

"Robert Strong has been the bar manager at [La Crepe Nanou](#) for twenty-four years. He is very dear to all of us who frequent the restaurant. On Saturday, November 3, 2007 he was shot on St. Charles Ave. during an armed robbery. The incident left Bob initially in critical condition with major injury to his jaw.

How is Bob doing? He is still on a feeding tube and has had reconstructive surgery on his tongue. He cannot speak as his jaw is wired shut while it heals in stages for future surgery. He must communicate through a biting device and written notes. He requires five more surgeries to rebuild his jawbone and remains in inpatient care.

On Sunday, December 2nd, 2007, several area businesses will host a benefit to assist Bob with the cost of his surgeries and recovery at home in the year ahead and unite against the recent surge of violence in New Orleans.

Participating local restaurants include La Crepe Nanou, Galatoire's, Cafe Degas, Dick & Jenny's, Dante's Kitchen, St. James Cheese Company, New Orleans Ice Cream Co., and many more. Area musicians Alex Chilton, Susan Cowsill, The Stringbeans, Herringbone Orchestra, and David Doucet and Al Tharp will perform throughout the evening. A silent auction will be held, with donations from artists, restaurants, and cultural institutions.

The benefit is from 3pm until 8pm at La Crepe Nanou, in the 1400 block of Robert Street. Tickets are \$30.00 and include food, wine, and entertainment. Tickets may be purchased at La Crepe Nanou and The Wine Seller. All proceeds go directly to the Robert Strong Fund established at Capital One. Contact Aimee if you would like to send Bob a message of encouragement or would like to contribute : aimeetoledano@hotmail.com"