



Borough Battle: Celebrating Betty White (Queens)

Andrea and Jim. Two friends. Two boroughs. Two SeamlessWeb meals. Read what happens when they debate whether Queens or Brooklyn is the proper place to host a tribute meal to the great Betty White in honor of her record-breaking appearance as *host of Saturday Night Live*. Take it away Andrea:

If this was the Bea Arthur or Estelle Getty episode, I'd say, sure Brooklyn's got this covered. But it's not, and I'm not taking the seven hour train ride from Queens to Brooklyn to eat a meal that would [make Sophia Petrillo proud](#) (may she rest in peace).

I've chosen [Sanford's](#) as the Astoria restaurant for our Epic Betty White Feast. As a brunch institution, Sanford's is well known among Astorians. Their French Toast is the French-iest and their Bloody Mary's are...the bloodiest? I kid. Each and every Sunday that I've stumbled over to Sanford's, I've been met with a crowd of hungry New Yorkers waiting for their chance at some amazing food.

But none of that has to do with me not having to leave my apartment to enjoy my [favorite Facebook meme](#) come to life with my favorite person on this planet, Jim. So, back to the woman of the hour.

Appetizer: Maryland Crab Cakes

This classed up version of a St. Olaf staple would be sure to make [Rose Nylund](#) proud. Why's that you ask? Of Norwegian heritage, her history with "krabbelag" (literal translation: "crab party") would mean that she's had significant experience with this shellfish. Also, I've had these crab cakes on numerous occasions and they're what dreams are made of. Served atop a salad of organic mixed greens, the appetizer is practically a whole meal in itself. The cakes are nice and crispy on the outside, and always filled with generous helpings of actual crabmeat inside.

Entrée: Chipotle Charity Burger

Since Betty White has [devoted so much of her life to charity](#), Sanford's Chipotle Charity Burger seemed like an obvious choice to honor the lady of the night, er, day. The burger's caramelized onions lay a sweet little layer on top of the spicy chipotle aioli and bring to mind Betty's "Happy Homemaker" days as [Sue Ann Nivens from The Mary Tyler Moore Show](#). I'm sure Sue Ann would have a thing or two to say about Sanford's donating part of the proceeds to the Ronald McDonald house, but I guarantee you that Betty would approve.

Dessert: Granny Caramel Apple Pie

Look, I'm sure Jim's going to [pick cheesecake à la The Golden Girls](#), and I could too (The Banana Caramel Cheesecake Xangos sounds like heaven). But, let's face it, if I'm gonna convince Jim of Astoria's superiority, I'm gonna have to surprise him a little. Now, seeing as I fancy Betty White to be America's Grandma, what's more American than apple pie? And this one ain't just apples in a Pillsbury crust; the pie is layered with rich caramel toffee custard and the crust has that sweet and salty mix that's the perfect topper to a perfect meal.

But I'm feeling generous, so I'll even kick in for espresso, since he'll need that for the trip back to Brooklyn after this [delicious feast from Sanford's](#).