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Panzi Takes It All Off For Charity!

Imperial Court of New York a hit in Dallas!

• by Marquess Eddie LaRosa

Empress Panzi led the troops to Dallas for the celebration of their 24th Coronation. According to all accounts, a good time was had by all. The new monarchs, Empress XXIV Rusti Williams, the Crystal Angel of Love and Emperor XXIV John Terrill, The Emerald Hourglass Delphi, welcomed us with a big ole "Texas howdy!" Rumor has it that the men of the court have an aversion to underwear and will tear it off anyone found wearing it. Right, Veronica?



A highlight of the weekend was the impromptu charity fundraising by outgoing Dallas Empress Donna Dumae. She was challenged to shave her head if a thousand dollars were raised for the Tijuana AIDS Project. It was, and the Empress was shaved. Then, from the floor, a clamor was raised for Panzi to shave her head. She consented to this if an additional five hundred dollars were raised. According to all reports, the New York contingent lead the charge! Empress Panzi was glad to make the sacrifice as the Empress of Rio

Tijuana! We have the Dallas Hospitality Committee to thank for this venture in beauty adornment.

Our dear Mamá performed at the Out-of-Town show to the audience's delight. In fact they had to do the number three times so she could greet all her well-wishers! She also had the audience sing happy birthday to our Imperial Crown Prince, Chet. Panzi won the Big Hair contest with a wig that left dozens of bald drag queens crying.



In other news, Empress VII Coco la Chine received an Emperor to Past Empress Award; Empress Panzi received an Empress to Empress and an Emperor to Empress Award; and Empress VIII Billy Ann received the Crystal Fabregé Award from Empress Donna Dumae. Additionally,

Empress Panzi was named Sister Empress to Empress Summer and Emperor William was named brother Emperor to Emperor Todd both of San Diego. Finally, the Rhode Island Court

Northern Exposure

by HMISM Empress XII Panzi

In the little town of White River Junction, which is located in the middle of Vermont, magic happened on the night of November 7th. The East Coast invaded this mountain territory. The

Imperial Court of New York along with the Courts of Connecticut and Rhode Island and the Barony of Boston created a full-fledged *Las Vegas Show!* As you can tell from the photo, there was glamour left and right to the locals' delight. Joining Empress Panzi and the New York crowd were Baroness I Amanda Arpel of *Continued on Page 2*



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The Executive Board of the Imperial Court of New York meets on the second Wednesday of each month.

The General Membership meets on the first Wednesday of each month at The Center, 1 Little West 12th St. at 8:00pm.

Boston, Empress Stella of Connecticut and Empress Jazzmine Taylor of Rhode Island. This sell out show of over 400 people, the entire town, was at the American Legion. The bartenders battled for the right to work that night as they knew it would be the biggest night of the year.

This fundraiser for ACORN, the AIDS Community Resource Network, raised over \$7,000. Needless to say, we are invited back next year and we will return! Phew! It was worth all the work and the trip!

An Editorial: Organize for Justice

by Michael Weyand, Editor

If you were at the Matthew Shepard Vigil on October 19th and saw the police brutality it will stay with you for a long time. If you are upset by this police riot there is something you can do. Call Chris Goeken at the NYC Anti-Violence Project. His phone number is 212/714-1184. He is coordinating with the ACLU to do a mass filing with the Citizens Community Review Board regarding the police misconduct. If you saw the mounted police charge the crowd or the motorcycle police run into the sidewalk as we peacefully marched, report it. We deserve justice and we must take a stand. Do it for Matthew and do it for yourself!

World AIDS Day Fundraiser- Panzi and Philomena's Holiday Cabaret

by Empress IX Philomena

Following up on their previous cabaret successes, *Panzi and Philomena's Holiday Cabaret* will be presented on Tuesday, December 15 at 8:00 p.m. As a Special Guest, they will present the song styling of our very own chanteuse, Brini Maxwell. (Be sure to catch "The Brini Maxwell Holiday Special" on cable TV this month, a musical spectacular starring Brini, and featuring Empress Panzi as the irrepressible next door neighbor, Maryellen MacGillicuddy, and Philomena giving her

brand of advice for Surviving the Holidays!)

Also appearing at the Triad will be Baby Jane Dexter, cabaret queen and recording artist. Baby Jane holds the record for number of weeks held over at Eighty Eight's Cabaret Room, has several CDs currently on the market, and is renowned for performing in the biggest cabaret rooms, and for gracing cabaret conventions and blues festivals across the country.

