

DENVER ECLECTICS



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I am the director of Denver Eclectics, a 500 + women's group that presents around 30 programs a season, September thru March usually at the Denver Country Club. My goal is to stimulate, challenge and open up awareness for people and Denver Eclectics is both an advocacy and passion for me.

My group has been growing expeditiously as women have heard about the dynamic and interesting programs we present. I saw Adrian give a program for our Stanford Alumni Club on Black Chefs in the White House and I knew immediately that he is a gifted presenter who involves and includes his audience in a meaningful way. I asked him to present the Black Chef program for us as an evening dinner program.

Adrian gave the Denver Country Club the early recipes and then the Denver Country Club cooked the food that the Black Chefs created, starting with George Washington. Because of the large turnout, Adrian deftly managed to be in two adjoining rooms at once with double screens. It was an amazing feat and the feedback from the attendees was very enthusiastic, and they then shared back with other members who had not made it that Adrian should present again.

I decided the next season to have Adrian do a Barbeque presentation. Because the barbeque was catered by several barbeque places, we held this evening, rather two evenings back to back at my condominium complex Polo Club North which could accommodate 80 a night. As at the Denver Country Club we also let men come. I am really anxious to have win – win programs and I will keep Adrian on my list every season since he is extremely popular. This is unusual for me as I have the luxury of choosing speakers from several hundred suggestions (from my members) and I like to mix it up.

But in Adrian's case – since I know how good and well received he is by Denver Eclectics, I am trying to decide to have him do a program on African American Street Vendors, Soul Food or Chicken and Waffles next. I plan to go back to hold it at the Denver Country Club because this is less work than setting up the Polo Club House twice as we can have more people on one evening. Obviously, I am an enthusiastic Adrian supporter as are my members.

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"Live as if you were to die tomorrow Learn as if you were to live forever."

~Mahatma Gandhi~