

Imperial Court Circular

The Court

"I never worry about diets. The only carrots that interest me are the number you get in a diamond."

Mae West
Sex goddess

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RUNWAY FOLLIES - A GLAMAZON REVIEW

It has just been announced that Bob Mackie will be the honorary chairman of our second annual World AIDS Day benefit! As a renowned costume and fashion designer, Mr. Mackie is a very appropriate person to be chairing this event. This year the court will be presenting a fashion show featuring the original designs of court members. Thank you Mr. Mackie for giving your support in the fight against AIDS.

The Eastern Regional Division of the Imperial Court System has decided to make a joint World AIDS Day Benefit an annual event. As you may remember last year the ten courts of the region chose the Tiajuana AIDS Project as the beneficiary of their joint fund raising efforts. This year the beneficiary will be Broadway Cares/ Equity Fights AIDS and Actors Fund of Canada/ Canadian Actors Equity Fights AIDS.

On World AIDS Day, December 1, 1996, the Imperial Court of New York will be putting on a fashion show featuring the original designs of our members. Many of the clothes that will be presented were designed for "drag" to be worn at "Night of A Thousand Gowns". The evening will be hosted by TMSIM Emperor VI Steven and Empress X Ran-Dee and the Master of Ceremonies for the fashion show will be John Burke better known as HIM Empress I Sybil the First. The evening will feature more than a parade of fabulous gowns. There will be a show of hats and jewelry, special performers, and a silent auction.

You will want to be sure to bring your check book. This auction will have gowns by Douglas Thompson of Toronto and our own Fred Frick, stunning jewelry by Larry Vrba, Robert Sorrell and David Mandel, gorgeous feather boas from American Plume & Fancy Feathers, and a fabulous make-up kit from Bob Kelly Studios. With more donations coming in every day, this is one auction you won't want to miss.

Remember, by decree of their Majesties, all members are required to attend. Further, everyone from their Majesties to the Lords and Ladies including all of the Designers, Models, and all other participants in the show will be required to pay the entry fee of twelve dollars. We want this to be the biggest possible fund raiser. So, bring a friend or two, your check book, your friends' check books and join us for an evening of glamour and fun while raising money for two great organizations at the same time.

See the enclosed flier for details.

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of the Imperial Court of New York



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To raise funds for Gay & Lesbian Community and social service organizations; to provide a safe, social environment for people with the same interest as those of the corporation; to create and promote positive Community awareness of the ideals of the Imperial Court System.

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The Executive Board of the Imperial Court of New York meets on the third Thursday of each month.

The General Membership meets on the first Wednesday of each month at The Center, 208 West 13th St. at 8:00pm.

A ROYAL FEAST A LA GRECQUE

by Tedi DeBare

On Saturday evening, November 9, 1996, a group of seven New York Imperial Court members attended a dinner and show at The Hartford Gay and Lesbian Community Center in Hartford, Ct. hosted by Emperor III, Savvas of the Imperial Court of Connecticut. Also in attendance was Empress I Jose, the Widow Norton, who was her usual jovial self. During dinner we were entertained most royally by a group of performers including our own Victoria Weston and Trixie DeLite (in rollers and lingerie). After the show, a plaque was presented to our Empress IX Philomena for her courage and perseverance. Ambassador Trixie DeLite was also presented with a certificate for her ambassadorial skills. After an assortment of Greek pastries the party moved nearby to the Chez Est for a show hosted by "Bambi Lee & Company". A gay time was had by all. &R

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

by Tori Adore

Hello everybody, this isn't Mrs. Norman Maine! (Sorry to disappoint all you Judy Garland fans out there.) This is your General Secretary reporting on the latest developments from the Board of Directors.

At a special meeting, the Board selected two beneficiaries for the 1997 Night of a Thousand Gowns. The Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center Capital Campaign Fund and the AmFAR AIDS/HIV Treatment Directory were chosen from the nominees proposed by the General Membership and the Board. Serious consideration was given to all the nominees, and your input is greatly appreciated. The list was narrowed down to five prospective beneficiaries who were invited to make their presentations to the Board on November 11. After the interviews the Board then considered and discussed each nominee and voted to name these two.

