

TERA

THE EAGLE ROCK ASSOCIATION



INVEST IN YOUR COMMUNITY

About TERA

TERA was founded in 1986 by Eagle Rock residents who favored the preservation of several historic buildings that were slated for demolition to make way for mini-malls and fast food restaurants. Through grass-roots civic engagement, these activists fought hard to retain our architectural history and advocate our local interests to the City of Los Angeles and the State of California. TERA always envisioned a better future for our town that included a variety of public improvements, pedestrian-friendly boulevards, acknowledgement of our rich history, and a thriving business district with a variety of local services for our engaged, close-knit and family-friendly community.

Over the ensuing years, TERA's vision has come closer to reality, as our business community has diversified, public schools have thrived and property values soared. With an all-volunteer board of directors who share a passion for this community, TERA continues to represent Eagle Rock by providing research, advocacy and a variety of educational events to benefit Eagle Rock stakeholders, leading land-use and planning activities, as well as beautification and community-building efforts. TERA has also been a longtime collaborator with like-minded individuals, organizations, and entrepreneurs who believe in Eagle Rock, advance positive change and enhance our community connectedness.

Recent TERA projects include the Eagle Rockdale Community Garden & Art Park, the Eagle Rock Make Art Not Trash program, and supporting the Welcome to Eagle Rock sign installed on Colorado at the 134 on-ramp. Currently, TERA is working to preserve Eagle Rock Ridge, advocate for more beautiful and pedestrian-friendly streets and continues to monitor development projects.

We invite you to join and support TERA in our efforts to protect and improve all of Eagle Rock.

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" will provide TERA with funding to support ongoing community projects and activities for the year, helping to improve the quality of life in Eagle Rock. TERA is a 501-C3 organization and tickets will be tax-deductible as allowed by law.

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"Never doubt that a small, group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

"Thoughtful and committed" certainly describes the many individuals who have invited the community into their homes for dinner as part of Guess Who's Coming to Dinner.

I want to thank all of those who are making this event possible. When we reached out into the community, asking residents to support TERA's fundraising efforts by inviting the community into their home for dinner, the response was incredible. With no hesitation, Michael and Eugenie Nogueira offered their home for the reception. When individuals were asked last October to join the organizing team and make this event happen, they said "yes". We are so fortunate to live in a community populated by people who really care about their town, and are willing to show it in tangible ways.



This spirit of caring and concern is one of the significant qualities that makes Eagle Rock a special place. For over twenty years TERA has been working on behalf of our community. With your help, TERA will continue to work for Eagle Rock. To all who are serving dinner, to all who participate as patrons of the event, and to all who have worked so hard to organize the event, thank you for supporting The Eagle Rock Association.

BOB GOTHAM
TERA PRESIDENT



TERA's ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Save the date. Saturday Evening March 27, 2010.

Join other Eagle Rock Supporters for a TERA Fundraiser that celebrates the unique nature of our community. The evening begins with a festive reception for all at a Hill Drive home followed by dinner at host homes throughout Eagle Rock.

Meet as neighbors, leave as friends.

Tickets

\$75 per person

\$85 per person includes a TERA 1year membership for new members

\$40 reception only

For more information or to purchase tickets.

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**GUESS
WHO'S COMING
to
DINNER**
?

5:00 - 7:00 pm

**FESTIVE POOLSIDE
RECEPTION**



Be a welcome visitor at the home of Eagle Rock's foremost power couple: the Hill Drive residence of Michael and Eugénie Nogueira, leaders of the Eagle Rock Chamber of Commerce and the 20th Century Women's Club. Stimulate your palate with appetizers from great Eagle Rock restaurants, a no host bar, meet some exciting people and feast on live entertainment. This quintessential American traditional home, complete with white picket fence, has been

featured in numerous print ads, TV commercials and feature films. Built in 1940, the home was designed and built for the owner of the Shopping Bag supermarket chain. Michael and Eugénie, along with their two sons, Danny and Douglas, have been living there since 1992. The entire backyard is conducive to parties, fund-raising, community events and special receptions. TERA is honored to be returning to the Nogueira residence, as they were our gracious hosts for the very first home tour.

