

Eleventh Annual Community Dinner

Community Dinner Committee

Nerys Levy
Committee Chair
Cultural Arts Group

**Orange County Dept.
of Human Rights and
Relations**

Alison Gustafason
UNC School of Public Health

Jake Lehrer
Carrboro Branch Library

Noah Ranells
Orange County Economic
Development Commission

Mildred Council
Mama Dip's Kitchen

Jackie Helvey
carrboro.com

**Victor and Carol
Minton**
Triangle Congregation for
Humanistic Judaism

Helen Nacheman
Chapel Hill Kehillah

Kimberly Pfirrmann
Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber
of Commerce

Florence Peacock
Preservation Society of Chapel
Hill

Ruth Sanford
St. Paul AME Church

Martha Tyson
Friends of the Carrboro Branch
Library

January 19, 2008

Dear _____,

More than ever, we as a community must find ways to live together in harmony and learn to appreciate one another's cultures and traditions. The Community Dinner encourages people from all sectors of the community to join together to share a meal, enjoy entertainment and build lasting friendships. Last year over 600 people enjoyed a meal and musicale that reminded us of all the rich talent and generosity that characterize Orange County. We hope that you will want to be a part of the Eleventh Annual Community Dinner.

Feeding 600 plus people and all of our entertainers is a daunting task. Mildred Council, from Mama Dip's Kitchen, will coordinate the menu together with Chef Brian Stapleton and together with the Carolina Inn, will provide the main course. They will be supported by Bon from Bon's Homecooking, Tony Sustaita of Bandido's Mexican Restaurant & Crawdaddy's Cajun Cafe and Balwinder of Tandoor Indian Restaurant. We will need additional food (entrees and deserts) and again this year we are hoping to get many local restaurants, businesses, churches and organizations involved in this celebration.

Usually restaurants give a signature entrée or side dish that will feed a minimum of 50/75 people. Local food stores usually donate vouchers to be used towards the purchase of fruit. Churches and other organizations usually donate home made deserts.

New in 2008 will be an effort to include local farm products in our Community Dinner. The Carrboro Farmer's Market is now open throughout the year. Mama Dip has lots of ideas for the use of winter produce and suggests making dishes from yams/sweet potatoes and winter greens.

Last year over ninety organizations, including twenty-five restaurants, gave generously to the event. This year's dinner is featured in the February 2008 edition of "Our State" Magazine-article on Carrboro. Your contribution is tax deductible, and as a participant you will be recognized as a contributor in all publicity, on the Dinner's website and at the event. The Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 2, 2008, at 1:00 pm in the McDougle School's Cafeteria in Carrboro.

The Community Dinner is not a fundraising but an awareness-raising event. All donations (cash and food) go directly to the dinner. We encourage the underwriting of tickets for people with disabilities and families with economic difficulties. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children and a donation of \$22.00 will feed a family.

Checks should be made payable to The Orange County Department of Human Rights and Relations/Community Dinner and sent to Nerys Levy at 161 Swansea Lane, Chapel Hill, NC 27516. To make a pledge online, please email rilevy@mindspring.com. Donations received by January 31, 2008 will be included in our big County-wide publicity, but we will take donations at any time! Please mark your check "locally grown" if you would like your donation to go towards the purchase of local farm products. If you have any questions, please contact me at 919-932-1533 or at rilevy@mindspring.com. Please visit our website at <http://communitydinner.org> where we have photographs of previous dinners and evolving information about this upcoming event. We look forward to your support.

Sincerely,

Nerys Levy