

AZeats Historical Archive

A League of Our Own

Phoenix, Arizona

"An Uptown Supper Club... A Downtown Lounge"



Quick Facts

Restaurant: A League of Our Own

Location: Downtown Phoenix, Arizona

Years: Approximately 2000–2003

Cuisine: Contemporary American

Atmosphere: Elegant supper club featuring live jazz, standards, and R&B

Website by: AZeats.com

Restaurant Overview

A League of Our Own offered an upscale supper club experience inspired by the elegance of the 1920s through the 1940s. The preserved AZeats website promoted menus, events, gift certificates, catering, and coupons, illustrating how restaurants were beginning to use the World Wide Web as an extension of the dining experience.

Restaurant in the News

Phoenix New Times selected A League of Our Own as the 'Best Place for a Downtown Executive Lunch' in its Best of Phoenix 2001 edition, recognizing both its atmosphere and cuisine.

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RESTAURANT OVERVIEW

A League of Our Own offered a unique dining experience in downtown Phoenix by blending an elegant supper club atmosphere with contemporary American cuisine. The restaurant invited guests to step into the elegance of the 1920s through the 1940s while enjoying beautifully presented meals, live music, and attentive service.

The preserved AZeats website emphasized hospitality as much as the menu, describing guests as the restaurant's "Most Valuable Person" and promoting live entertainment, catering, gift certificates, and special events.



WEBSITE SIGNIFICANCE

The AZeats website illustrates how restaurant websites had evolved by 2003. Rather than serving only as an online menu, visitors could:

- View menus
- Purchase gift certificates
- Download coupons
- Learn about upcoming events
- Request catering information
- Find maps and directions

These features represented the growing sophistication of restaurant websites during the early commercial years of the World Wide Web.



AWARDS & RECOGNITION

BEST OF PHOENIX 2001

**Best Place for a
Downtown Executive Lunch**
Phoenix New Times

"This classy supper club gives us hope that, yes, Phoenix will someday have an honest-to-goodness downtown dining scene..."

RESTAURANT IN THE NEWS

BEST OF PHOENIX 2001 – BEST PLACE FOR A DOWNTOWN EXECUTIVE LUNCH



**BEST OF PHOENIX® 2001
FOOD & DRINK**

One year after opening, Phoenix New Times selected A League of Our Own as the Best Place for a Downtown Executive Lunch.

The publication praised the restaurant's 1940s-inspired elegance, Tiffany-style lamps, plush booths, and vintage photos of famous women. The luncheon menu was called "ambitious – and highly successful," featuring dishes such as confit of artichokes, hoisin duck scallopine with blackberry and mango wasabi puree, Blue Point oysters with sapphire gin and caviar, and the five Turkey – a smoked turkey sandwich with baby spinach and Turkish fig butter.

Source: Phoenix New Times, Best of Phoenix 2001, Food & Drink.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

A League of Our Own demonstrates how independent restaurants in downtown Phoenix embraced the Internet during the early 2000s.

Its preserved website showcases an era when restaurants were expanding beyond printed brochures and telephone reservations to include online menus, coupons, event promotion, and gift certificate sales.

Together, the preserved website and contemporary press coverage provide a valuable snapshot of Phoenix's dining scene during the early years of the commercial World Wide Web.

TIMELINE



REVISION HISTORY

- **Version 1.0 – July 2026**
Initial publication of the A League of Our Own archive.
- **Version 2.0 – August 2026**
Added Phoenix New Times "Best of Phoenix® 2001" award recognition and historical context.

Timeline

2000 – Restaurant opens.

2001 – Best Place for a Downtown Executive Lunch.

2003 – AZeats website preserved.

Historical Context

The restaurant appears to have opened around the summer of 2000 under founder Mimi Rodriguez and partners. Though short-lived, it remains an excellent example of Arizona's early restaurant web presence.

Historical Significance

The preserved AZeats website and contemporary press coverage document an important chapter in Arizona's early commercial World Wide Web.

The AZeats Website

Visitors could view menus, obtain maps and directions, learn about events, purchase gift certificates, download coupons, request catering information, and contact the restaurant directly.

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