



# OPEN TABLE

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## *News from around the table*

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## Chopped for Charity is almost here!

Our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary fundraiser is happening March 29<sup>th</sup> and we couldn't be more excited! Six community teams will compete for Chopped fame: three

will create dinners from mystery ingredients, while three will take on the challenge of decorating cookies. Ticket holders can get in on the action by bidding to be one of the judges to pick the winners. There's also a silent auction, food and beverages from local purveyors, and live music provided by the [Acton Music Project](#). So much fun to be had!

Huge thanks to our generous sponsors for helping to make this happen: **Platinum Sponsor** Middlesex Savings Bank; **Celebrity Chef Sponsor** Rotary Club of Concord; **Grand Tasting Sponsors** Emerson Hospital and Cambridge Savings Bank.

And a shout out to our supporters: Hutchins Farm, McWalter Volunteer Insurance Agency, Journey Wealth Partners, Hair in Harmony, Design 1 Kitchen & Bath, Nashawtuc Architects, Barrett Sotheby's International Realty, and Harriet and David Kaufmann.

Tickets are now sold out, but you can still celebrate 30 years of Open Table: we'll be serving cake and other fun throughout the month of April (our official birthday month) to guests and volunteers; and you can head over to the [Rotary Pops concert](#) that benefits Open Table on April 12<sup>th</sup> (see the next story)

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## Rotary Pops benefits Open Table with Pops for Pasta

Each year, the [Rotary Club of Concord](#) chooses a local organization to support through its [Pops concert](#). This year that organization is Open Table. They are committed to donating at least \$5000 to support Open Table's mission of serving people with dignity, through ticket sales, a silent auction of enticing local goods, and an exciting live auction. Concert-goers will also be encouraged to bring boxes of pasta and jars of sauce for the pantry.



The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Pops with the Concord Band will feature jazz vocalist Amanda Carr (pictured here) and American Idol alumnus John Stevens. It all takes place Friday, April 12 at 8 pm at 51 Walden, the Performing Arts Center in Concord. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased online [here](#), or by calling Noel Choquette at 978-878-9308 or Dick Hale at 978-394-5158. To purchase tickets by US Post mail check to Concord Rotary Charitable Endowment, Box

Get Tickets



## Food for Fines

Got a bunch of library books that somehow migrated under the couch pillows and now have racked up fines? Pay them off with food! From March 25-31, the [Concord Free Public Library](#) is taking donated food for late fee fines, all to benefit Open Table. So pick up some extra shelf-stable items next time you hit the grocery store and bring the food and the overdue books to Concord Library – you'll feel better all around.

## Mobile Market for the Month of the Military Child – April 6 at Hanscom

Military families put up with a lot to secure our freedom, from long separations to frequent moves. And the children in military families have a lot on their shoulders as well. Which is why April has been designated as the month to honor the children who didn't sign up to serve but still sacrifice for our country. Open Table will serve them with a special Mobile Market at Hanscom Air Force Base on April 6. The market will be open families with children as well



as all enlisted or retired services members living on the base.

Reprising our earlier, highly successful Mobile Market in February, this one will also feature takeaway sandwiches, chips and drinks along with a grocery selection of fresh produce, dairy, frozen meats, and shelf stable foods. We salute the military children for doing their part in serving our country.

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## We get by with a little help from our friends

The Patriot Hockey 2006 select team recently set up in front of the Acton Stop & Shop to collect 15 bags of non-perishable food for Open Table's Mobile Market. It made such a positive impact

on them that they asked if they could do it again the next week.

Their head coach, Peter Elenbaas, had this to say of this special group of young hockey players: "Hockey is all about serving and sacrificing for your teammates. The team took that spirit to serve people in need. That is bigger than any win or championship."

And kudos to the [Acton Chinese American Civic Society](#), who sponsored, cooked and served a special Chinese New Year dinner. At the dinner on February 28<sup>th</sup>, members of the Civic Society helped guests celebrate the Year of the Pig and educated them on Chinese New Year traditions with traditional entertainment including flower arranging, singing and dance. It's great when we all get to experience the different cultures of our neighbors.

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# Upcoming dinners

We've got some great things going on at our dinners; take a look:



**Monday, March. 25:** Tom Hanlon and Leslie Bryant will play live at our Maynard dinner. The title track from their new CD, *This Train*, was a finalist in the 2014 American Songwriting Awards. Check them out [here](#).

**Monday, April 22:** Bingo night! Come early to join the fun. Win prizes! Bingo 5:20-5:45; dinner 6:00.

All dinners are free and open to everyone.

**There is NO DINNER on Monday, April 15th, due to Patriots Day.**

We're now on Instagram! Follow us there for great pics and info about the goings-on at Open Table.



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