

**The International Association of Lorain
Presents its**

**40th Annual
Princess Pageant**



**Thursday, June 22, 2006
Lorain Palace Theatre**

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Lorain International Queens

1967	Ukranian	Irene Kychun Shnerykowsky
1968	Serbian	Simone Marovich Gall
1969	Polish	Irene Sidorowicz Massey
1970	Chinese	Sandra K. Pong Tramontana
1971	Irish	Cindy Smith
1972	Greek	Helen Thelas
1973	Mexican	Veronica Gonzales Michalski
1974	Irish	Mary Dougherty Kaley
1975	Slovak	Deborah Zelina Swab
1976	Italian	Josei Maffei Mignosa
1977	Irish	Patricia O'Connor Boguski
1978	Puerto Rican	Melissa Rodriguez Stober
1979	Greek	Angela Marousis-Gaitanos
1980	Polish	Cynthia Bennett Arroyo
1981	Japanese	Brenda Carroll
1982	African American	Deidre Kolb
1983	Hungarian	Dawn Salva
1984	Irish	Carol Mackin
1985	Mexican	Debbie Delgado Rodriguez
1986	Italian	Angela Orlando
1987	Armenian	Tracy Nishanian Butchko
1988	Hungarian	Amy Labos-Hanratty
1989	Lebanese	Melissa Jenkins
1990	Puerto Rican	Vanessa Rodriguez
1991	Hungarian	Michele Mahilo
1992	Hungarian	Ildiko Szucs
1993	Cypriot	Angela Nicolaou
1994	German	Debbie Prinz
1995	Italian	Angela Iemma
1996	Vietnamese	MyAn Zagorsky
1997	Ukranian	Tina Pohuliaj-Vitale
1998	Puerto Rican	Natalie Soto
1999	Macedonian	Elizabeta Nickoloff
2000	Ukranian	Natasha Reidy
2001	Greek	Christina Smith
2002	Russian	Mary Beth Morris
2003	Polish	Jackalyn Velasquez
2004	Hungarian	Hillary Hoak
2005	Irish	Breanna Kopsis

Program

Organist – Joe Sechkar

Welcome – John Handyside (General Manager, Lorain Palace Theatre)

Color Guard – Southview High School JROTC

National Anthem – Amy Labos-Hanratty, 1988 Lorain International Queen

Co-Hosts – Don Vincent & Brenda Love

Acknowledgement of Past Queens, Court, and Princesses

Introduction of Princesses – Part One

Introduction of Princesses – Part Two

15 Minute Intermission

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Entertainment

Farewell for 2005 Queen and Court

Presentation of Crown by
Jean Cornelius of Vegas Jewelers/Jewelers of America

Announcement of 2006 Queen and Court

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Allison Gallo - Italian Princess

Sponsor: Italian American Veterans (Lorain)



Allison's costume consists of silk brocade, as the region of Calabria has had a long-established silk industry. The styles that the many common women wear are dominated by these materials. Colors are vivid in this region, which is why Allison chose the scarlet red color of her skirt. The skirts tend to be full, with a deep gold border. Her blouse is made from cotton, as many village women prefer light materials because of the constant heat. Many women adorn themselves with jewelry, especially rosaries and gold necklaces.

Allison's great-grandfather met his future wife in the province of Calabria in southern Italy, where he was a farmer. Wanting a better life for their new family, her great-grandfather moved to America around the turn of the century. After establishing himself at the steel plant and with the railroad, he sent for his young bride and their first son. Her maternal grandparents were also farmers and made the voyage to America where there was abundant work in the production of steel.

Devin Matos - Mexican Princess

Sponsor: Mexican Mutual Society



Devin feels that by growing up in Lorain, she has been surrounded by the Hispanic culture, for which she is grateful.

As a small child, Devin would attend fiestas with her grandmother and great aunts. She has always loved to dance to the different sounds of Mexican music, and feels that the food at the fiestas is muy bueno!

Devin is now dancing for the Alma de Mexico, as her aunt and cousins have done before her. The costume that she is wearing today has been in her family for over 20 years. The red color in her dress symbolizes the blood of heroes for independence, the white symbolizes purity, and the green symbolizes the laurels of victory and hope. Devin hopes that she can pass along her costume to her little sister and many more generations to come, in representation of her heritage.



Ashley Policz - Hungarian Princess
Sponsor: Old Stone United Methodist Church

Ashley's costume is a traditional gown meant to be worn to balls and others formal events. The braided design on the vest is symbolic of the three crosses of Christ's crucifixion.

Ashley's great-great grandparents traveled to the United States in 1901 and settled in Lorain. Her family was one of the founders of the Hungarian Reformed United Church of Christ. Her family members have been active participants since that time.

