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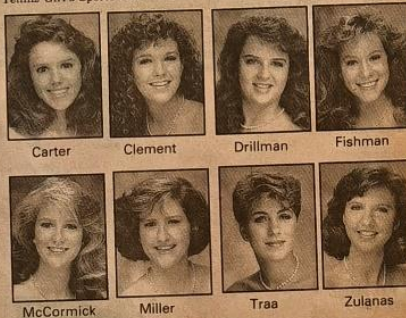
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Debutantes to be introduced at Debutante Holiday Gala

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Special to The Herald

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Zulanis



Clement



Fishman



Traa

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Mrs. Maxwell Cooke of Sarasota is president of the debutante committee. Dr. and Mrs. Stephen C. Padar of Sarasota are debutante ball chairmen, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haskins of Sarasota are chairman of the Holiday Gala.

The program benefits Youth Orchestras I, II and III of the Florida West Coast Symphony.











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Eight 1989-90 debutantes and their escorts were the stars at a breakfast and fashion show Nov. 18 in the Suncoast Restaurant at Maas Brothers, Sarasota. Entire families were there to cheer the young models on. All proceeds went to the Florida West Coast Symphony, which holds the annual Debutante Ball at Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall in Sarasota.

This year, five of the eight debutantes, **Julia Carter**, **Daliah Drillman**, **Julie McCormick**, **Kathryn Miller** and **Carrie Anne Zulanis**, are from Manatee County.

I spoke briefly to a charming group of very young sub-deb, **Jamie Hale**, **Alice McCormick** and **Molly Fogarty**. There were quite a few fathers of debutantes and escorts in the audience who proudly snapped photos and applauded enthusiastically.

While the debutante models were offstage changing into their evening outfits, a string quartet from Youth Orchestra I performed on the runway.



STAFF PHOTOGRAPH BY M. MILLER

Preparing a Fashion Show

The 1989-90 Debutantes of Sarasota and Manatee counties, in conjunction with Maas Brothers, will present a fashion show and breakfast at 9 a.m. on Nov. 18 at Suncoast Restaurant in Maas Brothers at Sarasota Main Plaza. Reserved tickets, at \$10, are available at the store's credit office or by calling 922-9137. Proceeds will benefit the Youth Orchestra of the Florida West Coast Symphony. Preparing for the show are, from left, **Julie McCormick**, **Chris Arreola** and **Sara Fishman**.





Mr. and Mrs. James Ross Iraa
cordially invite you to attend
a Christmas Party
honouring their daughter
Laura Insley
Sunday, December 10, 1989
six until nine o'clock
Bent Tree Country Club, Sarasota

Please reply 922-4284

Semi-formal

"Tis" the season to be jolly!
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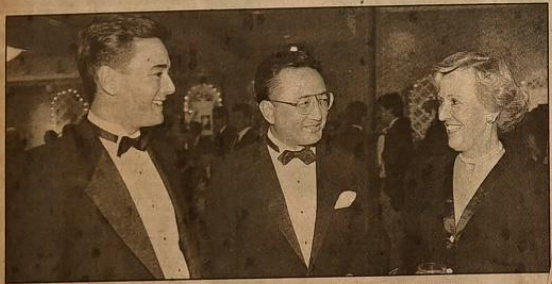


Debutante Holiday Gala

The fourth annual Debutante Holiday Gala was conducted recently in the DeSoto Ballroom of the Hyatt Sarasota. To benefit the youth orchestras of the Florida West Coast Symphony, the gala included an introduction of this year's debutantes and attending post debutantes from previous years.



Attending the gala are Emily Buskirk and Gene Fogarty.



Bradley Arreola, escort for Sara Rosin Fishman, is seen with John and Judy Arreola.



The younger generation is represented by Dana Carlton, Bradley Naylor and Jennifer Naylo.

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"Day After" Party Planned:
 Barbara Haskins has taken the job of chairman for the fourth annual Debutante Holiday Gala on Dec. 26 at Hyatt Sarasota, benefiting the youth orchestras of the Florida West Coast Symphony.
 The eight current debs will be introduced, and this year, for the first time, the spotlight will sweep past debs, numbering 87 since the program started in 1982.
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Post-debs attend gala for current debutantes

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VIRGINIA PAGE

Kathryn Johnson, Kimberly Landers, Maria McCormick, Kimberly Patterson, and Tiffany Troxler. All are studying at top universities and colleges.

