

Debutantes of 1987-88 Make Their Grand Entrance

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Judith Lee Allen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee Allen of Sarasota. Judith attends Riverview High School and is active in high school chorus, Metropolitan Hi-Y, Center Stage, Alpha Epsilon, and is president of Phi Beta Chi and the National Honor Society. She serves on the Maas Brothers Teen Board, is a member of Cotillion and is a junior high summer camp counselor. She has received eight consecutive superior rating awards in the music festival from the National Federation of Music Clubs. She is an elder of Pine Shores Presbyterian Church Session, a member of the church youth group, is in the handbell and high school choirs, the Christian Education Committee and Pastor Nominating Committee. She served as a delegate to the 199th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and as a delegate to the Youth Triennium, Purdue University.

Kelly Allison Carlton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Allison Carlton of Sarasota. Kelly attends Riverview High School and is active in the Kiltie Guard and the varsity tennis team. She is a member of the Maas Brothers Teen Board, Cotillion, Metropolitan Hi-Y, Key Chorus and the Trinity United Methodist Church (vocal soloist). She is a Florida State Music Teachers Association High School Auditions winner, concert winner and Florida Vocal Association winner.

Kelly Elizabeth Lewis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kemp Lewis of Sarasota. Kelly attends Cardinal Mooney High and is active in the French Club, Drama Club, Pep Club, Girls' Sport Club, Varsity Tennis team, jazz dancing, Cotillion and Youth in Government. She serves as vice president of Keyettes Service Club and is a member of the Burdines Teen Board. She works as a volunteer with the Girls Club of Sarasota, Knights of Columbus and is active in the high school telethon.

Deborah Paige Griswold is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brown Griswold of Sarasota. Deborah attends Riverview High School and is active in the Sailing Club, Campus Life, Cotillion and is a cheerleader. She is chairman of the Maas Brothers Teen Board and a member of Grace Baptist Youth League.

Marlene Ann Scherer is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George Frank Scherer of Sarasota. Marlene attends Riverview High School and is active in the German Club, the Inter-Club Council, Key Club and Campus Life. She has received national honor and superior rating awards from the National Federation of Music Clubs and state awards from the Florida State Music Teachers Association. She was first-place state winner of the Florida Federation of Music Clubs in violin solo and concerto. She has performed as a Young Artist in Concert for the Florida West Coast Symphony for piano and violin, has received the Outstanding Achievement Award and the David Cohen Award for Musicianship and leadership. She is a first violinist of the FWCS Youth Orchestra and concert

mistress of the Riverview High School Chamber Orchestra.

Sindhu Satya is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Tirupitilli Kunakutten Satya of Sarasota. Sindhu attends Pine View School. She has served in the student council and is a member of the National Honor Society, the French and Spanish honor societies, Mu Alpha Theta, Phi Beta Chi and Upsilon Sigma Alpha. She is president of the French Club and vice president of the National Forensic League. She represented Florida at the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Foundation's International Seminar. She is a commended national merit scholar and the recipient of the Harvard Book Award for academic excellence and the Model United Nations Best Delegate Award. She is president of the Red Cross Youth, vice president of Doctors Hospital's teen-age volunteers and vice president of the Interact Club.

Susan Lynn Powell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Banks Powell of Sarasota. Susan attends Cardinal Mooney High School and is active in student government, Keyettes Service Club, Cotillion and Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Youth Group. She is president of the Girls Sports Club, a varsity team member and was voted the most valuable player in softball. She serves as a volunteer teen worker with the YMCA and Happiness House.

Paulette Rae Profant is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Lund Profant of Sarasota. Paulette attends Riverview High School and is active in the Key Club, Hi-Y, Russian Club, Students Against Drugs, Cotillion and Speech Club. She is Kiltie dancer and is a member of the FWCS Youth Orchestra and concert

Kathryn Lee Koch is the daughter of Sandra Lee Koch of Sarasota. Kathryn attends Cardinal Mooney High School and is active in varsity volleyball, Pep Club, Folk Music Group, Student Council and Inter-Club Council. She is a high school telethon volunteer, the district winner of high school auditions - voice, the national anthem soloist at basketball and football games, serves on the yearbook staff and is president of Keyettes Service Club. She is co-captain of the Burdines Teen Board, an Incarnation Catholic Church vocal soloist and works as a volunteer with emotionally handicapped children.

Susan Helene Chidsey is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Walker Chidsey Jr. of Sarasota. Helene attends Pine View School and is active in Keyettes, German Club, Mu Alpha Theta and the National Honor Society. She serves on the yearbook staff and is editor of Literati. She is a member of Jacobson's Teen Board, Cotillion, a teen-age volunteer at Doctors Hospital and is president of the United Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Ashley Windemere Schulten is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Fredrick Schulten Jr. of Venice. Ashley attends Cardinal Mooney High School and is active in Keyettes Service Club, Youth in Government, French Club, Student Government and is editor of the school paper. She serves on Jacobson's Teen Board, has served on the Youth Advisory Board to Venice City Council and has represented Sarasota Rotary at seminars for Tomorrow's Leaders. She is a member of the Dames of the Magna Carta.

Reven Nancy Susnar is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Scott Susnar of Sarasota. Reven attends Riverview High School and is active in the French Club, Key Club, Campus Life, Inter-Club Council, Cotillion, Junior Board and is captain of varsity cheerleaders. She is a member of Metropolitan Hi-Y and, as a community volunteer, has square danced for United Center, is active in the March of Dimes, is a Beneva Nursing Home volunteer and works with the "Just Say No" program at Wilkinson Elementary School.

Tracy Ann Truitt is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Richard Truitt of Sarasota. Tracy attends Riverview High School and is active in the Sailing Club, prom committee, Cotillion, first team All-Area Riverview Softball and is a Highland dancer.

Jean Marie Tyler is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Charles Tyler of Venice. Jean attends Cardinal Mooney High School and is active in Keyettes Service Club and Pep Club. She is vice president of Student Council, president of Inter-Club Council and works with the emotionally handicapped in the community.

Elizabeth Key Whaley is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Preston Agee Whaley of Bradenton. Elizabeth attends Bradenton Academy and serves on the yearbook staff, and is a member of the National Honor Society. Her community activities include the Guidance Center and Christ Episcopal Church.



Lewis



Satya



Koch



Susnar



Allen



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Chidsey



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Schulten



Tyler



Whaley



1987-1988 DEBUTANTES



Miss Judith Lee Allen



Miss Kelly Allison Carlton



Miss Susan Helene Chidsey



Miss Deborah Paige Griswold



Miss Kathryn Lee Koch



Miss Kelly Elizabeth Lewis



Miss Susan Lynn Powell



Miss Paulette Rae Profant



Miss Sindhu Satya



Miss Marlene Ann Scherer



Miss Ashley Windemere Schulten



Miss Reven Nancy Susnar



Miss Tracy Ann Truitt



Miss Jean Marie Tyler



Miss Elizabeth Key Whaley

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and
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and cordially invite you to attend
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Venice area debutantes named

Congratulations to Ashley Schulten and Jean Tyler, both of whom have been selected by the Debutante Committee to be introduced at a gala holiday party Dec. 26 at the Sarasota Hyatt ... Ashley as the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Schulten Jr. and Jean is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Tyler ... Both young women attend Cardinal Mooney High School.

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Thomas Charles Tyler of Venice. She attends Cardinal Mooney High School and is active in Keyettes and Pep Club. She is vice president of Student Council and president of Inter Club Council. Her community service includes working with the emotionally handicapped and service work with Keyettes.