Ashley enjoys celebrating holidays with her family, which includes traditional Hungarian meals such as stuffed cabbage, cabbage and noodles, and chicken paprikas.



Gretchen Manning - Irish Princess
Sponsor: LifeShare

Gretchen's Irish background has always been a very important part of her life. She was raised to be proud of who she is and where she came from.

Gretchen's family history dates back to 1880, when her great-great grandfather came to America from Derry, Ireland in search of work and a new life. Because Irish immigrants at this time were treated poorly, he dropped the "O" in O'Mara in hopes of hiding his ethnicity.

It is the hard work and determination of her great-great grandfather, and others that have migrated to America from Ireland that make her proud of her Irish nationality.

Octavia Marie Allen – African American Princess
Sponsor: New Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church



Octavia is representing the Nigerian culture of the African-American nationality. In her quest to find more information about her culture, Octavia met fascinating people who are natives of Nigeria. Through those individuals sharing their stories, experiences, and knowledge, she feels that she has actually been there and become part of their culture.

Octavia possesses a strong pride for the Nigerian culture, but, since she is both African and American like so many others who have migrated to America from foreign countries, she is true to her American roots, as well. Octavia's American roots lie in the deep south of Alabama. She was able to trace her family's history all the way back to her great-great grandfather who resided in Marengo County, Alabama.

Because of her family roots in the south, Octavia enjoys learning how to make traditional southern "down home" cooking the way that her ancestors did. With the rich combination of culture from both of her counterparts, she feels proud to represent her African American culture.

Brittany M. Antus – Slovak Princess
Sponsor: St. Vincent de Paul Church



While growing up, Brittany learned the importance of family and carrying on cultural traditions from generation to generation.

Her favorite family tradition is their Christmas Eve celebration where her family gathers for a traditional meal, which begins with a prayer and a toast to family. Her grandmother serves oplatki, a communion bread served with honey, and the meal consists of mushroom soup, bean soup and bobalky (boiled bread balls) mixed with fried sauerkraut.

Brittany's costume was especially made to be similar to the one worn by her late mother. Czech costumes are the pride of her heritage and vary from area to area. The costume consists of a cotton skirt, white eyelet blouse with puffed sleeves tied at the elbow with bright ribbon. Her apron and vest are adorned with embroidery and ribbon. Brittany's floral headpiece signifies that she is unmarried.



Ashley Victoria Deitz - German Princess

Sponsor: Amherst V.F.W. Post 1662

Ashley's costume is called a German dirndl, which is a folk dress that varies from region to region. The style that she is wearing is formal and is modeled after a design from Bavaria. The black, red, and gold in her costume symbolize the colors of the German flag. The embroidery of roses on her vest symbolizes peace and love.

Ashley has German heritage on both sides of her family and she enjoys hearing the stories that go along with each generation. Her mother's family has Polish, German, and Russian roots, which allows her to experience a variety of traditions and native dishes. Ashley's favorite native dish is strudel.

Vanessa Leon- Puerto Rican Princess

Sponsor: Lofton Henderson Marine Corps League



Vanessa's family enjoys celebrating their colorful culture through dancing. One of Puerto Rico's most recognized exports is music, with the most popular style being "salsa", the rhythm of the islands.

Vanessa's family is from Guanica, located west of Ponce. One of the celebrations that her family participates in each year is the July 25th annual town festival that honors their city's patron saint, Santiago Apostol. Each town has their own patron saint that is honored. July 25th is also Commonwealth Day, which marks the adoption of the Puerto Rican Constitution of 1952.

Vanessa's dress portrays a late 18th century fashion worn by women, usually by wives and daughters of wealthy land owners. This dress was commonly worn for ballroom dances. The red, white, and blue in her dress coordinate with the colors of the Puerto Rican flag.



Brittany Radanovich- Serbian Princess

Sponsor: St. George Serbian Orthodox Church

Brittany's costume was given to her by her great aunt who wore it while participating in a church dance group. It was made in Shumadija, Serbia. There are a variety of colors, embroideries, and materials that make up the costume. Her shoes are called opanci. The design of the horn-like ending is significant because it indicates the region in which the shoes are from. Likewise, the costume itself is different by region. By looking at a costume, one is able to tell exactly where it came from.

Brittany's great-great grandparents, on both her grandmother and grandfather's side, came to America from Serbia in the early 1900's. Her favorite native dish is Palachinke, a cheese-filled crepe.

