

Restaurant Guide: October 2013

The Local Arrangements Working Group (LAWG) has assembled a list of restaurants that we hope will shorten the time you need to search for places and lengthen the time you can spend enjoying yourselves. After listing some common search engines you can use to find restaurants, this guide includes favorites from LAWG members and other listings sourced from local and credible sources.

Don't Take Our Word for It, Look at These Resources!

Here are some online resources for selecting restaurants and other places to get refreshments. Most include ratings from their members or subscribers. These tend to be valid because of the reputation and the number of respondents, even if there is a bit of participation self-selection bias ☺. Many of the websites listed below also have user-friendly apps available.

Google Maps: <http://maps.google.com/>. A quick graphical way to search for restaurants. Just enter your search criteria in the window (e.g. restaurants walking distance Washington Hilton), and hit return. Warning: Google searches may be biased towards advertisers.

Open Table: <http://www.opentable.com/washington-dc-restaurants> Make on-line reservations and read restaurant reviews.

Trip Advisor: http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g28970-Washington_DC_District_of_Columbia.html. Searchable by cuisine, neighborhood (80 listings in DuPont Circle), and other refined searches.

Urban Spoon: <http://www.urbanspoon.com/g/7/400/DC-restaurants>. More searches, including by neighborhood. Includes ratings by members. Over 150 listings for DuPont Circle, including the percentage that gives each place a thumbs up.

Washington City Paper Best of DC: <http://www.washingtoncitypaper.com/bestofdc/foodanddrink>. A quirky listing of staff picks and reader poll results for the best food and drink in DC.

Washington DC Menu Pages: <http://washingtondc.menupages.com/> Menus for 3,000+ restaurants.

Washingtonian Magazine 100 Best for 2013: <http://www.washingtonian.com/packages/food-drink/the-100-very-best-restaurants-2013/>. Includes listings from DC, Maryland, and Virginia. Washingtonian Magazine is a local legend for their lists based on the votes of subscribers.

Washingtonian Magazine Searchable List:

http://www.washingtonian.com/restaurantreviews/finder.php?&search=%&sort_field=&SearchSortBy=title&SearchResultDisplay=ascend&loc_badge_entry=76270. Allows searches by neighborhood (including DuPont Circle, Adams Morgan, and Woodley Park), cuisine, price, and specialized listings, including Washingtonian Magazines 2012 Cheap Eats.

Yelp: www.yelp.com/dc. Over 300 listings within a one mile walk of DuPont Circle.

Zagat: <http://www.zagat.com/washingtondc>. Full ratings are available to members and Google+ subscribers. Zagat lists are not necessarily complete, but they are highly reliable, and they rate on a 30 point scale. What evaluator wouldn't like that?

Take Our Word for It -- After All, We're Evaluators!

We have also compiled a list that spans breakfast, lunch, dinner, group friendly happy hour restaurants and pubs. We have noted the availability of private rooms or restaurant areas for large group events. Our focus has been the three neighborhoods surrounding the Washington Hilton: DuPont Circle, Adams Morgan and Woodley Park. However we have included other spots accessible on the Red Line or just steeped in D.C. folklore to explore. If you don't enjoy a suggestion we make, please don't kill the messengers!! We encourage you to use this guide to facilitate exploring on your own.

Conference Hotel: Washington Hilton: 1919 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20009; (202) 483-3000. The hotel has its own coffee area, bars and restaurants as well as an outdoor patio for congregating day and evening, but we recommend exploring the surrounding neighborhoods. There are lots of places within walking distance to please the most discriminating palate and the tightest per diem.

Looking for a restaurant that can accommodate your group? Group restaurants are always in demand for TIG meetings, university and other group receptions and get-togethers, and more impromptu gatherings. Here are some questions you can ask establishments to determine if their restaurant will meet your large group needs.

1. Do they take reservations, and for what size group?
2. Do they have private rooms? Will they reserve a private room for happy hour or dinner, and for how large a group?
3. Do they charge a deposit for a large group or use of a private room? Does it have to be paid at the time of the reservation, and if yes, is it refundable and with how much notice?
4. Is there a food or drink minimums if a room is reserved?
5. Do they offer happy hour specials, a fixed price menu, or a catering menu for a group?
6. Do they offer gluten free, vegetarian, or vegan food?
7. What's the noise level like?
8. Can you determine the quality of the food, based on website rankings/scores and LAWG member feedback?
9. How's the cost (\$=cheap eats; \$\$=moderate; \$\$\$=pricy; \$\$\$\$=per diem buster)?
10. Is it open for breakfast or lunch as well?
11. Other questions you may have?

Here is our legend (If applicable, they follow the name of the restaurant):

LR: Private Room or large area set aside for a large group (call to verify the size of the group they can handle and conditions to reserve space).

GF: Yelp advertised as Group Friendly with happy hours. Some drinks and food (if available) may be discounted during late afternoon/early evening hours.

QF: Quick Food. Typically you order and take the food to a table or carry out. Recommended for breakfast or a quick lunch between sessions.

FD: Fine dining and usually more expensive.