The Center has been our home for many years and the meeting place of 300 hundred other gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and AIDS organizations since 1983. The Capital Campaign was launched publicly at the Center's Garden Party in June 1995, and its purpose is to raise funds to renovate the 152 year old building and add a five story addition, thus doubling the space.

The Center's Capital Campaign allows the Imperial Court of New York to express our ongoing support for the Center, participate in its challenge grant program, and inspire other community organizations to show their monetary support for the Center that we all call "home."

The American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR), founded in 1985, is the

nation's leading nonprofit organization dedicated to the support of AIDS research. The AmFAR Treatment Directory is a comprehensive source of information on the latest treatments, medications, access to experimental protocols, patient assistance programs, drug manufacturers, and other resources for people living with AIDS and HIV. It is published biannually, and over 80% of the Treatment Directories are made available at no cost through organizations serving the AIDS community.

These were tough decisions to make, but I think you'll agree that the beneficiaries of the 1997 Night of A Thousand Gowns are ones of which we can all be proud. &R

COURT GOES GHOSTLY FOR HALLOWEEN

by Kitty Fouché

"It was the best of times. It was the worst of times." But any time when Bruce Monroe and David Mandel (Shonda Lear) get together, you



can't help but have a "fab-boo-los" time. Moocho thanks and accolades go to these two people who worked hard and coordinated well with New York's Gay & Lesbian Community Center's Dance Committee on another year of Halloween mayhem. Bruce and David, thanks for getting the ICNY involved with the Center's fund raising projects. Just how can you top yourselves year after year?? Such creativity.

If you missed this New York tradition, then let me tell you what you missed. In the "Boo-ty Shop of Horrors" Trixie DeLite, Jeremy, and Tedi DeBare were making over some pretty gruesome faces. Specially Tedi



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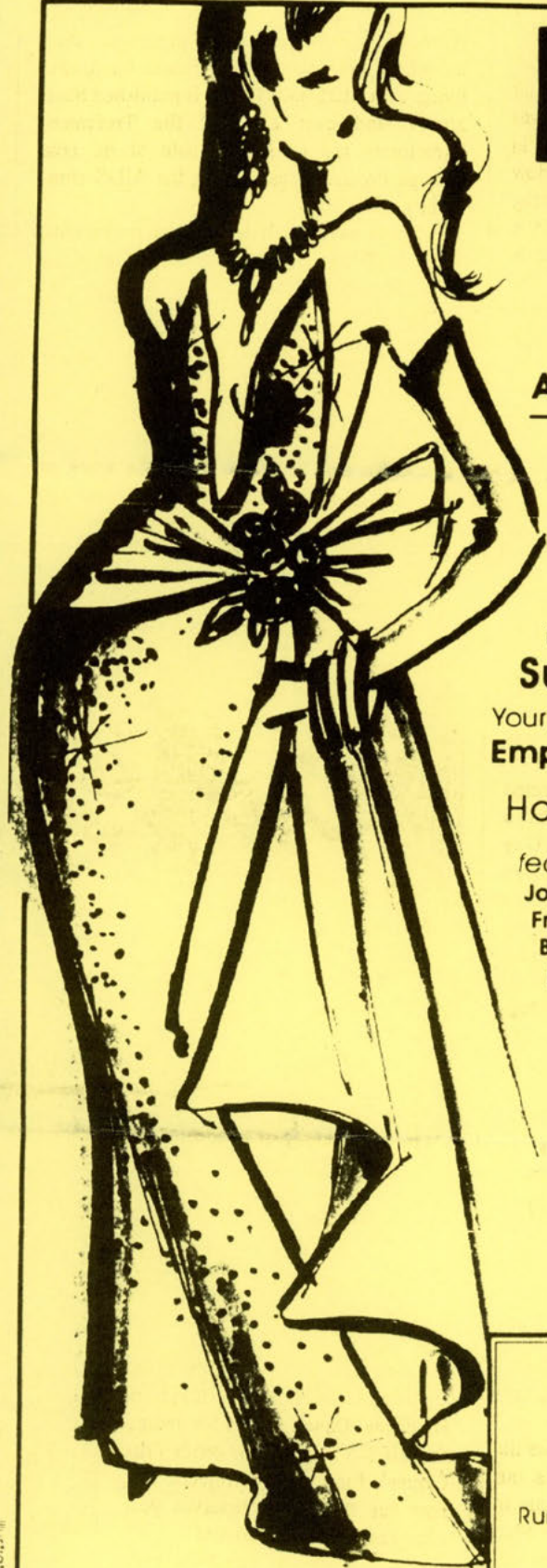


