

# CHoW Line

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## Calendar of CHoW Meetings

### January 10, 2010

Tom Weiland, "The Search for the Elusive Schnitzel"

### February 14

Nancy Baggett, "Evolution of the Romantic Heart Shape and Flavors of Valentine Confections"

### March 4

**Special Tour:** Library of Congress's rare book holdings on gastronomy by Mark Dimunation, Chief, Rare Book and Special Collections Division, the Library of Congress. Thursday, 4:00 p.m.

### March 14

Fred Czarra, "Spices of Life: The Savory Story of the First Global Marketplace"

### April 11

Cooperative Supper (Note: time change 4 to 6 p.m.)

### May 2

Barbara G. Carson, "Ambitious Appetites" – political aspects on dining in D.C. during the Federal period. (Note: first Sunday)

## January CHoW Meeting

### "The Search for the Elusive Schnitzel"

Speaker: Tom Weiland

Sunday, January 10, 2009  
2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Bethesda-Chevy Chase Services Center,  
4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, Maryland



The word "schnitzel" has been around for perhaps 150 years, but the concept of flattened meat goes back much further. Finding how much further is a trick, since early references are vague and most early schnitzel recipes go by a host of different names, with roots possibly in the Mediterranean or Middle East. Tom will talk about the definite, the probable, and the possible of schnitzels.

Tom's professional life – 25 years as a military operations research analyst – does not exactly scream "food author." But in his free time he has been cooking since the tender age of 8. In 1982 this CHoW member traveled Europe for the summer and fell in love with the schnitzel and all its infinite variations. For decades he looked for a good schnitzel cookbook and found everything lacking, so he collected schnitzel recipes (over 1,500 to date) and finally decided to write the definitive schnitzel book himself. He is hoping to finish the final draft this year.

### Inclement Weather Advisory

Call any Board member for possible program cancellations due to weather. Any decision to cancel would be made the night before, if possible, or no later than 10 a.m. on the day of the meeting.



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founded in 1996, is an informal, nonprofit, educational organization dedicated to the study of the history of foodstuffs, cuisines, and culinary customs, both historical and contemporary, from all parts of the world.

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