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MARY'S MESSAGE:

No matter what holiday you're celebrating this season, December is the month to scramble for the ideal gifts for those in your life. But, no need to panic—we are here with options, at least for the food lovers on your list. In this issue, we offer you the delicious dish on the Chester County spots for presents relating to edibles, from cooking classes and cheese clubs to beer baskets and gift sets.

We've also continued our final installment of Chester County Cuisine & Nightlife's Choice Awards, wrapping up the wins for best brunch, sports bar and more. We also feature a holiday-edition He Said She Said where you will find out if our pair is still a couple after braving their first-ever Thanksgiving with their significant other's parents!

Enjoy all that and more in this issue of CC!



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BY THETOWNDISH.COM

Looking for that unique gift for someone on your list who seems to have everything? Instead of taking the big-box, "I bought it because of the label" approach, go local and give something that will show you care.

Here are our top picks for creative, local gift ideas:

Baskets of food and baskets of fun

Pick up a gourmet food basket from Donnolo's Florist (100 Wallace Ave., Downingtown). They have lots of high-quality products, including local soups (Churchy's), oodles of chocolates, jams (Dilworthtown Inn), crackers, cheese, dipping sauces, mustards, chips and pretzels, homemade cookies, coffees, teas, Twin Brook wines, delicious Kog Hill Wine from Lancaster County and much more. These items can be used as stocking stuffers, and they're great for holiday gift exchanges. Shoppers can build a custom basket or choose from the many beautiful baskets in their showroom or on www.donnolos.com. Gift baskets run between \$35 and \$100, depending on the size and contents. Orders can be placed online, by phone at 610-269-6656 (they have a 24 hour phone that even goes to the owner's house), by fax (610-269-5136), or by stopping by the store. They have a UPS pick-up every day, and you can even get flowers for your holiday decorating while you're there.

Need a gift for the ultimate beer lover?

Release your inner beer snob by

sporting an Iron Hill Brewery signature shirt that says, "Our beer snobs can beat up your wine snobs". Visit www.ironhillbrewery.com or any of their stores (3 W. Gay St., West Chester or 130 E. Bridge St., Phoenixville) to pick up their shirts. The newly released Winter Wheat Wine-Oh Gift Package is \$30 and includes one bottle, two 18-ounce signature glasses and a beer tote.



Or give the gift that just keeps giving: An Iron Hill Mug Club Membership! For \$35 a year, you get an Iron Hill Mug, invitations to members-only events, you can get a 22-ounce beer for the price of a pint each time you visit, and you receive a \$25 gift card each time you spend 300 points (it's \$1 a point and you get 200 initially). Also, customers receive a \$20 bonus card for every \$75 purchased in gift cards.



The McKenzie Brew House Craft Beer Basket is also a perfect pick for the beer connoisseur in your life. The restaurant and brewery's seasonal brew gift features three hand-crafted beers brewed by award-winning head brewer Ryan Michaels and assistant brewer Gerard Olson. Festively packaged in a red ice bucket, the \$39 gift includes two McKenzie pint glasses, special food and brew



pairing suggestions, and two Sunday passports packed with deals and discounts. The basket includes Saison Vautour, their Belgian-style farmhouse ale that's fermented and aged in wine barrels and is a Great American Beer Festival gold medal winner for the past three out of four years. Also included in the gift pack is the St. Romain Strong, an East Coast-style barley wine that was aged 17 months in French oak wine barrels, and the Oer Faute, the strong, dark lager aged over a year in American oak. The Craft Beer Baskets are for sale at the restaurant's Malvern (610-296-2222) and Chadds Ford (610-361-9800) locations. For more information, visit www.mckenziebrewhouse.com.

Exton Beverage has the largest selection of sixtels in the county, so if you are looking to surprise a beer fanatic, head over to marvel in their extreme selection. A sixtel is a 1/6 of a keg, equal to 2 1/3 cases of beer. This distributor sells them in more than 250 varieties and they are 95 percent craft beers. What does this mean for you and your gift-giving? It means that you can allow others to look like a beer rock star in their homes by having a variety of craft beers on tap. When you use a sixtel, you end up saving \$15 to \$20 each time you buy beer. But if you're loading up on sixtels, make sure your gift-receiver has a home system, which can be easily on hand if you convert an old mini-fridge into your own tap system. Exton Beverage is willing to fill you in on this process. Visit Exton Beverage at 310 E. Lincoln Highway, online at www.extonbeverage.com, or call them at 610-363-7020.

Brewing your own beer is a creative release and the ultimate science experiment. Head over to the Artisan Brew Shop (128 E Lancaster Ave., Downingtown) to pick up all the supplies you need to make beer or wine. The staff is very knowledgeable, so feel free to stop in, call 610-873-HOPS (4677) or visit www.artisanhomebrew.com for details. For further guidance, check out the Brewers United for Zany Zymurgy home brew club in West Chester at www.buzzhomebrewclub.com.

They meet once a month and offer brewing advice (and tastings) for brewers of all skill sets.

