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## Omaha Press Club Newsletter

Christine Villamonte, Current Event Coordinator and Manager at the Omaha Press Club (OPC), was in college studying to become a Dietician when she found her passion for event planning. Her professors were impressed by how well she handled the details of a hospitality event for her Nutrition group. Christine knew she had found her calling, she had also found her soon to be husband and currently, Executive Director and Chef of the OPC, Steve Villamonte. Christine and Steve were catering at the Omaha World Herald when they were approached to run the Press Club. It seemed like a natural progression and perfect fit. Already planning, catering and cooking for special events, including wedding receptions, the OPC was the right venue, at the right time and gave them a chance to highlight their multiple event planning and culinary talents.

Ambiance is the key to the Omaha Press Club's attraction for engagement dinners and wedding dinners. Couples are surrounded by beautiful views of the city as they dine on wonderful food prepared by the talented culinary staff at the Press Club. The professional and creative wait staff enjoys adding personal touches to events and sharing in the life moments as they unfold before them, almost as much as the patrons do.

Christine's specialty is listening to what clients want and what works within their budget, creatively balancing the two in order to create a special moment in time for couples that come to the OPC for engagement and wedding dinners. She makes sure the focus of the event stays on the Bride and Groom and their special day, scheduling meetings with staff to make sure all the details are finalized.

For Christine, Steve and the OPC staff it's about helping to build lasting memories, providing amazing, made from scratch food and watching the start of a new family. The highlight of the planning for Christine is when she sees the faces of the patrons as they walk through the OPC doors and experience their moment in time. Generations of families have come through the doors of the OPC and it's been the Press Club's privilege to be part of their continuing story.

Interested in finding out more about booking the best view in town for your engagement and/or wedding dinners? Call Christine at the Omaha Press Club 402-345-8008 or opechristine@gmail.com.

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