

## Society of Bowlegs & their Queens

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	III	JOHN COX		Mellie Jo Peacock
	IV	DOCIE BASS		Katherine Tringas
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	XXVII	THOMAS B. RAY		Joan Schweizer
	XXVIII	H. GENE SMITH		Wava Ruckel
	XXIX	CHRIS A. JOHNSON, JR.		Adelaide Harris
	XXX	KENNETH E. WILLIAMSON		Gloria Smith
	XXXI	DR. ALEX D. TRUM		Susan Johnson
	XXXII	RALPH D. FALLIN	100	Martha Kilpatrick
	IIIXXX	JAMES R. "RANDY" STOKES	22.2	Beverly Anchors
	XXXIV	WILLIAM D. NELSON, SR.	(*)(0)*	Virginia Glynn Barr 🐧
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This program is dedicated to the memory of Finley Duncan. A charter member and CAP'N BILLY BOWLEGS V, he truly enjoyed the fun and spirit behind the legend of Billy Bowlegs ... as the Krewe's dedicated "munitions expert" aboard the BLACKHAWK, Finley helped win many a battle for the pirate krewe ... as fellow pirates, we will miss him!



#### HISTORY of the »»

The BILLY BOWLEGS FESTIVAL, now in its 37th year, got its start as a water ski show on Labor Day sponsored by the City of Fort Walton Beach Recreation Department. It was a crowd pleaser! ... but the city decided it was too large for them to handle so they asked the Jaycees, then in their first year as an organization, to take it over. The Jaycees, after a lot of research and planning meetings, agreed to sponsor the event. The events that year consisted of a parade, a fish fry, ski show and dance at the Community Center. (Incidentally, the Jaycee membership at that time was only 17!) The idea of a Gasparilla-type celebration centered on a pirate theme, and they were unanimous in their choice of the notorious and legendary WILLIAM AUGUSTUS BOWLES as their patron pirate ... a pirate of controversial authenticity whose alleged, dastardly deeds were widespread throughout what is now known as the PLAYGROUND AREA or the EMERALD COAST.

After the overwhelming success of this initial celebration, a small group of merchants, together with the Jaycees were secretly delegated to choose from its membership a Cap'n Billy Bowlegs as reigning pirate of the then three-day festival. His identity would remain a mystery until the unmasking ceremonies took place on the evening of the grand ball. The late NATHAN FLEET, a downtown retail merchant, was chosen as the first Cap'n Billy Bowlegs to reign over the festival and lead the pirate raids. He played his role so well, he was asked again the following year to lead the pirate crew. (His son, Judge Erwin Fleet, following in his father's footsteps, was Cap'n Billy Bowlegs XIV in 1968-69.)

During the festival, races are run, tournaments played, arts and crafts displayed, frisbees thrown, boats paraded, bands play, the small fry fish, square dancers kick up their heels, and the gaily costumed pirates land again on the beautiful white sand beaches of Northwest Florida --- the MIRACLE STRIP. The city is duly captured and the "Jolly Roger" is hoisted to signify the total surrender of the city. There is fun for the entire family, with treasure hunts for the children as well as for grownup children! ... and a treasure map to help with the search. Over the years more and more professional floats have been added to the Grand Torchlight Parade and a glittering Coronation Pageant (open to the public at no charge) is held at which a new Cap'n Billy Bowlegs, his Queen, a First Mate and his lady, ten Honor Guard couples and children of the court are unmasked and introduced. The Coronation Pageant is followed by a private ball and midnight supper for Krewe members and their honored guests. Thus a tradition was born: the BILLY BOWLEGS FESTIVAL with the infamous KREWE OF BOWLEGS and reigning Cap'n Billy as the "stars" of the show!

