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RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND ANNOUNCES 2011 NOMINEES FOR “STARS OF THE INDUSTRY” AWARDS

Online Voting Now Open; Dining Public Encouraged to Cast Votes for Favorite Restaurant, Chef, Bar or Tavern, Wine & Beverage Program, “Green” Restaurant and More!

(Columbia, Maryland)—The Restaurant Association of Maryland is excited to announce the finalists for the highly anticipated “Stars of the Industry” Awards sponsored by McCormick and Company. The awards honor the Maryland hospitality industry’s best in such categories as Maryland’s Favorite New Restaurant, Chef of the Year, and more. Winners of these prestigious awards will be revealed at the 57th annual “Stars of the Industry” Awards Gala on Monday, May 16, 2011 from 6pm to midnight at Martin’s West in Baltimore.

Members of the dining public are strongly encouraged to visit www.marylandrestaurants.com/gala to cast their votes for their favorite nominees in each category. Competition is steep: in the past, more than 30,000 votes per year have been collected. Voting will continue until April 1, 2011.

2011 AWARD NOMINEES

Voted on by the Dining Public:

Favorite Restaurant

Lewne’s Steakhouse, Annapolis
Casey Jones, Waldorf
Ryleigh’s Oyster Bar, Baltimore
Sunset Grille, Ocean City
Dutch’s Daughter, Frederick

Chef of the Year

Ian Campbell, Bistro Poplar
Patrick Morrow, Bluegrass Tavern
Quanta Robinson, Black’s Bar & Kitchen
Tim Mullen, Renaissance Baltimore
Brian Boston, Milton Inn

Pastry Chef of the Year

Susan Limb, Praline Bakery & Bistro
Isaiah Billington, Woodberry Kitchen
Rita Garruba, 8407 Kitchen Bar
Bettina Clair, Blue Hill Tavern

Maryland’s Favorite New

Restaurant (open 2 years or less)

The Grille at Peerce’s, Phoenix
Bridge’s Restaurant, Grasonville
Langermann’s, Baltimore
B&O American Brasserie, Baltimore
Againn Tavern, Rockville

Favorite Bar and/or Tavern

Harborside Bar & Grill, Ocean City
MaGerks Pub & Grill, Baltimore
Looney’s Pub, Mapelawn
Fish Tales, Ocean City
Pickles Pub, Baltimore
Tark’s Grill, Lutherville

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Voted on by the Dining Public (continued):

Wine and Beverage Program of the Year

Mrs. K's Tollhouse, Silver Spring
Galaxy 66 Bar and Grille, Ocean City
Victoria Gastro Pub, Columbia
Redwood Restaurant & Bar, Bethesda
13.5% Wine Bar, Baltimore

Green Restaurant of the Year
The Crab Shanty, Ellicott City
Brick Ridge Restaurant, Mount Airy
The Rockfish, Annapolis
Ricciuti's, Olney

Voted on by Association Members Only:

Allied Member of the Year

Total Image Graphics, Jeff McCabe
Coastal Sunbelt Produce, John Corso
Payce Payroll, Brian Pfeifer
Electronic Systems Services (ESS), Michael Tash
Business & Commercial Ventures, Jerry Blumenthal

Restaurateur of the Year

Joe Barbera, AIDA Bistro
Billy Carder, BJ's on the Water
Pat Karzai, The Helmand
Jeff Heineman, Grapeseed Bistro
Karen Murray, TJ's of Calverton

Be among the first to know the 2011 Stars of the Industry award winners and celebrate the Maryland restaurant industry by attending the Awards Gala in May. Tickets are \$175 per person and include a spectacular cocktail hour featuring food from Restaurant Association of Maryland member restaurants, an extravagant sit down dinner and dancing, all in addition to the awards ceremony.

To purchase tickets, or for more information on becoming a sponsor of this event, please contact Jennie Silver at 410-290-6800.

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The Restaurant Association of Maryland (RAM) celebrates 75 years serving the restaurant and foodservice by maintaining core principles born out of the first national financial crisis. In 1927 a small group of Baltimore area restaurateurs met to deal with the challenges facing the economy and the foodservice industry. Today, RAM is a 2,000 member strong statewide trade association operated for the purpose of promoting, protecting and improving the foodservice industry in the State of Maryland. Since the very beginning, the Association has been run by restaurateurs and suppliers working not only for the benefit of dues paying members, but also for the restaurant industry as a whole. For more information about the restaurant industry in Maryland please visit our website at www.marylandrestaurants.com.