

Symphony youth program presents 21 debutantes

The Florida West Coast Symphony Youth Orchestra Debutante Program presented debutantes Dec. 20 in the Sarasota Municipal auditorium.

The program benefits the symphony's youth orchestras. Mrs. William E. Partridge is president of the debutante committee. Debutantes are:

Melody Maria Ajmo is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Craig Theodore Ajmo Sr. of Anna Maria Island. She attends Palm Harbor University High School, where she participates in the international baccalaureate program. Melody is a member of the French club and student government. Her community activities include volunteering for the Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch, a summer internship with the Anna Maria Island Community Center and teaching Sunday School in St. Bernard Catholic Church.



Whitney Nicole Blalock is the daughter of Brenda Cale Blalock of Bradenton. She attends Lakewood Ranch High School, where she participates in the student government association, the marching band and track and field. Whitney is a member of the Spanish Club, the Junior Advisory Board and plays in the Wind ensemble.



Emily Jacqueline Boedecker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Judson Boedecker III of Sarasota. She attends Sarasota High School, where she is editor of the yearbook, a student government representative and on the National Honor Roll. Emily has participated on the soccer and volleyball teams and was selected as representative to Girls' State and Youth Leadership Sarasota. She is a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, a member of La



Sarsetoa and is active in the

Young Life church youth program.

Nadja Brigitte Conklin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Raymond Conklin of Sarasota. She attends Pine View School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society and the French Honor Society. Nadja is decorating co-chair for the 2002 prom and is a volunteer at Sarasota Memorial Hospital.



Allison Leigh Costa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Joseph Costa of Sarasota. She attends Riverview High School, where she is a member of the varsity soccer team, the junior varsity tennis team and powder puff.

Allison participates in Ramvision and was on the sophomore board. Her community activities include volunteering for Habitat



for Humanity.

Lauren Ashley Elder is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Floyd Elder of Sarasota. She attends Sarasota High School, where she is a student representative on the Renaissance Committee and advertising editor of the school newspaper. Lauren is a member of the National Honor Society, the Senior Cotillion Club, and has participated in Sarasota Scullers Crew program. Her community activities include the YMCA Hi-Y Community Service Club.



Anna Lea Fogleman is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James Hudson Fogleman of Sarasota. She attends Riverview High School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society and the



French Honor Society. Anna is the founder of the International Baccalaureate Student Organization and participates in the Riverview Chamber Choir and First Among Equals. Her community activities include Leadership Sarasota and the Key Chorale.

Anna Fondren Griffin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William David Griffin of Sarasota. She attends Out of Door Academy, where she is a member of the volleyball and tennis teams. Fondren also serves as manager of the boys varsity basketball team. A captain in "Relay for Life," and American Cancer Society fundraiser, she participates in youth activities at St. Martha's Catholic Church.



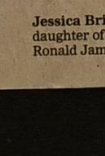
Molly Katherine Hindman is the daughter of Pamela Ann Hindman of Sarasota and Randall Kevin Hindman of Wildwood, Mo. She is a student at Sarasota High School, where she is president of the National Honor Society and a student council representative. Molly is a member of the Latin Club, La Sertoa and the varsity golf team. She has participated in Leadership Sarasota and is a Women's Resource Center volunteer.



Martha Glenn Hudson is the daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. George Trammell Hudson of Sarasota. She attends Riverview High School and is a member of the National Honor Society and president of the National Spanish Honor Society. Glenn is captain of the varsity tennis team and active in Mu Alpha Theta and the International Baccalaureate Student Organization. She has participated in Youth Leadership Sarasota, Young Life and First Presbyterian Church youth activities.



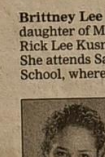
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Kathryn Melinda Powell is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Randy Branch Powell of Sarasota. She attends Sarasota High School, where she is president of student government and cheerleading. Her community activities include volunteering for the National Humane Society, American Cancer Society and the Sarasota Ballet.



Brittney Lee Kusner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Lee Kusner of Sarasota. She attends Sarasota High School, where she is a cheerleader. Brittney is on the Honor Roll and has served as a representative in student government. She is a junior coach of the Sundevils cheerleading squad and has volunteered as a St. Patrick's Church summer camp counselor.



Casey Brooke Lawson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Murray Lawson of Sarasota. She attends Sarasota High School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society and president of the Key Club. Casey also serves as a representative to the Inter-Club Leadership Council. She has participated in Leadership Sarasota, is student contact for Volunteer Connection and is also a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity.



Evan Jane Norton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dickinson Norton of Sarasota. She attends Sarasota High School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society and La Sertoa. Evan is active on the varsity soccer team and plays varsity golf. A Habitat for Humanity volunteer, Evan also volunteers at Sarasota Memorial Hospital.



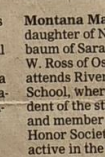
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Kristine Marie Shoemaker is the daughter of Katherine Shoemaker of Sarasota and Dr. David William Shoemaker of Osprey. She attends Pine View School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society. Kristine is also a member of the Spanish Club and Scholars for Scholars. Her community activities include participation in Teen Court and volunteering with the Smith Center for Therapeutic Riding.