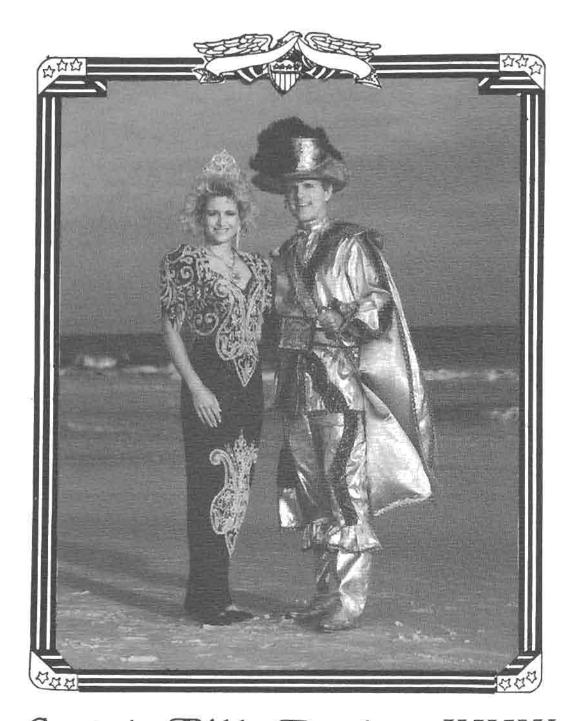
## TESTIVAL and KREWE



In early souvenir program and guide (1957) lists 75 Krewe members: five of these are still members -- and into a second generation of pirates. Several sons of original Krewe members are now carrying on a tradition started by their fathers. ROGER CLARY, Cap'n Billy Bowlegs II, was the first Cap'n Billy under organized charter. Current Krewe membership is 170, plus former Cap'n Billys who automatically become members of the SOCIETY OF BOWLEGS, otherwise affectionately known as the S.O.B.'s! Membership in the Krewe is limited by the Constitution & By Laws of the Krewe and there is always a waiting list. Hours of volunteered time and talent, plus sizeable sums of money are expended each year by Krewe members and their wives on colorful floats, beautiful decorations and custom-made costumes worn by the Krewe during the parade, pageant and ball. The "theme" floats which the masked Krewe ride allow the members to throw showers of souvenir trinkets and "gold" doubloons to the thousands lining the parade route. ALL KREWE EVENTS ARE PAID FOR FROM KREWE ANNUAL MEMBER-SHIP DUES - they receive NO FUNDING FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE! year Cap'n Billy is selected from Krewe membership by secret ballot; he, in turn, chooses his Queen, First Mate & Mistress, ten-man Honor Guard and the children of the court ... their identity a closely guarded secret until coronation night.

The late Docie Bass, Captain Billy Bowlegs IV, was the first to choose his Queen from the membership of the Krewe. Up until that time, queens had been "captive wenches" and beauty contest winners. Past queens belong to the SOCIETY OF QUEENS ... among other things, they sponsor an annual punch party/tea for graduating senior girls (daughters and/or grandddaughters of Krewe members.) These girls are presented at Captain Billy's court during the Coronation Pageant and serve as the court's Princesses. In colorful costumes, they also assist the pirates during their annual raid on the City. The Princesses and their escorts and graduating senior boys of Krewe members are also invited to attend the Coronation Ball.

... and so we open the BLACKHAWK's Log once again to log another adventure of the infamous Krewe! ... a "make believe" cruise on a Mississippi river boat way down yonder to New Orleans! ... climaxed by the unmasking of Cap'n Billy Bowlegs XXXVI.



# Captain Billy Bowlegs XXXV & Queen Debbie



Le Don Anchors, the Thirty-Fifth Captain Billy Bowlegs, is senior partner in the law firm of Anchors, Foster and McInnis. He is a past president of the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce and a lifetime board of directors member. He's also on the Committee of 100 board of directors and a past presi-



dent; past president of the Fort Walton Beach Kiwanis Club and a past moderator of the Humana Hospital board of trustees.

Don has received a number of local distinguished service awards and was designated Florida's Honorary King of Rhyme by the secretary of state. Anchors is also a recipient of the Patrick Henry Medallion of Patriotic Achievement.

He has taught adult Sunday school for 25 years and is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Fort Walton Beach and several regional church bodies.

Noted as an after-dinner speaker, he has served as emcee and speaker at more than 150 events in the past five years, including a stint as emcee of the First Friday Chamber of Commerce Coffee since its inception a decade ago.

Dubbed "The Will Rogers of West Florida", Anchors is noted for his "Mullet Awards", humorous poetic tributes to local, state and national dignitaries.

His wife is Beverly Anchors, a teacher at Bruner Middle School. His children are Michelle, a student at the University of Florida Law School; Laurie, who attends seminary in Chicago; and son, Rusty, who attends the University of South Alabama in Mobile.







eborah L. Roberts is a native Floridian who has lived in this area for nine years. A real estate appraiser, she is president and partner of Hufford, Roberts & Wallace, Inc. She is working towards her professional

designation with the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and serves on the education committee for the South Alabama-North-west Florida chapter of that organization.

