

March/April 2024



ICIA Imperial Scroll

Join Empress Andrea & Big Mamma Jean for:

AN IMPERIAL FAMILY REUNION

MONARCH BALL FOR REIGN 31

Saturday, April 13th

Doors: 5PM - Show: 6PM

at **\$5 SUGGESTED DONATION AT THE DOOR**



525 E Grand Ave Des Moines, IA 50309

Net Proceeds to Benefit the ICIA's Guardian Angels Scholarship Fund



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Hello to the wonderful community members of the State of Iowa.

I would like to wish you all a Happy Spring which is quickly approaching. The weather has started to warm up and I hope everyone is looking forward to brighter and sunshine filled days. I wanted to address you and let you know what amazing things have been happening since the last letter I sent. First **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported my Birthday Show. I sincerely felt all of the love. During a number in my non-court **BDAY Show** we raised \$410 for The Yazmine Scholarship. February was packed with many fun events. From our first Asian New Year event hosted by Ida Slapback to **BINGO with Princess for Reign 31 Eva Rose, A Night on Broadway, Founders Day BINGO** and my travels during

the month of February made it an incredible month. I started the month by traveling to Minnesota to represent our Court for their **Coronation 32 Weekend**. Celebrating two dear friends and their stepping down monarchs Leah Tyler and Bren Da ReHab. Congratulations to their new Emperor, Emperor 32, Desheveled BearDen. I also had the privilege to travel to our other sister court of Nebraska to support their **SnoBall** which was a wonderful event.

March and April are not slowing down for this Empress either. I will be traveling to Fort Worth to celebrate their coronation weekend, we have our strawberry social event which will be a blast and is being co-hosted with me by Prince Consort Dom, our first annual **Community Service Royalty Pageant**, and our much-anticipated **Leather & Lace Ball** which will be a combined effort with Iowa Leather, Iowa Bear, Iowa Pet, and Myself. Princess for Reign 31 Eva Rose will be hosting a **Spring Break Show** while I am away in Fort Worth so, please go show her lots of love and support.

April I will kick off the month traveling to Oklahoma for their coronation weekend, then the next we will have many guests from out of state for our **Monarch Ball** which is sure to be a fun filled time with Family. I hope you can join us. At the end of April, we have a combined event with Iowa Pet with a **Pet Mosh** to follow. Our Princess for Reign 31, Topaz is hosting a show in Sioux City at the end of the month, and I hope to see lots of support for this as we branch outside of Des Moines. A special thank you to The Garden, The Blazing Saddle and King & Queens in Sioux City for allowing us space to hold safe and fun events while raising money for charity. Without your partnership we couldn't do what we do.

As always, my heart and inbox are always open to you if you need anything, please do not hesitate to reach out. I am grateful for the continued love and support of our community during this reign, we still have a ways to go and my what fun we are having. Hope to see you at an event soon.

**ALL my Love to ALL of Iowa
Iowa's Youngest Granny
Empress 31 of ALL Iowa**

Big Momma Jean

BIG MOMMA JEAN'S

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SCHEDULE

March Schedule:

**March 2nd: Red & Wild Strawberry Social
(The Garden)**

**March 3rd: BOD Meeting
(The Saddle)**

**March 9th: Community Service Royalty
Pageant
(The Garden)**

**March 9th: Selling Shots
(The Saddle)**

**March 15th-17th: Ft. Worth Coronation
Weekend
(Ft. Worth, TX)**

**March 23rd: Leather and Lace Ball/Selling
Shots
(The Garden)**

**March 29th: Judging Miss Gay Goddess Io-
wa 2024
(The Garden)**

**March 30th: Trans Lives Festival (10AM-
5PM)
(First Unitarian Church)**

March 30th: Private Royal Family Social

April Schedule:

**April 4th-7th: Oklahoma Coronation
(Tulsa, OK)**

**April 13th: Monarch Ball
(The Garden)**

**April 13th: Selling Shots
(The Saddle)**

April 14th: April BOD Meeting

**April 19th: Monthly Show Hosted By Vis-
count & Viscountess for Reign 31
(The Garden)**

**April 20th: It's Raining Cats & Dogs Show
w/Iowa Pet
(The Garden)**

**April 27th: Princess Topaz's Queens and
Kings Fantasy Show
(Kings & Queens-Sioux City, IA)**

Reign 31 Royal Family



**Eudora Riverz
Princess Royal 31**



**Reggie Tyrone Knight-Stahr
Prince Royal 31**



**Domonic Darr-Patterson
Prince Consort**



**Eva Rose
Princess**



**Miles Long Frost
Prince**



**Topaz Stahr
Princess**



**Tiana Love Michaels
Archduchess**

Reign 31 Royal Family



Dominique Cass
Archduchess



Duke Monroe Principle
Vicount



Marsha Mellow Monroe
Viscountess



Chastity Locke
Baroness



Nostalgia Taylor
Countess



Peaches Diamond
Countessa

ICIA Reign 31 BOD



President
Empress 2 Lili Whyte



Vice President
Empress 29 Gina Te Michaels



Treasurer
Empress 25 & Emperor 29 Evian/Evan Waters



Secretary
Empress 24 of Minnesota Ida Stapter-Back



State Functions Chair
Empress 30 Juanita Voltaire DuFlagan Riverz





Thursday September 26th

In-State Show

Blazing Saddle
Doors Open at 7:00 pm
Show Starts at 8:00 pm
Free Admission

Friday September 27th

Out-of-State Show

Garden Restaurant
and Show Bar
Doors @ 5:00 PM
Show @ 6:00 PM
Tickets: \$25

Saturday September 28th

Coronation 32:

A Candlelit Night

at the Imperial Palace

Embassy Suites
Doors @ 3:00 PM
Show @ 4:00 PM
Tickets: \$100

Sunday September 29th

Victory Brunch

Garden Restaurant
and Show Bar
Doors @ 10:30 AM
Brunch @ 11:00 AM
Tickets: \$35

Victory Party & Show

Garden Restaurant
and Show Bar Roof Top
Starting at 2:00 PM
Free Admission



Click on the image for more information and to purchase tickets

You may purchase an Early Bird Special which includes ALL events for \$125!!!



