



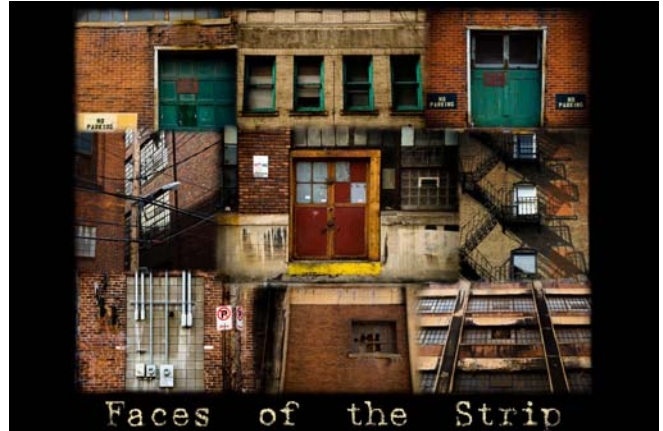
**May 2008**

**Spirit of the Strip 250 Photo Walk  
And the Winners Are...**



**"Polka at Wholey's"**  
First Place, Spirit of the Strip  
Craig E. Biertempfel

*"As people pass by the accordion player who sits outside of Wholey's on Saturdays they tend to break out into spontaneous polka action."*



**"Faces of the Strip"**  
First Place, Collage  
First Place, People's Choice  
Jamison J. Engle



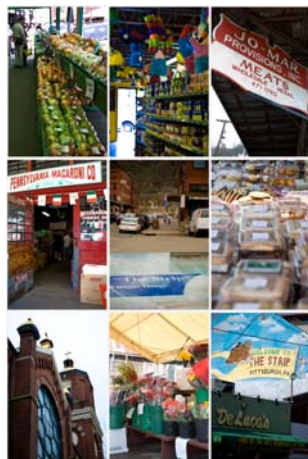
**"Whachoo lookin'at?"**  
Pink Poodle Award  
Dan Buczynski  
*"Never know what you'll find in the strip district."*



**"Bread"**  
Photographer's Choice  
Paige Shoemaker  
*"the fresh bread that speaks of the Strip and its products and that reflex in the plastic...well seen and snapped."*



**"Dough for Dough"**  
2nd Place, Spirit of the Strip  
John Moyer  
*"Happy people in a colorful environment. That's a pretty darned good Spirit of the Strip photo."*



**"The Spirit of the Strip"**  
2nd Place Collage  
Soumya Simanta



**"Spirit of the Strip 250"**  
2nd Place, People's Choice  
Leah Andrascik  
*"Well done! You truly have captured the spirit."*

# Thanks to Our Spirit of the Strip PhotoWalk Sponsors and Partners

**Neighbors in the Strip** wish to thank all of our friends in the Strip who donated so generously to help make the Spirit of the Strip 250 event a success.

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To view all of the photos from the April 19 PhotoWalk, visit <http://www.flickr.com/search/?q=pittsburgh041908&w=all> and visit the Blacktie Pittsburgh website for photos from the Awards event at the Cork Factory on May 1. <http://www.blacktie-pittsburgh.com/premiere-events/details.cfm?id=642>

We also want to thank:

- Our Honorary Chairs, **Don and Julie Walko** who took time from their busy schedules to grace us with their presence
- Our judges, who provided us with their expertise and gave the event credibility:
  - Larry Roberts**
  - Randy Strothman**
  - Rob Strovers**
- Our emcee, **T.J. Miller**, who worked with NITS on this project and others – always with a smile on his face. We will miss him when he goes back to LA.

## World's Largest Lasagna



Congratulations to **Spaghetti Warehouse** and General Manager, **Chris Beers**, for creating the World's Largest Lasagna to benefit the Susan G. Koman Race for the Cure. The 8,800 pound behemoth sold out by 10:30 a.m. the day of the race and

raised over \$15,000 for an excellent cause. Still awaiting word on the world's record from Guinness, but we're sure it will be forthcoming. Learn more about it at [www.worldslargestlasagna.com](http://www.worldslargestlasagna.com)

## The Yum Report:

### Farmers @ Firehouse is Back in the Strip!



Yum is pleased to announce that **Farmers @ Firehouse** (Pittsburgh's only mostly organic farm market) is back in business on Saturdays from 9:00 to 1:00. Visit their website at <http://www.slowfoodpgh.com/farmers.html> for a list of who's who and what's new. Look for the market's green awnings next to the historic No. 7 firehouse, at 2216 Penn Avenue and you will be certain to raise the Yum Index of your cooking efforts.