She models part time for Jean's Emerald Coast Models and Smith's Townshop.

Her civic and social organizations include the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Mardi Gras Club and the Shalimar Pointe Ladies' Tennis team.

Debbie graduated from Lake City Community College and attended Florida Atlantic University and the University of West Florida where she studied political science.

Her husband, J. Lamar Roberts, is president of First National Bank & Trust and immediate past president of the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce.

The Roberts and their sons, Wes and Jay, live in Shalimar.

Debbie's coronation gown was fashioned from a silver "cracked ice" fabric and her five-yard train of white satin featured a large silver lame Statue of Liberty and bright orange flames in keeping with the "Back to America" theme, as well as colorful symbols of her profession.

### Children of The Court

... Nine children of Krewe members were also part of the 1989/90 court ...

BOBBY NABORS, son of Jim and Bonnie Nabors, Captain Billy's sword bearer:

GARY SMITH, son of Tim and Sharon Smith, Captain Billy's medallion bearer:

ANSLEY DREADIN, daughter of First Mate Bill and Kathy Dreadin, Queen's medallion bearer;

APRIL KIMMEL, daughter of Steve and Lynn Kimmel, Queen's crown bearer; (April's mother was crown bearer when her own mother, Carolyn Crotzer, was the 13th Krewe Queen ... April's grandfather, Dr. Malcolm Crotzer, was Captain Billy Bowlegs XII)

STACEY RAIM, daughter of Mike and Darlene Raim, Queen's attendant:

BLAKELY BAKKER, daughter of John and Patti Bakker, Queen's train bearer;

TRISH MADDEN, daughter of Don and Lisa Madden, Queen's train bearer:

H. FRENCH BROWN IV, son of H. French III and Cissy Brown, Queen's attendant; (French IV's grandfather, H. French Brown Jr. was Captain Billy Bowlegs XIII and both his grandmothers are former Queens - "Sug" Brown, 11th Krewe Queen and Lynne Mathews, 16th Krewe Queen)

JAY LAMAR ROBERTS, son of Queen Debbie and Lamar Roberts, Queen's attendant.



Tirst Mate

Derving as Cap'n Billy's right hand man is
FIRST MATE, WILLIAM O. "BILL" DREADIN. He
is a senior engineer with Orlando Technology
of Shalimar. From Boaz, Alabama, he received
a bachelor of science degree in physics and a
minor in aerospace engineering from Auburn University. He is enrolled in a graduate program
in management.

A member of the Chamber's military affairs committee, he has served on the Krewe's Honor Guard and board of directors. Dreadin is in Jaycees, Sertoma, Alpha Lodge #172 Masonic Temple and is a Scottish Rite Mason. He is a member of the Fort Walton Beach Shrine Club, Hadji Shrine Temple and is on the administrative trustee board of the Destin United Methodist Church.

While at Eglin Air Force Base, he was named Armament Laboratory Project Manager of the Year.

His wife, the former Katherine Booker of Gulf Breeze, is a graduate of the University of Florida where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. After receiving her bachelor of science degree in advertising, she moved to Fort Walton Beach to work with First Mutual Savings Association (now AmSouth). She helped start the Fort Walton Beach chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association and is a past board member of the March of Dimes and Humane Society.

A partner in Port Royal Interiors, she is active in her church and on the Junior League science museum committee.

The Dreadins have two daughters, Lindsey Kline, 4, and Ansley, 6, who is a member of this year's children's court.

Serving with Cap'n Billy and his First Mate are HONOR GUARD members LLOYD BLUE, SAM BURKETT, BART HUDSON, PAUL LIOLLIO, DICK MANLEY, CHARLES MERRIWETHER, JOHN SHORTALL, BOBBY SPENCER, GORDON THOMAS III and JOHN VESEY.

