

Krewe of Bowlegs

Full Throttle

2007



2008



Captain Billy Bowlegs LIII – Brock Fisher and Queen Kim Battiste



Captain Billy's Message

"It's great to be King" said Mel Brooks and I agree with him. The year as Captain Billy Bowlegs 53 has been unique and special. I have traveled from St. Paul, Minnesota to Bradenton, Florida with many stops in between. I have seen many old friends and forged new friendships. The experiences have given me many great memories and an enhanced appreciation for what the Krewe of Bowlegs epitomizesFUN and FRIENDSHIP. All of our members, at one time or another, have served on charitable and/or civic organizations that benefit our community. Albeit the Krewe is known for Pirate frivolity, but it stands for much more, including over 100 appearances a year at Okaloosa county schools, civic and charitable events. In addition, we draw over 30,000 tourists to our area annually to participate in the FWB Chamber's Billy Bowlegs Pirate Festival. These are worthy causes, by any definition, and I am proud to be a part of it.

There are many people who deserve special thanks for their efforts to make this year special. I am truly grateful to all of you and your names and pictures can be found throughout this program, however space limitations only allow me to mention a few below.

"Queenie 53" you're the best! Your beauty, charm, energy, imagination, creativity, and dedication have helped make the Krewe of 53 all I could have hoped for and more. "Lackey 53" Wesley your council, friendship and labor has been an integral part of our year and I thank you for the use of your facilities (Destin Surgery Center and the DaniKay) which helped to make the year special. First Mate "I'm all over it" Bruce was simply the BEST as was First Mistress "Debrina". Combined these two gave organization, energy, friendship, creativity and dedication to a tough job of making the Captain look good and keeping the Krewe running efficiently at "Full Throttle".

Special thanks to Dick Roberts and the William Augustus Bowles Museum and Historical Foundation Committee for their efforts to establish a separate organization so that Bowlegs, as well as other county historical organizations, will one day have a home to display the over half a century of memorabilia and artifacts. Thanks to Ex-officio Lackey and Top 5 liaison Jeannie Roberts (Ms Bowlegs) for all her work in helping El Brocko shed his training boots for the real Captain "Big Boy" boots. To the Board of Directors, Officers and event chairmen, I thank you for your support and efforts to make all the events both memorable and within budget for the Krewe of 53. Special thanks to Mert Wagner the Krewe Photographer for your extraordinary efforts to provide photos of all Bowlegs events. To Gordon Starr for a super sound system and always being there with great music for our parades. To George Cilek for building the amazing red airplane used at the Holly Ball and now hanging at the hut. To the LIII Honor Guard, thanks for the memories, and there are many - parades, canoe trip, festivals, boat outings, pole dancing, formal events, togas and much more. They all provided many memories, enhanced old friendships and created new ones that will last a lifetime. I thank each of you for your participation. Thanks to all the Krewe of Bowlegs for your participation and for the opportunity to serve as your Captain Billy Bowlegs LIII.

I extend to Captain Billy Bowlegs LIV, his Queen, First Mate and Mistress, and Honor Guard, my best wishes for a fun filled year of friendship as you now carry on the, over half century of, tradition of the Krewe of Bowlegs.

