

THE LUCK AND LORE OF SUPERSTITIONS



MARDI GRAS 2017





Superstitions date back to early man's attempt to explain nature and his own existence. There was a deep belief that animals, nature and objects held a connection to spirits and the spirit world. For most of history superstitions have played a huge role in shaping culture and society. Whether they are old wives tales, urban legends, or just scary stories, every group has their share of them.

Tonight Gulf Coast Carnival Association will visit some of the most recognized superstitions from around the world. Then we will ask you...**Do you believe???**



KING D'BERVILLE
2017
Kent G. Nicaud



QUEEN IXOLIB 2017
Molly Catherine Atherton

ROYAL COURT OF 2017
SUPERSTITIONS

DUKES

Thomas Henry Mueller
Gregory L. Fairey
Frank Walter Bordeaux
Ray L. Wesson, Jr.
Arthur Horace McMillan
Sean Jeffrey Tindell
Damian Joseph Jakubik
George Rimmer Covington, Jr.

Lady Luck

Broken Mirror

Four Leaf Clover

Unlucky 13

Old New, Borrowed Blue

Black Cat

Wish Upon a Star

Open Umbrella

MAIDS

Erin Elizabeth Simpson
Elissa Caroline Roybal
Juliana Michelle Douglas
Sarah Ann Lovell
Shelby Elizabeth Schepens
Karin Resi Mayer
Jane Perrin Mayer
Katelyn Hope Broadus

PAGES

TO HIS MAJESTY

Claire Booth Wingfield
Lily Ann Schloegel

TO HER MAJESTY

Caroline Allen Dellenger
Sadie Noble Riemann

ROYALTY 2016

King d'berville
James W. "Jim" Hardaman

Queen Ixolib
Kimberley Nicole Rushton

MEMORIES OF ROYALTY

TWENTY-FIVE
YEAR REIGN

King d'berville 1992
Dr. Douglas C. Lanier, Jr.

TWENTY-FIVE
YEAR REIGN

Queen Ixolib 1992
Stacy Leigh Mahoney Schmidt

FLAG BEARERS

French Flag 1699.....Natalie Catherine Hulett
British Flag 1763Emma Allen Riemann
Spanish Flag 1779/1781.....Ezra Thomas Schultz Hopkins
Lone Star Flag 1810 Charles Reed Fairley
United States Flag 1811 Maren Kate Nadolski

Magnolia State Flag 1861 Zachary Blake Lyons
Confederate Flag 1861 McKay Kathryn Dockery
Mississippi State Flag 1894 Mia Yvonne Carter
United States Flag 1908 Reagan Elizabeth Fairley
Our Proud National FlagBradleigh Olivia Plummer



KING KENT G. NICAUD



Kent G. Nicaud of Pass Christian is the husband of Jennifer Field Nicaud. They are the parents of Jourdan Nicaud and Field Nicaud. He is the son of June Nicaud and the late Lloyd Nicaud.

He attended Tulane University and has over 25 years of healthcare management experience from both the private sector and non-profit arena. He has held consulting services contracts with hospitals located in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. He has spoken nationally for neurosciences, rehabilitation services, and medical oncology affiliation relationships. He currently serves as chief operating officer for Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

Kent is involved with his two sons, Jourdan and Field, in their restaurants, Bacchus in Pass Christian, Bacchus in Biloxi, Bacchus in Madison, Bacchus in Oxford as well as Charred in Ocean Springs and Rowdy Rebs in Oxford, along with Hotel Pass Christian and The Bacchus Sand Bar opening early Summer of 2017.

Kent is a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church and is active with community and charitable organizations. He was a co-chairman and founder of Rockin the Globe a fund-raiser for Saint Stanislaus College from 2005 to 2012, which raised over \$1,000,000. He is a member of Saint Stanislaus College Booster Club and volunteered at the gate for every home football game. Since 2014, he has served as co-chairman and founder for a fund-raiser to benefit Feed My Sheep. He previously served as co-chairman of the Heart Ball in 2012, hospitality committee member for the Fifth Circuit Judicial Conference in 1997, co-chairman for Toast of the Coast live auction, co-chairperson of Roast of Fr. Louie Lohan to raise money for Society of St Vincent De Paul, and committee member for the original CASA -Tume Ball to benefit CASA of Harrison County.

He served as co-chairperson of Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art Derby Day fundraiser. He served on the committee for Miracles for Memorial Hospital raising funds for Memorial Hospital Foundation and committee for Sugar Plum Ball to benefit New Orleans Children's Hospital. He served on committees and as host for fundraisers to build Lynn Meadows Children's Museum and Louisiana Children's Museum. He also serves as host of St Monica Guild Valentine Silver Tea. These are a few of his recent community and charitable commitments.