Restaurants with a private room or area for a large group:

(press ctrl and click on neighborhood name to jump to list of restaurants with descriptions)

DuPont Circle	Adams Morgan
Agora	Black Squirrel
Annie's Paramount Steakhouse	La Fourchette
Beacon Bar and Grill	The Fed Restaurant
Bistro Bistro	The Grill from Ipanema
Black Fox Lounge	Woodley Park
Buca de Beppo	Lebanese Taverna
Daily Grill	Petits Plats
Darlington House	Lillies (between Woodley and Cleveland Park)
Eighteenth Street Lounge (no food)	U Street Corridor
Eola	Busboys and Poets
Firefly	Eatonville
Front Page	Ghibellina
Grillfish	Teds Bulletin
Hanks Oyster Bar	
Irish Whiskey Public House	Woodley Park
La Tomate	Lebanese Taverna
M Street Bar and Grille	Petits Plats
Maddy's Bar and Grille	Lillies (between Woodley and Cleveland Park)
Madhatter	
One Lounge	U Street Corridor
Ping Pong Dim Sum	Busboys and Poets
Rasika at West End	Eatonville
Ruth's Chris Steakhouse	Ghibellina
Russia House	Teds Bulletin
Tabard Inn	
Urbana	
Veritas Wine Bar	

Restaurant Listing by Neighborhood

DuPont Circle

Agora. [LR] <http://www.agoradc.net/> 1527 17th St NW, (202) 332-6767. Turkish, Mediterranean-fusion. The Solen Room can accommodate up to 55 seated guests and receptions of up to 80 people. Contact events@agoradc.net Recommended by Michele Tarsilla, international TIG.

Al Tiramisu. <http://www.altiramisu.com/> 2014 P Street N.W. Very nice Italian. Recommended by Jonny Morell, editor of EPP.

Alero Restaurant. <http://www.alerorestaurant.com/> 1724 Connecticut Ave NW (202) 234-8100; Mexican food to make you want to say yeehaw! Also, located in Cleveland Park.

Annie's Paramount Steakhouse. [LR] <http://www.anniesdc.com/> 1609 17th St NW, (202) 232-0395. One of DC's long-standing LGBT-friendly restaurants, this 50+ year old restaurant place welcomes everyone to enjoy their American comfort food including fresh and reasonably priced steaks, burgers, entrée salads, with a bit of attitude. Upstairs at Annie's Room can seat 50 with advance notice or accommodate groups of various sizes and is open Thurs-Sunday, and Annie's Back Room can accommodate 25 with advance notice. For parties of 15 or more e-mail: reservations@anniesdc.com.

Beacon Bar & Grill. [LR, GF] 1615 Rhode Island Ave NW, (202) 872-1126. Traditional American. Happy hours, Saturday and Sunday brunch. Great option for organized events. Can accommodate large groups, nice roof top. May require deposit and food and drink minimum. Noise level depends on day and time. It has veggie options. \$\$.

Bethesda Bagels. [QF] <http://www.bethesdabagels.com/> 1718 Connecticut Ave. NW, (202) 299-9399.

Bistro Bistro. [LR] <http://www.bistrobistrodc.com/> 1900 Connecticut Ave NW, (202) 328-1640. A French bistro so nice they named it twice. Recommended for its happy hour Mon-Fri 4:00 to 7:00 pm. The restaurant was very accommodating. Washington Evaluators (WE) liked it. Very nice large room upstairs for a group, call or email at info@bistrobistrodc.com.

Bistrot Du Coin. <http://www.bistrotducoin.com/> 1738 Connecticut Ave NW, (202) 234-6969. French Bistro, popular, quite a convivial din in the evenings.

Black Fox Lounge. [LR] <http://www.blackfoxlounge.com/> 1723 Connecticut Ave, NW, (202) 483-1723. Two levels, both can hold 60 people. Both can be reserved for a private function. Deposit (25%) to hold reservation. Not refundable or transferable if cancelled 30 days prior to the event. They can offer specials on food and drinks, daily happy hour 4-7 pm. Yelp rating 3.5 stars, \$\$.

Buca Di Beppo. [LR] <http://www.bucadibeppo.com/> 1825 Connecticut Ave NW, (202) 232-8466. Italian fare served family style, but not Nonna's cooking. Quite close to the conference hotel, can accommodate large groups. M-Th 11:30 to 10:00 pm; Fri-Sat to 11:00 pm, Sun. 9:00 pm.

Buffalo Billiards. <http://www.buffalobilliards.com/> 1330 19th Street NW, (202) 331-7665. Lots of fun!

BGR: The Burger Joint. [QF] <http://www.bgrtheburgerjoint.com/> 1514 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. (202) 299-1071.

Café Citron. <http://www.cafecitrondc.com/> 1343 Connecticut Ave NW, (202) 530-8844. Latin American, bar and dance.

Café DuPont and Bar DuPont. [GF]

http://www.doylecollection.com/restaurants/caf%C3%A9_dupont.aspx In the DuPont Circle Hotel, (202) 797-0169. Happy hours 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. daily. French Brasserie menu. Understated, very good food, great view of the street. Recommended by Jonny Morell, editor of EPP.

Circa at DuPont. <http://www.circaatdupont.com/> 1601 Connecticut Ave NW, (202) 667-1601, American (traditional), wine bar.

City Lights of China. <http://www.citylightsofchina.com/> 1731 Connecticut Ave NW #1, (202) 265-6688. It's been there 20 years! Group menus to go. Or you can take the Red line to Gallery Place for a selection of Chinatown restaurants.

Chipotle. [QF] <http://www.chipotle.com/> 1629 Connecticut Ave NW, (202) 387-8261. Mexican.

Chopt Creative Salad Company. [QF] <http://www.choptsalad.com/> 1300 Connecticut Ave NW, (202) 327-2255.

Cosi. [QF] <http://www.getcosi.com/> 1647 20th St. NW, (202) 234-5837. Near the hotel and pretty quick.

Crios Modern Mexican. <http://www.criosmodmex.com/> 2120 P St NW, (202) 822-8800. Tequila bar. Excellent food, awesome brunch on Sundays.

Daily Grill. [GF] <http://dailygrill.com/locations/daily-grill-washington-district-of-columbia/> 1200 18th Street NW, at M St., (202) 822-5282). Happy Hours 4-7 pm. Chain with American cuisine, including burgers, pizza, entrees (such as steak and grilled fish), huge desserts, and a range of entrée salads. \$\$\$\$. Private dining area for 25 (contact Michele Sykes, 202-822-5282; email: dcdgevents@grillconcepts.com).

