

## **Mardi Gras**

### **The 2009-2010 Mardi Gras Charity Ball**

*"...We're having fun most every night  
When that old moon gets big and bright  
It's a supernatural delight  
Everybody was dancin' in the moonlight"*

- excerpt from *Dancin' in the Moonlight*

Nearly 500 guests at this year's Mardi Gras charity ball enjoyed an elegant, fun-filled evening in the glow of the moon, under the twinkle of the stars. This year's ball was held at the beautiful new Quad Cities Waterfront Convention Center.

"Dancin' in the Moonlight" was the theme of the evening based on the song of the same name by King Harvest. Glowing moons, twinkling stars, hundreds of candles and stunning floral centerpieces transformed the Quad Cities Waterfront Convention Center into a moonlit summer night. Guests danced in the moonlight to the music of the band, Top Five, and deejay, Jonny O. The evening included a silent auction which raised more than \$16,000 for our community's children. This night to remember was made possible through the dedication and tireless devotion of our members.

Jayne Pearson, long-time Junior Board member and active community volunteer, served as Mardi Gras' first ever Mistress of Ceremonies. Jayne announced that Junior Board of Rock Island honored Jim Hass and Dr. Lisa Brothers Arbisser as our majestic King and Queen of the Mardi. These two outstanding individuals contribute generously to many organizations throughout the Quad Cities. The Mardi Gras court included:

#### **Attendants:**

- Sheila Ahuja
- Rachel Carton
- Anne Faust
- Abigail Frideres
- Lauren Kirik
- Megan Kirik
- Gina Marogil
- Andi Mills
- Emma Nelson
- Megan Sheley
- Ingrid Tunberg
- Elizabeth Van Hoe
- Melissa Walkup

#### **Pages:**

- Cameron Leiby
- Michael Phillips
- Ryan Sheley

#### **Crownbearers:**

- Ana Jacobs
- Jonathan Fernandez

The Mardi Gras charity ball is the principal fundraising event for Junior Board in its mission to improve the lives of children in the Quad Cities. All money raised will go toward funding Junior Board's NEST program, Trinity VNHA's child welfare programs 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 71st Annual Mardi Gras Charity Ball. It is their support that allows us to continue our commitment to the children of this community.

**Mardi Gras 2009-2010 Committee**

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