Brock Fisher
Captain Billy Bowlegs, 53



Brock Fisher

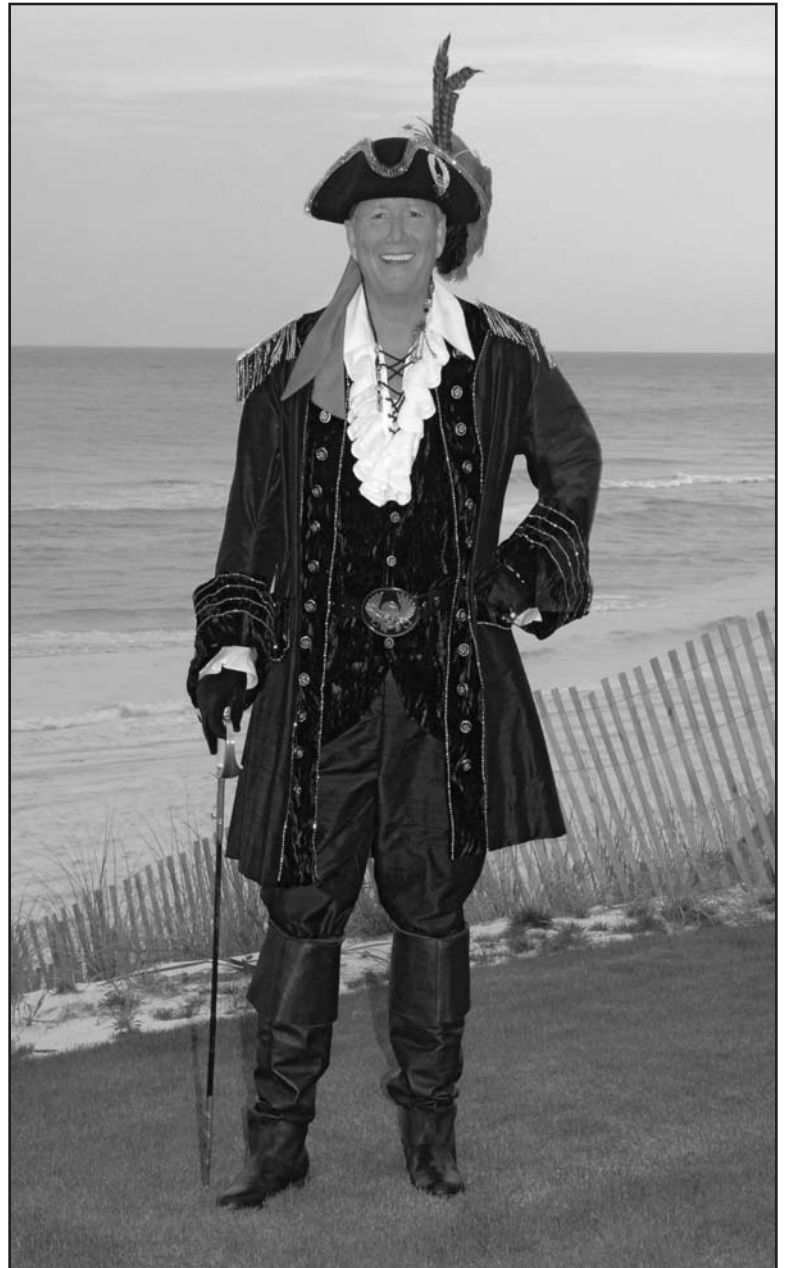
Captain Billy Bowlegs, 53

Brock L. Fisher began vacationing with his family in Fort Walton Beach in 1949 and has lived in the area off and on since 1964. He attended Baylor University in Waco, Texas and graduated from American Flyers, Ardmore, Oklahoma as a commercial pilot and flight instructor. In the 1960s he worked for Pittsburg Institute of Aeronautics as a contracted civilian instructor pilot with the U.S. Air Force at Craig Air Force Base, Selma, Alabama. He then moved to Fort Walton Beach where he worked in the banking industry before joining Jim Wilson and Associates of Montgomery, Alabama, a shopping mall developer. He retired from Wilson and Associates as head of all shopping mall operations in the Southeast and Southwest. He is now President of Fisher Development Company.

His past professional organization involvement includes serving on the Board of the Florida Council of Shopping Centers and the International Council of Shopping Centers. He is a past President of the Eglin chapter of the Air Force Association. In addition, he served on the board of directors and President of numerous civic and charitable organizations in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, Jackson, Mississippi and Montgomery, Alabama. He was the emcee for the FWB Chamber's First Friday Coffee for four years. He is presently a member of the Emerald Coast Military Affairs Council.

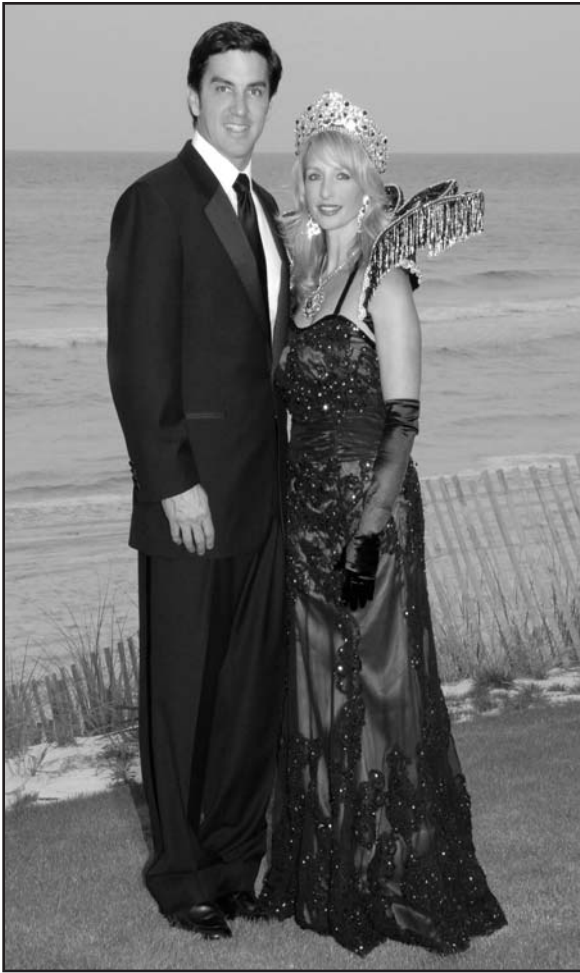
Brock joined the Krewe of Bowlegs in 1971 and has served as First Mate for Captain Billy XLV, Dick Roberts, as a member of two Honor Guards and on the board of directors for many Captains' starting in 1975 with Captain Billy XX, G.V. Pardue.

Brock is the son of Frank & Mary (deceased) Fisher of Fort Walton Beach. Frank and Mary Fisher were First Mate and First Mistress XXVI. He has one son, Brock L. Fisher, II, 30, who owns a mortgage company and lives with his wife Kathryn, in Abilene, Texas. Brock resides in Shalimar, Florida with his Harley Davidson motorcycle.



Kim Battiste

Queen of Bowlegs, 53



Kimberly Kay Battiste, chosen by Captain Billy LIII as the 53rd Queen of Bowlegs, has been a resident of the Fort Walton Beach and Destin area since graduating from Kennesaw State University with a B.S. in Education in 1991. Kim is the daughter of Jim and Kay Benton of Miramar Beach, Florida and daughter-in-law of Lloyd and Pat Battiste of Shalimar, Florida.

After teaching for two years in the Okaloosa School System, she has worked in many volunteer roles in the community along with the full time position of caring for her children. Kim has served in the past on the board for the Junior League of Fort Walton Beach, inaugural founding committee for the Cystic Fibrosis Ball, multiple years as a member of the planning committee for the American Heart Association Heart Ball and also the inaugural committee and several to follow for the American Cancer Society Masquerade Ball.

