Add A Taste Of The Tropics To Your Holiday Party

(NAPSA)—If a warm-weather getaway isn’t in your holiday plans this year, bring the islands to your celebration. Simply add an exotic taste of mangoes to your favorite seasonal beverages.

Modern mixologist and Iron Chef Champion Tony Abou-Ganim has created a Tropical Eggnog recipe that blends traditions and infuses them with an unforgettable holiday treat that everyone will want to enjoy with or without alcohol, the savory blend of rich eggnog and sweet mangoes is one that guests of all ages can enjoy.

To toast in the New Year, sip a delicious Mango Bellini as the ball drops and the confetti flies. Created by Dallas’ own Chef Sharon Hage of York Street, this sparkling cocktail elevates traditional Champagne to a new level every year more memorable and unique.

For a special presentation, use a holiday cookie cutter to shape mango slices into a festive holiday-themed garnish.

Bring a fresh new perspective to the holiday by serving Tropical Eggnog and Mango Bellinis. Add in a few simple appetizers and everyone sticks around to deck the halls. To find the right complement to today’s holiday mango treats, go to www.mango.org for festive recipe ideas, preparation tips and much more.

Tropical Eggnog Makes 25 servings
12 jumbo eggs 1/8 tsp superfine sugar 5 cups whole milk 1/5 cup rum (optional) 1 teaspoon vanilla extract 5 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1 cup fresh mango puree (approximately one fresh mango, peeled, pitted and pureed) Combine mango puree and chilled Prosecco (or any sparkling white wine) in each Champagne glass and serve. Garnish with fresh mango slices on the rim.

Mango Tips
• Don’t judge a mango by its color. To determine if a mango is ripe, squeeze gently. A ripe mango will give slightly but not be too soft.
• To ripen firm mangoes, store at room temperature. They will continue to ripen, becoming sweeter and softer over several days.
• Once ripe, store mangoes in the refrigerator for up to five days to slow down ripening.
• View the “How to Cut a Mango” video on www.mango.org.

NAPSA—A new way to rid your home of unpleasant odors is nothing to sniff at. From garlic and onions to greasy foods, the smells from even the most delicious dinner can linger in a house for days. In fact, according to a new survey, one-third of people believe that food or cooking odor is the most difficult household smell to eliminate.

Now, getting rid of those pesky odors can be as easy as turning on a vacuum. A line of vacuum bags and filters now comes armed with the odor-fighting power of baking soda, which removes odors caused by mold, bacteria and fungi, along with uric acid and dust, to improve air quality.

Brings Clean Air Into The Room
The premium allergen bags and filters from ARM & HAMMER are recommended by four out of five allergists to relieve or reduce allergy symptoms. They work by trapping odors and allergens and releasing clean air back into the home. The baking soda keeps air smelling fresh.

The vacuum bags eliminate both the unpleasant things in the air that you can sense, such as bad odors, and ones you can’t, such as dust mites and other allergens that can aggravate asthma and allergies.

More Odor-Eliminating Tips
The new vacuum accessories are just one way to benefit from the odor neutralization power of baking soda. An open box of baking soda in the fridge can get rid of lingering food odors, and purify the air. Spread a box of baking soda down the garbage disposal is a quick fix for one of the most common causes of odor in the home. If baking soda isn’t enough, bleach or vinegar can also end this problem.

If the culprits are cats, dogs or other pets, sprinkling baking soda where they sleep can work wonders to neutralize the odor. For stronger smells that are more difficult, let a pot of vinegar simmer on the stove. While the smell isn’t pleasant, the vinegar neutralizes, deodorizes and removes impurities in the air, eventually leaving the home smelling fresh.

Baking soda on a clean sponge cleans gently inside and outside the microwave and never leaves a harsh chemical smell. Rinse well with water.

Sprinkle a handful of baking soda on the dishes or in the bottom of the refrigerator to absorb food odors lingering there. You can also use baking soda to deodorize before you run the dishwasher.

To keep plastic containers fresh, wash them with baking soda sprinkled on a clean damp sponge. For tough odors, soak the items in a solution of four tablespoons baking soda dissolved in a quart of water.

Keep unpleasant smells to a minimum by sprinkling baking soda in the garbage between layers as they accumulate. Periodically wash out and deodorize garage areas with a solution of a cup of baking soda per gallon of water.

Give yourself a hand. Add two heaping tablespoons of baking soda along with your regular dish detergent to the dishwasher to help cut grease and foods left on dishes, pots and pans. For cooked foods, soak the pans first, then use dry baking soda on a clean cloth as a scratchless scouring powder.

Soak stale-smelling sponges in a strong solution of four tablespoons of baking soda dissolved in a quart of water. The ARM & HAMMER vacuum accessories are sold exclusively at Wal-Mart stores and are available online at www.walmart.com. Some are also sold online at www.walmart.com.

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