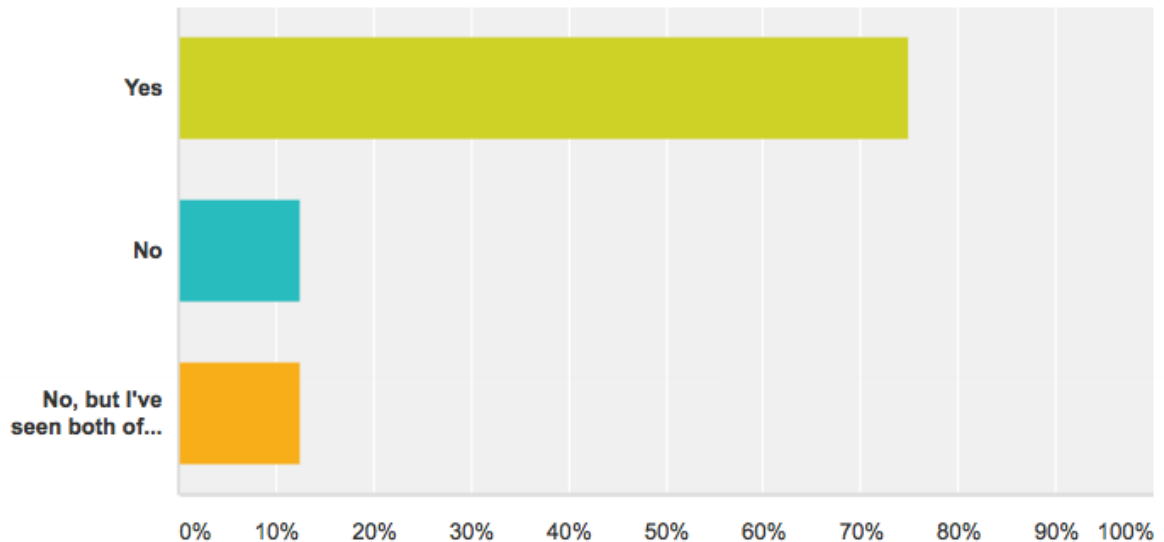


# BPW Dinner Venue Survey 2014

## 32 total responses

Have you been to a meal function (BPW-NC or another group) at both Summer Thymes and Christopher's Catering?

Answered: 32 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	75.00% 24
No	12.50% 4
No, but I've seen both of their banquet/group meeting spaces	12.50% 4
Total	32

Food much better at Christopher's, room more spacious at Summer.

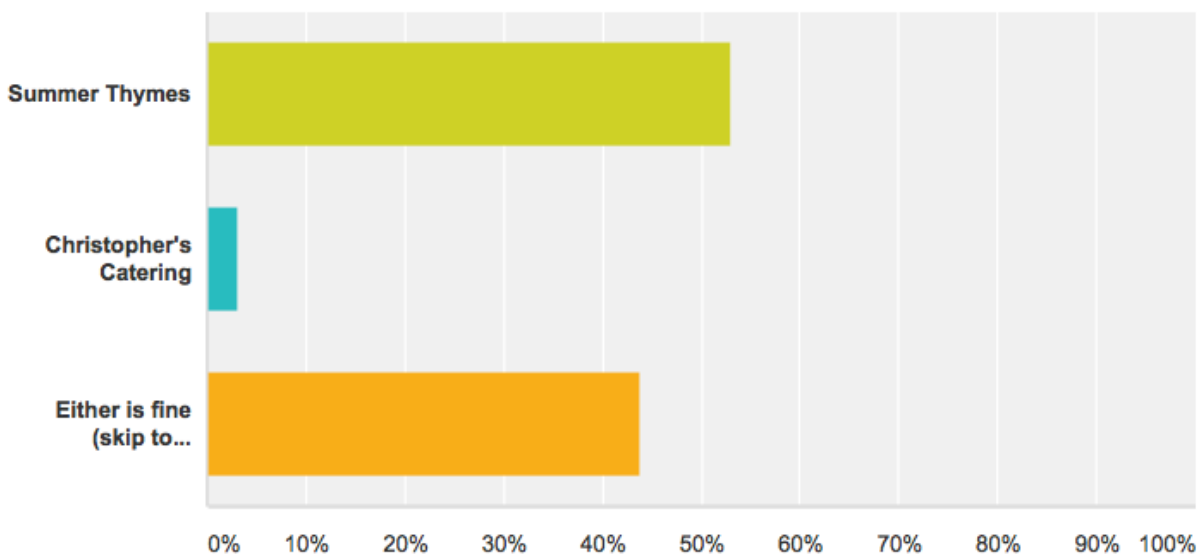
I've only been to Summer Thymes

Chris' Deli is not up to the standards of BPW in my opinion

I've only been to Summer Thymes - and it is fine. New to area so don't know about Christopher's Catering.