Jessica Ardo - Hungarian Princess

Sponsor: Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior



Jessica's costume is made like that of a traditional Sunday dress worn by Hungarian women. The bright flowers embroidered on her shirt are something that Hungarians are well-known for. The red, white and green colors of her costume incorporate the beautiful colors of the Magyar (the Hungarian republic) flag. The parta, or headdress, she wears is part of the Hungarian costume that must never be left out because it is very colorful and unique. The coins at the bottom of Jessica's skirt are her own personal touch and represent the cultural richness of the Magyar blood.

Jessica's paternal grandfather is 100% Hungarian and Jessica's family can be traced back to Perbenyek Zemplen Province Hungary as far back as the 1800's. Her maternal great-grandmother was also Hungarian.

Jessica's Hungarian culture is extremely important to her, and she has fond memories of making chicken paprikas with her grandmother and nutrolls with her grandfather, both dishes are native Hungarian recipes.

After Jessica graduates from Lorain Southview High School in 2007, she plans to major in Nursing at Lorain County Community College with a University Partnership through the University of Akron.



Nicole Barker – Native American Princess
Sponsor: Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Lorain

Nicole is a Lorain Southview High School student with plans to attend the University of Akron and major in nursing. She hopes to work in maternity after earning her degree.

Nicole's costume is made out of mole skin and the V-line waist is accented with a colorful border. Her dress is accented with beads and feathers.

Nicole's great-great grandmother was a full-blooded Cherokee Indian. Nicole is proud of her ancestors and what they went through to get her family here. She enjoys learning of the secrets and trials that her ancestors struggled with. And as a representative of the Native American nationality, Nicole plans to continue sharing information about her culture with others.



Mandalyn Gaspar – Irish Princess
Sponsor: Lake Erie Moose Lodge 552

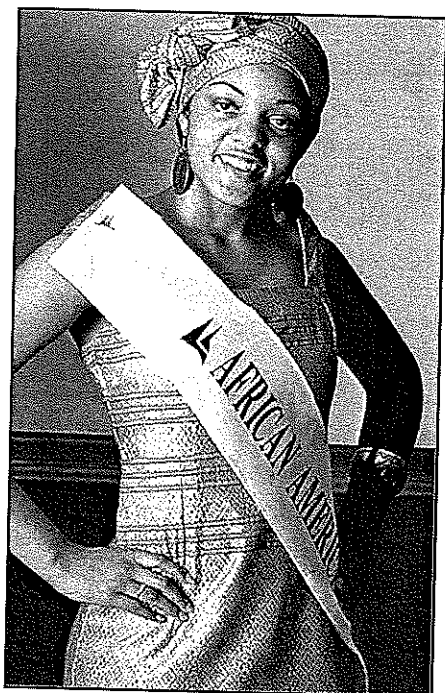
Mandalyn is a senior at Lorain Admiral King. Her great-great grandparents came to America on a ship from Ireland in the early 1900's. She has not yet visited Ireland but truly looks forward to one day seeing the land of her ancestors.

One of Mandalyn's goals since entering the International is to learn Gaelic, which is the traditional language of Ireland.

Mandalyn enjoys celebrating Ireland's national holiday, Saint Patrick's Day, with her friends and family on March 17th each year.

The Irish flag is green, white, and orange. The green represents the Catholics, the white stands for peace, and the orange stands for the Protestants.

Jasmine Woolfork - African American Princess
Sponsor: Elyria YWCA



Jasmine's costume embodies the rich colors and elegance that the African women display. She designed the dress herself and purchased fabric from an African store owner in Los Angeles. This fabric is said to be the kind worn by elite African princesses or queens, and represents their wealth and origin. Jasmine's jewelry displays the elephant with its trunk pointed upward, which stands for good luck.

Jasmine feels that Africa holds a rich history of strength, religion, and close family ties, which is evident in her life today. Her family celebrates their heritage especially during annual reunions. As they travel from state to state, they always end with a candlelight vigil to honor those who have gone on before them. Food is a large part of Jasmine's family cultural festivities. Collard greens, red beans and rice, and sweet potato pie are a few things that they enjoy.

Jasmine's grandfather has visited her native country every other year for the past 15 years on spiritual missions. He describes the people as hard working, hospitable and giving. In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "we are not makers of history, we are made by history."

April DeCaro - Italian Princess
Sponsor: Old Stone United Methodist Church



April is a member of the Old Stone United Methodist Church and attends Amherst Steele High School.

April enjoys the tradition of having a large Italian family and all of the celebrations that it entails. Her great-grandfather came to America from Rome in 1928, and eventually started a vegetable stand at the West Side Market, where he still works and invites all family members to share in the experience by working with him at the market.

