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Stockyards Restaurant is First Local Business to Celebrate Arizona's Centennial

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PHOENIX (July 26, 2010) - The Stockyards received official endorsement from the Arizona Centennial Commission and kicked off the first official centennial celebration on June 26th, honoring the Tovrea family for their impact on local history.

"As Arizona's Original Steakhouse, the Stockyards is an important part of Arizona history," said Gary Lasko, co-owner of the Stockyards. "We are honored to have the opportunity to celebrate the centennial alongside the Commission."

Governor Brewer established the Commission to develop and implement various events and celebrations surrounding the 100th anniversary of Arizona's Statehood. The Commission recognizes the Stockyards as a historic landmark with nearly 65 successful years in business and the ideal candidate to support the overall mission.

The Tovrea event was part of Stockyard's Celebrating Arizona's Influencers series that recognizes and thanks deserving Arizonan's for shaping local history. To commemorate their family's legacy, the Stockyards dedicated a booth in the family's name together with family members and friends including Sherry Henry, Director of the Arizona Office of Tourism, former Mayor John D. Driggs and Karen Churchard, Director of the Commission.

"We're pleased to work alongside a historic landmark in the Valley to prepare for the upcoming centennial," said Karen Churchard. "The Stockyards has been a major proponent on preserving Arizona history. We thank them for officially starting the centennial celebration by honoring one of Arizona's most industrious families, the Tovreas."

The commission also supports the Stockyards Centennial Taste of Arizona, a promotion that will build a Centennial Menu as a lasting legacy for future generations to add to and enjoy.

The Stockyards is asking citizens from across Arizona to submit recipes that should be included on the Centennial Menu. The final menu selections will be determined by the Commission and featured at the Stockyards beginning February 14, 2011.

If you would like more information on the series or to submit a recipe, please visit the Stockyards new website www.stockyardssteakhouse.com.

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The Stockyards, Arizona's Original Steakhouse:

In 1947, The Stockyards, Arizona's Original Steakhouse opened and quickly became a place where history was made and business was done. Recently added to the City of Phoenix Historical Register for both its central role in Arizona's cattle industry and its relevant architectural style, the Stockyards is considered one of Phoenix's favorite steakhouses. Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday thru Friday, and dinner nightly. For more information, log onto www.stockyardssteakhouse.com or dial (602) 273-7378. The Stockyards is centrally located in Phoenix at 5009 E. Washington Street.

Arizona Centennial Commission:

Established by Executive Order 2008-24 of the Governor, the Arizona Centennial Commission (AzCC) was created to execute a comprehensive plan to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Arizona's statehood and to coordinate national, regional, state, and local observances of the Centennial. AzCC members represent a broad cross-section of Arizona communities and interests, including business, cultural, tribal and political leaders.

The AzCC, through its non-profit arm, the Arizona Centennial 2012 Foundation, will organize a high concentration of Centennial Signature Projects, Signature Events and promotions to take place between September 2011 and February 2012. Additionally, the Commission will sanction community-generated "Official Centennial Events" taking place between February 2011 and December 2012. For more information, please visit <http://www.arizona100.org/>.