

TWHC, JANUARY 5, 2013 ‡

The 2013 TWHC¹ proceeded much like the preceding of its ilk, as attendees by now are acclimated the mid-winter fest at Taus Mahal, where they join with friends, family, and newcomers, to bring a closing cheer to the holiday season just past. Perhaps, in Posole Tradition, they may also reflect on their blessings, to remember those that have since passed, and to reaffirm their New Year Resolutions.

My welcoming remarks were short and my usual mantra on the significance of Posole in the New Mexico Holiday Tradition was a bare mention, as almost all had heard it before. And besides, this year Pasta supplanted Posole in the my HMFP² recipe. The recipe was otherwise practically the same. I made the change thinking that the lower G. I. pasta³ would better fit my dietetic guidelines. Many in attendance said they preferred pasta over posole, tradition be damned. The remaining menu bears great resemblance to those of earlier years.

Appetizers

Chile Con Queso y Refritos Dip with Corn Scoops⁴
Various guest-supplied appetizers

Beverages

California Merlot and Chardonnay
Margarita cocktails⁵
Katrina cocktails⁶
Beer, various and sundry varieties
Raspberry Lemonade⁷
Diet Coke, Root Beer, and 7Up
Bottled water

¹*Caveat On Cooking Dried Beans*, page 15.

²*Wholly Holy Molè Frijole Posole*, page 150.

³I have since learned that the particular pasta I used may not have been as low-G. I. as advertised on its label.

⁴*Chile Con Queso Y Refritos Dip*, page 56.

⁵*Margaritaville Mix*, page 288.

⁶*Katrina Cocktail*, page 288.

⁷*Raspberry Lemonade*, page 287.

Guest-brought bottles

Dinner

Pork Pasta-Olé,⁸ with options

Buttered tortillas, corn and flour
Sliced avocado
Taubasco sauce⁹
Cilantro sauce¹⁰
Bhut Jolokia sauce
Leaf oregano

Farmer-Brown Mac & Cheese¹¹
Romaine, Spinach, Red Lettuce, Arugula, and
Tomato salad with Skinny Cardini
Dressing¹²

Desserts

Pumpkin pie¹³
Carb Smart® vanilla ice cream
Bob Woelffer's Chocolate Ganache
Marie Schilke's Lemon Cheesecake
Mary Palmer's Chocolate Cake
Sally Lee's Lemon Custard Pie

Finale

Coffee
Margaritas
Katrina cocktails
etc, as above

⁸*Pork Pasta-Olè Verde*, page 161.

⁹*Taubasco Sauce*, page 270.

¹⁰*Cilantro Sauce*, page 267.

¹¹*Farmer-Brown Mac And Cheese*, page 216.

¹²*Skinny Cardini Dressing*, page 86.

¹³*Almost Libby's Pumpkin Pie*, page 236.