April's costume is of the Renaissance era, representative of peasant attire. Her vest is red with a colorful tie, her apron is white with black trim and poppy flowers, and her skirt is green. Each of the colors represents those of the Italian flag. The poppies in her hair and those adorning her apron represent Italy's national flower.

Lindsay Newman - Italian Princess

Sponsor: IAV Ladies Auxiliary



Lindsay's maternal grandparents were both from Abruzzi, Italy which is in the Abruzzo Region of Central Italy. They came to America in 1952 by boat, with the hope of providing their family with a better life. Lindsay's grandparents taught her a lot about her heritage and they were very proud of it.

Lindsay especially remembers celebrating the Easter holiday when her grandmother would surprise her with the traditional Italian custom of homemade Easter Bread. The holiday also included her grandmother's special homemade Lasagna - which is her favorite Italian dish.

Lindsay's red skirt reflects the Abruzzo region of Italy. The silver pin on her traditional headpiece reflects that she is a young, single lady. Peasant women in Italy wore an apron to help them carry the vegetables and fruits from their gardens.

Jena Koos - Hungarian Princess

Sponsor: The American Hungarian Council



Jena's costume has a rich history originating in the Transylvania part of Romania in the 17th and 18th centuries. Only the nobles could afford this type of clothing due to the expensive materials used to make them. Now it is worn for special occasions and sometimes as a wedding dress. The dress is long and made of burgundy velvet with gold trim, satin, and lace. The parta, or headpiece, has gold trim and a burgundy ribbon in the back.

In 1956, during the Hungarian Revolution, her grandparents and father escaped Hungary and settled in Lorain through sponsorship from the Lorain Hungarian Reformed Church. Jena has been participating in Hungarian Folk Dancing for over 15 years; her grandmother has been the dance teacher at the Lorain Hungarian Reform Church for over 35 years.

Jena's enjoys celebrating holidays with Hungarian traditions such as Saint Nick's Day on December 6th; when children set their shoes outside with the hope of having candy placed in them by Saint Nick.

Cherrelle Rowser - African American Princess
Sponsor: NAN Professional Business Woman Club Inc.



Cherrelle's ancestors came to America from West Africa during the slavery movement. Currently, the majority of her family resides in Birmingham, Alabama.

Cherrelle's costume consists of a red wrap with a green and black skirt. Each color is significant in her heritage - red represents blood, black represents the people, while the green represents the earth.

She is currently attending Lorain County Community College but will transfer to Ohio State University where she plans to major in Culinary Arts. Cherrelle hopes to some day study in Paris or Italy, and enjoys reading Rachael Ray's cookbooks during her spare time.

Cherrelle has learned many new things throughout this experience - both about her own culture as well as the different cultures each International Princess represents.

Rachel Born - German Princess
Sponsor: German American Association



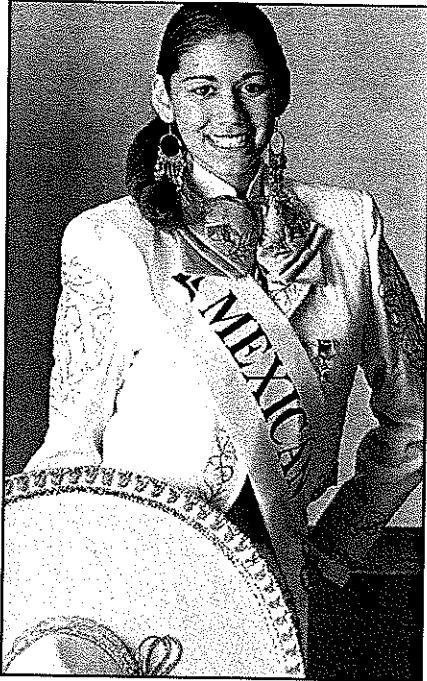
Rachel is proud to represent her German heritage, because she believes that it is important to know who you are and where you come from.

Rachel's family gets together every year to celebrate the two most important holidays in Germany - Easter and Christmas. On Easter, Rachel and her family often dye eggs, a German tradition. To celebrate Christmas, Rachel's family begins the celebration on the eve of December 6th, St. Nick's day. On this day, children put their shoes outside their door and St. Nick would leave holiday goodies if the children were good, and sticks if they were bad. Rachel also helps her family decorate the Christmas tree, which originated in Germany. Originally, the Christmas tree was decorated with lit candles and holiday cookies.

Rachel's costume is known as a 'dirndl', a traditional dress complete with a plain, white apron. Elaborate hats are worn with the 'dirndl' on special occasions.

Some of the German dishes that Rachel and her family enjoy are black forest cake, bratwurst, frankfurters, and Rachel's favorite, German Cream Cake.

