



*The 13th Annual  
Opera Dinner*

*“L’Illuminazione”*

*Presented by Kris and Howard Case  
With a Lots of Help from their Friends*

*Saturday, December 13, 2003*

# *Hors d'Oeuvres*



*Babak Falsafi - Classical Guitar*

*Compliments of Jim Meehan*



*Champagne Service*

*Compliments of Diane Daniels & Leonard Heil and*

*Melissa & Robert Vanderlaan*

*Martinis*



*Kumamoto Oysters on the Half-Shell*

*with Extra Vecchio Aceto Balsamico*

*Spooned Sweetwater Oysters*

*with Shiso Chiffonade & Olio Santo*

*Ramaki Retro*

*Tortini di Funghi Porcini*

*Mixed Nuts*



## *Antipasti*

*Swordfish Carpaccio*

*Masseria Bosco*

*Ricotta with Almonds and Honey alla Anna*

*Capanata*

*Fatta del Leonardo*

*Cozze Ripiene*

*dal Taranto*

*Sarde in Saor*

*alla Veneziana*

*Bresola*

*con Olio Nuovo d'Olivestri*

*Cavolfiore Fritti*

*con Aceto di Arnesi da Cesare*

*The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Opera Dinner*



*Il Primo*  
*Zuppa di Pesce*  
*Harry's Bar*



*Il Secondo*  
*al Banco*

*Tecchino Ripieno*  
*Boneless Turkey Stuffed with Sausage,*  
*Prunes & Chestnuts*

*Patate alla Gulliver*  
*Roasted Potatoes with*  
*Truffles and Arugula*

*Mostarda di Voghera*



*I Formaggi*

*Primavera di Caravaggio, Italy*      *Vacherin, France*  
*Pecorino Foglia di Noce, Italy*



*Il Dolce*  
*Deno's Creation*



*Coffee*

*Joseph Schmidt Confections*  
*from Leslie*

*Kris & Howard Case and Friends*

## *Tonight's Wines*

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*Champagne Selected & provided by Diane & Leonard  
Service and Melissa & Bob*

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*Antipasti Barbaresco - Bricco Asile by Ceretto 1985*

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*We taste-tested a few selections deep in the cellar that should have been drunk a few years ago, but this Barbaresco is in perfect shape, all the way from 1985. This once-massive wine is now gentle and sweet.*

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*Il Primo Sauvignon Blanc by Rochioli - Estate Grown 2002*

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*This California Dry Creek selection is lush and velvety with just the right acidity to compliment the richness of Harry's Zuppa de Pesce.*

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*Il Secondo Cabernet Sauvignon by Leonetti Cellars - Walla Walla Valley 2000  
The Mary Grace Magnum*

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*Inscribed: "Mary Grace. For all the old memories. Gary Higgins"  
Indeed, we all are fortunate to have dear friends who share such a precious gift with us. The inscription really says everything.  
Thanks for the memories MG.*

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*I Formaggi Cabernet Sauvignon by Alexander Valley Vineyards 1988  
Kris's Birthday Bottle - Three Liters*

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*Inscribed: "Happy Birthday Kris Enjoy! Hank Wetzel Winemaker"  
We hope this is still in good shape.*

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*Dolci  
& Beyond Grahams Vintage Port 1983 A Selection of Grappas*

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*Kudos! What a great collaboration, and so wonderful everyone chipped in!  
Leslie & Mike provided the Hostess Helper, the Chocolates and the  
MG Magnum.*

*Diane and Leonard provided the extension for Hostess Helper and  
collaborated on the Champagne Service.*

*Leonardo made the Capanata.*

*Missy and Bob collaborated on the Champagne Service.*

*Deno Created Il Dolce.*

*Jim Provided the Classical Guitar Accompaniment.*

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## *Dinner with Amici*

*Chris Adams ♦ Kris & Howard Case ♦ Deno Demos*

*Diane Daniels & Leonard Heil ♦ Jim Meehan*

*Leslie & Michael Schroeder ♦ Melissa & Robert Vanderlaan*