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VIEW THE NOTE

E01

Chris - Sorry about that. I do have the Hubbard St. buffet down for the Friday business meeting as well, so add another \$273.30 to your total. You can always add more coffee, but the hotel charges \$42.00 per gallon. So be sure to sip it lovingly! As to the time of the business meetings (9:00 am), you of course, certainly, can hold it whenever you want. I set it at 8:00 am because that has been the time the Women's Division has typically held it. Just let me know if you want to change it. We have promised the hotel a preliminary program by June 1, so I guess you need to let me know by then, say May 31 if that's OK. Chris

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Chris - Thanks for the food order. Let me reconfirm everything for you.
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VIEW THE NOTE

E01

Chris - Thanks for the food order. Let me reconfirm everything for you.

Social Hour, 6:30 pm Wednesday, Room 8, 3rd floor, Reception Package #1 for 150 - \$2457, cash bar for two hour - \$150; total \$2607.

Business Meeting, 7:30 am Thursday, O'Hare room, Hubbart St. buffett for 30 total \$273.30.

Total \$2880.30

I am trying to get the hotel to waive all bartender fees for us, but go ahead and budget for it at this time.

We will have to confirm these numbers with the hotel (150 for Wednesday; 30 for Thursday) the week before the meeting. We can change them up or down, but once we tell them, say the Thursday or Friday before the meetings, we are committed. So put a big star on your calendar to call me/e-mail me around November 14 or 15 with your final figures.

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Date: 15 May 96 14:01:56 EST
From: "Rasche, Christin" <CRASCHE AT UNF1VM>
To: chris esckridge <ceskridg@unlinfo.unl.edu>
Subject: Uncl: food order

From: chris rasche

Chris--

I promised I would get the remaining food order for the Division on Women and Crime to you by today. You already have our breakfast meeting order, which I gave you last month. For the Division Social Hour, which is scheduled for Wednesday evening right after the plenary (we want it to start as soon as the plenary is over), we want to order the Reception Package #1 for 150 people, with the provision that if tickets sell really well in advance of the meeting we may want to add more. We will also want a cash bar there for two hours (so if the Plenary is over at 6:30 and the Social Hour starts at that same time, we would want the bartender til 8:30). It is my understanding from the hotel information, that the bartender will cost us \$150 for the two hours and the Reception #1 for 150 should add up to about \$2456.25. Your confirming these costs for me at some point will be appreciated. Thanks

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To *Chris Roche*
Company *Univ. of N. Florida*
Location *Sociology / C.J.*
Fax # *904/646-2540* Telephone #
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From *Sarah*
Company *ASC*
Location
Fax # *614/292-6767*
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Here's the latest version.

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DIVISION ON WOMEN AND CRIME

1996 SOCIAL HOUR

JOIN US IN HONORING

25 YEARS OF WOMEN IN CRIMINOLOGY!



Immediately following the special plenary session
Wednesday, November 20, 1996

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Room 8, Third Floor
Chicago Marriott Downtown Hotel

Hors D'oeuvres and Cash Bar
Cost: \$10.00 per person

Student Division members free, but ticket required

If you wish to participate in the Division on Women and Crime Pre-Dinner Social Hour, please complete the form below and return, along with your check in the amount of \$10.00, to the ASC Executive Office. Checks should be made payable to the American Society of Criminology. Reservations may also be charged to your MasterCard or Visa. Register early, reservations are limited to 150. **Reservation deadline: November 8, 1996.**

Division on Women and Crime Pre-Dinner Social Hour

Please return form to ASC Executive Office, 1314 Kinnear Road, Suite 214, Columbus, Ohio 43212
(614/292-9207)

Name : _____

Address : _____

Zip Code _____

Telephone: () _____

Payment Enclosed: Check _____

MasterCard _____ Expiration Date _____

Visa _____ Expiration Date _____

I am a student member of the Division on Women and Crime.
Please reserve a free ticket for me.

CELEBRATING NETWORKING!

TALK TO ME ABOUT:

- 1. _____
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The ASC Women's Division

ASC 1997

From: "Sarah M. Hall" <76551.201@CompuServe.COM>
To: Chris Rasche <crasche@unf.edu>
Date: 4/30/97 12:24pm
Subject: DWC - San Diego

Hi, Chris:

Just wanted to let you know that the Division on Women and Crime has been assigned a room for their use throughout the San Diego meeting.