Adrianna Perez – Mexican Princess
Sponsor: Sacred Heart Chapel



Adrianna attends Southview High School and is a lifelong member of Sacred Heart Chapel.

Ever since she was a little girl, she would go to her grandmother's house on Christmas and make various Mexican foods such as tamales, tortillas, tostadas, burritos, and many other traditional Mexican dishes.

Her costume is called "el Traje de Charro." It originates from Jalisco, Mexico and is a universal symbol for the Mariachi musician. Many women also use this costume for marriage. The Charro suit is ornately decorated with gala. The gala are the large gold horses at the side of the falda (skirt) and in the front of the chaqueta (jacket). The sombrero is adorned with a forrado (lining) of gold threads and sequins. The chaqueta is worn waist-length and has a decorative pattern on the back. The falda is ankle-length and has a decorative pattern on the front. The costume contains a corbata (neck tie) which is decorated with gold horses, and also a faja (sash).

Emily McNair – Polish Princess
Sponsor: Polish Fisherman's Club



Emily's costume is what women traditionally wore in the Krakow region of Poland. Now it is mostly worn for holidays and festivals. The flowered headpiece and multi-colored ribbons show that she is unmarried. The vest and red beads are hand-made and the number of beads indicates the talent of the woman wearing it.

Emily's flowered skirt and apron are characteristic of what women in the mountainous regions of Poland wear. This skirt and apron represent tradition and help to keep women warm.

Emily's maternal great-grandfather came to Toledo from Rzeszow, near Krakow, in 1894. He later moved to Lorain to work at American Ship Building. Her maternal great-grandmother was born in Wojakowa, which is near Rzeszow. She came to Lorain in 1913, where she met Emily's great-grandfather, got married, and started a family.

Emily's family observes Polish traditions at Christmas, Easter, and weddings. As a child, she learned how to polka and make her favorite native food - paczki.



Veronica Rosas - Puerto Rican Princess

Sponsor: Puerto Rican Home Club

Veronica's favorite native dish is arroz con bistec, which is rice with steak. Representing her nationality is something that Veronica has always wanted to do.

Veronica's costume is a traditional Puerto Rican dress. The red and white colors represent independence.

Although her parents were born and raised in Lorain, they were brought up with Spanish traditions that continue in her family today. Her father has instilled in her the importance of learning about her culture as well as the importance of speaking their native language.

Veronica enjoys spending time with her grandmother while preparing traditional Spanish food for her family.



Alyssa Sanchez - Italian Princess

Sponsor: Italian American Veterans

Alyssa's costume represents a traditional Italian peasant dress. The green color symbolizes the grass and mountains of Italy, the white symbolizes the milk of Italy, and the red symbolizes the blood of the war with France.

Alyssa's great-grandparents are from the southern region of Calabria, Italy. Her great-grandfather was a wine maker and her great-grandmother was a peasant girl.

Alyssa enjoys the native dishes of Italy, particularly manicotti, spaghetti, and Italian sausage.

Courtney McVey – Slovak Princess

Sponsor: United Slovak Societies



Courtney's costume is typical of an Eastern Slovakian young woman. The flowers in her hair signify her unmarried status.

Courtney has many great memories about the time that she has spent with her Slovak relatives, including her great-great-great-aunt's stories about her childhood in Slovakia and spending time with her great-aunt as she grew up. Courtney is proud to be Slovak because of the kindness of the Slovak people and their resiliency. Slovakia has been occupied many times, but today Slovakia is an autonomous state.

Courtney's family is from the Northeast corner of Slovakia and has many Slovak traditions that they celebrate during holidays. Courtney's favorite tradition occurs on Easter, when her family shares blessed personalized eggs. They cut their own eggs into many pieces and pass the plates around the table, taking one piece of each person's egg, which symbolizes family togetherness.

Amy Storow – Czechoslovakian Princess

Sponsor: American Cancer Society



Amy's costume is a Kroj, (pronounced Kroy). It is the traditional costume that was worn in the Czechoslovakian area and originates from as far back as the 10th Century and is based on the clothing of royalty.

The color gold on her vest represents honor and wisdom. Her skirt is embellished with lace and ribbon. The buttons are made of Czech glass, which has been an art there for over two hundred years. Amy's costume also includes an apron with embroidery based on Czechoslovakian patterns. Women wore floral wreaths as an indicator of being single.

Amy's great grandparents immigrated to the USA in 1902 and settled in Lorain, Ohio where her great-grandfather worked for the Carnegie steel mill.

Amy has been taking Czech language lessons and has been involved with Sokol Greater Cleveland. One of her favorite native traditions is beránek (lamb) cake on Easter.