Something for the wine fan

The Brandywine Valley Wine Trail will be hosting a Holiday Open House on Saturday, Dec. 4 and Sunday, Dec. 5. Wineries will be waiving tasting fees and offering delicious foods, music will be provided by local musicians and carolers, and holiday gift baskets will be for sale. For a schedule of events and directions to the wineries, visit www.bvwinetrail.com.

Consider buying a gift card for an intimate tasting at Black Walnut's Tasting Room (260 Bridge St., Phoenixville) or Kreutz Creek (44 E. Gay St., West Chester). These tasting rooms offer a relaxing atmosphere with live music, where you can enjoy a delicious glass of wine and pick up a bottle or wine accessories.



Brush up on your cooking skills

Know someone who always wanted to go to cooking school but didn't have the time? The Kitchen Workshop (21 Plank Ave, Paoli) offers a variety of three-hour cooking classes like "Perfect Pot Pies," "Roasting 101," "Entertaining on A Budget" and more. Classes are \$54 and include hands-on instruction, a copy of all the recipes taught in class, food, beverages and a glass of wine. View their full class schedule at www.kitchen-workshop.com. They also have a large selection of used cookbooks for \$5. Give the gift of fun and a new experience. If you buy four gift certificates, you get one free.

Mushrooms of Chester County

Nothing says Chester County better than the beloved mushroom. The Mushroom Cap (114 W. State St., Kennett Square) has all your mushroom needs: A "Mushroom of the Month Club," mushroom soup, marinade, mustard, and mushroom clothing to show off your love for mushrooms. The "Celebrating 25 Years! Mushroom Festival Cookbook" is only \$12 and includes mushroom recipes from generations of mushroom growers, chefs and restaurants in the region. While you are there (or online), pick up a bag of Snack N Shrooms, an exclusive treat that can only be found at the Mushroom Cap. These tasty dried treats can be eaten alone or used to cook, and come in two-ounce bags for \$8.50. Shop online at www.themushroomcap.com, or give them a call at 610-444-8484.

Give local cheese, please

Chester County has its own cheese artisan alliance, which includes eight local cheese makers who produce cheese made from raw cow's milk, goat's milk, and even sheep's milk. Load up on an assortment of local cheeses from Birchrun Hills, Amazing Acres, Highland Farm, September Farm and others by visiting their holiday open houses and farm stands at local farmers' markets. For a complete list, visit www.chestercountycheese.org.



What's even better than a basket of cheese hunks and wedges? A membership to a local cheese CSA! Yellow Springs Farm is one of the nearby cheese makers who offer a yearly cheese share. Other delicious cheese-inspired gifts available at Yellow Springs include cheese platters, goat cheese truf-

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fles, goat milk caramel and goat milk soap. For details, visit www.yellowspringsfarm.com.

For the foodie who has everything



We recommend tickets to the 9th Annual "A Taste of Phoenixville," happening Jan. 20, 2011 at Franklin Commons in Phoenixville. You'll make any local food-lover gush when you present them with tickets to the biggest food event of the year. For only \$60 per ticket (or \$100 for two), you can give someone you love an evening to sample some of the best local fare in this foodie haven. The best part? It's a truly local effort, with proceeds supporting the Good Samaritan Shelter, a non-profit that provides emergency and transitional housing (and other critical services) to homeless men in the Phoenixville area. For more information or to purchase tickets for "A Taste of Phoenixville," visit www.TasteOfPhoenixville.com.

Give the gift of someone's next meal

This year, in lieu of a gift, consider making a donation to a local food bank. The Chester County Food Bank's mission to make sure no one goes without a meal in Chester County and they distribute 1,000,000 pounds of food to 65 organizations each year. One in eight people will go without a meal and an estimated 70,000 people go hungry every night in Chester County. To learn more about them and how to make a donation, visit www.chestercountyfoodbank.org.

Something for health-conscious sippers

Pureblend Tea -- the organic, fair trade and local whole-leaf tea collection from Kari Dandrea of West Chester -- is your key to better living, allowing you to sip your way through steamy specialty blends and loose-leaf wonders like Pumpkin Patch Chai, Nettle Leaf Detox, Sangria, Red and Green Rooibus, and Yerba Mate. Kari also packs an array of fine-tuned Kombucha and

Japanese Matcha that will have the tea lovers on your shopping list swooning. To stock up on her various assortments, visit www.pureblendtea.com.

Celebrate on the road!

The West Chester Recreation Department is offering eye-catching entertainment options. Take advantage of their upcoming journey to New York City to attend the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular, offered on Dec. 4 and 5. With a cost of \$165 per person, guests will nab killer tickets to the show (orchestra seats in the row B to E, section 200), a snack and transportation. The bus departs from West Chester Municipal Building at 401 E. Gay St. at 7:30 a.m., arriving in New York City for showtime at 11:30 a.m.

Also available from the Recreation Department are tickets to "Disney on Ice: Toy Story 3" on Dec. 29 at the Well Fargo Center. Catch the bus at 9:30 a.m. and attend the kid-friendly show at 11 a.m. For details on either show, or other trips, call 610-436-9010.

