

## **Mardi Gras**

### **The 2007-2008 Mardi Gras Charity Ball**

"...the pigeons coo  
and the big dogs bark  
and the noises echo through the park... "

(Excerpt from Central Park Serenade)

An evening in Central Park was enjoyed by more than 530 people at this year's Mardi Gras Ball, held at the i wireless Center on Saturday, February 2, 2008.

Countless hours and much dedication from our tireless volunteers made this event a night to remember. This year's theme was "Central Park Serenade" based on the children's book of the same name by author Laura Godwin. Picnic areas, flower stalls and a newspaper stand transformed the arena and entrance of the i wireless Center. Park benches, painted by area high schools, highlighted the decorations and were sold at the silent auction, which raised more than \$13,000 for local children.

Peter Fieweger, as Emcee for the evening, announced that Junior Board of Rock Island honored Joe Fackel and Mary Lagerblade as our majestic King and Queen of the Mardi Gras. These two individuals contributed many many hours to various organizations around the Quad Cities. The Mardi Gras Court included the following:

#### **Attendants:**

Rebecca Anderson  
Cassidy Bell  
Sarah Bitting  
Alyssa Bush  
Kelsey DeMaught  
Lindsey Johnson  
Elisse Kavenksy  
Sara McLaughlin  
Meaghan Mutka  
Megan Noe  
Audrey Plank  
Kelsey Strub  
Elizabeth Thoms  
Myndi West  
Carly Wood

#### **Pages:**

Tyler Allison  
Ben Carlin  
Maxwell Gellerman  
Christopher Leiby  
Tyler McDaniel  
Eric Mutka

#### **Crownbearereres:**

Brenna Hogan  
Max Lelonek

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 69th Annual Mardi Gras Charity Ball.

### **Mardi Gras 2008 Committee**

<b>Mardi Gras Chairs</b>	<a href="#">Marji Boeye</a> <a href="#">Karen Mihm</a>
<b>Arrangements</b>	<a href="#">Robin Ellis</a> <a href="#">Tina Burge</a>
<b>Decorations</b>	<a href="#">Terri Christopher</a> <a href="#">Anjel Tweet</a> <a href="#">Lynn Murphy</a> <a href="#">Laura Pappas</a> <a href="#">Barb Cady</a>
<b>King/Queen</b>	<a href="#">Chris Johnson</a> <a href="#">Jill Twing</a>
<b>Attendants</b>	<a href="#">Deb McDaniel</a> <a href="#">Jayne Pearson</a>
<b>Invitations</b>	<a href="#">Diane Lamacki</a> <a href="#">Michelle Timmer</a>
<b>Door &amp; Seating</b>	<a href="#">Lynn Murphy</a> <a href="#">Lorrie Blumberg</a>
<b>Tickets</b>	<a href="#">Amy Lee</a>
<b>Patrons</b>	<a href="#">Karen Sheraden</a> <a href="#">Kitty Hillyer</a>
<b>Centerpiece</b>	<a href="#">Lori Luna</a> <a href="#">Kimberly Martin</a>
<b>Flowers</b>	<a href="#">Julie Evans</a> <a href="#">Cynthia Frideres</a>
<b>Pages</b>	<a href="#">Kym Vandygriff</a> <a href="#">Angela Florence</a>
<b>Specialty Items</b>	<a href="#">Katherine Boehm</a> <a href="#">Britt Bartels</a>
<b>Pictures</b>	<a href="#">Mary DeWitte</a>

<b>Social</b>	<a href="#"><u>Johnna Adam</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Lara Hodge</u></a>
<b>Coat Check</b>	<a href="#"><u>Yumi Stern</u></a>
<b>Fundraising</b>	<a href="#"><u>Cosette Thoms</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Lisa Wymer</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Erica Williams</u></a>
<b>Publicity</b>	Nancy Taber <a href="#"><u>Elizabeth DeLong Panegos</u></a>
<b>Web Site Coordinator</b>	<a href="#"><u>Beth Behrends</u></a>
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