Alesia Bradford – African American Princess
Sponsor: National Council of Negro Women

Alesia is a junior at Admiral King High School. Her representation of the African American nationality emphasizes the country Benin, located in South Africa. The Benin women are known for their independence and strength. The language of Benin is Fon.

Alesia's costume is an example of what would be worn for a special occasion. The purple represents royalty, power, and spirituality. The gold design is what identifies the costume as special-occasion attire.

Alesia's jewelry represents the bronze that the people of Benin use to make jewelry. A head wrap of this style is a very popular accessory when attending a special occasion.



Nicole Croft – Irish Princess
Sponsor: Knights of Columbus

Nicole is a senior at Admiral King High School.

Nicole's dress is a non-traditional Irish dancing costume. The dress is white with green, black, and gray ribbon. The green symbolizes many things, including nature, health, good luck, and honor.

Nicole's family came to America from County Cork, which is located near Dublin, Ireland.

As far back as she can remember, Nicole's family has celebrated their Irish Heritage year-round. Her favorite native dish is "anything made with potatoes."



Nicole Vazquez - Puerto Rican Princess
Sponsor: Local 1104 Union Membership

Nicole admires her culture's value of family. She also appreciates the many different dances, traditions, and celebrations of her culture.

Nicole and her family observe special holidays of Puerto Rico, especially Three Kings Day, which is also the date of her great-grandmother's birth. Her great-grandmother was named after Baltasar, who was one of the Three Wise Men.

Nicole's costume is symbolic of her culture. It is a red and white peasant-style dress usually worn for special occasions and is also used for the Jibaros dance. The colors red and white each have their own symbolism - red meaning love and peace, and white meaning purity and hope.



Jolynne Masciarelli - Italian Princess
Sponsor: Lorain County Historical Society

Jolynne's costume resembles an Italian woman of working class in the Renaissance Period. The fabrics usually worn were velvets and brocades. Italians paid close attention to the detail of their clothing with decorative embroidery or insertions. The working women also wore accessories, as fashion was important - even to a peasant.

The colors in her costume are the colors of the Italian flag represented with a green velvet bodice, white blouse, a long white skirt, and detailing. The clothing of the working class was simple but elegant during the Renaissance Period.

Jolynne is of the fourth generation from Florence, Italy. Her great-grandparents were married in Italy. They then immigrated to the United States and raised 13 children. Emily's favorite native dish is spaghetti with meatballs.

In Honor of Our 40th Anniversary
History of the International Association of Lorain
1967 - Present

1967 The International Association of Lorain was born. Richard Olson was the first President. International's first Queen was Irene Kychun who represented the Ukrainian Community.

1968 Richard Olson remained as President. The Queen for 1968 was Simone Marovich who represented the Serbian Community.

1969 Leo Koury was President. Irene Sidorowicz became the third Queen representing the Polish Community. General Westmoreland made parade appearances and Robert Beaudry was the breakfast speaker.

1970 Stan Pijor was President. Sandra Pong was crowned Queen, representing the Chinese Community. The breakfast speaker was Abdur-Rahman Pazhwak, Ambassador to the United Nations from Afghanistan.

1971 Al Porkolab took the Presidency during the International's first year to spotlight a nationality and industry. The Italians were saluted and they had Mario Anziano, the Italian Consul in Cleveland, speak a few words as a breakfast guest. U.S. Steel's Lorain-Cuyahoga Works was the honored industry. Cindy Smith reigned as International Queen representing the Irish Community.

1972 Bob Pelander resided as International President. Professor August Molnar, who was President of the American-Hungarian Studies Foundation, spoke at the breakfast. Helen Thelas, the Greek Princess, served as International Queen. Ford Motor was the spotlighted industry. The festival and bazaar were moved down to the back area of May Company.

1973 Gene Sofranko was President when Governor John Gilligan attended the International's Breakfast. State Representative Arthur Wilkowski addressed the crowd during the breakfast, which saluted the Poles. Veronica Gonzales was International Queen representing the Mexican Community. Breakfast was held at Lorain Catholic High School.

1974 Luis Sanchez was President when the Puerto Ricans were spotlighted. Don Jaime Benitez, who was the Puerto Rican representative to Congress, spoke at the breakfast. Irish Princess Mary Daugherty was chosen International Queen.

1975 Bob Lesiecki held top office this year when Broadway remained blocked off after the parade and booths were set up to sell food. Many activities occurred in the Lorain Palace Civic Center during the day of the parade. Greeks were in the spotlight and Judge Manos of Cleveland spoke at the breakfast. Slovak Princess Deborah Zelina was International Queen.