Five of the eight debutantes, Julia Carter, Dalish Drillmann, Julie McCormick, Kathryn Miller, and Carrie Zulanas are from Bradenton. Tanya Clement, Sara Fishman and Laura Traa are from Sarasota. The debutantes all wore pink satin, floor-length dresses trimmed with tiny pearls on the sleeves.

The evening was an occasion for all ages. I chatted briefly with Jennifer Berkes, younger sister of post-debutante Eva Berkes. Eva, a violinist, who is concert mistress of two of the symphonic ensembles to which she belongs, said if she was not participating as a post-debutante, she probably would be in the string ensemble playing for the evening. Both of debutante Julie McCormick's grandmothers, Zenaida Rose and Ruth Blanchard, were at a table with Julie's proud younger brother, Aaron, in tuxedo. I also chatted with Betsy and Preston Whaley.

Sandy Law, an English teacher at Manatee High School, was at the gala "to see all these wonderful girls I've taught." So was Patricia Bettie, a middle school teacher at Saint Stephen's Episcopal School.

After the presentation, the evening continued with a buffet dinner and dancing.



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Holiday Gala

The fourth annual Debutante Holiday Gala was held Dec. 26 at the Hyatt. This is the annual benefit for the Youth Orchestras of the Florida West Coast Symphony. Among the debutantes introduced at this affair were Julia Carter, Dalish Drillmann, Julie McCormick, Kathryn Miller, and Carrie Zulanas, all of Bradenton, and from Sarasota Tanya Clement, Sara Fishman, and Laura Traa.

This year, for the first time, post-debutantes were introduced, most were home for the holidays from their respective colleges.

After the introductions were completed, friends and guests got down to the serious business of dancing and enjoying the buffet supper.



The Debutante Holiday Gala



*Dr. & Mrs. Richard B. Malkin
4089 Roberts Point Road
Sarasota, Florida 34242*

December 26, 1989

The Debutante Holiday Gala

*Tuesday, the twenty-sixth of December
Nineteen hundred and eighty nine*

Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Telephone _____

\$30.00 per person 'Over 21' Cash bar
Check payable to The Debutante Committee

My check for \$ _____ is enclosed for _____ reservations.

I regret that I cannot attend but enclose a contribution of _____.

Please list your guests on the reverse side.

The Debutante Holiday Gala



The Debutante Committee Proudly Introduces
The Debutantes of the 1989-1990 Season

Miss Julia Anne Carter

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Allen Carter
escorted by Mr. Jason Adams Kaplan
and Mr. Whitney Field Newton

Miss Tanya Elizabeth Clement

daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Preston Clement
escorted by Mr. Joseph Caputo, II
and Mr. Jeffrey Richard Carr

Miss Daliah Leilani Drillmann

daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Eli Drillmann
escorted by Mr. Christopher Matthew Hayfield
and Mr. John Anthony Kelly

Miss Sara Rosin Fishman

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Sidney Fishman
escorted by Mr. Christopher John Arzola
and Mr. Jefferson Doyle King

Miss Julie Anne McCormick

daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Eldridge Eugene McCormick
escorted by Mr. Christopher Paul Jackson
and Mr. Gerald Andrew Whitfield

Miss Kathryn Connor Miller

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Daniel Miller
escorted by Mr. Ryan Fogarty
and Mr. Zachary Colvin Kaplan

Miss Laura Insley Traa

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ross Traa
escorted by Mr. Carlos Felipe Escobar
and Mr. Michael Ross Traa

Miss Carrie Anne Zulanas

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George John Zulanas
escorted by Mr. John Robert Matus
and Mr. Christopher John Zulanas

