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(Neb.)-International Club Food Tasting Party Tickets On Sale

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(Chadron)-Tastes, sights and sounds from around the world will be featured in the International Club's Annual Food Tasting Party on Saturday, Feb. 16, 5:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Club members serve dishes and provide dancing, music and fashion entertainment from their native countries for a crowd of 400.

Tickets must be purchased in advance from any International Club member or by calling Frances Gonzalez at (308) 432-6381 or Chuck Butterfield at (308) 432-6274. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and children. Senior citizens are \$8 each. A small cookbook is included with the price of the ticket.

This year the club members hail from 19 countries and are eager to share their cultures. New countries this year include Egypt, Israel, Algeria, Jordan, India, Thailand and Morocco. New students from Pakistan will also feature highlights from their country.

The food tasting event originated in the early 1970's as a small production held off-campus in students or sponsors' homes. Since then, the event has grown dramatically with many changes due to food service regulations. The club now purchases as much food as possible from CSC Dining Services and uses the CSC facilities to prepare their dishes. Club members spend Friday evening and all day Saturday in preparation for the event. Their responsibilities include setting up linen, silver, glasses, buffet line, and decorations. They also are responsible for cooking and clean-up.

The club members developed relationships with international students from Casper College (CC) as a result of providing entertainment at Casper's food tasting party in 2004. Since then, CC international students have been cordially invited as guests to the CSC food tasting party. It is not yet confirmed whether CC students will be in attendance this year.

International students from Western Nebraska Community College and South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and the Pine Ridge Job Corps are always invited.

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