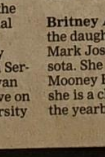
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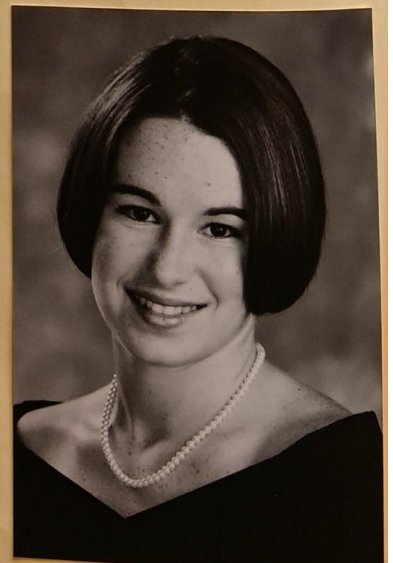
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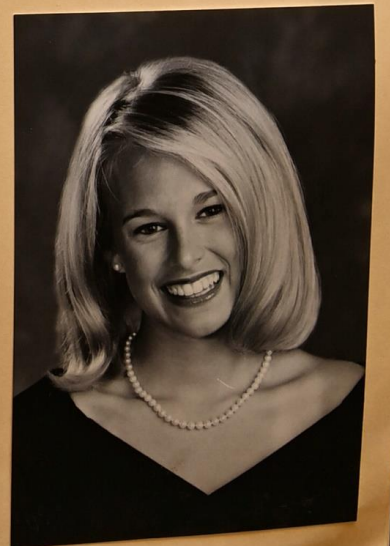
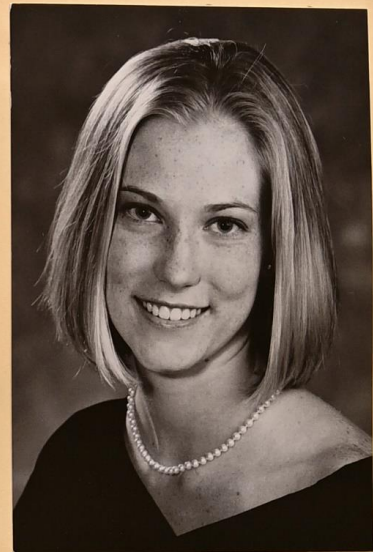
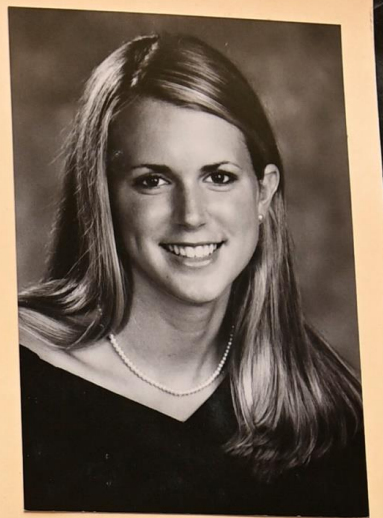
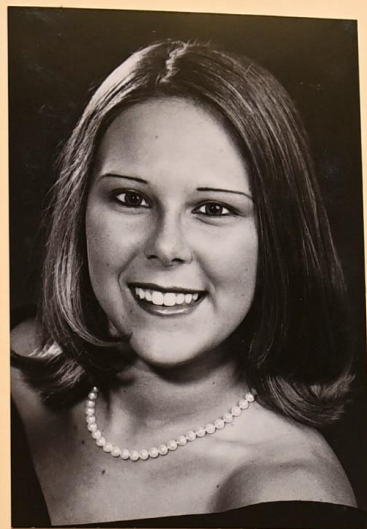
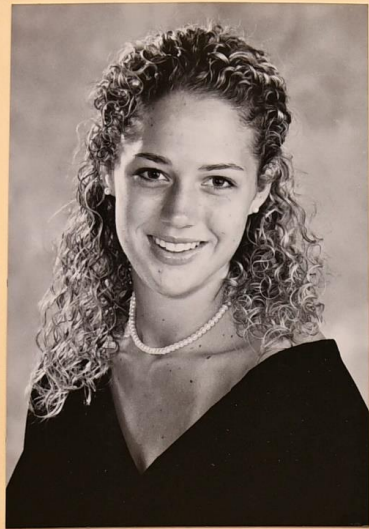


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The Debutante Committee
The pleasure of your Company
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Saturday, May 11th
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Three to Five P.M.
Beatrice Friedman Symphony Center
R.S.V.P.
Mrs. Laura Havelle
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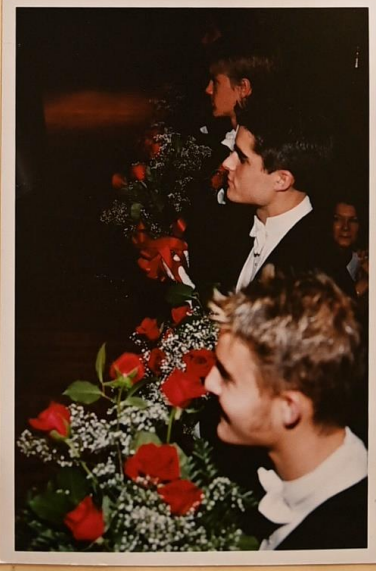
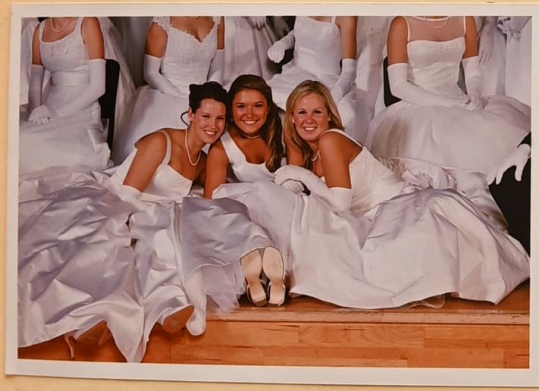




The A, B, C's of MANNERS and ETIQUETTE

- Accept a Compliment Well
- Be On Time
- Clean Hands and Comb Hair
- Do Chew with a Closed Mouth
- Elbows Off the Table
- Friendliness to Others
- Good Grooming Shows Self-Respect
- Hang Up Your Clothes
- Interrupt Only in an Emergency
- Join In and Include Others
- Kindness to All Living Things
- Lend a Helping Hand
- Magic Words (like Please and Thank You!)
- Never Point or Laugh at Others
- Obey the Rules
- Pleasant Tone of Voice a Plus
- Quiet When Others are Working or Sleeping
- Remember Others on Special Occasions
- Sit Up Straight
- Thank the Host or Hostess
- Use Your Beautiful Smile
- Visit a Lonely or Sick Friend
- Watch Out for Little Ones
- "X" Out Nervous Habits
- Yawning is for Bedtime
- Zippers Zipped and Buttons Buttoned

