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New cancer drug discussed at brunch

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Louisiana Breast Cancer Task Force members and guests shared a day of fun and fanfare at a spring brunch on the lakefront.

Friends from the north and south shores gathered at Patout's on the bright, sunny day of May 14.

Past President and Pink Ribbon Fling Co-Chairwoman Andrée Herrington announced that this year's celebrity honorees at the fling are Rep. Diane Winston and Jinx Vidrine.

As chairwoman of the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus, Winston has been an ardent advocate for breast cancer awareness. Vidrine is the 2005 poster girl for Avon Walk for Breast Cancer.

One million copies of the picture taken of Vidrine after the San Francisco marathon have been mailed out, and her picture will be on billboards throughout the United States.

Mimosas and bloody Marys fueled the fun, as did lively piano tunes played by Richard Moore.

Louisiana Breast Cancer Task Force President Sandra Cameron said the invocation before the meal, and said that there is a special bond shared by those affected by breast cancer.

"Let peace and friendship be our shelter from life's storms. Bless the hands that break bread together." As people raised wine glasses, she added, "Praise you God, Creator of the fruit of the

vine."

Alex Patout orchestrated a delicious meal of chicken roulades, grillades and grits and crawfish étouffée. Chef Steve Piglia wowed the crowd with a flaming demonstration of bananas foster, which was then served as a luscious dessert.

Dr. Nitsa Rosenzweig, 2004 recipient of the Cancer Association of Greater New Orleans research grant, spoke about the development of a drug release system with target control and minimum side effects.

The brunch was organized by Nomie Leininger Moore, with committee members Rose Ann Hoz, Janet Bell, Madelyn Miller, Mary Kay Plauché, Maria Burkhardt, Missie Arata Noel, Kathy and John Vicari and Peggy Lala.

Along with Cameron, Louisiana Breast Cancer Task Force officers are Vice President Diane Newman, Secretary Sandy Reisz, and Treasurers Madelyn Miller and Dorothy Noriea.

Andrée Herrington, Diane Newman and Cathy Pesica are "tribal leaders" for Pink Ribbon Fling with the theme of "Safari in the Park."

Dress is "jungle fun" or casual. There will be tribal music and a silent auction.

The fling will be held at the Pavilion of the Two Sister in City Park on July 30, with a patron party from 7 to 8 p.m., and the party will be from 8 to 11 p.m.

Entertainment is by Harvey Jesus and Fire band.

For information, call 454-0066.