Miss Ashley Windemere Schulten is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Fredrick Schulten, Jr. of Venice. She attends Cardinal Mooney High School and is active in Keyettes, Youth in Government, Student Government, the French Club, and is editor of the school paper. She is a member of the Dames of the Magna Carta. She has served as a member of the Youth Advisory Board to Venice City Council, is a member of Jacobson's Teen Board and has represented Sarasota Rotary at seminars for Tomorrow's Leaders.



Jean Marie Tyler

Miss Jean Marie Tyler is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs.



Ashley Windemere Schulten

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Debutante looks to whirlwind year

Elizabeth Key Whaley
will bow to society in April

VIRGINIA PAGE
Neighbors Editor

Elizabeth Key Whaley has grown up a lot in the past year. First, the youngest of her older brothers left for college, leaving her somewhat on her own for the first time in her life.

Then, near Christmas last year, "Key," the only debutante from Manatee County this year, got her own convertible.

"That was the big transition," says her father, Dr. Preston Whaley, a local plastic surgeon, who enjoyed having Key drive him to work every day.

Unhappily, before Key learned to drive defensively, she was involved in several accidents. Fortunately, no one was hurt in the mishaps, but they taught Key valuable lessons about defensive driving.

Working for her father and selling T-shirts at a DeSoto Square shop last summer afforded Key more invaluable life experience.

"It taught me discipline and it taught me to restrain myself from anger," Key says. "I have very little patience."

All this growing up will become official April 30, 1988, when Key descends the steps outside Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall on the arm of her father to make her bow to local society at



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WHALEY

To 2 Being a debutante is a family affair for Key Whaley and parents Betsy and Preston.

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WHALEY

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the Sixth Annual Debutante Ball. Wearing the traditional long white dress and carrying a bouquet of red roses, Key will be escorted by Stephen David Lieberman and Frank Davis, one of whom will claim her from her father in the first waltz.

The pre-planned cut-in will symbolize Key's passage from the sheltering arms of her family into the world and on her own.

"It's wonderful that father and daughter are doing this together," says Key's mother, Betsy Whaley, who made her debut in South Carolina many years ago. "It brings us all to a focal point."

"It's a family thing. It's worth it," says Preston, who learned the art of escorting debutantes as a youth in Charleston, S.C. "It's giving us lots of time to do things together."

Betsy and Preston Whaley feel the experience also will widen Key's circle of friends and further polish her social skills, some of which she and her brothers learned several years ago in a weekly class called Cotillion.

Key, who has attended the Sarasota debutante balls for the past two years as a sub-deb, believes the experience will afford her a chance to see "a different side of life."

"Sarasota has a different atmosphere," says Key, a senior at Manatee High School, who is active in the National Honor Society, school yearbook staff and senior community projects. "The girls (in Sarasota) have different attitudes, and the way they act is different."

The family loves to dance, and as a debutante, Key and her family are part of a winter-long whirl of parties given by each of the 15 debutantes. Key will give a party for the other debutantes April 2.

Key's older brothers have promised to move heaven and earth to be here in April for her debut.

The youngest brother, Chris, is studying law in Columbia, S.C. Bill

ly is in international finance in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Preston, 26, is now a student at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Chicago after studying fashion merchandising at Florida State University. Shayne Mora, who used to live with the Whaleys, is serving overseas with the Peace Corps.

With all her brothers gone this year, Key is the sole occupant of the west wing of the Whaleys' spacious home on the Manatee River.

"This was the children's wing," Betsy Whaley explains. "This is a great house for children because it affords some privacy for us all."

With a laugh, Preston says, "Our children have torn up, torn down and remodeled everything" through the years in their wing of the house. Today, a soft-hued Oriental rug covers a polished stone floor, and furniture is in charcoal and white polished cotton.

Key can relax or entertain friends in front of a fireplace in a wood-paneled living room that overlooks an atrium garden and swimming pool. Although she misses her brothers keenly, Key admits to some reluctance at giving up all that privacy and space when they come home.

"It's like this crowd when they all come home," Key says.

Over in the east wing of the house, Betsy and Preston Whaley enjoy the peace and quiet for which they opted when they bought the house 17 years ago. Although Key has made no definite decision about a career, she thinks she might like to be a doctor. Working part time for her father gave her an appreciation for his work.

"It gave me a chance to see what Dad does and his influence over people," Key says.

A close family, the Whaleys look forward to shepherding Key through her debutante year and haven't even thought of what it may be like when she goes off to college. They prefer to take one year at a time.

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NAPLES - Cardinal Mooney's Shannon Schmidt scored 20 points and Susan Powell had 10 Tuesday night, but Fort Myers Bishop Verot prevailed 46-45 in an opening game of the St. John Neumann Christmas Tournament.

Betsy Gillette led Bishop Verot, 8-2, with 15 points. The Cougars dropped to 3-7.

Nov. 20, 1987

Seven reign as Debs on RHS campus

By CERES MORRIS '90

Features Editor

The debutantes for 1987-1988 have been announced. Out of the fifteen senior girls chosen from Sarasota County, seven of them were from Riverview. The students were awarded this honor for their achievements in and out of school.



Tracy Trullit

"We're all like one big family. I've learned it's time to stop taking friends for granted and to just kick back and have a great time!"--Tracy Trullit



Kelly Carlton

"The best thing about being a Deb is being able to meet new people and becoming closer with those you already know. The Debs this year are all fun and outgoing. You couldn't have asked for a nicer group of girls."--Kelly Carlton



Marlene Scherer

It's nice to be recognized for one's accomplishments--that's one of the criteria for being Deb.--Judith Allen

"I have become great friends with other Debs and have been able to spend a lot of meaningful time with my family. It has shown me how to handle any situation of life."--Debbie Griswold



Debbie Griswold



Reven Susnar

"The final debutante ball, when all of us make our debut into society, will be the ultimate best throughout the whole season. It will end my senior year as such a great feeling of accomplishment."--Reven Susnar



Paulette Profant



Judith Allen

Profant produces energy in her dealings with students

By KELLY FOSTER '88

Assistant Editor

Many people have one ultimate goal in which they wish to accomplish--to be noticed for the uniqueness they possess as a person. Leadership is a goal many try and fail to obtain. Senior Paulette Profant has conquered the many obstacles that accompany the struggle to reach leadership and has become one of those to lead RHS.

Taking charge of a large body of students with many conflicting views and patterns, as a way of life, often creates difficulty because of the increasing amount of competition found. As the vice president of Student Council, president of Inner-Club Council, a highland dancer, and a speech member, Profant has realized that competition heavily abounds in day-to-day life.

"You're always facing competition whether it's for an office position or a grade. It's real intense, but with willpower, you can find a way to succeed," said Profant.

In order to be a person, and to be a person, you must be fair and equal to everyone. It's essential, especially for students, to have a fair and equal made available to everyone. A re-

kind cannot exist without good, solid communication. Of course, a little humor wouldn't hurt.

"I try to put humor into my job by trying to make everything fun, in a serious way. You have to have patience and be able to hear everyone out. You have to see eye to eye with other people by understanding them and giving them a fair opportunity," said Profant.

In the past, Profant has found that, in the end, you can really only rely on yourself. Profant has experienced the joy of responsibility and also the hardship.

"Self reliance is the most important attribute. You'll always be there for yourself. Sometimes other people don't always come through, so you can only rely on yourself."

Effort

A rekindling of the flames of spirit has been encouraged by Profant since she feels the respect from others is taken from the pride people administer within themselves.