Kim currently serves as a parent volunteer at Destin Elementary School, and was previously a parent sponsor of the Destin Middle School Dazzler Dance Team. She has also served on the board for the Student Advisory Committee at Destin Elementary and is on the Board of Directors for Grace Lutheran pre-school. Her enjoyments in life are boating with her family, her active church membership at Grace Lutheran in Destin, and enjoying watching her daughters dance along with other activities.

Kim's husband, Wes Battiste, is President and a founding partner of Destin Surgery Center. A graduate of Emory University with a B.M.Sc. and a M.M.Sc. with highest honors, Wes was originally employed by White Wilson Medical Center department of anesthesia for 10 years before developing the Destin Surgery Center. Wes has served in the past on the Board of Directors for Montessori Learning Center, the American Heart Association and currently serves on the advisory board for First National Bank and Trust. He is a member of the Destin Chamber of Commerce and an active member of Grace Lutheran Church in Destin.

Kim and Wes have two children, Danielle Victoria 14 and Kaylee Alyssa 10. Danielle attends Fort Walton Beach High School and Kaylee attends Destin Elementary School. Both girls are members of the Dance Elite Studio competition dance team. Danielle was a three year letterman on the Destin Middle School Dazzler Dance Team and Captain her eighth grade year. Kaylee is a member of the Grace Lutheran Children's Choir. Both girls have been awarded Good Citizen Awards by their schools numerous times. In 1998-99 Danielle was a member of the Bowlegs Children of the Court and in 2004-2005 Kaylee was a member of the Bowlegs Children of the Court.

This year the girls are on the court as their mothers crown bearer and medallion bearer.



Bruce & Debbie Marshall

First Mate & First Mistress, 53

Bruce Marshall is President of Marshall Enterprises, a management and consulting company. Bruce has a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from Arizona State University and an MBA from the University of Central Florida. Bruce and Debbie came to Ft. Walton Beach in 1990 when Bruce was assigned as the Air Base Wing Commander at Eglin AFB. After 24 years of moving, retirement from the Air Force and a short time in Huntsville, AL, they chose to make their home on the Emerald Coast. Bruce has been involved in the local community both on active duty and since retirement. He has served continuously on the Boards of United Way, the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, where he served as Chairman in 2006, and the Air Force Armament Museum. He also served on the Board of the Mental Health Association and was President in 2001 – 2004. He has also been active in the Air Force Association serving as Region / State President in 2002-2004 and on the National Board from 2004-2007.



Bruce and Debbie met during his first Pentagon tour and were married in 1976 in Washington, D.C.

Debbie was born and raised in Ft. Washington, MD. She has been extremely active in local real estate for the past nine years. She is a sales agent with Pelican Realty. Debbie is active in the Emerald Coast Association of Realtors and Women's Council of Realtors. Debbie has been an active volunteer in support of the school activities and various other charities. Bruce and Debbie have 4 sons and 6 grandchildren; Barry and his wife Michelle live in Manila, Phillipines with their three children Stevii, Davis and Jaron; Brad and his two children Julian and Ellie in Newton, KS; Jason and his wife Kay with their son Gates in Westminster, CO; and Neil and his fiancé, Erin Rightley, in Shalimar. Bruce and Debbie enjoy snow skiing, hiking and biking in Colorado, and all water activities. They were on the Krewe of Bowlegs XLV Honor Guard and Bruce has served on the Bowlegs Board since 2000. Bruce and Debbie live in Shalimar.

