

Gourmand SIG

by Pat Yaros

A small but hungry group visited Mr. Boil in Newport News to fulfill our January expedition. Present to relish the dishes that they had ordered were the following: Joe Turlo, Ray Whipple, and Pat Yaros with her friend Richard Rinaldo.

The price of the dishes that we tried ranged from \$10.95 to \$21.95. The ratings that were given to these entrees—from one to ten, with ten being the highest—were as follows:

Ray - Tropical Poke Bowl	7.0
Pat - Poke Bowl	7.5
Richard - Special Boil	7.0
Joe - Mr. Boil's Special	8.5

Comments about the meal included the following: Ray commented that the food was not really hot, but said it was interesting. Joe noted that the Special Boil disappointed because it was not hot; however, he still insisted that it was delicious and flavorful. The Special Boil that Rich ordered contained shrimp, mussels, potatoes and sausage. He was encouraged to wear gloves and a bib while he consumed it.

Gourmand SIG, Part II

Ok gang, Pat Yaros has done a wonderful job with the Gourmand SIG for many years—THANK YOU, PAT!!!—and she now wants to step down and take a rest. From its success, it's obvious that Mensans like to get together and eat. However, with the COVID-19 thing going around, this is an opportune time to take a break and rethink the activity.

Pat is moving on to a new chapter in her life, but that doesn't stop us from wanting to get together regularly for a good meal and camaraderie. I plan to continue the activity but in a slightly different fashion with a monthly meal at one of a small group of popular restaurants, split between the peninsula and the southside. So here's what I need from you—some fresh ideas about when and where you would like to meet. We can choose from pizzerias to gourmet restaurants to buffets, but we need to choose popular places where all can be comfortable and satisfied. I'm asking the all members who read this publication to submit to me names of one or more places you would enjoy dining on a regular basis. I'll compile a list of the suggestions and publish it in a later issue of the *M-Tides* and we can all vote on the top choices if necessary. Nothing is permanent. We can change the locations, times and dates if things don't work out, but we need somewhere to start.

Write your suggestions on the back of a \$50 bill and mail it to me, or drop me a line at SWToth1@yahoo.com with your choices. This COVID-19 thing won't be around forever; when it is over, we will want to continue to meet and celebrate.

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