Kent was an alternate delegate to the Republican Convention and elector of George W Bush in 2000 for the Fifth Congressional District of Mississippi. He was a member of the executive board of Harrison County Republican Party. He is a member of Pass Christian Yacht Club, Ole Miss Family Leadership Council, Autism Advisory Council, and Go Coast 2020.

He was King of Bards for Pass Christian Yacht Club Mardi Gras event, King of Carnival Association of Long Beach, which raised money for the community, and served as a duke of St. Paul's Carnival Association in Pass Christian.



GCCA Affiliation: Kent served as a duke to King d'Iberville in 2002.



QUEEN MOLLY CATHERINE ATHERTON

Molly Catherine Atherton of Gulfport is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Atherton. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lindy Thomas Callahan. Her paternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Joseph Atherton.

She attended Gulfport High School where she graduated with Special Distinction. She was selected for the Hall of Fame, Principal's Honor Roll, and as a homecoming maid. She was named Most Athletic and Gatorade Player of the Year nominee. She was a member of the Student Council, Key Club, National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. She was a Gulfport Cultural Exchange participant in Germany and served as Spring Ball Queen for the Cotillion Club of Gulfport. She was a 2011 member of the Gulf Coast Debutante Society.



Molly was a member of the Gulfport High School Varsity Soccer Team.

She was a 6-year letterman, varsity soccer captain, and selected Best Offensive Player. She was a member of the Mississippi Association of Coaches All State Team and All Star Team, Clarion Ledger All State Team, Mississippi Class 5A State Champions, United States Youth Soccer Association-Olympic Development Program-Region III Pool, Gulf Coast United Soccer, Jackson Futbol Soccer and Birmingham United Club Soccer. Molly was also named a two-time Sun Herald Player of the Year.

She attended the University of Alabama where she graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in communications and public relations. She was on the Dean's List and participated in the Capstone International Program Internship in Barcelona, Spain. She was a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Golden Key International Honour Society, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, Sigma Alpha Lambda Organization, Delta Epsilon Iota Honor Society, and Emerging Tide Leaders.

She was a member of the University of Alabama Women's Soccer Team - NCAA Division 1. She was a Paul "Bear" Bryant Award finalist and on the Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll. She was selected to the Southeastern Conference All Freshman Team, Southeastern Conference All Tournament Team, and NSCAA University All-Scholar Honorable Mention Team.

She continued her studies at the University of Alabama where she graduated summa cum laude with a master's degree in sports management. During her graduate studies, she was a SEC Network color analyst for Alabama soccer, an ESPN 3-Stage manager/runner, and Alabama Athletics Graduate Assistant. She was a member of the Sport Management Society and a NCCA Career in Sports Forum participant.

Molly volunteered as a University of Alabama Soccer Academy counselor/instructor, Tuscaloosa Soccer Club coach, and Caring for Kids Camp instructor. She also worked with Project Angel Tree, Habitat for Humanity, Tuscaloosa Soup Kitchen, and West Alabama Food Bank.

She is manager and director of recruitment at Iron Tribe Fitness in Lakeway, TX, one the fastest growing fitness franchises in the country. She is a Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce ambassador and Business Networking International notable networker.

GCCAAffiliations: Molly was a flag bearer in 2006 and a maid in 2014. Her father, Johnny Atherton, was a duke in 2005 and 2006. Her sister, Anna Atherton, was a maid in 2011.

ERIN ELIZABETH SIMPSON



Erin Elizabeth Simpson of Gulfport is the daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth Simpson. Her maternal grandparents are the late Honorable James Ewell Bost and Fann Graddy Bost. Her paternal grandparents are the late Honorable James C. Simpson and the late Jeanne Blake Simpson.

Erin graduated from Gulfport High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society. Following graduation she attended the University of Mississippi where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education in 2014 and a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction in 2015. At Ole Miss, she was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority. She was on the Chancellor's Honor Roll and was a member of the Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society, Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, Golden Key Honor Society, and Order of Omega Honor Society. She is a member of First United Methodist Church in Gulfport. She is currently employed as a Kindergarten teacher at Simpson Elementary in Norcross, GA.