March 2024

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Join Empress 31
Big Momma Jean for:

RED & WILD STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

To The Garden, Thanks for Everything
-Reign 31

Saturday, March 2nd, 2024

Doors: 2PM | Pie Contest: 3PM | Movie: 4PM

Strawberry Pie Contest, Raffles, Shots, & Showing of To Wong Foo!

\$5 Suggested Donation at the Door

*Strawberry Social
Attire Encouraged!*



Net Proceeds to Benefit The Garden Legacy

Click on the image for more information.



EMPRESS 31 BIG MOMMA JEAN &
PRINCESS ROYAL 31 EUDORA
RIVERZ PRESENT:



**COMMUNITY SERVICE
THROUGH THE YEARS PAGEANT**

Community Service Royalty 2024

SATURDAY MARCH 9TH, 2024 | THE GARDEN

DOORS: 5PM | PAGEANT: 6PM

INTERVIEW: 3PM

\$5 SUGGESTED DONATION AT THE DOOR

MUST SIGN UP TO COMPETE BY MARCH 2ND

TO REGISTER CONTACT

BIG MOMMA JEAN OR

EUDORA RIVERZ (JAKE MORRISSEY)



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Cancer Benefit & Drag Auction



Hosted By

**Marsha Mellow
Monroe**
Reign 31 Viscountess

Duke Monroe
Principal
Reign 31 Viscount



**Friday,
April 19
8pm**



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**EMPRESS 31 BIG MOMMA JEAN, MR. IOWA LEATHER XJ,
IOWA BEAR ERIC & IOWA PET PUP GUS GUS PRESENT:**

Leather & Lace Ball

"LEATHER, LACE, AND BEARS...OH MY!"

SATURDAY MARCH 23RD, 2024

7PM-10PM



THE GARDEN • 525 E. GRAND AVE. DSM, IA



\$5 SUGGESTED DONATION AT THE DOOR

**SILENT AUCTION, UNDERWEAR AUCTION, JELLO SHOTS,
50/50 RAFFLES, VARIETY SHOW, KINK TALKS & MORE!**

IMPERIAL GEAR NIGHT TO FOLLOW



ALL NET PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT CENTRAL IOWA SHELTER AND SERVICES

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Join Empresses Andrea & Big Momma Jean For:

AN IMPERIAL FAMILY REUNION

MONARCH BALL FOR REIGN 31

All Net Proceeds to
Benefit Guardian Angels
Scholarship



Saturday/April 13th, 2024
Doors: 5PM | Show: 6PM
The Garden • 525 E Grand
Ave. DSM, IA

Empress 31 Big Momma Jean, Empress 25/Emperor 29 Evian/Evan Waters
and Iowa Pet Pup Gus Gus Present:



IT'S RAINING CATS AND DOGS!



All Net Proceeds to Benefit The ARL | Suggested Donation of a Bag of Pet Food at the Door or \$5



Open to all Entertainers/All Acts



Saturday April 20th | Variety Show: 3PM | Mosh Pit to Follow | The Garden-525 E. Grand Ave.

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QUEENS AND KINGS FANTASY

All the Shimmers and Sparkles

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH

STARTING AT 7:00 PM

AT



Sioux City, IA

3174-3184 Bus US-75 Sioux City, IA 51105

ALL Performers Welcome!!!!



HOSTED BY TOPAZ STAHR
PRINCESS FOR REIGN 31

NET PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT



PRINCESS & PRINCE FOR REIGN 31
PRESENT:



ALOHA

Beaches

IT'S SPRING BREAK

MARCH 15TH | 8PM

ALL NET PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
DSM REFUGEE GROUP

HOSTED BY: EVA ROSE
& REGGIE KNIGHT



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Enter to win!

Necklace, Earrings, Ring & Broach
\$10 per ticket

Drawing to be held

Friday September 27th @ Iowa's Out of State Show
 Net proceeds to benefit the ICIA Guardian Angels Scholarship

This set can be made in most colors. An outright donation of \$500 will get you one in the color of your choosing, AND 10 entries to this ticketed fundraiser as well!



Make sure to put
 your Name and
 Phone number into
 the What's this for
 box in order to
 qualify for drawing.

James
 Dollerschell-Petry
 @EvieBlank



venmo

You do not need to be present to win, delivery will be at the next coronation that Evie Blank Designs is vending at that you attend.



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March BOD MEETING

Sunday, March 3rd
starting at Noon
at



The Legendary
BLAZING SADDLE
EST. 1983
416 E 5th St. Des Moines, Iowa 50309
www.theblazingsaddle.com



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APRIL BOD MEETING

Sunday, April 14th
starting at Noon
at



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GARDEN
RESTAURANT & SHOW LOUNGE
525 E Grand Ave Des Moines, IA 50309

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to the Google Meets link



Called to order: 12:12p.m.

Called by: Lili Whyte

Attendance: Lili Whyte, Jake Morrissey, Juanita Voltaire, Reggie Knight, Evie Blank, Ida Slapter-Back, Dominic Darr-Paterson, Gina Té Michaels, Jean Marie Knight Michaels, Evian

Waters

Non-ICIA member: Kitten Photography, Rusty

Excused Absence: Andrea Knight Michaels (work)

On Call Attendance:

Approval of the previous Board of Directors' Minutes with the inclusion: Evian Waters/ 2nd by Ida Slapter-Back

Approval of the agenda: Ida Slapter-Back / 2nd by Evian Waters

File Report:

President:

Per Mongo, reigning monarch photo needed for Saddle. Who is printing? Jean and Dom take care of it.

M'ris stated there were total of \$200.00 PayPal donations – reminder to click on Event for PayPal.