Darlington House. [LR, GF] <http://darlingtonhousedc.com/> 1610 20th St NW, Near Q St., (202) 332-3722. Downstairs Cantina and pub. Comfortable fun. See David Bernstein's AEA 365 post. The upper floor can seat groups of up to 70 for seated dinners and 140 for standing cocktail receptions. The room is fully equipped with Wi-Fi, iPad connection, and flat screen TV. Contact Anastasia at 240-644-4339 or anastasia@darlingtonhousedc.com. Note: requires a minimum and a hefty deposit.

Dirty Martini. <http://www.dirtymartinidc.com/> 1223 Connecticut Ave NW, (202) 503-2640. American, Mediterranean.

Dolcezza. [QF-dessert] <http://dolcezzagelato.com/> 1704 Connecticut Ave. NW, (202) 234-9116. Coffee, gelato, a taste on the lips, a pound on the hips!

Eighteenth Street Lounge. [LR] <http://www.eighteenthstreetlounge.com/> 1212 18th St NW, (202) 466-3922. Lounge for drinking only. Dance/music venues. Noise level: loud. Table reservations available Wed-Sunday for groups of 5-20 priced as minimums based on the number of people in a group (range \$300-\$600.00). Several rooms are available for private parties of 40-150 people. Each private room has its own bar (cash or open), availability varies by day.

Eli's. <http://www.elis-dc.com/> 1253 20th Street, NW, SE corner of N and 20th St., (202) 785-4314. Strictly kosher. Sun-Thurs: 11:00 am – 9:00 pm, Fri. 11:00-2:30 pm.

- Eola.** [LR, FD] <http://www.eoladc.com/> 2020 P St. NW, (202) 466-4441. Bring your own beer/wine. Eclectic, creative cuisine \$\$\$\$. Recommended by Jonny Morrell, editor EPP. Five course prix fixe menu for \$75.00. Separate vegetarian and offal menus available on request. Upstairs at Eola seats 24 and has a group prix fixe Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays only. Contact eola@eoladc.com.
- Filter Coffeehouse and Espresso Bar.** [QF] <http://www.filtercoffeehouse.com/> 1726 20th St. NW, (202) 299-9116. Zagat-rated 24!
- Firefly.** [LR, GF] <http://www.firefly-dc.com/> 1310 New Hampshire Ave. N.W. (202) 861-1310. In the Hotel Madera. Happy Hours M-Fri 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Offers gluten free as well. Has private dining for 18-20 guests in the Backwoods room. The living room is available for cocktail receptions of up to 40 or seated dinner parties for 34 guests, or full restaurant buy out. You must sign a contract for food and beverage minimum. Contact christina.mccarty@firefly-dc.com.
- Firehook Bakery and Coffeehouse.** [QF] <http://www.firehook.com/> 1909 Q St. N.W. (202) 588-9296.
- Five Guys.** [QF] <http://www.fiveguys.com/> Great burgers and fries. Always highly rated on Zagat.
- Fox and Hounds Lounge.** [GF] <http://www.triofoxandhounds.com/> 1537 17th St NW, (202) 232-6307. Breakfast, lunch, Happy Hours 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Sports, music and comfort food, shares its space with Trio restaurant. Learn about the 17th St. neighborhood and this local spot: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/gog/bars-clubs/the-fox-and-hounds,796138.html>.
- Front Page.** [LR, GF] <http://frontpagedc.com/> 1333 New Hampshire Ave NW, (202) 296-6500. Happy hours 4:00 to 8:00 pm, noisy hangout with giant bar. Accommodates large groups, send inquiry to frontpageevent@gmail.com.
- Garuza Lounge** [GF] 1629 Connecticut Ave NW, (202) 667-5500. Zagat-rated 21, \$\$\$. Noise level: very loud. Music, D.J.
- Greek Deli.** [QF] <http://www.greekdelidc.com/> 1120 19th St. NW, 202-296-2111. Open 7:00 am -4 pm. Grab lunch to go, phenomenal food, no seating, order, eat in the park.
- Grillfish.** [GF] <http://www.grillfishdc.com/> 1200 New Hampshire Ave. NW, (202) 331-7310. As the name implies, grilled fresh fish and sustainable seafood combinations. Fruits and home grown veggies from their EatWell Natural Farm. \$\$\$\$. Can accommodate large and small groups, complete special event inquiry form on their website.
- Hanks Oyster Bar.** [LR, GF] <http://hanksoysterbar.com/> 1624 Q St NW, (202) 462-4265. In 2012, Hank's Oyster Bar was nominated again by Restaurant Association of Washington for "Best Casual Restaurant". Zagat-rated 24. Private room can serve dinner for 24. Contact Adam Sackett: 202.462.4265 (HANK) ext. 5, or asackett@hanksoysterbar.com.
- Irish Whiskey Public House.** [LR] <http://www.irishwhiskeydc.com/> 1207 19th St NW, (202) 463-3010. Irish Pub-beer, wine and spirits. Open for lunch and Saturday/Sunday brunch. Has private rooms and can accommodate 50 people for Happy Hour and up to 40 people for dinner during the week. No dinner reservations Friday/Saturday. Currently redoing their catering menu, not many vegetarian options, noise level average, contact Meredith. Yelp rating 3.5 stars, \$\$\$. Check it out!

Kramer's Books and Afterwards Café and Grill. <http://www.kramers.com/> 1517 Connecticut Ave., (202) 387-3825. Great books (they didn't reveal Monica Lewinsky's reading list!). But also casual dining, reasonable, and Susan Kistler's (AEA Director Emeritus) favorite dessert, goober pie (real peanut butter, real chocolate, really guilt inducing!). \$\$.