A true gentleman or lady is someone who never makes anyone uncomfortable.
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The Debutante Committee

requests the pleasure of your company

at

The Debutante Ball

Friday evening, the twentieth of December

Two thousand and two

City of Sarasota

Municipal Auditorium

In Honour of the
2002-2003 Debutantes

Miss Melody Marla Ajmo
Miss Whitney Nicole Blalock
Miss Emily Jacqueline Boedecker
Miss Nadja Brigitte Conklin
Miss Allison Leigh Costa
Miss Lauren Ashley Elder
Miss Anna Lea Fogleman
Miss Anna Fondren Griffin
Miss Molly Katherine Hindman
Miss Martha Glenn Hudson
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IN A CLASS OF THEIR OWN

Debutantes represent community at debut

The Debutante Committee presented its 2002-2003 debutantes last month during an event at the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium. Started in 1981, the Debutante Program of the Florida West Coast Symphony has raised more than \$325,000 for the youth symphony. This year, 21 women from Sarasota and Manatee counties were selected on the basis of their academic performance and community involvement. In addition to the ball, guests were treated to dinner by Michael's on East.

The debutantes were Melody Marla Ajmo, Whitney Nicole Blalock, Emily Jacqueline Boedecker, Nadja Brigitte Conklin, Allison Leigh Costa, Lauren Ashley Elder, Anna Lea Fogleman, Anna Fondren Griffin, Molly Katherine Hindman, Martha Glenn Hudson, Jessica Briane Jones, Brittney Lee Kusner, Casey Brooke Lawson, Evan Jane Norton, Kathryn Melinda Powell, Montana Marie Ross, Megan Davis Schaub, Britney Amanda Serbin, Kristine Marie Shoemaker, Alexis Blair Smith and Leah Kay Turner.



PHOTOS / FRAN WALSH

Kevin Johnson, left, debutante Whitney Blalock and Travis Shute relax before the evening begins.



Left: Debutantes Martha Glenn Hudson, left, and Leah Turner prepare to wow the crowd in their white ball gowns and pearls. Below, from left: Brittney Kusner and escort Kevin Lavelle, practice their waltz prior to the debutante event; Dora Thomas assists debutante Kristine Shoemaker with her glove; and Lauren Norton, left, and Elizabeth Powell, both sisters of 2002-2003 debutantes, enjoy the ball.



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Black Tie Tales

BY EMILY WALSH
 Black Tie Editor

He sez. She sez ... The two points of view in a relationship. Well now it has become a game show. The Senior Friendship Centers have incorporated this new game show, "He sez. She sez," into their 30th anniversary gala, "An Evening of Pearls," on Feb. 10 at Michael's On East. Annette Scherman will host this game show and venture into the personal lives of Sarasota couples Bill Hiron and Marjorie North, Roy and Helen McBean, Dennis and Grazi McGillicuddy, Robbie and Mary Ann Robinson and Bob Turoff and Roberta McDonald.

Sarasota gets starry-eyed ... The Sarasota Film Festival has announced some of the stars flying in to participate in and help celebrate the 5th annual festival. On the roster are Richard Dreyfuss, Rita Moreno, Elmer Bernstein, Todd Haynes, Reno and Ally Sheedy. Rumors have also suggested that Mena Suvari, Claire Danes, Joaquin Phoenix, Michael Stipe and Lenny Kravitz might also make star-studded appearances. But don't quote BT ... it's just a rumor.



Queen size expansion ... Queens' Wreath Jewels is proud to announce a new division called Little Jewels. Proprietor of Little Jewels is Olivia Little, Thorming and Tina Little's 5-year-old daughter. After spending time with her mom at Queens' Wreath Jewels, Olivia seems to have picked up on the trade. Olivia and her mom, Tina, spent two hours with local estate jewelers selecting the perfect jewelry for Little Jewels. And Little Jewels has been extremely successful. Olivia has sold a lot of her jewelry priced from \$5 to \$175. The hours for Little Jewels are some during the weekend, some during the holidays and some during the summer. But best of all, when Olivia sells a piece she gets to buy a toy after one-third is put in savings and one-third is put toward more merchandise. Quite the entrepreneur if you ask BT!

Rolling down the river ... For Longboaters, it's more like cruising on the ocean. Florence Katz and her family of 20 are embarking on Caribbean cruise. Katz says that their holiday cruise has been family tradition. This year four generations will sail the mighty seas with her. However, Katz says if her family gets any bigger she doesn't know if she can take them all! Coming into port are Martin and Renée Sheade, while Sylvan and Doris Kaplan are about to hit the deck for their Caribbean voyage. Hopefully, they all remember their Longboat Observers to take an "It's Read Everywhere" picture!

Happy Holidays ... BT wishes everyone happy holidays and hopes all your wishes come true. See you next year on Jan. 9.



Whitney Blalock touses her ruffles.



Above: Jessica Jones slips on her white gloves; far left: Glenn Hudson gets ready.

Presenting ...

The 2002 Sarasota-Manatee debutantes ...

- Melody Marla Ajmo
- Whitney Nicole Blalock
- Emily Jacqueline Boedecker
- Nadja Brigitte Conklin
- Allison Leigh Costa
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BY EMILY WALSH
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"They look like a bunch of girls in wedding dresses to me," stated one of the escorts to his friend at the 21st annual Debutante Ball held Friday, Dec. 20, at the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium. Before the debutante presentation, pictures were snapped with family members, debutantes practiced waltzing with their fathers, escorts played card games and everyone primed and prepared for the big night. And then, 21 beautiful young ladies positively glowed at their coming-out ceremony. The Sarasota Municipal

Auditorium was decorated with draping white fabric dotted with twinkling lights that hovered above the tables decorated with accents of gold and towering white roses.

During the presentation the debutantes floated up the aisle on their fathers' arm while holding bouquets of red roses. Once each debutante reached the stage she curtsied with the grace of a princess. Meanwhile, proud fathers choked back tears and mothers allowed their tears to flow.

