



Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel at Reagan National Airport

DINNER & A MOVIE “A CHRISTMAS STORY” SPECIAL MEAL

Cost \$37 per person
Monday, August 14
5 – 7pm

There is no better way to get in the mood for a glow convention than by having dinner and watching with fellow Golden Glow members, this 1983 Christmas comedy film, *A Christmas Story*. Celebrate the 40th anniversary of this iconic film directed by Bob Clark and based on Jean Shepherd’s semi-fictional anecdotes in his 1966 book *In God We Trust: All Others Pay Cash*, with some elements from his 1971 book *Wanda Hickey’s Night of Golden Memories and Other Disasters*.

It stars Melinda Dillon, Darren McGavin, and Peter Billingsley and is a seasonal classic in North America. It has been shown in a marathon annually on TNT since 1997 and on TBS since 2004 titled “24 Hours of A Christmas Story”, consisting of 12 consecutive airings of the film from the evening of Christmas Eve to the evening of Christmas Day. It is often ranked as one of the best Christmas films.

Dating the Film. Set in Hohman, Indiana, a fictionalized version of Shepherd’s hometown of Hammond, near Chicago, it is believed the film is set in the late-30s to early 40s.

As you watch the movie, look for the clues that sets the time:

- ❖ The Look magazine that Ralphie hides the Red Ryder ad in, is the December 1937 cover with Shirley Temple and Santa.
- ❖ Ralphie’s Little Orphan Annie Secret Society Decoder Pin bears the date 1940 (and is the real-life decoder pin released to society members that year, though by that time Ovaltine had ceased its sponsorship and Quaker was the primary sponsor of the series).
- ❖ The parade in front of Higbee’s features characters from MGM’s version of *The Wizard of Oz*, which was released in 1939, and World War II, which the United States entered in December 1941, is never mentioned.

Picture of A Christmas Story House attribute to the author



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