For our returning alumni/-ae Restaurants in the neighborhood of UCLA:

Westwood Village (these restaurants are all within easy walking distance of campus):

800 Degrees -- Neapolitan pizzeria with a wood-burning oven. Recommended, but often a long wait to be seated.. \$\$
 10889 Lindbrook Dr, Westwood. (310) 443-1911

Panini Café (on Lindbrook) -- despite its Italian name, a mainly Middle Eastern menu. \$\$ 10861 Lindbrook Dr., Westwood. (310) 443-2100

--> more upscale:

Palomino -- elegant cuisine, appealing bar scene. \$\$ or \$\$\$ 10877 Wilshire Blvd, Westwood, (310) 208-1960

Napa Valley Grille -- very nice terrace; extended happy hours. \$\$ or \$\$\$. 1100 Glendon Ave, LA (310) 824-3322

The Backyard (in the W Hotel) -- dining on a pretty patio alongside the pool, especially recommended for brunch or lunch. \$\$\$ 930 Hilgard Ave., Westwood. (310) 443-8218

Tanino -- elegant Italian cuisine. \$\$\$ 1043 Westwood Blvd, Westwood. (310) 208-0444

At the borders of Westwood:

Fresh Corn Grill -- light and healthy offerings in a tiny locale, right on the bus route to UCLA. \$\$ 1510 Westwood Blvd, Westwood. (310) 470-0414

- *The West End* -- draft/cocktail bar; tapas, predominantly Moroccan offerings \$\$ 2116-B Westwood Blvd, LA. (310) 470-6601
- *La Serenata* -- very good, authentic Mexican restaurant. \$\$ 10924 West Pico Blvd^DLos Angeles, CA 90064, near Westside

Pavilion

(310) 441-9667

Upstairs 2 at The Wine House -- savory small dishes, paired with red or white wines from the renowned wine shop below. \$\$\$ 2311 Cotner Avenue, LA, near Olympic. (310) 231-0316

Century City environs:

Clementine -- elegant soups, salads, sandwiches, not far from Pat's home. \$\$ [Caveat: they close at 7:30, so if you're still hungry after the UCLA reception, you may have to opt for take-out.] 1751 Ensley Ave (at Santa Monica Blvd.), LA 90064. 310-552-1080

Steingarten -- gastropub, beer garden; good bar food, sausages \$\$ 10543 W. Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90064. 310-441-0441

Santa Monica:

Tender Greens -- fresh, healthy, reasonable cuisine.
 A one-block stroll to Santa Monica's Palisades park, with its incomparable ocean views. \$\$
 201 Arizona Ave., Santa Monica 310-587-2777

- El Cholo -- a sanitized version of the classic Mexican original that is still Downtown.
 Try the green corn tamales, in season. \$\$
 1025 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica. (310) 899-1106
- Border Grill -- very good presentations of authentic Mexican specialties by two well-known American cookbook authors (the "two hot tamales", celebrated in old Saturday Night Live skits). Noisy, but better food than El Cholo. Just a few blocks from Palisades park. \$\$
 1445 4th St, Santa Monica. (310) 451-1655
- Huckleberry Café -- Charming bakery and café, particularly good for breakfast or brunch. \$\$ 1014 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica 310-451-2311.