This production is part of the commitment of the member Courts of the East Coast Conference to produce an event to benefit a food service organization in each of their communities in recognition of World AIDS Day. The Momentum Project will be the beneficiary of ICNY's cabaret event. Momentum was founded in 1985, and provides communal meals and supportive counseling services to New Yorkers with HIV/AIDS and their families. They provide family style meals at specific sites throughout NYC, as well as "take home" grocery bags, clothing, social work services, counseling and client advocacy.

The evening's festivities promise some beautiful music, some beautiful dresses — and some good, old fashioned fun. Donations are \$15, with a \$10 cover charge.

The Triad, 158 West 72nd Street. For reservations, call: 212-799-4599.

The 12 Drags of Xmas!! (Drag Never Takes a Holiday!!!)

by Prince Royal Gary Cosgrove

The 12 Drags of Xmas is an Annual Holiday event conceived several years ago by our own Imperial Crown Princess Anne Tique. After losing our usual venue for this much anticipated Holiday Extravaganza, it was shelved until Prince Royale Gabriel Della Notte and then Princess Royale Anne Tique gave the annual fete CPR and produced a SMASH hit last year at the fabulous club, MOTHER'S, down in the meat pack-





ing district on west 14th St. Club owners Chi Chi Valenta and famed DJ Johnny Dynnell have welcomed us back with open arms expecting no less than the drama and excitement caused by last years show stopping Finale!! Can the return of the Partridge

Family ever be topped??? If you come out you'll find out! This year, on Saturday, December 12 at precisely 8:30 p.m., the curtain will go up on the 1998 Christmas Holiday Spectacular hosted by none other than ICP Anne Tique and The Dark Prince Royale Gabriel Della Notte. This years' event boasts several new members and some celebrated Courtiers not recently seen at Christmas time. Expect the unexpected!! This year's show will benefit Camp Viva, a summer camp for families with AIDS in Westchester County. Donation will be \$10.00 and doors open at 8:00 p.m. We can only hope that the entire membership can come out and support this most fun evening of Holiday cheer!! So get your Jingle Bells out and we'll see you Saturday, December 12!!



or fettuccine with shrimps and scallops. Dessert was ice cream or flan.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of titles and elevations to the following court members: Jacqueline Jonée was named a cousin to the Emerald Empire and Princess Royale Shonda Lear was named Joaillier to the Emerald Empire; Baron Walter, Chief Cook and Bottle Washer; Baroness Veronica La Vie en Rose; Viscountess Sophia Antoinette; Viscountess Viva Sexx; Viscountess Darlana Stevens; Viscount Jacques Strapp; Viscount Craig; Marchioness Freeta Chews; Marchioness Angela Mercy; Great Aunt B, The Duchess; Duke Robert; and Princess DaisyMae.

It was an evening filled with good food, good friends and lots of fun and door prizes contributed by Richard Iorio, John Monge, Bobsie Colon and Tom De Conza. A good time was had by all. Special thanks to Bob Nowak and Michael Weyand for their contact with the owner of Raymond's Café and my cashier, Bella.

Other elevations presented at the November meeting were: Viscountess Babs Crystal de Cantor, Viscountess Margaux Chateau, Grand Countess Brandy, Viscountess Clover Welsh and Marquess Steven.

New Members' Dinner

By Emperor Tomás

The New Members' Dinner was held on Sunday, November 1, at Raymond's Café. New members of The Court, John De Marco, Peter Duffy, Michael Greiss, Gary Hart Michener, Paul Orlando, Clemente Palompelli, Damion Phillips, Seborn Ragsdale, Alex Viaggio and Ed Werfleman were presented to the reigning Monarchs, T. M. I. S. M., William and Panzi. We were honored to have present H.I.M. Empress I José, The Widow Norton. Other dignitaries attending were Empress I of New York, Sybil, Empress VIII Billie Ann Miller, Empress IX Philomena, Emperor VII Tomás, Imperial Crown Prince Royale Chet and Imperial Crown Princess Royale Anne Tique. More than 50 members of The Court dined on either Cornish hen, roast duck, grilled salmon

A Paid Political Announcement
not officially endorsed by the Imperial Court

Tell the 106th Congress to Pass the Hate Crimes Bill NOW!

People from around the U.S. are coming to Washington on Wednesday, January 6, 1999 to personally lobby the 106th Congress on its opening day for the enactment of federal hate crimes legislation.

Will you be there?

For more information visit <http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/2047/march.html> or e-mail lobby-congress@hotmail.com This is a grassroots effort launched by people on the Internet.

