentschel, Harry & Sandy
Huff, Dianna and Larry (Hentschels' guests)
Jacobs, John & Alice
Matthews, Geoff & Johana

Milner, Gary & Glenda
Miskell, Chris & Charlsanne
Mitchell, Paul & Lisa
Porter, Rett & Claire
Raye, Steve & Gill
Richard, Terry & Pam
Smith, Ed & Barbara
Weithofer, Bob & Pam

Driving instructions from Pima County Fairgrounds to The Steak Out restaurant, with cumulative mileages to the nearest 0.1 mile. Allow about 45 minutes travel time.

1. 0.0 Right out of the north (Brekke) gate of the Fairgrounds. Zero your trip odometer. This is Brekke Road.
2. 0.4 Right at traffic light at T intersection. This is Houghton Road.
3. 6.3 Left at traffic light onto Sahuarita Road.
4. 12.2 Right at "STOP" at T intersection (take the short way). This is State Route 83, Sonoita Highway.
5. 34.3 Straight across the intersection at "STOP", then turn left at the Shell pumps into the parking lot of the Steak Out restaurant.

Barbara and I will be your hosts, since we're already here at our winter address in Benson, so if you plan to attend and aren't on the list above, please let me know by replying to this email. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks, and, as usual...

Bon Appétit!

Wilt

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