"School spirit is really important. I can't stress just how important a person's spirit for a school reflects on them as a person. By showing spirit, the respect for a school is built by others who notice the pride a student shows," said Profant.

Perhaps Profant's success is derived from her optimistic attitude. Negative attitudes are a person's fault.

"You can't be negative. You always have to look at things positively and give it your all. Once you set your mind to something, you are the only one who can stand in your way," said Profant.

Even though high school is fun for Profant, it is also a time to grow up.

"I feel like I'm growing up."

RIVERVIEW

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HIGH SCHOOL
One Ram Way, Sarasota, FL 34231

Music senior wins!

Katie Koch, an outstanding senior at Cardinal Mooney High School, has just won the distinguished Florida State Music Teachers Association's local high school audition competition in voice for our district. This will enable Katie to advance to the state competition in Pensacola this November, and hopefully on to the national contest.

Katie is the daughter of Mrs. Sandra Koch of Sarasota and after graduation plans to enroll at Stetson University in Deland.

RAVE REVIEWS

Focus

Teen-Ager Voices Love For Singing

Katie Koch, 17, a senior at Cardinal Mooney High School, is getting rave reviews in vocal competition locally and throughout the state.

This week, the mezzo soprano will participate in a state competition in Pensacola for the Florida State Music Teachers Association. Katie has already won the district competition.

In state competition for the Florida Federation Music Club, she placed first in 1982, 1983 and 1985 and second in 1984 and 1987.

Her plans after high school are to study at Stetson University in Deland with a double major in music and accounting. She recently applied to the school and is waiting to hear if she has been accepted.

"I love to sing but making a good living in music is difficult unless you decide on a show business career and happen to become a big star. Being a music teacher is very rewarding, but unfortunately you don't make much money," Koch said. "I hope to be able to combine accounting and music to make a living in the future."

The daughter of Sandra Koch and the granddaughter of Ralph and Ida Vonesh, all of Sarasota, not only spends a great deal of her time with voice and music theory lessons, but at school she serves as president of Keyettes and is a member of Girls Sports Club and a student folk singing group. She is also a member of Burdines Teen Board.

"I've been taking voice lessons since I was 9 years old, so it's hard for me to imagine my life without singing. My favorite type of music to perform is clas-



Katie Koch

sical and in my competition next week in Pensacola I will be performing songs in German, French, Italian and English," Koch said.

For the past two summers, she attended an intense eight-week vocal and music workshop at the National Music Camp in Interlochen, Mich.

"The camp is wonderful and a lot of fun, but it's also a lot of work. I've learned so much from my two summers there and I'm thankful I've had the opportunity to expand my talents there," Koch said.

For the past three years, she has sung the national anthem at Cardinal Mooney football and basketball games - something she enjoys and which has helped bring her recognition in Sarasota's musical community.

"Once people know you can sing the national anthem and hit every note, they just figure you must have potential," Koch said, smiling.

In her spare time she enjoys boating, shopping and spending time with her friends.

- Lee Silverman



Pictured, from left, are Tanya Ray, Carol Ann Quigley and Sindhu Satya.

Girls State Delegates Selected

The American Legion Auxiliary has selected the participants for the 1987 Girls State. Girls State is a program that teaches the workings of state-level government through participation in Tallahassee.

The following girls have been selected as delegates: Tanya Ray of Sarasota High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ray of Sarasota; Carol Ann Quigley of Sarasota High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Quigley of Sarasota; and

Sindhu Satya, a student at Pine View High School and the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. T. K. Satya of Sarasota.

Elizabeth Murray of Cardinal Mooney High School and the daughter of Ann Murray Meenan and John Murray, both of Sarasota; and Beth Larsen, of Booker High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Larsen of Sarasota, have been selected as alternates.

The candidates were chosen from 12 area high-school juniors. Each

contestant had been selected by her guidance counselor and teachers to speak before the membership of the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 30. The delegates were then selected by closed ballot by the Auxiliary. They will attend Girls State in Tallahassee from June 12-19.

Girls State is a learning-by-doing experience in which the delegates live together as self-governing citizens. They learn about the duties, privileges and obligations that good citizenship entails.

SUCCESSFUL TEEN

Youth Focus

Happiness Is the Key, Senior Says

Michael Burke, 18, plans to spend his life as a biomedical engineer, designing whatever it takes to challenge his mind and be happy in his work.

The Cardinal Mooney senior holds a 3.97 grade-point average and said he is planning to apply for admission next year to Notre Dame, the University of Michigan or the University of California at Berkeley.

"I haven't yet set my mind on one particular college, and there is even a possibility that I might be attending school in Ohio. My father is working there now and we plan to move up there with him when I graduate in June," Burke said. "With residency in Ohio, it might be cheaper for me to attend college there because the tuition would be less."

In addition to his academic success, Burke plays football and basketball for the Cardinal Mooney Cougars.

"I love sports, and it's good for me to be able to get a break once in a while from the books so I can also challenge myself on the field of competition," Burke said.

He is also a member of Key Club and serves as treasurer for Student Government.

The youngest of six children, the son of Robert and Doris Burke has received the Harvard Book Award from the Harvard Club of Sarasota for overall academic excellence, and a mathematics award from the University of Florida's Center of Excellence.

"Math and science have always come very easy to me, but I can't say the same for English and foreign languages. I really have to work at making good grades in English and my Span-



Michael Burke

ish class. Some things just come natural and some things don't," Burke said with a smile.

After he completes college, he hopes to enter the Peace Corps.

"I love helping people, and money isn't the only thing I consider to be important in my life. Sure, it's (money is) nice to have, but if you're not really happy with what you're doing, there is always something missing," Burke said. "I know too many people who have a lot of money, but who are not really into the work they have to do to earn it."

In his spare time, Burke enjoys boating and going to the beach. He also loves snow skiing and said he is looking forward to living back north again.

"I miss the fall colors and seeing snow once in a while. Florida is nice, but for my particular likes and for the age I am right now, I'm better suited to the variety of four distinct seasons and being where there are more young people," Burke said.

- Lee Silverman



Summer school students Sandy Utz, left, and Reven Susnar study outside Riverview High.

What's Happening

Debs Usher In Holiday Season

DEBS HAD A WORD FOR IT: "Great and glorious" ... "Isn't it exciting" ... were just two of the overheard comments from the 15, 1987-88 debutantes at the beautiful, formal, second annual Holiday Gala created especially for them. And adding to it all were post debs, handsome young male escorts and members of the families. This column had gone into detail on what to expect when the night following Christmas greeted them all and the rest of the 571 people who filled the grand ballroom of the Hyatt Sarasota. Home from college were many of the post debs and their escorts, and it was a royal reunion.

Holiday decorations were special, with colorful lighting and dinner tables centered with flowers of pink to match the formal silken gowns of the young ladies being introduced. The ceremony was most impressive as each debutante was acknowledged by William P. Michel, president of the debutante committee. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Sears were the holiday gala's chairmen.

The purpose of the gala, and the ball in April, is to increase awareness of the debutante organization in the community and its support of the Youth Programs of the Florida West Coast Symphony. Greeting guests from the receiving line were Paul Wolfe, conductor of the symphony, and his wife, Doris. The complete committee has been recognized in this column and members are still being congratulated on a brilliant evening of introducing the carefully selected current debs.

What would this yearly traditional function, the Debutante Ball, and presentation of each year's debutantes do without the lovely and dedicated Mrs. Maxwell Cooke (Vivien to close friends)? She is chairman of the Debutante Ball on April 30, on the bayfront terrace of the Van Wezel.