Post Debutantes
in Attendance

Miss Kimberly Jane Baran	1984-1985
Miss Lovelise Josefina Berio	1982-1983
Miss Carmen Ines Berio	1986-1987
Miss Eva Anne Berkes	1988-1989
Miss Marlo Fedora Campbell	1985-1986
Miss Kelly Allison Carlson	1987-1988
Miss Kimberly Dort Clement	1983-1984
Miss Stephanie Susan Clement	1985-1986
Miss Alice Ann Cueva	1985-1986
Miss Stephanie Elaine Dickens	1986-1987
Miss Karen Ann Ellis	1984-1985
Miss Lisa Marie Ellis	1983-1984
Miss Cristina Botet Fogarty	1988-1989
Mrs. Keith Gallagher	1983-1984
Miss Amie Lynn Holzer	1988-1989
Miss Kimberly Sue Holzer	1985-1986
Miss Kathryn Rebecca Johnson	1988-1989
Miss Kimberly Diane Landers	1988-1989
Miss Maria Teresa McCormick	1988-1989
Miss Treanne O'Leary Michel	1982-1983
Miss Kimberly Ann Olson	1988-1989
Miss Wendy Jane Olson	1986-1987
Miss Donna Marie Padar	1986-1987
Miss Kimberly Patterson	1988-1989
Miss Sindhu Satya	1987-1988
Miss Venuna Satya	1985-1986
Miss Marlene Ann Scherer	1987-1988
Miss Elizabeth Ashley Sears	1986-1987
Miss Susan Donahoo Sears	1988-1989
Miss Reven Nancy Susnar	1987-1988
Miss Tiffany Grace Tronfer	1988-1989
Miss Elizabeth Key Whaley	1987-1988

String Quartet of the Youth Orchestras
Florida West Coast Symphony

Miss Betsy Gough
Miss Ingrid Scherer
Miss Allison Gerry
Mr. Eric Scherer



1989 - 1990 Debutantes

Miss Julia Anne Carter
Miss Tanya Elizabeth Clement
Miss Daliah Leilani Drillman
Miss Sara Rosin Fishman
Miss Julie Anne McCormick
Miss Kathryn Connor Miller
Miss Laura Insley Traa
Miss Carrie Anne Zulanas

The Debutante Committee
and the
Florida West Coast Symphony
proudly introduce

The Debutantes of the 1989-1990 Season
and cordially invite you
to attend

The Debutante Holiday Gala
for the benefit of the Youth Orchestras
of the Florida West Coast Symphony

Tuesday, the twenty-sixth of December
at eight o'clock
Introduction of the Debutantes at eight-thirty
Buffet and dancing immediately following

Hyatt Sarasota
DeSoto Ballroom

Black tie optional

RSVP by December 18

The Debutante Holiday Gala

Tuesday, the twenty-sixth of December
Nineteen hundred and eighty nine

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Address _____

Zip _____ Telephone _____
\$30.00 per person
Check payable to The Debutante Committee

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*Put on your favorite dancing shoes
and party dress for an
evening with a Latin Touch
planned in honor of*

Julie Ann McCormick

aboard the Crazy Clam

Saturday, March 10, 1990

Boarding 7:30-8:00 — 11:00

Given by

Dr. & Mrs. Eldridge McCormick

*RSVP by February 24
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*COAT-N-TIE
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*Regatta Pointe Marina
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Join us for dinner and dancing
at a Caribbean Fiesta

In honour of

TANYA ELIZABETH

Sunday, the first of April
six until ten in the evening

Selby Gardens

811 South Palm Avenue

Dr. and Mrs. S. Preston Clement

Semi-formal

You are Invited to

A Night on the Town





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Symphony
Association



Invites you...



Fifth Annual Valentine Pops



Florida
West Coast
Symphony
Paul Wolfe, Conductor

Manatee Civic Center
February 10, 1990
8:15 PM

1990 A VICTORIAN VALENTINE

Saturday, February 10, 1990
Manatee Civic Center
Sponsored by NCNB

Seating 7:30 PM.
Program 8:15 PM.

Table No. 59
Seat No. 3

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CALENDAR

Orchestra and be transported to the Big Band era by John Gary, "Lilin" Martha Tilton, Henry Cueto, and Arthur Duncan. Philharmonic Center for the Arts, 5833 Pelican Bay Boulevard, 39711. Performance also February 11, Van Weel Performing Arts Hall, 777 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, 34233-3366.

10 Showcase. Fort Myers. Annual show of the City of Palms Chorus of Sweet Adelines, featuring Dapper Dan's quartet from Orlando and guest appearances by Estero High School's Easons. Curtain times are 3 and 8 p.m. Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, 8099 College Parkway, Call 768-0494 or 369-3654 for ticket information.

10 Cool Pam Tuttle. Sarasota. Amoreux Musart's tale of Fernando and Cagliostro who woo and win each other's sweetheart while in disguise, all for the sake of a bet. Performances also February 13, 15, 18, 21, and 25. Sarasota Opera House, 61 North Pineapple Avenue, 366-8450.