Join Empress Panzi and other friends in lobbying for this most important legislation. If you cannot be there, write your representatives immediately telling them that this legislation **MUST** be passed!

As Mamá says, if we don't act together, they'll hang us one by one!

This ad paid for by Michael Weyand, Thom Hansen and Clover Welsh.

Correction

Due to a production error, in the last issue, the address of The Golden Pheasant Inn, was omitted. It is at 763 River Road - Rt.32, (About 5 miles south of the Frenchtown Bridge 13 miles north of New Hope) Erwinna, PA 18920, 610-294-9595, Major credit cards, Reservations suggested.

Ruby Rims & Friends For Teddycare

by Babs and Carol

For the third year in a row, a remarkable drag queen, Ruby Rims, formerly the weekend hostess at The Oaks Restaurant and piano bar on Grove Street, but now a Friday fixture at Eighty Eight's Piano Bar, assembles a stellar cast for *Teddycare*, the Christmas Teddycare Drive for Hospitalized children. The tradition continues with two shows every Saturday night in December, at 8:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M.. Each show features eight to ten performers plus Ruby.

Highlighting the December 5th show at 8:00 P.M. is Julie Wilson, a marvelous dramatic singer who absolutely adores drag queens and transgendered ladies. She, for good reason, seems to have a mutual admiration society with the "Gals" of the Imperial Court! The 11:00 P.M. show includes Jerry Scott, whose music we certainly remember from the Bar Peoples' Ball at the Copacabana. The December 12th 8:00 P.M. show includes Natalie Douglas, a young woman with a sweet yet powerful voice that we so enjoyed at the Oaks. Karen Mason, who drew raves on Broadway in "Sunset Boulevard" will be singing on the 19th at 11:00 P.M.

On Saturday the 26th, the day after Christmas, are the Drag Shows. Both the 8:00 P.M. and the 11:00 P.M. shows will be identical. This year three members of the Imperial Court, Jacqueline Jonée, Diva, and Victoria Weston will be performing in this glittering talent fest, presumably in their Holiday finest! Jacqueline, who has been called a "Victor Borge in drag," tickles the ivories and your funny bone! Diva provides the evening with culture and reflection for the Holidays. Victoria, the former Miss New York City, who was just feted at NYC's Beaux Arts Ball by the "Artsy Set", is always a pleasure to the eyes and ears.

James Beaman (Marlene Dietrich or Lauren Bacall), Flotilla DeBarge (I don't know her, but she has her own "dish" at LIPS), Tommy Femia (Judy Garland), Varla Jean Merman (Claims she is related to Ethel, she took Philadelphia by storm some years ago),

Keep in Touch!

Deadline for the next issue of the Newsletter is December 15th. Please submit articles either on diskette or via e-mail in ASCII (text) format only. We can scan photos or incorporate graphic files. Call me at 212/208-1691 or 212/989-8113 if you have a submission or questions. You can e-mail the articles to **ICNYDAISY@AOL.COM**

Thank you! Michael Weyand, Editor

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SAGE Xmas PartyDec.12, 1998Binsky's at FIT
12 Drags of ChristmasDec. 12, 1998MOTHER
Bailey House Xmas PartyDec. 13, 1998Bailey House
Panzi&Philomena at TRIADDec. 15, 1998TRIAD
(with Brini Maxwell and Baby Jane Dexter)
NYC Gay Men's ChorusDec. 21, 1998Carnegie Hall
Holiday PartyJan. 15, 199924 Fifth Avenue
Ballroom

For inclusion in upcoming calendars
contact Secretary Baroness Witti Repartee, at
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Bryan Murphy (direct from England), and Richard Skipper (he is Carol Channing) join Ruby and our own "Trio of Lovelies" for what should be a wonderful evening of entertainment, glitz, glitter, and holiday sprit!

For all performances there is a \$20.00 music charge OR 1 TEDDYBEAR plus \$5.00. There is a two drink minimum. The cash proceeds will benefit the "Village Center For Care Aids Treatment Program". Make your reservations early! Eighty Eight's, (a Gender Friendly place anytime), 228 West 10th Street, Greenwich Village, 212-924-0088, No credit cards.

FYI...we'll be at the 8:00 P.M. show on the 26th.

You Ought to Be In Pictures

by Princess DaisyMae

Please submit your photos of Court events for the Journal as soon as possible. We can take either a print, or if you have it in a .TIF or .JPG file on diskette, or e-mail it to [REDACTED]@aol.com. If you have questions, feel free to call either Bob or myself and we'll be glad to answer your questions. Here's looking at you kid!

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