

Dine with the Chefs attracts more than 300

As in past years, the sixth annual Dine With the Chefs was well-attended and enjoyed by the more than 300 who sat down to partake in the area's most dynamic gastronomic experience.

Meals on Wheels hosted the fundraiser at Avalon Manor. The organization, with its hundreds of volunteers, provides thousands of nourishing meals for the elderly and infirm.

The event featured a bevy of chefs who used their expertise to prepare some exquisite cuisine that tickled the palate.

Among hors d'oeuvres offerings were mini-beef wellington and salmon tartar, roasted red pepper and eggplant terrine, wild mushroom strudel, Gulf shrimp with saffron cream sauce and seared scallops with wonton crisps and cilantro dressing. Soups were wild mushroom bisque and brie and a colorful and tasty black bean soup with yellow pepper coulis.

A crisp salad of tarragon mixed greens in a romano cheese basket was a culinary work of art.

Entrees were a fish course of mushroom-crust halibut with



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port wine butter sauce atop Rissot Milanese and stuffed tiger prawns.

The meat course was a delicious herb-seared beef tenderloin with chanterelle mushroom cream sauce and braised swiss chard and baby carrots. Also as part of that course was braised Ossobuco pork shank with rich red wine demi.

Desserts included chocolate dream cake and fresh raspberry misu. Coffee, tea and other libations were served.

Among chefs were **Terry Zych** and students **Elida Abeyta**, **Beverly Selb** and **Dawn Hartman**, all

of Ivy Tech; **Jo Anne Garvey**, **Rick Delby** and **Hipolito Sanchez**, of Avalon Manor; **Joseph Trama**, of the Center for Visual and Performing Arts; **David Siano** and **Diego Burgos**, of Horseshoe Casino; **Scott Farrell**,

of Briar Ridge Country Club; **Nicolas Luna**, of Villa de Bruno; **Jack Mix**, of Comfort's Catering; **Glenard Brooks**, of Genesis Convention Center; **Peter Jeschke**, of Harrah's Casino; **Joshua Barth**,



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READY TO DINE: Meals on Wheels Executive Director Sandra Noe, left, and Nancy Johnson attend the recent Meals on Wheels fundraiser at Avalon Manor in Hobart.

Michael Hass and **Mike Zubay**, of T.J.'s Steakhouse at Resorts East Chicago Casino and Hotel; **Jim Galligan**, executive chef of Long Beach Country Club, and **Mitch Hogges**, sous chef of Long Beach Country Club; **Tim Merkel** of Giovanni's restaurant; and **Cheryl Molenda** of the Inn at Aberdeen.

Kudos, too, to **Barb Henning** and **Alice Pickford**, participating chefs and to The Times' own **Barb Rolek**, who made hundreds of tasty chocolate-dipped coffee spoons for guests to enjoy.

Speaking of The Times, columnist **Phil Potempa** served as master of ceremonies for the benefit.

The String Fever musicians, who offered a medley of instrumental music, provided entertainment.

Among guests were Hobart Mayor **Linda Buzinec** and husband **George**, Crown Point Mayor **Dan** and **Vicky Klein**, **Teresa Badovich** and her mother, **Beverly**, **Marlene Zloza** and her mother, **Elsie**, **Jen Novak**, **Nina** and **Sam Kyres**, **Andrew Kyres**, **Pam Sutko**, **Roy Evans**, **Paul**

and **Amy Anderson**, **Joe** and **Cindy Beckman**, **Rick** and **Jodi Bella**, **Larry Berda**, **Bob** and **Susan Bieker**, **Marc** and **Shirley Campbell**, **Margot Clark**, **Greg** and **Nancy Forsythe**, **Dr. Ronald** and **Phyllis Feldner**, **William** and **Kathy Hasse**, **Bob** and **Joann Hite**, **Marge Kerr**, **Nancy Johnson**, **Byron** and **Kala McShane**, **Gary Miller**, **Rick Mazer**, **Allen** and **Sally Nalbor**, **Lew Noe**, **Tom** and **Peggy Ogren**, **Patti Oisen**, **Bob**

Pfister, **Judge James Richards**, **Dan** and **Laurie Rohder**, **Phil** and **Kim Ruschak**, **Chuck** and **Helen Sauerman**, **Mike** and **Jill Schrage**, **Verne Seehausen**, **George** and **Sharon Stroguludis**, **Mark Sulka**, **Magie Tedesco**, **Dr. Jeffrey** and **Morag Thompson**, **Tom** and **Barb Van Prooyen**, **Diana Virjovich** and **John Grzeskowski**, **Mary Rolek**, **Ron** and **Debbie Waisnora**, and **Ken**, **Jean** and **Candace Ziese**.

Sandra Noe is executive director of Meals on Wheels and is served by its board: **Jean Easse**, president, **James Greiner**, past president; **Andrew Kyres**, vice president; **Thomas Ogren**, secretary; **James Donovan**, treasurer, and members **Kathleen Berda**, **Thomas Cuddy**, **Geralyn Farley**, **Charles Goetz**, **Shar Miller**, **Shawn Michael Petit** and **Verne Seehausen**.

Chairman of the event was chef **Jim Galligan**. **Melissa Castle-Kirincic** of Meals on Wheels coordinated the fundraiser.

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