

THE TOWN CRIER!! MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Newsletter Editor
Baroness II Fabiola

THIRD ANNUAL EASTER WEEKEND FESTIVITIES RAISE \$1424



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday April 6
BOARD MEETING
7:30 pm

Wednesday April 20
GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
GERBER-HART
LIBRARY
1127 W GRANVILLE
7:30 pm

Saturday May 7
DERBY PARTY
SIDETRACK
3349 N HALSTED
2:30—5:30 pm
\$10 Donation at door

May 27-29
INTERNATIONAL
MR LEATHER
CONTEST

Monday June 13
CELEBRITY
PIE TOSS
BUCK'S SALOON
3439 N HALSTED
8 - 10 pm

Sunday June 26
36th ANNUAL
PRIDE PARADE
Parade kick-off
@ Noon



Easter bonnets of all sizes and shapes won this year's contest. More photos on page four.

The Windy City Empire once again hosted its Easter Bonnet Contest at Sidetrack. The event raised \$ 600 with donations from the door and the sale of raffle tickets.

Friday night, members of the Empire hit the streets in Andersonville and Rogers Park selling Easter eggs filled with chocolates and gift certificates for prizes. They returned once again on Saturday to Boyztown with baskets full of eggs for sale and once again promenaded down Halsted

Their efforts for the two evenings raised \$ 874 for the Empire's charities including a \$50 donation from StarGaze.

Congratulations to all who worked so hard in making this event a huge success and a very special thanks to our host bar, Sidetrack.

3RD ANNUAL SLAVE AUCTION RAISES OVER \$2000

Duke Steve Wolfvien Bludd hosted the Empire's 3rd Annual Slave Auction at Jackhammer on Saturday, March 19th. With over thirty items to auction the event raised a total of \$2010. Crown Princess "Mother Babs" did a spectacular job as auctioneer as Emperor One David James and Empress One Pia Mess assisted as in previewing auction items in grand "Vanna White" style.

Special thanks also to Baron II Steve Nokes and Dowager Baron III Andy Szwiec who took care of keeping totals on all the auctioned items and to all those present and to those who so generously donated items for the auction.

Lend Us A Hand, Please!

I'm saving Marlboro Miles and Camel coupons to assist in the collection of raffle prizes for events. Also, don't forget those pull-tabs from your soda and beer cans for Ronald McDonald House!

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Two little words, but they can mean so much to the person who hears them from you!

The calendar is rapidly filling with new and exciting events along with our tried and true successes in our efforts to raise funds. Those of you who have worked so tirelessly in your efforts have achieved great successes and so to each and every one of you we send to you those two little words and say, "Thank You!"

Congratulations on your efforts and your accomplishments! The "teamwork" that has been shown has proven that working together always pays big dividends at the end! There are upcoming events which will need the assistance of each and everyone of us for success, please join in the fun!

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CELEBRITY PIE TOSS SLATED FOR JUNE 13TH

The Emperor's home bar, Buck's Saloon, is looking forward to hosting our First "Celebrity Pie Toss", Monday, June 13, 2005 from 8 pm to 10 pm. Direct Aid is the sole beneficiary for this event. It is one of the Reign's chosen charities and the dedicated cause of this home bar and they are generously contributing all the supplies needed for our "gourmet" pies.

. Audio/video will also be provided into the bar from the deck so that patrons at the bar can also bid. We will be using the headsets used at Coronation to expedite this procedure. Bids can then be conveyed "by phone" [how Sotheby's] to the auctioneer. A list of community celebrities and Buck's employees is being made and we will be requesting their participation. We, of course, look forward to the participation of all former Monarchs and line members as well!

All pies start at \$25, with increases in \$5 increments.. Buck's has consented to allow us use of their credit card capabilities and there is an ATM in the bar. No personal checks will be accepted.

Record keepers, a cashier, auctioneer assistants, and "pie men" are all also needed. You may volunteer by contacting Baroness II Fabiola the Great at 773-529-7368 or at chicagobaroness2@yahoo.com or by volunteering at the general membership meeting.

CORONATION ONE DVD NOW AVAILABLE

The video version of **Coronation I Star Trek—In Search of An Empire** is now available. The video is available in DVD format only for \$30 which includes shipping and handling.