Dinner and a holiday classic show

The holidays are not complete without seeing "The Nutcracker." The Brandywine Ballet will be performing the classic ballet on Dec. 10, 11, 12, 16, 18, and 19 at the Emile K. Asplundh Concert Hall, West Chester University. Tickets are \$22 to \$37. Enjoy a pre-show three-course dinner at Avalon Restaurant (312 S. High St., only two blocks away from the theater). Warm up in front of a wood-burning stone fireplace during your sophisticated night out. The dinner upgrade is \$35 per person and tickets can be purchased online or by calling the box office. Consider having a spot of tea and assorted goodies with Clara, the Sugar Plum Fairy, and other characters at noon on Dec. 11 and 18 at WCU's Philip Memorial Library (29 W. Rosedale Ave.). Tickets are \$25 per person

(in addition to a performance ticket) for The Nutcracker Tea, and can be purchased at www.brandywineballet.com or by calling the box office at 610-696-2711.

Gift-giving for the anti-shopper

If your male counterpart dreads the thought of having to shop, he's in luck! He's not off the hook, but he can moan and complain with fellow male anti-shoppers on Wednesday, Dec. 15, during the annual Men's Night Out in downtown West Chester. Gents will meet at Iron Hill Brewery and Restaurant at 5 p.m. for a pre-shopping happy hour, and then, around 6 pm, head out to West Chester boutiques, including Penwick Design, Ruby Slippers, Jane Chalfant, Sunset Jewelers and Feminique Boutique, enduring the pain of Christmas shopping with some brotherly love.



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SPOTTED ATROCIOUS

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When I was asked to sit down with a local band, I thought I'd be asking a few questions and get a few straightforward answers. Little did I know that the Spotted Atrocious had much more in mind.

These five guys from Pennsylvania came together a few years ago and created something truly unique. "There's still great, original music left to be made," said singer and guitarist Ryan Warfield.

Full of enthusiasm and obviously in love with what they do, the band is out to create new music and share with West Chester -- and soon the world -- their positive energy and ideas.

The Spotted Atrocious is defined as a creature that's fierce, imagi-

native, and the only one of its kind. This band couldn't have chosen a more suitable name. They started as friends, who were all in other bands. When bass player Mitchell Way, drummer Chris Hall and singer/guitarist Ryan Warfield came together, they knew something good was to come. Later, Liam Tinney and Mark Mullen joined, and as Ryan put it, "I knew it was going to be way more than a fling. I knew it was going to be a long-term relationship."

He was right. Formed in 2008, the band has only just begun, with their first full-length, self-recorded album coming out soon.

Living, working and playing in West Chester has helped them understand what this town really needs. There are plenty of cover

bands, but new, innovative music was a rarity. Going out and having a good time is one thing, but going out and listening to exciting, original music is another.

"There's really great local music. You don't have to look at a huge record label to find good, original music. You can just look in your own backyard," said bass player Mitchell Way.

I went to the Side Bar to check them out. They're a great band with rocking guitar solos, but each song was better than the last. Every song has a different sound, but they all have the band's stamp.

Looking around the jam-packed room, I realized that these guys really draw a crowd, and they know how to get everyone asking for more. They took a break to walk

around and talk to everyone who came to watch.

If you enjoy new music and love to dance and have a great time, go see the Spotted Atrocious perform. You'll go home with a smile, tired feet, new friends and a revived appreciation for the local music scene. The Spotted Atrocious truly is West Chester's band. Hopefully, these guys will keep playing for us when they make it big.

The Spotted Atrocious:

Ryan Warfield -- lead vocals and guitar

Mitchell Way -- bass guitar

Liam Tinney -- guitar and backing vocals

Mark Mullen -- keyboards, guitar, vocals and synthesizer

Chris Hall -- drums

To download free music from Spotted Atrocious, including a brand-new track from their upcoming album, visit facebook.com/SpottedAtrocious.

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SEASONAL HOURS - CHECK WEBSITE

meet the BAR TENDERS

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It's no secret there are bars in Chester County. There are lots of them. And why not, there are lots of people here too. From neighborhood bars to sports bars to craft-beer bars to breweries, there is a good chance you can find exactly what you are looking for.

Each bar has its own ambience. Want sports? ... Find a sports bar that has multiple TVs. Want great beer selection and a tavern setting? Find a craft-beer bar. Want a place where everyone knows your name? Spend time at your local neighborhood bar.

But no matter what you like or where you go, remember you wouldn't enjoy a beer or cocktail if it weren't for the person behind the bar.

The bartender remembers you. He remembers what you drink. He remembers what you do. He remembers what you don't do. And he remembers if you tip.

Just as each bar has its own ambience and personality, so does the bartender. But one thing they all share is an outgoing personality. If you don't like talking to people, bartenders agree, it's not the job for you.

Over the years the one thing that frequenting the same neighbor-

hood bar can be a great idea. You not only get to know the regulars but also the bartenders.

In West Chester, there are a few neighborhood places to choose from. But none probably as famous as Jake's. Jake's sells t-shirts, the same recognizable, blue, t-shirt where only the date is updated. These shirts can be seen, randomly, across the country. They've even been written about.

But what makes Jake's great is the bartenders. One of those bartenders is Orazio Nastase. It was Nastase's grandfather that started the bar decades ago. His father owns it now.

