

GOURMAND SIG

BY PAT YAROS

Eighteen of us got together to check out When In Rome in Virginia Beach. Present to enjoy the food and the company that October evening were the following: Linda Carol and Kim Smith, Christopher, Sam Coole and her friend Tony, Elizabeth and Margaret, Don Gregory, Kathy and Monte O'Connor, Denise Ross, Kim Rouke, John and Lynn Treffeisen, Joe Turlo, John Williams, and Steve and Pat Yaros.

The prices of the entrees that we ordered ranged from \$15.90 to \$19.90. Entrees that we tasted and our ratings of them from 1 to 10 with 10 being the highest, are listed to the right:

Comments about the meal included the following: Steve, "Very interesting. Nice tomato sauce." From Pat Yaros, "Excellent flavor." Denise called hers, "wonderful and rich." Lynn said she "would order it again." John T. commented on the unusual combination he received. He called it "rich." Chris told us that the Burrata was "amazing – very rich." Margaret said that her truffles was a "little salty"; she felt that the fennel salad was tasty, but that it also was a little too salty. Joe called his salad "delicious" and the wine "excellent."

Linda Carol said her chicken was "wonderful" and the spinach was "delicious". Kim S., who shared dinners with Linda Carol, pointed out that she had lots of leftovers because the salad by itself was enough to eat. Don was told that it would take a long time to get his meal, but knowing that made it O.K. Kim R. appreciated the free appetizers (lobster balls) that we were given. Sam and Tony, however, were not impressed.

Monte - Veal w/cherry tomatoes, arugula and garlic	8.0
Kathy - Spaghetti w/clams.....	8.0
Denise - Lasagna When In Rome.....	10.0
Tony - Lasagna al Ragu.....	6.5
Sam - Rigatoni Pomodoro.....	6.0
Kim R. - Finocchi.....	9.5
John W. – Lasagna al Ragu.....	8.0
Don - Lasagna	9.0
Kim S. - Baked Chicken.....	9.0
Joe - Salad w/shrimp & avocado; Finocchi in olive oil	9.0
Linda Carol - Baked Chicken.....	9.0
Elizabeth - Lasagna Burrata.....	8.0
Margaret - Spaghetti truffle.....	7.0
Christopher - Lasagna Burrata.....	9.0
John T. - Lasagna al Ragu.....	9.5
Lynn - Lasagna When In Rome.....	10.0
Pat - Red cabbage & Italian Sausage.....	9.0
Steve - Lasagna al Ragu.....	8.5

Tony was expecting a red sauce, and he got a cream sauce. In addition, he felt that his order needed more and thicker layers. Monte said that his veal needed more garlic, but that it was really tender.