7:00 pm - Dinner & Conversation

Enjoy one of 18 dinner parties featuring a wide variety of cuisines and themes, from New Orleans Mardi Gras to Tropical Nights, planned throughout Eagle Rock. Pre-select your top dining choice from these listings.

Dinner prepared by a self-taught gourmet cook and served to you in a postcard perfect home: that will be your dining experience at John Angelo and Dick May's home.



COUNTY ENGLISH – HERBS INCLUDED

John Angelo & Dick May

The wrought iron fence, the garden that surrounds the river rock and gravel walkway, the long, sloped roof embraced by well established greenery, and the luxury of being situated in the middle of a double lot make this truly a perfect Country English Cottage right here in Eagle Rock. Originally, a professor from Occidental College occupied the home, but for the last 24 years John Angelo and Dick May have lived in, and loved, this house. The interior décor is a homey mix of the things they both like and that they have collected over years of traveling together. The house feels bright and airy, with an emphasis on comfort.

Practice makes perfect, and their passion for entertaining over the years has made John and Dick the consummate hosts, and has also allowed Dick to become an accomplished cook. Get ready for an evening of fine Continental dining served in a warm and casual atmosphere at John and Dick's home.

If you are you ready for the winter days to be gone, and looking forward to those warm and balmy days of summer, choose Steve Bjerke's and Loren Mark's home for dinner. You will enjoy dinner in the midst of a tropical oasis on Hill Drive. Reach deep into your summer wardrobe. Choose something bright and tropical that evokes the warm weather that is just around the corner for Eagle Rock.



A NIGHT IN THE TROPICS

Stephen Bjerke & Loren Mark

The highest point in their oasis features seating around the fire pit, where you will enjoy a view of tropical wonderland below. The Jacuzzi feeds a waterfall that bubbles over river rock to a saline pool below. Dining happens a few feet below the pool on an expansive patio capped with an outdoor kitchen. Swaying palm trees further emphasize the natural and lush feeling of this space. The tropical feeling will be further guaranteed by a plentiful supply of patio heaters. Southern California outdoor living is a passion at this home and presented in perfection by Steve and Loren. Join them for a memorable evening of dining under the stars in a tropical setting.

If vegetarian dining is your cup of tea, then the vegetarian feast promised by Mary Brennan and Fran Blayney may be just for you. Beginning with fresh, organic ingredients, your hosts will serve you a meal fit for a vegetarian king or queen.

Known as the Varble home after its original 1922 owners, Horace and Nellie Varble, this home was included in the TERA 2005 Home Tour. The exterior of the home is a Spanish design while the interior invokes a California Craftsman feeling. Be sure to notice the Batchelder Fireplace in the living room. Dinner will be served in the formal dining room.

People play a large role in Fran and Mary's life, evidenced by their careers as nurses and by frequently welcoming friends into their home for dinner. Gardening and golf are other passions in their life. They love Eagle Rock and look forward to meeting others with similar feelings. One of the things they enjoy most is good dinner conversation. They look forward to getting to know new neighbors around their dining table.



VEGETARIAN FEAST

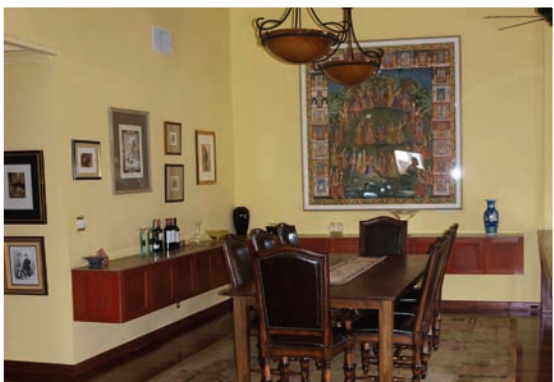
Fran Blayney & Mary Brennan

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"Don't judge a book by its cover" is an apt metaphor for this home. The modest street presence of this home gives no hint of the spaciousness of this residence. Clinging to the hillside, this three-story home offers spectacular views on every level.

The design of the home provides evidence of the importance of entertaining to the owners, Dr. Randy Burt, an optometrist and Eric De La Cruz, a manager in the financial industry. Warm wood tones take you from the entry to the large living room, with a floor to ceiling fireplace of granite and glass. This room and the adjacent balcony offer some of the best views in Eagle Rock. Two levels lower is the party room. With plenty of seating, access to another outside balcony, a fireplace, flat screen TV, and a full service bar, this is truly Entertainment Central.

