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RESTAURANT 3 ANNOUNCES THE FIRST ANNUAL 'CHICKS WITH CHIPS' CHARITABLE WOMEN'S POKER TOURNAMENT AND COCKTAIL COMPETITION

Poker Guru Peter Martin leads a Texas Hold 'Em tournament for ladies highlighted by a cocktail competition between four of DC's hottest female mixologists

Washington, DC (January 28, 2009) – Poker loving philanthropists can put their skills to good use at '**Chicks with Chips**,' a charitable women's poker tournament and cocktail competition being held on **Sunday, March 22, 2009 at Restaurant 3 in Clarendon, Virginia from 2 pm to 6 pm**. Tickets are priced at \$65 per player and proceeds from the tournament will benefit New Endeavors by Women, a charity that helps women take control of their lives and move out of homelessness.

Participants will receive a brief tutorial by poker guru Peter Martin, before breaking up into tables to reveal their poker prowess. In addition to playing Texas Hold 'Em for a great cause, event participants will also sample signature Cointreau-based cocktails created by four of the DC area's finest mixologists, while snacking on creative hors d'oeuvres from Chef Brian Robinson of Restaurant 3.

Before the last round is played, the signature cocktails will be judged by panel of leading food and beverage media and the winning mixologist will be named 'Cocktail Queen Supreme.' The winning cocktail will be placed on Restaurant 3's menu and proceeds from the sale of the cocktail for one year will benefit New Endeavors by Women. Participating mixologists at the event include **Mia Baila of Adour, Gina Chersevani of PS 7's, Ria Freyberg of Restaurant 3, Patrice Hammond of Tonic and Chantal Tsang of The Tabard Inn.**

All cocktails made by the mixologists will be Cointreau based and all players at the final table will receive a little swag from Cointreau as well as a gift certificate for a complimentary cocktail at Restaurant 3.

The judges for the cocktail competition include **Nycci Nellis**, publisher of **The List Are You On It** and host of Federal New Radio's **Dishing it Out** radio show; **Amanda Clements**, Freelance Food Writer and Publisher of the popular **Metrocurean** food blog, **Julia Beizer of the Washington Post's Going Out Gurus** and **Natalie Bovis-Nielson, Freelance Spirits Writer and Publisher of The Liquid Muse.com.**

The winners of the evening will also bag some fabulous prizes such as:

- 1st place: \$500 Amex card
- 2nd place: Dinner for four at Restaurant 3
- 3rd place: Diner for two at Restaurant 3

Restaurant 3 is located at 2950 Clarendon Blvd. in Arlington, VA, across the street from the Clarendon Metro Station. For more information or reservations to 'Chicks with Chips' please call Restaurant 3 at 703-524-4440.

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