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**Tropicana announces Celebrity Chefs and menu items for 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Taste of The Quarter to benefit United Way, Monday, August 24**

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ (August 17, 2009) – South Jersey’s premier dining, shopping and entertainment complex, The Quarter at Tropicana Casino & Resort, will host the second annual Taste of The Quarter on Monday, August 24 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. featuring local personalities and dignitaries.

Benefiting the United Way of Atlantic County, community leaders and local personalities have generously donated their time to serve menu items at various tables throughout the event. To date the following people will be participating in the Second Annual Taste of The Quarter event: Senator Jeff Van Drew, Assemblyman John Amodeo, Assemblyman Vincent Polistina, Councilman Dennis Mason, Marc Miller morning show host of SoJO 104.9, Eddie Davis morning show host of Lite Rock 96.9, Theresa Berry news anchor for TV 40, Pinky Kravitz columnist for AC Weekly and host of Pinky’s Corner on WOND, Barbara Altman mid-day show host on WOND, Chuck Darrow casino columnist for Philadelphia Daily News, Scott Cronick editor of At The Shore – Press of Atlantic City, Jen Miller author of DownTheShoreWithJen blog, Lew Steiner publisher of AC Weekly, Ms. Senior New Jersey Bernadette Dudek, Hooters Girls and Tropicana executives.

Building off of the success of last year’s event, the second annual Taste of The Quarter will feature more than 15 of Tropicana’s restaurants and nightlife venues serving special menu items. Menu items are as follows:

- A Dam Good Deli: Fruit and Yogurt Parfait
- A Dam Good Sports Bar: Taco Buffet
- Carmines: Mini Meatballs, Eggplant Parm and homemade Focaccia
- Cuba Libre Restaurant & Rum Bar: Chilled Soft Spring Roll of Shrimp, Crab and Avocado Salad, Cucumber, Chayote, Watercress, Candied Papaya and Mango with a Ponzu Sauce
- Hooters: Wings with Blue Cheese and Celery
- Il Verdi: Potatoe Gnocchi Oven Baked with Porcini Mushrooms and a Black Truffle Parmigiano-Reggiano Cream
- IMAX Theatre: Popcorn
- Palm: Gigi Salad in a Martini Glass
- Planet Rose: Signature Cocktail Sampling
- P.F. Chang’s China Bistro: Crab Wontons and Chang’s Spicy Chicken
- Red Square: Strawberries Romanoff
- RiRa Irish Pub: Whiskey Garlic Mussels served with Garlic Crostini, Guinness, Smithwick’s or Harp Sampling
- Starbucks: Coffee Sampling
- Tango’s: Choice of Red or White Wine sponsored by Alto Vino at Top of Trop
- Wellington’s: Beef Short Ribs
- Zeytinia – New York’s Gourmet Choice: Coffee and Pastry

Taste of The Quarter will also feature WTTH radio show host, Raymond Tyler in Central Plaza as our special guest DJ, the Howard Isaacson Jazz Trio in Fiesta Plaza and salsa dancers.

Taste of The Quarter will benefit the Atlantic County community with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the United Way. Funds raised by the event will support 60 local programs working to improve lives of local residents with services such as: adult literacy education; emergency assistance for food, clothing and shelter; after school programming and pediatric free health services, including dental care.

Tickets for Taste of The Quarter are priced at \$25 each and can be purchased at the IMAX Box Office, located on the third floor of The Quarter in addition to [www.Ticketmaster.com](http://www.Ticketmaster.com), via phone at 1.800.745.3000 or at the United Way office located at 4 East Jimmie Leeds Road, Suite 10, in Galloway, NJ (609-404-4483). Guests for Taste of The Quarter must be 21. For more information on the event and up-to-date menu items please visit [www.tropicana.net/taste](http://www.tropicana.net/taste). The second annual Taste of The Quarter is sponsored by The Press of Atlantic City's GoAC.com and Lady Luck.

The Tropicana Casino & Resort is a 24-hour gaming destination located on the beach and Boardwalk. Featuring more than 2,100 rooms and suites and home of The Quarter, a 200,000 square foot entertainment complex, Tropicana is the premier resort in Atlantic City. With more than 20 restaurants, 26 shops, 12 bars and lounges, 2 pools, an IMAX Theatre and a spa, Tropicana is consistently rated as the "Must-See Attraction" in Atlantic City. For more information, visit the new official Web site at [www.tropicana.net](http://www.tropicana.net).

For more exclusive discounts, current information, pictures, and video, be sure to check out the Tropicana on the Web at [www.facebook.com/Tropicana.AC](http://www.facebook.com/Tropicana.AC) or follow us on Twitter <http://twitter.com/TropicanaAC>.

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