Kitten Photography – Asked to be involved.

The Court Christmas party was a blast! Thank you to Rusty and Jerry!

No matching money from ICS. Duncan not returning calls; called Scott. Lilli going to reach out to Truly Scrumptious. Next year, do not mention match funds. Rusty asked if Chanel check for \$1,200.00. **Motion by Juanita to waive 25% / 2nd by Jean Marie Knight Michaels. Evian will message Chanel.** Chanel response check given to Garden. Rusty check with Jerry.

Board meeting Executive Board member at US Bank on December 26, 2023 at 4:15 p.m.; appointment set up with US bank in Waterloo for Gina Té.

Vice President: In Omaha for a show for Natasha and Madeline. Attended the December ICIA show. Going to Houston with one of the Monarchs. Planning to go to Minnesota Coronation. Thank you to the Garden. January going over the SOPs.

Secretary:

Google Drive file moved to external hard drive. We need a place where all BOD members to have access to all files. Jake will look into the

February 10, 2024, Asian New Year's event.

- Dinner from 6:30 -7:30 p.m.
 - \$15 plated dinner to purchase from Garden website.
 - Working food budget with Jerry.
 - Two volunteers from the family line or general membership to plate the dinner. This will not a buffet style dinner, as we are managing portion size and helps with clean up.
 - Everyone including the host needs to buy a ticket for the food as it covers the cost.

- Social and raffle ticket purchases state 7:30 p.m. Event start at 8 p.m.
 - Show starts at 8 p.m. Sharp with Muffy and Juanita Co-emceeing.
 - Talked to Jerry and agreed to run the vent all night. We will have more time and flexibility to do 2 to 3 sets.
 - Donations and auction items:
 - Have eight drawing baskets features a country or aspect of Asian culture.
 - Received donation from Empress Coco LaChine for Filipino baskets.
 - Ivanna Cupcak is donating items to add to the Vietnam basket.
 - Three grand prizes – Coronation portrait by Ron Comstock, Jewelry Set from Evie Blank Design, Drag Muffin male / unisex coat from Keith (high priced items)
 - **Need two volunteers from the family line or general membership to see drawing tickets.**
 - **Asking for the board to figure out counters for the event.**
 - **Need board member, general member or family line member to sell \$15 Feng Shui pendant.** Poster has been created.
 - **Volunteers needed for decorating prior to the show;** will be asking Jerry and Mona what time we can get into the Garden to decorate, set up the floor plan and cook.
 - Meeting with Jerry – talk reservation table or document.
 - Clarification for ticket prices. Only for food.
- Need stamper for those who paid for food.

Treasurer:

US Bank Amount \$17,514.18

Outstanding Reign 30 Charitable Checks: \$5,319.01

Total Available Bank Monies \$12,195.17

Reign 31 Books: \$12,185.58

Difference \$9.59

Savings:

Yazmine Scholarship \$4,111.00

Guardian Angel Scholarship \$1,283.82

CDs:

Guardian Angel Scholarship (February 2024) \$2,603.58

Mother Earth (December 2024) \$1,024.64

See details for balance sheet, credits and expenditure attachments to the agenda.

State Functions: Need to talk with Matt for the Hotel. Send

Monarchs:**Jean's Monarch Report:**

- Thanks For Giving Show-We had a small but fun crowd. (\$192 Net raised)
- Attended World AIDS Day event at The Garden, great turnout for the event-Glad we had some representation from the Court. (Lili, Evian, Muffy, Dom and I)
- Traveled to Nebraska for their Toyz for Tots Benefit- Had a wonderful time supporting our sister court. Got the chance to talk to a lot of their COMs about our Monarch Ball in April, with many planning to attend. (HUGE Shoutout to My Princess Royal Eudora Riverz and Empress 30, Juanita Voltaire for being amazing representatives always but especially for the Toyz for Tots Event-THANK YOU Gina Te for going the weekend before and helping raise money and representing Iowa)
- Christmas with the Court Show- I'll report how it went and \$\$\$ raised.
- Christmas Party
- Sent out my Christmas Letter to members and a letter to members from reign 30 who did not rejoin this year.
- January 13th- I'll be traveling to Omaha, Nebraska for their E&E Ball.
- January 19th-My Birthday Show (Money going to Annie's Foundation) Whitney Vs. Tina Show-ALL Welcome to perform.
- February 1st-4th, I'll be traveling to Minnesota for their Coronation-I know we have many from the Royal Family Line planning to attend so we should have a large delegation from Iowa in attendance. (Thank you M'Iris for getting ad sent in)
- Please help push the Prom event that is on February 17th-This is a ticketed event so hoping we have a good turnout. This is now an ALL-AGES EVENT- \$20/1 Ticket, \$35/2 Tickets (3PM-7PM)
- New events added to calendar since last meeting: My Red and Wild Strawberry Social Event - TBD, Leather and Lace Ball that I have been working with Iowa Leather, Bear and Pet on, Community Service Royalty Pageant. Movie night with a cover event. Hoping for a very successful pageant. Ida volunteered for LGBT dvd for movie nights.
- Eudora and I have 2 contestants already for our Community Service Royalty Pageant and a few more I know that are thinking of running. Help spread the word on that to get more contestants. (March 9th). Push the event and let them know about form.
- Going to start sending invites out for Monarch Ball 31 after the first of the year.
- **Lili- Can we please schedule a meeting with The Saddle to get some events going. ** Lili stated Ima wants to talk with Lili.
- Planning to meeting with folks in Sioux City. Planning talk with Rachel and Topaz.
- Pasta bake left donated for Refugee Organization and went a family in need.

Thank you to the Board for supporting the monarchs.