The young generation likes its dance music loud, and Doubleplay gave what they demanded. Adjoining the ballroom, an "Over 21 Club" was improvised with softer music for dancing from the Jim Cox Orchestra, A Note Above. The lengthy buffet at the gala was handsomely appointed, and the Cinderella hour found the young loath to depart. It was that kind of yuletide, handsome event.

Shortly before the gala, Vivien had asked me to please make note in this column that reservations were closed. She gestured the completely filled ball room and exclaimed, "Look what happened! People rushed to try and make late reservations. So the committee decided that as this ballroom was adeo, the ... let the people come." These 571 people are the result.

Helen Griffith

Around The Town



SARASOTA HERALD-TRIBUNE/MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1987



Ushering In The Holidays

The second annual Debutante Holiday Gala will be held at the newly redecorated Hyatt Sarasota at 8 p.m. Dec. 26. The focus of the evening is the introduction of the 1987-88 debutantes and their escorts. Music will be by Double Play. The gala supports the youth programs of the Florida West Coast Symphony. The chairmen are Carol and Sonny Sears. For further details, contact Pam Morris at 951-2855. Seen here are, from left, Carol Vermeulen, Mrs. Sears and Ann Judd.

STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER SHOOT

BEAUTIFUL YOUNG ADULTS: They will be arriving this week from their many universities to help the decoration committee of the Debutante Holiday Gala on Dec. 26 at the Hyatt Sarasota. It will be a marvelous, happy reunion. The young people include this area's post debutantes, who are looking forward to another, very special, holiday gala.

And how handsome are the escorts who add so much to the brilliant scene. Dec. 26 is certain to be a memorable occasion for the 1987-88 debutantes, who will be introduced that evening.

Word from the gala's co-chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Sears, is that reservations to the event are now closed (a royal sellout).

Deb plans progress

Bill and Barbara Michel

opened their attractive bayfront condo to the Debutante Holiday Gala Committee recently. It was no trick getting to the right door since

Jim Cox was tickling the ivories seductively and we just followed the sound of a fam-

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Popular showtune ... His trio, by the way, will be one of the groups playing the night of the gala, Dec. 26 at the Hyatt ... Business was completed by co-chairmen Sonny and Carol Sears and a party was getting warmed up ... Nice to see another Pittsburgh "refugee," Marcia Brown, formerly of Squirrel Hill ... And to greet committee newcomer Jim Shelton who not only is a neighbor of mine, but works at the Venice Branch of Southeast Bank ... I persuaded Getty Snow to join Jim for a photo ... Jean Tyler and Ashley Schulten are Venice representatives in this year's bevy of beautiful debs.



Jim Shelton, Getty Snow

Holiday Gala Supports Symphony

DEB'S CHRISTMAS EVENT SERVES PURPOSE: Again during the Christmas season, there slides beautifully into focus the 1987-88 Debutante Holiday Gala. The purpose of the formal, gracious event is to increase awareness of the debutante organization in the community, its support of the Youth Programs of the Florida West Coast Symphony and to provide a youth activity in an elegant manner for the young people in the community. The focus of the evening is the introduction of the debutantes and their escorts.

Many post-debs, their escorts, friends and family will be attending, as will many college students who will be home for the holidays. It's the perfect time for old friends to catch up with one another and to compare the happenings at their colleges.

The second annual Holiday Gala promises to be even more elegant and festive than last year's event. It will be held Dec. 10 in the newly decorated DeSoto Ballroom of the Hyatt Sarasota. The committee members all are dedicated to service in our community. All are eager to make this a special evening for the generations to celebrate together. Decorations for the evening have already been completed - beautiful and elegant - appropriate for an evening honoring young deb.

For reservations, call Candace Gallo at 957-3660. In addition to parties given by relatives to celebrate the deb's introduction into society, the young women will be honored at parties given by friends. The grand finale to the deb's whirlwind season will be the Debutante Ball in April. President of the ball is William Michel. Vivien Cooke is its chairman. This past week, Bill was host to the annual President's Preview, a pleasant early evening gathering held at the Golden Gate condo of the Michel family. Combined with talk, of course, of the Holiday Gala, was socializing to the music of Jim Cox on the grand piano and the serving of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres to the committee and media.

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Helen Griffith

Around The Town



The Debutante Holiday Gala

Friday the twenty-sixth of December
Nineteen hundred and eighty-six

Name _____
Address _____
Zip _____ Telephone _____
_____ per person "Over 21" Cash bar

for \$ _____ is enclosed for _____ reservations.
I cannot attend but enclose a contribution of _____
check payable to The Debutante Ball Committee.

The Board of Directors
of the
Florida West Coast Symphony
and
The Debutante Ball Committee
proudly introduce
The Debutantes of the 1986-87 Season
and cordially invite you

to attend
The Debutante Holiday Gala

Friday, the twenty-sixth of December
at eight o'clock

Florida West Coast Symphony Music Center

Black Tie optional

RSVP by December 18

Music for dancing

LOOK TO THE HOLIDAYS: It's not only almost time for Thanksgiving... but Christmas, too, with all its so-special, American-themed celebrations during this sacred time of year.

It will be such an exciting time - especially for so many fortunate young people. In the "bag of goodies" to enjoy is the dignified, but fun and festive-themed, Holiday Gala of the 1987-88 debutantes on Dec. 26. This column gave you an advance mention a while back and now the handsome invitations are in the mail. This means that the older generations also will be dining, dancing and greeting the 15 deb's introduced that evening at the Hyatt Sarasota.

Music for dancing will be by that lively band Doubleplay. The Jim Cox Trio will play for the reception when William Michel, president of the debutante committee, introduces the 15 honored guests in the courtyard of the Van Wezel.

These annual balls of the Debutante committee represent the activities that support the Florida West Coast Symphony Youth Orchestra.

Mrs. Maxwell Cooke is chairman of the annual Debutante Ball in April. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sears are chairmen of the Holiday Gala. Their committee is made up of Mr. and Mrs. John J. VerMeulen, Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Haskins, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Dooley, Ms. and Mrs. Charles D. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Steven H. Judd, Mrs. Richard Parke Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Alan E. Morris, Pauline Knox, Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm P. Walls, Dr. and Mrs. David R. Stutz, and Mr. and Mrs. Barton C. Tryon.

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Holiday Gala

Elizabeth Key Whaley, center left, and Susan Lynn Powell, debutantes from Manatee County, were at the Holiday Gala Dec. 26 at the Sarasota Hyatt Hotel. With them were their escorts, from left, Preston Agee Whaley, Jr., Stephen D. Lieberman, Louis Justin Najmy and Thomas William Lynch.



