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tweaking plans

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Subject: Re: Check Cashed

Hi Barb!

...So for food, we're going with a simple, delicious, Italian theme:

1. BRUSCHETTA DISPLAY \$15.50 pp
2. GRILLED VEGETABLE DISPLAY \$13.50 pp
3. *ITALIAN PASTA BAR \$25 pp
4. *ROAST TURKEY \$275 each
5. *Roasted Top Round of Beef \$375 each

* Add \$125 for someone to man the station

I was thinking about getting 2 turkeys (which supposedly feed 35), but you're so right about all of the extra food so maybe we'll just keep that at 1. The other question is, do we want this to start after sunset, like 7, or before sunset. I'm starting to think after would be better because there will be less people mulling about, so it won't be awkward for those not invited, but what do you think??

Dinner at 7pm seems fine to us.

Re the food, the Italian theme sounds great. What do you guys think about adding some fruit, like a melon plate maybe, to act as a simple dessert? (Under Reception Package III, we see a listing for "Wedges of melons, pineapple, mango, and papaya served with Pina Colada Dip," for example. Something like that might be cheaper than adding \$1300 (\$13 x 100 people) for the Reception Display's "Fresh Fruit Spectacular". Or, do they not allow ordering for a smaller headcount on a select item even tho they have been given a larger headcount for the dinner part of the meal?)

Also, I'm curious if they could offer gravy with the turkey instead of serving it sandwich-style? Can they substitute French rolls or Challah rolls instead of "pretzel" rolls? Lastly, we notice that the Roast Port Caribbean serves 50 for only \$125 more. What do you think about having that instead of the beef? Top round is the cheapest cut - we're a bit concerned about flavor and toughness.

Anyhow, with 2 hours of open wine & beer bar, that comes out to \$7,500 for 80 people. And if we tack on 20% service + 8% tax, we're just shy of \$10,000, which leaves plenty of room for hidden charges that might pop up. Thank you so much for offering to cover extras, though I'm going to do everything I can to keep this reasonable, because as you said, it's not about the party, it's about me and Adam, not further fuel for the ridiculousness that is the wedding industry!

As for numbers, I have 34 relatives coming from out of town (who don't have a house or apartment already in Naples), 25 of which are adults, and 5 adults we're pretty certain won't be there, so I think we'll be able to keep the numbers fairly even if that's what you two would feel more comfortable doing.

Yes, Leon and I want this to be equitable for both sides of the family. If it pushes the 11,500 limit, we will add extra to cover it.

Also, Adam had mentioned that you liked the twinkle lights, but I wasn't sure if that was in regards to the the chickee hut or at the garden. I personally like them both, and I think my mom does to, but let me know what you were thinking. :-)

I think the rehearsal dinner ambience is great as is. Lights would just call unnecessary attention to it when others are not invited...

When I mentioned the lights to Adam, it was bec of the picture on the cover of Meredith's info binder. Lights were strung outside under the overhead trellis (where your Drinks Bar will be) and it looked so pretty in the night. But the Botan.Gardens would likely charge extra for placing them anywhere, and wedding day is about you and your mom's choices, not my momentary whims. There are lots of things we all like but have to draw limits on.

Lastly, not sure what the deal is with the Thursday before the wedding. I had originally thought to have the church ceremony that morning, but it might be better to do it on Wednesday before anyone gets there, what do you think? I'm just realizing that if we do bachelorette party on Thursday, I'll be doing that after we're technically already married! Haha Oh well, such is life...

Honestly speaking, to have the ceremony on Wed means that Leon, Ashley, and I would need to fly out on Tues (or take a cross-country red-eye :(Ashley would need to take more (unpaid) days off work, and 6 days, Tues thru Sun, is a longer time than we anticipated. Have you and Adam considered having the church vows on Friday morning, or even Saturday earlyish morning? Clustering the important activities together, I mean. (Not unlike Katie/Orrin when they did their Signing of Marriage Contract in the synagogue before their wedding.)

... thanks again for being such great sports for the hecticness of the weekend!

Not at all! It was a lovely weekend!! We had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed seeing everything. Meeting all your family, especially Tim, was a plus. (He's a good guy--we liked him a lot. I see why you two are so close. Rebecca, too--she was my next favorite. And Renee, and Rachel, and Emily, and Annie, and and and ... :)

Hopefully Adam will be able to connect with Justine today and we'll get this all finalized.

Is Thursday nite booked and a done deal now?