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DAVID AND JODI MORTON CELEBRATE
LONGTIME FRIENDSHIPS AND DMK'S FIFTH
ANNIVERSARY WITH A DINNER PARTY.

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Some couples are natural hosts. Their homes are welcoming and warm, and their guest lists always have interesting combinations. David and Jodi Morton, who live in Evanston, are just that couple. She's an interior designer and the owner of 2to5 Design. He's a partner, along with Michael Kornick, in DMK Restaurants, which has seven restaurants including DMK Burger & Fish, Ada Street and County Barbecue.

To celebrate the five-year anniversary of DMK, Jodi and David invited guests to an intimate party at their home, and Kornick offered to plan and cook the evening's menu. The night's unofficial theme seemed to be Creative Collaborations, an idea David returned to several times, as the basis of both the DMK brand and many of the guests' personal successes.

To begin the evening, Jodi served signature carbonated bottled cocktails from Henry's Swing Club, and while the guests mingled in the living room and kitchen (of course!), Kornick, along with Aaron Webb (the chef at Fish Bar), plated and passed appetizers.

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BOOK ENDS

Clockwise from top: A gorgeous table ready for guests; Jodi Morton welcomes guests into her kitchen; the thoughtful menus and books that marked each place setting.