The room is the Del Mar and is located in the West Tower of the Sheraton Hotel. You have the room as of 8:00 a.m. Wed., Nov. 19 through Sat., Nov. 22, 5:00 p.m. This room will be fine for your executive board meeting, but will not be large enough for your business meeting. The room is set conference style (with a permanent table and chairs) for about 15. Another room will have to be assigned for your business meetings.

That's all for now. Talk to you soon.

Sarah

From: Michelle Miller <mhm@unlinfo.unl.edu>
To: UNF.Faculty(crasche),UNF.SMTPos2("STANLEYD@CCSUA.C...
Date: 10/31/97 4:24pm
Subject: DWC social hour menu

Chris and Debbie: This was given to Chris Eskridge today, with the understanding that the amounts of these items can change (he believes) as necessary to reflect attendance.

Michelle

Menu for 1997 Division on Women and Crime Social Hour
American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting
San Diego, CA
November 1997

On our buffet we would like 100 pieces of each of the following hot and/or cold Hors D'Oeuvres:

	Item	Cost
	Curried Chicken Tartlette	\$200
	Smoked Salmon with Dill on Cucumber Round	
260	Mushroom Caps with Crab	270
	Petite Quiche Lorraine	250
	Soft Vegetable Lavosh Rolls	200

In addition, we would like to add two items from the Receptions A La Carte menu, each sufficient for 100 people:

	Item	Cost
	Fresh Vegetable Garden	\$325
	Cheese & Fruit Presentation	325

For dessert, we would also like to have 12 dozen assorted Giant Cookies, at an additional cost of \$252.

Total food cost for this reception is: \$2082, not including service charge and sales tax.

We currently anticipate 200 people will attend the social hour. Should reservations for the event reflect a much higher attendance level we would need to increase the amount of food prepared.

From: Chris Rasche
To: SMTPos2("ceskridg@unlinfo.unl.edu")
Subject: Re: ASC stuff -Reply -Reply

OK, here is the order for each of the two Business meetings on Thursday and Friday mornings respectively:

1. Fresh Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Assorted Teas
(4 gals with 15 servings per gal @\$34/gal)
2. Selection of Sliced Seasonal Fruit (for 30 @ \$3.75 each)
3. Bagels with cream cheese (for 30 @\$2.50 each)
4. Assorted muffins (for 30 @\$2.25 each)

I will hope that the menu for the Social Hour comes by tomorrow.

Thanks for your forbearance!

From: chris eskridge <ceskridg@unlinfo.unl.edu>
To: Chris Rasche <crasche@gw.unf.edu>
Date: 10/29/97 10:43am
Subject: Re: ASC stuff -Reply -Reply

Chris - For your info, your business meeting food orders come to \$994.24. Chris

From: Chris Rasche
To: SMTPos2("mhm@unlinfo.unl.edu")
Subject: DWC social hour -Reply

Yes, Susan C-M was the conduit to the Schwendingers, but it may be that one of the other folks at Western Michigan (such as Susan Caulfield whose email is CAULFIELD@wmich.edu) can tell you how to reach her or if she left other instructions. Otherwise I would contact the Schwendinger directly yourself "just to confirm" the fact that they will give their speech, etc. I thought we had already given them a plaque but maybe Lynne Goodstein would have a better memory of this since she was chair at the time. I will check my correspondence from last spring because something tells me Susan C-M sent me her plans for this event since she knew she would miss it.....

As for plaques for the Division award winners and student Paper Competition winner, you need to contact the appropriate committee chairs (Helen Eigenberg in the case of the Student Paper Competition and Drew Humphries in the case of the DWC Awards) to see if they will have award winners to make awards to! Each of these committees should be in charge of getting a plaque for the winners, though they may wish to contact me about costs, etc. Frankly, I have been in touch with Helen and that committee is reading 7 papers and they DO expect to make an announcement about the winner at ASC and I have encouraged her to plan to also announce it at the Social Hour. I have not, frankly, heard anything from Drew about the Division Awards committee so I don't know what they are doing.