The Debutante Ball benefits the Youth Orchestra programs of the Florida West Coast Symphony.

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Anna Fogleman



Photos by Emily Walsh
 Proud father Tramm Hudson escorts his daughter, Glenn.

Camera READY

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- 1 Escorts Ryan Erb, Colin Baesler and Ryan Hart
- 2 The debutantes rest together and form a fluffy white cloud.
- 3 Debutantes and their fathers await the final waltz.
- 4 Megan Schaub with her mother, Valerie Schaub
- 5 Molly Hindman fluffs up her beautiful dress.
- 6 Sisters Leah and Lauren Turner
- 7 Dr. Craig Ajmo escorts his daughter, Melody





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Having a debutante ball



Some of this year's 21 Florida West Coast Symphony debutantes, above, curtsy before dancing with their fathers during a waltz class Tuesday evening at the Florida West Symphony in Sarasota. The teens are preparing for their debut at the Dec. 10 ball, which benefits the symphony's youth orchestras. At left, Sarasota High School's Evan Norton, 17, Emily Boedecker, 17, and Riverview's Glenn Hudson, 17, laugh while practicing hand positions used while waltzing. The debutante program, involving Sarasota and Manatee county students, began in 1981. The young women were selected to participate in the program on the basis of their academic performance and community involvement.

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ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

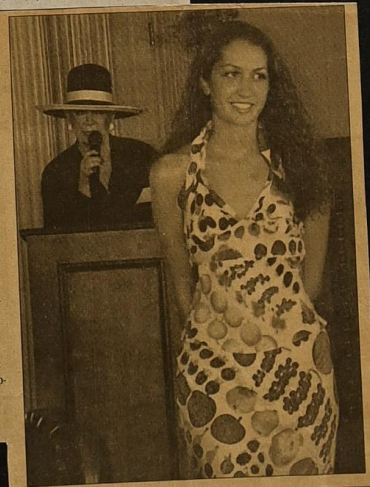
Two Manatee County teens helped the Alzheimer's Association Manatee/Sarasota Counties Chapter celebrate 20 successful years by modeling at the group's fashion show luncheon June 20 in Sarasota University Club.

Whitney Blalock, a Lakewood Ranch High student, and Melody Ajmo, who spends vacations and summers on Anna Maria Island, swirled around tables where more than 100 guests sat in the 12th floor restaurant. The pair modeled fashions from Silk Safari and Willow 536 with adult models. Phyllis Cobb, honored at the luncheon with the founder's award, and Kacy Carla Bennington, who chaired the luncheon committee, and others.

Bennington was stunning in a silk two-piece pantsuit with bright butterflies. All the silk clothing was "flowy" and had that beautiful swing, swoosh and drape that is the hallmark of 100 percent silk. Everyone looked gorgeous in it, whether it was a tailored taupe silk pantsuit or loose-fitting dress and jacket.

I was surprised to see so much red in this show. Red pants, dresses and jackets were shown with other pieces that had stars-and-stripes motifs. Fashion mavens we interviewed last winter for the what-to-wear Sarasota Film Festival coverage said the blues — everything from ice blue to sky-bright to violets — were the coming trend and expected to overtake red. Perhaps they underestimated the power of patriotism in the post-9/11 period. Or fashion houses that overstocked on red now see an opportunity for relief.

The big news for this agency is its national headquarters' plan to merge Sarasota and Manatee counties with other offices in Southwest Florida counties from Naples to Tarpon Springs. The enlarged chapter will be better able to serve rural populations who also need services such as respite assistance and education.



ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

UPPER LEFT: Annette Scherman emcees as Melody Ajmo models at the Alzheimer's Association Manatee/Sarasota Counties Chapter fashion show luncheon. UPPER



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SPOTLIGHT Upcoming Events

Salon Series Serenade

Wednesday, February 12 • 7:30 pm • Holley Hall
The New Artists Piano Quartet and Florida West Coast Chamber Players perform Mozart *Serenade in c* and Schumann *Piano Quartet in Eb*. \$20, \$15

Coffee Concert

Wednesday, March 19 • 10:00 am • Holley Hall
The Florida Brass Quintet is featured along with Florida West Coast Chamber Players performing Brahms *Sonata for Violin and Piano in A*. Refreshments, served at 9:30 am, are included in ticket price. \$22, \$18

Chamber Orchestra

Friday, March 21 • 7:30 pm • Holley Hall
Leif Bjaland, conductor
On the program are Handel *Concerto Grosso*, Jan Bach *Concerto for Tuba and Chamber Orchestra* (a world premiere with Jay Hunsberger on tuba), Ginastera *Variaciones Concertantes*, and Haydn *Symphony No. 101 "The Clock"*. \$30, \$25

Salon Series Spring Fling

Friday, March 28 • 7:30 pm • Holley Hall
The Florida Brass Quintet and Florida West Coast Chamber Players present Ravel *Introduction & Allegro*, Beethoven *Sextet for Two Horns and Strings*, Plog *Miniatures for Brass Quintet and Animal Ditties*. \$20, \$15

NEWS from Our Volunteer Organizations



A recent Coffee Concert.

The Friends of the Festival have just announced the date for their New Member Coffee. On Wednesday, March 12 at 10:00 am, the Friends invite anyone interested in joining, and its own newest members to mix and mingle before the monthly board meeting. The Friends of the Festival support the Sarasota Music Festival, held for three weeks each June. They assist with everything from transportation to serving daily breakfasts during the Festival, and hosting the Wednesday morning Coffee Concerts series (next Coffee Concert is March 19, see Spotlight column for details). For more information on the New Member Coffee or Friends membership, call the Festival office at 953-4252, ext. 21.

Debutante Committee president Deborah Partridge reports that the December 20th Debutante Ball at the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium was a smashing success. All 21 Debutantes and well over 500 guests, including

Symphony executive director Joseph McKenna and wife Terry, and Symphony Board president Hope Leuchter, enjoyed a lovely evening dancing to the Tampa band Double Vision. Later in the evening, the debs shared a special dance to *Edelweiss* with their fathers. Each year, the proceeds from the Debutante Ball are used to support the Symphony's Youth Orchestra Program, while the young debutantes serve as docents for the program.