Nastase returned to the family business after working as a civil engineer and he loves his job.

"Probably the best part about the job ... I feel my customers are my co-workers," he said.

It's a place where Nastase is quick to make fun of you, but at the same time expects it right back. It's like being at home. It's how he looks at bartending, "it's a social outlet," he said. "You get to see everyone's opinions."

Nastase has never forgotten was

the day that a customer came in and wasn't real happy. He came to his neighborhood bar where he knew his bartender. It turned out that customer had just caught his wife with another man. Like any good bartender, Nastase was there to lend an ear and offer a drink.

"I'll never forget that," he said.

At other bars in the county, like Sly Fox in East Pikeland, bartenders there, like Simon Nguyen, are there to listen to customers but also teach them -- specifically about the beers that Sly Fox brews.

Nguyen has worked at Sly Fox for a little more than five years. He started as a server and is now a bartender and manager.

He said his first shifts didn't go as smoothly as they could but his customers were there to help him out.

And that back and forth is what Nguyen said he enjoys about bartending.

"It's like hanging out with friends," he said.

A lot of the conversations he has with customers are about the beers at Sly Fox, though. He said you can see the fermentation tanks while you're sitting at the bar and customers get curious about the brewing process.

"They just want to know"

what's (in the tanks). They get curious."

Not too far from Sly Fox's East Pikeland location, just down Route 113 in Uwchlan, you'll find the bartenders at Ron's Original Bar & Grille.

Located in a strip shopping center, the bar at Ron's feels like an old time tavern. With dark wood, multiple TVs and personable bartenders, it could be a great spot to chat up the person giving you your drinks.

One of those bartenders is Fran Schnering. Schnering's been bartending on and off for 20 years. "There's something about the job that keeps me coming back. I enjoy the people," he said.

Schnering said he enjoys watching people transform -- and he doesn't mean just get drunk. "You see the weight of the world lift off their shoulders," as they sit down and relax. That's where Schnering steps in as a bartender. He develops relationships with his customers.

You might not always know someone's name, he said, but you know them by

their drink and over time you know that Jim is the guy that drinks rum and cokes.

Schnering, also a real estate agent, said that bartending, although stressful, *"it's a different kind of stress,"* he said. If a mistake is made, like giving someone the wrong drink -- you just fix it. *"No one loses a house,"* he joked.

Like most bartenders, Schnering lives by the unwritten bartender's code: what happens in the bar or is said in the bar, stays in the bar, adding, *"I have seen and heard everything from everyone."*

All three bartenders agree: It's about building relationships with people and in what Schnering said: *"It's about being able to have relationships with people from all walks of life."*

Fran Schnering, Ron's
Original Bar
& Grille



Orazio
Nastase, Jake's

Simon Nguyen, Sly Fox



Customers are going nuts over Pistachio's in West Chester

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Pistachio-crusted
chicken
fingers



Pistachio's Cafe and Catering (237 E. Gay St., West Chester) has only been open for a month, and already the owner needs to expand the shop due to its popularity.

This BYOB restaurant has a beautiful Tuscan-style dining room with dining in or takeout during lunch and dinner. It has wi-fi and even has its own parking lot with 23 glorious spaces, with no quarters required.

The menu is diverse, with creative and generous dishes like a Gorgonzola and Pear Salad or a Funky Chicken Wrap with grilled chicken, feta, onion, pepper and almonds in a balsamic vinaigrette dressing.

Their items are mostly homemade, like their dressing, soups and croustons. For everything else, they get the finest and freshest ingredients around. Pistachio's has a wide array of pies, cakes and decadent cookies to satisfy any sweet tooth. Their freezer is stocked daily with pastas, homemade soups, sauces and dinners to go.

They offer lunch for \$7.95, and a hot dinner platter for \$9.95. Customers are hooked on their signature pistachio-crusted chicken fingers. A third of their daily business is due to these creations.

They also have an extensive and affordable catering menu for off-site

celebrations, and can accommodate up to 50 people for parties, special events or corporate meetings. Customers can get generous trays of original appetizers (including the pistachio chicken fingers), sandwiches and wraps, breads, salads, hot and cold pasta dishes, vegetable dishes and an assortment of desserts. The owner, Chris DiFabio, caters to each client to plan the perfect menu. Call 484-887-0488 and ask for Chris for your next event.

Pistachio's is certainly a family affair, and it's a family-friendly establishment. They offer a family dinner special that serves four people and includes a main dish (there are six daily specials), a choice of Cae-

sar or garden salad, and fresh cookies for \$27.95. The eggplant parmesan, gravy, and meatball recipes come from the owner's mother, and his father often comes into the store to trim meats.

"I am a food man. I started cooking when I was 13 and I came from a family where we always got together to share a good meal," Chris DiFabio said. "Pistachio's takeout and catering menu items are created with only the freshest, highest quality ingredients. I cook only the best for my family. Let me do the same for you and your family."

He has been in the restaurant business for 30 years and was founder of the highly successful DiFabio's Catering in Media. He sold that about three years ago to start a new venture, Pistachio's Cafe and Catering, in his new hometown. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday. Look at their full menus at www.pistachiochicken.com or stop in yourself. You would be nuts to miss this delicious dining spot in West Chester.