You are right about there not being a plenary sponsored by the Division this year right before the Social Hour (we could not get it), so you and Debra can set a theme of your choice for this year's event. As for ice-breakers, you don't have to do anything but in order to encourage people to talk to folks they don't know there are a variety of little (sorta stupid but effective) tricks you could employ, such as numbering all the name tags in advance so that each one has at least one (or two) matching partner name tag(s) the wearer has to find and introduce themselves to...it makes for some chaos but guarantees that people do mix it up! (If that does not make any sense, call me and I can probably explain it better over the phone!) By the way, you WILL need to provide nametags and markers for people to write their names (keep track of any costs and bring your receipts to SD for reimbursement). Also, if we are handing out awards and stuff like that, tell Chris Eskridge we will need a microphone at this event.

This help?

OPEN MEETING : ASC Chicago 1996

- Purpose of ASC: internal vs external?

- open to all papers
- help people build vitae
- foster networking
- foster knowledge-building
- emphasizing convivial setting for networking

- focused on best papers (refereed presentations)
- focused on developing public policy
- foster policy evaluation

- is it the American Society of Crim or an International Society?

- Are the Divisions merely "outlets" for marginalized members & prospective members?

↳ • or are they a training ground for future ASC leadership?

• and a mentoring vehicle for young/new scholars/researchers?

From: chris eskridge <ceskridg@unlinfo.unl.edu>
To: Chris Rasche <crasche@gw.unf.edu>
Date: 10/31/97 1:28pm
Subject: Re: ASC stuff -Reply -Reply -Reply -Reply

Chris - Some good news. The hotel AV people did give us a little bit of a break on costs due to the size of our order. They are ONLY going to charge us \$284 for the VCR. So, 1/2 will be debited against the Women's account - \$142; not as much as we thought originally.

As for the food order, one of the members of the committee is just across the hall from me!! I forgot. Michelle Miller has been out of town. She is in a meeting right now, and is very much aware of the need to get this done. She is trying to reach Debbie Stanley. Time does creep by. She had remembered me saying that the absolute latest was to get the food order to me by the end of the month. Her comment when she saw me was, we have more time - you said the end of the month. Oh, it is the 31st isn't it!! I will keep on her here.
Chris

From: Chris Rasche
To: SMTPos2("mhm@unlinfo.unl.edu")
Subject: Re: DWC social hour menu -Reply -Reply

Terrific! I appreciate all your work on this. And I appreciate your care about how much money we spend---as it is, we will spend HALF of our entire bank account on food this year! As long as the hotel is willing to supplement the hot or cold dishes a little if we find out we need it, I would worry more about ordering too much food that does not get eaten but for which we have to pay!

At the first business meeting on Thursday morning, you and Debbie will need to make a report from the Special Events Committee, and I think you should raise the issue of whether the group wants to: (a) charge more but have more food at these events so that it can become dinner for a lot of people who then stick around and visit and talk, or (b) keep it \$10 or \$15 and really just provide hors d'ouvres on the theory that most people are going to go on out to dinner or to some other event. Depending on how you and Debbie feel about it, you could even put forth a specific recommendation for one or the other of these ideas, or some other plan altogether. Whatever, we could discuss this between Thursday and Friday and then vote one way or the other on Friday morning at the second business meeting. What do you think of that?

From: Michelle Miller <mhm@unlinfo.unl.edu>
To: Chris Rasche <crasche@gw.unf.edu>
Date: 11/3/97 11:38am
Subject: Re: DWC social hour menu -Reply

Chris Eskridge expressed concern that we weren't ordering enough food to feed all the people he thinks are going to attend this event. I told him cost was a real issue for us-- that we really couldn't spend over what we had ordered unless our numbers of paid participants increases drastically. Right now our total cost (including service charges) is right at \$2700. He suggested we charge \$20/person instead, which of course is impossible because the flyers already went out at \$10, with students free. Perhaps this is something we want to consider in the future. Anyway, I just wanted to pass his comments on to you.

I already told him about the cash bar. I will make sure he knows we need a bartender and I'll get with Debbie about the other organizing plans.

Michelle

From: Michelle Miller <mhm@unlinfo.unl.edu>
To: UNF.Faculty(crasche),UNF.SMTPos2("STANLEYD@CCSUA.C...
Date: 11/3/97 4:53pm
Subject: Re: DWC social hour

>From: chris eskridge <ceskridg@unlinfo.unl.edu>

>Subject: Re: DWC social hour

>To: mhm@unlinfo.unl.edu (Michelle Miller)

>Date: Mon, 3 Nov 1997 15:05:08 -0600 (CST)

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>Michelle - You have the cash bar for two hours. The bottom line
is \$2,742.05

>for the Wednesday evening social. Chris

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From: Chris Rasche
To: UNF.SMTPos2("STANLEYD@CCSUA.CTSTATEU.EDU"), SMTPos...
Subject: DWC social hour menu -Reply

Looks good, Michelle! Please add that we want a cash bar and a bartender for two hours---that has to be ordered in advance I am pretty sure. Have Chris Eskridge figure out the cost on that for you, plus be sure to get a final total from him with service charge and bartender included so that we have some ballpark idea of our total expected costs.

