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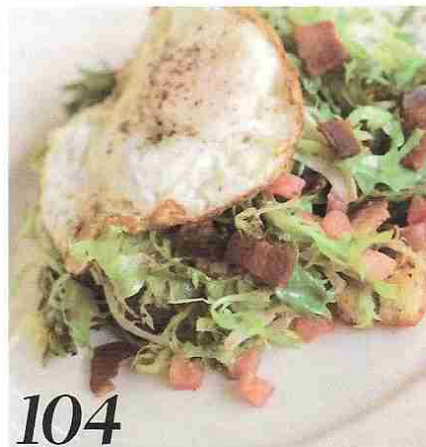
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SUMMER'S THE BEST TIME FOR OUR INESTIMABLE CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS TO PROVIDE CLEVER NEW WAYS OF ENTERTAINING THE "GIVING" CROWD. "Bash" under the tents in front of the Clement House, see the stars at the Museum of Science, watch a ballgame from the party deck at Dunn Tire Park, or don your tuxes and gowns for some gala good times.

The Bash '08—Greater Buffalo Chapter of the American Red Cross

**Friday, June 6
7 p.m.—midnight**
This long-running outdoor bash traditionally hosts more than 5,000 people on the lawn of the Clement House at 786 Delaware Avenue. The Lance Diamond Show performs as the twenty-one-and-over crowd circulates, enjoys the music, samples the wine and beer, and chooses from the variety of buffets located throughout the enormous tents erected on the grounds. For \$50, you get a ticket, but for \$100, not only do you get two tickets, but also a raffle ticket toward the cash prizes. (First prize is \$10,000, second is \$5,000, and third is \$2,500.) All proceeds go to the local chapter to assist its yearly disaster relief chores, helping with over 400 house fires every year, and serving more than 1,000 people who need them. For more information, check out www.redcrossbash.org, or call 878-2373.

4th Annual Star, Lights and Bites—Buffalo Museum of Science

**Saturday, June 7
7-11 p.m.**
Held during this year's *Palette of Life* exhibition, the annual party will highlight the show, as well as feature music, drinks, and hors d'oeuvres. The best part? Weather permitting, the museum's rooftop observatory will be open, the Buffalo Astronomical Society will have their telescope set up, and experts will be on hand to help guide you to your favorite heavenly bodies (in the sky, that is). Proceeds

will benefit the Museum and its programs. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. For more information, check out www.buffalomuseumofscience.org, call the Museum's events line at 896-5200, ext. 380, or write to events@sciencebuff.org.

7th Annual Black Tie Gala—Camp Good Days and Special Times

**Saturday, June 14
5:30 p.m.—midnight**
"All You Need is Love" is the Beatles-themed inspiration for this year's event. 97 Rock's Rob Lederman will be dressed as Ed Sullivan to MC the evening, and honorary chair Paul Gaustad will be hosting a delicious sit-down dinner as well as silent, Chinese, and live auctions of such items as award-winning wine, concert tickets, and sports memorabilia. The Hyatt Regency Downtown is the place for this popular event, and the organizers promise some special surprises. Tickets are \$125, and all proceeds go to benefit Camp Good Days' special

programs, which help children with cancer and their families enjoy some time away from the day-to-day troubles of their disease. For more information, check out www.campgooddaysgala.org, call Lisa Donato at 206-0709, or write her at ldonato@campgooddays.org.

5th Annual Night at the Ballpark—Big Brothers Big Sisters of Erie County

**Tuesday, June 17
6pm—midnight**
This get-together on the party deck at Dunn Tire Park honors donors, members, and other supporters of the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. Enjoy a buffet with salads and hamburgers and an open bar. Gates open at 6 p.m., the bar opens at 6:30, and the game starts at 7:05. Tickets are \$35 each, and include an open bar and a party deck game ticket. Proceeds benefit both the community-based program and the site-based program in a few Buffalo schools (where folks can come once

a week for an hour to spend time with a child). For more information, check out www.beafriend.org, call Maureen Kelly at 844-2029, or e-mail her at mkelly@beafriend.org.


Shea's "Wicked" Gala—Shea's Performing Arts Center

**Saturday, June 21
5 p.m.—midnight (or a little after)**
Guests will enjoy a sit-down dinner and auction at the Adams Mark Hotel, and will then be transported to Shea's for *Wicked*, the untold story of the witches of Oz before Dorothy dropped in (answering the immortal question, "Was the Wicked Witch of the West just misunderstood?"). Dessert and dancing will follow the show, to the tunes of the Jim Tudini Band. Tickets are \$275, and all proceeds go to benefit Shea's Performing Arts Center and its cultural and educational programs. For more information, check out www.sheas.org, or call Linda Sroka at 829-1170.




