



WHAT'S HOT

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GAA Gala Holds Many Surprises; Winners from New Orleans & Austin; \$3,517 Raised for Buzzy's Boys & Girls

The 19th annual Gay Appreciation Awards (GAA) Gala held many surprise wins this year including a tie for the first time in the history of the awards in the Entertainer of the Year category. It was the most successful gala to date raising \$3,517 for Buzzy's Boys and Girls. VIP Table sales brought in \$2,300 thanks to the generosity of Queen Fashions, Roy Smith, Cowpokes, Crescent City Outlaws, Divas "R" Us, Golden Lantern, Oz, Betties/Friendly Bar, Bobby Blue Salon, Marcy Marcell, Quartermaster: The Nellie Deli, Corner Pocket, Mickey Nolan Salon, Starlight By The Park, Timpe, John Calderara, Christy Nunez and the Phoenix. Additional \$100 donations came from Bourbon Pub DJ Jayskee, Splash Baton Rouge and Salon D'Malta. The door brought in \$670 and stage performance tips another \$247.

The evening culminated with the presentation of the 19th Lifetime Achievement Award to Michael "Fish" Hickerson for his outstanding community service at the Marigny Theatre.

Board Members Lisa Beaumann and Teryl-Lynn Foxx emceed the affair while special guests, the Austin Baptist Women and GAA Founder Marcy Marcell brought the house down with other stellar production performances from all Top 5 Show Bar of the Year Finalists: Corner Pocket, Cowpokes, Golden Lantern, Oz New Orleans and Starlight By The Park

2006 winners selected by public voting include:

Circuit Party/Event of the Year - Halloween/New Orleans;

Hair Salon of the Year - Salon d'Malta;

Gay Carnival Ball of the Year - Lords of Leather;

Neighborhood Bar of the Year - Friendly Bar;

Buzzy Fanning AIDS Award - Michael "Fish" Hickerson;

Bitch of the Year - Bianca Del Rio;

Show Bar of the Year - Oz;

Performing Arts Award - New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus;

Restaurant/Deli of the Year - Quartermaster: The Nellie Deli;

Dance Bar of the Year - Oz;

Bartender of the Year - Lance Pippin/Cowpokes;

DJ of the Year - Tim Pflueger/Oz;

Leather Bar of the Year - Phoenix;

GLBT Business of the Year - Queen Fashions;

Leather Person of the Year - Mina Hernandez;

Transgender of the Year - Regina Adams;

Lesbian of the Year - Mina Hernandez;

Gay Man of the Year - Todd Cole;

Entertainer of the Year - Austin Baptist Women/Austin & Donnie Jay/New Orleans.

The Board of Directors presented the winners in the following awards:

Cheridon Comedy Award - Barry Bareass;

Fly Fashion Glamour Award - Savanna DeLorean;

Fly Fashion Victim Award - Jaded Jade.

The Marsha Delain Award of Excellence (Drag Ambassador Award) was presented to Tami Tarmac by Marsha Naquin-Delain.

The Board of Directors includes Lisa Beaumann, Teryl-Lynn Foxx, Toni Pizanie and Rip and Marsha Naquin-Delain.