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INDUCTEE



Lee Ann Whippen

Pitmaster, Chef, Restaurateur, Humanitarian, Pitmaster, Celebrity

For the majority of Lee Ann Whippen's life, there has been a strong dedication to BBQ. That dedication has led her to open and operate six BBQ restaurants, compete, vend, teach, and spread the BBQ message while appearing on multiple local and national TV shows.

In 2022, Lee Ann was honored to work with Johnsonville, Prairie Fresh, the National Turkey Federation (BBQ panel at 2022 Convention), NBBQA (meet the master panel and Cover story of the May National BBQ news), Florida Beef Council at the Daytona 500 (MC and Judge), TECO Energy Co 10th Annual BBQ Contest (Supporting "Hooked on Hope" a Non-profit making a difference in the lives of local Breast Cancer patients and their families) and as a Pit Boss Grills Brand Ambassador.

Recently, Lee Ann has added to her BBQ empire with the addition of the world of radio by becoming co-host, on weekly syndicated national radio show and podcast, BBQ Nation (rated top 10% of all 8,200 food podcasts and top 10 of all BBQ podcasts). The host, Jeff Tracy, and Lee Ann interview and discuss important BBQ topics and share heart-warming stories with leaders in the BBQ industry from competitors, authors, restaurateurs and supporters such as Operation Barbecue Relief.

Whippen does not just support one entity but multiple entities as it relates to BBQ because, as she explains, "We are a family and are all here to support, communicate and share our passion for BBQ." She has worked hard over the years and continue dedicate her life, as single mom of 2 loving daughters, to all things BBQ, even competing this year at the KCBS Florida State BBQ Competition, Lakeland Pigfest, with my daughter.