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CULTURE SHOCK!

By Camila Pititto Laforga

On September 28, IATU, the India Association of Tulane University, hosted Culture Shock in Lavin-Bernick Center. The event was filled with dancing, delicious Indian food, and activities for everyone. You could feel the energy fill your soul the moment you entered the room. People were learning how to dance with two bamboo poles, a traditional technique called “tinikling” and getting their names written in Hindi. On the other side of the room, you could see people getting beautiful saris draped on them — and immediately heading to the photo wall to click fun pictures! Everyone could play a quiz game about India and compete with each other. To be a part of this fantastic cultural event was a unique and enriching experience.
JAPAN FEST

By Natasha Sailopal

Organized by NOMA, the Consulate General of Japan in Nashville and the Japan Club in New Orleans, Japan Fest is the largest celebration of Japanese culture in the Gulf South. It’s a day to sample Japanese cuisine and enjoy traditional dance groups, martial arts demonstrations, tours of NOMA’s Japanese art collection, fashion shows, and much more.

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

By Carla Wesch

On Wednesday, October 3rd, the Law School provided stressed out students with information on mental health, free massages and a bunch of puppies in the MPR and courtyard. Plum St Snowballs were there later for those who had a long day. Look out for more Wellness Wednesdays, they happen up to three times a semester!

PAINT AND SIP

By Chantel Lorenz

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. organised the event “Paint and Sip” on October 4th in Greenbaum MacLaren Classroom. It was super fun to meet new people and to interact with AKA sisters. We ate some popcorn and everybody had 1 hr to paint a canvas. Even though I am not the most talented painter, I really admired the other paintings. In the end the painting with a beautiful butterfly won the contest and everybody could take heir painting home. I will give mine to my sister as a christmas present :D
BEIGNET FEST
By Anayansi Arias Konrad & Ellen Draegert

October in Nola is jam packed with something to do every weekend, if not every day, of a month that fools those of us who survived a summer in the city, into thinking autumn has finally arrived! Festivals, or fests for short, are a must when the ‘good’ weather settles in. If you can eat it, smell it, see it, dance to it, there is a fest for it.

But what are beignets? According to James Karst who wrote about the history of the beignet back in the late 1920s they were called doughnuts and anyone who tried them became obsessed with them. It was around 1958 that the addictive doughnuts were rebranded beignets in honor of the Belgian doughnut, a fritter covered in powdered sugar made the same way in Belgium as the ones sold in the French Market coffee stands. Locals knew instantly what the new signs were offering, tourists had to be educated on the spot, and the beignet became a cultural staple.

Creating a festival honoring the beignet was a no brainer, but did you know all proceeds from the Beignet Fest benefit the Tres Doux Foundation? Amy and Sherwood Collins, founders of the foundation/fest and parents to Liam who was diagnosed with autism at the age of three, saw the need for grants to local nonprofit organizations that provide accessible, quality programs for children with developmental delays.

The Beignet Fest came to life in 2015 and was instantly embraced by the community as not only an essential fundraiser but a fun and delicious showcase of music, art, and culinary creations.

We explored the grounds this year for the first time, took pics and tasted the most imaginative beignets in the name of research and gluttony. Don’t miss out next year and please go to beignetfest.com for more information about the wonderful Tres Doux Foundation.