*The
Debutante
Holiday Gala*

December 26, 1987



*The Debutante Committee proudly Introduces
The Debutantes of the 1987-1988 season*

Miss Judith Lee Allen

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee Allen
escorted by Mr. David Austin Kinnard
and Mr. James Thomas Van Winkle, V

Miss Kelly Allison Carlton

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Allison Carlton
escorted by Mr. William Joseph Fuller
and Mr. Matt Aaron Mushinski

Miss Susan Helene Chidsey

daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Walker Chidsey, Jr.
escorted by Mr. Robert Haynes Chidsey
and Mr. William Bolton Johnson

Miss Deborah Paige Griswold

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brown Griswold
escorted by Mr. Steven Douglas Griswold
and Mr. Shawn Eric Murphy

Miss Kathryn Lee Koch

daughter of Mrs. Sandra Lee Koch
escorted by Mr. Mark Stephen Lotz
and Mr. Scott Douglas Utz

Miss Kelly Elizabeth Lewis

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kemp Lewis
escorted by Mr. Patrick Wilbert Foster
and Mr. Scott Bradford Laqueux

Miss Susan Lynn Powell

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Banks Powell
escorted by Mr. Thomas William Lynch
and Mr. Louis Justin Najmy

Miss Paulette Rae Profant

daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Lund Profant
escorted by Mr. Michael Joseph Long
and Mr. Julian Humphreys Parry

Miss Sindhu Satya

daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Tirupillai
Kunjukuttan Satya
escorted by Mr. Dean Alan McCartney
and Mr. Matthew Louis Rosin

Miss Marlene Ann Scherer

daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George Frank Scherer
escorted by Mr. Hugh McPheeters, III
and Mr. Kevin Michael Lawrence Romer

Miss Ashley Windemere Schulten

daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Maurice
Fredrick Schulten, Jr.
escorted by Mr. Michael Peter Burke
and Mr. Matthew Turner Huskey

Miss Reven Nancy Susnar

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Scott Susnar
escorted by Mr. Robert Frank Herbold, Jr.
and Mr. Jason Robert Suzor

Miss Tracy Ann Truitt

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Richard Truitt
escorted by Mr. Phillip Campbell Hillstrom
and Mr. Maston Richard McLeod

Miss Jean Marie Tyler

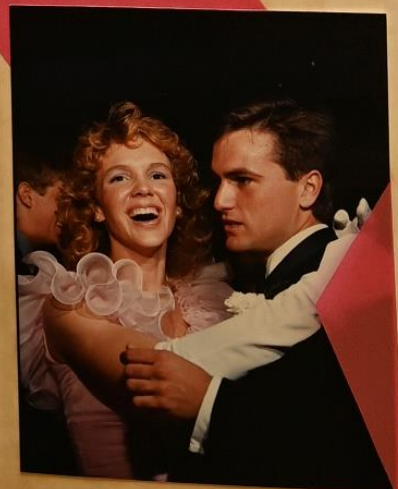
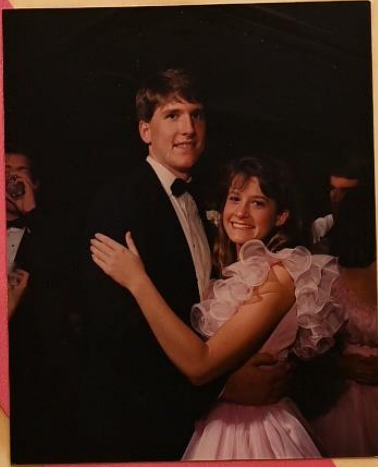
daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Charles Tyler
escorted by Mr. Brian Thomas Babcock
and Mr. John Richter Donahue, III

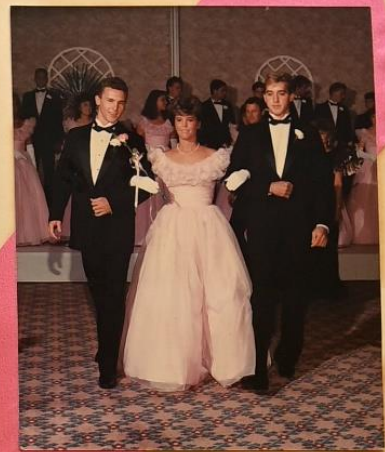
Miss Elizabeth Key Whaley

daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Preston Agee Whaley
escorted by Mr. Frank Monroe Davis
and Mr. Stephen David Lieberman









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On the Scene

Pretties In Pink

The Debutante Holiday Gala was held Dec. 26 in the ballroom of the Hyatt Sarasota. The event helps support the Youth Programs of the Florida West Coast Symphony and serves as an introduction of the 1987-88 debutantes and their escorts. This year's debutante season will come to a close in April with the Debutante Ball.

STAFF PHOTOGRAPHY: MCGARTHY



The 15 debutantes strike a pose in pink gowns.



Post-deb Carmen Berio, left, congratulates Tracy Truitt.



Kathryn Lee Koch is escorted by her grandfather, Ralph John Vonesh.



Escort John Vinton puts a smile on Kelly Carlton's face.



Above, Sonny and Carol Sears, left, confer with Bill and Barbara Michel. At left, Paulette Rae Profant beams as she's escorted into the ballroom by Michael Long, left, and Julian Parry.



On the Scene



STAFF PHOTO/ALDO MALLINSON

Meeting the Symphony and Youth Orchestras

Guests enjoyed champagne and small ensemble performances by members of the Florida West Coast Symphony and Youth Orchestras at a reception held recently in Robb & Stucky. The event, sponsored by Robb & Stucky, the Debutante Committee and the Symphony Board of Directors, was a benefit for the six youth orchestras. Enjoying the festivities are, from left, Rick and Chris Clary, and Bill and Barbara Michel.



Tim and Jean Holzer, left, and Dave Truitt chat with Debutante Reven Susnar.



Dolly Roberts plays the harp as Anne Lindblom-Harrow accompanies with the flute.

What's Happening

A Showcase To Remember

The patrons' preview party, An Evening in the Southern Tradition, for Designers' Showcase '88 in The Oaks clubhouse was sponsored by the Symphony Association and The Oaks. From left, debutantes Reven Nancy Susnar, Marlene Ann Scherer and Kelly Allison Carlton, pose with Don Perdue and Ann Wise.



The Debutante Committee and the Board of Directors of the Florida West Coast Symphony respectfully request the pleasure of your company at a "Meet the Symphony and Youth Orchestras" Champagne Reception
Wednesday, February 17, 1988
from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
at Robb & Stucky
7557 South Tamiami Trail
To benefit the Florida West Coast Symphony Youth Orchestras
RSVP by Saturday February 13, 1988

As Youth Orchestra Perform Debutantes Greet the Guests

IN THE INTEREST OF YOUTH. How many of you really know the Florida West Coast Symphony Youth Orchestra? Whether or not you recognize what they represent here, we are providing you with details concerning an opportunity to acquaint you with this fine group. A benefit is to take place in handsome surroundings . . . Robb & Stucky at 7557 S. Tamiami Trail, with Feb. 17 as the date of a reception from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Invitations are out this week from the board of directors of the Florida West Coast Symphony and the Debutante Committee, to attend the event. What a charming idea, to have the 1987-1988 debutantes, in their pink introduction gowns, there as hostesses to greet the guests. Word is that the general public is also invited to purchase tickets to the benefit. All that has to be done is to contact Mrs. Richard Parke Brown at 365-6428. She will give you any additional information. Assisting her with the arrangements are William Michael, Robb & Stucky designer and president of the Debutante Committee. Dorothy Garland, education director for the Symphony, has arranged for performances by students, representing various instruments of the orchestra. Pianist Marjorie Whitson will accompany them and Phyllis Wright will give selections on the harp.

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Sweet Music Together: The big party Wednesday at Robb & Stucky's to benefit the symphony and youth orchestras (given by the symphony board and the debutante committee) will be a bit of a family affair for Dr. George and Eva Scherer. Five of their seven talented progeny will give a concert, including daughter Marlene and son George, who will take a break from track training for the Olympics at the University of Utah.

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Around The Town



IN THE SOUTHERN TRADITION: That's the theme of patron's party preview Designers' Showcase '88 at the Oaks March 13. It is sponsored by the Symphony Association and The Oaks, whose clubhouse will also be visited during the evening. In the tented area outside, guests of the (black tie preferred) cocktail-buffet reception will mingle from 5 to 8 p.m. Going along with the Southern theme, Bruce Smith, catering manager, is planning some elegant presentations. And there will be dancing to Len Wyatt's band in the upstairs ballroom. The New Artists' Quartet will provide music during the evening as the patrons enjoy their preview of the three beautiful homes of the Symphony Association's major benefit project.