Dinner will be served in the dining room that literally floats above the living room. Although the home is contemporary, the soaring ceilings and double chandeliers bring a stately feeling to the dining room. Choose this home and you will experience an evening of great food, good conversation and the warmest hospitality.



ENTERTAINMENT CENTRAL

Dr. Randy Burt & Eric De La Cruz

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When this house was built, it looked out on the Annandale golf course. Thirty-eight years ago, when the house was only 18 months old, it was moved to make way for the 134 Freeway, to its present location, the last available lot on Hill Drive. A year and a half later Maedale Gongora and her family moved in.



BLING BLING ENCOURAGED
Maedale Gongora

Country club living, with the emphasis on entertaining, is evident in the design of the home. The décor is light, airy and traditional, with the use of rich colors throughout. The wrap-around contains a sunken bar and wrap around windows opening to a patio across the front of the house. Over the years, this has been the perfect setting for birthdays, cocktail parties, and virtually any other idea for people to gather and have fun.

Wallflowers need not apply here. Maedale has been the president of Toastmasters International for several terms. Her bubbly personality makes her a natural for the position. To kick-start dinner conversation, Maedale, who loves jewelry, invites ladies and gentlemen alike to wear a favorite piece of “bling” and to share the story of that special treasure with the other guests.

It’s a Southern California Ranch but you would never know it once you enter the front door.



A VIEW FROM THE TOP
Bob Gotham & Michael Manuel

The Asian inspired entry courtyard is the first hint that this home will be a visual treat. As you enter the home, art is everywhere. Every painting, tapestry, lithograph, photo, wood-block print, etc. has a story. Many pieces are tokens of trips taken. The décor is further enriched by the bold use of color, oriental carpets and antiques. Although you are surrounded by art, this is a home for living.

Bob Gotham, TERA President, and his partner Mike Manuel’s home is located high on a hilltop. The rear “yard” is an elevated deck with a wonderful view of downtown Los Angeles in the distance. With crannies for conversation, as well

as observing, the deck will provide our starting point for dinner, weather permitting.

From the pre-dinner drinks on the deck, diners will move indoors to sit around a Tudor Renaissance table built in the mid 1800’s. Robust conversation is promised. After dinner, coffee will be served in the living room where guests may caress the keys of the grand piano.

Choose Bob and Mike’s home if you enjoy dining in a traditional décor in a Southern California setting.

Please join Rob and Janet Kropp for a special dinner celebrating the 100th birthday of their home. The wonderful craftsman house looks much as it did when it was built in 1910, and that's the way the Kropps like it. Since they moved there in 1980, they have gradually and carefully introduced all the modern conveniences into their home, while respecting its extraordinary traditional beauty.

There is an honesty, simplicity, and warmth in craftsman architecture. You will experience those feelings at Rob and Janet's home. In addition, there is always a healthy exchange of ideas. Could this be attributed to the fact that they are both attorneys? If you are a vegetarian, this might be the home for you since Rob is a vegetarian. However, Janet always ensures that all tastes will be satisfied, including non-vegetarians. Ceramics and yoga are two of Janet's passions. Geocaching, whatever that is, is a special hobby that Rob loves and will be delighted to explain to anyone who might be interested. Lastly, they love to travel.

Take a step back in time; dine with Rob and Janet and celebrate the beauty of an Eagle Rock architectural treasure.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Janet & Rob Kropp

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"We have a passion for people and a passion for food. They come together when we have dinner guests," was John Thies' reply when asked why he and his wife Sara Jane love to entertain so much. Thus, spirited conversation, cooking, and dining with friends happens quite often at their home.

Theirs is a light, bright, and contemporary house, located high in the hills with an excellent view to the San Gabriel Mountains. The open plan of their home sets the stage for California Casual entertaining. Your evening will begin with a glass of wine on the deck looking down on the lights of Eagle Rock. If you like to know what's going on in the kitchen, drift inside and say hi to the chef. The kitchen is not "off-limits." Soon you will be seated for a satisfying dinner of good food, excellent wine and rich conversation.