The Annual Luncheon of the **Symphony Association Chapter South** is Thursday, March 27 at Englewood's Boca Royale Country Club. Featured performers are the

New Artists Piano Quartet, and Symphony executive director Joseph McKenna will speak. The luncheon is \$25, and all are invited. For information, call Rita Eger at 475-3449.

On February 15, the **Manatee Symphony Association** presents its 18th annual Valentine Pops concert, themed *The Golden Era of Love*, at the Manatee Convention Center. Doors will open early for refreshments, auctions, and raffles. Former associate conductor of the Florida West Coast Symphony, Christopher Confessore, leads the orchestra in a program of romantic favorites. Master of Ceremonies for the evening is Gloria Montoya, news host for *Bay News 9 en español*, and co-hosts for the evening are Brian Flynn of Manatee Memorial Hospital, Bill Hansen of the Manatee Herald-Tribune, and Bill Sedgeman of Community Bank. Time-Warner is also a media sponsor. Proceeds from this event benefit the Symphony and its Youth Orchestra Program. Table seats, priced at \$75 and \$50, can be purchased through the Symphony Box Office. ■



Photo by Barbara Baska

South County SERENADES

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT 3:00 PM
TICKETS: \$26, \$23, \$21

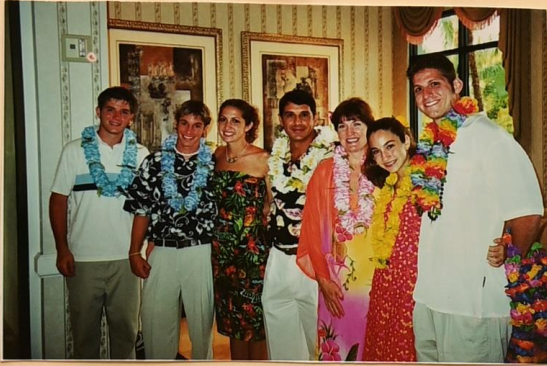
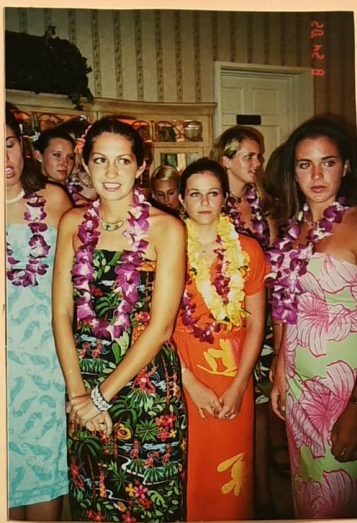
Don't miss the last two concerts of the season in North Port and Englewood!

February 16: Valentine Pops
The Golden Era of Love

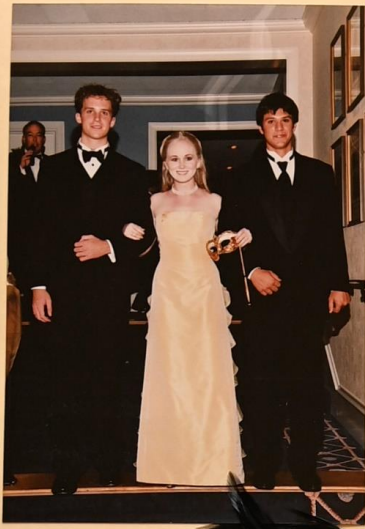
Christopher Confessore, conductor
North Port Performing Arts Center

March 9: Enchanted Afternoon
Come to the Cabaret
Leif Bjaland, conductor
Lemon Bay Performing Arts Center

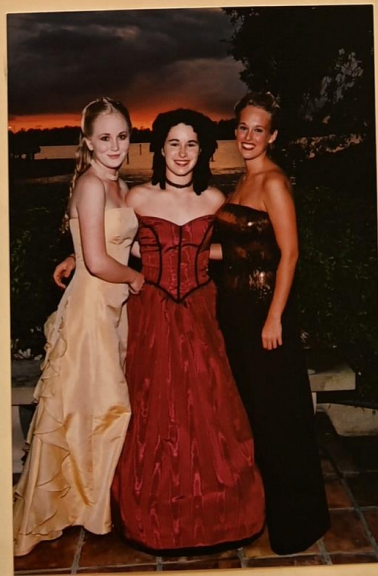








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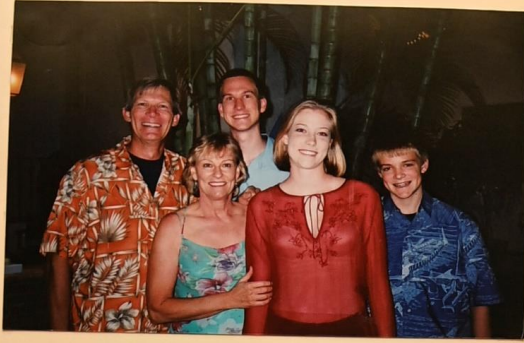


Please join us for a
FUN '50's "ROCK 'N ROLL" PARTY
In honor of our Debutante
BRITNEY AMANDA SERBIN
Saturday, September 28, 2002
7:00 until 11:00 p.m.
Heritage Oaks Golf & Country Club
4800 Chase Oaks Drive Sarasota, Florida
(Off Bee Ridge Road, 4.5 miles east of I-75)

Hosted by Mark and Robin Serbin
Music by Rick the Trickster & the 13th Street Band
Please dress in '50's' attire (suggestions included)

'50's Fare' (burgers, etc.) & Sundae Bar
Open Bar 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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Beach Blast from the Past