Crystal & Mom waiting for Guy

### The Food Network's Guy Fieri Visits Crystal!

Guy Fieri, star of the Food Network's *Guy's Big Bite, Diners, Drive-ins and Dives, Ultimate Recipe Showdown*, and numerous other shows and specials just finished filming a show at **Crystal** in the Strip. For those of us who frequent **Crystal**, it was no surprise that Guy would bring his larger than



Guy and Chum

life personality to her warm and friendly neighborhood spot to enjoy her "family favorites" and traditional fare. Chum was delighted to meet one of her heroes and have a photo taken to commemorate the event! Watch the NITS website for information on when the segment will air.

### The Salmon Are Swimming at Benkovitz

Attention Seafood Lovers! Copper River Salmon have arrived at **Benkovitz Seafoods** in the Strip. **Benkovitz** will be one of the few select retailers that will carry wild Alaskan salmon all season long. In addition to fresh salmon, **Benkovitz** will have wild Alaskan salmon for lunch or for after-work pickup.

### Celebrate Pittsburgh 250 with Palate Partners



Deb Mortillaro & Mike Gonze present Pittsburgh 250 wines to Mayor Luke Ravenstahl

**Palate Partners** is introducing two new wines created expressly for them to celebrate Pittsburgh's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Through an exclusive arrangement with Sylvester Winery, "Redd Up Red" and "Point Blanc" are available only through **Dreadnought Wines** in

the Strip. These are limited edition wines, so hurry and place your order!

# Events

**May 31 – Touch-a-Truck.** Take the opportunity to meet the vehicles and people that help build, protect and serve the Pittsburgh community while you explore trucks and vehicles of all sizes. From 10 am – 2 pm in the Strip at the 15<sup>th</sup> and Smallman Street parking lot. For more information, visit [www.jlpgh.org](http://www.jlpgh.org)



**June 20, 21, 22 – The Federated Investors Parade of Champions.** Welcome back some of Pittsburgh's most famous sports heroes during a three-day fan festival at the Senator John Heinz History Center and Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum. Visit <http://www.pghhistory.org/ParadeofChampions.asp> for more information and to purchase tickets for this star-studded event!

**June 22 – Barbecue with the Bucs.** The Pirate Wives are teaming up with **Gilda's Club of Western Pennsylvania** to celebrate their 2nd Anniversary in the Strip. Fans of the Pirates and supporters of **Gilda's Club** can all join in to help raise money to provide a meeting place for individuals with cancer and those who love them and to provide social and emotional support as a supplement to medical care. Fans and supporters will be able to interact with players & their wives, bid on wonderful auction items and enjoy a variety of food and music. To purchase your tickets, please contact **Gilda's Club** at **412-338-1919**.

## Harp & Fiddle Ready for a Red Hot Summer



Mullaney's Harp & Fiddle is introducing a new summer menu created by Executive Chef, Bryan Regan. The new menu offers selections that bring spice, flavor and excitement to the table. And on Thursday nights enjoy a mojito or margarita as you discover the authentic Cuban recipes of Chef Sammy Balbuena, accompanied by the musical sounds of a Cuban summer.

On Fridays from 5 – 7, Happy Hours gets unplugged on the back deck as you listen to Pittsburgh's favorite acoustic singers. Have some food, your favorite beverage, soak in the sunset and groove to some tunes.

Sign up for the Harp & Fiddle newsletter, now in an exciting new format, to stay up to date on what's going on at Pittsburgh's best Irish Pub! Visit [www.harpandfiddle.com](http://www.harpandfiddle.com) to sign up.

## Kudos to the Hampton Inn & Suites

Congratulations to the staff and management of **The Hampton Inn & Suites Pittsburgh Downtown**, 1247 Smallman Street, for winning the 2007 Opening Hotel of the Year award for Crossroads Hospitality Company. We aren't surprised.

## Art What You Got

The **Polish Hill Civic Association** is looking for artists who would like to exhibit and sell their work at PHCA's fledgling arts festival on July 20 from 12-6 pm. There is no submission or table fee to participate as an exhibitor. The PHCA is supplying tents and tables for the festival, which will take place along Brereton Street in the heart of Polish Hill. All artistic disciplines are encouraged to participate, including arts, crafts, video, small press and musicians.



Call the PHCA at 412-681-1950 or visit [www.phcapgh.org](http://www.phcapgh.org) for more information and to download an application. Deadline for applications is June 6.

# Welcome!

Welcome and thanks to our New and Renewing Members of Neighbors in the Strip:



**Members:**  
Common Plea Catering  
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Palate Partners  
Penzey's Spices  
Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre  
The Priory Hotel  
Robert Wholey & Company  
Roxanne's Dried Flowers

**Friends:**  
Monica Mansour



*"I love the Strip District on Saturday mornings. I love the bustle of it. I love all the different shops. I love the incredible smells. It feels like I'm in a city the way I imagined living a city would feel when I was a kid."*

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*My sentiments exactly!  
See you next month...Cindy H.*

*P.S. If you have any questions, comments or news about the Strip, please e-mail me at [cynthiahelffrich@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthiahelffrich@yahoo.com)*