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The incredible, edible egg is a nutritious, versatile, economical and great way to fill up on protein. Studies show that if you eat eggs at breakfast, you tend to eat fewer calories during the day. They also pack in 12 vitamins and minerals, some of which are good for brain development and memory.



Do you go nuts for nuts? Well, these delicious little foods are packed full of monounsaturated fatty acids. These healthy fats help lower your risk for heart disease and diabetes and can help control your appetite. Nuts are also known to boost your vitamin E levels, increasing your memory and cognitive performance.

Low-fat yogurt - This creamy and cool dairy product contains super special agents called probiotics. Also known as the "friendly bacteria," probiotics help the intestinal tract and immune system. Mix in some nuts or berries or have it with some cereal, and this treat is a yummy way to get the good stuff in your belly.

Broccoli. Our kids tend to whine when we put it on their plates, but it's a rich source of vitamin A, vitamin C and bone-building calcium, and it's full of fiber to fill you up and control your weight. Two cups of steamed broccoli



only packs 87 calories, but can fill you up for hours.

Avocados are full of fat – but good fat. They're loaded with healthy fats and fiber and can fill you up and help control your appetite. Other foods high in "healthy fats" are olive oil and nuts. Just watch your portion sizes, because the calories can add up!



Berries are very high in antioxidants. Black currants, blueberries, raspberries, strawberries and pomegranates are also high in vitamin C and a natural protective compound called phytochemicals. Some types of phytochemicals are known to inhibit the growth of lung, colon and leukemia cancer cells without affecting the growth of healthy cells. Others are known to affect the body's metabolic process to decrease the development of cancer and heart disease.



Beans are comparable to meat in terms of the amount of protein they pack. But unlike meat, they are incredibly high in fiber and water content. One cup of beans provides 12 grams of fiber – nearly half the recommended daily dose for adult women. The high fiber content will ensure that you are full, and for a longer period of time.

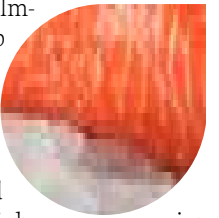
Sweet potatoes are a delicious member of the dark orange vegetable family, which lead the pack in vitamin A content. Substitute a baked sweet potato (also loaded with vitamin C, calcium and potassium) for a baked white potato and you will save a bunch of calories. When you taste the natural sweetness of the sweet potato, you realize that it does not need the added butter and salt that a baked potato does. Other healthy dark orange veggies include pumpkin, carrots, butternut squash and orange bell peppers.



Whole grains are high in

fiber, which helps control your blood-glucose levels and harness your cravings. Also, they are a great source of vitamin B, which boosts energy.

There is nothing fishy about how healthy salmon is for you. Rich in Omega-3 fatty acids, salmon can help to protect your heart. It is low in calories and saturated fat, and high in iron and protein. Grill it, broil it, poach it, serve it on a salad ... salmon is a healthy main course.



If you work these and the many other super foods into your diet, you may begin to feel stronger, faster, smarter and healthier. And who knows? You may feel like that speeding bullet isn't so fast after all!

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Best Thai: Noddidi Thai Chef

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This BYOB in the borough of West Chester offers a wide range of Asian and Thai dishes, including

vegetarian and sushi entrees. Delivery is free. With delicious appetizers, tasty curries and Thai classics like Pad Thai and Drunken Noodles, it's no wonder readers picked Noddidi Thai Chef as their favorite. Large portions are adorned with beautiful garnishes in an atmosphere that is unusual and fun, with brightly colored painted fish on a deep blue background. The owner, Nick, is a gracious host, and the service is always attentive. Stop in to see why CC readers picked Noddidi Thai as their favorite!

Best Sports Bar: Winner's Circle Sports Grille

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610-524-2424

www.winnerscirclesports-grille.com

Ever since last year's addition of 30 plasma TVs, a Chester County Sports Hall of Fame and an overhauled game room, Winner's Circle has been a home away from home for sports fans. Without a bad seat in the house, the place has a perfect assortment of bar food, weekly all-you-can-eat wing specials, inexpensive domestic and premium draft beers, and even late-night happy hours with wine and martini mark-downs. Better yet, diners can take part in the Monster Burger Challenge, where amateur eaters are asked to clear three half-pound burger patties with two toppings and a pound of fries — all in 20 minutes.

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Riverstone Cafe Tapas

Best Tapas: River- stone Cafe

143 W. Lincoln Highway
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610-594-2233

www.riverstonecafe.com

Even though it's December, you may still be dreaming of Oysterfest, Riverstone's month-long celebration that features 30 varieties of oysters throughout October. But there is much more to love about this place. Whether you prefer their lean buffalo and aged Vermont cheddar sliders, the prosciutto-wrapped asparagus, or tea and honey poached pear with warm brie, the small-plate menu at Riverstone has plenty of tasty options to explore. Their attention to detail rises above the rest.

