

Lovells of Lake Forest
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Even if you're not a space program buff, you'll have a great experience at Lovells of Lake Forest. Debbie (our Office Manager in the Plainfield office) recommended this restaurant because it's a favorite of her parents. It is named for Capt. Jim Lovell, a former astronaut with the Apollo 13 space mission. He and his son, Jay, are actively involved in the restaurant. Jay is the Executive Chef for the restaurant and Capt. Lovell visited tables during our visit. The restaurant is a fine, upscale dining experience in a home-like setting that is decorated with memorabilia from the space program (including a huge painting called "The Steeds of Apollo" that inspired the insignia for the Apollo 13 space mission).

The menu features a variety of meat, fowl, seafood, and pasta dishes, all with a contemporary flair. Our party chose salads and appetizers to start with and everyone was pleased. I had a salad that featured string beans, white asparagus, and field greens and it was awesome - the vegetables were crisp and tender. The main courses were equally delightful. I had the red snapper special and was served two filets with a sweet potato salad. Others enjoyed seafood jambalaya and halibut. The desserts were too good to pass up, so we split a crème brûlée and gelatos. This restaurant is very special and a "must" if you're in the area (about 25 miles north of Chicago). Reservations are recommended.

