

What's Cooking in Claremont for Statewide?

Attractive restaurants, cafes, bistros, bakeries and snack shops abound in the Village adjacent to Pomona College!

Friday evening dinner

If you arrived early in Claremont and are strolling through the Village choose from Bua Thai Cuisine, Blaze Pizza and Eureka! which are located along 1st St., Tutti Mangia Italian Grill Steakhouse at Harvard & 1st, or The Press restaurant New American cuisine a bit further north on Harvard. Loving Hut Vegan Cuisine is located in the Village Square Public Plaza. Uno Tre Otto offers farm-to-table dining. Bardot, on the corner of Harvard & Bonita Ave., serves seasonal specialties & distinctive wines. Yale Ave. features a bonanza of good eats: Espiau's Restaurant & Cantina, Heroes & Legends Bar & Grille, Walter's, Union on Yale, and Aruffo's Italian Cuisine! If dinnertime finds you napping at the DoubleTree by Hilton choose the hotel restaurant or walk a few steps to Buca di Beppe for Italian. Zaky Mediterranean Grill is deliciously next door to Motel 6, and near the I-10 exit on Indian Hill Blvd. Save room for cake! We're celebrating a birthday at the Friday evening party.

Saturday (& Sunday) breakfast

DoubleTree rates do not include breakfast. The hotel restaurant serves a la carte selections or a bountiful buffet. A stone's throw away enjoy Greek yogurt parfait with fresh fruit & granola, or a chicken bagel breakfast at The Spot Café (thespotcafe.com). Next door to the Spot Café, Boca Burger offers Argentinian breakfast plates, pancakes, waffles, omelets and sides. If you're a do-it-your-selfer, buy supplies Friday evening at the adjacent Trader Joes. Ask for a microwave when you make room reservations at the DoubleTree and enjoy croissants, etc. with your coffee. (Rooms include coffee maker and mini fridge.) Motel 6 offers coffee in the lobby, microwave & mini fridge in the rooms. In the Village, enjoy breakfast at Pain Quotidien (Village Square), Some Crust Bakery & Café, Starbuck's or the Village Grille on Yale Ave., or Last Drop Café on Harvard Ave. en route to dance venue.

Saturday lunch

The Village is an 8 minute walk from Edmunds, with free parking if you drive. Phone your order ahead and it will be waiting when you arrive at the family owned 42nd St. Bagel Café, 225 Yale Ave., 909-624-7655. Find menu of salads & sandwiches online 42ndstbagelcafe.com. Pizza n' Such also serves subs, salads, Italian mains. The Village Grille, 148 Yale, is a classic 50's diner with burgers & weekly specials. Next door Saca's offers freshly prepared, healthy Mediterranean selections—salads, falafel, shawrma, kabob, even vegan dishes. T & Joy at 284 W. 2nd St. serves bubble tea, smoothies, bento box lunches, pineapple mojitos. The Last Drop Café at 119 Harvard Ave. serves Boar's Head Meats & Cheeses in sandwiches & salads. Espiau's, Heroes, Walter's, Union on Yale and Aruffo's (see Friday dinner) are open for lunch, as are many restaurants in and around the Packing House and Village Square. Fuel up for an afternoon of dancing with an ice cream treat at Bert & Rocky's on your way back to Edmunds.

Saturday dinner

The Village is a gastronomic bonanza. Make plans to meet other dancers at one of the restaurants listed for Friday dinner. Reservations suggested. Choose "Shop & Dine" online at thevillageclaremont.com for a comprehensive list of eateries.

Sunday Installation Lunch

The Sage Hen Café is adjacent to Edmund's Ballroom within Smith Campus Center. Manager Cheryl Yarck & crew are cooking on their day off to prepare & serve our lunch of Penne pasta Pomodoro, mixed green salad, breads, dessert & beverages. Reserve ahead online or mail check to registrar. Celebrate Federation honorees and thank outgoing officers for their service with your attendance.