The party's co-chairmen are Anne Wise and Don Perdue. Invitations chairman is Renee Shende. The committee also includes Ellen Cavanaugh, reservations, and Susan Harvey, decorations. This year's debutantes and their escorts will add a handsome touch as hosts and hostesses. Youth enters into this major yearly fund-raiser, with all proceeds going to the Symphony Orchestra and its Youth Orchestras.

The design coordinators are Anne Folsom Smith and Judson Hollingsworth. There will be transportation provided by The Oaks from the clubhouse to the three homes, as well as valet parking, the patrons are advised. The mansions will be open to the public from March 16 to April 17. Remember, 70 top designers have handsomely furnished the elegant four houses at

For more information, call 953-4252 or 966-5066.

Getting a Preview of Homes In Designer's Showcase

ASPECIAL SUNDAY AT THE OAKS. Preceding the absolutely sensational Designers' Showcase patrons party that night, two distinguished visitors stopped in at the clubhouse for a special reason. They were Congresswoman Olympia Snowe and Gov. John Renna of Maine. Olympia Snowe, you recall, is the congresswoman who visited Moscow to check the new United States Embassy after it had been "bugged." Congresswoman Snowe is visiting Sarasota and her mother-in-law, Barbara Snowe, a long time member of the Symphony Association and supporter of Florida West Coast Symphony Orchestra.

The visitors were given a VIP tour by Nikki Cedergvist, general chairman of this year's Designers' Showcase at The Oaks which opens to the public Thursday and continues through April 16. They were impressed with the scope of the Symphony Association Showcase project that benefits the West Coast Symphony Orchestra.

That evening the doors of the three impressively handsome luxury mansions were open for guests attending the patrons party. Despite the rain, many were shuttled via Sarasota's London trolley from the club to the homes. Buffet dinner was served at the clubhouse with dancing to the Len Wyatt orchestra in the ballroom.

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The Symphony Youth Orchestra's chamber quartet entertained most graciously as did Symphony harpist Phyllis Wright and pianist Rosemary Fisher. One of the special attractions greeting all who entered the club were the lovely debutantes who will be presented in April at the debutante ball. Joined by their escorts, the debs, each in identical pink gowns, held matching parasols.



STAFF PHOTO/ANNEA PIVOT

Get Acquainted With Youth Orchestras

The Debutante Committee and the board of directors of the Florida West Coast Symphony are presenting "Meet the Symphony and Youth Orchestras" champagne reception on Wednesday, Feb. 17 at Robb & Stucky. Adding the final touches are Ivelisse Berio, right, Jean Holzer, Gretchen Serrie and Bill Michel. Tickets for the catered affair are \$25. It is open to the public from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Robb & Stucky showroom, 7557 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. Reservations will be accepted through Saturday. For information and reservations contact Mrs. Richard Parke Brown at 365-6428 or Wickstrand Associates, 952-1090.

What's Happening

A Spot of Tea for Debutantes

THIS PAST WEEKEND: It was a serious but happy one with its three major events benefiting humanity, and included a charming tea dance at the Field Club on Sunday afternoon. It honored one of the lovely debutantes of the 1987-88 season. It was given by Dr. and Mrs. John Walker Chidsey Jr. in honor of their daughter, Susan Helene Chidsey.

Guests included the debutantes who will be presented with her in April at the time of the Debutante Ball in the bayfront courtyard of the Van Wezel. Also enjoying the delightful party were close friends and members of the family.

The Chidsey family, for generations, has been prominent in this town and has left its mark on the community with its valuable contributions to the area's growth. Including the building that is the Sarasota Art Association headquarters. Also, the beautiful Chidsey fountain once fronting the art gallery, was another example of the family's philanthropies. The fountain was removed in recent years to make room for the almighty word Progress.

The guest of honor, "Robin," as she is more familiarly known, attends Pineview and is a charming and active member of Sarasota's younger generation. The pink and white buffet tea tables were centered with sculptured ice creations especially designed for her. Music for dancing was presented by Jim Cox's "A Note Above" orchestra.

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*In honour of their daughter
Miss Susan Helene Chidsey
Dr. and Mrs. John Walker Chidsey, Jr.
request the pleasure of your company
at a tea dance
on Sunday, the twenty-ninth of November
from three until five o'clock
The Field Club*

*The favour of a reply is requested
1378 Harbor Drive
Sarasota, Florida 34239*



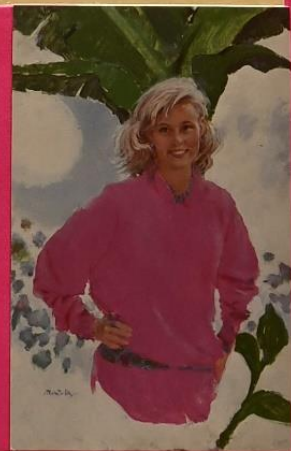
DEBUTANTES HONORED: Among the parties for this season's debutantes is one that sounds like the last word in creativeness to make its theme extra fun. It is the Calypso Carnival honoring debutantes Kathryn Lee Koch and Paulette Rae Profant. Their parents are, respectively, Sandra Koch, and Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Profant, all of Sarasota.

Starting at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, the Hyatt Sarasota's DeSoto Ballroom will be turned into a South Seas island with tiki huts and buffet tables colorfully lending themselves to the theme of the islands, as will the music and beat by the Johukames Reggae Band and Doubleplay. And, there will be a limbo contest for the young adults. The 300 high school and adult friends will be wearing island attire.

Fun surprises will liven up the party... including an "ape man" mingling among guests offering his favorite food... bananas. The invitations are beautiful, with photographs of paintings of the two lovely deba, portraits by internationally known Sarasota artist Thornton Uts. Kathryn is a senior at Cardinal Mooney High School and Paulette is a senior at Riverview High School.



CALYPSO



Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Lewis
invite you to attend

A Beach Ball
in honor of their daughter

Kelly Elizabeth

Sunday, October 18, 1987

Colony Beach Resort
(at the Tiki Hut)

Longboat Key, Florida

11:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Fun and Games Attire
R.S.V.P.
by Wed. Oct. 14
371-1496

A BEACH BALL



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Griswold
invite you to attend a
Holiday Celebration
in honor of their daughter
Deborah Paige
on Sunday, the twentieth of December
Sarasota University Club
1605 Main Street
NCNB Bank Building
(12th floor)
7:30 P.M.