KATELYN HOPE BROADUS



Katelyn Hope Broadus of Gulfport is the daughter of Stephen and Jennifer Broadus. Her maternal grandparents are the late Herbert and Marguerite Holder. Her paternal grandparents are the late W.W. Broadus and Gwydolyn Broadus. She graduated with honors from St. Patrick Catholic High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society, Interact Club, Key Club, SADD Club, Irish Publisher journalism staff, campus ministry team, and received a Yale Chemistry Award. She was a member of the soccer team and state golf championship team and attended March for Life and Youth Legislature. She was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes where she served as girls' golf representative. She was also a member of the Cotillion Club of Gulfport where she served as Spring Ball Chair. Hope is a Senior at Mississippi State University majoring in Biological Science. She is a member of Phi Mu Sorority and was appointed to the sister circle where she mentored freshmen Phi Mus. At MSU, she is a member of the Alpha Epsilon Delta Honor Society, Spanish Club, College Republicans, and American Medical Student Association. She is a member of St. James Catholic Church. She volunteers at the Palmer House and Salvation Army.

SHELBY ELIZABETH SCHEPENS



Shelby Elizabeth Schepens of Gulfport is the daughter of Drs. Steven and Amy Schepens. Her maternal grandparents are Henry and Nancy Turk. Her paternal grandparents are the late Sidney Schepens and Mrs. Gladys Schepens. She graduated from St. Patrick Catholic High School with high honors. She was a varsity cheerleader and was chosen as a UCA All American Cheerleader in 2013. She played

varsity basketball for four years. She was a member of many school organizations including the yearbook staff, National Honor Society, National Science Honor Society, Interact Club and Key Club. She was a member of the Cotillion Club of Gulfport and Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club. She also participated in the YMCA Youth in Government Youth Legislature and Junior Youth Assembly conferences all throughout High School where she was elected Speaker ProTempore her Senior year. She presently is a Junior at Mississippi State University on academic scholarship studying Political Science with a concentration in Pre-Law. She is a member of Phi Mu Sorority, Pre-Law Society, College Republicans Club, Stennis-Montgomery Association, and Order of Omega Honor Society. Shelby is a member of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church and a past member of the St. James Youth Organization. GCCA Affiliations: Shelby's great-uncle, Tommy Newman, was Captain of Carnival in 1982 and 1983. Her cousin, Casie Newman, was a Maid in 1982. Her cousin, Jeremiah Newman, was a Flag Bearer in 1983.

Her cousin, Mia Newman, was a Flag Bearer in 2008 and Key Presenter in 2012.



ELISSA CAROLINE ROYBAL



Elissa Caroline Roybal of Ocean Springs is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Mario Roybal. Her maternal grandparents are Mrs. Stephen Wetzel and the late Mr. Stephen K. Wetzel. Her paternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Max Roybal. Elissa attended St. Patrick Catholic High School where she graduated with honors. After high school she attended the University of Mississippi where she graduated cum laude in 2016 with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from the Patterson School of Accounting. At Ole Miss, she was a member of Delta Gamma Sorority, the accounting fraternity Beta Alpha Psi, and served as campus ambassador for KPMG. She currently works as a Tax Accountant at Price Waterhouse Coopers in New Orleans, LA.

GCCA Affiliations: Elissa's Grandfather, Steve Wetzel, was a Page to King d'Iberville in 1946. Her Great Aunt, Andrea Gilich, was a Maid in 1970 and Her Great Uncle, Andrew (Fofu) Gilich was a Duke in 1997. Her Great Uncle, Buddy Brice, served as King d'Iberville in 1997; her cousin, Susie Bass, was Queen Ixolib in 1970 and cousin, James K. Wetzel, was King d'Iberville in 2013. Andrea Gilich, Other cousins, Rachel Gilich Wade and Gretchen Gilich also served as Maids.



KARIN RESI MAYER



Karin Resi Mayer of Gulfport is the daughter of Roman and Kathleen Mayer. Her maternal grandparents are Ben and Nancy Stone. Her paternal grandparents are Roman and Laurie Mayer and the late Mrs. Karin Ludewig. She is a graduate

of Gulfport High School where she was on the Principal's Honor Roll, a member of the National Honor Society, the Art Club and a member of the Gulfport High Soccer Team. She was Art Club sweetheart, and voted a Senior Class Beauty. She was also a member of the Cotillion Club of Gulfport. She was a member of the 2014 Mississippi Gulf Coast Debutante Society. Karin is a student at the University of Mississippi majoring in Studio Art with an emphasis in Graphic Design and minoring in Journalism. She is on the Dean's Honor Roll, a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and is a member of Chi Omega Sorority. She also volunteers with the Boys and Girls Club of Oxford and works with the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

GCCA Affiliations: Karin's father, Roman Mayer, was a Duke in 2011 and 2016. Her mother, Kathleen Stone Mayer, was a Maid in 1985. Her sister, Victoria Mayer, was a Flag Bearer in 2010. Her grandfather, Ben Stone, was a Duke in 1978. Her aunt, Virginia Robinson, was a Maid in 1983. Her cousin, Reed Bourgeois, was a Page in 2000 and her cousin, Elizabeth Bourgeois Lacy, was a Maid in 2014.



