

The exciting 29th Annual GAA Gala came to a climax with the presentation of the 29th Lifetime Achievement Award to Brenda Laura (center) at Oz New Orleans. Laura's outstanding service for, and efforts on behalf of the LGBT+community led to her unanimous selection by the Gay Appreciation Awards Board of Directors Rip Naquin, Marsha Delain, Lisa Beaumann and Teryl-Lynn Foxx. The gala brought in \$2,739 for Southern Decadence 2016 and its charities: New Orleans Advocates for GLBT Elders (NOAGE) and Animal Rescue New Orleans (ARNO). Emcees Lisa Beaumann and Teryl-Lynn Fox presented 24 awards to the capacity crowd! The readership of *Ambush Magazine* voted online selecting the Top 5 Finalists in 21 award categories with the top vote-getter as the winner in each category. Photo by Darwin Reed. (www.AmbushMag.com/GAA)



Southern Decadence Grand Marshals XLII Derek Penton-Robicheaux, Felicia Phillips, Jeff Palmquist and Tony Leggio emceed the first "Walking The Red Carpet" ceremony at the 29th Gay Appreciation Awards Gala. Hosted at Oz New Orleans, they chose the winner of the first ever Red Carpet Oscar Award.



The Page's Willie Mackie and partner Krewe of Mwindo's Bobby Mackie added their signatures to the giant fleur de lis, donated by Kern Studios, on display at the 29th GAA Gala at Oz New Orleans along with several hundred others. New Orleans LGBT Hospitality Alliance hosted the signing to be presented to Pulse in Orlando.



Friendly Bar's Steve Tregre joins Marty Curtin for the annual Southern Decadence Sister Sunday Social: Brunch & Juke Box Drag Show which raised \$705 for Southern Decadence 2016 at The Friendly Bar in New Orleans. Southern Decadence Grand Marshals XLII Felicia Phillips, Jeffrey Palmquist and



Tony Leggio joined the festivities bringing a bevy of beauties to the stage for a sometimes hysterical afternoon of entertainment. The Friendly Bar donated the food for the event which was prepared by Steve Tregre, Koo Gaffney and others including shrimp mold, jambalaya, red beans and rice, and queso. Photo by Rip Naquin.



cheese, and Jeff Palmquist's grilled garlic French bread. Photo by Rip Naquin:

SDGM XXVII Errol Rizzuto, SDGM XLII Jeff Palmquist, The Page's Willie



Southern Decadence Grand Marshal XLII Jeffrey Palmquist and his Quistadors turned out en masse for Southern Decadence S'ingo raising \$1,653 for Southern Decadence at Cheezy Cajun in New Orleans. Quistadors' event chair Cam Zimmerman presented a \$1,000 Gold sponsorship from Irish Channel Funding, LLC. Photo by Quistador Rip Naquin: Quistadors' Will Antill & Kevin Petefish, Cheezy Cajun's Michael Ducote, Quistador Lulu Blackwell, SDGMs XLII Derek Penton-Robicheaux & Jeff Palmquist, Quistadors Coca Mesa, Cam Zimmerman, Errol Rizzuto & TJ Kinzel, SDGMs XLII Felicia Philips & Tony Leggio, and Quistadors Marsha Delain & Frank Perez.



Coming Home: Decadence Takes Biloxi brought in \$2,514.00 for Southern Decadence 2016 at Just Us Lounge in Biloxi, Mississippi. Koo Gaffney, Michael Bingham, Tony D and Marty Curtin joined Southern Decadence Grand Marshals XLII Derek Penton-Robicheaux, Jeffrey Palmquist and Tony Leggio for delicious BBQ, a wonderful band, and great entertainment. Photo by SDGM XLII Tony Leggio.