

**From:** [Ron Ness](#)  
**To:** [Reva Kautz](#); [Gulleson, Connie M.](#)  
**Subject:** RE: VIP Dinner at the Governor's Residence May 15, 2024 RE: ND Petroleum Council hosting Williston Basin Petroleum Conference  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 23, 2024 9:48:55 AM

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The menu looks outstanding! Thank you.

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**From:** Reva Kautz <rkautz@ndoil.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 23, 2024 9:42 AM  
**To:** Gulleson, Connie M. <cmgulleson@nd.gov>  
**Cc:** Ron Ness <ronness@ndoil.org>; Reva Kautz <rkautz@ndoil.org>  
**Subject:** Re: VIP Dinner at the Governor's Residence May 15, 2024 RE: ND Petroleum Council hosting Williston Basin Petroleum Conference

Our count is currently at 33 but we would like to invite 2 more VIPs if possible. Since the seating arrangement is going to round tables, is there an option to have 35 in attendance?

from your previous email

**Menu:**

App – Walleye Cakes with Creole aioli and corn succotash

Main Dish – working on this with Chef– it will be a beef entrée – will keep you posted

Dessert – Peach cobbler with vanilla bean ice cream and bourbon caramel.

Has the main dish been decided?

When the drinks have been ordered and paid for, our team will let you know which store and the items in the order.

Are there any other details to still work on, Connie?

In appreciation,

**Reva Kautz**

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**From:** Gulleson, Connie M. [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2024 3:26 PM  
**To:** Reva Kautz <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: VIP Dinner at the Governor's Residence May 15, 2024 RE: ND Petroleum Council hosting Williston Basin Petroleum Conference

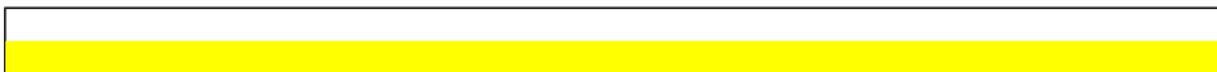
Thank you for the update. We will accommodate accordingly.

With gratitude,

Connie

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**From:** Reva Kautz <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2024 1:38 PM  
**To:** Gulleson, Connie M. <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Reva Kautz <[REDACTED]>  
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Ron has changed his mind regarding the room set up. We no longer need a big rectangle with all attendees facing forward towards each other.

He is now feeling comfortable with the guests sitting at round tables throughout the space. He now requests a PA system for speakers included in a short agenda. Is there a way to have a head table near the fireplace for those speakers?

As of today, I have 31 planning on attending, which includes Gov Burgum.

Reva

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**From:** Gulleon, Connie M. [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 9, 2024 2:53 PM  
**To:** Reva Kautz <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: VIP Dinner at the Governor's Residence May 15, 2024 RE: ND Petroleum Council hosting Williston Basin Petroleum Conference

Reva,

The past selection has consisted of:

White wine

Red wine

Fargo Brewing Co – Oktoberfest

Laughing Sun – Golden Ale

Black Leg – Copper Ale

Hope this gives Ron an idea He is free to choose other options as well.

**Menu:**

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Main Dish – working on this with Chef– it will be a beef entrée – will keep you posted

Dessert – Peach cobbler with vanilla bean ice cream and bourbon caramel.

If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

With gratitude,

Connie

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**From:** Reva Kautz <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 9, 2024 11:22 AM  
**To:** Gulleon, Connie M. [REDACTED]  
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Yes, please forward that list of drinks and then we can keep you posted on when it is ordered and paid for.

Reva

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**From:** Gulleon, Connie M. [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 9, 2024 9:57 AM

**To:** Reva Kautz <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** RE: VIP Dinner at the Governor's Residence May 15, 2024 RE: ND Petroleum Council hosting Williston Basin Petroleum Conference

Reva,

I can get you a list of what has been used in the past to at least give you some ideas. If you want to call it in to the store of Ron's choice, place the order and pay for it, our team from the GR would be happy to go pick it up so they can prep it.

Hope that helps.

With gratitude,

Connie

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**From:** Reva Kautz <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 9, 2024 8:31 AM

**To:** Gulleon, Connie M. <[REDACTED]>

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Ron has been out of the office at meetings, but he has confirmed he is fine with taking care of the drinks.

Is he to select and bring the drinks to the Governor's residence, right?

We sent the invite to the VIP's so will share the RSVP count closer to the event.

In appreciation,

Reva

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**To:** Reva Kautz <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: VIP Dinner at the Governor's Residence May 15, 2024 RE: ND Petroleum Council hosting Williston Basin Petroleum Conference

Morning Reva!

I am working on a room arrangement per Ron's request. It will depend on the final count but we will do what we can.

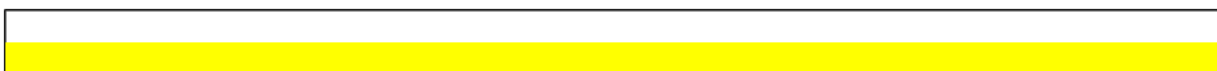
I should have a menu shortly to share.

With gratitude,

Connie

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**From:** Reva Kautz <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2024 9:58 AM  
**To:** Gulleson, Connie M. <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Reva Kautz <[REDACTED]>  
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It was great to meet you on Monday at the Governor's Residence!

Since we have talked, Ron Ness shared that he would prefer that all the VIPs for this dinner be sitting facing each other to allow one conversation. Can 8-foot tables be placed into a rectangle with the chairs on the outside, instead of circle tables throughout the room? We won't need the podium.

Can you forward a map of the room to show if this is possible with the size of the room? I'm sure this depends on the count as well.

Thanks for your help,

**Reva Kautz**

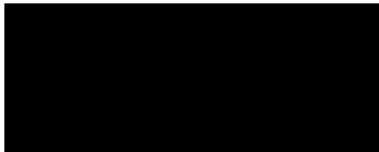
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