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### Make A Date To Make A Difference, More Than 90 Local Restaurants join Dining Out For Life

ver 90 local restaurants have already signed on to donate part of their sales from breakfast, lunch and dinner during Dining Out For Life 2012. Restaurant owners, chefs, servers and diners will join hands to support NO/AIDS Task Force. This international event, also held in over 60 other cities throughout the United States and Canada helps provide care, services and education to people affected by AIDS throughout North America. Diners in New Orleans will help NO/AIDS provide more than 30 critical serves to men, women and families affected by HIV and AIDS in the New Orleans community and Southeast Louisiana.

For more than 17 years, local restaurants and supporters of NO/AIDS Task Force have worked together to boost business during the slower summer months by doing what this city does best, enjoying good times with friends, coworkers and family in some of the nation's best restaurants.

"We are proud to serve as this year's Dining Out for Life 2012 Honorary Co-Chairs, and invite you to join us on this evening celebrating great New Orleans food, while helping our neighbors and friends living with HIV and AIDS." – Poppy Tooker & Tom Fitzmorris.

Local sponsors for this year's event include Shell, The Goldring Family Foundation, Chevron & Avita Drugs Specialty Pharmacy.

Participating restaurants signed up this far include: 13 Monaghan, Acme Oyster House, Adolfo's, Andrea's Restaurant, Apolline Restaurant, Attiki Bar & Grill, Bacchanal, Barcelona Tapas, The Barley Oak, Basil Leaf, Between the Bread, Bistro Daisy, Bombay Club, Bosco's Italian Café, Bourbon House, Byblos, Café 91, Café Amelie, Café at the Square, Café Degas, Café Nero/Who Date Café, Café Rani, Capedeville, Carmo, Chad's Bistro, Chateau du Lac, Chef Ron's Gumbo Stop, The Country Club, Crepes A La Cart, Crescent Pie and Sausage Co., Dat Dog, The Delachaise, DISH on Hayne, EAT, Fatoush, Fausto's Bistro, Feelings Café, Flaming Torch, Fresco Café, Galvez Restaurant, Gautreau's, Gott Gourmet Café, high Hat Café, Iris, Italian Barrel, J'aime le Café, Jagerhaus, Jamila's Café, jerk's Island Grill, Joey K's, Julie's Little India Kitchen at Schiro's Café, Jun's Golden Dragon II, Katie's Restaurant & Bar, La Crepe Nanou, La Peniche' Restaurant, La Thai Restaurant – Uptown, Le Citron Bistro, Le Foret, Legal Perks, Louisiana Pizza Kitchen – French Market, Louisiana Pizza Kitchen Uptown, Maison, Marigny Brasserie, Mark Twain's Pizza Landing, Martinique Bistro, Mat & Naddies, Mayas, Meauxbar, Mike's On The Avenue, Mona Lisa Restaurant, Muriel's Jackson Square Restaurant, Nirvana, Nonna Mia Café & Pizzeria, One Restaurant & Lounge, Parasol's Bar & Restaurant, Pier 4 at Boomtown Casino, Ralph's on the Park, Red Gravy, Restaurant des Familles, Rooba's Crescent Spoon Café, Sake Café Uptown, Salu, Sante Fe Restaurant, Serendipity, Short Stop Poboys, The Steak Knife Restaurant, Sukho Thai -Marigny, Sun Ray Grill, Vacherie Restaurant, Vega Tapas Café, Vianne's Tea House. For the most current list of participating restaurants, please visit: <u>www.diningoutforlife.com</u> or <u>noaidstaskforce.org</u>.

For over 29 years, NO/AIDS Task Force has been providing hope, care and compassion to thousands of men, women and families affected by HIV & AIDS in Southeast Louisiana. The Task Force acknowledges that the complications of HIV-disease are not just physical, but mental, emotional and social as well. That is why our agency offers a full spectrum of care at low to no cost, including services such as: an HIV medical clinic, food pantry, home delivered meals, housing, mental health, medications, and many others. NO/AIDS also remains committed to the health of our entire community and reaches over 20,000 each year through HIV prevention education efforts. For more information, please visit <a href="http://www.noaidstaskforce.org">http://www.noaidstaskforce.org</a> or call 504.821.2601.

#### Are You A Winner?! Find Out @ the 25th GAA Gala

id you win? The wait is finally over for the 25th annual Gay Appreciation Awards Top 5 Finalists selected by the readership of *Ambush Mag*. One of the finalist in each category will be announced as the winner at the 25th Gay Appreciation Awards Gala on Saturday, July 21st, 8-10pm, at Oz, 800 Bourbon Street. Doors open at 7pm. Door admission is \$10

VIP Tables with four seats are \$200 and there is only one table left. All proceeds benefit the William J. Fanning Foundation (Buzzy's Boys & Girls). Since 1997, the gala has raised \$42,672 for charity. Contact Rip Naquin for table sales at marsha@ripandmarsha.com or 504.522.8049.

## GAA Winners, Satchmo Summer Fest edition out July 31st inside DEADLINE: Tues., July 24th

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Regina Ann Adams will receive the coveted 25th Lifetime Achievement Award. Selected by the GAA Board of Directors Lisa Beaumann, Teryl-Lynn Foxx, and Rip and Marsha Naquin-Delain, Regina has been a main stay in the gay community for many decades entertaining in numerous troupes and shows as well as raising funds for numerous charities and causes. In 2005 and 2006, she reigned along with Lisa Beaumann as the first Southern Decadence Grand Marshals (33rd) to reign twice due to Hurricane Katrina which cancelled the 2005 Decadence celebration.

Past Lifetime Achievement Award recipients include Jimmie Callaway, the late Dan Fountain [Betty Buttons], the late Andy Boudreaux, the late Buzzy Fanning, the late Dirty Dottie, the late Miss Fury, Rip and Marsha Naquin-Delain, the late Dan Romero, the late Miss Do, the late Louise McFarland, Miss Dixie Fasnacht, the late Alice Brady and the late John Dodt, Gene Adams, the late Charlene Schneider, the late Steve Mettner, Marty Curtin and Koo Gaffney, the late Donald "Donnie Jay" James, Kitty Blackwell, Michael "Fish" Hickerson, the late Marcy Marcell, Mary L. Lathouwers, Don Evans, Jean Redmann, and Chuck Turner and Bill Miller.

Sponsored by *Ambush Mag*, the awards thanks those in the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Community who are often not recognized for the outstanding services and efforts they perform. These individuals and businesses have made the GLBT Community into the viable, successful and powerful community it is today across the Gulf South.

Production numbers by the Top 5 Show Bar of the Year Finalists including Bourbon Pub Parade, JohnPaul's, Michael's On The Park, Oz, and Tubby's Golden Lantern have been requested as entertainment for the gala. The exciting duo of Lisa Beaumann and Teryl-Lynn Foxx will emcee the affair once again.

Top 5 Finalists include:

Circuit Party/Event of the Year-Gay Easter Parade, Gay Depreciation Awards, Friday Night Before Mardi Gras, Halloween, Southern Decadence

Hair Salon of the Year-Avalon, Bobby Blue, Head Quarters, Mickey Nolan's Salon, Salon D'Malta

Gay Mardi Gras Ball of the Year-Krewe of Amon-Ra, Krewe of [continued on 8]

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