



Divas Who Dish

April 12, 2025 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ottumwa, Iowa

A little friendly competition as friends cook, bake and grill to benefit the Ottumwa Symphony Orchestra.

A fun evening with friends, food, games, and both live and silent auction items.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.

Would you like to be a chef?

Thank you for supporting the Ottumwa Symphony Orchestra by participating as a 'Celebrity Chef' for the Annual "Divas Who Dish" Event at the Knights of Columbus Hall! Here are some basics for the event:

- There is no cost to you other than purchasing ingredients for your recipe. Feel free to recruit a sponsor (or sponsors) should you wish assistance with your expenses. Some chefs have sought sponsorships from local grocers, some are sponsored by their employers, some by their book clubs or civic organizations, their church family, a board that they serve. Lots of possibilities!
- The event will be open to the public from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 12, 2025 (judging begins at 5:30 p.m.)
- Each chef is asked to prepare 300 sample-size servings of their favorite recipe in one of the following categories:
 - Pre-Dining (soup/appetizer/salad/side-dish)
 - Entree
 - Dessert
- A serving is 1-2 forkfuls or bites. We will provide your choice of 4 oz sample cups 5 oz bowls or 6" plates should you wish. Some Chefs choose to provide their own dishes for serving, which is fine, and most present their judge's samples(3) on an upgraded place setting to enhance their presentation.
- We ask you to prepare as much food as possible off-site (open flames are not allowed inside the Hall).
- Each cook will be allowed up to two assistants (guy or gal). This assistant will be your guest.

- Judging standards consist of taste, originality and presentation.
- Outstanding “Chefs” in each food category will be selected by professional judges. In addition, a “People’s Choice” will be selected by a vote of all those attending. **Bring your friends and family!**
- Ticket prices: Advance tickets for adults, \$25.00. Tickets at the door are \$30.00. *We appreciate your willingness to try to sell 10 adult advance tickets to the event. A committee member will pick up your ticket money and unsold tickets on the day of the event.*

We Provide:	You Provide:
One 6-foot serving table & back prep table	Table-top appliances (roaster, crock pot, etc.)
Ice (should you wish)	Great food
Cups, bowls, plates, plastic fork, spoon, knife	Decorations and fanfare at your table appreciated
Salt & pepper, napkins, paper towels	Utensils for serving/carving
Gloves for preparing and serving food	Enthusiasm and a great crowd of your supporters and fans at the event
Electricity (should you wish)	Heavy duty extension cords if you require electricity
Trash cans	Copies of your recipe for the public (should you wish)
An IRS letter recognizing your contribution	

Doors to our event location will be open for you to setup beginning at 2:00 p.m. **Judges have asked that they begin judging at 5:30 p.m.** (before the doors open to the public).

THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE OTTUMWA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA!
 ALL PROFITS FROM THIS EVENT GO TO FUND THE PRESENTATION OF CONCERTS AND YOUTH
 CONCERTS FOR THE SYMPHONY.

To sign up or ask any questions – please contact us at (bake4692@gmail.com) or call Barb at 641-777-5604.