Now, the next step is to finalize any of the other arrangements for the Social Hour, such as the agenda for the small program for handing out the awards, whether you want to have name tags or something like that to facilitate networking, anything fun or funny to provide entertainment, and at least two volunteers to take tickets at the door and sell tickets to the walk-up crowd. I will be glad to sell or take tickets at the door, by the way, if you need me. Otherwise, just work out who is doing what and let me know. Thanks a bunch!

From: Michelle Miller <mhm@unlinfo.unl.edu>
To: Chris Rasche <crasche@gw.unf.edu>
Date: 11/6/97 12:41pm
Subject: DWC social hour

Chris and Debra:

About plans for the program at the Social Hour:

1) I noticed that we have already asked the Schwendinger's to give the speech they were unable to give when they were given an award by ASC a while back. In our minutes we also discussed giving them a plaque. Three questions about this: a) who has/should confirm with the Schwendinger's about their presentation? b) Who should organize getting the plaque and what should it look like/say? c) Who would be good to introduce them in a more "appropriate" manner?

The minutes talked about Susan Caringella-MacDonald having spoken to them about doing their speech at the Social Hour, but I understand Susan is on leave until January 1998.

2) Someone also suggested that we give out awards to young scholars at this event, so I've put in an e-mail for Susan Miller regarding this. Is there anybody else who SHOULD be honored this year? For instance, I would like to see the Student Paper Award winners honored here also.

3) Unless someone else has something that should be done, I'm all for leaving the program brief by just having these few presentations and a welcome by you, Chris. Any comments?

4) I understand we don't have a plenary session before the Social Hour this year (or did I misread the program?) so I'm not sure if there's even a DWC theme for this event. In terms of facilitating networking during the Social Hour, I am still at a loss for icebreakers--but I'll do some research. Any ideas?

Michelle

From: Michelle Miller <mhm@unlinfo.unl.edu>
To: UNF.Faculty(crasche),UNF.SMTPos2("STANLEYD@CCSUA.C...
Date: 11/11/97 12:00pm
Subject: DWC Social Hour

I spoke to Herman Schwendinger, and he and Julia will not be able to attend the ASC conference this year (nor our social hour) due to financial considerations. He is sending me a letter that he and Julia are distributing about an attack on the women's studies program at their University that he would like read/ distributed. Susan Caringella-Macdonald would be the appropriate one to read this letter, but as she's on sabbatical I have been unable to reach her. I will fax a copy of it to each of you when I receive it. Seems like our program just opened up a little bit!

Michelle

DIVISION ON WOMEN AND CRIME

1997 SOCIAL HOUR

JOIN US IN HONORING THE DIVISION'S AWARD RECIPIENTS

Wednesday, November 19, 1997

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Bel Aire North and South, West Tower
San Diego Sheraton Hotel and Marina

Hors D'oeuvres and Cash Bar
Cost: \$10.00 per person

Student Division members free, but ticket required

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Division on Women and Crime Pre-Dinner Social Hour

Please return form to ASC Executive Office, 1314 Kinnear Road, Suite 214, Columbus, Ohio 43212 (614/292-9207)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: () _____ Zip Code _____

Payment Enclosed: Check _____

MasterCard _____ Expiration Date _____

VISA _____

EXPIRES DATE _____

— I am a student member of the Division on Women and Crime.
— Please reserve a free ticket for me.

29 July 1997-

To: Chris Rasche

FAX# 904-~~546-2540~~
620-2540

From: Debbie Stanley

FAX# 860/533-0079

- 1 page follows -

The flyer attached, is what I confirmed with Sarah, unless you want to make changes that is what will be sent to the printers tomorrow.