Krewe

Captain Billy Bowlegs

Queen of Bowlegs

1st Mate & 1st Mistress

I	Nathan Fleet	Dian Sloat	
II	Roger Clary	Sheila Lewis	
III	John Cox	Mellie Jo Peacock	
IV	Docie Bass	Kathryn Tringas	
V	Finley Duncan	Alex Patton	
VI	Thomas Brooks	Bettye Williams	
VII	William Roberts	Jean Long	
VIII	Hilary Stewart	Agnes Bass	Bill Colvell
IX	Wilson Minger	Carol Duncan	Dr. Henry & Mary White
X	Dr. Henry White	Ella Clary	Dr. Malcom & Carolyn Crotzer
XI	Winston Walker	"Sug" Brown	James Booth
XII	Dr. Malcom Crotzer	"Boota" Walker	Maurice & Tena McLaughlin
XIII	H. French Brown, Jr.	Carolyn Crotzer	Joe & Zelena Guidry
XIV	Judge Erwin Fleet	"Neen" (Gill) McHaney	Jim & Helen Kendrick
XV	Maurice McLaughlin	Mary Ellen Ricks	Gary & Connie Lee
XVI	Jim Kendrick	Lynne Mathews	James & Dot Buchanan
XVII	Clifford H. Long	Dot Buchanan	Robert & Sara Morrison
XVIII	Robert Morrison	Jo Fleet	Bob & Dot Blizzard
XIX	Joe Guidry	Helen Kendrick	William & Hazel Spain
XX	G.V. Pardue	Tena McLaughlin	Bill & Bunny Alford
XXI	Dr. William W. Thompson	Mickey Harbeson	LeDon & Annette Anchors
XXII	Roy L. Ricks	Betty (Eyrich) Kruzal	Charlie & Lynne Mathews
XXIII	William B. Harbeson, III	Kay Stokes	Charlie & Barbara Born
XXIV	William E. Spain	Sara (Brooks) Clemmons	Chris & Susan Johnson
XXV	Robert C. Blizzard	Blanche Brackin	Denzil & Merle Robbins
XXVI	C. Walt Ruckel	Donna Trum	Frank & Mary Fisher
XXVII	Thomas B. Ray	Joan Schweizer	Dr. David & Judy Arrowsmith
XXVIII	H. Gene Smith	Wava Ruckel	Bill & Tina Nelson
XXIX	Chris A. Johnson, Jr.	Adelaide Harris	Ralph & Barbara Fallin
XXX	Kenneth E. Williamson	Gloria Smith	Herb & Amaryllis Tinsley
XXXI	Dr. Alex D. Trum	Susan Johnson	Johnny & Marie Johnson
XXXII	Ralph D. Fallin	Martha Kilpatrick	Harry & Virginia Barr
XXXIII	James R "Randy" Stokes	Beverly Anchors	Dr. Forrest & Sally Townsend
XXXIV	William D. Nelson, Sr.	Virginia Glynn Barr	Bill & Suzie Gross
XXXV	C. LeDon Anchors	Deborah L. Roberts	William & Katherine Dreadin
XXXVI	W. Herbet Tinsley	Carlee Foster	Ken & Jacqueline Mathiasmeier
XXXVII	James "Johnny" Johnson, III	Jean P. Blumer	Chuck & Gerry Ingram
XXXVIII	Harry Barr	Patricia B. Tringas	Sam & Lisa Burkett
XXXIX	Richard L. Manley	Lisa M. Burkett	Bart & Tracey Hudson
XL	Scotty Foster	Cissy Brown	Bob & Pam McTyeire
XLI	C.L. "Chuck" Ingram	Marie E. Johnson	Dr. Phil & Jeanie Blumer
XLII	Gregory A. Artabasy	Patricia P. Perri	Fred & Pam Cochran
XLIII	Samuel B. Burkett, III	Kathleen P. Dlabal	Jeff & Katherine McInnis
XLIV	H. French Brown, III	Lynn Crotzer Kimmel	Dr. Brad Keller & Toni Wurth
XLV	Richard A. "Dick" Roberts	Anita D. Gates	Brock & Cynthia Fisher
XLVI	Dr. Phil Blumer	Lynne Amiel	Steve & Lolly Korn
XLVII	Dr. Thomas "Tom" Dlabal	Jeannie Roberts	Frank & Jaciel Robbins
XLVIII	Jeff McInnis	Kathy Ray	Dan & Bobbi Nelson
XLIX	Frank Robbins	Alexis Tibbetts	Don & Karen Hutson
L	Tim Ray	Jaciel Robbins	French & Cissy Brown
LI	Dr. Keith Amiel	Debbie Buchanan	King & Cheryl Vaughan
LII	Michael Gates	Beverly Crews	Mark & Ashley Siner
LIII	Brock Fisher	Kim Battiste	Bruce & Debbie Marshall



53rd Honor Guard



Robert Blanchard, a native of Monroe, LA, attended Louisiana Tech University where he received a B.S. degree in Zoology. He attended medical school at LSU and completed his residency in pathology at Baylor University in Dallas. Ellen is also a native of Monroe, LA and attended LSU and NLU where she received her RN degree. She enjoyed many years of critical care nursing before retiring and becoming a full time mother for their four children Will 11, Kate 9, Jack 7, and Chris 4. They enjoy outdoor activities including boating, watersports, and tennis. The family lives in Destin and attends St. Mary Church.

Robert & Ellen Blanchard

Todd and DeDe Bolger originally moved to the Emerald Coast in 1992 -1997 and returned in 2003. Along with their children Ian 7, and twins Trace and Payton, 6, they live in Shalimar and are actively involved in the local community and St. Mary's Catholic Church. Todd originally hails from Mifflintown, PA, receiving his B.S. degree from the US Air Force Academy and Masters in International Relations from Troy State. He is an Assistant Vice President and Branch Director of Operations for Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC). DeDe hails from Ridgley, TN and attended the University of Mississippi receiving her B.A. in Art. She also went on to receive her B.S., Ed. in Education for the Hearing Impaired at Mississippi College and M.S. in Audiology at the University of South Alabama. DeDe currently volunteers her time at Cinco Baptist School, Shalimar Youth Baseball and St. Mary's Church.



Todd & DeDe Bolger



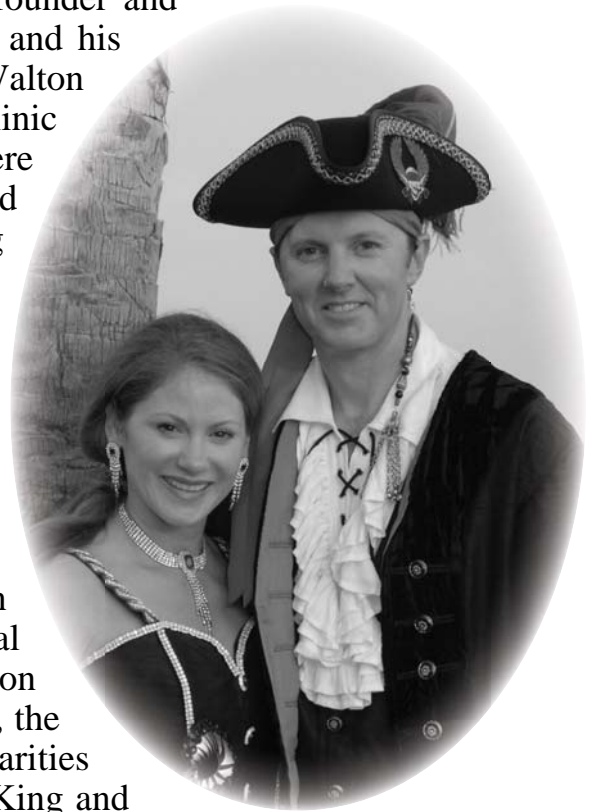
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illiam "Bill" R. Burden, M.D is the founder and CEO of Destin Plastic Surgery. He and his wife, Pamela M. Burden, have lived in the Fort Walton Beach area since 1995. Pam founded the Anti-Aging Clinic of Destin, a medical skin care clinic. They moved here shortly before Hurricane Opal and were not dissuaded to leave. Bill toured the Southeast schools graduating from Virginia Tech, The Medical College of Virginia, LSU, and The University of Florida. At LSU, he met Pam. Pam had attended LSU and graduated from the University of New Orleans.