10 Victorian Valentine. Palmetto. A light-hearted evening of pops performed by the Florida West Coast Symphony. Also includes a mystery guest conductor, vocalist Jeanette LaVoy, and introduction of debutantes. Sponsored by the Manatee Symphony Association and NCNB to benefit the symphony. Manatee Civic Center, Call 953-4252 for ticket information.

Valentine Pops Concert swings

CATHY STRAIGHT
Times Staff Writer

This year's Valentine Pops Concert was both a social and financial success, raising more than \$20,000 for the Florida West Coast Symphony.

"It's a little early to tell, but I think we did raise more than \$25,000. It was the auction that put us over the top this year," said Sandy Urban, committee chairperson for the event. Last year's event raised \$25,000.

The concert, which took place Saturday night at the Manatee Convention and Civic Center, featured the Florida West Coast Symphony conducted by Paul Wolfe and mystery maestro Dr. Preston Whaley.

Whaley conducted the *Colonel Bogey March* during the concert, which featured several familiar tunes from classic operettas to Broadway show stoppers.

"It was a very upbeat evening," Urban said. Upbeat indeed. Conductor Wolfe and the symphony received enthusiastic applause from the audience following a medley of selections from *Les Miserables*, *Oliver!* and *The Phantom of the Opera*.

Guest vocalist Jeanette LaVoy also received a fervent reception after performing selections from *My Fair Lady*. The soprano's performance of *I Could Have Danced All Night* was one of the highlights of the evening.

In keeping with the Victorian theme of this year's concert, audience members were given copies of *Victoria* magazine, served champagne and treated to a sampling of fruits and cheeses during intermission.

Although the decorations were sparse, organizers tried to make the civic center look as Victorian as possible with handmade table centerpieces and aisles lined with street lamps.

During the event, eight debutantes were presented to the audience, escorted by their

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Valentine Pops

"A Victorian Valentine" is the theme of the Valentine Pops Concert, which will feature the Florida West Coast Symphony, on Feb. 10 at the Manatee Civic Center, One Haven Blvd., Palmetto. This annual event, sponsored by the Manatee Symphony Association and NCNB, is a benefit for the Florida West Coast Symphony. Last year's concert raised more than \$25,000.

A mystery "guest" conductor will be announced and conduct the orchestra in one selection. Jeanette LaVoy will be the guest vocalist. The season's debutantes also will be introduced. Refreshments will include champagne, French pastries, fresh fruit and cheese.

Table costs are: Section A, \$300; Section B, \$250; and Section C, \$200. Tickets are \$25, \$32

Morgan Stinemetz Keeping Up

The Manatee Civic Center reeked with culture last Saturday night as the Florida West Coast Symphony Orchestra performed for a packed house. NCNB presented the Victorian Valentine Pops Concert, in conjunction with the Manatee Symphony Guild.

The Civic Center entrance foyer was pleasantly decorated with subtle lighting and live plants. Guests were greeted by the 1990 debutantes, who were presented later during the evening.

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fathers and fellow students.

"They've all been chosen because of excellence in academics and their contributions to the community," said Preston Boyd, program director of the Manatee County Council for the Arts and emcee for the pops concert.

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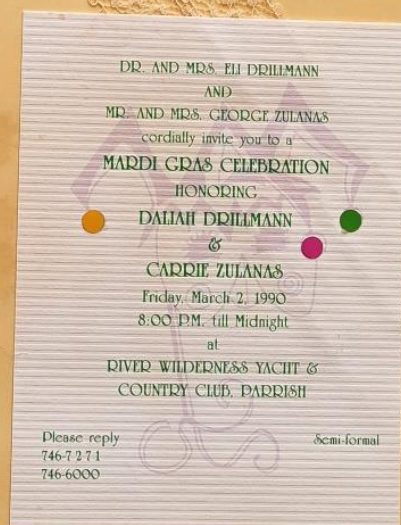
mittee presents a ball to benefit the Youth Orchestras of the Florida West Coast Symphony.

A silent auction of a bronze sculpture by David Lowe and a diamond-studded women's watch raised \$6,500 for the symphony Saturday night.

The event was sponsored by the Manatee Symphony Association and NCNB National Bank.







