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Orland Township Touchdown!

3rd Annual Souper Bowl Challenge scores big with residents

(Orland Township, IL – Feb. 4, 2020) - Soup lovers from Orland Township and beyond recently spent a Saturday afternoon sampling a variety of soups and then voting for their favorites, according to the office of Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady.

Nearly 200 residents took on the challenge of pacing themselves through 16 different soups. The soups were divided into four categories, or quarters, for the competition. After sampling all the soups in a quarter, residents were asked to vote for their favorite and then move to the next quarter and repeat.

"The Souper Bowl Challenge is becoming one of our most popular community events," said Supervisor O'Grady. "I want to thank everyone who participated, from our cooks to our tasters to our judges – everyone contributed to the success of the event."

Contestants in each quarter had the opportunity to win three different awards:

- The People's Choice Award, which was decided by votes from attending residents.
- The Best Decorated Station, which was decided by the Souper Bowl Judging Panel.
- The Golden Ladle, also decided by the Souper Bowl Judging Panel.

The members of the Souper Bowl Judging Panel were:

- Andy Avalos, Storm Team Meteorologist from NBC Chicago
- Kevin Kollins, Morning Show Host on Star 96.7 FM
- Brooke Hunter, Morning Show Host on Star 96.7 FM
- Liz Gorman, former Cook County Commissioner
- Cindy Murray, Orland Township Clerk

After the soups were served and the votes were in, the winners in the Orland Township 3rd Annual Souper Bowl Competition were:

Golden Ladle Trophy:

Rookies (cooks 12 to 54 years of age)

1st Place – Tina Zekich and Angela Greenfield (Leek, Potato and Spinach soup)

2nd Place – Suzanne Law (Split Pea with Ham)

3rd Place – Charles Johnson (Seafood Bisque)

Senior Hall of Famers (cooks 55 years of age and older)

1st Place – Diane Hamil (Football Soup)

2nd Place – Mary Lu Wasniewski (Cheeseburger Soup)

3rd Place – Bill Brady (Beef Vegetable Soup)

Public Service Pro-Bowlers (public servants)

1st Place – Felicitas Cortez, Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce (Asian Noodle with Quail Egg)

2nd Place – David Hardy, Smith Crossing (Lobster Bisque)

3rd Place – Illinois State Senator Michael Hastings (Beef Maria Rosa Soup)

Culinary MVPs (local restaurants)

1st Place – Chuy's Tex Mex (Chicken Tortilla Soup)

2nd Place – Georgios Banquets (Cream of Chicken Rice Soup)

3rd Place – Gatto's (Minestrone)

People's Choice Award:

Rookies

Suzanne Law (Split Pea with Ham)

Senior Hall of Famers

Diane Hamil (Football Soup)

Public Service Pro Bowlers

David Hardy, Smith Crossing (Lobster Bisque)

Culinary MVPs

Chuy's Tex Mex (Chicken Tortilla Soup)

Best Decorated Station:

Rookies

Tina Zekich and Angela Greenfield (Valentine's Day theme)

Senior Hall of Famers

Mary Lu Wasniewski (Margaritaville theme)

Public Service Pro Bowlers

Felicitas Cortez, Orland Park Area of Chamber of Commerce (Asian Theme)

Culinary MVPs

Rubino's Italian Imports (Italian theme)

Each contestant was also asked to make an extra batch of soup, which was delivered to a local shelter after the event. All proceeds from the event go to the Orland Township Food Pantry, which provides groceries to more than 300 families a month who are experiencing financial difficulties.

Orland Township's 3rd Annual Souper Bowl Challenge took place on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020 at the Township Office, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park.

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Photo Captions:

Photo: rookies: Orland Township Souper Bowl Challenge judges and contestants in the Rookie Quarter.



Photo: senior hall of famers: Orland Township Souper Bowl Challenge judges and contestants in the Senior Hall of Famer Quarter.



Photo: public service pro bowlers: Orland Township Souper Bowl Challenge judges and contestants in the Public Service Pro Bowler Quarter.



Photo: culinary mvps: Orland Township Souper Bowl Challenge judges and contestants in the Culinary MVP Quarter.

