Preamble: There are dozens of restaurants in downtown Grand Rapids all within walking distance of the conference hotel. This guide singles out some of the better ones in three different price ranges. If you have questions please contact Brett Powers at 581-4926. Local area code is 616. Enjoy!

Under $10

Big O’s
80 Ottawa Ave NW (corner of Monroe Center)
Phone: 616.451.1887
Casual Italian dining. Fantastic pizza.
It’s at sub-street level.

Flanagan’s Irish Pub
139 Pearl St NW
Phone: 616.454.7852
Irish American bar/restaurant. Good Reuben.

Two Beards Deli
38 Commerce Ave. SW
Phone: 719-3802
Amazing deli sandwiches. Over 50 to choose from. No alcohol.
$10 - $30

Bull’s Head Tavern
188 Monroe Ave NW
Phone: 616.454.3580
Modern American cuisine: Buffalo Burgers to blackened salmon. Good seafood selections.

Grand Rapids Brewing Co.
1 Ionia Ave SW
Newest brewery in Grand Rapids. I make a meal of the appetizers- the poutine is fab. Also hand cranked fresh sausages, and interesting sandwiches.

Hopcat
25 Ionia Ave SW
Phone: 616.451.4677
Get the “crack fries” they are amazing. Upscale bar food. Over 50 beers on tap.

Stella’s
53 Commerce Ave SW (access off Ionia also)
Phone: 616.742.4444
GQ magazine awarded them best burger in America. Atmosphere is eclectic. The burgers are Fantastic.

XO: Asian Cuisine
58 Monroe Center NW
Phone: 616.235.6969
Chinese, Thai, and sushi. Upscale Asian food. Not your strip mall buffet place.
$30+

Tre Cugini
122 Monroe Center St NW
Phone: 616.235.9339
High end Italian restaurant. Reservations are a good idea.

Reserve Wine Bar
201 Monroe Ave NW
Phone: 616.855.WINE
Like walking into a NYC hot spot. Delicious food and even better wine. Atmosphere is hip.

San Chez
38 W Fulton
Phone: 616.774.8272
Possibly my favorite restaurant in GR. Spanish Tapas. Go with a group and share. Blue Cheese fritters call to me every time.

Other recommendations: Bistro Bella Vita, Republic, McKay’s, and Chop House.
1.5 miles away: Winchester, Green Well, Maru Sushi, Grove

Skip: The BOB’s restaurants. Thursday night you’ll be there for the special event.
Skip: Leo’s. Overpriced seafood, poor service.
**Pub crawl**: Ionia Avenue. Start at the GR Brewing Co. on the corner of Fulton and Ionia and head south. There are 9 more bars/restaurants in the next three blocks. When you hit Peppino’s Pizza and Grille you have come to the end. Call a cab.

**Nice stroll** with shopping and dining. Start at Rosa Parks circle at the corner of Pearl and Monroe. Head southeast up Monroe Center. Lots of restaurants (XO, Big O’s, and Tre Cugini are best) and small shops. Sometimes street musicians. When you get to Division cross the street, turn around and head back.
Nightlife

Billy’s
1437 Wealthy St SE, (1.5 miles from hotel)
459-5757
Live music from Jazz to folk to rock.

JD Reardon’s
940 Monroe (walkable, but taxi home.)
Karaoke Thursdays at 9pm-

Mojo’s
180 Monroe Ave NW
Phone: 616.776.9000
Dueling Piano Bar. Nuff said.

Pyramid Scheme
68 Commerce Ave SW
616- 272-3758
Live music of all kinds. Check website for details.
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