

Les Nouvelles



*Mardi Gras Queen Jenny Shumaker
and King John Nelson with AFT
President, Chris Malhoit*



*Co-Chairs Jerry Runkle and
Marylene Meuche know how to
throw a party!*



*We hope you enjoy this pictorial issue of Les
Nouvelles. There will be an album of all the
pictures on display at the AFT - perhaps even
a collage!*

All are welcome to stop by and see them!

*Prize winners Eve Hartman and Rose
Fall with MC Jerry Anderson and
his assistant Monica Malhoit.*





*Dorian performs his magic as
Mireille McNamara looks on.*



*Best Costume awarded to
Kenwyn Olin and Darrah Nowak*



*Ray and Joy Navarre with
huckster Pierre Cervetto*

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Don and Mary Ann Henry pose for the Beefeater's Gin label.



Best Costume awarded to Rob and Marcela Ritter



Ruth Stahl and Marissa Reese seated with a mystery guest.

The first Annual Mardi Gras, held at Holland Gardens on Angola Road, was a smashing success! Everything was authentic New Orleans: the Mardi Gras beads, the New Orleans Jazz by Hershey Cohen and Company, the cajun cuisine by chef Pat Irmen, the costumes, and, of course, the characters!

Our hearty "would-be cajun" guests not only devoured the succulent roast beef and all the exquisite side dishes, but they also made short work of the squid and spinach, the shrimp creole, and the alligator tail as well. The dessert buffet tables began to look like depots as "trains" of patrons chugged by picking up Cream puff swans, cakes, and pinwheel pastries.

At one point Hershey Cohen and Company marched over and played a jazzy "Happy Birthday" greeting to Cathy Harrigan sitting at the table of this year's Mardi Gras Queen, Jenny Shumaker, who, along with the King, John Nelson (Rose Fall's grandson) presided over the evening elegantly from their thrones and their "4-man power" sedan chair.

Dorian Grey mystified group after group with his table-side magic as Ruth Stahl mystically read palms and futures. Then TV 13's Jerry Anderson brought the evening to its peak masterfully conducting the Raffle of a Trip to Paris for two along with a number of other prizes as well!

By the time this issue is read, we will know the final tally; but, judging by the preliminary accounting, it does appear that there will be enough to support the entire scholarship fund this year! Obviously credit for the success goes to many, many people all of whom will receive recognition in subsequent issues of Les Nouvelles; however, un GRAND MERCI to co-chairs Marylene Meuché and Jerry Runkle for their tremendous efforts and their perseverance through all the obstacles which unavoidably accompany a premiere event like this one! MARYLENE ET JERRY - MERCI BEAUCOUP!