JANE PERRIN MAYER



Jane Perrin Mayer of Gulfport is the daughter of Roman and Kathleen Mayer. Her maternal grandparents are Ben and Nancy Stone. Her paternal grandparents are Roman and Laurie Mayer and the late Mrs. Karin Ludewig. She is a graduate of Gulfport High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society and a Senior Homecoming Maid. The Gulfport High Women's Soccer Team voted her Varsity Best Defensive Player two years in a row and Most Valuable Player her Senior year. She also served as Treasurer of the Cotillion Club of Gulfport. She was a Mississippi Gulf Coast Debutante in 2014. Jane Perrin is a Senior at Gardner-Webb University majoring in Exercise Science. She is a member and Captain of the Gardner-Webb Division 1 Women's Soccer Team and was on the Academic Deans Honor Roll and awarded Big South Presidential Honor Roll in 2015. She is a member of the Exercise Science Club, member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and volunteers with the Boys and Girls Club of Shelby, NC.

GCCA Affiliations: Jane Perrin's father, Roman Mayer, was a Duke in 2011 and 2016. Her mother, Kathleen Stone Mayer, was a Maid in 1985. Her sister, Victoria Mayer, was a Flag Bearer in 2010. Her grandfather, Ben Stone, was a Duke in 1978. Her Aunt, Virginia Robinson, was a Maid in 1983. Her cousin, Reed Bourgeois, was a Page in 2000 and her cousin, Elizabeth Bourgeois Lacy, was a Maid in 2014.

SARAH ANN LOVELL



Sarah Ann Lovell of Gulfport is the daughter of Dr. Frank Alan Lovell and Nancy Lovell. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Driste of Huntsville, AL. Her paternal grandparents are the late Dr. Frank Hansen Lovell and Gloria Lovell of Winston-Salem, NC. Sarah graduated with distinction from Gulfport High School. She was cheerleading captain, Secretary of the Key Club, and a member of Mu

Alpha Theta. She served as President of the Cotillion Club of Gulfport. She was a member of the 2015 Mississippi Gulf Coast Debutante Society. Presently, she is a Junior at the University of Mississippi majoring in Dietetics and Nutrition and is on the President's List. She is a member of Kappa Delta Sorority where she serves as Philanthropy Chair. She is also involved with National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Sigma Alpha Lambda leadership and honor organization and the Pre-Health professionals. Sarah is a member of St. James Catholic Church in Gulfport and the Campus Crusade for Christ. GCCA Affiliations: Sarah's sister Mary was a Maid in 2014 and her sister Kathryn was a Maid in 2016.

JULIANA MICHELLE DOUGLAS



Juliana Michelle Douglas of Gulfport is the daughter Dr. and Mrs. John Douglas. Her maternal grandparents are the late Tom Carpenter and the late Mary Carpenter of Biloxi. Her paternal grandparents are the late Justin Douglas and the late Katherine Douglas of New Orleans.

Juliana is a graduate of Biloxi High School. She was on the honor roll, inducted into the Hall of Fame, elected Most Beautiful, Homecoming Queen, and Prom Queen. She was also a varsity cheerleader. She attended the University of Mississippi where she was a member of Delta Gamma Sorority and majored in Nursing. She is currently in Nursing School at the University of Southern Mississippi. She attends church at Trinity United Methodist Church in Gulfport.

GCCA Affiliations: Juliana served as Page to King d'Iberville, James Haynes, in 2007 and was a Flag Bearer in 2009. Her sister, Callie, was a Page to King d'Iberville, Rick Carter, in 2009, Flag Bearer in 2011 and Key Presenter in 2016. Her cousin, Lucy Thompson, was Key Presenter in 2009.

