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Mission

Preserving, promoting, and celebrating the unique cultural heritage of Ybor City and supporting the Ybor City Museum State Park

NEWS BRIEF

Holiday celebrations are filled with the sights, sounds, aromas, and tastes of the season. Tampa's rich cultural heritage evokes memories throughout the generations of celebrations that have evolved over time, including food fusion --- a nod to the flavors of the past. Please enjoy the Junior League of Tampa Bay's take on local holiday recipes. As we look toward 2022, we thank this year's Legacy Awards recipients for all they have done to help preserve and celebrate Ybor City's history.

Chantal Ruilova Hevia, President and CEO

Holiday Tapas



The Junior League of Tampa's *Savor the Seasons*, Volume III, notes that, "Each of us enjoys distinct memories of our favorite holiday." This is particularly true of Tampa's multi-cultural roots and the role ethnic dishes played in the celebrations of our early immigrants. One of the chapters of this culinary collection includes ideas for a holiday tapas party themed on the influences of our local Spanish and Latin American cultures. You can also detect a hint of Italian in the menu and recipes, wonderful examples of Tampa's ongoing food fusion creations. We share one of the recipes in "Cooking Corner" below for a "Guava Rum Cheesecake" that incorporates one of Tampa's favorite and distinctive fruits.

Photo and menu courtesy of Junior League of Tampa

With Gratitude

History teaches many lessons and gives us a lens to the future. While activities of the past year have given us reason to pause and reflect, we have benefitted in many ways as our friends and followers came together to celebrate the landmark events that make Ybor City such a unique community. Thank you to those who have supported our programs and educational activities. For those who enjoy this newsletter and learning more about Ybor City's cultural heritage, please consider the Ybor City Museum Society in your end-of-year- giving plan. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization YCMS can accept cash donations as well as IRA distributions and gifts of stock.

Giving
Opportunities

Their Legacies Continue

Congratulations again to the recipients of the 2021 Legacy Awards, **Patrick Venable** (Adela Gonzmart Award), **Anthony "Tony" Carreño** (Pizzo Award), and **The Family of Al Lopez** (Ybor Award), who were recognized for contributions to Ybor City during a brunch hosted in their honor at the Columbia Restaurant on November 7.



Photo front row L-R: Al Lopez Jr., Anthony "Tony" Carreño, Patrick Venable

Coincidentally, each of this year recipients has deep roots in Ybor City and West Tampa, and represent the cultures of our early immigrants. They also represent several generations of Tampa natives and residents who not only have contributed to Ybor City's history and commerce, but have actually experienced many of the events, activities, and cultural traditions that speak of old Ybor City.

Patrick Venable is a third generation Tampanian whose maternal great-grandparents immigrated to Tampa from Spain and Cuba. His mother, Glenda Piniella Venable, was an advocate for and active member of the Latin Community.

Anthony "Tony" Carreño, grandson of Spanish and Sicilian immigrants, is a passionate advocate for promoting and preserving Tampa's extraordinary culture and history. He has co-produced documentaries on Tampa's Spanish immigration.

The Family of Al Lopez. The descendants of Al Lopez, Tampa's first Major League Baseball player, manager and Hall of Fame inductee have all made their mark in our community through their individual professions and service to the community. They

involvement and memories of Al's baseball career are notable.

This was the Ybor City Museum Society's 37th Legacy Awards Brunch and the 11th time Lissette Campos served as Mistress of Ceremony.



Patrick Venable with Stephanie Agliano (l) and Andrea Gonzmart (r)



Tony Carreño with Adrienne Garcia (l) and Dr. Anthony Pizzo (r)



Four generations of The Family of Al Lopez

Save the Date

10 Buildings! 10th Anniversary! March 10th!

Mark your calendar for the Buildings Alive! Ybor City Architecture Hop on March 10, 2022, 5:00-10:00 p.m. Tickets to one of Ybor City's favorite events go on sale in January 3rd. See you at the hop!



COOKING CORNER

Guava Rum Cheesecake

GUAVA HISTORY

Grown throughout the tropical Americas, guava is one of the most common fruits in the world. Its sweet pulp is used in a variety of drinks, desserts, and other food products. Guava was reportedly introduced to south Florida in 1847 and was common to more than half the state by 1886. Guava paste and jelly can be found in Latino grocery stores and some local supermarkets.

[Get the Recipe](#)

Compliments of the Junior League of Tampa

The Ybor City Museum State Park

A visit to the Ybor City Museum State Park is a

great way to share Tampa's cultural heritage with friends, family, and out-of-town guests. You can also inquire about renting the Garden, a beautiful 10,000 sq. ft. outdoor space, by [clicking here](#). This unique venue creates its own ambience for your special event.



New Hours of Operation: 9 am - 4 pm Wednesday - Sunday
Closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day
Admission: \$4 per person, free for children 5 years and younger
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Please Join Us

Member benefits make it easy for you to strengthen your connection to Tampa's roots and experience the unique cultural heritage of Ybor City, Tampa's National Historic Landmark District. Membership includes free admissions to the Ybor City Museum State Park, discounts on event tickets, and more. Thank you to our current members, whether you have been part of our family for years or have just joined us. For your convenience, new or current members can [join or renew your membership online](#).

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