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
ON THE TWENTY

3836 Main St., Jordan, Ontario. Call for reservations, 905-562-7313. 
Situated approximately one hour from both Toronto and Buffalo, offering an extensive menu of fine dining, including gourmet pastas and meats, with a fine wine list. Vegetarian selection available. Reservations recommended. Hours: Lunch: daily, 11:30am-3pm; Dinner: daily, 5-10pm. \$\$\$ (CDN)


PAPAYA

118 W. Chippewa St., Hampton Inn, Buffalo, 856-2444. 
Asian fusion cuisine in downtown Buffalo. Specialties include Singapore duck, fresh fish, and wonton soup. \$\$

PELLER ESTATES WINERY RESTAURANT

290 John St. East, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, 888-673-5537. 
The area's newest winery restaurant offering wine country cuisine. Specialty: a dinner tasting menu, offering a different wine with each course. Hours: Lunch: daily, noon-3pm; Dinner: daily, 5-9pm. \$\$\$ (CDN)


PROTOCOL RESTAURANT

6766 Transit Rd., Williamsville, 632-9556. 
Serving some of Buffalo's most cherished memories since 1970. Extensive wine list and elegant banquet room. Specialties: seafood, baby back ribs. Hours: M-Th, 11:30am-10:30pm; F-Sa, 11:30am-11:30pm. \$\$


QUEEN'S LANDING INN (TIARA DINING ROOM)

155 Byron St., Niagara-On-the-Lake, Ontario, 1-888-669-5566. 
The Georgian style mansion is a full-service hotel perfect for a weekend getaway, with beautiful view of the Niagara River. Specialties: fine French cuisine with Asian influences, pan-seared Elk strip loin with bittersweet chocolate jus. Hours: Breakfast: M-Sa, 7-11am; Su, 7-10am; Su, Brunch: 11am-2pm; Lunch: M-Sa, noon-2pm; Dinner: Su-Th, 6-9pm; F-Sa, 5:30-9pm. \$\$\$ (CDN)

RED COACH INN

2 Buffalo Ave., Niagara Falls, U.S., 282-1459. 
Offering a panoramic view of the Niagara rapids, a grill room with a roaring fire, and a cozy wine bar. A new lunch and dinner menu is created every day, including black Angus beef and seafood. Open for lunch and dinner every day. \$\$

RIVERBEND INN & VINEYARD

16104 Niagara Pkwy., Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, 888-955-5553. 
Continental cuisine made from fresh local ingredients includes rack of Ontario lamb and wild boar. Open daily for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. \$\$ (CDN)


ROMANELLO'S SOUTH

5793 South Park Ave., Hamburg, 649-0450. 
Continental cuisine featuring prime rib. Dinner-for-two special. Hours: M-Th, 4-9pm; F-Sa, 4-10pm; Su, 3-9pm. \$\$\$


ROYCROFT INN

40 South Grove St., East Aurora, 652-5552. 
A national landmark Arts & Crafts inn with luxury accommodations and fine dining. Specialties: contemporary American cuisine with classical touches. Hours: Lunch: M-F, 11:30am-3pm; Brunch: Su, 10am-2:30pm; Dinner: Su-Th, 5-9pm; F-Sa, 5-10pm. \$\$\$

SEAN PATRICK'S

3480 Millersport Hwy., Getzville, 636-1709. 
The best fish fry in Western New York, a beautiful bar and banquet room, and always great food. Hours: Lunch: M-Sa, 11am-4pm; Su, noon-4pm; Dinner: Su-Th, 4-10pm; F-Sa, 4-11pm. \$\$


SHAMUS RESTAURANT

98 West Ave., Lockport, 433-9809. 
Extensive menu, outside patio and a private dining room perfect for meetings and parties. Specialties: Angus steak, poultry, and fresh seafood. Hours: Lunch: M-Sa, 11am-4pm; Dinner: M-Th, 4:30-9pm; F-Sa, 4:30-10pm. \$\$

SHANGHAI RED'S

2 Templeton Terrace, Buffalo, 852-7337. 
This destination restaurant on the Erie Basin Marina has spectacular views and great food. Specialties include charbroiled swordfish and lemon chicken. Hours: Dinner, 4-10pm daily; Brunch: Su, 10am-2pm. \$\$

SKYLON RESTAURANT

5200 Robinson St., Niagara Falls, Ontario, 1-877-840-0314. 
Dine 775 feet above the Falls in a 280 seat revolving dining room and 180-seat buffet dining room. Hours: Lunch: daily,