THOMAS H. MUELLER



Thomas H. Mueller of Biloxi is husband of Randi Peresich Mueller. They are the parents of ten year old Henry Mueller, who attends North

Bay Elementary School. Tom is the son of William E. Mueller and Cheryl E. Mueller. He is a graduate of Hattiesburg High School. While in high school, he participated in George Washington University Summer Scholar program and was a National Merit Scholar. He received a bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University and a juris doctor degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law. He was on the Dean's List, a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity and appellate chair of the Moot Court Board. Additionally, he studied at Downing College, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom. Thomas is contract manager at Mississippi Power Company. He is also a member of the American Bar Association and the Mississippi Bar. He is licensed to practice law in state and federal courts in Mississippi. He is a member of the Order of Mithras and charter member of The National World War II Museum. He is also a supporter of the United Way of South Mississippi and Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art. He attends St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

GCCA Affiliations: Thomas' wife, Randi Peresich Mueller, was a Maid in 1993 and served as Queen Ixolib in 1996. His father-in-law, Ron Peresich, Sr., was a Duke in 1993 and King d'Iberville in 2008. His brother-in-law, Ron Peresich, Jr., was a Duke in 2008.



GEORGE RIMMER COVINGTON, JR.



George Rimmer Covington, Jr. of Pass Christian is husband of Taylor Easterling Covington, PA-C.

They are the parents of Adelynn Sue Covington and George Rimmer Covington, III. He is the son George Rimmer Covington, Sr. and Elizabeth Mosby Covington

He is a 2000 graduate of Saint Stanislaus in Bay Saint Louis. He attended Millsaps College where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Order Fraternity, 4-year member of Men's soccer team, and was on the Dean's list.

George is the co-owner of Shaggy's restaurant group with locations on Biloxi Beach, Gulfport Beach, Pass Christian Harbor, and Pensacola Beach.

He is a member of Holy Family Catholic Church. He is a lifelong resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast and proud to call Mississippi home. He is an avid outdoorsman and offshore fisherman. He is a member of Mississippi Big Game Fishing Club, New Orleans Big Game Fishing Club, Pass Christian Yacht Club, and Shaggy's Fishing Team.



ARTHUR HORACE MCMILLAN



Arthur Horace McMillan of Biloxi is the husband of Alisia McMillan. They are the parents of Annedrea Leigh McMillian and Amis Wyatt McMillian. He is the son of Mattie Claire McMillan and the late John William McMillan.

He is a graduate of Newton High School. In 1984, he graduated from East Central Junior College and then went on to earn a bachelor's degree in physical education and a master's degree in educational leadership from Mississippi State University. With a total of thirty combined years of experience serving the students of Mississippi public schools, Arthur has held leadership positions in Enterprise, Leake County, Newton Municipal, and Scott County Schools. Having previously served as superintendent of Enterprise and now serving in his sixth year as the Superintendent of Education of the Biloxi Public School District, Arthur is the only superintendent in Mississippi to have led two different school districts to the state's top status based on academic ranking.

Arthur is a member and past president of the Gulf Coast Education Initiative Consortium, Mississippi Association of School Superintendents, and past president of the East Mississippi Center for Educational Development. He was appointed advisory board member to past state superintendents. He is a member of the Mississippi State University Alumni and East Central Community College Alumni Associations as well as The Bulldog Club.

The McMillans attend Biloxi First United Methodist Church where they actively serve in the youth programs. He is a member of the Order of Mithras and The Revelers, where he served on the court in 2014.

GCCA Affiliations: Arthur's son, Amis Wyatt McMillan, served as flag bearer in 2013.



SEAN JEFFREY TINDELL



Sean Jeffrey Tindell of Gulfport is husband of Claire Punter Tindell. They are the parents of Sam, John Thomas, Meredith, and Henry Tindell. He is the son of Tom and Dora Harvey and the late Sid Tindell.

He is a graduate of Gulfport High School. He attended the University of Southern Mississippi where he earned a bachelor's degree in finance and master's degree in business administration. He earned a juris doctor degree from Mississippi College School of Law, where he served as student body president.



Sean is a founder and a managing partner of Tindell, Symmes, Estes & Cusick, PLLC. He is also an associate broker with Cameron Bell Properties. He owns and operates Tindell Investments and Properties, LLC, which is a real estate development company. He currently serves as a member of the Mississippi State Senate. He is a member of St. James Catholic Church. He is a past president of the Gulfport Business Club and the Harrison County Young Lawyers Association. He is a past member of Kiwanis, Rotary, and the Optimist Club. He is a past board member of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. He currently serves as a board member of St. Vincent DePaul Community Pharmacy and is a member of the Commodore Club. Sean routinely coaches youth sports and serves as a board member for the Gulfport Youth Sports Association.

FRANK WALTER BORDEAUX



Frank Walter Bordeaux of Gulfport is the husband of Jacqueline Bordeaux. They are the parents of Frank, Jack Fisher, Hudson, and Miles. He is the son of George and the late Sandra Bordeaux.

He is a graduate of Gulfport High School and attended Delta State University. He is vice president of Stewart Sneed Hewes/BancorpSouth Insurance in Gulfport. He is past president of South Mississippi Independent Insurance Agents Association and past board member of Independent Insurance Agents of Mississippi.



