



ROLLING FOR FUN AND TO BENEFIT Share Our Strength

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Washington, DC (June 2005) -- Leading chefs and foodservice professionals from the Washington DC area rallied on June 15, 2005, for the second annual "Chefs on Bikes" tour (www.chefsonbikes.com), to share ideas, explore new food and beverage sources, compare motorcycles, and network while rolling through the city and surrounding countryside.

Trading their toques for helmets, 45 leading chefs rode to raise funds to benefit **Share Our Strength**, a national nonprofit committed to ending childhood hunger in America. The riders - or their supporters made a minimum \$1.00 contribution for every mile traveled during the day (estimated at 125 miles). A network of sponsors underwrote the cost of the event, as well as making direct contributions to Share Our Strength. The total amount raised for Share Our Strength was just over \$10,000; with Bistrot du Coin winning the competition for the highest-sponsored rider at \$1800.

A leader in the fight against childhood hunger, Share Our Strength has focused much of its innovative work in conjunction with the foodservice industry. Since its founding in 1984, the organization has raised more than \$188 million to support anti-hunger efforts worldwide. They are currently focusing their efforts on building the first hunger-free generation.

"If we are to address the challenge of 13 million children who face hunger in America today, it will take innovative solutions," said Bill Shore, founder and executive director of Share Our Strength. "We salute the organizers, sponsors and participants of the " Chefs on Bikes™" tour for working with us and we thank them for their role in raising critical funds and awareness to ensure that kids everywhere have access to nutritious food."

Culinary experts and owners from some of the top dining places in the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area as well as from as far away as Wilmington participated in this year's benefit tour, according to Jean-Philippe Krukowicz, who owns the foodservice company, KRUKO/JPK Enterprises, and is a presenting sponsor and co-founder of the biking event. Mr. Krukowicz started Chefs on Bikes last year with Co-Founder Scott Hamberger, vice president of Fortessa, in Sterling, VA. Fortessa was also a presenting sponsor of the 2005 rally.

"The sponsors of this year's event were proud to provide a forum for the building of community and fellowship among our customers, while raising money for a great cause. It's a fun way to share information with industry colleagues and to do some good at the same time," said Mr. Hamberger.

2005 Participants:

Robert Wiedmaier - Marcel's
James Schroeder - Equinox
David Guas - DC Coast/ Ceiba
Vincent Damman - La Bergerie
Cliff Wharton - TenPenh
Cesare Lanfranconi - Tosca
Bernard Oshaben - Occidental Grill
RJ Cooper - Vidalia

David Wizenberg - Passion food
Thierry Smith - Lavandou
Bernard Dahaene - Mannequin Pis
Michel Berthrand - Peacock Cafe
Yannis Felix - Bistrot du Coin
Robert McGowan - Old Ebbitt
Benoit Teisseire - Embassy of Germany
Jean-Philippe Krukowicz - KRUKO/JPK

Ron Killion – American Pride Smokers
Bart Vandaele – Belga Café
Mike Benson – Café Saint –Ex
Jerry Gatine – Extra Virgin
Alain Borel – L’Auberge Provencale
Dennis Flanagan – Obelisk
Daniel Labonne – Tabaq Bistrot
Franco Stocco – Violino Ristorante
James Sutphin – Bar Pilar
Sonia Bernhardt - Georgetown
Jamie Stachowski – Kolumbia
Joshua Hoffman – Poplar Springs Inn
Brian Lee – La Miche
Sly Lioa – Sequoia
Jeff Tunks – DC Coast/Ceiba
Dan Dupay – Bistro 123

Carl Gieorigi – Eclipse Bistro
Noah Mathay – Eclipse Bistro
Brian Tallman – Equinox
Sylvain Tonello – La Bergerie
Gerard Taylor – Friend of the Industry
Colleen Haera – Old Dominion
Jose Vidal Diaz – The Madison Hotel
Marchella Stocco – Violino Ristorante
Richard Pollin – MCI Center
Wally Greeves – Georgetown
Vaughan Skaggs – Market Salamander
Vincent Feraud – Maestro
Chris Bickel – Café Saint- Ex
Houl Lai – Four Sister
Edna Jean Richard – Bistro 123
Memed Djemal - Mediterranean

Highlights of this year’s event included:

- Tour of the AM Briggs facility in Washington, DC to get pointers on the meatpacking business.
- Tour of the Old Dominion Brewery, in Ashburn, VA to learn about the art of brewing.
- A sojourn at Blue Hill Farm, in Virginia, for more food, fun and a mammoth BBQ cook-off.

The chefs that competed in the BBQ contest were:

Jeff Buben/ RJ Cooper - Vidalia
Brian Tallman/ James Schroeder – Equinox
Chris Clime/ David Guas – Ceiba
Jamie Stachowski - Kolumbia
Brian Lee – La Miche
Sam Adkins/Eron Picas – Jackie’s
Daniel Labonne – Tabaq Bistrot
Robert McGowan – Old Ebbitt
Sebastien Agez – Montmartre
Joshua Hoffman – Poplar Springs Inn
Edna Jean Richard/ Dan Dupay – Bistro 123
Bernard Dahaene – Mannequin Pis

The winners:

First Place – Chris Clime/ David Guas – Ceiba
Second Place – Bernard Dehaene – Mannequin Pis
Third Place Tie – Jeff Buben/ RJ Cooper – Vidalia
Third Place Tie – Robert McGowen – Old Ebbitt

- A bike - judging contest

The winners:

First Place – Alain Borel – L’Auberge PROVENCALE - **Harley Davidson V-Rod**
Second Place – David Wizenberg – Passion Food Hospitality
Third Place - Chris Bickel – Café Saint-Ex

- The tour ended with cocktails and toasts to the biking experience at Washington’s Bistrot du Coin.

In addition to Fortessa and Kruko, other sponsors of this year's Chefs on Bikes tour were: 2911 Productions; Garnier Thiebaut (fine linens); AM Briggs Meat Packing; American Pride Smokers; Old Dominion Brewing; Womble Caryle Sandridge & Rice PLLC; BA Web Solutions; Marcel's; Bistrot du Coin; Staub; Sitram.

For more information on Chefs on Bikes, check out the website at www.chefsonbikes.com