John's passions include golf, music, good food, and an occasional evening at Colombo's. Sara Jane is deeply involved in outreach programs to the under-privileged. Expect them both to tell you how much they enjoy being grandparents.



HIGH IN THE HILLS
Sara Jane & John Thies

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A 1933 Spanish Colonial mansion on an expansive, rolling lawn anchors Hill Drive's west end. At first glance, it seems more 90210 than 90041. Yet the home of Damon Dennis and Michael Schlueter is a classic beauty that has been cherished by a succession of smitten owners, brimming with original character and neighborly charm. It's pure Eagle Rock.



FIVE PALMS

Damon Dennis & Michael Schlueter

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You enter a welcoming foyer that features an original chandelier, a telephone nook, and stained-glass windows set below a 20-foot ceiling. Join the hosts for champagne and cheese in the formal dining room and adjoining sitting area, with a roaring fire and a sweeping view of the neighborhood below.

Next, you'll move to the front patio for a sit-down dinner under the stars.

Adding to the timeless atmosphere, entrees, wine and dessert will be served by Colombo's, locally revered for great steaks and Italian American cuisine for 55 years. Tents and heaters will be on standby to ensure your comfort.

Guests should wear cocktail attire and be ready to enjoy great food and conversation. Be prepared to navigate the many stairs of this hillside home.

Behind the dark wood fence across the bridge

a treehouse waits for you
 the trees, the trees, the trees
 this cliffside nest
 remains as it was dreamed
 clean, bright and bold
 facing Fuji Hill across the Valley
 through the stand of oak and
 eucalyptus
 the trees, the trees, the trees
 two stories
 two fireplaces
 two owners - one now, one then
 Tracy and Rex
 will grill your steaks
 with soul & pepper
 in the zen garden

outside the glass-wrapped dining room
 the trees, the trees, the trees
 surrounding seven decks
 sighing over a garden of stone
 with a spa that waits for sunrise
 the trees, the trees, the trees
 time stands still
 nature breathes



BEBOP ZEN TREEHOUSE

Rex Davis & Tracy King

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After spending the last two years lovingly remodeling her 1948 bungalow, former TERA President Maria Nazario invites you over to enjoy a traditional Middle Eastern feast. Dinner will be served in the back yard, also newly redesigned with year-round entertaining in mind. The cuisine will be traditional Lebanese fare, and will include some of Maria's favorite family recipes, as well as a signature cocktail.

Maria travels regularly for her work as an executive with the California Society of CPAs, and has traveled around the world, both during her childhood, and while working in Disaster Relief with the American Red Cross. With all that moving around, Maria has come to believe that home should be like a vacation - the place you come to for peace and relaxation. Her casually elegant (and dog-friendly) home is tastefully decorated with artifacts from her past, souvenirs from her travels and paintings from some of her favorite Eagle Rock artists. It's an ideal environment for entertaining friends, both old and new.



ARABIAN NIGHTS
Maria Nazario

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Architect Tom Yang, a native Eagle Rocker and graduate of Eagle Rock High, grew up on Neola Street, just a stone's throw from the custom home he created on a west-facing bluff in 1997. Yang's father had owned the lot since 1974 and sold it to his son for the same \$8,000 he paid.

Inspired in turn by UCLA's Royce Hall (Yang managed the iconic theatre's retrofit and restoration in the 1990s) and architect Irving Gill, the home has simple lines, a soaring gallery with heavy walls, floor-to-ceiling windows, interior archways and a unique ceiling, layered with red oak and stained chipboard. The living room opens to a generous wooden deck sheltered by tall pines. Visitors come up two sets of stairs, flanked by landscaping planted by neighbor Miri Day Hinds.

"This house is a perfect reflection of Tom," remarks wife Janet, a psychologist. "Simple, unassuming materials used in sophisticated ways; a thoughtful mix of openness and privacy." She adds: "Overall, it's a perfect party house, especially for TERA's purpose: to welcome new friends who share our love of Eagle Rock and its strong sense of community."

The Yangs will serve a pan-Mediterranean feast, with complementary wine.



DINING IN STYLE
Janet & Tom Yang

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Seafood gumbo anchors the menu for the New Orleans style feast planned by Mark Greenfield and Val Zavala at their contemporary hillside home.