## 2. For BPW-NC meetings starting in January, would you rather meet at Summer Thymes or Christopher's Catering?

Answered: 32 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
▼ Summer Thymes	53.13% 17
▼ Christopher's Catering	3.13% 1
▼ Either is fine (skip to Question #5)	43.75% 14
Total	32

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But if we stay at Summer, they need to know we are not all interested in boring, gluten free everything - we need real food.

food is better at Summer Thymes, but the space at Christopher's Catering is more private.

NEITHER is my real answer but you didn't give me that choice.

I like the room and parking better at Summer Thyme, but the food better at Christopher's.

I am new to the area

NOTE: for the one member who answered above she prefers Christopher's, I looked at her individual answers to determine her reason why (Question 2). This respondent prefers Christopher's because she "would like a more private venue that allows for us to conduct our meetings properly without being squeezed into a small curtained space." This is reason she prefers Christopher's "strongly - really do like it much better for the reason stated." This member clearly did not attend the October meeting where the curtain was down, so it looks like we have already addressed her issue with the removal of the curtain partition. This member is also the one who commented in Q5: *I think the meeting space changes and limitations since we moved from the Holbrooke have caused us a loss of membership and I'm glad it is being addressed.*

## If you gave a preference in Question #2, why do you prefer that location?

Answered: 32 Skipped: 0

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See above

Either is fine.

Food, atmpsp I prefer Summerthymes menu options, and like the casual artsy atmosphere

Food is better at ST but the space at CC is more private.

I would like a more private venue that allows for us to conduct our meetings properly without being squeezed into a small curtained space.

I like Summer Thymes better and this is why in order of importance: 1. When we had a meeting at Christopher's I sat by the door or on the street side and felt very distant from the rest of the group and speaker. I could hear fine but it was more of a feeling of not a part of the group that was uncomfortable and unpleasant. We will have more room at Summer Thymes with no other customers there. 2. I enjoy the service provided by Amy, her lovely interaction with us as a group and her willing to accommodate us. The service provider at Christopher's was not very professional in her interactions with us and not accommodating. 3. I did not like the fact that we had to "pass the hat" to the members for the tip. This should be included the price and taken care of by BPW. I think that this would take away from "good dollar, bad dollar" donations if continued. This would not happen at Summer Thymes. 4. When we were at Christopher's they charged extra for coffee and then they only had de-caf. Summer Thyme does not do this. 5. I prefer the food at Summer Thymes - 5. I prefer the parking at Summer Thymes

The food is much better and the environment is nicer.

Ambiance, service and food quality are better and parking is MUCH easier.

Pleasant management and love the desserts

Acoustics at Christopher's were terrible. Summer Thyme's much better atmosphere.

No preference

Seems to work out fine now except it was cold.

I didn't have a preference.

More room to move around, MUCH better parking, owner much easier to work with then Christopher.

Food quality cleanliness Love having the whole place to BPW

I don't have a preference

The owners seem so much more willing to work with us to make our meetings enjoyable.

I would prefer a real meal (like the Holbrooke) and the opportunity to have a good glass of wine.

I prefer Christopher's food but like ST venue a bit better because of the long room at Christopher's.

Owner is accomodating, staff is very pleasant, food is excellent, service is great

I like the room at Summer Thyme since the curtain was completely removed and since they closed it for other business.

Honestly, can you find another location?

I don't like Christopher's. I don't think they keep their restaurant very clean.

I have not been to Christopher's Catering. Again, as a newbie I am fine with Summer Thymes.

Now that they close at 6 p.m. and we can move/remove the curtain.

I didn't have a preference.

no preference

Roomy good environment and food is good

Warm location, know the owners are aligned with BPW's goals and values.