Andrea's Monarch Report:

Confirmed Travel:

- Houston Coronation (January)

Leaving Thursday

Returning Sunday

- Minnesota Coronation (February)

I will need help getting to and from

I'm off at 2 p.m. on that Thursday, and off till Tuesday

Staying at the host hotel from Thursday-Monday

Travel Options / Considerations:

- Looking into Coronations in March for possible travel.
- Corpus Christi Texas Coronation

Fundraising Ideas / In the works:

- Change for a Change-Spare Change Drive
 - Similar to last year
 - Looking for more places to drop-off / collect coins
 - Need to ask The Garden if we can put up a change collection
- Online / in-person Coffee and Snack sales
- Reign 31 Merch
 - Merch to remember 31
 - Represent the reign at public events
- Raffle tickets to Coronation32
 - \$20 to enter
 - Prizes Package to include
 - Weekend Passes to Coronation32
 - Jewelry Set
 - Hotel Stay (pending board approval)
- Jewelry Auction
- PRIDE BINGO
 - Host Bingo at a local pride (like CVP or CCP)
 - Talk to Andrea as it's easier to say than type out how it works
- Food Booth at Jesup Farmers' Day

Life Update:

- My work schedule is changing again.
 - No longer able to support any event on the 3rd weekend of the month (new full weekend to work)
 - Work is no longer allowing any PTO on your full weekend due to others abusing it
 - Subject to all change as it's a four-week rotation, that doesn't factor in 5-week months.

Recognition:

- Congratulations to Reggie for the BINGO Event
 - Major Success. Can't wait for the next one!
 - Thank you to the Dew Drop for hosting the event
 - Jade Michaels for coming and counting the money
 - And thank you to anyone that was able to support the event in person, or behind the scenes

Auxiliary Reports – Webmaster:

The website is updated. Website/Facebook Updates:

- Memorial Picture for Bubbles has been removed from the home page.
- All known IC.I.A. Events have Facebook events created and are posted on website.
- Coronation Page active:

Need Hotel link and room rates.

Website Hits as of 12/15/23: 2022 – 7,471 / 2023 – 8,324 / Year Average using / GoDaddy – 7,892

November 2023 – 653; December 2023 – 198; Month Average – 699

-Matthew Millard

22 Auxiliary Reports – PRs: May 4 for PR Ball. M'ris has the poster. Surprise for the event. Attended Toyz for Tots in Omaha. Will be attending E&E Ball and attending MN Coronation.

Discussion about having additional events that works with Andrea's schedule.

Old Business:

- 1) State reporting – We are registered
- 2) Bank – scheduled on December 26, 2023 with 4:15 p.m.; Gina will be signing in Waterloo after December 26, 2023.
- 3) Insurance update – Not canceled. Lili has three reinstatement letters. The agent didn't have the document for our policy. Check was sent to the insurance.
- 4) Strategic Planning – Engaged strategic planner. \$2,000 budget for cost. Juanita needs to send current Bylaws and SOPs. Need to have general membership and past members for a meeting. Discussion about past monarchs and Permanent Titles.
- 5) RFP Update – Asking Board Member for the approval of the letter to send out of tax.
- 6) Scholarship matching from the Imperial Council - Lili
- 7) Name tags – Juanita will order the name tag for the monarchs and PRs.
- 8) Rose Ceremony – Evie Blank

New Business:

- 1) Name tags
- 2) Hotel weblink for Coronation – Juanita need to talk with Matt and ask about plated dinner.
- 3) Prides 2024 – Andrea. Ida will send document in Board chat. Table for discussion to January 07, 2024 meeting.
- 4) Discussion for events getting board approval as the Board signs off on the outgoing checks as it was done in previous Reign prior to Reign 27. An embedded record of check number and dollar amount helps with a quarterly and annual audit of our financial records. Discussion about event forms, ads, and timeframe.
- 5) Standardizing monthly Board meeting for same Sunday. Not possible with schedule.
- 6) Jewelry set auction with tickets. Motion to create a jewelry auction by Gina T; 2nd by Jean K-M. Abstain: Ida Slap-ter-Back.

Upcoming Board Meeting dates:

- 1) January 7th, 2024 – Saddle

Motion by Evian Waters to move the discussion for February meeting into the Board Chat to include Andrea. Jean Marie / 2nd by Juanita.

- 2) February 2024 - Garden
- 3) March 2024 - Saddle
- 4) April 2024 - Garden
- 5) May 2024 - Saddle
- 6) June 2024 - Garden
- 7) July 2024 - Saddle
- 8) August 2024 - Garden
- 9) September 2024 – Saddle

Motion to by Jean K-M; 2nd by Evian Waters.

CONSENT MATTERS



NO MEANS NO

**STOP SEXUAL
HARASSMENT**

**A 2023 Public Awareness Project
from the
International Imperial Court Council**

“Keep Your Hands to Yourself”

Reign 31. Date: 01/07/2024

Called to order: 12:02 p.m.



Called by: Lili Whyte

Attendance: Lili Whyte, M'rise Aspire, Gina T, Mongo, Juanita V, Eudora R, Jean M, Reggie K, Evian W, Evie B, Reggie K, Andrea KM, Jade M, Ida SB

On Call Attendance: Eva Rose , Topaz Stahr

Approval of the previous Board of Directors' Minutes. Jean / 2nd by Ida

Approval of the previous Board of Directors' Closed Minutes. Ida / 2nd by Juanita, Abstain Jean, Evian

Approval of the agenda Jean / 2nd by Juanita

File Report:

President: Mongo has taken care of the plaques for Guardian Angels. We need a motion to put that into the budget moving forward. Cost is about \$20.00 and bigger one \$60.00. Jean / 2nd Andrea

Vice President:

Bank signing is done. I plan to attend coronation in Houston with Andrea Knight Michaels. Future events coming up: 1. MN coronation, 2. The 80's show, 3. The Asian Years show, 4. BOD meeting hopefully on the 11th of Feb 5. My birthday month, 6. Coronation in Ft worth March

Secretary:

February 10, 2024, Asian New Year's event.

Need one volunteers from the family line or general membership to see drawing tickets.