Upon their arrival to the area, they started their family. Grant, Savannah, and Spencer attend Rocky Bayou Christian School. The family attends St. Rita and Village Baptist churches.

Bill is also one of the founding members of the Destin Surgery Center and has served on the board of several organizations including the Destin Charity Wine Auction helping children in need. Hailing from New Orleans, the couple enjoys the Krewe of Bowlegs and the similarities to the Mardi Gras Krewes. Bill and Pam were the King and Queen of the Krewe of Aquila in 2006.



Bill & Pam Burden



Mike & DeeDee Carr

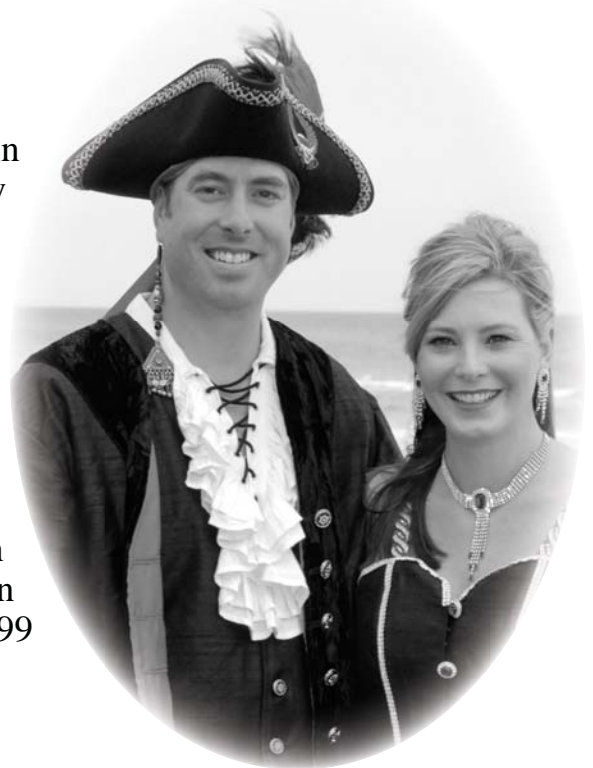
Michael Carr is a native of Fort Walton Beach and graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Building Science. He is a Florida certified General Contractor specializing in commercial construction. He enjoys all outdoor activities and spending quality time with his family. Michael married his high school sweetheart, Dee Dee Ulery Carr. She is also a native of the area, born on Eglin AFB and raised in Shalimar. Dee Dee graduated from Florida State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Clothing, Textiles, and Fashion Merchandising. She is currently a group fitness instructor with Total Fitness Gyms and a full time mother to their three children Spencer 11, Olivia 8, and Gigi 3. The Carr family makes their home in Fort Walton Beach and attends Shalimar United Methodist Church.

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Scott & Donna Ennis

Scott and Donna are natives of Fairhope, Alabama. Scott attended Birmingham Southern College under a Presidential Honors Scholarship. He completed medical school at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where he stayed for a full general surgery residency. From there, he matriculated to the University of Virginia, where he completed a plastic surgery fellowship and he is now double board certified in general surgery and plastic surgery and now practices in Destin. Donna completed a bachelor's degree in nursing at the University of Alabama in Birmingham and stayed to complete a master's degree in nursing as a nurse practitioner. Donna currently practices in the Destin/Niceville area. Scott and Donna have two children, Anna 7 years old and Shepherd 5 years old. Donna and Scott currently live in Destin, Florida, enjoy boating and attend Village Baptist Church.



Bill & Christina Kilpatrick

Bill Kilpatrick is a native of Destin and grew up in the area. He attended Florida State University for his undergraduate degree, Cumberland School of Law for his law degree and University of Denver for his LL.M. in taxation. Bill is currently a partner and shareholder in the law firm of Fleet, Spencer & Kilpatrick, P.A. with offices in both Shalimar and Destin. Christina was born in Washington D.C., and as the daughter of an Army enlisted father, lived in numerous locations growing up including Germany, Arizona, Massachusetts, Iowa and Kansas. Christina obtained her cosmetology license in 2001 and now owns and operates Ya Ya's salon located in Destin. Bill and Christina met and started dating in 1999 and they were married on May 31, 2008.



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Ed McMullen Jr a native Floridian raised in Lakeland Florida and a graduate of Florida Southern College married to Debbie Taylor in 1993, Debbie is from Evansville Indiana and a graduate of the University of Southern Indiana. Ed's career work of more than 25 years in the resort real estate business brought the family to Northwest Florida in 2004 and his position as the Executive Vice President of Legendary Realty. Ed and Debbie live in Destin with their two children Trace (11) and Rachel (8). The McMullen's attend Village Baptist Church and enjoy family time fishing on the "MOJO", beach days on Noriega Point, Golf at Regatta Bay and backyard BBQ's with friends.