Frank is past board member and current member of Gulfport Youth Sports Association. He has coached youth baseball since 1998, ages 4 to 16, assisted in coaching youth basketball and football, and is a past mentor, Bayou View Elementary Boost Program. He is a member of Gulfport Business Club, Biloxi Businessmen's Club, Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, Mississippi Coast Chamber of Commerce, Harrison County Republican Club, Harrison County Republican Central Committee, Gulf Coast Grid Iron Club, Gulfport Yacht Club, Bayou Bluff Tennis Club, and Mississippi Gaming Association. He is a board member of Harrison County Republican Executive Committee, Shrimp Bowl Classic, Gulfport Main Street Association, Mississippi Coast Crime Stoppers, Feed My Sheep Soup Kitchen, Bayou Bluff Tennis Club, and Lynn Meadows Discovery Center. He is co-founder of Gobblepalooza Music & Arts Festival, a fundraiser for Feed My Sheep. He has participated in various fundraising efforts for Boys Scouts, Red Cross, United Way, Feed My Sheep, Hancock County Food Pantry, Disaster Relief and other organizations. He has also chaired and sat on committees for various national, state, and local political campaigns. He and his family attend St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Gulfport.



GREGORY L. FAIREY



Gregory L. Fairey of Gulfport is husband of Lauren Weidman Fairey. They are the parents of Hamp Fairey,

Britton Tatum, Walker Fairey, and Cora Tatum. He is the son of Norman and Sara Fairey of St. Matthews, South Carolina. Greg is a graduate of Slidell High School and received bachelor's degrees in accounting and finance from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Greg is a certified public accountant and is the managing partner at the Gulfport office of Topp McWhorter Harvey, PLLC, a certified public accounting firm with additional locations in Hattiesburg and Columbia, Mississippi. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Mississippi Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the Construction Financial Management Association.

He is a 2011 graduate of the Gulf Coast Business Council Master Class. He is the current state treasurer of Coastal Conservation Association of Mississippi, a member of Gulfport Yacht Club where he serves on the finance committee, a finance committee member of United Way of South Mississippi, and member of the Gulfport Business Club. He is past treasurer of United Way of Southeast Mississippi, past treasurer for Ducks Unlimited of Forrest/Lamar County, and a member of Hattiesburg Civic Association. He is a member of St. James Catholic Church in Gulfport.



In his spare time Greg enjoys saltwater fishing and playing golf.

RAY L. WESSON, JR.



Ray L. Wesson, Jr. of Gulfport is husband of Morgan Kowalski Wesson. They are the parents of Presley Wesson McNeil (Josh), Morgan Wesson, Ray L. Wesson, III, Kolby Wesson and Max Favre. He

is the son of the late Dr. Ray and the late Ann Wesson.

He is a graduate of Ocean Springs High School. He attended Mississippi State University where he received a bachelor's degree in business administration. He later earned a master's degree in business administration from the University of Alabama. He is also a graduate of Southeastern Graduate School of Banking.

Ray is executive vice president and southern region president of The First, A National Banking Association. He is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Home Builders Association of the MS Gulf Coast, and MS Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce. He is a board member, treasurer and past president of The Salvation Army - MS Gulf Coast Area Command. He also serves on the board of MS Gulf Coast YMCA, Home of Grace, and Southern MS Planning & Development District. He is past president of the MS Gulf Coast Chapter of The University of Alabama Alumni Association, former recipient of The Sun Herald's Top Business Leaders Under 40 award, and was appointed by former Governor Haley Barbour to serve on the Mississippi Hurricane Recovery Fund board in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina.

GCCA Affiliations: Ray's daughter, Presley Wesson McNeil was a flag bearer in 2002 and daughter, Morgan Wesson, was a flag bearer in 2006. Brad Lemon was a duke to King George Schloegel in 1988.



DAMIAN J. JAKUBIK



Damian J. Jakubik of Gulfport is husband of Kelly Lanier Jakubik. They are the parents of Mary Evelyn and Anna Campbell Jakubik. He is the son of Jacquelyn Bradley Jackson and Andrew J. Jakubik of Ocean Springs.

He attended Ocean Springs High School and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from University of Southern Mississippi. As an undergrad, he was a member of the Dean's List, Sigma Chi Fraternity, the Inter Fraternity Council, and an intern and staffer for Senator Trent Lott in Washington, D.C. He will graduate in the fall with master's degree in management at University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

Damian is owner and president of Jakubik Enterprises, which owns and operates Southern Renal Research Group, Southern Clinical Research Group, 3A Healthcare, LJB Investments, New Doctors Properties, Cleaning Demons Commercial Janitorial Service and DJ's Express Car Wash. Damian is also a certified developer for Fresenius Medical Care.