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with her fried hair and green tainted foundation. For a minute it looked as if Tedi was impersonating a pan of fried green tomatoes until she set me straight. "It took me hours to look like this," she says. "Honey, looks like you stayed in the fryer a bit to long!" I said.

Working in the "Banquet of Horrors" we saw Daisey Mae and Robert N. serving up some mean looking dishes. And speaking of mean looking dishes, should have checked out Victoria Weston. This is a twisted bitch folks! She was a cross between a twisted high school prom queen and Michael Jackson wearing a black leather straight jacket singing, "... (beat me), (beat me.) No one can defeat me." Girl, you messed up!

As Halloween tradition goes at the Center,



one of the focal highlights of the evening was the ICNY's Haunting Drag Show. Under the "ghostly" direction of Leeza Monet and Jacqueline Jonee' plus backstage coordination with Josephine Boner Parte, and Blaise Patrice the show was a huge "pumpkin" smash. Fanny Fondu and Zondra Foxx led the groovy goolies in the annual Halloween Costume

Contest. Capturing one of the prizes was our very own Anne Tique dressed as Cruella DeVille from 101 Dalmatians. Of course Anne we know you couldn't keep all those dogs to yourself, you had

a little help from your Robin Hood hubby, Ron. Officiating as judges for the contest were our very own Empress Ran-Dee and Emperor Steven.

Spotted at the party were Dina Dynell, radiating glamour; Billy Little who did some Donna Summer on the dance floor; Tori Adore who did volunteer coordination as a hula dancer (girl, what you got up that grass hut of yours?); Diva D., Rose Levine, that enchanter and Michael Fitzgerald; Fiona James and all her flesh; Nana after the fall; Wolfgang von Bush; Alejandra; R. J.; Delta La Manns and hubby, Larry; Charlene Chivoe; and ICPR Tomas performing as Sonny Bono. Serving up mad potions of libations were ICPR Gianna (also performed as Cher); Amanda Mackie. And of course, the talk of the evening, Grant in chaps and jockstrap. Grant, did anyone tell you about the pimple on your ass? Need to wash better girl! And of course your author who was ship-to-shore as a pirate. Also need to mention two Torontonians who helped the court as well, Steven who helped backstage and Glenn who helped sell drink tickets.

Enough can't be said for this event. We all look forward to a New York Center Halloween party, specially if Bruce and David have anything to do with it. Again, great job guys and thanks to all the Court volunteers and patrons. See you again next year! *AK*

TOYS FOR TOTS

A reminder to the membership that Robert Quinn will be collecting new, unwrapped toys at the December meeting. Your donations will go to the Child Life Program at St. Lukes-Roosevelt Hospital Center/Department of Pediatrics for ages 0-18. Last year the Court's donation was the largest ever - let's see if we can't top our own record. Please remember to bring your toy to the next meeting and help make this holiday a memorable one for someone less fortunate. *AK*

WE GO TO PIECES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

by Kitty Fouché

Through the generosity of Pieces (8 Christopher Street), a local watering hole landmark in Greenwich Village's golden triangle of Stonewall and The Monster; the Imperial Court of New York will be this years beneficiary at their annual "Twelve Drags of Christmas" benefit show on Wednesday, December 11 at 10:30 PM. Pieces' "Twelve Drags of Christmas Show" was created by our very own court members Anne Tique and Vesta Beuhl some years back. The tradition continues as the house Grand Dame (and recently dubbed Countess of Fort Lee by our TMISM's Empress Ran-Dee and Emperor Steven) Big Blanche plans for the only drag-tag holiday event of the year.