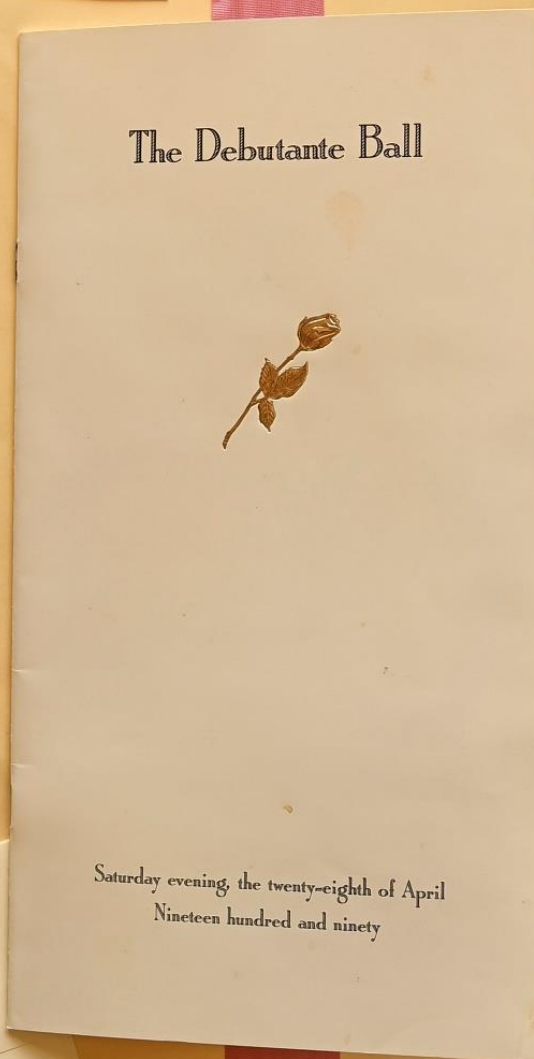
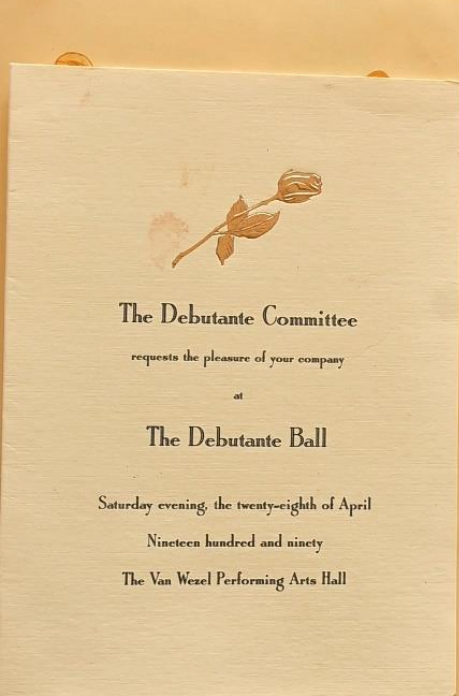




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 Dress: Western
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 R.S.V.P.: To reserve your place in the corral.
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The Debutante Ball
 Saturday, the twenty-eighth of April
 Nineteen hundred and ninety

Name _____
 Address _____
 Zip _____ Telephone _____

Patron \$200.00 Sponsor \$125.00 Junior \$50.00
 (under 25 years)

My check for \$_____ is enclosed for _____ reservations.
 I regret that I cannot attend but enclose a contribution of _____
 Please enclose check payable to The Debutante Committee.
 \$125.00 of a Patron's contribution and \$50.00 of a Sponsor's contribution are
 deductible within the limits prescribed by law for applicable Federal tax purposes.
 Please list your table arrangements on reverse side.



Neighbors

Tuesday, July 31, 1990



Daliah Drillmann is presented at the Bal des Rosenkavaliers in Vienna. With her is her escort, Christian Schobesberger.

Making debut in spectacular way

Last month, Daliah Drillmann joined debutantes from the United States, Switzerland and Austria at the Bal des Rosenkavaliers in Vienna, Austria.

VIRGINIA PAGE
Neighbors Editor

On June 29, Daliah Drillmann was in Vienna, Austria, spending the evening at the Palais Schwarzenberg at the annual Bal des Rosenkavaliers. "It was like a fairy tale," says the 1990 Bradenton debutante and Manatee High School graduate, who was presented that evening to a bi-continental committee that arranged the ball.

