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**Locals Get Away From it All This New Year's Eve  
Without Having to Miss the Party  
*Ring in 2008 at The Founders Inn and Spa***

Virginia Beach, Va. (December 21, 2007) - - Celebrate 'Auld Lang Syne' this New Year's Eve with dining, dancing and luxurious rest all in one place – The Founders Inn and Spa. A comprehensive party package includes deluxe overnight accommodations with early check-in on New Year's Eve, a night of dinner and dancing inspired by Grace Street Jazz, brunch on New Year's Day and late 3 p.m. checkout for \$355 per couple. Reservations are required. Please call 804-727-1400.

Another option is also available. Come on by for the party only - dinner and dancing. The early seating, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. includes a sumptuous three-course menu at \$55 per person. The late seating, from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. includes a five-course menu, dancing, live entertainment, and the balloon drop and champagne toast for \$75 per person.

Reach a culinary peak at the last dinner of 2007. The meal commences with pan-seared day scallops and American sturgeon caviar. Petit greens in a cucumber vase with strawberries, stilton and raspberry vinaigrette follow, along with lobster bisque, and crème fraiche. A brief, palate-teasing pause occurs as lemon thyme sorbet precedes the entree. This selection features Chilean sea bass with braised short ribs, truffle essence and yukon gold and chorizo hash; espresso crusted lamb loin with sweet potato puree, English peas and crème anglaise; beef Wellington perigourdine with melted leek dauphinoise potatoes and baby carrots. Dessert, a choice of elegant sweets, will be offered tableside.

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**About The Founders Inn and Spa**

Boasting old-world charm and the finest southern hospitality, The Founders Inn and Spa provides the appeal and warmth of a country inn, accented by beautiful antiques and historic artifacts, with a new \$5 million full-service resort spa, grand scale pool featuring a circular slide and interactive fountains, luxurious amenities and award-winning cuisine. The Inn's 240 guestrooms and suites include High Speed Internet access, generous workspace and views of 26 landscaped acres. Select rooms include gas fireplaces, and views of the lake and formal gardens. The Founders Inn and Spa is located at 5641 Indian River Road in Virginia Beach near exit 286B off Interstate 64 East. For reservations and additional information, please call 800-926-4466 or visit [www.foundersinn.com](http://www.foundersinn.com).

Benchmark Hospitality manages The Founders Inn and Spa, as well as three other Virginia properties: Lansdowne Resort near Leesburg, a suburb of Washington, D.C.; and Virginia Crossings Resort in Richmond.

Benchmark Hospitality International, an independent hospitality management company based in The Woodlands (Houston), Texas, operates resorts, conference centers, hotels and condominium resorts both domestically and internationally. For locations of Benchmark Hospitality properties and for additional information, visit Benchmark's Website at [www.benchmarkhospitality.com](http://www.benchmarkhospitality.com).

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