Co-producing the show are your authoress, Kitty Fouché and Anne Tique. The show promises to be hilarious and quite entertaining. Why I'll

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even spill the beans and tell you that I will make an appearance as Mimi from the Drew Carey Show singing "Nuttin for Christmas." Featured performers from the court and some regular house performers from Pieces will comprise the line up. Speaking of line up, you don't want to be late because the bar promises to be packed with holiday wishers. Remember, Wednesday, December 11 at 10:30, Pieces, 8 Christopher Street. Bring lots of singles for we intend to dance for \$\$'s. *AK*

FAST TIMES WITH FAST-FOOD

by Kitty Fouché

Ever been in a hurry but haven't had a thing to eat since 10:30 this morning and it's now 11:02 AM? Well, I have, specially running uptown/downtown chasing fabric trucks looking for sequined covered stretch zebra print fabric. (I hear animal prints will be the rage this coronation!) Sometimes, when a girl is on a mission she simply forgets to provide for herself nutritiously and will eat the first thing walking down Chelsea's Eighth Ave restaurant row. (I hear the meat is very lean here!). Fortunately

I have come to the rescue with hunger saving tips.

Pamela M. Smith's, RD, Eat Well Live Well by Creation House, says, "Just say no to sauces: It's the mayonnaise, special sauces and sour cream that triple the fat, sodium and calories in fast foods." Honey, I don't know about you, but I can't go without my mayo! I put mayo on just about everything I put in my mouth, well, just about everything!

Pammy lists some fast-food choices that allow the muscle toned, calorie counting fiend to stay on any diet. Since I'm the greatest connoisseur of fast-food menus east of New Orleans, and can quote price, combo package, and value meal, I agree with some of her choices. Let me list our recommendations:

Burger King

DK. Broiler Chicken Sandwich (w/o ranch dressing or mayo)

Hamburger Deluxe (no mayo)--for women

Whopper (no mayo)--for men

McDonald's

Chunky Chicken Salad (with your crackers for carbohydrate)

Hamburger (small)

McLean Deluxe Sandwich (no mayo)

Wendy's

Baked Potato (plain, w/o cheese; get with chili instead)

Grilled Chicken Sandwich (w/o honey mustard sauce)

Jr. Hamburger (no mayo)

Salad Bar (use raw vegetables and avoid the potato and macaroni salads)

Taco Bell

Soft Taco

Taco

Tostada With Red Sauce

Although, boys and girls, we know that eating vegetables will make us healthier every day; give me a side of broccoli and cheese with my double beef whopper but hold the ketchup, I'm on a diet! Next month, all about pasta. *AK*

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
7:00 PM - WORLD AIDS DAY - Runway Follies @ The Web, 40 E. 58 St., \$12., - Steven or Rande	2	3	8:00 PM - General Membership Meeting @ the Center.	5	6 HANUKKAH BEGINS	Journal Photo Shoot Fred Frick
Journal Photo Shoot Fred Frick	9	10	10:00 PM - 12 DRAGS OF CHRISTMAS @ Pieces, 8 Christopher St., - Kitty	12	13 HANUKKAH ENDS	1:00 - 5:00 PM - SAGE Holiday Party @ F.I.T. - Dom Tolipani Journal Photo Shoot Fred Frick
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Gay Men's Chorus - Victor Grosetti	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27	28
1:40 PM - EVITA the movie @ SONY Theatre, B'way & 68 St., \$8.50 - Dom Tolipani	30	31 HAPPY NEW'S EVE	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY 1997	2	3	4

UP-COMING EVENTS:

January 8, 1997 - 8:00 - General Membership Meeting @ the Center

January 17, 1997 - 8:30 - 12:00 midnight - ICNY Holiday Party and Dinner @ 24 Fifth Avenue - Semi-formal - Tom DeConza