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“Hot Havana Nights”

The 2006 Masked Ball “**Hot Havana Nights**” will be held on August 25th at the beautiful and historic Crystal Ballroom at The Rice in Houston. For more information contact Kelly Perusse, Center Manager @ 281.485.1987 or Lisa Vitale, 2006 Masked Ball Chair @ 281.507.9041

**2006 Pearl and Neighborhood Center
 King & Queen Candidates**

Pictured from left to right:

Woody Owens, Nita Christian, Keith Schaffer
 Yvonne Grayson, Chris Lesak & Brenda Sullivan





PRESIDENT'S CORNER



**PNC President
Judy Island**

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK ALL OF THIS YEARS KING AND QUEEN CANDIDATES FOR THE HARD WORK THAT THEY HAVE PUT INTO THE 2006 CAMPAIGN. THE PEARLAND NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER BOARD IS VERY AWARE OF HOW MUCH WORK RUNNING FOR KING OR QUEEN CAN BE. YOU ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

EACH YEAR THE CANDIDATES SURPRISE US WITH NEW FUNDRAISING IDEAS. THIS YEAR HAS BEEN NO DIFFERENT. WITH THE VARIETY OF EVENTS, EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND AN EVENT THAT INTERESTS THEM. WE HAVE ENJOYED MANY PARTIES. THERE HAVE BEEN POKER PARTIES, PAJAMA PARTIES, POOL PARTIES, CRAWFISH BOILS, ART & WINE TASTING PARTIES AND FIFTIES PARTIES, JUST TO NAME A FEW.

THE MASKED BALL IS THE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER'S ONLY MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENT THIS YEAR. THE SUCCESS OF THE BALL DIRECTLY EFFECTS THE NUMBER OF SERVICES WE WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY. YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS EVENT IS GREATLY NEEDED AND APPRECIATED. IF YOU HAVE NEVER ATTENDED THE BALL, YOU ARE DEFINITELY MISSING OUT ON A GREAT NIGHT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND CALL THE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER TO GET ON THE MAILING LIST TO RECEIVE YOUR INVITATION. I HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

AUCTION ITEMS ARE BEING ACCEPTED TO SUPPORT THE SILENT & LIVE AUCTIONS.

HERE'S WHAT WE DO AT PNC

The Pearland Neighborhood Center, also known as PNC, is Pearland's only multi-service facility. Established in 1987, its mission statement is "to provide a foundation of effective services and responsive programs to facilitate the development of individuals and families". PNC facilitates services from many different agencies. In partnership with PNC the following agencies provide various programs and services to the community:

- United Way
- Youth and Family Counseling
- Brazoria County Welfare Dept.
- Lone Star Legal Aide
- Braz. Co. Community Dev. & Welfare
- U.S. Marine Corp - Toys for Tots
- Pearland Service Organizations
- Partners for Pearland
- The Women's Center
- Texas Work Source
- Depelchin's Children Center
- Head Start
- Pearland Police Department
- Pearland I.S.D.

The services that PNC offers with the help of these agencies include:

- Information & Referral Services
- Food & Baby Pantry
- Bread Pantry
- Santa's Helpers
- Medical & Prescription Assistance
- School Supplies Vouchers
- Continuing Education Scholarships
- Senior Employment Program
- English as a Second Language Course
- Emergency Assistance
- Pearland Forum
- Share Your Holidays
- Disaster Relief
- School Clothing Vouchers
- GED Scholarships
- Utility Assistance
- Basic Household Vouchers

ESL CLASS

Our ongoing ESL Class is entering it's fifth level. During this session, students will be mastering the Reading Skills in preparation for the GED. The students will be meeting twice a week for 10 weeks.

We are very proud of the commitment that these students have made to gaining empowerment through education.

SCHOOL VOUCHERS

PNC WORKS THROUGH A RELATIONSHIP WITH **PARTNERS FOR PEARLAND** TO PROVIDE SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND CLOTHING TO OVER 200 CHILDREN EACH YEAR. QUALIFYING FAMILIES CAN RECEIVE VOUCHERS TO BE REDEEMED AT SUPER TARGET HERE IN PEARLAND. THE VOUCHERS ARE SPECIFICALLY TO BE USED TO PURCHASE SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND SCHOOL UNIFORMS. OTHER ITEMS CANNOT BE PURCHASED WITH THE VOUCHERS.

PARTNERS FOR PEARLAND IS A LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION COMMITTED TO HELPING CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS ORGANIZATION CALL MICKEY OWENS @ 281.996.0700



MEET THE CANDIDATES

Take a moment to get to know the 2006 King and Queen candidates. All six of our candidates have unique talents and gifts to offer our community. One thing they all have in common is a desire to serve others



NITA CHRISTIAN started out in Pensacola, Florida taking a detour through Atlanta, Georgia and finally making her way to Texas in 1970. She married Texan, Ray Christian, who has been a successful grocer, wine importer, and currently owner of Truck Equipment Marketing. Nita has worked in Pearland for 10 years with R. West Development Co., Inc. assisting with real estate development in the Pearland area. She is on the Board of Directors of Forgotten Angels, Inc., where she holds the position of Secretary. Nita also serves as a Director for

Help Feed Texas Hungry. Nita agreed to be a queen candidate because she is familiar with the PNC and contribution that the center makes for those less fortunate and would like to not only raise funds for the center but to also raise the community's awareness of the great job that the PNC is doing. Her campaign for queen began with a Champagne Picnic, then Salsa with Nita, a wine tasting, and was topped of with a Fabulous 50's Party.