He is a current board member and former membership chair of Gulfport Yacht Club, a member of Gulfport Grid Iron Club, Gulf Coast Business Council, Gulf Coast Sigma Chi Alumni, Biloxi River Social Club and The Revelers. He is a 2013 graduate of Gulf Coast Business Council's Master's Program and received awards in 2014 and 2015 for Excellence in Healthcare Construction from the Mississippi Association of Builders and Contractors.

Damian and his wife, Kelly, are also active members and supporters of Trinity United Methodist Church, Bayou Bluff Tennis Club, St. James Elementary, the American Heart Association and the Crimson Tide Foundation. Damian loves to spend time with his family and friends, attending Alabama football games, snow skiing, and travelling.

GCCA Affiliations: Damian's wife, Kelly Lanier Jakubik, was a flag bearer in 1988 and 1989, maid in 1996, and Queen Ixolib in 1997. His sister-in-law, Blair Lanier Seegers, was a page in 1992, a flag bearer in 1994, and Queen Ixolib in 2003. His father-in-law, Doug Lanier, was a duke in 1988 and served as King D'Iberville in 1992.





PAGES TO KING D'BERVILLE

LILY ANN SCHLOEGEL

She is a student at Bayou View Middle School where she was recipient of the Viking Award and is a member of the Builder's Club.

She is a member of St. James Catholic Church. Lily attends Camp Desoto in Mentone, Alabama each summer where she has won several awards based on achievement.

GCCA Affiliation: Sophie's father, Michael Schloegel, was a page in 1983 and 1988. Her sister, Sophie Schloegel, was a page in 2016. Her grandmother, Peggy Harry Schloegel, was Queen Ixolib in 1959. Her grandfather, George Schloegel, was a duke in 1980 and served as King d'Iberville in 1988. Her aunt, Melissa Schloegel Marion, was Queen Ixolib in 1983.

CLAIRE BOOTH WINGFIELD

Claire Booth Wingfield of Pass Christian is the daughter of Angela Wingfield, MD and William Wingfield.

She is in the eighth-grade at St Patrick Catholic High School where she is a member of the junior high soccer team and Junior National Honor Society. She is a 2016 science Olympiad winning both gold and silver medals. She is on the honor roll, received the social studies award in 2016, participated in the Duke University Talent Identification Program, and was nominated as a Junior National Young Leader.

PAGES TO QUEEN IXOLIB


SADIE NOBLE RIEMANN

Sadie Noble Riemann of Gulfport is the daughter of Chad and Heather Riemann.

She is a student at Bayou View Middle School where she is on the honor roll. She is a member of the student council, Junior National Honor Society, and Gulfport Middle School soccer team. She is also a member of Lanier's competition gymnastics team.

She is a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church where she serves as an acolyte. Sadie enjoys Mississippi State football, playing with her friends, listening to music, cooking, and gymnastics.

GCCA Affiliations: Sadie was a flag bearer in 2015. Her brother, John David Riemann, was a page in 2015. Her sister, Emma Riemann, is a flag bearer in 2017. Her father, Chad Riemann, was a duke in 2015.

 Her grandfather, David Riemann, was King d'Iberville in 2015.

CAROLINE ALLEN DELLENGER

Caroline Allen Dellenger of Biloxi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dellenger.

She is a sixth-grade student at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School where she has received First Honors (all A's) every semester since first-grade. She has also received the Citizenship Award, Terrific Kid Award, and Sportsmanship Award throughout her years at Our Lady of Fatima. She represented her school as a participant in the Academic Competition for Excellence in English and the SVS Math Challenge. Caroline is a member of the school basketball and track teams, and plays softball with the City of Biloxi league.

Caroline is a member of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church.

GCCA Affiliation: Caroline's father Charles Dellenger is a member of the GCCA board of directors and the floor committee. He was a duke in 2014. Her grandfather, Larry Manuel, was a duke in 1991.

