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Here's a view of guests at Altitude Sky Lounge

Taste Of Gaslamp

The Gaslamp Quarter Association presents the 19th annual Taste of Gaslamp, an urban culinary self-guided tour, on Saturday, June 9, and Sunday, June 10, from 1-4pm. The event features over 30 Gaslamp Quarter dining venues, as well as the Beer Garden presented by Samuel Adams at Altitude Sky Lounge atop the San Diego Marriott Gaslamp Quarter. Tickets are available online for the discounted advance price of \$30 per person per day. In addition to samples from each restaurant, attendees will also receive a keepsake *Taste of Gaslamp Recipe Book*, which highlights favorite recipes from featured participants. Proceeds will go towards the Gaslamp Quarter Association's ongoing promotional programs and efforts to enhance and protect this national historic district. (619/233-5227, www.gaslamp.org)



3rd Annual I Love Poke Festival

The I Love Poke Festival returns to Bali Hai Resort on May 30, from 6-9pm. This foodie fest celebrates Hawaiian culture, and pits 15 of S.D.'s top chefs against one another to discover who can create the best poke in the city. "Surfing and food are two things I love, and it's always been a dream of mine to marry the two," says event founder Nino Camilo. Judges include *Top Chef* star Brian Malarkey, *Transworld Surf* editor-in-chief Chris Cote, and Camilo's own "Uncle Wayne" (a Hawaiian fisherman). Returning chefs include last year's winners Justin Shea of Hapa J's, Kurt Metzger of Kitchen 4140, Mike Malicdem of Raw Mana Sushi, and Kari Rich of Food Farm Truck. Proceeds benefit the Kona-California Scholarship, which aids Hawaiian students planning to attend college on the mainland. (www.ilovemusubi.com)

Del Mar Summer Solstice

On Thursday, June 21, from 5-8pm, at Powerhouse Park, the Del Mar Village Association presents its annual Summer Solstice event in the Village of Del Mar. Enjoy live music and a silent auction while celebrating the arrival of summer with food from more than 20 Del Mar restaurants and wine tastings from 15 California wineries and breweries. Tickets are \$60 per person, and do not delay — this event has sold out in advance for the last five years in a row. (858/755-1179, www.summer.delmarmainstreet.com)



Summer Solstice

Heard It Through The Grapevine

The Del Mar Unit of Rady Children's Hospital Auxiliary will hold its 51st annual fundraiser, Heard it Through the Grapevine, on Wednesday, May 30, at Del Mar Plaza. Enjoy an evening of food and wine tastings from plaza restaurants, hosted by Pacifica Del Mar. A silent auction will also benefit the Autism Discovery Institute at Rady Children's Hospital - San Diego. Event chairs are Susan Darnall and Annette Fargo. (619/300-5097, www.rchadelmar.org)



Del Mar Unit of Rady Children's Hospital Auxiliary



Bull Taco

TASTE OF CARDIFF

The third annual Taste of Cardiff will take place on Thursday, May 17, from 5-8pm. Participants include Bull Taco (returning to defend its Golden Fork Award from 2010 and 2011), Ciccotti's Trattoria, East Coast Pizza, Kook's Café, Pacific Coast Grill, Rimel's, Sambazon, Seaside Market, Trattoria Positano, Zenbu, and many more. Live music stations will be scattered throughout Cardiff as well. Tickets are \$25 in advance/\$30 day of, if available. (760/436-0431, www.tasteofcardiff.com)