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Billy's 18th Anniversary Reunion Weekend Aug. 13th-14th

Saturday, Aug. 13th 10:30pm Big Mama All Star Show Sunday, Aug. 14th 5pm Surf & Turf Cook-out on the Patio





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Exciting Winners, \$3,219 Raised at 24th GAA Gala

xcitement reigned as the Gay Appreciation Award winners were introduced during the 24th annual Gay Appreciation Awards Gala at Oz. The evening honored Chuck Turner and Bill Miller with the Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the GAA Board of Directors, the most prestigious award at the event. Category winners were selected by *Ambush* readers back in June.

Turner and Miller are proprietors of 4 Seasons in Metairie, Billy's in Slidell, and Double Play in New Orleans. The couple, who recently celebrated their 40th anniversary, have been long time supporters of the GLBT community and through their clubs and efforts have helped raise over \$150,000 for area charities including NO/AIDS Task Force, Gay Easter Parade and Food For Friends.

The event raised \$3,219 for Buzzy's Boys and Girls including \$1,490 from the door, \$229 in stage performance tips and \$1,500 from VIP table sales courtesy of Chuck Turner and Bill Miller, Opal Masters and Darwin Reed, Toby Lefort and Al Hererra/Club LAX, Roy Smith and Nick Olivares, Gary Vandeventer, John Vignone and Paul Chiriaco/JohnPaul's, Elizabeth Bouvier and Tony Leggio, Pride Grand Marshal Misti Ates, Craig Nero/Who Dat Coffee Cafe, and Engender. Since 1997, the gala has raised \$42,672 for charity.

The exciting duo of Lisa Beaumann and Teryl-Lynn Fox emceed the affair while outstanding production numbers were presented by 2010 Entertainer of the Year Elizabeth Bouvier, and GAA Top 5 Show Bar of the Year Finalists: Oz, Bourbon Pub Parade, Tubby's Golden Lantern, Club LAX, and JohnPaul's.

The board presented checks totaling \$3,644.94, monies raised during the Grand Send-Off of the late Marcy Marcell, including \$728.98 to Akula Foundation, \$1,457.98 to Buzzy's Boys & Girls, and \$1,457.98 to Food For Friends.

Award winners voted on by Ambush readership included:

- Circuit Party/Event of the Year Halloween
- Hair Salon of the Year Head Quarters
- Gay Mardi Gras Ball of the Year Krewe of Petronius
- Neighborhood Bar of the Year Tubby's Golden Lantern
- Buzzy Fanning AIDS Award Chris Leonard
- Bitch of the Year Princesse Stephaney
- Show Bar of the Year JohnPaul's
- Donnie Jay Performing Arts Award Running With Scissors
- Restaurant/Deli/Coffee House of the Year Quartermaster: The Nellie Deli
- Dance Club of the Year Oz
- Bartender of the Year Lance Pippin/Tubby's Golden Lantern
- DJ of the Year Tim Pflueger/Oz
- Leather Bar of the Year Phoenix
- Cheridon Comedy Award Zsa Zsa d'LaHor
- Fly Fashion Glamour Award Dominique DeLorean
- GLBT Business of the Year Krazy Katz
- Leather Person of the Year Troy Powell
- Transgender of the Year JoAnn Guidos
- Lesbian of the Year Misti Ates

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- Gay Man of the Year Tony Leggio
- Marcy Marcell Entertainer of the Year Elizabeth Bouvier

The Marsha Delain Award of Excellence, the Drag Ambassador Award, was presented by Marsha Naquin-Delain to Opal Masters.

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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, 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, and Jean Redmann.

Sponsored by *Ambush*, 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.

The GAA Board of Directors include Lisa Beaumann, Teryl-Lynn Foxx, and Rip and Marsha Naquin-Delain. Visit AmbushMag.COM/GAA for info.

SDGMs XXXVII Misael Rubio & Tiffany Alexander Announce Upcoming Events

outhern Decadence Grand Marshals XXXVII Misael Rubio and Tiffany Alexander have announced more events leading up to the 40th Anniversary of Southern Decadence Labor Day Weekend. Set for Wednesday, August 31st through Labor Day, Monday, September 5th, there will be a flurry of activities and events leading up to the 37th annual Southern Decadence Parade on Sunday, September 4th. As the parade winds through the streets of the French Quarter, you will get to see all the outrageous fun led by SDGMs XXXVII Misael Rubio and Tiffany Alexander followed by the annual Southern Decadence Bead Toss at Ambush Headquarters, 828 Bourbon Street

SDGMs XXXVII Misael Rubio and Tiffany Alexander have announced upcoming events including:

Saturday, August 6th, 10pm, 2nd Southern Decadence Charity Fundraiser for NO/AIDS Task Force at Club LAX

Thursday, August 11th, 9pm, Southern Decadence Poster Signing with \$10 proceeds benefiting NO/AIDS Task Force at 700 Club

Saturday, August 20th, Southern Decadence Grand Marshals Dinner, by invitation only

Monday, August 22nd, 8pm, Southern Decadence Charity Fundraiser benefitting NO/AIDS Task Force with Special Pot Luck Burlesque Show,

honoring SDGMs Misael Rubio and Tiffany Alexander at The Corner Pocket

The 2011 theme is *Viva New Orleans: What Happens in New Orleans What Happens in New Orleans* while the "official" song is *Fireworks* by Katy Perry. The "official" colors are fuchsia pink, black and silver, while the "official" Southern Decadence Charity is NO/AIDS Task Force.

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