

JUNE 2006

# FOOD ARTS

AT THE RESTAURANT AND HOTEL FOREFRONT



## American Idols 2006

Utopian BBQ

Cool Mom & Pops

Supersonic Ice Cream

Forager Cocktails

# Say Cheese

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**1. A Round Of Applause For A World Renowned.** Daniel Boulud (left) was on hand to help Gallic compatriot Jean-François Taquet commemorate 20 years of enticing diners out of the City of Brotherly Love and into Restaurant Taquet in the Wayne Hotel in Wayne, PA, in March. Photo by Jen Capone.

**2. It's Not What You Know, It's Who You Know.** Jennifer Grace Tibbitts joined her father, international wine and spirits consultant Fred Tibbitts Jr., president/CEO of Fred Tibbitts & Associates, in recognizing 10 years of good company and strategic alliances at his annual "A Spring Evening in New York with Very Special Friends." Held in March at Lincoln Center's Kaplan Penthouse, the dinner and wine soiree honored Dick Cattani, Restaurant Associates' president of managed services, with the 2006 Tibbitts Hospitality Award for Lifetime Excellence. Photo by Lynda Duerk Stuer.

**3. Raise A Glass Of Red To Raise Green.** The Windy City pronounced a love of red wine and demonstrated a voracious appetite

for red meat with "Big Red" at the University Club in February, raising nearly \$16,000 for the Boys & Girls Club of Chicago. Partygoers quaffed wines from St. Francis Winery & Vineyards and sampled Chicago-area chefs' culinary creations. From left: Laura Ferris-Anderson of the Boys & Girls Club of Chicago, Matt Anderson, and Kobrand's Jane McGrath and Sarah Powers. Photo by Heidi Brill.

**4. First Time Festival.** Southern chefs (from left) Frank Stitt (Highlands Bar & Grill, Birmingham, AL), Ben Barker (Magnolia Grill, Durham, NC), Frank Lee (Slightly North of Broad, Charleston, SC), and Don Drake (Magnolias, Charleston, SC) catch up over Champagne and dessert at a reparative "Bubbles & Sweets" event during the inaugural Distinctively Charleston Food + Wine Festival in Charleston, SC, in March. Photo by Charleston Picture Company.

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