Ed & Debbie McMullen



John Mead is a native of Fort Walton Beach. He attended Choctawhatchee High School, before he received a B.A. degree in business administration with a minor in pre-law from Flagler College in St. Augustine, FL. He received his juris doctorate from Florida Coastal School of Law in Jacksonville, FL. John practices law with his father Michael Wm Mead, and brother Michael W. Mead, Jr. Shelley Mead is a native of DeLand, FL. Following their marriage in July of 2006 she moved to Fort Walton Beach. She has a B.A. degree in political science from the University of Florida. The couple enjoys boating, traveling and spending time with their families and friends.

John & Shelley Mead

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Kevin O'Brien is a native of Kansas City, MO He attended Missouri State University and received his B.S. Degree in International Business Administration where he studied abroad at the London School of Economics. He founded Sherwood Equity a financial services firm. Nancy O'Brien an Air Force child came to the area in 1970, she Graduated from Fort Walton Beach High School and attended colleges in CA, SC and FL. She is actively involved in several charities and the President and CEO of BancNet Mortgage. They are members of Fort Walton Yacht Club and they live in Shalimar and attend both Shalimar United and Trinity Methodist.

Kevin & Nancy O'Brien

Marc is a long time resident of the Fort Walton Beach area. His parents, Gordon and Nyla Starr, moved here from Denver, Colorado for Gordon's career. Marc graduated from Niceville High School and immediately went on to pursue his B.S.B.A. in Business Finance from the University of West Florida. Marc is currently pursuing a career in property management. He enjoys collecting and restoring classic automobiles such as Oldmobiles, Mopars, and Trans Am's, and traveling. Marc married his long time sweetheart, Tara, in March of 2007.

Tara has also lived in the local area since the age of three. Her parents, Declan and Dolly Quill, moved to the United States for military duty and have now retired here. Tara graduated from Choctawhatchee High School, and then obtained her B.A. in Psychology from the University of West Florida. She currently works as the Placement & Training Manager for the Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa. Tara enjoys water sports, volleyball, and working out. The couple currently resides in the Niceville area and plan to have children in the near future.



Marc & Tara Starr



Act 1

FULL THROTTLE

Prelude -- Pictures from the LIII year

Emcee: Michael Gates, Captain Billy Bowlegs LII

Captain Billy Bowlegs LIII

Brock Fisher

Queen of Bowlegs LIII

Kim Battiste

First Mate & First Mistress LIII

Bruce & Debbie Marshall

2007 – 2008 Princesses & Privateers

Chris Buchanan
Channing Burt
Chad Born
Hunter Campbell
Jordan Carter
Rebecca Chalker

Will Densmore
Curtis Rood
Spencer Jay
Josh Daily
Lynnlee Massarelli
Kathryn Crews

Chandler Riviezzo
Whitney Schweizer
Joshua Schweizer
Jarrod Schweizer
Amanda Sullivan
Danielle Tibbetts

2007 – 2008 Children of the Court

Johathan Balent
Danielle Battiste
Kaylee Battiste
Kate Blanchard
Savannah Burden
Andrew Chavez

Blake Ellis
Mary Ellis
Anna Ennis
Sidney Freeman
Penton Garvie
Will Haught

Huston Locht
Bella Hutchison
Hunter Smith
Erin Watts
Gaston West
Courtney Cason

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John & Shelley Mead
Marc & Tara Starr

Act 2

Introductions
By Michael Gates, Captain Billy Bowlegs LII

ACT II

NO QUARTER GIVEN

Emcee: Tom Connor

Presentation of the 2008 – 2009 Princesses and Privateers

Introduction of the 2008 – 2009 Honor Guard

Introduction of the 2008 – 2009 First Mate and First Mistress

Departure of the 2007 – 2008 First Mate and First Mistress

Introduction of the Children of the Court

Arrival of Captain Billy Bowlegs LIV

Departure of Captain Billy Bowlegs LIII and his Queen

Arrival of the Queen of bowlegs LIV

The unmasking of Captain Billy Bowlegs LIV and his Queen

Proclamation

Group Photography*

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53rd Krewe of Bowlegs

53rd Executive Board

President – Captain Billy 53.....	Brock Fisher
First Mate.....	Bruce Marshall
1st Vice President.....	Scott McCormick
2nd Vice President.....	Ken Watson
Secretary.....	Ron Goodfellow
Treasurer.....	Gene Barker
Lackey LIII.....	Wes Battiste
Ex-Officio.....	Mike Gates (Captain Billy LII)
Parliamentarian.....	Bill Nelson
SOB Liaison.....	Dick Roberts
First Mate Liaison.....	Dan Nelson
Executive Secretary.....	Helen (and Bobby) Spencer
Krewe Historian.....	Rick Harris
Webmaster.....	Mike Wallace
Head of Transportation.....	Jim Fish

2007 - 2008 Board Members

Mike Amiel
 Kevin Bowyer
 Van Cogley
 Aaron Deal
 Tony Gilligan
 TC Herman
 Brad Keller
 George Michas
 Mike Pattison
 Steve Peterson
 Jim Roberson
 Gene Smith
 Roger Tucker
 Mike Wallace

Rob Ard
 David Buchanan
 Andy Corbin
 Steve Doheny
 Ben Gordon
 Don Hutson
 Gary McMorro
 Randy Mills
 Jay Pelka
 Charlie Potts
 Mickey Shawbitz
 Gordon Starr
 King Vaughn
 Jack Williams

Charles Born
 George Cilek
 Byron Cotton
 Les Fleischer
 Jack Godwin
 Jim Keeler
 Bob McTyeire
 Mark Pattison
 Tim Perry
 Barry Riggs
 David Simpkins
 Tom Timothy
 Bob Vayda
 Danny Wright