From the entry, an open floor plan provides views across the living and dining areas to a panoramic vista of the mountains and the legendary Eagle Rock. Doors lead to a balcony that's perfect for enjoying the view while sipping wine, dining, or – in this case – having a Mardi Gras party.

Mark's seafood gumbo that includes crab, spicy sausage, shrimp, clams, okra and chicken over fluffy white rice is the main course. On the side will be Val's homemade corn bread with cranberries and a mixed green salad with strawberries, avocado and citrus. Dessert will be

a choice of lemon or sweet potato pie. People's palates will be put to the test by a blind wine tasting.

The home is notable for its art, much of which was created by Mark, who complements his "day job" as Director of the LA Municipal Art Gallery at Barnsdall Park, by creating his own works – many with a provocative edge. Val serves as VP of news and public affairs for KCET-TV.



NEW ORLEANS MARDI GRAS
Mark Greenfield & Val Zavala

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Climb up the thirty or so steps to the entrance of a fanciful, 1926 Tudor Revival home and be prepared to be charmed, just as owners Alyssa Bellew and Terri Hopper have been since 1998, when they first set eyes on it.

Tall, leaded diamond window panes, half-timbering, a high chimney, and a steeply pitched roof with prominent gables are among the classic Tudor Revival touches the home exhibits. Other unique elements include the original hand-distressing on the face of the wooden front door, a motif repeated on the fireplace mantle and ceiling beams.

Inside, the colorful, warm and eclectic décor is decidedly non-Tudor. And tonight, this Tudor style home will follow that eclectic lead with a very cross-cultural step and play

host for a sumptuous, South-of-the-Border feast that will incorporate whatever organic seasonal vegetables are ready from Alyssa and Terri's own little Eagle Rock Community Garden plot. The meal will include vegetarian and gluten-free options.

Weather permitting, the evening will include a moderate stair climb to an outdoor deck that features a gorgeous view of Eagle Rock. Bring a warm jacket. We'll sip sangria and get better acquainted under the stars.



SANGRIA & STARGAZING
Alyssa Bellew & Teri Hopper

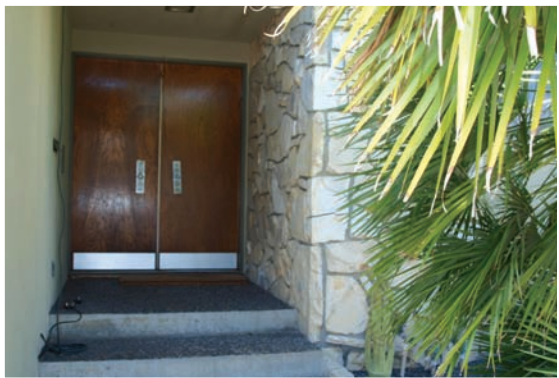
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Modern Mexico City fare, presented with live entertainment in a classic, mid-century modern home, is what's planned by Apryl Lundsten and David Spencer.

Apryl, known to many for the "Eagle Rock Talk" podcast she did for several years, has channeled her enthusiasm for new cuisines from Mexico to form "Comadres," a "secret" supper club in NE Los Angeles, with a group of food-industry friends.

According to the LA Weekly Food Blog, a recent Comadres' dinner "kicked off with Lundsten's mojitos, followed by a pineapple and a lamb empanada; a tuna carpaccio with watermelon; a consommé-clear heirloom tomato gazpacho; and a main course of grilled octopus served atop chorizo and saffron rice." This suggests the type of food envisioned - the final menu, including a specialty cocktail and wine pairing, is yet to be determined.

All of it will be served in Apryl and her husband David's home where, in her words, "you feel like you've been transported back to another time; where the vibe is Palm Springs Rat Pack and you might expect to see Dean Martin shaking martinis at the original bar in the family room."



CONTEMPORARY MEXICAN CUISINE

David Spencer & Apryl Lundsten

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Commercial director Paula Walker and her husband, director of photography Rolf Kestermann, have resided together in Eagle Rock for over 15 years. "We like the community and love the restaurants. There is an amazing mixture of people and creativity here in Eagle Rock," they say.

Upon entering Paula and Rolf's home, you cannot help but feel transported into the days of Old California. Built in the 1920s, it has a classic Spanish layout with a formal entry that gives way to a spacious outdoor courtyard and pool that is bordered by two wings of the house. "You feel like you're in your own world here," Paula says. "Our views are toward the inner courtyard, rather than out to the street."

