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THE 18TH ANNUAL CHOWDERFEST BROKE THE RECORD!

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. – The 18th annual Saratoga Chowderfest (part of the 19th annual Winterfest) sets the record for number of participants!

The Saratoga Convention and Tourism Bureau's 2016 Chowderfest results:

- **84 outlets** including 3 new Convention Bureau members: Airstream Catering, Carson's Woodside Tavern and Putnam Den
- **7 First-time Chowderfest contestants** including: 62 Beekman, Airstream Catering, Carson's Woodside Tavern, Diamond Grill at Embassy Suites, Knights of Columbus, Serendipity Arts and Cooking Studio, Spa City Trifecta
- 130,000 bowls of chowder served
- 45-50,000 people on the streets (record number!)
- Discounted hotel specials were available for the weekend
- Long sleeved t-shirts are available at the Convention Bureau's office

New This Year:

- Over 1,700 people rode the free park & ride shuttles from Wilton Mall and Saratoga Casino & Raceway, 4 additional buses were added
- Over 860 people voted online, online voting was open until 5:00 PM

Chowderfest 2016 Winners:

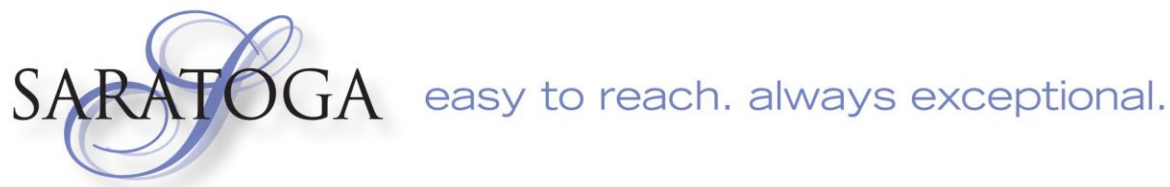
The winners-by vote of the chowder consumers themselves

- People's Choice: Gaffney's Restaurant, Southwest Shrimp & Grilled Corn Chowder with a Crab Popper Wonton
- People's Choice under 1,000 bowls: Dock Browns Lakeside Tavern, Shrimp Corn Chowder
- Most Chowder Served: Druthers, Southwest Chowder
- Best On Broadway: Thirsty Owl Outlet and Wine Garden
- Best Off Broadway: West Side Stadium, Seafood Chowder with Clams, Crab, Corn, Potato topped with Fried Cornbread Stick
- Best Non Downtown: Dock Browns Lakeside Tavern, Shrimp Corn Chowder
- Best Newcomer: Carson's Woodside Tavern, Cheesy Chicken Quesadilla Soup
- Best Dessert Chowder: TC Paris, Mini Tirami-Sea Cupcake

For photos and video from Chowderfest 2016, please visit our Facebook fan page:

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SAVE THE DATE: 19th Anniversary of Chowderfest is Saturday, February 4, 2017!

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