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Orland Township Touchdown!

2nd Annual Souper Bowl Challenge scores big with residents

(Orland Township, IL – Feb. 5, 2019) - Soup lovers from Orland Township and beyond recently spent a Saturday afternoon sampling more than 20 soups and then voting for their favorites, according to the office of Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady.

Nearly 300 residents took on the challenge of pacing themselves through tasting 21 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. "Even though this is only the second year, we had more attendees, more residents enter their soups, and more people already asking about next year's 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:

- Lisa Jordan, Morning Show Host on Star 96.7 FM
- Kevin Kollins, Morning Show Host on Star 96.7 FM
- Liz Gorman, Executive Director, Illinois Tollway
- Kyle Hastings II, Village of Orland Hills Trustee
- Cindy Murray, Orland Township Clerk
- John Lynch, Orland Township Trustee
- Antonio Rubino, Orland Township Trustee

After the soups were served and the votes were in, the winners in the Orland Township 2nd Annual Souper Bowl Competition were:

Golden Ladle Trophy:

Rookies (cooks 12 to 54 years of age)

- 1st Place – Al Childress (Creamy Chicken Florentine)
- 2nd Place – Kate Hastings (Sopa de Taco)
- 3rd Place – Suzanne Law (Clam Chowder)

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

- 1st Place – Bill Hurley (Chicken Tortilla Soup)
- 2nd Place – Wally and Lorraine Koziel (Stuffed Green Pepper Soup)
- 3rd Place – Mary Lu Wasniewski (Tomato Basil Orzo Soup)

Public Service Pro-Bowlers (first responders and other public servants)

- 1st Place – State Senator Mike Hastings (Beef Rosa Soup)
- 2nd Place – Kelly O’Brien, Alliance for Regional Development (Potato Soup)
- 3rd Place – Howard Robinson, CSM, State of Illinois, 19th District (Souper Beefy Vegetable Soup)

Culinary MVPs (local restaurants)

- 1st Place – Cacao Café (Chicken Tortilla Soup)
- 2nd Place – Georgios Banquets (Cream of Chicken Rice Soup)
- 3rd Place – Big Joe’s Backyard BBQ (Cream of Chicken Tortellini Soup)

People’s Choice Award:

Rookies

Kate Hastings (Sopa de Taco)

Senior Hall of Famers

Bill Hurley (Chicken Tortilla Soup)

Public Service Pro Bowlers

Kelly O’Brien (Potato Soup)

Culinary MVPs

Chuy’s Tex Mex (Chicken Tortilla Soup)

Best Decorated Station:

Rookies

Kate Hastings

Senior Hall of Famers

Bill Hurley

Public Service Pro Bowlers

Kelly O'Brien

Culinary MVPs

Big Joe's Backyard BBQ

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.

"I want to thank all the soup cooks, all the residents who came out to taste and vote and our panel of judges," said O'Grady. "It was because of everyone that the Souper Bowl Challenge was such a fun day and helped some very important causes."

Orland Township's 2nd Annual Souper Bowl Challenge took place on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019 at the Township Office, 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park.

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Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady thanks local dignitaries and celebrities who served as judges for the Township's 2nd Annual Souper Bowl Challenge. Pictured from left to right: Liz Gorman, Executive Director, Illinois Tollway; Antonio Rubino and John Lynch, Orland Township Trustees; Supervisor O'Grady; Lisa Jordan and Kevin Kollins, Morning Show Hosts from Star 96.7 FM; Cindy Murray, Orland Township Clerk and Kyle Hastings II, Village of Orland Hills Trustee.



Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady (sitting) with the Golden Ladle winners in the Rookie quarter: 1st Place – Al Childress, 2nd Place Kate Hastings, 3rd Place Suzanne Law.



Supervisor Paul O'Grady (sitting) with the Golden Ladle winners in the Senior Hall of Famer quarter: 1st Place-Bill Hurley, 2nd Place – Lorraine Koziel, 3rd Place – Mary Lu Wasniewski.



Supervisor Paul O'Grady (right) with the Golden Ladle winners in the Public Service Pro Bowler quarter (from left): Kelly O'Brien (2nd Place), Sen. Mike Hastings (1st Place) and Howard Robinson (3rd Place).



Supervisor Paul O'Grady (center, sitting) with the Golden Ladle winners representing the restaurants in the Culinary MVP quarter (from left): Georgios Banquets (2nd Place), Cacao Café (1st Place) and Big Joe's Backyard BBQ (3rd Place).