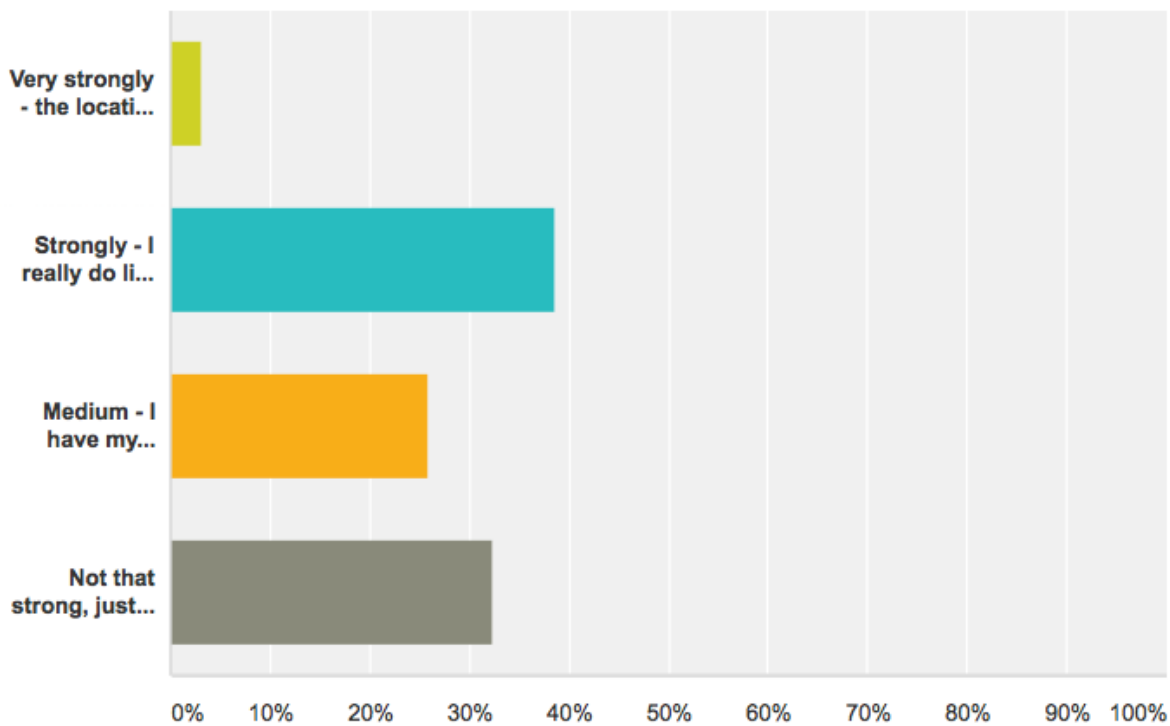
no preference

Organic food

Location, atmosphere, food quality, the owners willingness to please the clients.....

## How strongly do you feel about wanting to meet at your preferred location?

Answered: 31 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses
Very strongly - the location would affect my decision about attending meetings	3.23% 1
Strongly - I really do like it much better for reasons stated in #3	38.71% 12
Medium - I have my preference, but can go along with the other	25.81% 8
Not that strong, just a slight preference	32.26% <del>10</del> 9
Total	31

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I like the space and parking at Summer, but again, the food needs to be more interesting - last meeting with Ericksen was the worst yet - tasteless, boring at best.

No preference

I have no preference.

No preference

Again, I'm new to area. Find Summer Thymes fine with the curtain left open.

no preference

ok, your survey has a flaw and made me mark one of the responses above, which should not be counted as I have no preference

fixed this by deleting her answer "Not that strong"

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## Any additional comments about where we meet?

Answered: 12 Skipped: 20

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Important to have tables set up better so speaker in better view for all.

Do not like room configuration at Christopher's and poor parking options

I think the meeting space changes and limitations since we moved from the Holbrooke have caused us a loss of membership and I'm glad it is being addressed.

Have you considered Kane's? they have the private back room and good food.

No

Just so we have enough room, can hear speakers, enjoy the food, have parking, and it's warm enough.

Summer Thyme's seemed a bit echoey. I haven't been to Christophers.

Felt the configuration of the room at Christophers didn't allow for mingling. The staff at Christophers was unprofessional. The food was not at all good.

Too bad Summer Thyme doesn't serve meat dishes as well as a vegetarian choice. They are electing to appease the minority, rather than the majority. Also their wine choices are really bad, and I'm not all that picky about wine.

The closest to Alta Sierra area is best for me since that's where I now live, but I don't have a job yet, so am pretty open.

I doubt any place can provide consistently great meals for the low price we pay. (Especially low, considering the tax and gratuity is included.)