Paula and Rolf invite you to dine with them on their courtyard, which will take on the Portuguese-influenced charm and cuisine of Bahia, Brazil for this evening. Complete with samba music and a menu featuring traditional Brazilian cuisine, with celebrity guest chef - Eagle Rock resident and noted restaurateur Fred Eric - providing culinary guidance, the couple could not be happier to open up their home to you all for this special event.



BRAZILIAN FIESTA

Rolf Kestermann & Paula Walker

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Step into Mike and Lori Pond's storied and eclectic 1927 Tudor Revival home as a dinner guest, and your first feast will be for the eyes. The large living room boasts a 16-foot box beam ceiling; the dining room is lush, yet intimate; and the jaw-dropping kitchen, one of the first to be featured on the HGTV series *Designer's Challenge*, perfectly marries Lori and Mike's folk art-inspired design style with function. Avid travelers (and Harley Davidson enthusiasts), the Ponds collect folk art from around the world, and have a large collection of artifacts from the Huichol people of western central Mexico on display throughout their home. Lori is also an accomplished photographer whose work is greatly inspired by the colors and textures she and Mike have seen in their travels.



**MACROBIOTIC VEGETARIAN
WITH AN INDIAN FLAIR**

Lori & Mike Pond

Tonight's dinner will be a delicious macrobiotic vegetarian feast with an Indian flair. Fragrant spices will make your mouth water as the meal is prepared – a trio of chutneys, cucumber and mung bean soup, stuffed okra, spinach fritters, and other earthly delights. For added authenticity, and as a good conversation starter, guests are encouraged (but not required) to wear traditional Indian clothing – saris for women, kurtas for men.

The Allen family of artists is well known around these parts. They have lived and worked in the area their entire lives, as did their parents before them. Their work has been shown in galleries and other fine retailers worldwide and their Glendale-based art studio is the hub of creativity for the whole family.

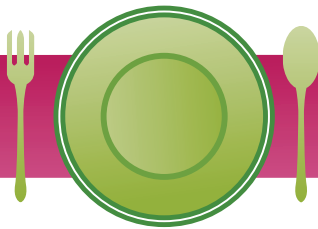


BOLLYWOOD

*Linda & Terry Allen and their
Art Family*

The studio is a light-filled, multi-level work and display space, with a two-story bank of windows looking out onto the fountain and garden that separates the studio from the front house – a Spanish style home built by Linda's grandfather in the 1920s. The walls and shelves are loaded with art and display pieces, including a Tibetan Thangka, puppets, folk art, masks, African pieces, wall hangings, paintings and sculpture.

Dinner will center around a family favorite called "Seven Boy Curry," a flavorful beef curry dish on rice, with different toppings (a vegetarian version will be available). This hearty meal got its name because seven boys carrying trays loaded with food and Indian condiments traditionally serve it. While there may not be seven boys serving, there will be plenty of entertainment during the feast including music, dancing and more.



GUESS WHO'S COMING to DINNER ?

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RESERVATION FORM

Please Print

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

HOST SELECTION

Please indicate below, in order of preference, the numbers of the top four host homes at which you would like to dine. We will try to assign according to your choices but can make no guarantees. Assignments will be made on a first come, first assigned basis with preference given to TERA members.

_____ 1st Choice _____ 3rd Choice

_____ 2nd Choice _____ 4th Choice

TICKETS

Number of tickets - Reception and dinner _____ @ \$75* _____

Number of tickets - Reception, dinner and 1 year TERA membership for new members. _____ @ \$85** _____

Number of tickets - Reception only _____ @ \$40*** _____

I am unable to attend but enclosed is my donation _____

Tax deductible portion: * - \$35, ** - \$45, *** - \$25 **Total** _____

ORDER TICKETS WITH THIS FORM OR ON-LINE AT WWW.TERA90041.ORG

PAYMENT

Check Enclosed (Payable to The Eagle Rock Association)

Visa

MasterCard

American Express

Account Number _____ Security Code _____

Expires _____ Name on Card _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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OFFICE USE:

Date _____ Member _____ Ack _____ Home # _____ Conf _____

