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Easter Grand Marshals XII
Elizabeth Bouvier &
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Sat., April 16th • 8-10pm • \$5 Donation
benefiting Food For Friends

Buffet • Raffles • Prizes • Spotlight Entertainment

Auctions: Bunny Basket, Purple Fleur de Lis
Crown Egg, Pink Gay Bunny w/Matching Purse,
Mermaid Egg, 2 Lace Purses,
Floral Easter Arrangement w/Bunny Vase

Celebrating Chuck & Bill's 40th Anniversary

Honoring Easter Grand Marshals XII

Elizabeth Bouvier & Gary Vandeventer

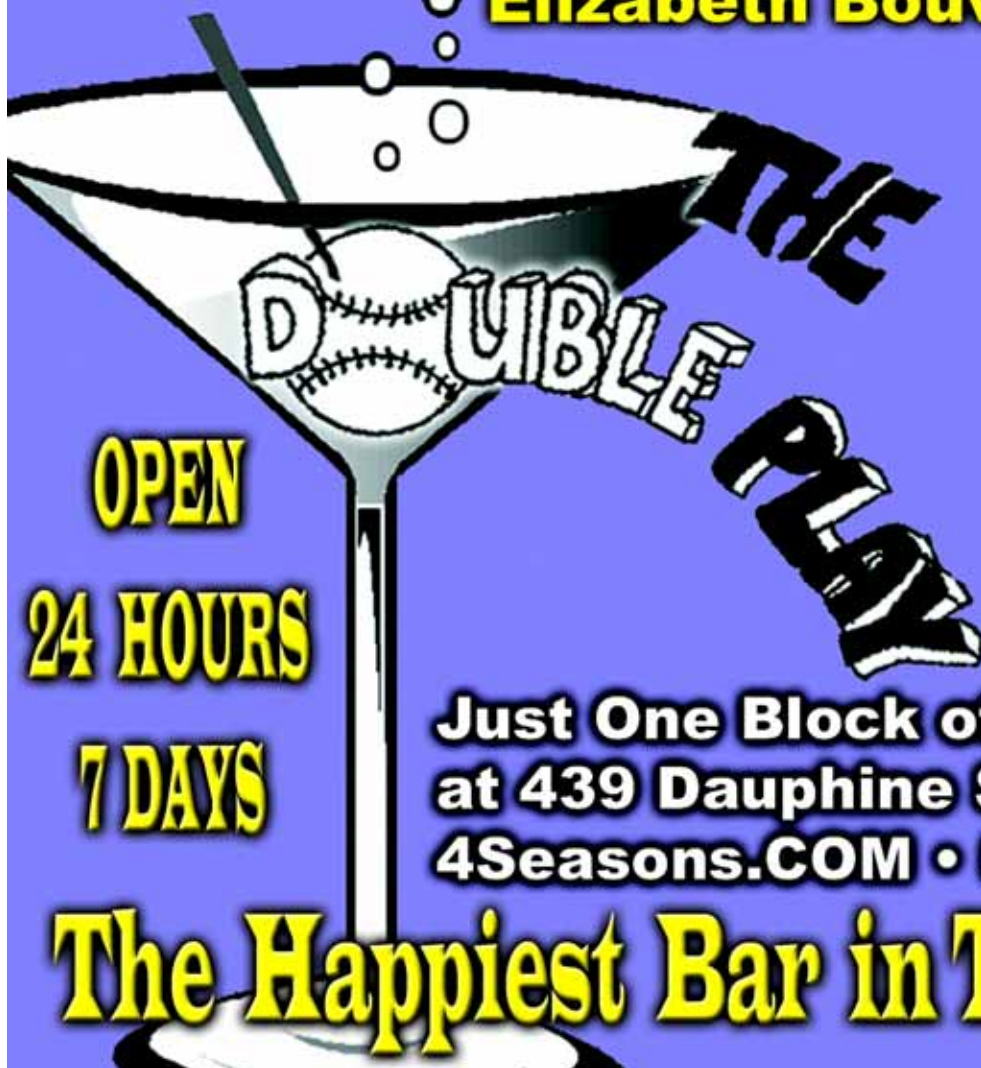


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Gay Easter Parade's Pink Party/Eggstravaganza Raises \$1,422, Drag Extravaganza Raises \$3,860; Up Next Purple Party April 16 & Bunnies In The Big Easy April 22

The 3rd Annual Pink Party/Eggstravaganza hosted at Billy's in Slidell brought in \$1,422 for the 12th Gay Easter Parade. Parade revenues minus expenses benefits Food For Friends, a vital program of the NO/AIDS Task Force. Under the direction of GEP Board-member and Easter Grand Marshal VII Opal Masters, the event boasted great entertainment, raffles, auctions and buffet courtesy of Billy's.

Moneys raised included \$438-stage performance tips, \$170-door, \$162-egg raffles, \$56-50/50 raffle plus \$56 donated back from raffle winner JohnPaul's John Vignone, \$130-Bunny Basket Auction from Rhonda Roget, \$75 Necklace Auction from Elizabeth Bouvier, \$55-Action Bunny Auction from Rip Naquin-Delain, \$30-Retro Clock Auction from Chuck Turner, and a \$250 Silver Sponsorship from Big Mama.

