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# Table Talk: Argentinian event in Birmingham | Burger contest winners | Beer distributors nominated

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The sights, sounds and tastes of Argentina are coming to Birmingham next month as part of **The Bird & The Bread** restaurant's new dining-and-dance series.

Owner Kristin Jonna invited dancers from **Birmingham Tango** to perform and Pablo Piccolo of **Bodega Catena Zapata** winery in Medoza, Argentina, to speak on Argentina's culture and history along with a special selection of wines.

Executive Chef Adam Galloway will then present a three-course traditional Argentinean dinner for guests to enjoy.

The Sept. 16 event will start with wine tasting and end with dancing for all attending.

Tickets are \$50 per person. A paired wine flight is an additional \$35.

For reservations, call 248-203-6600.

Continuing the dinner-and-dance series, a Mediterranean-inspired event is in the works for Nov. 15.

The Jonna family opened the European comfort food-inspired restaurant at 210 S. Old Woodward Ave. in downtown Birmingham earlier this year. The Bird & The Bread offers wine, more than 100 beers, craft cocktails and dozens of specialty spirits.

### Big Grill Burger Bash winners

**Lazybones Smokehouse** in Roseville took home the People's Choice Award for Best All-Around Burger at the first **Big Grill Burger Bash** at the **Royal Oak Farmers Market** earlier this month.

Ferndale-based **Social Connection** and **Ultimate Fun Productions** teamed to put on The Big Grill Burger Bash, which brought in more than 1,500 guests who sampled burgers from more than 18 Michigan restaurants and craft beer from more than 20 breweries.

"The Big Grill Burger Bash had been in the planning stages since last summer, and we couldn't be happier with the

Boban Smiljanovski/Lazybones Smokehouse



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turnout," said Matt Flynn, owner of Ultimate Fun Productions.

Other awards included the most unique burger (**Three Blind Mice Irish Pub** in Mt. Clemens), most flavorful burger (Grosse Pointe Park-based **Red Crown**) and best turkey burger (**Greenleaf Turkey** of Novi).

A portion of the event's proceeds went to Union Lake-based **Help Cerebral Palsy Kids Corp.**

Read more about the Burger Bash at [thebiggrillburgerbash.com](http://thebiggrillburgerbash.com).

### Beer distributors nominated

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Three Southeast Michigan beer distributors have been nominated by the **National Beer Wholesalers Association** and the **Brewers Association** for Craft Beer Distributor of the Year.

There are 40 nominations nationally; local nominees are Orion Township-based **Powers Distributing Co.**, **Eastown Distributors Co.** of Highland Park and **Tri-County Beverage Co.** of Warren.

The winner will be announced at the Great American Beer Festival in Denver on Oct. 4.

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