



# Best Restaurants 2007

# The votes are in!

In reading all the ballots that we received, both in the mail and online, several things became clear as we computed the first annual *Bangor Metro* Best Restaurants tallies:

- There are many beloved restaurants across our entire region. While Bangor restaurants won in most categories, there is customer loyalty all over the metro. Some frequent names included the Rhumb Line in Searsport, River Drivers in Millinocket, Helen's in Machias, Ron's Café in Brewer, Blair Hill Inn in Greenville, and Ruth and Wimpy's in Hancock.

- Many restaurants were mentioned frequently but did not have enough votes in any one category to win. Bangor favorites such as Nicky's Cruisin' Diner, Coach House, Olive Garden, and Baldacci's, as well

as eat-in/take-out hybrids Montes and McLaughlin Seafood, all turned up in several categories.

- Longevity is not always the determining factor. Some of the frequent mentions are relatively new. Fresh Ginger in Hampden and Perri House in Bangor are two newbies that made an impressive showing. But, even though it's been out of business for a while, Pilot's Grill showed up on a few lists, too!

- We're grateful to have such a wide selection of great eateries to choose from. Seeing the vote tallies made us all realize how many choices we do have when it comes to eating out. Our sincere thanks to all of our region's restaurateurs for keeping us happy and fed . . . and a hearty congratulations to this year's winners. —Ed.

**Best Family Restaurant:** Governor's *Several locations*

**Best Romantic Dinner:** Lucerne Inn *Dedham*

**Best Seafood:** Captain Nick's *Bangor*

**Best Steak:** Texas Roadhouse *Bangor*

**Best Pizza:** Pat's Pizza *Several locations*

**Best Coffee:** Dunkin' Donuts *Many locations*

**Best Dessert:** Dysart's *Hermon*

**Best Breakfast:** Dysart's *Hermon*

**Best Buffet:** Oriental Jade *Bangor*

**Best Salad Bar:** Ruby Tuesday *Several locations*

**Best Sandwich:** Coffee Pot *Bangor*

**Best Wine List:** New Moon Café *Bangor*

**Best Microbrew List:** Sea Dog *Bangor*

**Best View:** Lucerne Inn *Dedham*

**Best Place to Bring a Group:** Sea Dog *Bangor*

**Best Neighborhood Pub:** Whig and Courier *Bangor*

**Best Service:** Muddy Rudder *Brewer & Thistles Bangor (tie)*

**Best Vegetarian:** Taste of India *Bangor*

**Best Ethnic:** Ichiban *Bangor & Panda Garden Bangor (tie)*

**Congratulations to all winners and the voters who made this possible. Bon appetit!**