You can order by calling Steve Wright at 312 337 0439. Your check or money order should be sent to:

Wright for You
55 W Chestnut St, #2508,
Chicago, IL 60610

wrightwithyou@earthlink.net

*Joining us for the
GLBT Pride Parade?
Sunday, June 26?
SIGN UP AT THE APRIL MEETING!*

MADAME RHODESIA'S "RISQUÉ" EVENT



"Risqué" hosted by Madame Rhodesia at the Annex III on Saturday March 12th raised \$405 for Empire One Charities.

The event featured guest performances by Mr. & Miss ILGRA 2005, T.C. More, the reigning Monarchs, Fabiola, Miss Gina [of Gina & the Gyna Girls] and Madame Rhodesia. Special thanks also to Duke Steve Swan for his efforts with the 50/50 raffle.



News from the board PRESIDENT

Greetings fellow courtiers.

Our season of heavy fundraising is upon us. Already, the Slave Auction has exceeded expectations and cleared in excess of \$2000. As I write, the Easter Egg Sales are beginning, to be capped off by the Easter Bonnet Contest. Ready to go in early May is our Annual Derby Party at Sidetrack, now with \$4000 of sponsorship monies to help make it happen. Plans are afoot for more excitement this summer, so stay tuned.

Coronation II Ball plans are coming to some stability. We should be able to announce a final deal in the next few weeks. For those of you that have been watching the progress, negotiations with the Congress Hotel fell through because of a change in staff and management. We are now looking at three possibilities: downtown, Boyztown, and something near O'Hare. All three sites have their issues, but something should come of it soon. Watch for an announcement in the coming weeks

Richard Clough, President of the Board



A MESSAGE FROM THE MONARCHS



On behalf of Empress Pia Mess and myself, I would like to thank each and every member who participated in our fundraising efforts last month. Talk about March Madness!

For three consecutive week-ends starting with Risqué, moving on to the 3rd Annual Slave Action and ending Easter week-end with our 3rd Annual Easter Egg Sale & Bonnet Contest we pulled out all the stops and raised nearly \$4000.00. WELL DONE.

Let's keep the ball rolling as we approach the half way point of Reign One!!!! Thanks to one and all.

In service

Emperor 1
David James Archer

NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

Saturday, June 18th, Fabiola will be hosting her first ever self-produced show for ADFA Productions at the Annex III.

"Groomed and Bridled" - A Salute to June Brides" is looking for performers for the 15 number production as well as numbers of your own choice. Interested parties should contact Fabiola at: chicagobaroness2@yahoo.com or at 773-529-7368.

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THE WINDY CITY EMPIRE IS:**

empireofchicago@yahoo.com



FROM THE DESK OF THE DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF MONARCHS

In just a month, May 1st, applications for the position of Emperor II and Empress II will be available from the Secretary of the Board of Directors. To qualify as a candidate you must meet the following criteria:

You must be 21 years of age, a legal resident of the US and the realm. You must be a member in good standing since December 1st, 2003. You must have raised five-hundred [\$500] dollars at Board approved produced events and attended a minimum of two (2) out of town Coronations or Adornment Balls that are verifiable by a member of the Board of Directors or the College of Monarchs since June 1st, 2004. You must have a good working knowledge of the International Court System. You must submit an application via U.S. Mail to the Imperial Windy City Court of the Prairie State Empire, Inc. NFP mailing address postmarked no later than June 1, 2005 accompanied by a fifteen [\$15] non-refundable application fee. All applications received postmarked after June 1st will be considered void and returned to the sender. Applications are to be clearly marked on the envelope "APPLICATION ENCLOSED" to the attention of the Candidate Review Board.

Dates will be announced at the June General Meeting for Candidate Interviews, Candidate Night, Campaign Kick-Off and Voting, as well as all other pertinent information here in the newsletter as well as on the website.

Earle Lewis, Dean of the College of Monarchs

DERBY AFFAIR PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY



The Windy City Empire, in conjunction with the Illinois Gay Rodeo Association, and Sidetrack will once again host its annual Derby Affair. Festivities begin at 2:30 and will finalize with the call to the post and the "Run for the Roses" and announcement of the winners at 5:30. A glorious buffet and games will once again be featured along with raffles and a door prize. Early Times is once again sponsoring the event. A \$10 donation at the door includes a chance for the door prize along with two raffle tickets for the "Grandstand Giveaway".

Advance ticket sales begin April 1st and are available from members of the Empire or by contacting the Empire at:

773-334-3296 or empireofchicago@yahoo.com.



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