

# GOURMAND SIG

BY PAT YAROS

A lucky 13 of us showed up for dinner at Amber Lantern in Chesapeake. I say 'lucky' because we were pleasantly surprised and delighted at what we found. Those Mensans who came to enjoy the food and the fellowship were the following: Mike Eskenazi, Randy Fisher, Don Gregory, Ron and Helen Lee, Denise Ross, Kim Rouke, John and Lynne Treffeisen, Joe Turlo, John Williams, and Steve and Pat Yaros.

The prices of the entrees that we ordered ranged from \$13.00 to \$33.00. Entrees that we tried and our ratings of them from 1 to 10 with 10 being the highest, are listed to the right.

Gluten-free entrees are available. Comments about the meal included the following: Kim declared that the meal was "absolutely fantastic, with friendly waitresses." John declared that, "The sauce on my dish was excellent, and the veggies and potatoes were very good." Don really liked the risotto. He called the taste "fantastic," but felt that it could have been served a little warmer. Mike called his meal "delicious." He declared that this dish was well-balanced between fruity and sweetness. As for the size of the serving, Mike told us that we were served "more than enough." Randy noted that he was served more veggies than he anticipated. His shrimp were "very well done, with a spicy and sweet sauce." Helen declared that the bread and sauce were both "wonderful." Lynne called the salad "overpriced for what you got," but said that the fried shrimp were

Randy - Fried Shrimp.....	8.5
Ron - Filet Mignon.....	9.5
Helen - Ahi Tuna.....	10.0
Joe -Seared Ahi .....	8.5
Denise -Vegetable Lasagna.....	7.0
Lynn - Jumbo fried shrimp.....	8.0
John T. - Breast of Canadian Duck.....	10.0
Kim - Crab Stuffed Shrimp.....	10.0
John W. - Strip Steak.....	9.5
Don - Lobster Tortellini.....	9.0
Steve - Fried Oysters.....	9.0
Pat - Mediterranean Chicken.....	9.0
Mike - Atlantic Salmon.....	9.0

"delicious." Steve declared that the oysters were quite fresh, and I found that the dishes were nicely spiced. And finally, looking out at the water-filled creek, Ron enjoyed what he called a "sterile, but nice atmosphere."

Desserts were in the 10.0 range, with Steve commenting on how fresh everything is, and an easy 10.0 rating, according to Don, of a chocolate cake that was shared among members of the group.

Please note that we are once again moving to a **new night** for our next get-together.

We would be very happy if you would join us on **Tuesday, October 17th at 6:30 pm** as we go to When in Rome Pasta Bar. This highly-rated establishment features some of the best Italian food that you will find in this area. Come on out, Virginia Beach people! We would love to have you join us for this dinner!

If it turns out you know you are going to attend this gathering, please make your reservation with Pat Yaros a week ahead of time, if possible. And if you find out at the last minute that you can come after all, please do so. Please see the Contact Information in the M-Tides. Directions are in the calendar.