R.S.V.P. by December 15
349-4332

Dress: Semi-formal
Dancing



Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Schulten
and
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Tyler
invite you to a

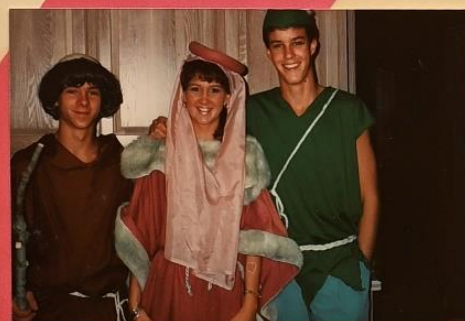
Fiesta Mexicana

in honor of their daughters
Ashley Windemere Schulten
and

Jean Marie Tyler

Sunday, February 21, 1988
at six-thirty in the evening
Mission Valley Country Club

RSVP: 485-7783 (Tyler)
485-9350 (Schulten)



"Let's Go to the Hop"

Mr. & Mrs. David R. Truitt

Invite You
to a

50's Party
in honor of
their daughter

TRACY ANN

on the 13th of December
4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

at
Blueberry Hill
(Magic Moment)

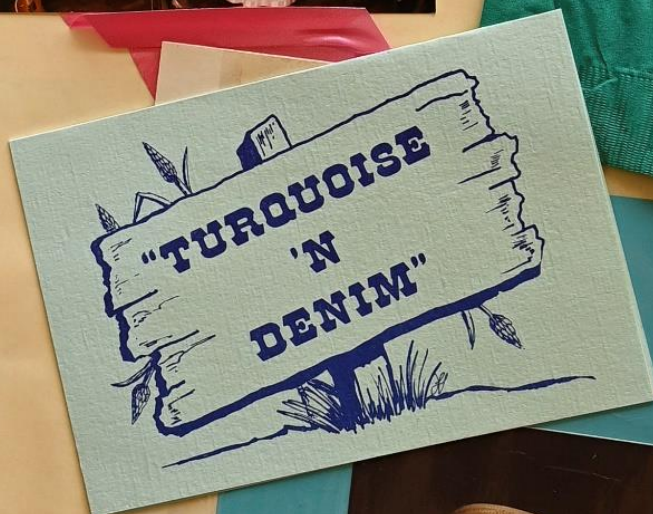
Dress: 50's or casual
RVSP: Regrets only by Dec. 4
922-0557

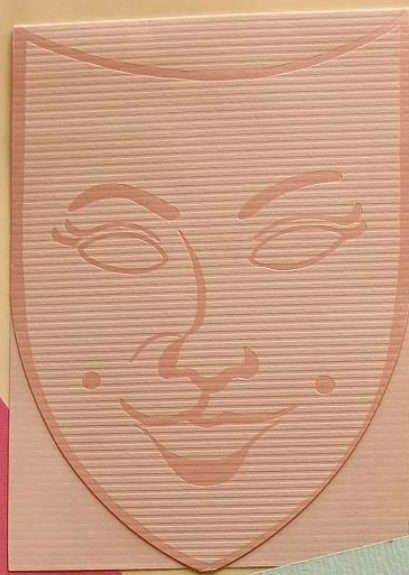


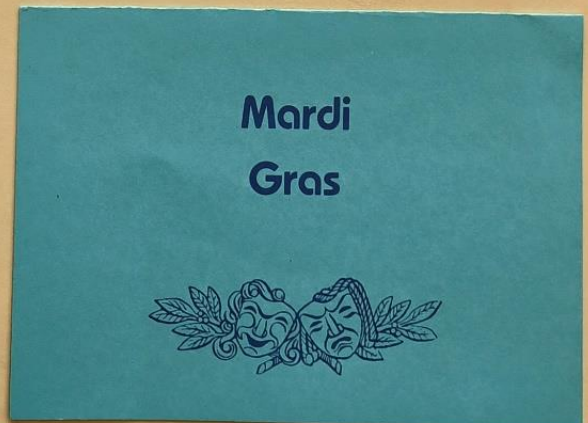


Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Susnar
invite you to attend a
Celebration
in honor of their daughter
Reven Nancy
on Sunday, the tenth of April
The Oaks
650 N. Tamiami Trail
Osprey, Florida
7:30-10:00

R.S.V.P. by April 1
922-6871
Dress: Semi-formal
Dancing







A PARTY!

In honor of
Kelly Allison Carlton
given by
Mr. and Mrs. Dan A. Carlton
on
Monday, March 21, 1988
at 7:00 in the evening
The Field Club

RSVP by March 15 Semi-formal
924-2288 Dancing



Mr. and Mrs. Orville L. Allen
invite you to attend a
Mardi Gras Celebration
in honor of
Judith Lee
on Saturday, January 30, 1988
Country Club
of Sarasota
7:30 pm

RSVP 921-5195
by January 20th

Dress: Fun
and Festive



What's Happening

Anticipating Debutante Ball

Helen Griffith

Around
The Town

I T'S SPRING AGAIN: Fifteen lovely debutantes from Sarasota, Venice and Bradenton are awaiting the finale of their fun-filled, instructional debutante year. The Debutante Ball, April 30, in the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall promises to be a special evening for family and friends of the 1987-88 debutantes. Many close friendships have been formed and this sixth annual ball will be a great reunion of sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles and grandparents. As always, it will benefit the Youth Orchestras of the Florida West Coast Symphony.

Great care has been taken to make the ball special and personal. The evening has all the right ingredients. The formal invitations engraved with a gold rose have been mailed and so now this formal, younger-than-spring annual event seems excitingly near. Upon arrival, guests will attend a reception in the grand foyer where **Vivien Cooke**, chairman of the ball, will greet the guests from the receiving line and the New Artists String Quartet will present a program. The young debutantes will be presented by **William P. Michel**, president of the Debutante Committee, as they descend the outside terrace's winding staircase on the arm of their fathers escorted by two young gentlemen. After the presentation, guests will enjoy a candlelight dinner served by the Hyatt Sarasota. Three white marquees will form a pavilion. The elegant decorations are being created by the **Barton Tryons** and their committee - Mr. and Mrs. **Edward Balian**, Mr. and Mrs. **John P. Toale Jr.**, Dr. and Mrs. **Gerald Tornabene** and **Robert Ford Michel**. They will be assisted by **Richard Horn** and **William Michel**.

Dancing on the terrace will entice dancing feet as **Jim Cox** and his One Note Above orchestra swing into action. The deb's will forever remember this, their coming-out event. Chairman Vivien will especially remember it, for on the first day of spring she moved into a new house after selling her nearby residence which has been home to the Cooke family for more than 20 years. "With me to Woodland Park went 1,800 ball invitations ready to be mailed. I love my new place, southern Victoria... like being back in Kentucky. But moving at this time has been really hectic."



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What's Happening



Looking at a Debutante scrapbook are William P. Michel, center, and Ronald L. Susnar, right, together with escorts Robert L. Herbold Jr., left, Scott Douglas Utz and Michael J. Long.

Candlelight Dining at Debutante Ball

Fifteen lovely Debutantes from Sarasota, Venice and Bradenton are awaiting the finale of their instructional Debutante year. The sixth annual Debutante Ball, April 30, in the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall promises to be a special evening for family and friends of the 1987-88 Debutantes. Proceeds from the Ball benefit the Youth Orchestras of the Florida West Coast Symphony.

The Debutantes will be presented by Mr. **William P. Michel**, president of the Debutante Committee, as they descend the terrace's winding staircase, on the arms of their fathers and escorted by two young gentlemen. After the presentation, guests will enjoy a

candlelight dinner, served by the Hyatt Sarasota.

The ambiance of a formal garden party will prevail with the use of lattice gazebos, chandeliers, ferns, tie back draperies and crystal fish bowls of imported white gladioli. Three white marquees will be joined together to form a pavilion and white lace cloths will complete the candlelight dinner.

Tickets for the ball are available in three categories. Those under 25 years of age qualify as juniors for \$50, while sponsors are \$125 each and patrons are \$200. For reservations or information, contact Mrs. **Jansen Taylor** at 365-0472.





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Fifteen lovely debutantes from Sarasota, Venice and Bradenton learn to waltz for the finale of their fun-filled, instructional year — the Debutante Ball. It will be held April 30 at Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall.



