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Thursday, July 23

2015 Dining Out For Life Chair Poppy Tooker

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the "official" dish

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Dining Out for Life New Orleans - "It's time to let someone else do the cooking!"

Supporting NO/AIDS Task Force has never been easier or more delicious. The New Orleans community has a once-a-year opportunity to treat themselves to New Orleans' best local eats while also supporting an important cause.

Dining Out For Life is a "don't miss" event. This annual fundraiser and awareness campaign, now in its 19th year, supports friends, families, and co-workers living with HIV and AIDS in the greater New Orleans area. On July 23, participating Dining Out For Life restaurants will donate a portion of their customers' receipts from that day to benefit the Food For Friends program of the Task Force. Food For Friends serves home delivered meals to home-bound clients who are not physically able to cook for themselves. In addition, Food For Friends offers pantry service to needy clients who can choose nutritional items to prepare themselves. Food For Friends serves up to 23,000 prepared meals and gives out more than 185,000 pounds of groceries and personal items annually.

Participate in Dining Out For Life by dining at participating restaurants, with a portion of proceeds becoming donations to NO/AIDS. "The great thing about Dining Out for Life is that every cent raised here stays right in the community to help the men, women and families affected by HIV and AIDS," said Noel Twilbeck, CEO of Crescent Care. NO/AIDS Task Force is now a division of Crescent Care, a community health center provider.

New Orleans treasure, Poppy Tooker, host of the weekly NPR affiliated radio show, Louisiana EATS!, is this year's Dining Out for Life Chair for the 4th consecutive year. With her motto, "Eat It To Save It", Poppy has been instrumental in reviving many endangered foods and food traditions. Tooker is always quick to say "heck yeah!" when asked to support the Task Force. Tooker shares her love of food and cooking with our clients through the Task Force's Life Skills program and as Culinary Arts Chair for Art Against AIDS. Both are generously sponsored by Chevron.

"It's time to let someone else do the cooking! Dining Out for Life is such an easy and fun way to support NO/AIDS Task Force and our friends working in restaurants during the slowest part of the year," said Tooker.

Muriel's Jackson Square is a long time participant and always one of the first to sign on each year. Denise Gratia, co-owner of Muriel's with her husband Rick, said, "Dining Out for Life is a highlight of our summer. It is one of our favorite events, and we love being able to support NO/AIDS Task Force and the people - right here in our community - which you serve."

Some of the participating restaurants

include: Café Amelie, Chef Ron's Gumbo Stop, EAT New Orleans, Fatoush, Feelings Café, Louisiana Pizza Kitchen - French Market, Louisiana Pizza Kitchen - Uptown, Marti's, Meauxbar, Mona Lisa Pizza, Muriel's Jackson Square, The Country Club, and Vacherie.

For a list of participating restaurants, visit www.diningoutforlife.com or see the Dining Out For Life ad on page 18.

GAA Gala Announces Winners; Honors Sy'ria Jackson-Synclaire with Lifetime Achievement

The 28th Annual Gay Appreciation Awards Gala is set for Saturday, July 18, 8-10pm, at Oz, 800 Bourbon Street.

In addition to announcing the 2015 winners, the evening will honor Sy'ria Jackson-Synclaire who was selected as the recipient of the prestigious 28th Lifetime Achievement Award.

VIP Tables with four seats are \$200 and are very limited. All proceeds benefit Southern Decadence 2015. Contact Rip Naquin for table reservations at ripna@ambushmag.com or 504.522.8049. Door admission is \$10.

Chosen by the GAA Board of Directors, Sy'ria is one of Louisiana's own Transgender Women of Color, a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, a graduate of Belaire Magnet High and Georgia Tech University. She has been in the HIV prevention, education and policy field for 15 years now. She started as a Peer Educator with POCC (People of Color in Crisis) in Brooklyn, New York under the leadership of



Sy'ria Jackson-Synclaire

Michael Roberson; she then became certified by the CDC and New York's Dept. of Health and Hospitals for HIV Counseling and Testing.

Ms. Jackson-Synclaire is now the C.L.E.A.R./ ARTAS Prevention Specialist and a overseer of "The Doll House", which is a Safe Haven for transgendered individuals of the Greater New Orleans Area under Brotherhood Inc. Her passion for her community has driven her to gain as much knowledge in all areas pertaining to healthcare, equality, and social justice for the Trans population. She continues to educate herself on how to be of a better aide to her brothers and sisters and help them navigate through healthcare resources. As a service provider and as a member of this community, she feels the need to empower, enlighten, educate, and assist all those that are willing to seek the help that is provided by all agencies and the healthcare resources. Ms. Jackson-Synclaire is acknowledged by the Black Transgender Advocacy Conference Board of Director's as a "Rising Star" in Advocacy for the Transgender Community.

Sy'ria enjoys the art form of female impersonation. She has been entertaining audiences for 20 years. She has earned many prestigious state, regional, and national titles. At present she is the current Miss Black Trans International, Miss Tampa Bay International, Miss Gay Acadiana, and the newly crowned Miss Metro. Sy'ria is also a former Miss Queen of Rampart, Miss Wolfendale's, Miss Footloose, Miss Louisiana USofA, and Miss Louisiana Pride. These titles and accomplishments are just a reflection of all the people that believe in the vision and brand that is Sy'ria Jackson-Synclaire.

Come cheer on your favorites. Top 5 Finalists in each award category include:

Circuit Party/Event of the Year: 16th Gay Easter Parade, Friday Night Before Mardi Gras Extravaganza 15, Halloween 31, 16th Purple Party, Southern Decadence 43

Hair Salon of the Year: Fee & Art's Revival Studio, Head Quarters, Mickey Nolan's, Salon Versailles, Two Guy Cutting Hair

Gay Mardi Gras Ball of the Year: Krewe of Amon-Ra, Krewe of Armeinius, Lords of Leather, Krewe of Narcissus, Mystic Krewe of Satyricon

Neighborhood Bar of the Year: Corner Pocket, Four Seasons & Patio Stage Bar, The Golden Lantern, Good Friends, GrandPre's

Buzzy Fanning AIDS Award: Darren Ferris, Big Easy Sisters, Toby Lefort, NO/AIDS Task Force, Adikus Sulpizi

Bitch of the Year: Aubrey Synclaire, Opal Masters, Chi-Chi Rodriguez, Persana Shoulders, Princess Stephaney

Show Club of the Year: Bourbon Pub

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Year: Chef Ron's Gumbo Stop, Clover Grill, Eat, Quartermaster: The Nellie Deli, Verti Mart

Dance Club of the Year: Bourbon Pub

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