Lauriol Plaza. <http://lauriolplaza.com/> 1835 18th Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20009.

Mexican. See Adams Morgan entry. Restaurant is between DuPont and Adams Morgan on 18th St.

La Tomate. [LR] <http://latomatebistro.com/> 1701 Connecticut Ave NW (202) 667-5505. Italian bistro, outdoor area. The upstairs dining room can accommodate a maximum of 65 persons, pre-set dinner menus. Call or email, info@latomatebistro.com.

Le Pain Quotidien. [QF] <http://www.lepainquotidien.com/> 2001 P St. NW, (202) 459-9176. Fantastic pastry and great for breakfast. Limited but yummy dinner menu. Many tables are big, so you can meet others! Recommended by Jonny Morell, editor of EPP. Hours: Wed-Thursday, 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; Friday-Saturday, 7:00 am to 10:00 pm.

Levantes. <http://www.levantes.com/> 1320 19th St NW, (202) 293-3244. Mediterranean fare, outdoor seating, reasonable prices, nice bar Happy Hour and mezze plates, bar area 4:00-8:00 pm.

Level One. <http://www.levelonedc.com/> 1639 R Street NW, (202) 745-0025. DC Brunch winner past three years -Best of DC Awards. Open Tuesday-Thursday 5:00 to 10:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 am to 11:00 pm.

Luna Grill and Diner. <http://www.lunagrillanddiner.com/DC/> 1301 Connecticut Ave NW, (202) 835-2280. Good dinner, inexpensive, funky takes on comfort food. Susan Kistler, AEA Director Emeritus.

M Street Bar & Grill. [LR, GF] <http://www.mstreetdc.com/> 2033 M St NW, (202) 530-3600. American. Can accommodate groups. Contact Michelle Wilson (202) 530-3606.

Maddy's Bar and Grille. [LR, GF] www.maddysbar.com/ 1726 Connecticut Ave. NW 202-483-2266. Hours: 11am- 2am Sun-Thurs | 11am- 3am Friday & Saturday. Happy hours and small plates 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Upscale Sports Bar. Beer is the answer, what's the Question! Book the "study" for a private party (n=30) or more, please email Kahara at: kaharacarter@gmail.com.

Madhatter. [LR, GF] www.madhatterdc.com 1321 Connecticut Ave NW, (202) 833-1495. Traditional American. Great for happy hour events, Casual seating as space allows. Also open for breakfast and lunch. Noise level depends on day/time. It has 4 rooms for large group events (from 30 to 200, depending on the room). Contact: Hilary.MadhatterDC@gmail.com or call 617-733-1101.

Marvelous Market. [QB] 1511 Connecticut Ave. NW, (202) 332-3690. Only a few tables, grab a coffee/tea and go. Great pastries!

Mourayo. <http://mourayous.com/> 1732 Connecticut Ave NW (202) 667-2100. Contemporary Greek Zagat-rated 25 and TripAdvisor (#11 of 1,516 in DC!!!). Not traditional Greek, quite different! Pricey, so for more traditional Greek fare, see out listing for Zorbas.

One Lounge. [LR, GF] <http://www.oneloungedc.com/> 1606 20th St. NW, (202) 299-0909. Kitchen and Cocktail Bar. From 5:00 to 10:00 pm serves tapas and flatbread pizza. Lively music and dancing. Tuesday features jazz. There are 4 rooms for private events serving 15 to 125 people depending on the room.

Contact: events@oneloungedc.com. Restaurant by day, lounge after 10pm. Kitchen open until 1:00 am, Restaurant open Tuesday-Saturday until 2:00 am.

Obelisk. [FD] 2029 P Street NW, (202) 872-1180. Only 12 tables, ultra expensive. Fixed price. Menu changes daily. Jonny Morrell recommends it as one of the best Italian restaurants you will find anywhere! Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 6:00-10:00 pm. \$\$\$\$

Ping Pong Dim Sum. [LR, GF] <http://pingpongdimsum.us/> 1 DuPont Cir NW, (202) 293-1268 Chinese small plates intended for sharing. Just don't compare prices and value with the suburbs! Happy Hours 4:00-7:00 pm. Unique cocktails and non-alcoholic drinks. Good ambience. Accommodates groups, two private dining rooms, 11 event spaces, 25 to 400 people. Submit online at website.

Pizzeria Paradiso. <http://www.eatyourpizza.com/> 2003 P. St. NW. (202) 223-1245. A neighborhood favorite.

Rasika at West End. [LR, FD] <http://www.rasikarestaurant.com/> 1190 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. Upscale Indian cuisine with a creative/gourmet twist, delicious! \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$. Recommended by Suzanne Callahan, There are three private spaces for groups: The Library (seats 25), the Garden Room (seats 10 for dining) and the Chef's Table for 8 in the main kitchen area.

Restaurant Nora. [FD] <http://www.noras.com/> 2132 Florida Ave NW, (202) 462-5143. America's first certified organic restaurant. \$\$\$\$. Recommended by Donna Mertens, editor of JMMR.

Rosebar. [LR needs catering] <http://www.rosebarlounge.com/> 1215 Connecticut Ave NW, (202) 955-5525. Japanese, dance club.

Ruth's Chris Steak House. [LR] <http://www.ruthschris.com/> 1801 Connecticut Avenue, NW, (202) 797-0033. Solid chain upscale steakhouse that will break a per diem budget but offers a great steak. Romantic nooks and private parties accommodated. Use website online form.

Russia House. [LR] <http://www.russiahouselounge.com/> 1800 Connecticut Ave NW, (202) 234-9433. Zagat-rated 21. Fall out of the hotel into the Russia House, happy hours, accommodates groups. One of Yelp's top 10 lounges. \$\$\$.