What's Happening

Undaunted by the Weather, Debs Make Beautiful Debuts

DEBUTANTES INTRODUCED INDOORS. Saturday evening the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall upstaged the large colorful tent waiting in the terrace area near the bay. Rain (the element, not the classic play of that title) was being produced that day and the Debutante Ball was held inside the Hall instead. The purple floral stage had, as its cast, fifteen lovely young ladies, this year's debutantes being presented to society. The audience was special, all relatives and friends of the stars of the evening. And there was dancing as each white-gowned debutante, following her presentation, waltzed with her father (one with her grandfather), on whose arm she had entered and made her curtsy . . . while her escort, in proper tails and white ties, waited their turn. On stage at their side during the ceremony had also been the mothers of the debutantes which was a gracious addition. The committee was congratulated on meeting the sudden change from bayside to the Hall's interior.

Dinner was served to the 428 guests at beautifully decorated tables, catered by the nearby Hyatt, scattered in the grand foyer and other areas. "The Purple Perch," as the younger set termed the stage dancing area, was fun with Jim Cox and The Note Above orchestra playing popular tunes. The ball is presented as a benefit of the Florida West Coast Symphony Youth Orchestra. Presiding at the presentation of the debutantes were members of the Debutante Committee; president William P. Michael, ball chairman Mrs. Maxwell Cooke, and William Sedgeman, past president of the Florida West Coast Symphony Association.

Helen Griffith

Around The Town



The Debutante Ball



POST-DEBS AT DEBUTANTE BALL. April 30 ends on a special note, for it is when the sixth annual Debutante Ball is held on the terrace of the Van Wezel Hall. Vivien Cook, chairman of the elegantly formal event, was all smiles when we chatted yesterday. She told me why. "Imagine my delight. Seven post-debs are returning for the ball. Mr. Richard Olson of Bradenton will have a daughter on each arm - Wendy from Vanderbilt and Sherri from Emory. How are we going to control his pride? Mr. Dewey Eason of Bradenton will escort his daughter, Mrs. Lance E. Christie, mother of two. Miss Kristin Koch, escorted by her uncle, Dr. Leonard H. Charchut, will be arriving from Stetson to see her lovely sister, Kathryn, presented on the arm of her grandfather, Mr. Ralph John Vonesh. Kathryn will be joining her sister next year at Stetson. Miss Cynthia McPheters will be escorted by her father, Mr. Hugh McPheters Jr. Cynthia will be finishing her junior year at Rhodes College. Miss Donna Padar will be escorted by Mr. Brian C. Beach. Donna is finishing her freshman year at Wellesley College. Miss Yemuna Satya will be escorted by Mr. Steven Sevegny. Yemuna is completing her sophomore year at Dartmouth College and is in Sarasota to see her sister, Sindhu, presented. Sindhu will be attending Harvard next year."

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Local debutante happenings head spring societal events

The elegant Plaza Restaurant on Longboat Key was the scene recently for a birthday party for Helene Noble. Planned by her husband, Gene Noble, the party was a complete surprise to Helene who arrived to find the guests waiting in the room off the main entrance to the club. The Nobles have just moved from Vizcaya to Palm Court.

Even though torrential rains on April 30 moved The Debutante Ball indoors from its usual location on the south lawn of Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, "Plan B" went into effect early in the day, and by 7 p.m., everything was in place for the festivities.

Elizabeth Key Whaley, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Preston Whaley of Bradenton, made her bow from the center of the Van Wezel stage with 14 other debutantes from Sarasota and Venice. She was escorted by Frank Monroe Davis and Stephen David Lieberman and carried a pink and white sweetheart bouquet.

Several post debutantes were introduced to the assemblage from the stage. Richard S. Olson of Bradenton, one of the ball's patrons, escorted both of his daughters, Sherri Lynn Olson, who made her debut in the 1985-86 season, and Wendy Jane Olson, a 1986-87 debutante, to the center of the stage where they made their bows.

Following the presentations and first waltz, during which the escorts cut in to symbolize the passing of the debutantes from the shelter of family circles into adult society, many of the guests joined in the dancing on stage. Supper was served in the Grand Foyer at tables centered with imported white gladioli.

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VIRGINIA PAGE

Saturday evening, the thirtieth of April
Nineteen hundred and eighty-eight

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■ **AND:** Protocol being of importance to the formal Debutante Ball Saturday night let me explain that their escorts looked splendid in tails and white ties, not ties as it appeared in my column. That little "s" on the word "tie" was mysteriously added enroute from my typewriter to publication. Due to column space an important mention was omitted that the Debutante organization is an affiliate of the Florida West Coast Symphony.



Debutante

Elizabeth Key Whaley, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Preston Whaley of Bradenton, was one of 15 debutantes presented at The Debutante Ball at Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall in Sarasota April 30.



On the Scene

Making Their Debuts

Fifteen young women were presented at the Debutante Ball in the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall as a benefit for the Florida West Coast Symphony Youth Orchestra. Presiding at the presentation were Debutante Committee president William P. Michael, ball chairman Mrs. Maxwell Cooke and William Sedgeman, past president of Florida West Coast Symphony Association.

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William P. Michael and wife Barbara enjoy the gala with daughter Treanne, a post-deb, and sons Geoffrey and Bill, right.



Tracy Truitt is presented on the arm of her father, David Truitt.



Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee Allen take to the dance floor as Mrs. Donald Brown Griswold looks on.



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The Debutante Ball was held April 30 at Van Wezel Hall in Sarasota. Left to right are, Susan Babcock with her son, Brian Babcock, both of Longboat Key, with debutante Jean Tyler and her mother, Pat Tyler. Brian was one of Jean's escorts.

a well-known American composer as well as a member of the American Pen Women.

A Change of Plans

The best made plans for the sixth annual Debutante Ball held April 30 underwent drastic last-minute changes, to everyone's pleasure and surprise.

For the first time, each of the lovely 15 young women to be presented entered on the arm of her father, crossed the beautiful stage at the Van Wezel, and made her well-practiced curtsy to the more than 400 assembled friends and relatives.

Plaudits to the hard-working committee who so quickly and deftly denuded the big white marquee and turned the inside of the Van Wezel into a garden-like area with

white draped tables and huge crystal fish bowls filled with white gladioli.

Jim Cox and his A Note Above group kept things lively with good music and the stage filled with dancers. Of course, non-dancers had a wonderful view of everything from the auditorium. Vivian Cooke was ball chairwoman and Bill Michel is president of the Debutante Committee.

One nice touch was having the mothers of this year's debutantes come out on stage to watch their daughters' presentation. Perhaps next year the ritual can be changed a little more to introduce the mothers, as well as the fathers and escorts, to the assembled audience.

Hyatt Sarasota catered the lovely candlelight dinner and decorations were in the capable hands of the Barton

Tryons, and their committee, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Balian, the John P. Toales, Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Tomabene, Bob Ford, Richard Horn and Bill Michel.

Winners

The Woman's Exchange of Sarasota awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Katie Koch, a senior at Cardinal Mooney High School who plans to attend Stetson University in DeLand to major in music.

Koch also was awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Sarasota Music Club and was this year's district winner of the Florida State Music Teachers' Association high school audition in voice.

New College music professor Don Fabiask and Friends will give a May Day concert at 3 in the school's music room. The "friends" include four of this year's debutantes, Marlene Scherer, Kathryn Koch, Sindhu Satya and Kelly Lewis, who will be at the deb ball the night before.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Party-hopping with photographer Robert Castro.



THE DEBS CAME OUT: Above, Kathryn Koch takes a whirl with Mark Lotz at the Debutante Ball to benefit Florida West Coast Symphony. Top right, a bevy of deb friends. Below right, a dance with Daddy for Tracy Truitt.

