



Taste of Lewes featured food and 'Flip Flop Fun'

Savory event enjoyed by hundreds

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More than 400 people enjoyed the sixth annual Taste of Lewes, featuring food, beverages and desserts provided by Lewes-area restaurants, caterers and purveyors of wine and spirits.

Nearly 20 restaurants served a taste of items such as steak kabobs, lobster rolls, pork tenderloin, salmon, shrimp and paella. Varied wines, beers and desserts were also served.

The Friends of the Canalfront Park presented the taste Sunday, June 6, at the Virden Retreat Center on the campus of the University of Delaware's College of Earth, Ocean and Environment.

Community Bank Delaware is the event's primary sponsor. "This is a great cause and we're happy to participate," said Linda Messick, bank president. Blooming Boutique, Pure Bliss and Ocean Retreat are supporting sponsors.

This marks the fourth consecutive year Community Bank Delaware has been primary sponsor.

Bank employees volunteer for the occasion and created a door prize gift basket that raised \$205.

Tracy Mulvany, chairwoman emeritus of the event, said it brought in more than \$10,000, but final numbers are still being tallied.

The Taste of Lewes raises money for the Friends of the Lewes Canalfront Park. The organization's mission is to enrich the Lewes community by advocating active participation and support of the park.



MEMNE LANDOS OF Café Azafran serves a plate of paella, the restaurant's signature dish, to Doris Smith of York, Pa., and Lewes.

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Gene Weiermiller of Lewes gets ready to enjoy a lobster roll prepared by Béseme, an eclectic bistro in downtown Lewes.



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Lewes Mayor Jim Ford thanks Community Bank Delaware for its ongoing support of the Taste of Lewes, and the restaurants that prepared food for the event. Ford said when asked recently which is his favorite restaurant at the event he said, "They're all my favorite restaurants."



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Modeling footwear matching the event's theme, "Flip Flop Fun," are the feet of (l-r) Peggy Elkton of Lewes, Mary Naudi of Slaughter Beach and Cindi Ewen of Rehoboth.



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Pausing for a photo between bites and beverages are (l-r) Beth Hochholzer, Ken Casazza, Jane Casazza, Bob Slavin, Sue Towers and Joe Heisler.



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Event co-chairwomen Shannon McGinn of Community Bank Delaware and Barbara Warnell of the Friends of the Lewes Canalfront Park take a break to enjoy a glass of wine.