Sette Osteria. <http://www.setteosteria.com/> 1666 Connecticut Ave NW (202) 483-3070. Zagat-rated 21. Upscale Italian, nice bar!

Shake Shack DC. 1216 18th St. N.W. (202) 683-9922. Zagat-rated 21, a popular chain, burgers, fries, desserts, ice cream and milkshakes.

St. Arnold's On Jefferson. [GF] <http://www.adamsmorganbar.com/> 1827 Jefferson Pl NW. (202) 833-1321. Belgian Pub, American, happy hours, mussel bar, vegetarian options. Noise level: loud! Rating 21, \$\$.

Starbucks. [QF] <http://www.starbucks.com/store/9359/> 1700 Connecticut Ave. NW, (202) 232-6765. Hours: 5:00 am to 11:00 pm., Friday and Saturday until 12 am.

Sushi Taro. [FD] <http://www.sushitaro.com/> 1503 17th St. NW at P Street, a few blocks east of Dupont Circle, (202) 462-8999. Highly rated Japanese dining. Washingtonian's 100 Best 2013. Expensive.

Sweet Green. [QF] <http://sweetgreen.com/> 1512 Connecticut Ave., (202) 387-9338. Salads, frozen yogurt.

Tabard Inn. [LR, GF, FD] <http://www.tabardinn.com/> 1739 N St NW, (202) 785-1277. Illustrious history of fine dining with a lovely courtyard. Happy Hours. Event rooms are on the second floor, walk up only. Can accommodate 56 people for a seated, plated function and a maximum of 100 people for a standing reception style function. Call 202 463-7909. Pricing on website: <http://www.tabardinn.com/events>.

Teaism DuPont Circle. [QF] www.teaism.com. 2009 R Street NW, 202-667-3827. Monday– Friday, 8 am – 10 pm; Sat & Sun 9 am – 10 pm; Brunch Sat. & Sun. 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. Popular Asian fusion restaurant. Great for carry out; limited indoor seating. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Japanese bento boxes and salted oatmeal cookies are favorites! Other vegetarian options. Great selection of iced and hot teas.

Thai Chef Sushi Bar Restaurant. <http://www.thaichefsushibardc.com/> 1712 Connecticut Ave NW, (202)234-5698. Zagat-rated 17. Private parties on the 3rd floor.

Thaiphoon. <http://thaiphoon.com/> 2011 S St NW, (202) 667-3505. Zagat-rated 21.

Trios. <http://www.triodc.com/> 1537 17th St. N.W. at Q St. (202) 232-6305. Established in 1940, a wide array of comfort food, quiet booths and lively outdoor patio.

Urbana [LR, GF] <http://www.urbanadc.com/> 2121 P Street NW, (202) 956-6650. Happy Hours. Vegetarian choices. Available for private parties for up to 170 guests. Contact Nicole.Hendrix@urbanadc.com.

Veritas Wine Bar. [LR] <http://www.veritasdc.com/> 2031 Florida Ave NW #1, (202) 265-6270. Always nice to have a wine bar on the list for the AEA crowd and close to the conference hotel. Zagat-rated 24. Opens 5pm. And closes when it is last call, depends on you. Can accommodate a private event 20 to 45 seated, 65 standing. Contact: events@veritasdc.com.

Vidalia. [FD] <http://vidaliadc.com/> 1990 M St. NW (202) 659-1990. Named after the Vidalia onion, and with a changing menu, this upscale place calls its cuisine “regional American infused with a heaping serving of Southern influence. Diners’ favorites include delicate crabcakes, the famous Shrimp and Grits, popular renditions of Veal Sweetbreads and the much anticipated seasonal Baked Vidalia Onion.” Happy hours 5:00-7:00 pm. \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$.

Zorbas. <http://www.zorbascafe.com/> 1612 20th St NW Casual Greek. Walk in and order. Carry food to your table. Not at all expensive, and it would be fine for an inexpensive dinner as well. Recommended by the Washington Evaluators, local AEA affiliate.

Adams Morgan

Angles Bar & Billiards. 2339 18th St NW (202) 462-8100.

Amsterdam Falafelshop [QF] <http://www.falafelshop.com/> 2425 18th Street NW, 202-234-1969. Zagat-rated 25. \$. Small, few tables, eat and go. Open 11 am to 12:00 on Sunday and Monday, until 2:30am on Tuesday and Wednesday, and 4:00am on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Bedrock Billiards. <http://www.bedrockbilliards.com> 1841 Columbia Rd NW, (202) 667-7665. Sun-Thurs: 4 pm-2 am / Fri-Sat: 4 pm-3 am. Pool hall as if you could not guess! Bedrock welcomes private parties, from 5 people up to 75. There is no kitchen so people can bring in their own food, have it ordered or have it delivered here (ask for menus kept behind the bar). Average noise level. \$\$.

Black Squirrel. [LR, GF] <http://www.blacksquirreldc.com/> 2427 18th St NW, (202) 232-1011. American, beer specialty. The Black Squirrel's second-floor lounge is a long, exposed brick galley stuffed with leather ottomans and a wide-screen projector. No cover charge, no rental fee. Call 202-232-1011 or email Amy at amywrites@yahoo.com for info about reserving the space. See details at <http://www.blacksquirreldc.com/private-parties>. Party platter selections.

Bourbon. [GF] <http://www.bourbondc.com/> 2321 18th St NW, (202) 332-0800. Daily: 5 pm-11 pm, Sat & Sun, 11 am-4 pm (brunch). Specialty, yes, Bourbon! Food. Noise level: loud. No reservations. Great back patio with picnic-style tables. Has areas that can be reserved for large groups. Contact jeoff.lara@gmail.com. \$\$.

