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The 2009 Horicon Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac Names Restaurant Winners

(2/23/09)- Horicon Bank's Taste of Fond du Lac was a great success this year for all who participated. More than 25 restaurants also put their culinary talents to the test and had some of their food judged in the following four categories; appetizer, lunch entrée, dinner entrée, and dessert.

For the appetizer category, Linstrom's Special Occasion Catering came in first place with its Rich Ruben Dip with Parmesan Pita Crackers & Foccacia. Second place went to newcomer Bellafini's for its Deep Fried Melangiani and the Chicken Tortilla Soup from Royal Ridges of Ripon slid in for third place.

First place in the lunch entrée category was presented to Fond du Latte Coffee House and Cuisine for its Pot Roast Pretzel Pleaser with a Mushroom Demi-Glace. In second place, Windy City of Beaver Dam for its Italian Beef, and White Chicken Chili from Backyard Grill & Bar came in third place.

The judges awarded Linstrom's Special Occasion Catering a first place finish for its Southwest Shrimp Alfredo in the Dinner entrée category. BBQ ribs from Catus Jacks took second place, and Bellafini's was awarded third place for its Homemade Spaghetti & Meatballs.

In the dessert category first place went to the Grasshopper Pie with a Chocolate Ganache from Fond du Latte House and Cuisine. Fin-n-Feather Supper Club came in second place with its

Pumpkin Mousse topped with Apple Pie Liqueur Sauce. Finishing third in this sweet tooth category was Moraine Park Technical College Culinary Arts for its Cream Puff.

“Congratulations to those restaurants that placed, everyone did a phenomenal job to help create a fun event for the community and all the participants,” said Mary Ann Dilling, Executive Director of Fond du Lac Festivals, Inc. “The response from the community was outstanding,”

The People’s Choice Award, which is completely decided by the guests, will be announced later this week. Taste of Fond du Lac presented by Horicon Bank is an annual event and was held Sunday, February 22 at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds Expo Building. The event featured restaurants, a silent auction and local entertainment.

Horicon Bank’s Taste of Fond du Lac is sponsored by Horicon Bank, Charter Communications, Hopper’s Silk Screening and All Star Trophy, Budweiser American Ale, WFRV CBS 5, Pepsi Americas, News Talk AM 1450 KFIZ, Festival Foods, The Reporter and Specht Electric & Communications.

Fond du Lac Festivals, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded in 1983 with a mission to direct, promote, and support festivals and special events that showcase the Fond du Lac community. The organization, with a great deal of help and support from the community, is responsible for Walleye Weekend, Horicon Bank’s Taste of Fond du Lac and Fond du Lac Festival’s Light up the City. These events benefit more than 100 non-profit organizations.

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