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Author of Quintessential Book on the Columbia to Speak at  
Ybor Chamber Luncheon

*The Columbia Restaurant: Celebrating a Century of History, Culture and Cuisine*

(Tampa, FL March 5, 2010) Andrew Huse, author of a new, in-depth book about the “world famous” Columbia Restaurant will be the guest speaker at the Ybor City Chamber of Commerce - Membership Luncheon, Tuesday, March 9th. The monthly luncheon begins at 11:45 AM at the historic Columbia Restaurant on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Andrew Huse is a librarian and historian with a strong interest in oral, social and culinary history. Mr. Huse works in the University of South Florida’s Special Collections Department. “Andy has worked closely with the Gonzmart family to produce this comprehensive look at the Columbia,” said Tom Keating, President of the Ybor Chamber. “I heard him speak at Ybor Aficionado Days two years ago when he was first starting. Not only is he very knowledgeable, but also quite humorous.”

The March Luncheon is sponsored by Shield Coatings & Weatherproofing, Inc. Ybor City is the Bay Area’s Historic Latin Quarter and the Ybor City Chamber of Commerce - its champion for 80 years.

For reservations please contact Anna Ramos, Events Coordinator at 813.248.3712 x22. Lunch is \$22 for Chamber Members in advance and \$25 at the door.

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