1976 Paul Timko was President during the Nation's birthday. Italian Princess Josie Maffei was International Queen. Lorain honorees were names at the breakfast: Robert Nagy, Metropolitan Opera, Michael Misita, Actor & Dancer, Helen Steiner Rice, Poet & Author, Steve Dohanos, Artist, and Don Novello, Comedian & Writer. The first Tennis Tournament was held. Ed Mullinax sponsored the Pro-Am Golf Tournament.

1977 Phil Dawley was President and the Black Community was spotlighted. Congressman John Conyers, Jr. of Michigan spoke during the breakfast. Irish Princess Patricia O'Connor was crowned Queen.

1978 Charlotte Zakowski was the first woman President. The honored nationality was Slovak. The spotlight industry was Centel. The breakfast speaker was Astronaut Eugene Cernan. Puerto Rican Princess Melissa Rodriguez was Queen. The breakfast was moved to DeLuca's Place in the Park.

1979 The President was Lee Kolczun. The honored nationality was the Slovenians. The breakfast speaker was the former governor Frank J. Lausche. Greek Princess Angela Marousis was Queen.

1980 Jack LaVriha was President. The honored nationality was Ukranian. The breakfast speaker was Senator Uszak of Canada. The US Air Force Band performed at the festival. Polish Princess Cynthia Bennett was Queen.

1981 Jack Elliott was President. The honored nationality was Mexican. The International Queen was Brenda Carroll representing the Japanese.

1982 Catherine (Cutty) Catanzarite was the second woman President. Deirdre Kolb representing the Black Community was Queen. The Irish were the spotlighted nationality. The center line on Broadway was painted green in honor of the Irish.

1983 Dave Macgregor led the International when the Scots were honored as the spotlight nationality. Alan Bean was the fourth man to walk on the moon and he spoke at the breakfast. Dawn Salva was Queen representing the Hungarian Community.

1984 The City of Lorain celebrated its 150th birthday and took the International spotlight. Steve Bailey was President during this festive Sesquicentennial year when many events were held during June and July as part of the celebration. Artist Steven Dohanos addresses the breakfast crowd. Carol Mackin of the Irish Community was crowned Queen.

1985 Macedonians were the spotlight nationality during Randal Dowler's term as President. Breakfast speaker was Dr. Demetre Nicoloff who invented a heart valve, grew up in Lorain, and attended Oakwood Elementary and Lorain High Schools. Deborah Delgado the Mexican Princess was the Queen.

1986 Ruth Smith was International's third woman president. We celebrated our 20th Anniversary so we did not have a nationality to spotlight. We also saluted the Statue of

Liberty. The breakfast speaker was Dr. Joseph Novello. The International Queen was Angela Orlando was the Italian Princess.

1987 Robert Sabota was President. We saluted the Bicentennial of the US Constitution. The breakfast speaker was Dick Feagler of WKYC in Cleveland. The Queen was Tracy Nishanian who represented the Armenian Community.

1988 The Native American Indians were the spotlight nationality under the Presidency of John Handyside. The breakfast speaker was Dr. Lloyd Elm, an Onondaga Indian who was the supervisor of the Native American Indian program for the Buffalo City Schools. Our Queen was Amy Labos who represented the Hungarian Community.

1989 The Jewish Community was spotlighted in 1989. Mr. Robert Ferguson was President. The Queen was Melissa Jenkins who represented the Syrian-Lebanese Community. The breakfast speaker was Gerald Freedman, a native of Lorain who is nationally-renowned for his productions of classic drama, musicals, operas, and television specials.

1990 The Serbian Community was spotlighted. The President was William Crawford. Vanessa Rodriguez representing the Puerto Rican Community was crowned Queen. The breakfast speaker was Princess Elizabeth of Yugoslavia. Her Royal Highness is the mother of the beautiful Catherine Oxenberg of "Dynasty".

1991 This was the International's 25th Anniversary under the Presidency of Daniel Metelsky. We spotlighted the Russian Community. Michelle Mahilo representing the Hungarian Community was Queen. The breakfast speaker was The Very Reverend Sergei Glagolev who was born and raised in Lorain. St. Joseph Hospital and Lorain Community Hospital worked together as we spotlighted the local hospitals as our industry for 1991.

1992 William Shepard was President and the Philippine Community was spotlighted. The spotlight industry was the Downtown Lorain Growth Association. Ildiko Szucs representing the Hungarian Community was Queen. The breakfast speaker was Emma Ruth Yulo-Kitiyarkara, the national director of the Philippine Department of Tourism. The parade was held to welcome home Terry Anderson who was the honorary Parade Marshall.