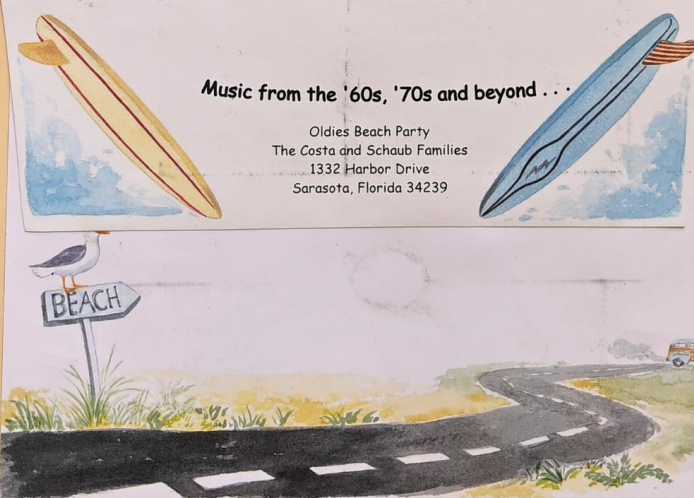
"Catch a Wave" and join us for "Good Vibrations" as we dance to the oldies and honor our Debutantes **Allison Costa and Megan Schaub**

Saturday, November 2, 2002 7 - 11 PM
 The Field Club
 1400 Field Road, Sarasota

Attire: groovy '60s outfits (bellbottoms, tie dye, peasant tops) or tropical collared shirts, slacks or dress shorts, sundresses, capris.

Hosted by
 Terri and Dennis Costa
 Valerie and John Schaub

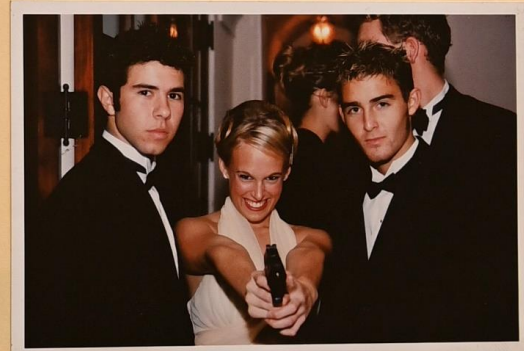
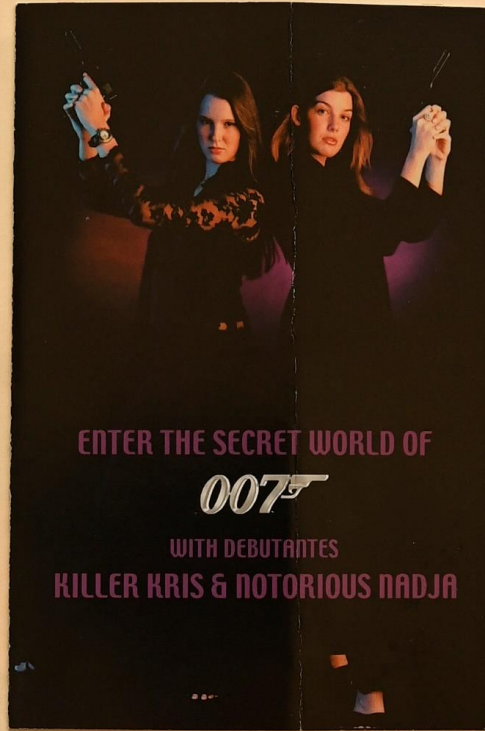
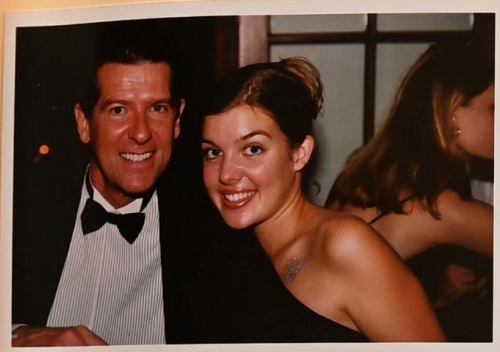
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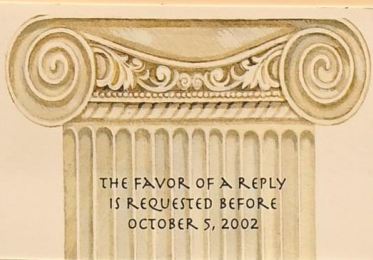



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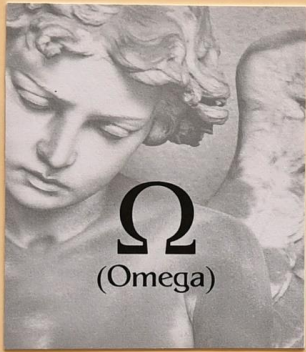
Oldies Beach Party
 The Costa and Schaub Families
 1332 Harbor Drive
 Sarasota, Florida 34239



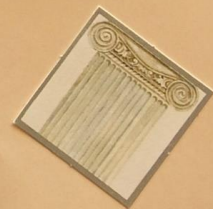
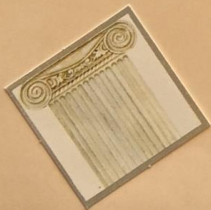




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EXAMPLES: WEAR A TOGA, DRESS LIKE A MUSE,
A GREEK SCHOLAR OR SOLDIER, A GREEK HERO OR
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FOR THE FAINT OF HEART...
DRESS PANTS, DRESS SHIRT, THE OPTIONAL FOR MEN,
PARTY DRESS FOR WOMEN



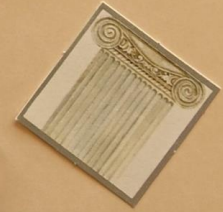
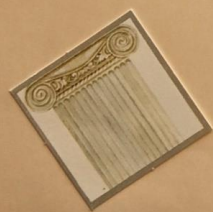


