

# Ya missed a good time...BlackFinn PARTY!

**February 24, 2015**

For the first time in the organization's history, CTPA members and guests attended a "REAL, LIVE, SOCIAL EVENT." There were 34 paid participants and 31 showed up!

BlackFinn Ameripub River North was "the Scene" of a long awaited casual, fun event. The venue worked out very well as it was close to transportation, parking and had comfortable space to mingle. Attendees all commented positively about what a terrific opportunity it was to meet people we did not know and also to catch up with friends and tell "famous" bygone tour stories.

Attendees enjoyed a variety of tasty appetizers such as delicious Flatbreads, Roasted Vegetables, Crispy Shrimp in an Asian Sauce, Baked Brie, Mediterranean Humus & accompaniments. Chicken Tenders, as assortment of three different Slider sandwiches, Spinach & Artichoke Dip, plus a sweet assortment of desserts. Of course, the first drink ticket for any soda, Domestic Beer, House Wine or a Well Drink was greatly appreciated, too.

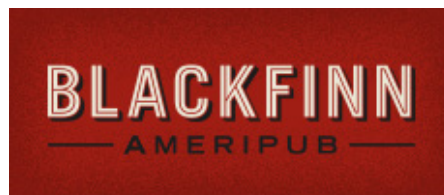
The venue's **Sales & Marketing Manager Nicole Redelheim** donated two \$10 gift certificates for our special drawing. It was a hit and **Tony DeSalvo CTG** and CTPA candidate member, **Krista August** each won one.

The consensus was that a similar party next February would to be a welcome way to shed chilly winter and get into a warm mood for the coming tour season. So, promote the idea to other CTPA-ers and maybe we'll have more people next year enjoying themselves.

Co-Chairs **Jacquie Brave** and **Michael Levinson CTG** welcome interested parties to assist the committee in planning for future events.

This 11,000 square-foot American pub features an extensive list of craft beers and a long list of hand-crafted signature cocktails, and a menu of tasty appetizers, flatbreads, salads, burgers, sandwiches and delicious desserts.

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## What participants said...

Thank you Michael and Jacquie for putting together a real live social event for our CTPA, something many of us have hoped for and inquired after and suggested, but as Donna pointed out—someone has to do the legwork and phone calling to make a party happen. Thanks again, Michael and Jacquie.

I had fun last night and enjoyed talking to a number of people I hadn't met before or with whom I hadn't had the opportunity to visit. The venue was perfect, close to transportation, with a large space of booths and tables. I thought the food was good, and visited the buffet several times! Wait staff were there to take drink orders after we used our single drink ticket, and cleared tables as the evening progressed. I'm hoping this can be an annual event and if those of us who attended had a good time will tell other CTPA-ers about it and maybe we'll have more people next year.

**—Judith Randall**

I wanted to express my thanks to you both for planning our recent CTPA member party. The location was a wonderful choice. I've walked/driven by it a number of times, but never been inside. The staff was responsive and friendly, the food tasty and plentiful, the room/space was perfect for convivial conversation and movement, and the drinks were quickly served. I talked with a number of "old" friends and had the pleasure of meeting a few new faces. All in all, an excellent soiree.

**—Wayne Galasek CTG**

I just wanted to say thanks to those who arranged the party. It was a great idea to do something purely social. In addition to it being nice to see familiar faces, Vicki and I got to meet some great new people. Glad to be a part of CTPA.

**—Amanda, Chicago Detours**