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**MARINA INN AT GRANDE DUNES CHOSEN AS SITE FOR
PRESTIGIOUS SOMMELIER COMPETITION**

WaterScapes and Marina Inn to host seven of the Culinary Industry's up-and-coming sommeliers

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C., April 10, 2008 – Marina Inn at Grande Dunes will host the Societe Mondiale du Vin's Young Sommelier Super Regional competition, reception, dinner and award ceremony on Saturday, April 12, 2008.

The Myrtle Beach Chapter of the Chaine des Rotisseurs, the founding organization of the Societe Mondiale du Vin, was chosen among the 34 chapters located throughout the Southeast and South Central regions of the United States to host this esteemed event.

“We chose Marina Inn and WaterScapes for the professionalism we have experienced there,” said Tony Hirsh, Director of the Myrtle Beach Chaine des Rotisseurs. “The knowledge and continuous support shown by the management and staff of the Marina Inn has been incredible, those are critical to a successful event – and we believe WaterScapes is a perfect fit,” he added.

Seven professional sommeliers from the Southeastern and South Central regions of the United States will gather at Marina Inn at Grande Dunes for the Young Sommeliers' Super Regional Meeting to advance one step closer to receiving their certification. Throughout the day, the contestants must complete and pass a series of rigorous tests designed to assess their expertise in the realm of theory, practical skills and blind tasting.

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To celebrate the close of the competition, WaterScapes will host the Chaine des Rotisseurs Awards Dinner honoring the young sommeliers. Executive Chef James Clark will prepare *A Spring Bounty*, a special menu showcasing items created with ingredients indigenous to North and South Carolina paired with (what else?) superb wine selections.

While tickets are sold out for the April 12 Spring Bounty dinner, guests are invited to experience the elegant atmosphere and fresh seasonal tastes of WaterScapes by calling 843-913-2845 for reservations or for more information.

About Marina Inn at Grande Dunes

Marina Inn brings a new dimension of luxury and service to Myrtle Beach, recently earning a AAA Four Diamond rating for the second year in a row. This prestigious award is held by less than 3% of the 55,000 hotels rated each year. At Marina Inn at Grande Dunes, guests can choose from five different styles of guest rooms, suites and spacious villas and a host of amenities. With breathtaking views of the Intracoastal Waterway, Marina Inn offers the best of the Grand Strand, with access to all area attractions and grande accommodations where couples and families can retreat to their own private escape. Visit www.MarinaInnatGrandeDunes.com or call toll free 1-877-913-1333 for more information.

About The Societe Mondiale du Vin

The Societe Mondiale du Vin focuses its energies and attention on enjoying, studying and appreciating fine wines while supporting the education and certification of young chefs, sommeliers and students of the culinary arts throughout the United States. Locally, the Chaine des Rotisseurs, parent of the Society Mondiale du Vin, recently held a black tie dinner and auction that raised around \$30,000 for the Horry Georgetown Technical College's Culinary, Hospitality and Tourism Student Scholarship Fund.

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