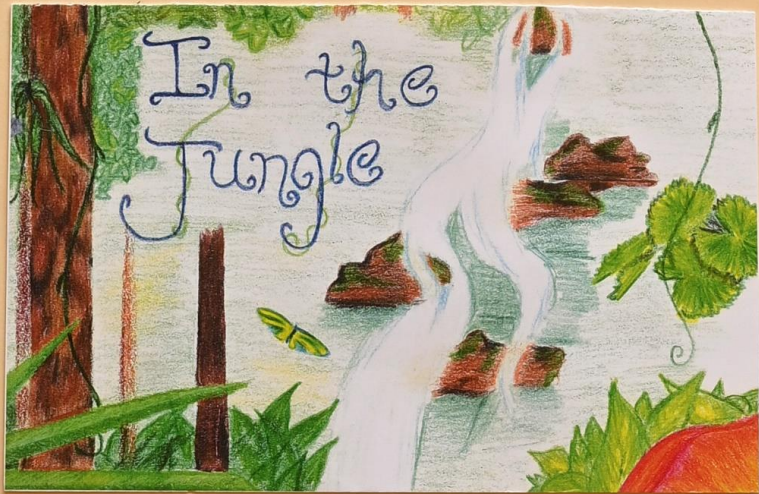
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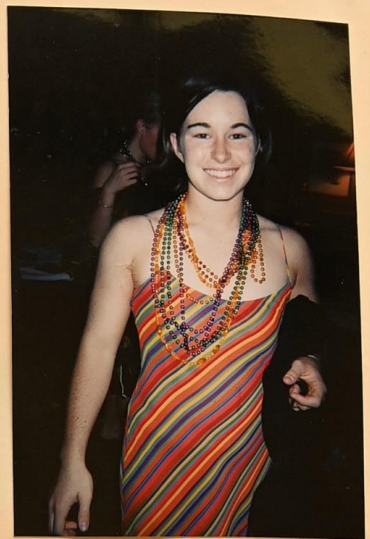


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7:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.
LAUREL OAK COUNTRY CLUB
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KORRA ALBERG
LESS LIKE A MUSE,
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Join us!

For: Miss Whitney Nicole Blalock

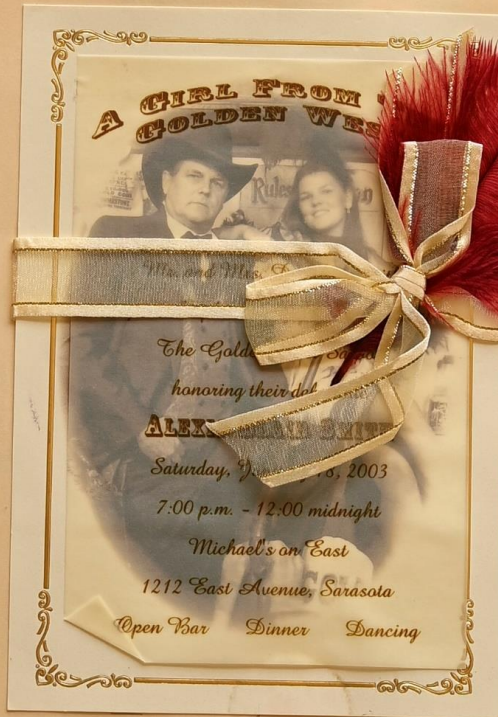
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GENTLEMEN

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cowboy hats, boots
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Please join us for a
Salsa Soiree
honoring our Debutante
Evan Jane Norton

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Friday, February 21, 2003
7:00 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres
8:00 p.m. Dinner
Laurel Oak Country Club

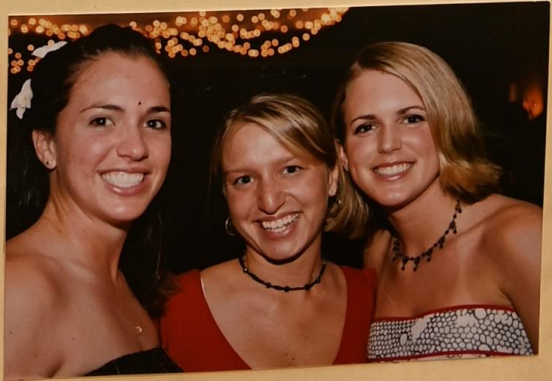
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Cocktail attire...Latin flair

Entertainment...Argentine Guitarist
Fabio Zini

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Waltzing into debutante season

By DEBI SPRINGER
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EAST MANATEE — In grand ballrooms lifetimes ago, young women waltzed across dance floors hoping to attract the attention of a young man of similar caliber and social standing to eventually marry.

Daughters of wealthy aristocrats ventured beyond their insulated lives long enough to capture the heart of a beau who won their parents' approval.

The times have changed. Whitney Blalock, 18, a senior at Lakewood Ranch High School, is one of 21 Sarasota and Manatee debutantes, and the sole representative for East Manatee.

It doesn't bother her, though. Blalock said she's used to being an anomaly.

In middle school, Blalock was the only girl on the drum line in band. She said she wanted desperately to play the saxophone or trumpet, but she had asthma.

"I played anything that needed two hands — no breathing," Blalock said.

At 12, when most girls dressed their Barbies in ball gowns, Blalock watched an older cousin take waltz lessons and dress in a beautiful gown for her debutante ball.

For Blalock, the beauty of a gown and learning to waltz were not the only reasons she decided to become a debutante. She thought she might meet some new friends.

Her mother, Brenda Blalock, said her daughter befriended



STAFF PHOTO / NICOLE FRUGE
Whitney Blalock, 18, is escorted by her godfather Van Edwards in rehearsal for the debutante ball.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2002

PLEASE SEE DEBUTANTE ON 5H

HERALD-TRIBUNE 5H

Whitney Blalock waltzes into the debutante season

Debutante behavior

A debutante is allowed to go to movies, restaurants and night clubs alone with a boy.

A debutante is not allowed to visit on stay overnight, even in a group, without a chaperone.

A debutante should still be invited for a visit by a friend's mother, particularly by a boy's mother.

A debutante is allowed to smoke, but if her parents are wise, not to drink.

Source: *Vogue's Book of Etiquette, 1948*

DEBUTANTE FROM IH

the only other Manatee County debutante, Melody Ajmo.