Asking for the board to figure out counters for the event.

Need board member, general member, or family line member to sell \$15 Feng Shui pendant. – Suggested to have BOD sell them at the event. M'ris asked if poster has "Net Proceeds"; advise to check posters.

Volunteers needed for decorating prior to the show; will be asking Jerry and Mona what time we can get into the Garden to decorate, set up the floor plan and cook.

Discussion about show ever Asian New Year as to talk with Rusty.

Treasurer:

Signed on the Bank.

Mike Ferry checked with the State. Issue started with past auditor filed to the State. US Bank Amount \$20,138.66

Outstanding Reign 30 Charitable Checks: \$5,319.01 - ARL, PHC, IHYC, IA Safe Schools. Juanita has the check. Rewrite checks.

Outstanding Deposits: \$33.81

Total Available Bank Monies \$14,853.46

Reign 31 Books: \$14,843.87

Difference \$9.59. Motion to move \$9.59 to the starting amount for the beginning of the Reign 31.

Guardian Angel Scholarship (February 2024) \$2,603.58

Mother Earth (December 2024) \$1,024.64

See details for balance sheet, credits, and expenditure attachments to the agenda.

State Functions:

Hotel contract amendment has not come through. Juanita has not received the contract to sign. Lili mention that is it lost sales if the people cannot book the hotels.

Monarchs:

Andrea's Monarch Report:

Thank you for everyone that was involved with Christmas with the court – show and family event.

Snow is covering. Leave the 11th for Houston Coronation

Minnesota is the first weekend in February.

Monarchs asking Iowa wears blue for state picture. Reach out to Randy, Mike F, Carol J, and Mike H.
Full length ball or theme (caftans)

January - Just Brew It Fundraiser started. 40% comes to the court.

Month long (Ends Feb 4th)

Online, or in person to purchase.

Prefer to have people purchase online as it is shipped to them directly.

February - Change for a Change

Like last year's spare change drive. Count coins and turn into Lili or Evian.

Looking for any volunteers to help collect change in Des Moines area during the month.

No travel scheduled in March at this time.

Possible BOD Meetings, based on which Sundays I will have on the rotation. The rotation is a 4-week schedule. Week-ends I have Sunday off every 4 weeks.

March 3rd, March 31, April 28th, May 26, June 23, July 21, Aug 18, Sept 15, October 13.

Jean's Monarch Report:

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

❖ Evian and I, went and supported the Sisters BINGO event at The Saddle! Was a great time supporting them in raising money to get their 501(c)3

❖ Had a wonderful time supporting December's Gear Night, was great to support another organization in our state doing good work. Was thanked for supporting and for representing the court this year in our community. Had great conversations with the title holders about our upcoming Leather and Lace Ball in March! It's going to be EPIC!

❖ I will be traveling January 13th to our Sister Court Nebraska for their E&E Ball!

❖ January 19th is my Birthday with the Court Show (Whitney Vs. Tina) Have a great cast lined up, hope to see many there.

❖ February 1st-4th, I will be traveling to Minnesota for their Coronation 32 Weekend! I will be emceeing their out-of-town show Friday Night! I have enjoyed hearing the excitement from lower line members about going.

26 ❖ February 10th, I'll be here for Ida's Asian New Year Event! (Please continue to help push ticket sales for our few ticketed events, this being one of them) Thank you Ida for putting in this new event! Look forward to it and excited for its sure success)

❖ February 11th, we have BINGO/Show at The Garden for Founders Day! Hope we have a great turnout of BOD/ Membership. Thank you to M'Iris for calling BINGO for us.

❖ February 16th- I'll be co-emceeing Eudora and Reggie's 80's Show with Juanita! (Just a reminder this can NOT be all ballads per The Garden, needs to be a mix)

❖ February 17th- is our 80's Prom, low ticket sales, will re-evaluate by January 20th, and may just turn into a show or other event to keep an event going but also raise money!

❖ Help continue to share and promote Eudora and I's Community Service Royalty Pageant! We have 3 contestants already! Deadline to sign up is March 2nd! We are very excited for this!

❖ I sent out Monarch Ball Invites to Anniversary Monarchs and My Command Performers!

❖ Looking at taking a trip to Sioux City within the next month or so to visit the new bar and to talk with the

Owners more about the Court and chat with Topaz about some event ideas she has! **Topaz – Small quaint bar that hold 150 people. A former biker bar. Small space next to the sound system. Owners are awesome. Friday night trivia and karaoke. Owner asked about holding a show. Big hair – duck on stage.**

❖ Can we get a BOD Ball Date Set to add to the growing calendar?

❖ Can we set a date for Candidate Review?

❖ I will be meeting with Rusty about doing a Court Pride Show again on the Friday of Pride. Also, will be discussing adding a turnabout show to the calendar.

❖ Working on finding a place to do a Rummage Sale again, Like Ida Ho did during her reign.

❖ I have contacted the Capital City Pride Board Chair, whom is a good friend to discuss the ICIA getting a time slot on the community stage to put on a show for our scholarships! I also have reached out about the possibility of getting a booth.

❖ Looking at getting a couple meetings scheduled for our Citizens of the Realm. Planning to do 1 in the spring, 1 in the summer (during pride), and 1 right before Coronation 32-To hopefully boost some of our membership for reign 31 going into 32 and to give the candidates a chance to talk with some of our membership to hopefully regain their membership. I have some ideas and plans to boost attendance of these meetings (more details to come)

❖ Eudora and I will be partnering with some high school GSA's to hopefully go talk to graduating LGBTQ+ students about our amazing scholarships. Planning to start getting things set up before spring break, then to go meet right after spring break until graduations begin.

❖ I am working on a Royal Family/BOD get together/social for March to help keep the family atmosphere going. I plan on putting on 1 every 3 months until stepdown. We did our Oct-Dec (Christmas Party), then will be planning a Jan-March, April-June, and July-September parties. Stay tuned. Thinking bowling for our Jan-March get together.

