

Bathtub Gin & Jazz Baby!

Boogaloo 2009 Celebrates the Roaring 20's

The biggest party of the year takes place on Saturday, April 18th at the historic 1920's Calcasieu Marine Bank at 844 Ryan Street Downtown. Boogaloo is the Imperial Calcasieu Museum's major annual fundraiser, and is one of the liveliest parties of the year. This year will be no exception: music will be by the 10-piece band POWERHOUSE from Mobile, AL, playing your favorite dance tunes, fabulous food from Sylvia's Bistro will tantalize your palate, cash bar featuring Jazz Age drinks, plus a new and exciting venue and many other surprises - trust us! Mark your calendars and come as you are or get decked out in your 'flapper, dapper finest.' Get ready to 'shimmy till your garters break' with the famous, the infamous, the bootleggers and bankrobbers, for a great evening of fun at the historic Calcasieu Marine Bank!

Newly-opened Sylvia's Bistro in Downtown Lake Charles will be providing savory dishes, and for those of you who remember Sylvia's Café, this is a real treat! Menu items include shrimp cocktail, marinated crab claws, assorted canape's, antipasto skewers, crab-stuffed button mushrooms, crawfish bundles, teriyaki pork skewers, hibachi chicken skewers, petite beef Wellington, and much, much more!

About the historic 1920's Calcasieu Marine Bank:

This three-story building, a Neo-Classical design by prominent New Orleans architects Favrot and Livaudais, is faced with limestone, and has interesting ornamentation, friezes, and medallions. The parapet is crowned by a large eagle with spread wings, a symbol of Calcasieu Parish. Also notable are the heavy bronze doors, ornamented with lion's head pulls.

The interior is just as well preserved and impressive as the exterior. The grand banking hall has marble walls with huge Corinthian pillars, designed to look as if they're constructed of light orange marble. Other details in the banking hall include the coffered ceiling, original chandeliers, a grand bronze clock and impenetrable safes, one of which is the 3rd largest bank safe in the world.