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The year was a busy one for Cap'n Billy, his Queen and Court ... in addition to the hundreds of personal appearances at local events throughout their reign, the royal couple and court were entertained by other carnival societies, acting as goodwill ambassadors for and promoting our beautiful EMERALD COAST! ... they were guests of Le KREWE de BIENVILLE during MARDI GRAS in Mobile; the annual SPRINGTIME TALLAHASSEE celebration; the FESTIVAL OF THE RIVERS in Geneva, Ala; LOS CABELLEROS ESPANOLES and the SPANISH TRAIL FESTIVAL in Crestview and will be attending many of the FIESTA OF FIVE FLAGS events in Pensacola in mid-June.



These good and sturdy, loyal ten who serve as the "inside men" of Cap'n Billy's Krewe, are listed here alphabetically so that, among their peers, all are equal and should be given due recognition along with their comely wenches!

"Elovd Blue, Jr., and his wife, Kathie, currently reside in Destin where he practices law specializing in real estate development and governmental relations. He attended Baker High School where he was student council president and valedictorian. He graduated with honors from Okaloosa Walton Junior College, where he was student body president, vice president of the State Junior College Association and State Convention chairman.

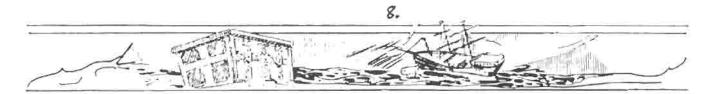
He graduated from the University of Florida receiving a bachelor of science degree with high honors in journalism, a juris doctor degree with high honors and a master of laws in taxation.

While attending the University of Florida he was inducted into Blue Key, Omicron Delta Kappa, Kappa Tau Alpha, Phi Kappa Phi, the Order of the Coif, the Hall of Fame, and was selected to serve as general chairman of Homecoming 1977.

He currently serves on Barnett Bank of Northwest Florida's board of directors and executive committee; is a member and vice chairman of the State of Florida's six-member investment advisory committee for the State's pension fund, serves on UF's Athletic Corporation board of directors, is a member of the governor and cabinet's task force for beach management funding, serves on the University of Florida's national alumni association board of directors and executive committee and is a member of the Gator Booster board of directors.

He recently completed chairmanship of the governor and cabinet's state-wide committee on beaches and beach access as well as serving as chairman of the board of trustees of Okaloosa Walton Junior College.

Kathie Blue has a master's degree in education from the University of Florida. She is a member of the Junior League and is treasurer of the Destin Library Guild.



Canaveral and now lives in Shalimar. He is a senior engineer for Sverdrup Technology and holds three degrees - a bachelor of science in computer science and statistics from the University of Southern Mississippi, a master of science in management from Troy State University and a master of science in systems analysis from the University of West Florida.

Sam is immediate past president of the Fort Walton Beach Sertoma Club and has served as lay leader for the Shalimar United Methodist Church. He is on the board of directors for the American Heart Association and the Speech and Hearing Clinic. He is a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity alumni group.

His wife, Lisa, a native of Hattiesburg, Miss, has a B.S. degree in business communications from the University of Southern Mississippi, and a M.C. degree in management from Troy State University. She is a technical documentation supervisor for Vitro Technical Services, Inc. A member of the Junior League, Lisa serves as recording secretary. She is on the board of directors for the American Heart Association and is serving as vice president of marketing and communications for the United Way. She is a 1989 graduate of the Chamber leadership program and a member of the Chi Omega Fraternity alumni group.

The Burkett's are active members of the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce where they are members of the Host Committee and belong to the Fort Walton Beach Suppa Club.

Shalimar and past president of the Okaloosa League of Cities, is a third generation resident of Okaloosa County and a graduate of Choctawhatchee High School. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from Huntingdon College, Montgomery, Al. He is a regional marketing director for Waste Management. Inc., parent firm of Environmental Waste Systems.

He is on the Chamber of Commerce Hosts Council, the Huntingdon board of directors, and serves as chairman of the Okaloosa Fine Arts & Humanities Council.

His wife is the former Tracy Ton, a native of New Orleans. She is also a Choctawhatchee graduate and earned a master of accountancy from the University of West Florida. She is a CPA and is employed as a senior credit analyst at Vanguard Bank & Trust. She is also assistant treasurer for the United Way, a chairperson for the Junior League, and an ambassador for the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce.

The Hudsons are members of the Shalimar United Methodist Church and the Suppa Club.

Liollio's Restaurant, Fort Walton Beach. He is a graduate of Sanford Naval Academy and served in the U.S. Army. He attended Pensacola Junior College and OWCC, majoring in business and hotel-restaurant management.

