

Dear Aaron and Leyna,

Thank you for making my daughter's wedding reception such a beautiful occasion at Blaisdell Manor. The setting was lovely, outdoors in the garden and inside the Bovey Room and the ballroom. Even with 250 guests, the spaces, from the dance floor to the garden, felt generous and inviting and the guests were free to retire to the Bovey Room or step outside in the garden for an intimate chat.

Working with Aaron and Leyna in the planning process was a pleasure. It seemed a cooperative effort. You were flexible in accommodating our wishes and, at the same time, practical in pointing out what works and what doesn't work and why, drawing on your years of experience. Communicating back and forth via email worked well when fine tune the details.

The food was superb. We offered our guests choices of steak, Chicken Marsala, vegetarian pasta, and a youth meal of cheeseburger and shoestring potatoes. Our guests chose steak in twice as many numbers as chicken. Most anticipated the steak would be overdone. Not so. The steak was perfect, slightly pink in the center, and of a size to satisfy the meat-eater's palate. The Chicken Marsala was incredibly good, the chicken meaty, and the wild rice side dish smoky-flavored and a treat. The vegetarian entrée received rave reviews from the 12 who ordered it. With 30 children under the age of 12; having a youth meal choice was a bonus. It not only in provided a meal that would appeal to that age group, but also met our budget parameters.

The service was excellent: efficient, responsive, but non-intrusive. Leyna managed every aspect of the evening with grace and expertise. Watching the parade of servers hoisting plates of hot entrees for each table became part of the entertainment for our guests. The scheduling of events from food service to cake-cutting to dancing was orderly and a natural progression but never felt rigid or too structured. Leyna checked in with me several times to get feedback and to solicit any special requests. At the end of the evening the cake, the table decorations, and other items we had brought were packed and ready for us to take with us.

I would highly recommend Blaisdell Manor to others and have done so already.

Sincerely,

Sharon Walbran