Cashion's Eat Place. [FD] <http://www.cashionseatplace.com/> 1819 Columbia Road, N.W. (202) 797-1819. Longtime neighborhood favorite, self-described as "funky elegant."

El Tamarindo. [GF] <http://www.eltamarindodc.com/> 1785 Florida Avenue NW (202) 328-3660. Mexican and Salvadoran food.

Fed Restaurant and Federal Lounge. [LR, GF]. <http://www.federalrestaurantdc.com/> 2477 18th St. NW, (202) 506-4314. Private events, catered or restaurant dining, contact Ari Wilder at ari@federalrestaurantdc.com or at (202) 262-1940.

Habana Village. [GF] <http://www.habanavillage.com/> 1834 Columbia Rd NW, (202) 462-6310. Wed-Thurs: 6:30 pm-12 am, Fri-Sat: 6:30 pm-1 am, Sunday: 4:30 pm-10 pm. Cuban. Music entertainment, DJ's, Salsa lessons. No private room, but you can make a reservation or hold a private event with a pre-select menu or order from the menu. Call Maria for reservations 202-905-3296. Noise level-loud. \$\$.

La Fourchette. [LR] <http://www.lafourchettedc.com/> 2429 18th St NW, (202) 332-3077. French Café, open since 1978. Delicious food. Not a large place. Upstairs room can accommodate 15 at one table or a group of 30 at three tables.

Lauriol Plaza. [GF] <http://lauriolplaza.com/> 1835 18th St NW, (202) 387-0035. Located between DuPont Circle and Adams Morgan. Spanish Latin cuisine. We love this place, even if it often has a wait time and does not take reservations. Great ceviche. Convivial noise level, which is a nice way of saying it is a bit loud. Happy hours 3:00 -6:-00 pm. If the weather is nice, sit outside on the roof. [Note: they will accommodate a group of 100 with advance notice.]

Marvin DC. www.marvindc.com 2007 14th St. NW, (202) 797-7171. Zagat-rated 23, \$\$, Close to U Street.

Mellow Mushroom. <http://www.mellowmushroom.com/> 2436 18th St NW, (202) 290-2778. Gluten-free pizza and craft beer.

Mintwood. [FD] <http://mintwoodplace.com/> 1813 Columbia Road NW, (202) 234-6732. New kid in town, fine dining per Washington Post. Chef Cedric won Food and Wine People's Best New Chef Mid Atlantic.

Muzette Karaoke & Restaurant. 2305 18th St NW, (202) 758-2971.

Napoleon. 1847 Columbia Rd NW, (202) 299-9630.

Perry's <http://www.perrysadamsmorgan.com> 1811 Columbia Rd NW, (between N Biltmore St &

N Mintwood Pl), (202) 234-6218. Roof top dining, popular drag queen brunch on Sundays.

Rumba Cafe. <http://www.rumbacafe.com/> 2443 18th St NW, (202) 588-5501. Mojitos and Great Tapas and music. Hours: 4:30 to 7:00 Happy Hour. Latin. Zagat-rated 23. Recommended by Michele Tarsilla, International TIG.

Soussi Restaurant. 2228 18th St NW. (202) 299-9314. Hookah bar, Belgium beers, and North African food.

The Diner. <http://www.dinerdc.com/> 2453 18th St NW, (202) 232-8800. Open 24/7 breakfast, lunch, and dinner!

The Grill from Ipanema. [GF] <http://thegrillfromipanema.com/> 1858 Columbia Rd. NW, (202) 987-0757. Happy hours 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Discounts on the signature Caipirinhas and appetizer menu. A taste of Brazil.

Tryst. [GF] <http://www.trystdc.com/> 2459 18th St. N.W. (202) 232-5500. Coffee house, bar and lounge. Open daily 6:30 am to midnight, Fri and Sat. 6:30 am to 3:00 am, Sunday 7:00 a.m. to midnight.

The Regent Thai. <http://www.regentthai.com/> Located between DuPont Circle and Adams Morgan at 1910 18th Street, NW, (202) 232-1781. Zagat-rated 23. This lovely Thai restaurant was truly a winner. Short walk from the Hilton, an AEA Board Favorite, Best presentation: the pineapple boat recommended by Stewart Donaldson. Can seat a group of up to 12.

Wok and Roll. <http://www.wokandrolldc.com/> 2400 18th St. NW, (202) 588-5888. Chinese and Japanese Restaurant, Karaoke Bar, and Lounge. Hours: Sun, Mon-Thursday 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Sushi Happy Hour, Monday –Friday, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Woodley Park

Afghan Grill. <http://www.afghangrill.com/> 2309 Calvert St., (202) 234-5095. Serving Afghan cuisine for over 25 years. In time for October is their popular sautéed pumpkin. Kebobs are also rated highly. Open 11:00 am to 11:00 pm. \$\$, rated 4 out of 5 on Trip Advisor.

Lebanese Taverna. [LR, GF] <http://www.lebanesetaverna.com/> 2641 Connecticut Ave. (202) 265-8681. Zagat-rated 21. Best of DC 2009-2013. Recently remodeled, family friendly (can seat a table of 12 comfortably), serves fine authentic Middle Eastern fare. Happy Hours 4:00-7:00 pm. Hours: Mon-Thurs 11:30 am to 10:00 pm; Friday/Sat. 11:30 am to 11:00 pm. For Group dining, the [Cedar Room](#), located at the back of the restaurant behind the floor-to-ceiling lantern display, accommodates up to 60 guests seated and up to 50 standing. Contact Tiffany Francis (703) 841-1502 or email groups@lebanesetaverna.com.

