

Parish Kitchen Newsletter

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Charity Night at the Tables and Lane's End Stakes at Turfway Park

The Parish Kitchen was invited again to participate in the Charity Night at the Tables, sponsored by the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and Turfway Park.

This unique event, chaired by Lisa Raterman, consists of three separate parts; ticket sales, the Call to Post Luncheon horse selection, and the Lane's End Stakes race.

Six local charities invited to participate in this event every year with the opportunity to ultimately win \$10,000.00 for their cause. The six participating charities this year were: Family Nurturing Center, Steinford Toy Foundation, Senior Services of NKY, Special Olympics, Dinsmore Homestead Foundation and The Parish Kitchen. The charities sold tickets for the event with the top three selling charities being invited to participate the following year.

The Parish Kitchen sold over 80 tickets for this enjoyable event and qualified to be invited back next year. Parish Kitchen sold the second most tickets, just under Steinford Toy Foundation.

The evening consisted of players' using play-money to gamble in a casino type setting. During the evening, held in Turfway VIP tent, the event participants are encouraged to offer their winnings to their favorite charity. The "winnings" determined which charity got first pick of the horses running in the Lane's End Stakes at the "Call to Post Luncheon". This year we were fifth in total chips and placed our hopes on a 5-1 favorite "Silent Times". The charity whose horse finished first (or best among the six chosen) received \$10,000. The others received \$2,000.00.

Last year a "Texas Hold'em" tournament was added to the event. The winner provided their favorite charity with a check for \$1,000.00.

For the second year in a row a Parish Kitchen player won the tournament. We would like to congratulate Jay "Poker Face" Thelen for winning and thank him for choosing The Parish Kitchen to receive the \$1,000.00 contribution.

The event itself was filled with all of the excitement that horse racing has to offer, the pageantry, the food, and the continued tradition of an upset 40-1 horse winning the coveted stakes race.

Congratulations to The Steinford Toy Foundation on their winning choice, and the grand prize of \$10,000.00. Unfortunately the horse running for the Parish Kitchen, Silent Times, was so silent we never saw him cross the finish line! We at The Parish Kitchen want to thank the NKY Chamber and Turfway Park for providing \$2,000.00 for our patrons. All together we were able to add \$3,000.00 to our efforts and we could not be more pleased.

Please remember next year when we will be selling tickets for this wonderful event!



Photo

Parish Kitchen Operations Director, Molly Navin, congratulates Texas Holdem Champion, Jay Thelen