



Skal Progressive Dinner

Skal is all about amical, getting to know, become friends and do business with others in the industry. It is not uncommon however that members go to their comfort zone and sit with the same group of people at every meeting. A progressive dinner is designed to have everyone switching tables at the end of every course assigning them to sit with a much larger group of members over the length of the evening. **This is also an excellent event for membership drive dinners with prospective members.**

Members start by sitting with whoever they like and has the first course. When everyone has finished, staff clear the tables and then the club president will announce that each table open envelop #1. In the envelop will be a number of slips of paper with a table number on it. Each person at the table draws a number and moves to that table. This whole process will be repeated after each course.

The venue needs to provide the needed cutlery for each course once everyone has sat at their new tables. What has worked best is having the cutlery rolled in a napkin, each person gets a new napkin and cutlery after each move. All the members need to take with them to their new table assignments are their water and wine glass.

To prepare the envelopes in advance, print sets of numbers based on the number of tables you have. If you have 5 tables then you will print 5 sets of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5's or if you have 8 tables you print 8 sets of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8's. Prepare envelopes marked for each course and insert a set of printed numbers. Place envelopes for each course on all tables. Attendees draw form each envelope as they progress for each course around the room.

Tips... Number of attendees should equal total number of seats you will have set. If you have a few more seats than people expected, that's okay. At least you'll be covered if you have no shows. This is straight forward once you start putting the envelops together. If you want to talk through the process, feel free to reach out to me.

It is worth the effort, the progressive dinners are always the most popular dinners at the Skal Edmonton club and I'm sure it will be at yours too!

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