New Heights Restaurant. <http://www.newheightsrestaurant.com/home/> 2317 Calvert St NW, (202) 234-4110. Zagat-rated 22. Ambience: Quiet elegance; menu range: limited, changes with seasons, quality food. Specializes in gin drinks. Dining experience: fine dining. Small bar downstairs/small outdoor table area. Restaurant upstairs seats about 100 people and has a section for groups from 10-20 people. Price range \$\$\$\$. Recommended by long-time AEA member Jules Marquart.

Open City. [GF] <http://www.opencitydc.com/> 2331 Calvert St NW, (202) 332-2331. Zagat-rated 21. [breakfast all day, lunch, and dinner]. Popular neighborhood eatery, reasonable prices, good basic food but generally a very long wait for a table. Waiting is part of the experience!

Petits Plats. [LR] <http://www.petitsplats.com/> 2653 Connecticut Ave. NW, (202) 518-0018. Fine dining. Town house and group dining available. Steps to floor 1 (rooms for 26 and 32); floor 2 (rooms for 50 and 20), Floor 3, room for 20. Contact Fred by phone or contact@petitsplats.com.

Between Hilton and Woodley Park

Jambalya Room [Formerly Pines of Florence]. <http://www.jambalayaroom.com/> 2100 Connecticut Ave. NW, (202) 332-8233; (202) 489-1377. Can't make it across the bridge to Woodley Park? This new restaurant features Louisiana/Cajun-style cuisine.

Between Woodley Park and Cleveland Park

Lillies. [LR] <http://www.lilliesrestaurant.com/> 2915 Connecticut Ave NW, (202) 450-4824. Sports bar and restaurant front, Rear room contact andy@lilliesrestaurant.com.

Zoo Bar Café. [GF] 3000 Connecticut Ave. NW, (202) 232-4225. Jazz and Blues. No separate room; they want to know if you are stopping by with 20 people. The bar can hold 75.

U Street Corridor

B Too. <http://www.btoo.com/> 1324 14th St. NW, (202) 627-2800. Belgian cuisine, tables up to 20 persons. Recommended by Brian Yoder, Washington Evaluators.

Ben's Chili Bowl. <http://www.Benschilibowl.com/> 1213 U St NW (202) 667-0909. Landmark restaurant for over 50 years. Home of Ben's famous chili dog and Bill Cosby's favorite half smoke with chili! A cheap eats, late-night DC establishment open till 2:00 a.m. weeknights, and till 4:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Wanting something more than a milkshake? Try **Ben's Next Door**, sports bar serving alcohol and wider variety of food (202) 667-8880.

Busboys and Poets, [GF] 2021 14th St, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009, 14th & V, (202) 387-7638 (POET). Very popular. Generally quite busy with excellent vegetarian food options. See also another location at 5th and K St. NW. They are an outstanding representation of appreciation for social diversity. Recommended by Anane Olatunji, Align Education and the LAWG Diversity Subcommittee.

Eatonville. [GF]: <http://www.eatonvillrestaurant.com/>. 2121 14th St. NW (corner of 14th and V Streets), (202) 332-ZORA (9672). To make a reservation for less than 15 make a reservation online. Recommended by Donna Atkinson and the LAWG Diversity Subcommittee. Groups of 15 or more call the events team at (202) 332 - 6432 or email Info@EatonvilleRestaurant.com . Tip from Elmima Johnson, try the gumbo soup! Directly across from Busboys and Poets Restaurant.

Etto. <http://www.ettodc.com/> 1541 14th St. NW, (corner of 14th and Q St.) (202) 232-0920. Washington Post *Simple pleasures abound*. Italian, small plates, moderate prices.

Ghibellina. [LR] <http://www.ghibellina.com/> 1610 14th St. NW, (202) 803-2389. Private dining, contact Kate at kate@acquaal2dc.com or 202-538-1202.

Le Diplomate. <http://www.lediplomate.com/> 1601 14th St. NW [Logan Circle]. Not likely to get to Paris? Try this acclaimed French bistro with a lively din. \$\$\$\$. Open Sunday – Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Wed.-Thursday, 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Friday-Saturday, 5:00 p.m. to midnight.

Peregrine Espresso. [QF] <http://peregrineespresso.com/> 1718 14th St. NW (between R and S), (202) 525-5127.

Ted's Bulletin. [GF] <http://tedsbulletin14thstreet.com/> 1818 14th St. NW, (202) 387-0035. Newly opened upscale diner in the 14th Street Corridor with delicious, homemade twist on comfort food with generous portions at low prices. Try their specialty, grill cheese and tomato soup, excellent pancakes or the "pop tarts," a homemade pastry with fillings from strawberry to Nutella. Can accommodate groups up to 15; call manager Eric Brannon in advance at 202-265-8337 and say you are with AEA. Walk 5 blocks down T Street from the side exit of the Hilton.

Other Places and Neighborhoods

Cleveland Park (on the Metro Red Line)

Ardeo. <http://www.ardeobardeo.com> 3311 Connecticut Ave. (202) 244-6750. Restaurant is adjacent to Bardeo wine bar.

Indique. (Indian). <http://www.indique.com/> 3512-14 Connecticut Ave NW, (202) 244-6600.

Palena. <http://www.palenarestaurant.com/> 3529 Connecticut Ave NW, (202) 537-9250. James Beard award winner! Back room serves lighter fare and is famous for the Palena burger which won out over New York's burger in food critics taste tests,

Ripple. <http://www.rippledc.com/> 3417 Connecticut Ave NW, (202) 244-7995. Wine Enthusiast 100 Best Wine Restaurant.

Farragut North (on the Metro Red Line)

Founding Farmers. <http://www.wearefoundingfarmers.com/> 1924 Pennsylvania Ave NW, (202) 822-8783. Zagat-rated 24. For grazers who like to drink! Recommended by Patrick Grasso, EPTF.