He was advertising committee chairman for the Navarre Beach Chamber of Commerce and on the chamber board. He has served on the long-range planning task force for the Fort Walton Beach Chamber and on the Montessori Learning Center board.

Mary Liollio, his wife, is the former Mary Rumore. She was assistant manager of Rosenberger's Department Store in Birmingham and was associated with her father in his advertising agency. She is a committee chairman at Montessori Learning Center.

The Liollios attend Saints Markella and Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. They have one daughter, Christina, 7.

Richard L. Manley is president and chief executive officer of Vitro Services Corporation. Born in Fairfax, Alabama, he is a 1960 graduate of Auburn University and a resident of Shalimar. He is on the board of Sunshine Bank, is a charter member of the Rotary Club of Mary Esther, and is vice president, funds distribution/needs assessment of the United Way. He belongs to a number of professional/technical organizations and is active in educational support serving as consultant/advisor, University of West Florida advisory committee on preengineering, and member, key communicator network, Okaloosa County School Board.

His wife, the former Mary Ann Yarbrough of Union City, Ga, is a graduate of Georgia State University and is a teacher at Bruner Middle School.

The Manleys have three children. Their son Richard, is an executive with Barnett Bank of Northwest Florida; daughter, Del, is a student at the University of West Florida, Pensacola; and daughter, Jan, is a student at Florida State University.

Walton Beach from Alabama in 1965. He is president of QMC Circuits, Inc., and chairman of the board for Merriwether Circuit Design, Inc.

He is a Fort Walton Beach City Councilman, a member of Mary Esther Rotary, president of Sertoma, a member of Elks Lodge 1795, the Fort Walton Yacht Club, and the Northwest Florida Symphony Guild.

He and his wife, Ann, have two daughters, Miriam, 24, and Emily, 17.



Ann grew up here and is a 1962 Choctawhatchee graduate. She is president of Merriwether Circuit Design, Inc., a member of the Fort Walton Beach Woman's Club, the Northwest Florida Symphony Guild, Gayfer's Career Club and the White Wilson Medical Center advisory board.

Fort Walton Beach, is a native of Clayton Delaware. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1943 and served in the Pacific during World War II. He retired from the Army in 1963, then went to work for General Electric in Syracuse, N.Y. until 1967. At that time he joined the MITRE Corporation who transferred him and his family to this area.

John retired from MITRE in 1984 and was elected mayor of Fort Walton Beach in 1985. He has been and continues to be involved in many civic activities such as the United Way, Boy Scouts, Red Cross, Special Olympics and the Children's Hospital Fund drive. He was charter president of the Emerald Coast Golden K Kiwanis Club, and was elected to the Special Olympics Hall of Fame in 1989.

His wife, Valerie, was the founder and owner of Valerie's dress shop in Fort Walton Beach. She is currently second vice president of the Fort Walton Beach Woman's Club and is an active member of the Lioness Club of Fort Walton Beach. Active in theatre for many years, she was talent scout for the television show, the Ted Mack Amateur Hour. She also directed several stage productions in Kansas and New York. She and John have two daughters and five grandchildren all of whom live in this area.

Bobby Spencer, a native of Michigan, has lived in the Fort Walton Beach area since 1967. An Air Force retiree, he is general manager of the Property Management Department for Century 21, John W. Brooks Realty, Inc.

He is a member of the Community Association Institute, holds a Community Association manager's license for the State of Florida, is an associate member of the Fort Walton Beach Board of Realtors, and a member of Elks BPOE Lodge 1795.

His wife, Helen, a 23-year employee of the City of Fort Walton Beach, is currently city clerk and a member of the Florida Association of City Clerks, International Institute of Municipal Clerks, Okaloosa County League of Cities, and Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce. She is a member of Beta Sigma Phi and Sugar Beach Sertoma Club.

The Spencers have two grown children and four grandchildren. Daugher, Barbie, and family live in Jacksonville and son, Bobby, Jr., and his family live in Washington, D.C.



E.Gordon Thomas III, a native

of Atlanta, moved to Fort Walton Beach in 1965 and retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel in 1973 after 26 years as a fighter pilot, serving in both Korea and Vietnam.

He attended Emory University, and received a bachelor's degree in international relations with highest honors from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. He also has a master of public administration degree from the University of West Florida.