Best Brunch: The Drafting Room

635 N. Pottstown Pike
Exton

610-363-0521

www.draftingroom.com

There is no better way to start off your Sunday than attending The Drafting Room's brunch buffet. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., visit this beer-centric eatery to load up on the never-ending lineup of the best sweet and savory munchies, including warm bourbon sticky buns (one order per table), made-to-order crab Florentine or eggs Benedict, chocolate chip challah French toast, cream puffs, wild mushroom and brie omelets, and fried egg sandwiches. While I would suggest enjoying a pint from their excellent assortment of craft brews, they also have eye-opening cocktails, including bloody Marys, mimosas, and champagne-and-pomegranate drinks.

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HE SAID SHE SAID / WHERE TWO SINGLES MEET AND REVIEW the food & each other.

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BY:
MARY
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THE
GIRL:

MICHELLE

AGE: 24

JOB: Assistant Manager

HOBBIES: Tennis, traveling,
event planning, working out,
being with my dogs



THE
GUY:

JASON

AGE: 30

JOB: Accountant

HOBBIES: Drag racing,
working on my car, working out,
spending time with family

He Said/She Said: This new couple spent their first holiday together and let us know how it went.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS:

• **MICHELLE:** We first met online from a dating site, and our first date was at the Iron Hill in West Chester. We planned to spend our first Thanksgiving together at our vacation house in Myrtle Beach, S.C. He looked very nice on Thanksgiving. He was wearing jeans and a nice sweater.

• **JASON:** When I first met Michelle on our first date, I was very impressed. She looked great and was very mature. Michelle was planning on going down to Myrtle Beach with her mom and they offered for me to join them, so I drove down two days later to meet them. On Thanksgiving, she was wearing jeans and a yellow top with flip-flops and she looked gorgeous. We were at the beach for a good part of the day, but we had to wait for rain to pass so we could walk on the beach and take pictures on the nice warm day (It was 70 degrees!)

THE CONVERSATION:

• **MICHELLE:** We were just with my mom and had met her plenty of times before. We talked about past Thanksgivings down there before, and family traditions, and about family in general – what his parents usually do for the holiday.

• **JASON:** I had met her mother before, so I wasn't nervous to spend time with her on Thanksgiving. She is very hospitable and easy to talk to,

so it was my pleasure to spend the holiday with her.

THE MEAL:

• **MICHELLE:** My mom cooked the turkey, mashed potatoes and corn casserole, and I made the dessert. We were at our house in South Carolina and we ate at the dining room table.

• **JASON:** I didn't help cook at all, but Michelle and her mom did the traditional spread with turkey, stuffing and mashed potatoes. Normally on Thanksgiving it's me, my mom, step dad and his mother. It'd say this meal was just as good as my stepdad's mother would cook. She's 80 years old but she can still cook!

TASTING NOTES:

• **MICHELLE:** It was very yummy. I had to put gravy on the turkey since it was slightly dry from the oven, but I always like mashed potatoes and gravy. That's my favorite on Thanksgiving.

• **JASON:** The corn casserole was just awesome. But everything overall was fantastic as well.

DRINKS:

• **MICHELLE:** I had Barefoot pinot grigio.

• **JASON:** A little pinot grigio and some H2o.

DESSERT:

• **MICHELLE:** I made a coconut cream pie, which was very good – a new thing

for us to try.

• **JASON:** We didn't have a traditional pumpkin pie, but we did have pumpkin bread and Michelle made a coconut cream pie that I thought was really good. And I'm not just saying that 'cause I should.

CHEMISTRY:

• **MICHELLE:** There was no awkwardness in our little family. We all get along and we have very good chemistry!

• **JASON:** It was very natural to enjoy the holiday with her and her mom. I think we have a great connection and conversation.

WAS IT A MATCH?

• **MICHELLE:** It is definitely a good match. We see it growing into something very long-term, and I think it made things more special now after spending a holiday with each other.

• **JASON:** I believe it is. I get along with her mom, and she gets along with my mom and stepdad, so as far as the families are concerned, we all get along really well.

NEXT DATE? WILL YOU BE SPENDING CHRISTMAS TOGETHER?

• **MICHELLE:** His birthday is Friday so we will go out to dinner for that and then on Saturday we are spending the day in NYC. We may spend Christmas Eve together, but I'm not sure about Christmas day. We will see.

• **JASON:** We will absolutely be spending our Christmas together. I'm planning something nice for her and looking forward to spending our next holiday together.

HOW DID YOU LEAVE IT?

• **MICHELLE:** Well, we are still going strong and left it on a very good note. We're probably going to spend all the holidays together. Maybe next year we can spend it with his family!

• **JASON:** Even before Thanksgiving, we have slowly been progressing in a very positive manner, so that was the first of many more Thanksgivings together in our future.

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SUSQUEHANNA BANK CENTER, Camden, N.J.: Q102 Jingle Ball with Justin Bieber, Selena Gomez, Adam Lambert, Bruno Mars, the Script, Train and others (Dec. 8, 6 p.m., sold out).

ACADEMY OF MUSIC, Philadelphia: John Mellencamp (Feb. 21, 7 p.m., \$48.50 to \$140).

TEMPLE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, Philadelphia (1-800-298-4200): Loretta Lynn with The Secret Sisters (March 18, 8 p.m., \$62.50 and \$72.50).