Metro Center (on the Metro Red Line)

Old Ebbitt Grill. <http://www.ebbitt.com/> 675 15th St NW, (202) 347-4800. Zagat-rated 23. A beloved Washington restaurant, all things to all people. See David Bernstein's aea365! Red Line to Metro Center. Check out its illustrious history!

Chinatown and Penn Quarter (on the Metro Red Line)

Chinese and Other Asian Cuisine (too many to list): H Street NW between 6th and 7th Streets.

Rosa Mexicana. (across from Verizon Center). <http://www.rosamexicano.com/washingtondc/> 575 7th St. @F street NW, (202) 783-5522.

Check out this trio of restaurants from **Chef Jose Andres** (2012 Time Magazine's 100 most influential people). Recommended by the LAWG Co-Chairs Val Caracelli and David Bernstein:

Jaleo. <http://www.jaleo.com/> 480 7th St. NW, (202) 628-7949. Spanish with a touch of Mediterranean surrealism.

Oyamel. <http://www.oyamel.com/> 401 7th St. NW, (202) 628-1005. Mexican. You can taste your first grasshopper!

Zaytinya. <http://www.zaytinya.com> 701 9th St. NW, (202) 638-0800. Innovative Turkish, Greek, and Lebanese cuisine.

Union Station (on the Metro Red Line)

Ethiopic. <http://www.ethiopicrestaurant.com/> 401 H St. NE, (202) 675-2066. Ethiopian Cuisine.

Recommended by LAWG Diversity Committee. Fri-Sun, 12 pm to 10 pm. Check for further directions.

B. Smith's Restaurant. <http://www.bsmith.com/restaurants/washington-dc/> 50 Massachusetts Ave. NE, (202) 289-6188. Southern American Cuisine. Located right inside Union Station, a transportation hub and great building for shopping and dining.

The Monocle. [LR, GF] <http://www.themonocle.com/> 107 D Street NE, on Capitol Hill, across from Union Station. (202) 546-4468. Across from rear entrances of the Senate Hart and Dirksen buildings the restaurant is a long-time favorite of legislators and congressional staff. American steak and seafood. Several rooms are available for dinner and private receptions (20 to 200 persons). See website for reservation criteria, call or email at monocleinfo@aol.com.

McPherson Square (Red Line to Metro Center, transfer to Orange or Blue Line)

Georgia Browns. [GF] <http://www.gbrowns.com/> 950 15th St. NW between I and K Streets, (202) 393-4499. Low Country Southern American cuisine. Can seat from 10-35 in the restaurant. Buyouts for 50 to 130 people. Advance notice and on-line form.

Foggy Bottom (Red Line to Metro Center, transfer to Orange or Blue Line)

Blue Duck Tavern. [FD] <http://www.blueducktavern.com/> 1201 24th St at M St. N.W. (202) 419-6755. American Fare. Open staff pantry and kitchen. \$\$\$\$. Recommended by Mel Mark, a favorite respite after teaching at The Evaluators Institute.

Pub/Bar for Noisy Fun

Pub/Bar for Noisy Fun in Adams Morgan (not reviewed)

Dan's Café. 2315 18th St. NW, (202) 265-0299. Gloriously grungy.

Jack Rose Dining Saloon. [GF] <http://www.jackrosediningsaloon.com/> 2007 18th St NW (202) 588-7388. (Between N Vernon St & N U St). Try the signature drink, made famous in Hemingway's *The Sun Also Rises* (recommended by LAWG Co-Chair David Bernstein).

Grand Central. [GF] 2447 18th St NW, (202) 986-1742

Madam's Organ. <http://www.madamsorgan.com/> Blues bar, live music and soul food. Funky neighborhood joint recommended by LAWG Co-Chair David Bernstein. 2461 18th St. (202) 667-5370

Millie & Al's. [GF] <http://www.millienals.com/> 2440 18th St NW, (202) 387-8131; 50 years in town, small dive, pizza and sing along.

Sutra Lounge. <http://www.sutraloungedc.net/> 2406 18th St NW, (202) 299-1113.

Tangier Restaurant and Bar. <http://www.tangierloung.com/> 2305 18th St NW, (202) 506-3847. Hookah Bar, Moroccan. Kitchen Tuesday through Sunday 5:00 pm to 10:00 p.m.

Toledo Lounge. <http://www.toledoloungedc.com/> 2435 18th St NW, (202) 986-5416.

Pub Crawl in DuPont Circle (not reviewed)

Irish Whiskey Public House. <http://www.irishwhiskeydc.com/> 1207 19th St. NW, (202) 463-3010.

Ozio. <http://www.oziodc.com/> 1813 M Street NW, (202) 822-6000.

Rumors. <http://www.rumorsrestaurant.com>, 1900 M Street NW #400, (202) 466-7378. \$\$.

Public Bar. <http://www.publicbar.com/> 1214 B. 18th Street NW, (202) 223-2200. Sports Bar.

Sign of the Whale. [GF] <http://www.signofthewhaledc.com/> 1825 M Street NW, (202) 785-1110.

Takeateasy. <http://www.takeatasydc.com/> 1990 M Street NW, (202) 290-2440.

The Front Page. [GF]. <http://www.frontpagedc.com>, 1333 New Hampshire Ave NW (across from Metro), (202) 296-6500. Established 1987. American Fare. Happy Hours and DJ Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

The Madhatter. www.madhatterdc.com 1321 Connecticut Ave., NW, (202) 833-1495.

The Mighty Pint. <http://themightypint.com/> 1831 M Street NW, (202) 466-3010.

Please give us your own restaurant reviews following the conference. The guide will remain posted as a local resource.

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