He is a realtor-associate with Hutchison Realty of Fort Walton Beach. He is chairman of the Statewide Human Rights Advocacy Committee, member of the Salvation Army advisory board, past chairman of the administrative board of the First United Methodist Church of Fort Walton Beach, and former commodore of the Bayou Sailing Club.

His wife, the former Betsy Bishop Andrews, a native of Brewton, Alabama, earned a bachelor of arts degree in journalism from Florida State University and a master's in public administration from the University of West Florida. She is a Children, Youth & Family counselor supervisor with the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services and is an active member of the First United Methodist Church. Both Gordon and Betsy sing in the church choir and are active in Stage Crafters Community Theatre. They have also just completed the planning and organization of Happy House, an emergency shelter for abused, neglected children which opened April 1, 1990. Gordon is chairman of the board while Betsy serves as an advisor.

The Thomases have six children - four sons, Gordon IV. Randy, Todd and Gordon Thomas, and two daughters, Paige and Ashley Andrews. They also have four grandchildren.

York, is a 21-year veteran with the Fort Walton Beach Police Department and has served as the Chief of Police since 1987. He is a graduate of Andrew Jackson High School and Okaloosa Walton Community College with an associate of arts degree in criminal justice. He is a past president of the Fort Walton Beach High School Booster Club, the Miracle Strip Officials Association, and the Fort Walton Beach City Credit Union. He is a member of the First Judicial Police Chiefs' Association, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police. He is an active supporter of Special Olympics.

His wife, Carol, also a native New Yorker, has been associated with the Nelson Davis organization for over twenty years. She is a past member of the Fort Walton Beach Historic Sites and Structures advisory board, and is currently secretary of Sugar Beach Sertoma and preceptor Gamma Phi.

The Veseys have two children, Greg and Patricia, and four grandchildren ... all residing in Houston, Texas.







## William Augustus Bowles.

notorious old boy, so the legend goes, and patron pirate of the BILLY BOWLEGS FESTIVAL and the KREWE OF BOWLEGS, was born in 1763 on the Maryland frontier. When he was only 13, he joined the Loyalists Corps to fight against the American rebels. Two years later he was sent to Pensacola to join the British forces operating there. At the age of 16 he was commissioned an ensign in the British Navy ... after the war, he rebelled against military life and went into hiding with the Creek Indians after insulting a British officer (again, so the legend goes!). He married a tribeswoman, a chief's daugher, and in 1781 was welcomed back by the British to help battle the Spanish at Pensacola... at that time, the British, Spanish and Americans were maneuvering for control of the Gulf shores and its shipping lanes. Believing himself destined to command instead of obeying orders, Bowles gathered a force of a "couple hundred plundering Indians, relics from the American Army and white banditti" ... a rolicking piratical crew which grew to be the concern of all three of the power-hungry countries. He created his own throne and the three nations considered everything from murder to a general's commission to get him on the right side. Financed by loot from a Spanish ship and surrounded by a handful of Indians, Cap'n Billy invaded British society for support. He was rewarded with a flag of "English and Indian colors mixed", a silver pipe, a tomahawk, a chain of friendship and trade supplies with which he formed the State of Muskogee. He was eventually captured by the Spanish and shipped to Madrid, Spain, and then to the Philippines, but he jumped ship and returned to his "state" and greater deeds of piracy...but all "good" pirates must have an end; and Cap'n Billy's came after he was lured to peace talks and there betrayed by his Indian troops. The Spanish imprisoned him in Cuba in the infamous Morro Castle - there, on December 23, 1805, he died. There are many reports as to how he died but whatever happened to Billy Bowlegs was not worth remembering to the people of that period, for he has no grave. To the Ft Walton Beach/Destin area, however, he left a heritage of pirate tales of great adventure and buried treasure!

