

## **Guidelines for AAUW Gourmet Dining Groups**

Each Gourmet Dining Group meets as often as its members decide. The members may share the cost of the dinners and the preparation of the recipes or agree on a system that they choose. The following guidelines will help new members begin in a group or for those wishing to start a new gourmet dining group.

1. The cost of the meal may be divided equally among the members or develop a system agreeable to all.
2. Future menus, dates, times, and locations are planned at the preceding dinners. The hostess contacts the members one week in advance of the scheduled dinner to discuss final arrangements by phone or e-mail.
3. Each member volunteers her home for dinner at least once a year.
4. As the hostess, she determines and prepares the entrée and assigns the other couples one of the courses. She may either provide them with the recipe or let them pick a recipe that complements the entrée.
5. Questions regarding the preparation of any recipe should be directed to the hostess who provided the recipes.
6. The hostess provides the beverages of tea, coffee, and wine. The group may decide that each couple should bring the wine that best fits the course they provide.
7. Silverware, chairs, card tables, glasses, serving dishes and bowls and other items may be borrowed from group members.
8. A member may cancel if she contacts the hostess at least two weeks in advance. If canceled less than two weeks, the member is still expected to prepare and deliver her recipe, unless she finds a substitute. Emergencies are always exceptions.
9. Members should check with the hostess before the dinner to decide who will supply serving dishes and cooking utensils for their food item.
10. All members participate in serving and clearing dishes for the part of the meal they prepare.
11. Leftover food may be divided among the members to take home.
12. Couples may decide their gathering could be a cocktail group, an hors d'oeuvre group, a wine group, etc.
13. Members that lose a spouse, may remain in the group as she and the group wish.
14. Groups should consist of AAUW members