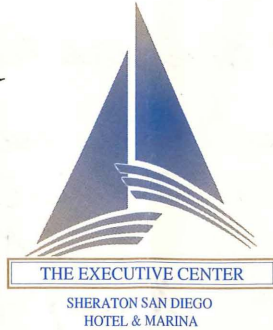
We are on the schedule for both room + food. I'll speak w/ Chris Eskridge when he returns Aug. 20th.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks-

Debbie

1997 SOCIAL HOUR
DWC Presidents'
Remarks
C. Elasche



Networking is crucial to real success in many fields

- no less true of criminalology
- no one more aware of that than those of us who dared to come to ASC meetings 20 & 25 years ago ^{when women in criminalology were a rarity}
- weren't many of us then - filled a hotel room to conspire to create a women's caucus
- now fill this ballroom!

and the Division on Women and Crime has almost 400 members

Many of us who have been around for a while, however, ~~are~~ glad to see each other and catch up on each other's lives. That we forget ~~sometimes~~ to reach out to our younger sisters (and brothers).

We forget how hard it can be to come to a conference for the first time, no matter your age, and connect with like-minded others

That's how the Annual Division on Women & Crime Social Hour came to be.

- purpose: to provide a networking vehicle
- not really just an hour & more like 2 hours
- use it as time to also acknowledge our various award-winners

(will be doing that in a few minutes)

But first, let me ask a question or two?

- ① How many of you have been to a DWC Social before?
- ② How many of veterans are talking with someone you already knew before you got here?

OK, here's what I want you to do - find someone in the crowd you've never met and go over and introduce yourself and find out one thing that person is interested in in 1 minute

See you! Get ready, set, go!

 Sheraton

OK, that's networking!

Keep it up throughout this meeting

If you are new to ASC and you want to become involved
Can go to the Division Table in Exhibit Area
or Regit outside

Come to Business Meetings - Thurs & Friday at 8:00am

- but continental breakfast is provided

Or come talk to me or incoming Division Chair Nicky Rafter

Despite what some people say, equality is not quite fulfilled
still much work to do!

We're so glad you came tonight and we look forward
to seeing you at the Business meetings

Information Booth
w/ Paper Sessions

Thank you for being here tonight!

From: "Sarah M. Hall" <76551.201@CompuServe.COM>
To: Chris Rasche <crasche@unf.edu>
Date: 4/30/97 12:24pm
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Sarah

From: Michelle Miller <mhm@unlinfo.unl.edu>
To: Chris Rasche <crasche@gw.unf.edu>
Date: 11/25/97 4:43pm
Subject: Schwendinger's letter

Chris:

I am still uncomfortable with the Executive Committee decision not to read the letter from the Schwendingers at the Social Hour. I understand the reasons given by the Executive Committee, but I also feel it is important that someone from that Committee contact the Schwendingers and explain the situation. In some ways I feel this is my fault, as I was unaware that there could be any difficulty agreeing to read the letter as requested, but as it turned out I feel that a promise was broken to the Schwendingers. I would therefore like them at least informed of the reasons behind that outcome.

If you feel it appropriate I will contact them myself to apologize for the change in the program. Please let me know how best to handle this.

Michelle Miller

From: Chris Rasche
To: SMTPos2("mhm@unlinfo.unl.edu")
Subject: Schwendinger's letter -Reply

I am finally catching up on my e-mail from a week ago---sorry for the delay in getting back to you.
I really appreciate your feelings about the Schwendingers' letter not getting read aloud and admire your desire to contact them personally and explain what happened. I think it would be wonderful for you to write on behalf of the DWC (send copies to Nicky Rafter and me) and explain that you were told that the Executive Board decided that reading a lengthy letter was not quite what the DWC had expected to happen when it extended the invitation for them to come back and make the little speech they had prepared for their earlier recognition but did not have an opportunity to give then. Many DWC members admire their work and wanted to make up for their not being able to give a little speech at that time since they had apparently prepared one. If they had been present and wanted to say those things, that would have been fine, but the Executive Board decided that, in their absence, it preferred to make copies of their letter and circulate them at the Social Hour and for the following two days. The idea was to recognize the Schwendingers for their lifetime of work, not provide an open forum for a specific cause, though they themselves could have spoken to their cause during their remarks had they been there. I realize that this means that their message did not get out verbally simply because they were not in attendance (though it was widely circulated), and you can refer them to me as the DWC chair who had to act on the Executive Board's decision. You can also say that the letter will be submitted to the DWC newsletter, where it can actually reach a far greater audience (I can take care of that, though it would not hurt for you to also send a copy to our new newsletter editors). Does this help?