

# Garces Benefit Raised over \$233,000 to Help Immigrant Restaurant Workers

By Bonnie Eisenfeld

On Friday, March 29, the Garces Foundation held its annual benefit at the Loew's Philadelphia Hotel, 12<sup>th</sup> & Market Streets. Chef Jose Garces and other top Philadelphia chefs offered tasting plates for guests to enjoy, as well as wine, cocktails, and live and silent auctions. The Garces Foundation, a nonprofit organization founded by Chef Garces, restaurateur, and Dr. Beatriz Garces, owner of the Garces Dental Group, provides free English classes, workforce development, and health care for immigrants in the culinary field. Robin T. Morris, Executive Director of the Garces Foundation, thanks all those who supported the benefit. "Because of you, we provide a lifeline and springboard to the American dream." <http://garcesfoundation.org/>



Jill Garces, Jose Garces, and Robin Morris (Executive Director, Garces Foundation)

Philip Gabriel

# Dining "Out" at Home in Peace and Quiet

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In case you were thinking that restaurant owners are becoming responsive to our complaints about loud noise, think again. One Saturday evening in the spring, Twenty Manning was so loud, the server did not hear my order correctly. I ordered mussels and I got Brussels!

One solution is to invite chefs at local restaurants to cook dinner for you at home. That is unlikely to happen unless a chef is your best friend. But wait—you can enjoy dinner prepared by your favorite restaurants and delivered to your home by Caviar and similar services.

For decades, we collected menus and called direct to order pizza or Chinese food. Now there are many online restaurant-delivery services, such as Caviar, GrubHub, Eat24, and UberEats, each with a variety of restaurant choices. To me, the best one is Caviar because many of my favorite restaurants are on that site. I have enjoyed meals from Parc, Zama, Suga, Estia, Twenty Manning, Gran Caffè L'Aquila, Trattoria Carina, Jane G's, Dan Dan, Bar Bombon, and other fine restaurants, some of which are quite loud in person. In addition, Caviar offers other restaurant choices that

I've never heard of but might be inclined to try someday.

Here's how it works: Go to TryCaviar.com and sign up with a credit card. Then enter your zip code. You can search by restaurant name or cuisine. Choose the restaurant you want, select your food, and place your order. Caviar will notify you four times: 1) when they have received your order; 2) when your food is being prepared; 3) when your order has been picked up; and 4) when your food is arriving. Caviar couriers bike around town so there are no parking problems, and they carry the food in orange insulated bags strapped on their backs so your food is delivered hot and ready to enjoy. The entire transaction including tip is charged to your credit card.

After your food has been delivered, you will get a request to rate your experience on a five-star scale. If your rating is less than five stars, you will be asked to comment on what could be improved. If you have questions or problems, you can contact the website by email and someone will answer you promptly to address your problem. Use the website [www.trycaviar.com](http://www.trycaviar.com) or get the app on your phone.



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Korean-Americans paraded on Saturday, April 13, up 18th Street along Rittenhouse Square, in commemoration of the Centennial of the First Korean Congress. <https://www.firstkoreancongress.org/>