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# HEADS and TAILS

## GTSA's Super Saturday! Welcome to our Open House Event

Welcome indeed to all of our friends and guests to the Greater Tampa Showmen's Association Open House and Silent Auction as well as the drawing of the "E Ticket" and the new 50/50 raffles.

Promptly at 6:00 PM (who are we kidding), we will begin drawing the numbers for the "E Ticket" raffle with the first number being drawn being a winner. Drawing will continue throughout the evening interrupting the event only when winning numbers are drawn. At approximately 9:00 PM, we will begin the process of drawing the final five numbers leading up the big winner!

An incredible buffet din-

ner, coordinated by the Ladies Auxiliary of GTSA, is complimentary for all members and guests through the efforts, cooking skills and donations of numerous members of both organizations and friends as well.

Following the dinner, we will draw the grand prize winning number of the 50/50 Raffle instituted by outgoing President, Bob Mason. Fifty percent of the total fundraising goes to the grand prize winner and the balance goes to the GTSA, supporting a variety of our charitable events and causes.

Let's not forget the great Silent Auction featuring both spectacular and memorable gifts donated

by members of GTSA and LAGTSA. Take your time and "look over" the variety of items up for auction and then with every generous bone in your body, please bid big!



Last but not least, on behalf of the officers, board of governors and all of the members of both GTSA and LAGTSA, we wish you and yours, a very Happy Valentines Day!

## LAGSTA Installs Jamie Lee Deggeller as New President

On Wednesday evening, February 11th, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Greater Tampa Showmen's Association held their annual Installation swearing in the new Officers and Board of Governors for the 2009 -2010 Fiscal Year. The star of the evening was the Uptown Girl herself, Jamie Lee Deggeller.

Outgoing President Linda Mason "fired" her committee chairs and passed the gavel to Jamie during a solemn yet enjoyable ceremony. Kristen Baggett, Amanda Perzia and Betsy Nagle-Perry were also installed as the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice Presidents. The room itself with artfully designed and assembled by Rosemary Rojas and Ann Sedlmayr with the help of the usual select few along with professional stage scenery and side drape panels.

Following the private Installation and exceptional meal prepared by Tony Cefaratti and serve by a bevy of volunteer waiters, the doors were opened to the public. Packing the main room with over 150 guests, the LAGTSA presented their annual show and what a show it was. Under the direction of Monica Romano Wilson, the show featured some of the finest talent the two clubs could ever offer and included family members and friends as well. Whether lip-syncing or performing live,



The overall talent was extraordinary; the costumes were incredible; the numerous musical routines were fantastic. The singers, actors, stage hands, director and DJ's all deserved the standing ovation they received by the most appreciative guests. Their next performance is... ?



The evening continued on with dancing with more than a few guests enjoying the GTSA bar with the staff be-

decked in dress shirts and black ties.

Early in the morning, the last guests left with feathers from the boas scattered all around the club; but what a night to remember for Jamie, our Uptown Girl!

## Location, Location, Location...

Late last Spring, GTSA's rental committee appointed Teresa Dillman and JoAnn Koza to manage the rental of the club rooms and associated outdoor areas. It was also agreed upon that the facility indeed needed a "name" and thus the West End Pavilion was born. After developing a brochure, business cards, web site etc., the management team went to work on securing clients. Joining the local Chamber of Commerce and hosting a Chamber Meet & Greet party as well as advertising in a variety of regional publications, they have been success in renting the Pavilion out for a series of events, holiday parties and most recently for a private Super Bowl Party. With the current economy, the rental rates have been appropriately reduced and interest has steadily increased. Visit the WEP office next to main lobby.



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### Special points of interest:

- *Memorial Service: Sunday February 15th*
- *GTSA Installation: Monday February 23rd*
- *Mardi Gras Fete: Saturday February 28th*
- *St. Patrick's Day Party: Monday March 16th*
- *GTSA Goodbye BBQ: Saturday March 21st*
- *GTSA Last Meeting: Monday March 30th*

## The Fanfare of recent GTSA/LAGTSA events

We have been very fortunate to enjoy a number of awesome events at the GTSA / LAGTSA clubrooms over the past few months. In November we celebrated with the GTSA Welcome Home Barbeque. Coordinated by Paul Jeonotte, Michael Coburn and Gary Thomas, everyone feasted on the ribs and chicken and literally "pigged out". That same weekend, the Ladies Auxiliary hosted their annual Bazaar with a number of "booths". Various raffles for a money tree, a chocolate lovers fantasy gift package and even a pair of Buccaneers tickets (won by Nick LaBiosa) were drawn Sunday as we enjoyed the barbeque and desserts available for purchase.



Early December featured our second Yard Sale and Big-Top Auction headed by Malcolm Geary and Bob Palombi (thanks to George as well). We had a number of members reserving locations within the north field sale area in addition to outside vendors. The auction was relocated to the inside courtyard along with other member vendors and



tion to outside vendors. The auction was relocated to the inside courtyard along with other member vendors and

the GTSA refreshment stand. Everyone had a great time at the auction bidding on individual big-ticket items to "lots" of the truly quirky. A grouping of giant Christmas inflatables was purchased by Carla Sedlmayr who graciously offered them to the Christmas committee to use as our grand entrance (thank you Carla for the kind gesture). An article on the Christmas festivities is adjacent (on Page Three).

On January 26th (Chinese New Year celebration), GTSA had it's own Chinese Dinner Party coordinated by Laura Sedlmayr. The catered dinner and beautiful decorations (including a huge kimono suspended in the lounge) were fantastic and just a taste of the themed meeting nights to come.