## THIRTY SIXTH

SETTING THE STAGE ..... R.J. Murdock

"DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS ...?" ..... Masters of Ceremony

- Walt Steigleman - Michael Bridges

ARRIVAL OF CAPTAIN BILLY BOWLEGS XXXV, C. LeDON ANCHORS FIRST MATE & FIRST MISTRESS, BILL & KATHY DREADIN

PROCESSIONAL ..... "PRIME TIME"

ARRIVAL OF QUEEN DEBBIE

DINNER, ANYONE? ..... - Martin Cohn, Denis Milonas & the Cast

INTRODUCTION OF THE 1989-90 HONOR GUARD

INTRODUCTION OF THE 1989-90 CHILDREN OF THE COURT

"BLUE BAYOU" ..... - Ginger Madden

INTRODUCTION OF THE 1989-90 EXECUTIVE BOARD

PRESENTATION OF THE PRINCESSES



"YOU MUST HAVE BEEN A BEAUTIFUL BABY"...- Michael Bridges - Walt Steigleman

SUSAN LYNNE BRADY

... daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Brady and granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. William E. Bagley

NANCY ANN CHURCH

... daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Thomas C. Church

STACY LYN COOKE

... daughter of Gary D. Cooke & Sherry Anchors Hord and granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Fred C. Cooke

JENNIFER LACY COX

... daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Cecil D. Cox

LEIGH FRANCES DUNN

... daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Del Dunn

SUSAN PATRICE JOHNSON

... daughter of Captain Billy Bowlegs XXIX, Chris A. Johnson, Jr. and the 31st Bowlegs Queen, Susan Johnson

EMILY JANE MERRIWETHER

... daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Merriwether

CORONATION

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INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITARIES
AND HONORED GUESTS



QUEEN'S COSTUME AWARDS AND FIRST MATE'S BOAT AWARDS

SPECIAL APPRECIATION AWARDS

= ACT TWO =

" COME DOWN TO THE LEVEE" ... AND OTHER PLACES .. - Michelle Cohn

INTRODUCTION OF THE 1990-91 HONOR GUARD, CHILDREN OF THE COURT, FIRST MATE & FIRST MISTRESS

PROCESSIONAL ..... - The Company

ARRIVAL OF THE 1990-91 CAPTAIN BILLY BOWLEGS XXXVI
HIS QUEEN AND ATTENDANTS



CORONATION CEREMONY AND PROCLAMATION

Coronation guests and our wonderful audience are invited to join Cap'n Billy Bowlegs XXXVI on stage and meet his lovely Queen and court following tonight's ceremonies. It has been another exciting year for the KREWE OF BOWLEGS! ... We hope you have enjoyed sharing this evening of song and dance aboard our "make believe" Show Boat! ... And to those talented performers from STAGE CRAFTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, we give our thanks. They bring good theatre to our community: we are indeed fortunate to have this dedicated group of people who take time from their busy lives to share with us the magic and music of show business in live performance!

= THE CAST =

Melody Anderson Martin Cohn Michelle Cohn

Jacque Gallegos-Loney

Ginger Madden Denis Milonas R.J. Murdock

and ..... "PRIME TIME"

= BEHIND THE SCENES =

DIRECTOR ..... Walt Steigleman

STAGING, COACHING & ASSISTING ..... Jane Hamby

MUSICAL NUMBERS STAGED BY ...... Nancy Kruzek

LIGHTING DESIGN & EXECUTION ..... John Beschler

#### OVER-ALL CORONATION CHAIRMAN ..... First Mate, Bill Dreadin CORONATION PAGEANT CHAIRMAN ..... Fred Pryor SET DESIGN ..... Deborah Holbrook Assisted by local artists .. Judy Curtis .. Ena Fagan .. Carolyn Kirksey .. Fred Pugh .. Joan Stokes SET CONSTRUCTION ... 1989-90 Honor Guard & Executive Board, with special construction by "Ank" Ankney & Dutch Kleinhelter COSTUMES ..... Stage Crafters ROBES, GOWNS & COSTUMES (1990-91 Court) ... New Queen's gown designed by Karen Thornton, Mobile ... First Mistress's gown designed by Nancy Jackson ... New Honor Guard Ladies, Carole Chubb - earrings designed by Debbie Holbrook ... Children of the Court, Carole Chubb ... Cap'n Billy Bowlegs XXXVI, First Mate & Honor Guard, BIENVILLE COSTUMES, Mobile PROGRAM COVER ..... Danae Barto PROGRAM EDITOR (Text, design & layout) .. Alyce Ankney

Fort Walton Beach High School Air Force Junior ROTC Cadets, CMSGT Foley Wood, Assistant Aerospace Science Instructor, director