Thank you for your time and hard work! Also, want to send a huge Thank you to my Princess Royal for being amazing and working so hard since September. Always being a sounding board, and for helping me work through all my ideas crazy and otherwise. As always feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Added dates for Candidates:

August 24 - Cedar Valley

Friday, August 30 – Garden Candidate event

Saturday, August 31 - Saddle Candidate event

Motion to accept the reports: Evian / 2nd by Juanita **Approved**

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Auxiliary Reports – Webmaster:

Look for flash drives in white archive box for treasurer reports. (look when getting roasters) - Ida

The website is updated.

Website/Facebook Updates:

- January/February Scroll added to website
- Updated Our History Page
- Added a tab on the Events page for the Event Record Form
- All known ICIA Events have Facebook events created and are posted on website.
- Coronation Page active:
 - o Need Hotel link and room rates
- Need to old treasurer reports

Website Hits as of 12/15/23

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-Matthew Millard

Auxiliary Reports – PRs: Started on invites for PR Ball. Ruby and Ashley's PR anniversaries. Traveling to Nebraska for E&E, MN Coronation, and bingo during Ft Worth.

Discussion and/or Approved items via Board in Board Reign 31 chat between December 18, 2023, to January 6, 2024.

- 1) Discussion about elevating Reggie Knight from Prince to Prince Royal ensues on Board chat. Closed board vote for Reggie Knight from Prince to Prince Royal for Reign 31. **Closed ballots casted and results tallied by Lili. Reggie is approved by the Board to be Prince Royal for Reign 31.**
- 2) Motion to put the \$35.00 donation towards the Hal Thompson/Mother Earth Scholarship, forgoing taking out our 25%. **Jean / end by Evian. Approved**
- 3) Discussion to pay \$125.00 for one full page ad for Minnesota Coronation. **Ida S-B / 2nd by Gina. Approved.**
- 4) Jean performed a number and raised \$130 in that number for the Yazmine Scholarship fund. Motion would like to make a motion to wave taking our 25% and put the full \$130 for the Scholarship. **Jean / 2nd by Juanita. Approved.**
- 5) Discussion to pay \$150.00 for one full page ad for Houston Court Coronation.
- 6) Discussion to pay \$125.00 for one full page ad for Florida Court Coronation.

Old Business:

- 1) Backdoor access to Google Drive – Jake. Still playing with it. The step by step is not matching.
- 2) Strategic Planning discussion – Discussion ensues whether it is needed. In previous BOD meeting it was decided to move forward with the strategic planning for an outside to review Bylaws and SOPs. No weighted down by past traditions. Work has already started on the project.

Note for future projects than the Board get proposals for strategic planning for the Board to review.

- 3) RPF for the tax CPA has been sent out via email. The tax CPA or tax advisor companies are the following: Tarbell & CO, PLC, Roof; Gerdes, Erbacher & Associates; Community CPA; Randy Adams from Rotation Management; Kaduce CPA; Mid-Iowa CPAs; Martens & CO, CPA, and LLC.

The deadline for us to receive their proposal is February 9 for us to all discuss/review the proposals at the February Board meeting.

One response received from Tarbell. Please read the forward email reply for Angela Reed from Tarbell & Co as she provided honest feedback about tax filing. **For Reign 30 taxes.** Last reign was slightly over the 50K.

M'ris stated that the taxes are for the past Reigns taxes to be filed right now and may need an extension. **Reach out the tax CPA RFP recipient to disclose that we need CPA for October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023.**

New Business:

- 1) Reggie Knight elevation as PR 31. **Follow up needed – Have Reggie sign PR oath of office. Need at next event or board meeting.**

- 2) Prides in Iowa – What the court can do? - Andrea

PRIDE BINGO

- Host Bingo at a local pride (like CVP or CCP)
- Talk to Andrea as it's easier to say than type out how it works

Sioux City Pride for booth cost – via Topaz. First week June 1-2.

Capital City Pride - \$250.00 for 10X10 space, non-electrical

Cedar Valley Pride (CVP) has not posted the reservation. First deadline - \$75.00 for Vendor

Move to old business for February: Need to discuss Sioux City Pride involvement after getting information from Topaz and Capital City Pride involvement as costs are for the whole weekend but does not include the parade cost.

Motion to approve for registration fee for CVP. Juanita / 2nd by Jean. APPROVED

- 3) Raffle tickets to Coronation32 - Andrea

- \$20 to enter
- Prizes Package to include
 - Weekend Passes to Coronation 32
 - Jewelry Set
 - Hotel Stay (pending board approval). Discussion ensued about money lost based on last year's numbers.

Discussion of cost like Ft. Worth. And Monarchs able to take money. Suggestion of x # of tickets for a single cost. Observation for a VISA Gift card. **Motion to table to get break down for February meeting.**

- 4) Jewelry Auction – Evie. \$10 ticket. If you want one in your color for \$500.00 and 10 entries to the drawing. Ok for the event with the correction on the poster to read “Net” added in front of proceeds.

- 5) Grant Writing – Ida

Started researching for available Iowa grants available. I would need ICIA's TIN to send out proposal once a project is selected for grant writing funding.

Juanita provided with grant writing State vs private. Scholarship vs an event. Ask for information from Juanita. Asked about grant writing board position. Discussed history and talk about

- A) A project to be funded by grants must have an impact on the community, funds can only be used for that one event, able to assess impact/success of the event (if required) and have planned budget established.

Need to ask for volunteers to create a grant writing committee. Their responsibilities would be as follows:

- i. Select a project/event.
- ii. Create budget proposal.
- iii. Create a method to assess project impact (if required)
- iv. Write up the written grant proposal.