The GTSA Annual Meeting was held mid-day on February 2nd with the slate presented by the Nominating Committee being voted on and accepted. Elected officers include Incoming President: Laura Sedlmayr, 1st Vice President, Malcolm Geary; 2nd Vice President, Bob Palombi and joining the ranks as 3rd Vice President, Lee Stevens with Teresa Dillman and JoAnn Koza returning as Secretary and Treasurer. A new Board of Governors were voted in as well and all will be posted online following the GTSA Installation on February 23rd.

Thursday February 5th was reserved for Linda Mason's Testimonial as the

outgoing LAGTSA President. The Chocolate Wonderland returned to the clubrooms one last time as Linda thanked and acknowledged the many members who assisted her and chaired her various committees. A catered buffet dinner featuring slow



roasted pork loin with a raspberry sauce and pecan encrusted chicken breasts were thoroughly enjoyed by all followed by dancing and cocktails till late in the evening. It was indeed a great tribute to Linda's Presidency.

Finally, on Tuesday February 10th, we hosted the Annual GTSA Appreciation Dinner to thank those who had raised exceptional levels of funds and those who had provided selfless hours of service to the organization. The catered dinner featured chicken cordon bleu and a prime rib carving station which followed the traditional shrimp course and was capped off with a choice of fruit topped cheese cakes. President Bob Mason presented gifts to a number of "shows" for assisting in raising funds along with individual gifts thanking those who went over and above chairing his committees and other outstanding fund-raisers. It was an elegant black & white affair from table tops to gift wrapping... a nice touch of class.



## Christmas Parties

GTSA hosted two Christmas Parties back to back on Saturday December 13th. The morning event was dedicated to guests from Hillsborough Kids, Inc., a fostering program throughout Tampa. The kids and their foster parents enjoyed face painting followed by a period enjoyable "carnival games". Soon after lunch, Santa arrived and presented each child with wrapped gifts. Ann Sedlmayr and Bill Sadlier, Committee Co-Chairs were especially happy to have Debbie, Jamie and Cody of Busch Entertainment serve as Santa's Helpers.



The afternoon was reserved for the children and guests of the GTSA who enjoyed the very same program including suffering through a lengthy rendition of the "Twelve Days of Christmas". Thank you to all of the "Twelve Days" sponsors.

A very special thanks to Bob Palombi and Malcolm Gary for their generous donations of gifts and prizes and to all of the volunteers who graciously wrapped each of the hundreds of gifts; to Hickey for providing the ice cream; to Gus our incredible Santa; and to "Mr. Lee" who served as the Grand Master of Ceremonies and kept the programs flowing...

## CONGRATULATIONS 2009 - 2010 NEW LAGTSA OFFICERS

<b>Bonnie Culpepper</b>	<b>Carla Sedlmayr</b>
<b>Lois Marsicano</b>	<b>Sherry Bolin</b>
<b>Candy Anderson</b>	<b>Jeannie Thomas</b>
<b>Leah O'Neil</b>	<b>Leslie Magee</b>
<b>Ann Sedlmayr</b>	<b>Monica Romano</b>
<b>Gloria Pierson</b>	<b>Laura Sedlmayr</b>
<b>Mam Cefaratti</b>	<b>Ashlyn Atkins</b>
<b>Linda Mason</b>	<b>JoAnn Koza</b>
<b>Traci Koza</b>	<b>Melissa Byrd</b>
<b>56th Street Florist</b>	<b>Kathy Sadlier</b>

## CONGRATULATIONS 2009 - 2010 INCOMING GTSA OFFICERS

<b>Hickey Culpepper</b>	<b>Carla Sedlmayr</b>
<b>Candy Anderson</b>	<b>Jeannie Thomas</b>
<b>Leah O'Neil</b>	<b>Bob Mason</b>
<b>Ann Sedlmayr</b>	<b>Michael Coburn</b>
<b>Jamie Deggeller</b>	<b>Paul Jeonotte</b>
<b>Gloria Pierson</b>	<b>Ralph Marsicano</b>
<b>Bob Mann</b>	<b>JoAnn Koza</b>
<b>Bill Sadlier</b>	<b>56th Street Florist</b>
<b>Nick LaBiosa</b>	<b>Mary Tyo</b>

## On the Calendar...

Tomorrow morning at 11:00 AM, we will celebrate the lives and mourn the passing of members and friends during our annual **Memorial Service**. We invite everyone to join us in this solemn ceremony as we will miss all of them and they shall remain in our hearts forever.

This coming Thursday, February 19th, the GTSA **Boat Club** will hold their annual **Banquet** at Tony's Restaurant in Ybor City at 7:00 PM. The event is complimentary for Boat Club members and guest tickets are available for \$20 per person (please note that advance reservations are required).

On Monday evening, February 23rd, **Ole South** comes to GTSA during the **Installation of Officers** with a sultry décor and catered meal all with that great Southern Flavor. Tickets are available for \$30 per person and must purchased in advance. Incoming President, Laura Sedlmayr is making sure that this is an installation you'll never forget. Reserve your place soon as this is the one you don't want to miss!



After a being rescheduled to Saturday evening, February 28th at 7:00 PM Cocktails and 8:00 PM Buffet, the Second Annual **Mardi Gras Fete** will be held. Tickets are available now at \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Remember this is a "masque ball" while costumes are optional, masks are required and will be available for purchase...