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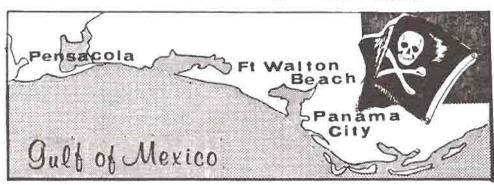
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#### Treasures of the Upper Gulf Coast



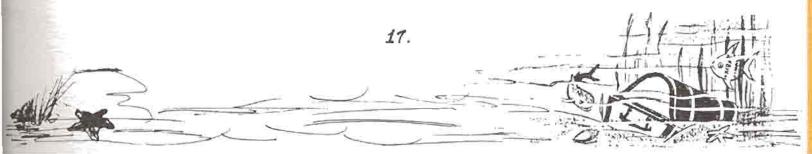
"Pensacola's Fort San Carlos, an old Spanish bastion built in the 17th century, could tell many tales. One of these involves the notorious pirate, Billy Bowlegs, and a secret cavern that still lies hidden somewhere beneath the Fort. Two carefully concealed tunnels served as entrances to a larger hidden chamber: one leading from within the Fort itself, and the other from a well-hidden spot somewhere outside the Fort's thick stone walls.

These tunnels and their accompanying cavern, served two official purposes. First, they served as entrances and exits for Spanish spies reporting their typically clandestine activities to the Fort's Commandant. Also they were valuable as escape tunnels in case of a siege, either by a foreign power or by the inevitable hostile Indians.

It is not known why or how Billy Bowlegs discovered and decided to use this hidden cavern sometime in the early 1880's. What is known is that he did turn it into a vault for some three million in pirate gold, and an old map once seen by the authors authenticates the existence not only of the treasure, but also the approximate location of the Fort's well-hidden tunnel. What a find for some lucky person able to untangle the Fort's mysteries!

Moving further south along the "Highway of the Seas", as we could well call the waters off Florida's West Coast (ships stuck fairly close to land during the three centuries preceding our own), we reach another site attributed to Billy Bowlegs. Many coins and silver bars reputedly buried by Billy have been recovered in scattered locations along the beach, but many more finds still exist. The coins, lucky hunters report, are contained in the remains of small leather pouches buried six to twelve inches below the surface of the sand and shell. In fact, beach erosion in recent years has laid bare some of these bars out in the water itself - lucky finds for swimmers or skin divers."

... excerpt from LOST TREASURE OF FLORIDA'S GULF COAST by L. Frank Hudson & Gordon R. Prescott, published by "Great Outdoors Publishing Co."





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#### A MESSAGE FROM CAPTAIN BILLY BILLY BOWLEGS XXXV - C. LeDON ANCHORS

The musical strains of Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA" still ring in my ears. It is difficult to accept the fact that one year has lapsed since I began my reign as Billy Bowlegs XXXV. I shall unwisely follow the example of my predecessors and attempt to thank many of those who have made this year so memorable for me - a foolhardy effort because some significant persons are bound to be left out.

My Queen, Debbie, and my wife, Beverly, have brought charm, beauty and class to every Krewe activity. No one is more responsible for the Krewe's success than my First Mate, Bill Dreadin, and First Mistress, Kathy Dreadin. Bill and Kathy will always have a special place in my memories of this past year. My Honor Guard, my Board and their spouses always went beyond the call of duty. I only wish that time and space would permit me to share in greater detail the depth of my appreciation to each of them.

Thank you's seem so inadequate when I try to express my gratitude for the contributions of people like Alyce Ankney, Debbie Brooks, Fred Pryor, and Jeff and Katherine McInnis. The Children of the Court and their parents were invaluable members of this year's Krewe. Tonight you will see the results of the work of Walt Steigleman, Jane Hamby, and Debbie Holbrook. The results of the Coronation production will speak volumes about their respective talents and energy.

It was, for me, a year I shall not soon forget. To all who had a part in the festivities, I can only say, "Thanks for the Memories". To my successor, Billy Bowlegs XXXVI, his Queen, his Honor Guard and his Board of Directors as they travel way down yonder to New Orleans, I can only wish for each of them a journey as enjoyable as the one I enjoyed this past year.

BY ROYAL DECREE OF: CAP'N BILLY BOWLEGS XXXV
C. LeDon Anchors



Dated this ninth day of June A.D. 1990