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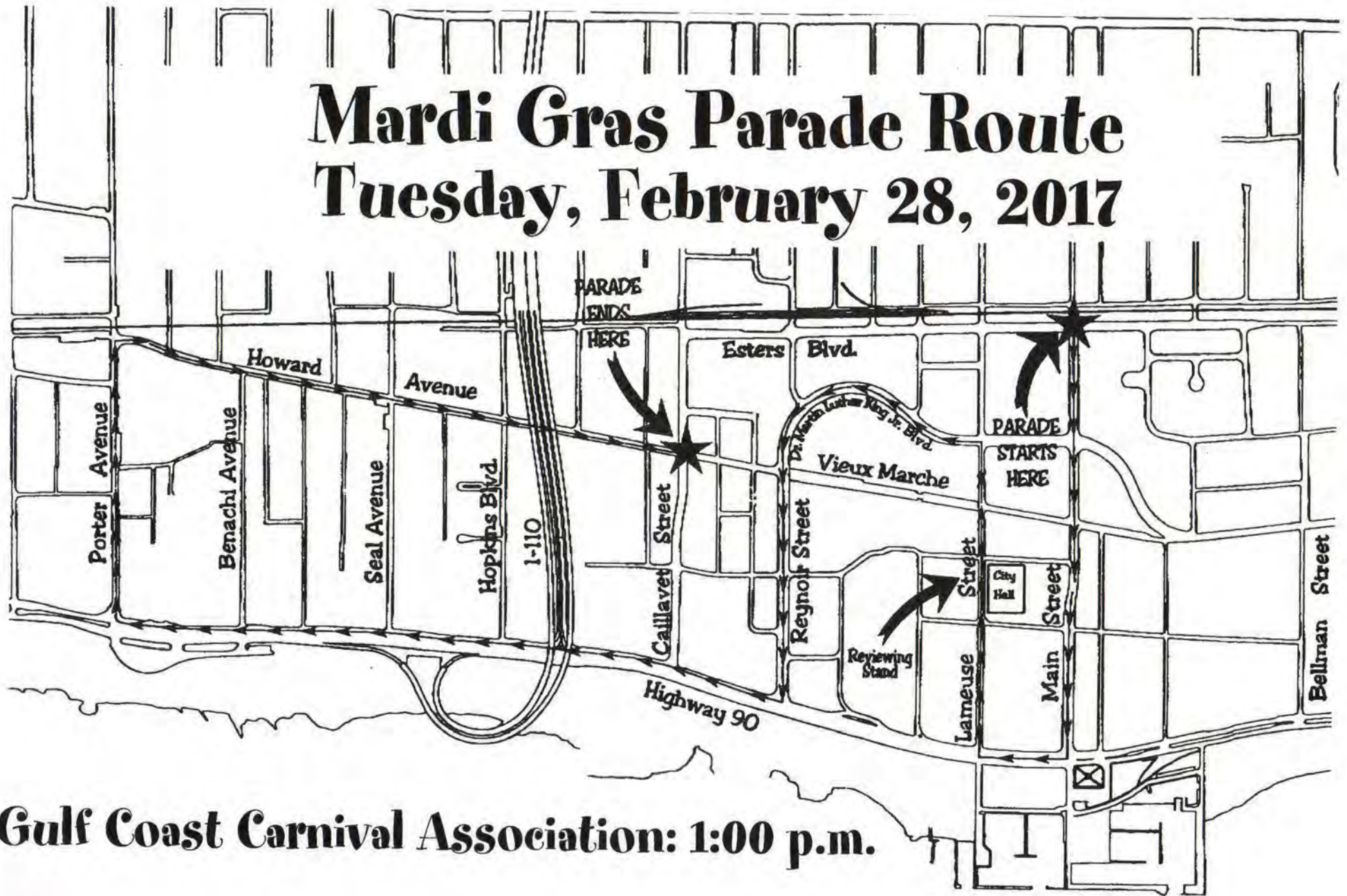
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A MESSAGE FROM THE CAPTAIN

My time as Captain of Carnival has come to an end. I continue to be amazed by the caring and giving of time and resources by countless volunteers. For many of these people, the spirit of Mardi Gras is celebrated every day, all year round. It is truly a labor of love in keeping long standing traditions and bringing joy to the people of the Mississippi Gulf Coast as we celebrate Mardi Gras. Thank You !!

The organization is lucky to have Executive Director, Nancy Rogers, Lieutenant of Carnival, David Machado and his wife Donna, Ball Chairman, Paul Arguelles and his wife Karen, Parade Chairman, Bill Holmes and the long standing relationship with the City of Biloxi. It is their passion that makes Gulf Coast Carnival Association the best Mardi Gras organization on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

My deepest appreciation goes to my wife, Melissa and my daughter Elizabeth. Their patience with me, their love, understanding, hard work and forgiveness through this journey is truly a blessing.

Laissez les bon temps roulez and roulez and roulez!!!

Stephen H. Polk
Captain of Carnival!

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Association Parade 1:00 p.m.