Bartenders duel for top honors in Festival

artenders, walters and waltresses, soys and kitchen workers plunged r faces into blueberry pics and test-teir drink serving, table setting and carrying skills in the second annu-attile of the Bars competition beld Schwidtn effectsors ray cara al Battle last Saturday afternoon. When the final score

Last Saturday afternoon. rant em When the final scores were tailied, Farmingtoo Hills' McFrock's bar em-erged the overall winner of the compe-tition, capturing the traveling trophy good in from last year's winner, Mountain Jack's. Employees and managers of 10 Square.

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Farmington and Farmington Hills bars and restaurants participated in the bal-tic designed to get food and drake stabilishments involved in the Founders Festival, asys Diane Debold, assistant manager at McFrock's bar. "Restaurant employees can compete friendly against other bars and restau-rant employees and show support for their house," said Debold. "The key thing was to get people (employees) to come out and have a good time," add Chuck (Uiford, organ-izer of the event and assistant manager of O'Shechan's Tavera in Muirwood Square. "All in all, everyone had a good time. Everyone laughed, chatted and chocced oeth other on," said Clifford who em-phasized the "fun aspect" of the competition

ABOUT 400 spectators gathered in the parking lot of O'Sheelans Tavers to watch the two-and-a-half-hoor event which included a drink contest for non-alcoholic and alcoholic drinks. McFrock a bartender Bunny Beyer took first place in both categories. Her concection of orange, papaya, lime juice and fresh stawberries, pincappie and peaches poured over crashed leo

This in the non-alcoholic category. Beyer's "Boomerang," a blend of sm, brandy and fresh strawberries sole the bonors as the best alcoholic

drin Taking first place in the drink serv-Taking first place in the drink serv-ing race was Bel Aire Lance; tabls set-ting was won by the Ground Round as was the tray carrying relay. The messical part of the competi-tion was the plo sating content, won by the Rustic Pub, whose team member devoured two 9-inch ples in about five minutes.

people - they'll do almost anything, said Debold. The Miller Beer Co. is thinking of sponsoring next year's competition, says Debold, who thinks that prepara-tions for next year's event should be started earlier.

"There's enough interest and enthusi-asm to continue this competition for years to come," and said.

THE KEY to organizing the event is get someone from the restaurant

business to run it from the beginning. says Clifford. "The festival committee began or-ganizing the competition, but they, couldn't really get anything togethes. Time was running out, so, with ten days to go before the festival. I volunteered to do the job," he said. People vin the restaurant business trost cach other and are more willing to participate if a person in the basi-ness contacts them, said Clifford. "Chuck really did a good job pulling-this Battle of the Bars together," said. Debold. "I give him a lot of credit."

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