

## **Guidelines for Gourmet Supper Club for New Neighbors**

*Gourmet dinners are a great way to spend time with fellow New Neighbors in a welcoming environment and enjoy delicious food. These guidelines have been developed so that being part of the Gourmet Supper Club is an easy and enjoyable process for everyone.*

- ❖ Each dinner has a theme with a set menu, including specific recipes that are the same at each house – that is part of the fun! This format gives participants a chance to talk with other Gourmet members about the menu, the recipes and the wine.
- ❖ The menus and selected recipes are thoughtfully planned and tested. You are expected to follow the recipes you are given, and not substitute another dish for your contribution. If you have a question about the recipe you are given, please contact your designated host or one of the co-chairs.
- ❖ Gourmet dinners occur in the homes of members. Given the number of people who want to participate, that will be 10 hosts for each dinner. Thus, it is expected you will be willing to host at least once during the year. If there are not enough hosts for the number of people who have signed up, NNs who have hosted or have offered to host on a specific date will be our first priority.
- ❖ All guests are responsible for their own travel to and from the event; hosts are not responsible for providing or coordinating travel arrangements.
- ❖ We are an inclusive organization whose purpose is to give everyone involved an opportunity to meet new people. Guests are randomly assigned and we are not able to honor requests to change guests from one home to another.
- ❖ Please be on time to the host home. Everyone is bringing a part of the meal. If you are late it is a problem for everyone.
- ❖ To the extent possible, bring your contribution ready to serve. We know that some recipes require last minute assembly. Bring any serving utensils, bowls, etc. If you have a dish that requires brief, last minute cooking, such as a scallop or shrimp appetizer, kindly work that out with your host ahead of time. The host/hostess will make an effort to provide refrigerator space or a warm oven as needed.
- ❖ Please bring the two assigned bottles of wine or whatever else is instructed by the committee. We understand that some people do not drink alcohol. If this is the case, please let the host know and bring your own beverage.
- ❖ Should you sign up and then find you are unable to participate, you must call the activity chair(s) immediately to see if there is a waiting list. If there is not, you are expected to make arrangements with the host to provide what you were to bring, even though you cannot attend.
- ❖ The Gourmet Supper Club is all about forming friendships, sharing delicious food and getting to know our new neighbors. We look forward to a FUN evening for each of our dinners!

**Bon Appetit!**