THE TOWER THEATER, Upper Darby: Dukes of September featuring Donald Fagen, Michael McDonald and Boz Scaggs (Dec. 4, 8 p.m., \$39.50 to \$95); Joe Satriani with Ned Evett and Triple Double (Dec. 10, 8 p.m., \$39.50 and \$49.50); Kevin Hart (Dec. 17, 8 p.m., \$35.50 to \$55.50); Kevin Hart (Dec. 18, 8 p.m., \$35.50 to \$55.50); The Disco Biscuits (Dec. 30, 8 p.m., \$41; Dec. 31, 9 p.m., \$62); Robert Plant and the Band of Joy with North Mississippi Allstars (Jan. 26, sold out); Imagination Movers with Nina and Warehouse Mouse (April 10, 1:30 and 4:30 p.m., \$25 to \$45).

THEATER OF THE LIVING ARTS, 334 South St., Philadelphia: The Sword with Karma to burn and Mount Carmel (Dec. 3, 9 p.m., \$15); Matisyahu with Moon Taxi (Dec. 8, 8 p.m.,

\$30); Soulfly with Desperate Union, Straight Line Stitch and Incite (Dec. 9, 8 p.m., \$25); Better Than Ezra with Big Sam's Funky Nation (Dec. 10, 9 p.m., \$22); Old 97s with Hayes Carll (Dec. 11, 9 p.m., \$22); Attack Attack! with Emure, Pierce the Veil, Of Mice & Men, and In Fear & Faith (Dec. 12 and 13, 7 p.m., \$20); Liz Phair (Dec. 16, 9 p.m., \$22.50); Good Old War with East Hundred and The Great Unknown (Dec. 17, 9 p.m., \$15).

THE ELECTRIC FACTORY, Philadelphia (www.electricfactory.info): Twiztid with Blaze, MicLordz and Sauce Funky (Dec. 2); Confederate (Dec. 3); Dimmu Borgir with Enslaved, Blood Red Throne and Dawn of Ashes (Dec. 10); Get the Led Out: Led Zeppelin tribute (Dec. 11); Badfish: Sublime tribute (Dec. 16); Lotus (Dec. 31); Dr. Dog (Feb. 11).

THE KESWICK THEATRE, Easton Road and Keswick Avenue, Glenside (215-572-7650 or www.keswicktheatre.com): "A Very Merry Doo Wop Spectacular" (Dec. 4, 8 p.m., \$42.50 and \$52.50); Bowfire "Holiday Heart Strings" (Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m., \$38 and \$48); The Blind Boys of Alabama holiday concert with Ruthie Foster (Dec. 10, 8 p.m., \$36 and \$46); Manhattan Transfer holiday concert (Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m., \$38 and \$48).

THE NOTE, 142 E. Market St., West Chester (800-594-8499 or thenotewc.com): 30 Bars in 30 Days featuring "How to Fail: The Self-Hurt Guide" by Aaron Goldfarb, with The Good-

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THE COLONIAL THEATRE, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville, will present guitarist Leo Kottke (Dec. 10, 8 p.m., \$24.50 to \$38.50). Visit www.thecolonialtheatre.com.

TROMBONE CHOIR GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 490 W. Boot Rd., West Chester, presents the West Chester University Trombone Choir on Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10, and proceeds benefit Compeer Chester County, a non-profit that fosters mental health recovery through friendship. Call 610-399-7058 or visit www.CompeerChesco.org.

ART-REACH CONCERT WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 10 W. Pleasant Grove Rd., West Chester, will host a fully accessible Christmas concert by the Chancel Choir in association with Art-Reach on Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. Admission is free, and a reception will follow. The concert is intended for organizations that serve people with disabilities or economic disadvantages, along with people from the community. There will be open captioning, sign-language interpretation and large-print programs. Tickets must be reserved by calling 267-257-5866 or e-mailing christinebarbush@comcast.net.

NIGHTLIFE

BRICKETTE LOUNGE, 1339 Pottstown Pike, West Chester (610-696-9656 or www.brickette-lounge.com). Line dancing on Tuesday and Thursday from 8 to 11 p.m. with DJ. Karaoke on Wednesdays from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Live bands from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Smoke-free

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BARLEY SHEAF SEASON

THE BARLEY SHEAF PLAYERS, 810 N. Whitford Rd., Lionville (www.barleysheaf.org), present the following shows this season: the holiday comedy "Nuncrackers" by Dan Goggin (Dec. 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11 and 12); "Into the Woods" by Stephen Sondheim (March 11, 12, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, April 1 and 2); the comedy

"Life x 3" by Yasmina Reza (April 29, 30, May 6, 7, 13 and 14); the farce "Move Over, Mrs. Markham" by Ray Cooney and John Chapman (June 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25). Tickets are \$15 (\$12 for seniors and students 18 and younger).

PEOPLE'S LIGHT SEASON
THE PEOPLE'S LIGHT AND THEATRE COMPANY, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern (610-

644-3500 or www.peopleslight.org), presents: "The Master Builder" by Henrik Ibsen (March 23 to April 17); "Dividing The Estate" by Horton Foote (May 11 to June 5); the farce "Hatchetman" by David Wiltse (June 15 to July 10). Tickets are \$25 to \$45. Call or visit online for information.

