

Mardi Gras

The 2006-2007 Mardi Gras Charity Ball

More than 650 people enjoyed the 68th Annual Mardi Gras Charity Ball on February 17, 2007.

The dedicated volunteer members of Junior Board transformed The Mark of the Quad Cities from an arena into an stylish black tie affair. Using blue lighting affects, flowing fabric, sparking lit trees, and tall floral centerpieces, "Blue – An Evening of Elegance" lived up to its name as a truly memorable evening. Junior Board uses this opportunity to honor two individuals who have contributed greatly to the Quad City community.

John Scally was crowned this year's King, in recognition for his work with the St. Patrick Society, the Quad City Jazz Festival and the Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club. This year's Queen, Mary Oeslschlaeger, has dedicated her career to nursing, TVNHA, and other children related charities in the Quad Cities.

Mardi Gras Ball is the main fundraising source for Junior Board's commitment to improving the lives of children in the Quad Cities. All money raised will go toward funding Junior Board's NEST program, the Trinity VNHA's Welcome Home program, and other worthy child-related programs.

The Junior Board of Rock Island would like to extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to the following businesses and individuals who generously donated to our Silent Auction at the 68th Annual Mardi Gras Charity Ball.

View [photos of the evening](#).

Mardi Gras 2007 Committee

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| Mardi Gras Chairs | Cosette Thoms Yumi Stern |
| Arrangements | Marji Boeye Liz Poteete |
| Decorations | Sheri West Karen Sheraden |
| King/Queen | Tina Burge Chris Johnson |
| Attendants | Kim Martin Cindy Frideres |
| Invitations | Susie Gustafson Christi Klingbeil |
| Door & Seating | Terri Christopher Robin Ellis |
| Tickets | Amy Lee |
| Patrons | Lisa Wymer |

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| | Chris Johnson |
| Centerpiece | Katherine Boehm Michele Blew |
| Flowers | Deb McDaniel |
| Pages | Mindy Hoogerwerf Lynn Murphy |
| Specialty Items | Cindy Schmitt |
| Pictures | Mary DeWitte Nina Zeglin |
| Social | Lorrie Blumberg Dawn Guzzo |
| Coat Check | Laura Estes |
| Silent Auction | Jayne Pearson Karen Phillips Kim Stickell |
| Publicity | Diane Lamacki |
| Web Site Coordinator | Beth Behrends |
| President | Colleen Stalf |
| Treasurer | Shellee Showalter |

Mardi Gras 2007 Attendants

Anita Ahuja, Rock Island High School; Laurie DeMaught, Alleman High School; Alyson Eagle, Rock Island High School; Nicole Fennell, Alleman High School; Bailie Johnson, Rock Island High School; Kimberly McEvoy, Rock Island High School; Allyson Milch, Pleasant Valley High School; Mary Kate Miller, Alleman High School; Stephanie Mills, Moline High School; Halle O'Connor, Rock Island High School; Abbey Piehl, Rock Island High School; Sarah Segal, Rock Island High School; Lisa Stanforth, Assumption High School; Michelle Udehn, Moline High School; Courtney VandeWiele, Alleman High School; and Sarah VanLandegen, Rock Island High School.