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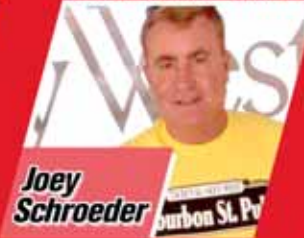
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Glen Kahrman & Bootsie DeVille**

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**EASTER SUNDAY
April 16th @ 4:30pm**

Events/Fundraisers:

**Saturday, April 1st, 8-10pm
MCs Tony Leggio & Persana Shoulders**

**16th Super Star Studded
Drag Extravaganza
@ Oz New Orleans
\$10 donation**

Saturday, April 8th, 8-11pm

**18th Purple Party Easter
Grand Marshals Reception
@ Double Play
\$10 donation**

**Friday, April 14th, 7-9:30pm
MCs Tony Leggio & Guest**

**8th Bunnies in the Big Easy
@ House of Blues Music Hall
\$35 Tickets**

**Sunday April 16th, Parade Day
3-4:30pm, Pre-Parade Party @ GrandPre's**

**4:30pm, 18th Gay
Easter Parade
6pm, Post-Parade Party & Buffet @ GrandPre's**

**Parade entry deadline April 3rd;
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7th Sponsorship Party rakes in \$11,950 for Gay Easter Parade benefiting Food For Friends

The Gay Easter Parade's 7th annual Sponsorship Party kick off raised \$11,950, the largest total in the history of the party. This year the party was hosted by the Food For Friends Kitchen at the corner of Jefferson and Claiborne. It gave sponsors an inside view of what Food For Friends accomplishes because the parade is the largest single donor for Food For Friends. Glen Kahrman and Bootsie DeVille, who are this year's Easter Grand Marshals XVIII, greeted guests.

For the past 15 years, the parade has raised \$264,700 for charity. In 2016, Food For Friends distributed 40,000 home delivered meals, 18,500 pounds of groceries, and 9,500 bags of groceries.

Under the direction of Glen Kahrman as manager of Food For Friends over the past 12 years, he and his staff catered the sponsorship party. It was quite delicious serving salmon/crab cakes topped with remoulade sauce, turkey meatballs with a Sicilian sauce and beef tips. Glen and his partner, CrescentCare CEO Noel Twilbeck, Jr. donated vodka for the event.

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A special thank you to Jake Morris of Four Seasons fame, assisted by Shawn Tillman, who donated their time to bartend at the function.

You too can still become a sponsor. There are 5 levels of sponsorship including Presenting \$2,500, Platinum \$1,000, Gold \$500, Silver \$250 and Bronze \$100. Sponsorship forms are available at www.gayeasterparade.com/images/gepsponsorform.pdf.

15th Spring Fever Extravaganza raises \$2,707 for Gay Easter Parade benefiting Food for Friends @ Four Seasons, Metairie

Gay Easter Parade Board's Electra City and Tittie Toulouse hosted the 15th Spring Fever Extravaganza at Metairie's only LGBT+ club Four Seasons & Patio Stage Bar which the couple owns. The festive evening began with an all-you-can-

eat shrimp boil, followed by a show chockful of entertainers, and a huge number of auctions. This was definitely the night to be in Metairie celebrating with Easter Grand Marshals XVIII Glen Kahrman and Bootsie DeVille!

Tittie Toulouse did the event's signature "Basket of Love" performance raising \$630. The audience is asked to make \$20 donations throughout this song. Each \$20 buys a 3-week bag of groceries for a Food For Friends client.

The event raised:

Show Tips \$268
50/50 Raffle \$42
Shots \$30
Easter Eggs \$67
Basket of Love \$630
Door Sales \$315

Auctions:

Victor Victoria Photo by Rodney Thoulion \$325

George Dureau Photo by Bootsie DeVille \$275

Rosary from Rome by Lee \$100
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Small Wine Basket by Lee Dugas \$40

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Ceramic Candle Holder by Sebastin Alexander \$15

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Two Anastascia Dolls by Edward McDaniel \$30

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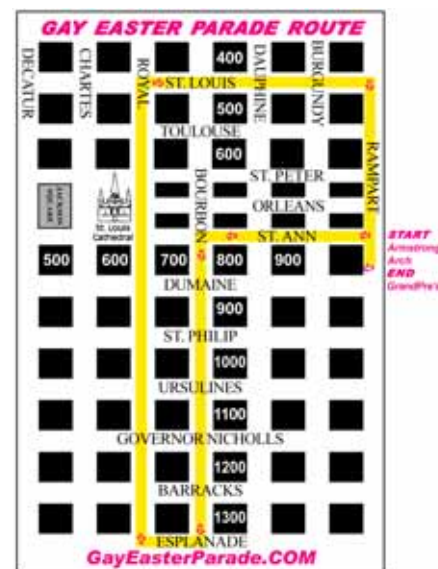
Large Premium Liquor Basket by Tony Leggio \$75

Total \$2,707

Chef Ron's Gumbo Stop did a Gold \$500 Sponsorship.

Gay Easter Parade Entry Deadline April 5

The 18th Gay Easter Parade sold out of carriages in a record three day period. Only one as of press time remains. It is the 5-person Cinderella carriage which is \$750. The parade will



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be led by Easter Grand Marshals XVIII Glen Kahrman and Bootsie DeVille.

The parade is still accepting car convertibles for \$200 each and marching/walking groups of 25 for \$150 each. Due to city and insurance restrictions, NO trucks, motorcycles, scooters, bicycles, motorized vehicles, floats, trailers, rickshaws or pedicabs are allowed in parade.

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