

Past WRA Chairmen of the Board

1933	<i>E.J. Specht</i>	1981	<i>John "Butch" Arps</i>
1934	<i>J.I. Coppernoll</i>	1982	<i>Fred Krauthramer</i>
1935-37	<i>E.N. Quinn</i>	1983	<i>Chuck Roherty</i>
1938-39	<i>A.C. Wagner</i>	1984	<i>George Pandl</i>
1940-42	<i>Harry J. Ziegler</i>	1985	<i>Bob Chuck</i>
1943-48	<i>George F. Mader</i>	1986	<i>John Kavanaugh</i>
1949-51	<i>Marvin M. Rich</i>	1987	<i>Karl Van Roy</i>
1952	<i>Walter M. Clist</i>	1988	<i>Don Zarder</i>
1953	<i>Karl Ratzsch</i>	1989	<i>Harold "Lucky" Lewis</i>
1954-55	<i>John Von Gnechten</i>	1990	<i>Alfred Peck</i>
1956-57	<i>Richard Gust</i>	1991	<i>Ron Slaght</i>
1958-59	<i>Frederick Brick</i>	1992	<i>Ron Trimberger</i>
1960-61	<i>Isaac "Shorty" Sader</i>	1993	<i>Dick Kroening</i>
1962-63	<i>Clarence J. Petrie</i>	1994	<i>Ron Heuser</i>
1964-65	<i>Gustave Mader</i>	1995	<i>Rollin Natter</i>
1966-68	<i>William Heckel</i>	1996	<i>Mike Pitzo</i>
1969-70	<i>John Bjork</i>	1997	<i>Bruce Wolf</i>
1971	<i>Carmen Durante</i>	1998	<i>Bernard Kurzawa</i>
1972	<i>Karl Ratzsch, Jr.</i>	1999	<i>Tom Warren</i>
1973	<i>Henry "Andy" Anderson</i>	2000	<i>Gary Anderson</i>
1974	<i>Bernie Schreiner</i>	2001	<i>Bob Otto</i>
1975	<i>Clarence Miller</i>	2002	<i>Paul Cunningham</i>
1976	<i>Don S. Kennedy</i>	2003	<i>Mark Dougherty</i>
1977	<i>Edward J. Lump</i>	2004	<i>John Roherty</i>
1978	<i>Joe LoCicero</i>	2005	<i>Steve Davis</i>
1979	<i>Louis Bemis</i>	2006	<i>Bill von Rutenberg</i>
1980	<i>Jim Speth</i>	2007	<i>Dale Leffel</i>

Past Restaurateurs of the Year

1972	<i>Lyle Poole</i>	1991	<i>John Kavanaugh</i>
1973	<i>John Von Gnechten</i>	1992	<i>Alfred Peck</i>
1974	<i>Joe LoCicero</i>	1993	<i>Bob Chuck</i>
1975	<i>Cos Hoffman</i>	1994	<i>Bernard Kurzawa</i>
1976	<i>Karl Ratzsch, Jr.</i>	1995	<i>Mike Pitzo</i>
1977	<i>Bernard Schreiner</i>	1996	<i>Dick Kroening</i>
1978	<i>Heinz Fischer</i>	1997	<i>Ron Slaght</i>
1979	<i>Dale Rudy</i>	1998	<i>Jeff Steren</i>
1980	<i>George Pandl</i>	1999	<i>Bruce Wolf</i>
1981	<i>Louis Bemis</i>	2000	<i>Dale Leffel</i>
1982	<i>Henry "Andy" Anderson</i>	2001	<i>Steve Allen</i>
1983	<i>Jim Speth</i>	2002	<i>Joe DeRosa</i>
1984	<i>Don Zarder</i>	2003	<i>Gary Anderson</i>
1985	<i>John "Butch" Arps</i>	2004	<i>Tom & Kiki Warren</i>
1986	<i>Chuck & Carol Roherty</i>	2005	<i>Paul Cunningham</i>
1987	<i>Fred Krauthramer</i>	2006	<i>Linda Wendt</i>
1988	<i>Ron Heuser</i>	2007	<i>Tom & Lynn Saxe</i>
1989	<i>Rollin Natter</i>	2008	<i>Steve Davis</i>
1990	<i>Karl Van Roy</i>		



2009 Awards Dinner

*An annual celebration to support the
Wisconsin Restaurant Association
and its Education Foundation*

Tuesday, March 10

*Pfister Hotel - Grand Ballroom
Downtown Milwaukee*

Menu

Starter

Hudson Valley duck with
blood orange "creamsicle,"
honey cipollinis and tangerine syrup

Intermezzo

Iced golden watermelon with
10-year balsamic cream emulsion

Main

Roquefort-crusted beef tenderloin
with brandied mustard, truffled prawns,
cauliflower puree and dragon carrots

Dessert

Banana cream pie tower
with dark chocolate anglaise

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Served to the interactive theme "Milwaukee: A Hidden Culinary Gem,"
enjoy culinary sleuthing with your table to discover
a secret mystery ingredient in each of the four courses.

As a table, you will work together to write the hidden ingredient for
each course on the ballot card, which is located on your table.

Remember: You will have to come to an agreement as a table.
Only one guess per table is accepted for each course. At the end of dessert,
Pfister Staff will pick up your ballot form and tally the results.

At the end of the program, the winning table for each course will be announced and
each member of the winning table will receive a special gift from
the Marcus Corporation. In the event of more than one correct guess,
there will be a drawing to determine the winning table.

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Program

Welcome and Invocation

Recognize Wisconsin Restaurant Expo Committee Chair

Ada Lara Thimke
Lara's Tortilla Flats, Oshkosh

Recognize WRA Director Ten-Year Honoree

Tom Saxe
Saxe's Dining and Banquets, Delafield

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Honor our 2009 WRA Chapter Outstanding Restaurateurs of the Year

Joanne Palzkill Draganetti's Ristorante West Wisconsin Chapter	Norm and Martha Eckstaedt Red Circle Inn Milwaukee Chapter	Monty Schiro Food Fight, Inc. Madison Chapter
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Present Chapter Hero Award

David "Doc" Mraz
Los Banditos West
Green Bay

"Passing the Torch" for the WRA EF Chairman

"Passing the Torch" for the WRA Chairman

Thanks to Pfister Hotel

Reveal the 2009 Restaurateur of the Year

Outgoing WRA Chairman of the Board

Trey Hester

Rocky Rococo Restaurants, Oconomowoc

Incoming WRA Chairwoman of the Board

Linda Wendt

Wendt's on the Lake, Van Dyne

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Skip Avery

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