

# ChicaGourmets Are Invited To Dine At The Woman's Athletic Club

626 N. Michigan Ave.

6:30PM Wednesday, March 12, 2008

The Woman's Athletic club of Chicago (WAC) was founded in 1898 and has the distinction of being the first athletic club for women in the United States. It occupies the building at the North West corner of Michigan and Ontario. They have occupied the building since it's opening in April of 1929. The club provides many amenities for their members. There is a pool, workout room, and complete spa facility. There are large rooms for meetings, group events, a ballroom, a dining room, and a library. The rooms are beautifully decorated with many treasures, such as crystal chandeliers, hand painted Chinese wall paper with matching screens (the Silver Room), and art treasures donated by the members. The WAC members are considered the upper echelon of Society in the Chicago area. The opportunity to view the inside of the club, which has been maintained in its original state, is not to be missed. The club employs a very talented Executive Chef, Oliver Valenzuela, who provides creative dishes for the dining room, and special events. The menu for this event clearly demonstrates his culinary skills. The Woman's Athletic Club maintains a traditional dress code that while not formal or dressy encourages men and women to be properly attired. The club suggests smart business casual as the minimum attire with jackets and ties preferred for men.



[www.wacchicago.com](http://www.wacchicago.com)

Join ChicaGourmets! Membership is \$40 per year per household.

**Please reserve online at [www.ChicaGourmets.org](http://www.ChicaGourmets.org) Discover, Master Card and Visa accepted.**

Prepaid reservations must be received by March 5; no refunds after that date.

**Reservations are secured with receipt of payment on a first-come basis. Events often sell out early!**

E-mail: [DonaldNewcomb@comcast.net](mailto:DonaldNewcomb@comcast.net) Web Site: [www.chicagourmets.org](http://www.chicagourmets.org) Tel: 708-383-7543 Fax: 708-383-4964

**For non-internet reservations, mail to: ChicaGourmets! Premier Bank, 1210 Central Ave., Wilmette, IL 60091**

March 12 Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ at \$90 per Member, \_\_\_\_\_ at \$100 per Nonmember, inclusive = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Membership/Renewal payment (\$40) enclosed. See expiration (exp) date on mailing label.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

6:30 Passed Appetizer & Wine Reception

7:00 Dinner

Appetizer course

Diver jumbo sea scallops with salsify ragout,  
Rainbow Micro greens and port wine syrup  
**Geysler Peak Sauvignon Blanc 2006; Alexander Valley,  
California**

Soup course

Jerusalem artichoke soup garnished with escargot, sour  
dough croutons, drizzled with white truffle oil.  
**Alois Lageder Pinot Grigio 2006; Magré, Italy**

Salad course

Baby frisee with roasted chanterelle mushrooms, apple  
smoked bacon, fried quail eggs, Sicilian pistachios,  
black truffles, whole grain mustard vinaigrette.

Intermezzo

Strawberry, Basil, Balsamic sorbet

Entrée

Grilled Bison filet served with roasted Holland  
peppers; Tri color baby carrots, Hawaiian sweet potato  
rosette; Chili ancho tomatillo sauce  
**Heron Syrah 2003; American Canyon, California**

Dessert

Pine nut caramel rosemary tart with cream cheese ice  
cream  
**Désirée Chocolate Dessert Wine NV; Alameda,  
California**

***This event is being made possible by the sponsorship  
of Suzanne Hoffman, who is a member of the  
Woman's Athletic Club, and our host, Dale Smith.***

Parking is available in the many garages in the area