M'ris suggested grant for the scholarship as it is something we own and provide for the community. Point of clarification if for future reference as to who should from the board should grant research and granting writing fall under? Discussion regarding grant writing task/job was a separate board position as it also incubates finding corporate sponsors for Coronation. **Move discussion to old business in February.**

- 6) BOD Ball date – Rusty, Feb 11, 2024, Noon, Bingo at 3 p.m. Garden Motion by Ida / 2nd by Evian. **Approved.**
- 7) Candidate Review date – Aug 18, 2023. Motion by Jean / 2nd by Ida. Board at 11 a.m. / Candidate Review – **Approved.**
- 8) BOD Ball – discussion for date. Aug. 17, 2023, with location and time – TBD. Motion by Evian / 2nd Jean. **Approved.**

Upcoming Board Meeting dates:

- 1) January 7th, 2024 - Saddle
- 2) February 11, 2024 - Garden
- 3) March 3, 2024 - Saddle
- 4) April 2024 - Garden
- 5) May 2024 - Saddle
- 6) June 2024 - Garden
- 7) July 2024 - Saddle
- 8) August 2024 - Garden
- 9) September 2024 – Saddle

Motion to closed open meeting. Juanita / 2nd Jean

Close Session of the Board

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Reign 31. Date: 02 /07 /2024

Called to order: 12:13 p.m.

Called by: Gina Té

Attendance: Gina Té, Andrea K-M, Jean Marie, Dom Darr-Patterson, Jessica, Harold, Jake M, Wyatt R, Evian W, Evie B, M'ris Aspire Jackson

On Call Attendance: Topaz Stahr, Eva Rose, Reggie Knight

Approval of the previous Board of Directors' Minutes Jean / 2nd by Juanita

Approval of the agenda: Jean / 2nd by Juanita

Approval of the previous Board of Directors' Minutes. Jean / 2nd by Juanita

Approval of the previous Board of Directors' Closed Minutes moved to online vote

Approval of the agenda – didn't have copies

Discussion and/or Approved items via Board in Board Reign 31 chat between January 7, 2023, to February 10, 2024.

January 18, 2023 – Motion to start a t-shirt fundraiser online through Custom Ink!

We pay no money in, after 18 shirts sold, we start making money! At 50 shirts sold we make \$380, and at each 50 shirts sold that number goes up quite a bit! (100 Shirts=\$1,019, 150 Shirts=\$1,696.50) by Jean / 2nd by Evian. **Motion passed**

Motion to approve a month long 50/50 raffle to raise funds for the new warming center in the Waterloo area, to consider waiving the 25% court fee as 50/50 are sometimes a wash, and allow Reggie and Stephanie collect the money by Andrea / 2nd by Evian **Motion passed**

January 23, 2024 – Motion to 100% of the donation to the Hal Thompson Scholarship by Juanita. 2nd by Evian. **Motion passed**

February 11, 2024 – Approval for the two nominations, Michael Ferry, and M'ris Aspire Jackson, for the Jose Honor Rewards. Lili will be submitting nominations to Nicole. **Motion passed**

File Report:

President: Not Present

Vice President: Just returned from Minnesota, we had a great turn out of members representing Iowa. Congratulations to all the recipients with their awards. It wonderful to see new and familiar faces there.

This month our Empresses have a lot scheduled, please keep sharing on Facebook all the events even you can't make it yourself.

Don't forget to keep driving those membership opportunities, we all know what it can do for individuals as well as our organization.

Coronation is right around the corner whether we believe it or not so think about fun creative ways we can help our Monarchs to cost effectively help them plan for that. Think about committee and those volunteers to make the work feel less stressful or overwhelming.

Up and coming March I plan to attend coronation in Fort Worth TX. Since Texas has a long history of supporting Iowa and certainly help Evian Waters and myself.

Don't forget to stick around for BINGO at the Saddle shortly after this meeting.

Again, a big thanks to our Empreses for representing Iowa so beautifully at ICOM coronation! Keep up the Amazing work!

Secretary:

Taxes to be filed with Community CPA. Working with Lili to file out the paper or online ACH form. Catherine Tran stated our tax filing would be a 990EZ. It will cost us a minimum of \$500.00, but not over \$800.00. They will not file until the ACH form has been received. **Taxes due Thursday.**

Thank for those who performed, emceed, and volunteered for the Lunar New Year event! We'll need to add the Venmo donation and additional donation to get a final amount.

Court owns a mechanized/spring loaded vertical display sign. We'll need to research cost to replace that is the one inside.

\$500.00 check from Wells Fargo. General Fund for Coronation. Message Iris what the check is for.

Treasurer:

US Bank Amount \$19,735.77

Outstanding Reign 30 Charitable Checks (\$5,319.91)

Outstanding Deposits \$33.81

Total Available Bank Monies \$14,416.76

Reign 31 Books \$14,416.76

Difference \$0.00

Savings:

Yazmine Scholarship \$4,111.00

Guardian Angel Scholarship \$1,284.27

CDs:

Guardian Angel Scholarship (February 2024) \$2,603.91

Mother Earth (December 2024) \$1,024.68

Reminder that if you do a part of the fundraiser that funds are paid to an outside group, the money are not tax deductible like that jewelry auction and dinner.

State Functions:

Got hotel to sign and clarifying questions. Link open 6 months prior to the event. Waiting for the link notice from Embassy Suite by this week. Move to Presidential Suite for Hospitality and two King flanking room. We wanted 1/2 ballroom with the option to expand to 3/4 ballroom.

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Outside Coronation: All delegates and code of conduct. If there is situation that can impact our image. Keep in line. Discussion – about consent during Out of State show. Blanket remark about out conduct out of state. We are covered with our Consent Information. For violation during Coronation, We have a disclosure that they may be kicked out of the event and/or entire Coronation without a refund. Add ICS consent policy to add to our SOPs.

Reserve table with enough seats for our group.