Special thanks to all who helped make this great evening a success including Chuck Turner, Bill Miller and the Billy's Staff; and entertainers including EGMs XII Gary Vandeventer and Elizabeth Bouvier, EGM VII Opal Masters, Big Mama, EGM V Princesse Stephaney, Rhonda Roget, Amon-Ra's Miss America Deja Deja-Vue', Georgeanna Belle, Jay Cooper and Gizelle Bouvier.

The 10th Super Star-Studded Drag Extravaganza & Auction, under the direction of GEP Board's Rip and Marsha Naquin-Delain, brought in another \$3,860 at JohnPaul's in New Orleans. The auctions went incredibly well with Bunny Easter Basket worth \$1,000 raising \$850 from Mona Lisa's Michael Ducote and Doug Minich, "Man I Feel Like A Woman" Put Gary Vandeventer in Drag raising \$853 (with \$135-take that dress off from Ron, \$40-blush & makeup from Dale, \$80-lipstick from Mona Lisa's Michael Ducote and Doug Minich, \$25-hairline from Queen Amon-Ra XLVI Tami Tarmac, \$60-eyelashes from Gene's Poboys' Gene Theriot, \$30-earrings from EGM IX Safonda Peters, \$60-pantyhose from Cam, \$50 wig from Lord Consort XXVIII Pat Johnson, \$50-put that dress back on from Lord King & Consort XXVIII Ben Bourgeois and Pat Johnson, \$90-name that queen Nellie Edna from Rip Naquin-Delain, \$40-song from Lee Worrells, \$60-shoes from Queen Petronius L Bootsie DeVille, and \$134-song performance tips), Faux Faberge' Musical Bouquet Egg raising \$170 from EGM VIII Michael Elias, Giant Floral Arrangement raising \$270 from Gene's Poboys' Gene Theriot, and Pink Brocade Lace Purse raising \$180 from Gene's Poboys' Gene Theriot. Another \$640 came from the door, \$596 from stage performance tips, \$30 donation from Salon Versailles, \$20 from the boy auction, and \$250 Silver Sponsorship from Wood Enterprises.

Emceed by GEP Board's Tony Leggio and Opal Masters, this show brought the talents of EGMs XII Gary Vandeventer and Elizabeth Bouvier, Queen Amon-Ra XLVI Tami Tarmac, Queen Petronius L Bootsie DeVille, Queen Satyricon IX Sadie Sheperd, Lord Consort XXVIII Pat Johnson plus King Cake Queens IX Lisa Beaumann, X Teryl-Lynn Foxx, XIII Raven Kennedy, XIV Princesse Stephaney, XV Marsha Naquin-Delain, and XVII Opal Masters.

The next fundraiser is the 12th Purple Party Easter Grand Marshals Reception & Auction on Saturday, April 16th, 8-10pm, \$5 donation, at Double Play, 439 Dauphine in New Orleans. The event celebrates bar owner's Chuck Turner and Bill Miller's 40th Anniversary and will feature a buffet,

raffles, prizes, spotlight entertainment and the following auctions: Bunny Basket, Purple Fleur de Lis Crown Egg, Pink Gay Bunny with matching purse, Mermaid Egg, two lace purses, and a floral Easter arrangement with Bunny Vase.

The 2nd Bunnies in The Big Easy under the direction of GEP Board's Tony Leggio and Rona Conners is the last fundraiser on Friday, April 22nd, 7-10pm at Harrah's Masquerade Club in New Orleans. Advance tickets only will be available for this event at \$30 with only 110 tickets to be sold. There are only 39 tickets left! Contact Tony Leggio or call Rip Naquin-Delain at 504.522.8049 for tickets.

The event includes hors d'oeuvres, 42Below Vodka cocktails, Martini & Rossi champagne and wine, and beer.

Featuring Guest DJ Tony Wilson, their will be a special Surprise Easter Auction, live performance by Jarret Mallon from the touring company of *Hairspray* and Brother of EGM XII Elizabeth Bouvier, Bunny Boys doing Egg Raffles, and six great live auctions including Bunny Basket with Liquor, Faux Faberge' Musical Nutcracker Egg, Hummel Collector Century Plates, authentic Venetian Mask, and Brocade Lace Purses.

The parade minus expenses benefits Food For Friends and \$80,825 has been raised for charity in the past nine years. Please join these fundraising efforts and help support Food For Friends, a vital service of the NO/AIDS Task Force.

12th Gay Easter Parade Rolls April 24 with Pre & Post-Parade Parties

The 12th Gay Easter Parade rolls on Easter Sunday, April 24th beginning at 4:30pm on Rampart at St. Ann winding through the French Quarter. There are only two 8 person carriages still available for the parade. Parade Entry/Sponsorship forms are available at



GayEasterParade.COM.

The parade is presented by *Ambush Mag*, LSGRA, Harrah's New Orleans, and Friday Night Before Mardi Gras.

The Pre-Parade Party, Buffet and Line-up is at Michael's On the Park, 834 N. Rampart Street beginning at 2:30pm. Parade check-in is from 3-4pm with Steve Patrick inside the bar. Line-up begins at 4pm with the parade rolling at 4:30pm.

The Post-Parade Party & Buffet is at 700 Club, 700 Burgundy Street, at 6pm where the parade ends.

The parade route is N. Rampart to St. Ann, to Bourbon, to Esplanade, to Royal, to St. Louis, to N. Rampart, to

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