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## DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION OF FRESNO

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## Restaurant of the Week features Smokehouse Restaurant

Smokehouse Restaurant fills a very important niche in Downtown Fresno – great barbecue. Smokehouse is the featured restaurant this week in the Downtown Restaurant of the Week promotion. During the week of March 15-22, the spotlight will focus on Smokehouse for the Downtown workforce and throughout the wider community. Each week, a new Downtown restaurant is featured.

For three years, two cousins have been serving smoky beef brisket and pulled pork with Southern hospitality in Downtown Fresno. Family owned and operated, Smokehouse also offers catering and restaurant rental with full bar. They've just added neighborhood delivery with a minimum purchase.

Like other Downtown restaurants, Smokehouse offers \$5 lunch specials as well as drink specials. According to Patrick, manager of Smokehouse, "We offer a unique taste of the South with our smokehouse food." All meats are smoked with an amazing house made sauce. All sides are made from scratch. The list is extensive, and can include red beans and rice, baked beans, macaroni salad, coleslaw, corn on the cob, collard greens or yams. The down home cooking also includes a delicious peach cobbler.

Normal weekday hours are 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Then there's the Smokehouse Club. Restaurant hours extend on Tuesdays to 10:00 pm and feature live blues and jazz. On Fridays, the hours extend until 2:00 a.m. for "Grown and Sexy Night," featuring a happy hour kickoff from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Club hours are also featured on Wednesday from 9:00 to 2:00 am (social night – Bike Night), Thursday from 10:00 to 2:00 a.m. (bar but no kitchen) and Saturdays from 10:00 pm – 2:00 a.m. (live band "The New Experience with Ray Moore" – no kitchen).

Smokehouse Restaurant is located at 1231 Van Ness Ave between Fresno and Merced Streets. If you're not walking to Smokehouse, the best place to park in the underground garage, exiting on the north end (Fresno Street).

Restaurant of the Week originated as a way to introduce a variety of Downtown restaurants to the 45,000 people who work in Downtown Fresno. Information is available at [www.downtownfresno.org/restaurant](http://www.downtownfresno.org/restaurant). Additional questions can be answered by calling the Downtown Association of Fresno at (559) 490-9966 or Smokehouse Restaurant at (559)237-1184.

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