Chicago Gourmets
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A Reason to Celebrate…
Chicago Gourmets turns 16 and Oceanique turns 25
Join the Celebration July 23 at Oceanique

Now here's a reason to celebrate…
Chicago Gourmets, the highly regarded gourmet dining club, is turning 16. They've joined forces with Oceanique, the acclaimed French-American seafood-focused restaurant in Evanston, also celebrating an anniversary, its 25th, for a delicious degustation event not to be missed, 6 p.m., Tuesday, July 23. The cost is $89 for Chicago Gourmets members; $99 for non-members.

"It is a befitting celebration," says Don Newcomb, Chicago Gourmets' founder. "We're honored and humbled by the enthusiasm that we've had during the past 16 years. When Chef/Owner Mark Grosz approached us to help Oceanique celebrate its 25th, we jumped at the chance."

Oceanique (505 Main St., Evanston, 847-864-3435), ranked as the number one seafood restaurant in the Chicago area by Zagat Guide, is a well respected and admired restaurant. Oceanique serves the finest organic produce and seafood purchased solely from sustainable ecofriendly sources. Their commitment to excellent service and cuisine has garnered Oceanique recognition by some of the country's most respected publications. They have won *Wine Spectator Magazine's* coveted "Best of Award of Excellence" every year since 1993. This year, *Wine Spectator* recognized Oceanique as having one of the 750 best wine lists in the world. Even with this acclaim, guests find the knowledgeable wine service at Oceanique to be refreshingly gracious and down to earth.

Oceanique is entering the next quarter century with big changes. "This will be the first event showcasing our new look and new menu," says Grosz. Oceanique closed June 30 for a complete makeover, and is scheduled to reopening in late July with an expanded small plates menu, new bar area with craft cocktails and beers, alongside their *Wine Spectator* award-winning wine list, modern degustation menu and a totally fresh new look.

This Chicago Gourmets event features a specially prepared menu containing new dishes masterfully crafted and executed by Oceanique's Chef/Owner, Mark Grosz. In addition the menu will be complemented by a special wine selection, chosen by Wine Director Philippe André, from Oceanique's extensive wine list featuring over 700 selections.

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The Menu for the Chicago Gourmets' 16th Anniversary Celebration includes:

Virginia Misty Point Oysters
Spinach Pernod Parmesan
2007 Royal Tokaji Wine Co. Furmint – Mad, Hungary

Wild Maine Diver Scallops
Lobster-Soy Broth Kimchi Cilantro
2012 Terranoble Sauvignon Blanc, Central Valley, Chile

Citrus-Sorrel Sorbet

Wild Delaware Skate
Fennel English Peas Purple Potatoes, Porto
2004 Gaudon – Rioja, Spain

Valrhona Chocolate Marjolaine
10 Year Mas Amiel – Maury, France

This private look at the new Oceanique celebrates the continued excellence of Chicago Gourmets and their ability to provide members with novel, fresh and one-of-a-kind culinary experiences.

For reservations or additional information visit www.chicagourmets.org or call (708) 383-7543. Reservations are secured on a first-come basis. Events often sell out early!

About Chicago Gourmets
This 16th anniversary celebration on July 23 at 6 P.M. will continue Chicago gourmets' success in providing members and guests with unique dining experiences at Chicagolands most captivating establishments. Their private group events feature showcase menus and signature dishes prepared by the top chefs from restaurants all over the area. Chicago Gourmets leaves no menu un-tasted and takes advantage of Chicago's culinary diversity by sampling all different types of cuisine.

Chicago Gourmets provides members with an inside look into Chicago's hottest new eateries through their special invitations and special "behind the scenes" tours. Membership provides food connoisseurs the chance to preview food trends in addition to opportunities to meet culinary legends, outstanding cookbook authors, wine experts and restaurateurs. For more information on how to become a member, visit the membership section on our website http://chicagourmets.org/membership.html. For any additional questions email sharonm@chicagogourmets.org or call 847-571-1499.