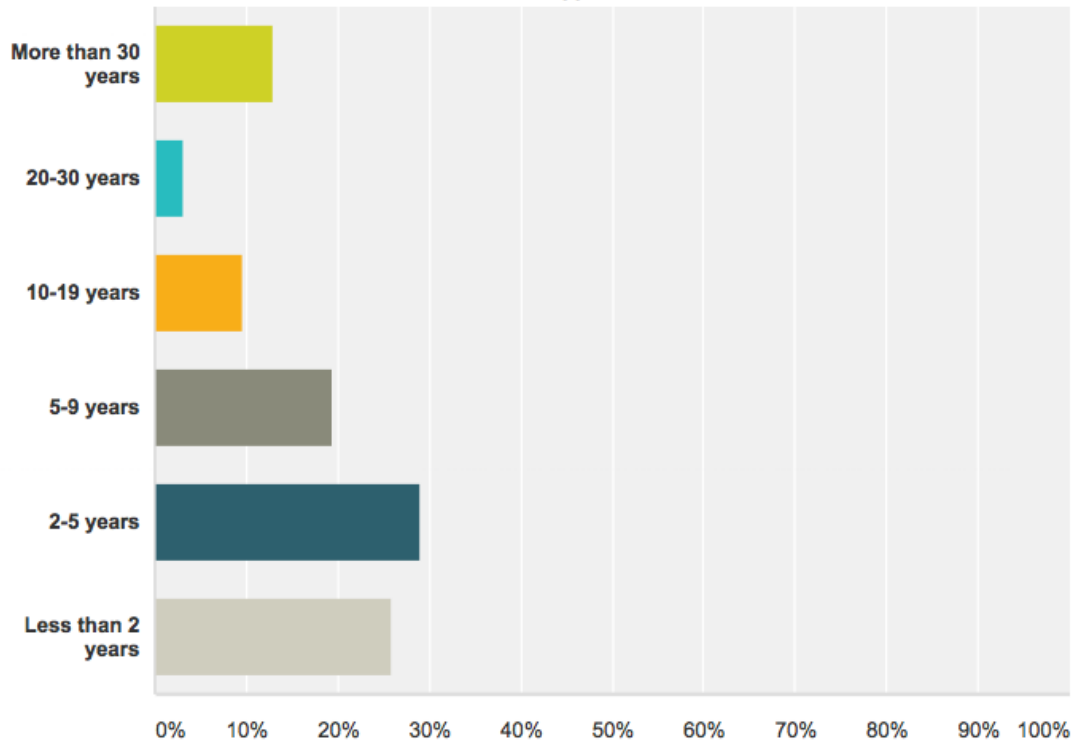
Union 151 is under new ownership and could be reconsidered-- the previous owner will be totally out of the business January 2015. It's a nice venue and the new owners are equally nice. That said, I really don't care where we meet.

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Unlikely we could make it work at Union 151 again because the new owner would almost certainly be charging for room rental AND we'd have to pay the caterer on top of that. (We got free rent before -- owner was a friend of Robin's and he thought we'd have more people paying for food to his business partner, the caterer).

**How long have you been a member of BPW  
(any club, anywhere)? Give us your best  
guess if you're not sure.**

Answered: 31 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses
More than 30 years	12.90% 4
20-30 years	3.23% 1
10-19 years	9.68% 3
5-9 years	19.35% 6
2-5 years	29.03% 9
Less than 2 years	25.81% 8

**Please share any other thoughts, feelings, ideas or suggestions about BPW-NC below. If there are things we could do that would inspire you to be more involved on a committee, we'd love to hear it.**

Answered: 8 Skipped: 24

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I've served my time, just want to enjoy educational meetings and comraderie. But good speakers, interesting topics are also very important.

I'm thoroughly enjoying all aspects of BPW.

I love the club but it's a struggle for me to get to meetings. I am going to try harder this year.

Thanks to leadership for all your work. The programs have always been of high quality and the scholarship program is great!

Please do not bring back the curtain in any form.

There is nothing like a personal invitation.

I am impressed with and have enjoyed the meetings I have attended so far. Am sorry that our beloved Mona Matthias cannot take on her Presidency due to her health.

I hope the leadership will quite using the reasoning "That's not the way it's been done" or "we haven't done it that way before..." Prefer "Hmmm... never thought os that-- maybe we could try it." Just sayin'....