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Ned Kelly's to Host Live Music and Fundraiser For C-U Smokefree Alliance

"We've been smokefree for over a year, and we want to offer more for everyone including people who cannot be around second-hand smoke."

—John Schmitt, owner, Ned Kelly's

URBANA – Ned Kelly's restaurant and bar will hold a fund-raiser for The C-U Smokefree Alliance on Friday, April 21, from 9-11 p.m. Performer G. Lee will play acoustic guitar, and 10% of all sales during the event will go to The C-U Smokefree Alliance.

Ned Kelly's owner John Schmitt is marking his restaurant's first smoke-free year by supporting the organization that helped convince him to completely eliminate cigarette smoke from his establishment. "I support the efforts of C-U Smokefree because this issue is larger than me, larger than Ned Kelly's," he said. "It's about having a healthy community, and wanting what's best for everyone."

Ned Kelly's is kicking off its smoke-free entertainment on Thursday April 20th, with live music by Paul Savuco. Friday's fundraiser for the C-U Smokefree Alliance will help the group pay for educational mailings and future events. The first 25 people to make reservations or come in to Ned Kelly's after 9 p.m. on Friday will receive a free appetizer or dessert on their next visit.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has determined that second-hand smoke cannot be reduced to safe levels indoors. Workers in businesses that allow smoking indoors are at a greater risk for heart attacks, cardiovascular disease, cancer and respiratory disease. Patrons of such

businesses may also suffer the ill effects of exposure to second-hand smoke.

Both the Champaign County Public Health Department and the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District have voted to support a resolution calling for the elimination of second-hand smoke in public places.

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