49ERS CHRISTMAS SHOW
HENDERSON HIGH SCHOOL, 400 Montgomery Ave., West Chester, will be the site of the annual 49ers Christmas show. This year's production, "Christmas Eve at the Museum," will be presented Dec. 9, 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m., and Dec. 11 and 12 at 2 p.m. There will be a concert or holiday songs during the first half, and the holiday musical comedy is the second half. Tickets are free, but must be ordered by visiting www.49ersChorus.org.

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COURTROOM ONE OF THE CHESTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, S. High and W. Market streets, West Chester, will be the location of the Gilbert and Sullivan Society of West Chester's "Trial By Jury" and carol sing on Dec. 2 at 8 p.m., Dec. 3 at 5:30 and 7 p.m., and Dec. 4 at 2 and 8 p.m. Tickets in advance are \$10 for adults (\$8 for seniors and youth). Tickets at the door are \$12 for adults (\$10 for seniors and youth). Call 610-269-5499 or visit www.gss-chesco.org.

'A CHRISTMAS CAROL'
FOOTLIGHTERS THEATER, Main Avenue, Berwyn (610-296-9245 or www.FootLightersTheater.com), presents "A Christmas Carol" on Dec. 3, 4, 10, 11, 16, 17 and 18 at 8 p.m., and Dec. 5 and 12 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12. Call for visit online for more information.



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The Brandywine Valley Wine Trail hosted its first batch of wine dinners at Catherine's Restaurant (routes 82 and 162, Unionville) on Oct. 28. This intimate gathering was an opportunity to not only savor a fantastic six-course meal and local wines, but to get a first-hand lesson about wine from the winemakers themselves.

Lance Casthe, owner of Black Walnut Winery; and John Weygandt, owner of Stargazers Vineyard, were the humorous hosts of the evening. Lance spent two hours sampling Catherine's eclectic menu to find the perfect pairings. He kept a nice pace throughout the courses, allowing enough time to let each person savor each bite while he answered questions about winemaking.

Catherine's Restaurant has a comfortable and laid-back ambiance, with its warm autumn-colored walls and lots of candles for a romantic setting.

To start the intoxicating dining experience, guests were served a Roma Tomato and Basil

Puree as a dip the homemade bread. The first course was a mushroom and crab bisque that was paired with a Pinot Noir from Chadds Ford Winery. The soup is a crowd favorite and signature dish at Catherine's, and was full of flavor. It leaves you craving more once you get home (Good thing they sell it to go). The Pinot Noir had a light and medium body with a very smooth finish.

Next up was goat cheese ravioli served with Patone Cellar's Viognier. This ravioli was served with smoked scallops, sun-dried tomatoes and fresh spinach in a blush sauce. The dish had a lot of distinct flavors that blended perfectly with the Viognier, which has hints of vanilla, citrus, peach, pear and apricot.

Next, the spicy chipotle Caesar salad offered a bold kick. This snappy salad was paired a sweet White Cabernet Franc from Black Walnut Winery. This refreshing wine had a sweet and subtle taste that balanced the spiciness of the salad.

The fourth course was a filet mignon that

melted in your mouth, with foie gras, green beans and a dollop of black truffle butter, in a Barolo wine demi glace. This juicy steak was served with Paradox Vineyard's Merlot, a complex wine with a long finish, made from dark berry fruits with hints of earthy tones.

The next course was a creamy risotto with generous portions of shrimp in a zesty lemon and ginger sauce. It was paired with Kreutz Creek Vineyard's Chardonnay, a smooth wine with a buttery flavor and enchanting smells of vanilla and oak. The sweet and dessert-like sauce was a perfect transition to prepare diners for Catherine's signature dessert tray. The meal ended with a dessert sampler that was out of this world, including lemon cheesecake, a homemade truffle, chocolate cake, blueberry tart and key lime pie.

Everyone raised their glasses of Stargazers Vineyard Sparkling Traditional champagne to celebrate a wonderful evening.

Kirby Tirk was one of the satisfied diners. He and his wife have visited Catherine's and some

of the winery tasting rooms. "We value the idea of drinking wines from the area," he said. "It was a really great night. I really liked the fact that they introduced wines I would have never tasted that went well with foods you can't do yourself. It was very enlightening and I hope they do more of this stuff."

Catherine's Restaurant is a family-owned business. Marybeth Brown takes care of the front and her husband, Kevin McMunn, takes care of the kitchen. The restaurant is named after Marybeth's grandmother. It's a perfect place for a private party, to pick a up a boxed lunch during the week, or grab a delicious weekend brunch. Catherine's Restaurant was the 2010 Chester County Cuisine and Nightlife Reader's Choice Award Winner for Best BYOB. They constantly give back to organizations and schools in the community, buy local and organic

as often as possible, and will soon be showcasing local art. To view menus or read reviews, visit www.catherinesrestaurant.com.

The next Wine Trail dinner will be at Majolica Restaurant in Phoenixville, so be sure to visit www.bvwinetrail.com to learn details.



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