William Augustus Bowles Museum and Historical Foundation Committee

Dick Roberts, Chairman
 Dan Perri, Co-Chairman
 Harry Barr

Phil Blumer
 Tom Connor
 Johnny Johnson

Steve Korn

Behind The Scenes of 53

Coronation Pageant Chairman.....	Tim Perry
Cononation Set Construction Chairman.....	Mickey Shawbitz
Coronation Pageant Stage Director.....	Cristi Perry
Coronation Pageant Backstage Director.....	Pam Herman
Script.....	Krewe of 53 Top 5
Music.....	Gordon Starr
Program.....	Mike Wallace, Krewe of 53 Top 5
OWC Arts Center Director.....	Dr. Clifford Herron
OWC Technical Director.....	Bob Whitaker
OWC Assistant Technical Director.....	Clint Mahle

Krewe of Bowlegs LIII Acknowledgements

Captain Billy Bowlegs 53 Costume.....	Judy Green, Mobile, AL
Queen's Gown, Train & Collar.....	Karen Thornton & Judy Green, Mobile, AL
Queen's Crown, Medallion, Earrings & Scepter.....	Dynasty Collections, Mobile, AL
First Mate Costume.....	Judy Green, Mobile, AL
First Mistress Costume.....	Samai's Sewing & Alterations, FWB, FL
Honor Guard Costumes.....	Samai's Sewing & Alterations, FWB, FL
Honor Guard Ladies and COC Jewelry.....	Dynasty Collections
Children of the Court Costumes.....	Ms. Chong Cromwell, Assibang Alterations, FWB, FL
53 Logo Design.....	Brian Rightley, FWB, FL
Ex Officio Lackey.....	Jeannie Roberts
Program.....	Mike Wallace
Program Printing.....	Image Printing, FWB, FL
Photos.....	Mert Wagner, Gulf Reflections
Other Supporting Businesses.....	Josettes, Biloxi, MS, Ely's Fabric Warehouse, Mobile, AL, Destin Surgery Center, Destin, FL; Stagecrafters, Fine Fotos, Armstrong's Printing, A2Z Advertising, Simply Elegant; & Stitch FX, all of FWB, FL

Krewe of Bowlegs LIV Acknowledgements

Captain Billy Bowlegs LIV Costume.....	Karen Thornton, Mobile, AL
Queen's Gown, Train & Collar.....	Karen Thornton, Mobile, AL
Queen's Crown, Medallion, & Earrings.....	Tommy Cain, Dynasty collections, Mobile, AL
First Mate and First Mistress LIV costumes.....	Karen Thornton, Mobile, AL
First Mistress Jewelry.....	Dynasty collections, Mobile, AL
Honor Guard Costumes.....	Ms. Chong Cromwell, Assibang Sewing, FWB, FL
Children of the Court Costumes.....	Samai's Sewing & Alterations, FWB, FL
Other Supporting Businesses.....	Josettes, Biloxi, MS, Ely's Fabric Warehouse, Mobile, AL, Stagecrafters, Fine Fotos, Armstrong's Printing, A2Z Advertising, Simply Elegant; Stitch FX, all of FWB, FL



Princesses & Privateers



Chad Born
Son of Charles & Donna Born,
grandson of the late Charles
Born III & Barbara Born, 23rd
First Mate and Mistress



Christopher Buchanan
Son of Buck & Renee Buchan-
an, grandson of Dot Buchanan,
17th Queen of Bowlegs & the
late Jim Buchanan, 16th First
Mate



Channing Burt
Daughter of John & Sharen
Burt



Hunter Campbell
Son of Jimmy & Debbie
Campbell



Jordan Carter
Daughter of Buddy & Cindy
Carter



Rebecca Chalker
Daughter of Gerry & Beth
Chalker



Kathryn Crews
Daughter of Ray & Judy
McGovern



Josh Daily
Son of Kevin & Sherry Locht



Will Densmore
Son of Ted & Barbara
Densmore

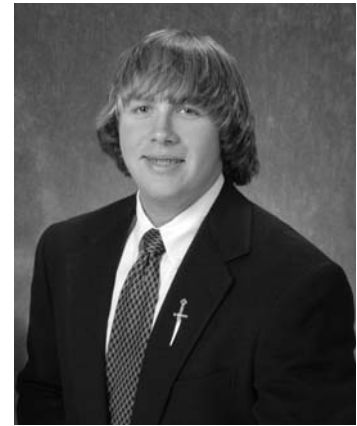
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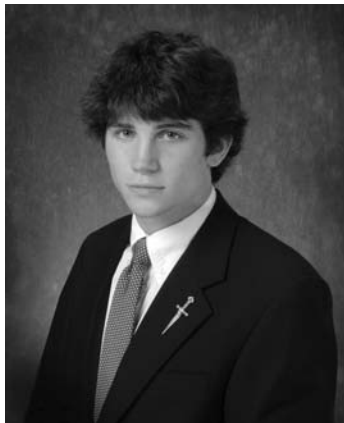
Spencer Jay
Son of Steve & Emily Jay



Lynnlee Massarelli
Daughter of Rocky Massarelli
& Cindy Gates



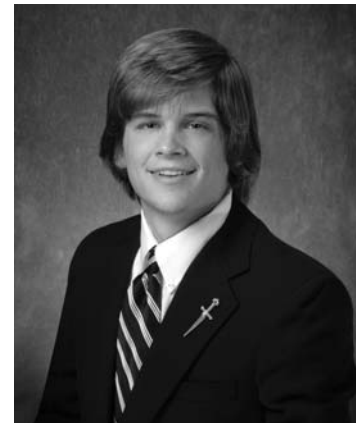
Chandler Riviezzo
Son of Michael & Mary
Riviezzo