1993 Jay Ferguson was President and India was spotlighted. The spotlight industry was the Lorain Port Authority. Angela Nicolaou, representing the Cypress Community was Queen. Pratap Kotamraju, a former Indian Ambassador, was the breakfast speaker.

1994 Stephen Bansek was President and the German Community was spotlighted. The spotlight industry was Lorain's churches. Deborah Prinz, the German Princess, was crowned Queen. Dr. Marianne Wannow, General Council of the Federal Republic of Germany, was the guest speaker at the breakfast.

1995 Pauline Garcia was President and the spotlight nationality was the Viet Nam Community. In the year of their 100th Anniversary, USS/Kobe was chosen as the

spotlight industry. The Italians were graced as Angela Iemma was crowned. The breakfast speaker was Peter Ngyen, Director H2N, advertising head.

1996 Thom Urbanek was President and the Puerto Rican Community was spotlighted. The Girl Scouts were honored as the spotlight industry. MyAn Zagorsky, one of the Viet Nam Princesses, was crowned Queen. Retired Army General Joe Robles was the breakfast speaker.

1997 Gerry Sifter was the President and the Polish Community was the spotlighted. May Co. Credit Card Center was the spotlight industry. The Queen, representing the Ukranians, was Tina Pohuliaj.

1998 Robert Kerecz was President, naming the Safety Forces of Lorain as the spotlight industry and the Philippines as the spotlight nationality. Natalie Soto, representing Puerto Rico, was chosen as the Queen.

1999 The spotlight nationality was the Hungarian Community and the spotlight industry was Goodwill Industries. Jerome Hromada was the President and Macedonian Princess Elizabeth Nickoloff was chosen as our Queen.

2000 Jerome Hromada was President. Our site was moved to Veteran's Park in downtown Lorain. We honored the Russians and BFI was our spotlight industry. Ukranian Princess Natasha Reidy was chosen as Queen.

2001 Jane Baran was the President. Our country's 225th birthday was spotlighted and the Lorain Public Library was spotlighted for industry in the year of their 100th anniversary. The Queen was Greek Princess Christina Smith, the daughter of the 1972 Greek Queen Helen Thelas.

2002 Thom Urbanek was President and Croatia was the spotlight nationality. The spotlight industry was the Palace Civic Center. Mary Beth Morris, representing the Russians, was Queen.

2003 The festival moved to the Lorain Port Authority's Black River Landing festival site. The International Festival was the inaugural event on this site. Frank Sipkovsky was President and the Mexican Community was spotlighted. The Lorain County Association of Realtors was the spotlight industry. Jackalyn Velasquez representing Poland was Queen. The breakfast speaker was Dr. Juan Andrade, Jr., President and Executive Director of the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute.

X (2004) Robert Kerecz was President and the African American Community was spotlighted. The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 129 was the spotlight industry. Hillary Hoak, representing the Hungarian nationality, was Queen.

2005 Dr. Subbarao Cherukuri was President and the Greek Community was spotlighted. The spotlight industry was Community Health Partners. Irish Princess Breanna Kopis was chosen as Queen.

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To Amy: Good Luck, Bubbles! Jen Thomas & Amy McCown
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To Amy: Good luck. Hope your future is filled with success. Don Mullins
It takes a special kind of person to aim so high and get so far. Best wishes to you, Amy! Kathy
Good luck Amy, do your best! Mark
Amy, good luck! We love and support you through everything! Mary & Randi
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We love you Adrianna!! Mom & Dad

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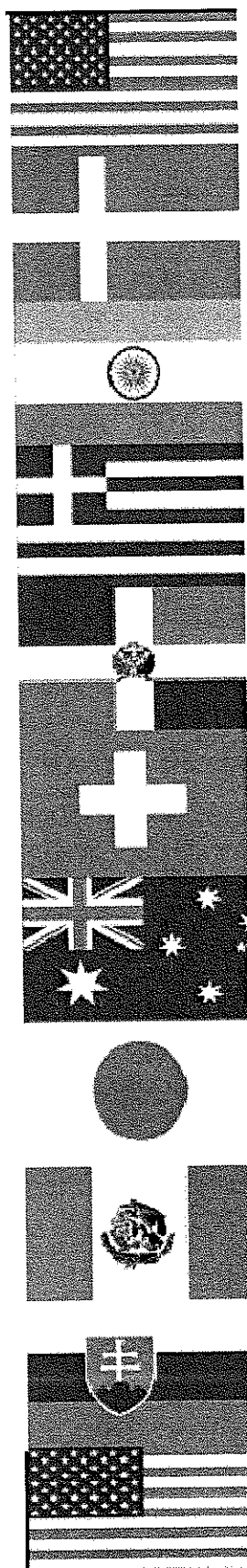
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