Discussion of State Functions

Monarchs:

Jean: Thank you for the Birthday show. Attended Queer Summit meeting. Discussion with Black Lives Matter for event and Yazmine DeMorney Scholarship information. Good turn for MN Coronation. Great Lunar New Year. \$306.00 for Saddle show from shots; withhold 25%. Founders Bingo today. We'll need to pay for the ads on time. Ft Lauderdale is outstanding. Ft Worth and Oklahoma follow up for payment. Court events coming up. Strawberry Social in March discussion. March 9 Pageant. Coronation ad for Hospitality with QRC code; discussed with business cards. Contacts with Leather and Bear event in March. Trans Summit in March 30 - Jean and Eudora man table; asked for flyers.

Coronation

Ball Coordinator – Muffy R, Head Attendant – Delta, Hospitality – Juanita and reach out to Tim for bar

Set 1 – Rose Garden

Set 2 -Palace Pink

Set 3 – Animal Prints

Dais and Commands invites going out.

Thank you to Juanita for name badges. Promote the t-shirt. 7 days left. Reggie asks for brochures for Waterloo area. Jean has enough brochures for Reggie.

Andrea:

Discussion of travel. Attended Houston Coronation and thanks to Gina Té. Brew It ended \$273.50.; turn in check today for Hal Thompson. Do another fundraiser again later in the Reign. Change for Change starting. Thanked to Randy and Mike for the donation for the change. Collect change in DSM volunteer. ICOM was amazing. Feedback from Coronation. Non-alcohol jello shots option like Minneapolis. Food alternative and dietary restrictions at our Coronation based on what people saw in Minnesota. Liked dinner and show; Asked about other food events. Discussion about once a quarter. During March, staying in Iowa. Wartburg show coming up. ICOM coronation that same date as ICIA pageant. March 8 – CAAP benefit in Iowa City.

Contact thank you for Topaz. Got Martina for Sioux City Pride, same date a NE Takeover show. Ida volunteer to work with Andrea to point of contact. Raffle ticket follow about Coronation.

Corpus Christi Coronation – Andrea, Jesse, Evie, Ida. Asked about GC \$250.00. Move to Board Chat. Motion for \$250.00 gift card by Jean. 2nd Wyatt. Motion approved.

Weekend Coronation ticket for weekend pass. Discussion about adding tickets. Donation from Garden and Saddle. \$25.00 GC from Garden, \$25.00 Jean and Andrea donate gift card.

Motion for one weekend pass, gift card for \$1 or six tickets for \$5.00, \$50.00 Visa gift card donation from Evian. Iris may donate Rainbow jewelry set. \$1.00 ticket or six tickets for \$5.00. Venmo payment. Tickets with Sandy in Waterloo. 2nd Ida. **Motion passes.**

Motion to suspend SOPs to allow Monarchs to sell tickets by Jean. 2nd by Ida. **Motion passes.**

Auxiliary Reports – Webmaster:

The website is updated.

Website/Facebook Updates:

All known ICIA Events have Facebook events created and are posted on website

Coronation Page active:

Need Hotel link and room rates

Need articles for March/April Scroll by 2/21/24

Beginning next week, I can only guarantee I will be available to work on ICIA website/Facebook events on Wednesday evenings

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January 2024 – 773

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Auxiliary Reports – PRs:

Eudora:

Thank you for the Lunar New Year event. 80's Love song show and Broadway show (replacement of the Prom) event coming up. Performing in Snowball. Traveling to Ft Worth.

Reggie: Thank you again to Jeremy Green and Andrea Knight Michaels for helping with the American legion bingo last December. I have received word that the money presented to them will be used to blacktop the disabled parking area giving making the legion more accessible to disabled veterans. There is another legion bingo benefit in the works for possibly late June/ early July. There has also been discussion of the legion donating hall space for the bingo free of charge for the next bingo.

Feb 16th is the 80s ballads show. I have had a few people drop out so if there were anyone in the board that would like to perform just let me know as I will be working on the lineup next week. Also please email music to the garden asap.

All month of Feb is the 50/50 raffle benefitting the hospitality housewarming center in Waterloo. If anyone needs tickets let me know. I will be performing and co-emceeing the aloha beaches benefit show in March with Eva rose. Empress Andrea Knight Michaels and I will be attending the benefit for CAAP at studio 13 on March 8th. I am excited to represent the ICIA in Iowa City Attending the benefit show at the new Kings and Queens club in Sioux city on April 27th.

Old Business:

- 1) Jake – Google Drive. Deleted. Can create
- 2) Juanita – Strategic Planning. At the next board meeting. Joe Bennish Integrity Group.
- 3) Ida – Grant writing. Table to present BOD meeting.
- 5) BOD Ball – Theme, details, and deadlines for Board Member's Commands. Discussion ensues. Table for locations and Commands.

New Business:

- 1) CD matures on February 29, 2024. 20 day deadline. Take out the fund or move funds, talk with Lili.
- 2) Court members to stay for second show or leave after our event. Discussion.

Upcoming Board Meeting dates:

March 3, 2024 - Saddle

April 14, 2024 -Garden

The February BOD Meeting Minutes will be voted on at the March BOD Meeting

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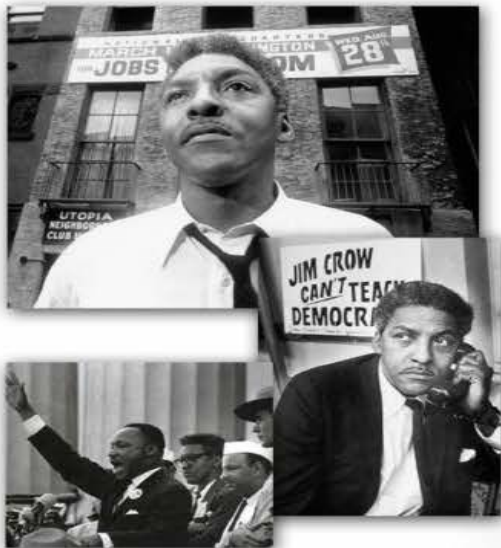
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