

News from around the table

## Riders (still) needed!

The Ride for Food is coming on October 6 and our team could use a few more riders! Did you know that 1 in 7 children go hungry in Massachusetts EVERY DAY?? You can be part of the solution! When you join our fun group of bikers



you get local training rides, camaraderie, and outdoor exercise, all while raising money to feed hungry families in our area.

This is more than just our biggest fundraiser of the year – it's a community event that brings people together. Go <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a> to join – we look forward to having you at our next training ride.

And if you want to be part of the ride but biking just isn't your thing, be one of Open Table's volunteers on the day of the event. You get the joy of helping out without the aching thighs. Sign up <a href="here">here</a>.



## Pizza Party!

Here's another reason to join our Ride for Food: pizza! One of our Concord supporters is hosting a pizza party featuring John Lees, a cyclist and fundraiser. He'll share important and

useful safety tips and other cool info designed to up your cycling game. Come enjoy pizza, beer, wine, salad and sweets. It's happening Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30. Please RSVP to <a href="mailto:ride-for-food@opentable.org">ride-for-food@opentable.org</a> for full details.

## **Apple Pie Perfect**

Calling all bakers! Maynard Farmers'
Market is hosting an apple pie contest
on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Bake a pie
with local apples and deliver it in a
disposable pan with a copy of your
recipe to the Maynard Farmers' Market



Table by 9:00 am. Prizes will be awarded for Most Beautiful, Best Crust, Audience Favorite, Best Filling and Best Overall.

The Farmers' Market takes place in the Mill Pond Parking Lot on Main Street, at the corner of Mill and Main in Maynard. You need an **entry form** and the \$10 entry fee; preregistration is welcomed and encouraged. Send an email to <a href="mailto:MFMAppleContest@gmail.com">MFMAppleContest@gmail.com</a> for more information and to sign up.

And if you're a better taster than baker? Come vote for the Audience Favorite category! Tasting cups will be available for a donation; all proceeds support Open Table.



### **Shout outs**

Big thanks to the people who do our laundry every week: West Concord Laundromat, owned by Mark Thomas. Jody Chandler picks up our dirty aprons and linens, cleans them and brings them back FOR FREE. You can thank them, too, by patronizing them the next time you need to do your own laundry. Did we mention they offer drop off services as well as the full monty? This is laundry service at its best. Stop by and check them out!

And our good friends at <u>Hair in Harmony</u> in Maynard will donate 25% of all back-to-school kids' cuts scheduled August 20<sup>th</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup> to Open Table, to support our back-to-school snack pack program. So your kid looks good for school and other kids don't go hungry at snack time. A win-win!

#### There's still time...

...to buy a bag at Stop & Shop at 100
Powdermill Road in Acton to support
Open Table. Through the month of
August, for every reusable bag bought,
\$1 will go to us, so we can continue
doing what we do best: feeding people.





# Reminder to Save the Date

Don't forget, Open Table's Volunteer Appreciation event and annual meeting is on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Plan to be there to be celebrated for 30 years

of serving the community. Reception at 6 pm, annual meeting at 7 pm. Look for an invitation in your email soon.

And help us be sure to properly recognize all the our volunteers do for us - if you are a current or former volunteer, please complete our volunteer survey.

**Volunteer Survey** 











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