

Community Invited To Sample Local Restaurants At First Annual Taste Of Randolph

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Calling all foodies! No matter what pleases the pallet, the First Annual Taste of Randolph is the festival to attend. This is the singular opportunity to get a taste of some local restaurants without a reservation.

On April 24, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Rotary Club of Randolph will sponsor the First Annual Taste of Randolph.

"The proceeds will support our charitable projects," says Kathy Kremins, the club's treasurer. "Our Rotary District 7470 has a district wide focus of ending hunger, which we will support through our local food pantries. Another focus is our 'Welcome home' project to assist homeless vets returning to civilian life. Other projects are more

global in nature: the eradication of Polio and clean drinking water, are some examples. But this Taste of Randolph is strictly focused on our town."

Kremins explains, "Rotary members look for opportunities to improve our communities today and invest in the next generation for tomorrow. We have been a member of the local Randolph community for quite some time and we know that we have a lot of terrific restaurants in this town. We have around 30 restaurants in Randolph and the participating restaurants have signage advertising this event, so, we're hoping to get all of them to attend, and get a large turnout from the residents.

"We've seen other towns do these events and we've been invited to them, to ex-

perience the different types of events that they hold. After seeing such positive results elsewhere, we finally decided to take this under our wing and provide something new to our community. We want to let others get to know and taste our fine restaurants and what our community is really all about."

Kremins says "No one has to travel to the city to experience fancy dining, when they can visit some fine restaurants in their own backyard. We have some four and five star restaurants here in Randolph listed in Yelp and Trip Advisor."

The restaurants are invited to take part, and it's at their own expense.

The event will take place in the banquet hall on the upper level of the Mount Freedom Fire Company #3

in Randolph.

For beer, wine and spirit tastings, Kremins says "We'll be upstairs in the catering hall, and along the bar area where all the tastings of the liquors will take place. It will be comfortable and informal, with a local DJ providing background

music. There will be a craft beer tastings, wine tastings, and spirits to taste. There will be a variety of wines and beverages and High-Grade Beverage distributor of Randolph in making the selections."

Tickets are \$40 per person in advance, and \$50 on

the day of the event. It's for adults only, and because of the liquor license involved all must be over 21. Tickets can be purchased at John Herod Jewelers, Randolph, the Pizza Palace, Randolph, and the law offices of Andrew T. Shaw, Randolph.

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