

# For immediate release - March 19, 2008

# Dine out and fight AIDS for the 3rd annual Dining Out For Life in the Comox Valley, sponsored by Stella Artois

Courtenay – By eating dinner at one of several restaurants in the Comox Valley on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, community members will enjoy great food and help raise money for AIDS Vancouver Island (AVI).

The Atlas Café, TITA'S Mexican Restaurant, and Toscanos Trattoria are participating for the third year in a row, Martine's Bistro, Union Street Grill & Grotto, and Kingfisher Oceanside Resort & Spa for their second year, and newly on board this year are the avenue bistro, the Great Escape, and Thyme On The Ocean.

"The success of the event depends on getting the word out because the amount of money raised depends on how many people participate by 'Dining Out' on March 27," said Katrina Jensen, executive director of AIDS Vancouver Island. "All money raised in the Comox Valley will go to support our programs in this community."

Jensen and a team of volunteers have garnered support from 62 restaurants across Vancouver Island to participate in the island's third annual *Dining Out For Life*, an international fundraiser for HIV/AIDS. On March 27<sup>th</sup>, participating restaurants will donate 25% of their food sales to AIDS Vancouver Island. In addition to the restaurants' donations, diners are encouraged to make individual donations. And the generosity doesn't stop there – **Stella Artois** will contribute \$1 from every sale of their beer at participating restaurants on March 27.

AVI and its island-wide team encourage islanders to join in the fight against AIDS by "Dining Out For Life" on March 27. Joining in is easy! By enjoying a meal out at participating restaurants on this date, community members can contribute to a great cause, and individuals and families benefit from much needed programs and services that will improve the quality of their lives. Reservations are recommended.

AIDS Vancouver Island continues to provide community health services focused on the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C across Vancouver Island.

For a complete list of the 62 restaurants participating across Vancouver Island, visit <a href="https://www.DiningOutForLife.com">www.DiningOutForLife.com</a> or call AIDS Vancouver Island at (250) 338-7400.

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For more information, contact Phyllis Wood, AIDS Vancouver Island at 250-338-7400.

Participating Vancouver Island Restaurants include:



### **Victoria**

Bill Mattick's Restaurant at Cordova Bay Golf Course \* The Black Olive \* Bon Rouge Bistro & Boulangerie \* Brasserie "L'Ecole" \* Cafe Brio \* Caffe Fantastico \* Camille's \* Christie's Pub \* Darcys Pub \* The Empress Room \* Ferris' Grill \* Ferris' Oyster Bar \* Fire & Water Fish and Chop House \* Heron Rock Bistro \* Irish Times Pub \* The Keg Steakhouse on the Harbour \* The Keg Steakhouse at the Winery \* LURE Seafood Restaurant & Bar \* Mo:Le Restaurant \* Nautical Nellies Steak & Seafood House/Oyster Bar \* The Noodle Box on Douglas Street \* The Noodle Box on Fisgard Street \* Paradiso Di Stelle \* Penny Farthing Pub \* Pescatores Seafood & Grill \* The Reef Restaurant \* Restaurant Matisse \* Sanuk \* Sen Zushi Japanese Restaurant & Sushi Bar \* Smuggler's Cove Pub & Liquor Store \* Sticky Wicket Pub & Restaurant \* The Superior \* Swans Brewpub \* Swiftsure Restaurant \* The Tapa Bar \* Temple Restaurant & Lounge \* Vic's Steakhouse & Bar \* Victoria Harbour House Restaurant \* Vista 18 at the Chateau Victoria

#### **Brentwood Bay**

Seahorses Café

## **Campbell River**

Fusilli Grill \* Royal Coachman Inn

### Comox/Courtenay/Cumberland

Atlas Cafe \* avenue bistro \* The Great Escape \* Kingfisher Oceanside Resort & Spa \* Martine's Bistro \* Thyme On The Ocean \* TITA'S Mexican Restaurant \* Toscanos Trattoria \* Union Street Grill & Grotto

**Duncan**Bistro 161 \* Genoa Bay Cafe \*

Shawnigan Lake
Amuse Bistro

Grapevine On The Bay

Nanaimo Sidney
Dockside Grill

Blue Ginger Restaurant \* Tina's Diner

Parksville/Qualicum Sooke 17 Mile Pub

Lefty's Fresh Foods \* Lefty's Too

Tofino
shelter restaurant

These generous restaurants will donate 25% of your food bill to AIDS Vancouver Island. Reservations recommended. Please say you're "Dining Out For Life!"

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