"It's difficult for Melody to come to the events 45 minutes away, too," Brenda said.

Ajmo lives on Anna Maria Island, and was glad to meet Blalock.

"We've stuck together, because we really didn't know anyone else. We're normally together at all the parties," Ajmo said.

When both girls graduate this spring, Ajmo said she hoped their friendship would continue.

"So far, we've been instant messaging each other. We'll keep in touch after the debutante season ends," Ajmo said.

Though it is a mystery to some people, becoming a debutante is not something that randomly happens. A member of the Florida West Coast Symphony Debutante Committee must invite a young girl to apply.

The girl's merit, grade point average and hours of community service are scrutinized.

Blalock has donated much of her time to Homeless Orphans and Widows, H.O.W., as well as Meals on Wheels.

After Blalock received her acceptance letter, her personal time became stretched among waltz lessons,



STAFF PHOTO / THOMAS BENDER / thomas.bender@heraldtribune.com
Whitney Blalock stretches before a practice run at Lakewood Ranch High School in preparation for track season, which begins in December. She is on the school's varsity track and field team.

giving and attending parties, learning to correspond properly when accepting and sending invitations, and charity work.

"I knew becoming a debutante would take a lot of time, but it's been worth it," Blalock said.

Blalock, who has been on the Lakewood Ranch's varsity track and field team for four years, seems to have kept a low stress level throughout the debutante season. Maybe it's all the running and working, or perhaps it's her good luck charms that keep stress at bay.

She never is without a gift from her mother, a necklace with two charms

— a tiny pair of gold drumsticks, and a track shoe. During track and field events, Blalock tapes them to her ankle.

When Blalock is not training for track and field, she roller skates as a floor guard at Florida Wheels in Bradenton. She occasionally puts on her mascot uniform of a cuckoo bird and glides around the rink.

Blalock will glide around a different floor in a more sophisticated uniform Dec. 20. She will waltz around the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium ballroom in an evening gown during the Debutante Cotillion Ball. She will be escorted by two of her friends,

Troy Williams of Southeast High School and Elex Coleman of Booker High School.

Each debutante has two escorts for the debutante ball; the debutante must choose the duties of the escorts. One will accept the debutante's rose, and the other will dance with her.

Presenting Blalock at the ball is her godfather, Van Edwards, a science teacher at Johnson Middle School in Bradenton. Edwards waltzed to "Edelweiss" 10 years ago when his own daughter debuted in Dallas. Edwards spoke softly about how honored he was that Blalock chose him to accompany her.

"Whitney is an absolutely great kid. I think a lot of Whitney and her mother," he said. "I just love Whitney."

The ball, while the highlight of the debutante season, is not the girls' only responsibility.

The Florida West Coast Symphony debutantes act as docents for the Youth Orchestra Program. Each girl also hosts a themed party for other debutantes and their families.

Purple, gold and green, colors Blalock loves, influenced her choice of Mardi Gras as her party theme. Her mother is helping Blalock plan the event for almost 150 people scheduled for Jan. 11.

Debutante, from the French word, "debuter," means to "lead off," and the debutante tradition stems from ceremonies in England. Daughters of prominent families were introduced to society when they were of marriageable age.

The tradition of introducing women to society caught on in 1748 when 59 colonial Philadelphia families held "Dancing Assemblies." Daughters of middle-class families could be presented as well; they simply had to be sponsored by someone among the aristocracy.

Today, Debbie Partridge, president of the Florida West Coast Symphony Debutante Committee, said debutantes are more than that.

"The emphasis is on community involvement, and manners are focused on; we are very family-oriented," Partridge said.

Looking toward her future, Blalock wants to attend Florida A&M University and major in sports medicine.

"I'd like to do something with my life that I want to do, rather than just doing anything," Blalock said.

Her godfather said Blalock will accomplish whatever she decides to put her heart into.

"When she finishes college and gets married, I'll say that I just knew she used the things she's learned as a debutante to put her in good stead for the rest of her life," Edwards said.

**Debutante
Community Service Day**

Saturday, September 28th

Florida West Coast Symphony Hall Lobby

8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

*We'll be helping
the youngest members of the
Florida West Coast Youth Orchestra
find their rehearsal rooms*

**This project is mandatory
for all members of the 2002-2003 Debutante Class**

*If you are unable to fulfill this obligation,
Please contact
Mrs. Lisa Richardson- 924-8968
by September 16th*



DEBUTANTES HELP FUND SYMPHONY

The Debutante Committee recently presented a check for \$34,000 to the Florida West Coast Symphony. Lynn Soussou and Debbie Partridge presented the donation to Joe McKenna, executive director of the symphony, and Hope Leuchter, president of the Symphony Association. The debutante program began in 1982 and its motto is "youth serving youth" because all proceeds from the program benefit the symphony's youth orchestra program.

Debutantes for 2002-03 include Melody Marla Ajmo, Whitney Nicole Blacklock, Emily

Jacqueline Boedecker, Nadja Brigitte Conklin, Allison Leigh Costa, Lauren Ashley Elder, Anna Lea Fogleman, Anna Fondren Griffin, Molly Katherine Hindman, Martha Glenn Hudson, Jessica Briane Jones, Brittney Lee Kusner, Casey Brooke Lawson, Evan Jane Norton, Kathryn Melinda Powell, Montana Marie Rose, Megan Davis Schaub, Britney Amanda Serbin, Kristine Marie Shoemaker, Alexis Blair Smith and Leah Kay Turner.

From left are Lynn Soussou, Debbie Partridge, Joe McKenna and Hope Leuchter.

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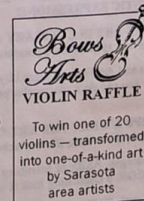
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Join us for an evening of fun and a chance
to thank the Debutante Committee

**Sunday, March 30, 2003
6 - 9 PM
Casual**

**Moms & Debs: please bring salad, dessert
or any favorite dish to share**

**1332 Harbor Drive, Sarasota
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