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## Twin Cities Originals Expands it's Reach with Three New Members from Across the Metro

MINNEAPOLIS (April 6, 2011) – From Excelsior and Hudson, to Shoreview and Bloomington, [Twin Cities Originals](#) was founded under the premise that that great food and unique, independent restaurants aren't found just in the Minneapolis and St. Paul city limits. Twin Cities Originals announced that it has welcomed three new members: [CURRENT Restaurant](#) and [Sail Away Café](#), both located in Afton, Minn., and [David Fong's Cantonese & American Cuisine](#) in Bloomington, Minn.

“There are so many great, independent restaurants located in Minnesota cities other than Minneapolis and St. Paul, and we're thrilled that they want to be a part of Twin Cities Originals,” said Dave Jarvis, president of Twin Cities Originals. “CURRENT, David Fong's and Sail Away Café are joining a group of hard-working owner/operators that want to see each other succeed and survive during one of the toughest economies any of us has experienced.”



Slated to open in the midst of what could be the worst flooding Afton has seen in a decade, CURRENT Restaurant is the brain child of brothers Dan and Dave Jarvis, owners of the Afton House Inn and Swirl wine shop, both located in Afton, Minn. Featuring modern American cuisine, CURRENT will celebrate its grand opening on April 30.

Open since 1958, David Fong's is a Bloomington landmark and is one of the longest running, family owned restaurants in the Twin Cities. David Fong's is known for its traditional Cantonese and American dishes such as stir-fried noodles, Egg Foo Young and Chow Mein. There are also house specialties served only at David Fong's such as Fong's Chow Mein, Fong's House Chicken and New York Steak Chinatown.



Located in the quaint river-side town of Afton, the Sail Away Café keeps diners happy with a variety of delicious American fare from dawn until dusk. Featuring live music and a friendly atmosphere, owners Oliver and Marj Weir have created a place where residents and visitors alike can feel like they are home.

Patrons of CURRENT Restaurant, David Fong's and Sail Away Café can now take advantage of Twin Cities Originals' member [rewards program](#). For more information about TCO and participating restaurants, please visit [www.tcoriginals.com](http://www.tcoriginals.com)

### **About Twin Cities Originals**

Twin Cities Originals was formed in 2002 by a group of local, independently owned restaurants in response to the growing number of chain restaurants. The organization fosters an environment in which independent Twin Cities dining establishments can grow and flourish. In 2001, the number of chain restaurants grew to outnumber independently owned restaurants and continues to threaten the local dining environment. Though all members of Twin Cities Originals are competitors, more than 20 restaurants have come together to preserve the true spirit of original Twin Cities dining. For more information, please visit [www.tcoriginals.com](http://www.tcoriginals.com)

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