YVONNE GRAYSON has lived in Pearland since she was 10 years old. She and her twin brother John are 1984 Pearland High School Graduates. Yvonne received her BBA from University of Houston Clear Lake. She has always been in sales and marketing and is currently a sales representative for Chicago Title Insurance Company. Yvonne and her two sons, Cody and Cory, attend New Hope Church and both boys play baseball at the Dad's Club. She is an active member and ambassador with the Pearland Chamber of Commerce and a member



of the Pearland Rotary. Yvonne agreed to be a queen candidate because of her love for Pearland, her love for people, and her appreciation of the small town atmosphere that Pearland still obtains in spite of its tremendous growth. Yvonne's campaign for has been an exciting one with her Death by Chocolate Party, Margaritas by the Pool, and her Carnival Cruise Raffle. The fun isn't over yet. She will be hosting a Poker Party later this month.



BRENDA SULLIVAN is a native Galvestonian and moved to Pearland in 1984. Brenda attended Clear Creek H.S.. She has taken courses in floral education and was formerly a Green Leaf Wholesale florist. Brenda is currently the owner of Branching Out Flowers and Gifts in Pearland. Brenda is a board member for the Telefloral Lone Star Unit, a member of Houston Allied Floral Association, and a board member of the Pearland Rotary 288 Corridor. Brenda has 3 children, Melinda 26, Eric 24, and Randy 20. She also has 2 grandchildren Tay-

lor 9 and Brionna 6. She was a member of the Pearland Little League Mother's Club for 9 years. While working for Strickland Chevrolet, she helped organize "Bids for Kids" with the Boys and Girls Softball Leagues. Every year "Bids for Kids" raised over \$20,000 to help the Dad's Club provide a good safe place to play ball. Brenda's campaign started off with a P. J.'s and Poker Night then a Bar-B-Que and Auction at the Texas Corral.

CHRIS LESAK is a long time resident of the Pearland area for 15 years. He is a local Real Estate Professional and has worked for Pat Griffin Realty for 3 years. Chris believes very strongly in giving back to the community and helping those in need. Chris conducts extensive amounts of volunteer work at Sagemont Church, where he has been a member for 3 years. He became a very active volunteer with the Pearland Neighborhood Center last year when tragedy struck our Louisiana friends. Chris was key in the success of the Pearland Neighborhood Center's Katrina Relief Effort. After unselfishly giving the center and those in need immeasurable amounts of his time, energy, skills, and compassion, he didn't hesitate to keep right on helping when Rita stormed through. Chris then continued his volunteer work with the PNC through the holidays helping with the PNC's Share Your Holiday Food Drive and Santa's Helpers. Chris was named PNC's "2005 Volunteer of the Year."



WOODY OWENS is always ready to support Pearland charities. Woody has called Pearland home for the past 16 years with his wife, Diane, of 35 years. They have two grown children Shannon Michael and Stephanie Cheri, both live and work in Houston. But, their two babies keep them company at home, Chloe and Max, who made their doggy debut in the 2005 Pearland Calendar. Woody attended Alvin Community College where he earned his Associates Degree in Management. He also received a B.A. in Public Admin. from U of H

and has 78 hours of Management Training with the American Management Association. Woody currently serves on the Board of Directors for Capital Bank and Forgotten Angels. He is also on the Texas Public Works Association Board of Trustees, Brazoria Co. Day Committee, Brazoria Co. Leukemia Golf Tournament Committee and Pearland City Council. Woody is the owner of Genesis Consulting in Pearland providing strategic consulting services.

KEITH SHAFFER is a native Houstonian and has been in Pearland for the past 6 years. His wife, Jennifer wanted to move here so that their two children, Andrew 11 and Camille 6, could attend Pearland's great schools. Keith has received an extensive education from Houston Community College, San Jacinto College, and University of Houston and is currently pursuing his Certified Lender/Business Banker designation through the American Institute of Banking. He is now the Vice President and Banking Center Manager for Prosperity Bank in Angleton. Keith



is an active member of the Pearland Chamber of Commerce and is serving on the Advisory Board for the PHS Academy of Finance. Previously, he has been involved with Junior Achievement and Credit Coalition of Harris County. Keith attends New Hope Church with his family and has a passion for golf, woodworking, cooking, fishing, and physical fitness. Keith agreed to be a King candidate because he feels that the PNC provides much needed support for Pearland area families that need a helping hand.



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STATISTICS

Number of individuals or units of service by each PNC program during the 2006 fiscal year as reported to the United Way.

Information & Referral 6893	Food Pantry 3978
Santa's Helpers 1158	Baby Pantry 571
ESL & GED Scholarships 73	Bread Pantry 1372
Emergency Assistance 391	Medical Assistance 18
School Supplies/Uniforms 265	Utility Assistance 227

Upcoming Events

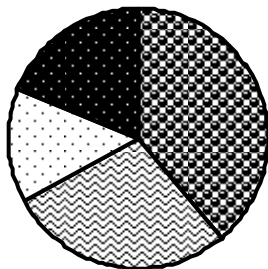
Now through August 25th various parties and events to support our 2006 Candidates

Masked Ball - August 25th
Crystal Ballroom - Rice Lofts
6:30 - Cocktails & Silent Auction
8:00 - Dinner & Dancing

Santa's Helpers & Share Your Holidays are rapidly approaching

FUNDING

Pie chart represents total percentage of Pearland Neighborhood Center's overall funding in fiscal year 2006.



- Fundraising
- United Way Contributions
- Other Organizations
- Private Donor Designations

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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