Drillmann is an unassuming, poised young woman who speaks quietly and distinctly. "I have no idea how I was chosen," she says. "I couldn't figure it out. None of the debutantes here got an invitation, and I talked to the

girls there, and they didn't know either." She also received an invitation to the New Year's Debutante Ball in New York City.

The balls in New York and Vienna are arranged and coordinated by Mrs. Robert Smith Williams Jr. of New York, whose mother instituted a debutante group presentation in 1921 — a tradition her daughter has continued.

This year, Archduke and Archduchess Markus von Hapsburg, Prince and Princess Heinrich III. Reuss of Austria and the Austrian ambassadors to France and the United States were among those who served on the Austrian committee.

"My grandmother lives in Vienna, and when the invitation came, we were going over anyway and we decided we might as well go to the ball and the accompanying festivities," Drillmann says. Drillmann and her parents, Inge and Dr. Eli Drillmann, flew to Portugal early in June and drove through Spain, France and Switzerland before arriving in Vienna, where Drillmann joined debutantes

from the United States, Switzerland and Austria, and their escorts, for a day's trip up the Danube River.

"The escorts came in native costumes, and it gave (the trip) a different atmosphere," she says. Waiting for her in Vienna was a sheaf of engraved invitations from Austrian nobility and diplomats.

"You weren't assigned one escort," except for the night of the ball, Drillmann explains. For awhile, she kept her knowledge of German under wraps during the week of sight-seeing, receptions, luncheons, dinners and dancing with Austrian escorts chosen by the Austrian committee.

"I don't speak (German) fluently," she says modestly, "but I can understand it and speak a little." Once her secret was out, "Two of them just didn't speak to me in English at all."

Drillmann's mother is a native of Vienna, and her father studied medicine in Vienna.

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where the couple met. Before settling in Bradenton 15 years ago, her father was stationed in the U.S. Army in West Germany.

Because Drillmann's maternal grandmother was ill, Drillmann did not participate in all of the activities planned for the debutantes, and she did not join them for the remainder of their odyssey: a trip to Monaco with another ball, climaxing more gala festivities.

One evening, the group attended a performance at the Vienna State Opera House. "It made me appreciate how good the Sarasota Opera is," Drillmann says.

"I go to the opera (in Sarasota) at least once (every season). It's at least equal" to what she heard in Vienna, and "the choreography (in Sarasota) is better. The opera house was beautiful. We had the center box on the second level."

"It was like a fairy tale."
Daliah Drillmann

On the day before the ball, Drillmann's mother sprained her back, "but she had a good time at the ball. She waltzed as much as she could," Drillmann says.

Her great-aunt also attended the ball, and "my grandmother saw us all dressed for the ball before we went."

After a gala dinner at the palais, the debutantes promenade to one end of the ballroom, where each was presented with a silver rose by two members of the committee dressed in the glittering costumes of Stanes' opera *Der Rosenkavalier*, from which the ball takes its name.

"There was an incredible opera singer and two ballet dancers that did an opening dance, and then we did our curtsy and a polonaise," a stately processional dance, followed by waltzes. "The music was perfect," Drillmann says.

Although there was contemporary dance music in two other rooms, "I was surprised at how many people stayed" for the traditional music in the ballroom.

"The escorts were all incredible dancers."

Outside the ballroom in the gardens, "the fountains were playing, and it was all lit up, and people were walking there. It was beautiful," Drillmann says.



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Before the ball

From left, Dr. and Mrs. Eli Drillmann, Daliah and her Austrian escort, Christian Schobesberger, pose in the gardens of the Palais Schwarzenberg.

This was not Drillmann's first trip to Europe. "When I was little, we used to go to Europe every summer," but as she grew older, it became more difficult to coordinate family travel with school and work schedules.

The poverty she observed on the way to Vienna, particularly in Portugal and Spain, touched Drillmann. "It showed me we should keep our eyes open" to the suffering of others in the world, she says.

Next year, Drillmann plans to study liberal arts at Boston University, and "I'll probably go back" to Austria, she says. "I have connections there, and I know several of the guys (escorts)."

Drillmann has an older sister, Inge, now an administrator at the International Medical Laboratory in Bradenton, headed by their parents.



Daliah Drillmann receives a silver rose at the Bal des Rosenkavaliers.

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