Curtis Rood
Son of Curt & Susan Rood,
grandson of Joan Harley & the
late Tyson Harley



Jarod Schweizer
Son of Jeff & Cindy Sch-
weizer, grandson of Art &
Joan Schweizer, 27th Queen
of Bowlegs



Joshua Schweizer
Son of Todd & Melanie
Schweizer & Michael & Mary
Riviezzo, grandson of Art &
Joan Schweizer 27th Queen
of Bowlegs



Whitney Schweizer
Daughter of Todd & Melanie Sch-
weizer & Michael & Mary Riviezzo,
grandson of Art & Joan Schweizer
27th Queen of Bowlegs



Amanda Sullivan
Daughter of John Sullivan &
Dr. Susan Guentzel



Danielle Tibbetts
Daughter of Buff & Alexis
Tibbetts, 49th Queen of
Bowlegs



Children of the Court



(top row, from left)

Savannah Burden, Queen's Train Bearer
Danielle Battiste, Queen's Daughter and
Queen's Crown Bearer
Sidney Freeman, Queen's Rose Bearer
Erin Watts, Queen's Cross Bearer

(middle row, front left)

Bella Hutchison, Scepter Bearer
Kaylee Battiste, Queen's Daughter and
Queen's Medallion Bearer
Mary Ellis Cravey, Queen's Rose Bearer
Courtney Cason, Queen's Cell Phone
Bearer

(front row, from left)

Kate Blanchard, Queen's Train Bearer
Anna Ennis, Queen's Train Bearer

(top row, from left)

Hunter Smith, Captain's Sword Bearer
Reid Chavez, Captain's Proclamation
Bearer

(middle row, from left)

Jonathan Balent, Captain's Belt Bearer
Huston Loch, Captain's Medallion Bearer
Penton Garvie Jr., Captain's Treasure
Chest Bearer

(front row, from left)

Will Haught, Captain's Flight Bag Bearer
Gaston West, Captain's Helmet Bearer
Blake Cravey, Captain's Aviator Glasses
Bearer



Bowlegs History

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hoy! Mateys, hear ye the tale of the pirate, Billy Bowlegs! William Augustus Bowles was a remarkable adventurer who possessed a boundless and ambitious vision equipped with a charming personality, leadership brilliance, and a superior strength of will. This young and handsome colonist was born on the Maryland frontier in 1763. He was raised a loyalist to the British crown, accepting an ensign commission as a British Naval Officer at the age of 16. He fought in the American Revolutionary War with distinction. Following the war, he was transferred to Jamaica, and then, on to a British regiment in Pensacola, Florida.



At this point in his young thrilling life, Bowles broke from traditional bonds and, forcefully, insulted a senior officer; disavowed the military life; and deserted. He sought refuge with the Creek Indians; adopted their culture and language; and married a chief's daughter. These times were consumed with a power struggle between England, Spain, and America for control of the Gulf coast and its access to the sea. Bowles envisioned great opportunity in this struggle for power and wealth. In 1781, he returned to Pensacola with a war party to aid the British in defending their garrison against the Spanish. The British lost and surrendered. Bowles survived and was evacuated to New York. This initiative gained him a British pardon. Bowles was then sent to the Bahamas where, because of his cultural and linguistic knowledge of the Creek Indians, he established a commercial relationship with the Bahamian governor, John Connolly. The commercial interest was to arm the Creek Indians to fight the Spanish. He returned to the Creeks, but did not give them all he had promised; used them along with his crew to sack warehouses at the Spanish fort at St. Marks; left the Creeks little; and departed with most of the booty. A bounty was immediately placed on his head by the Spanish. Seeking to negotiate the establishment of an independent Muscogee state, Bowles was invited to a meeting with the Spanish governor of Louisiana and West Florida in New Orleans, which was a trap. He was captured and remained in Spanish custody, being moved frequently: Havana, Madrid, and Manila. While being moved to another prison, wily "Billy Bowlegs" escaped to Sierra Leone, a British colony from where he reached London and was given a hero's welcome.

Billy Bowlegs (Bowles) returned for a third time to Northwest Florida in 1799. He was centrally instrumental in forming the Republic of Muscogee (1799 – 1803), simultaneously, pitted against the sovereignty of the United States and Spain. The location of the Republic encompassed the region of Northwest Florida to the Bay of Appalachia and the territory that surrounds Tallahassee. After his history with the Creeks, many mistrusted him. As leader of the Muscogee nation, Bowlegs declared war on Spain in 1800. Bowles again attacked, and this time conquered, the St. Mark's fort. This victory was short lived. The Spanish recaptured the fort and put a large bounty on Billy Bowlegs' head. He hid in the Muscogee lands. He gradually lost the confidence of the Creeks. He was finally betrayed and captured by a rival Creek faction in the swamps surrounding Choctawhatchee Bay, where tales and legends abound to this day of Billy Bowlegs' buried treasure. He was sent to El Morro Castle where he died in 1805, at the approximate age of 42. His legacy was one of adventure and daring excitement.

The memory of William Augustus Bowles rings true in the annual Billy Bowlegs' festival. To the Emerald Coast, Billy Bowlegs leaves us with exciting pirate lore, great adventure, and buried treasure.

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We are the Krewe of Bowlegs and we live "In Preservation of Piracy"!







- In Tribute -

Nicola (Mickey) Harbeson (1934 – 2008) - Queen of Bowlegs XXI

Mickey was Queen of Bowlegs XXI (1975 – 1976). Mickey’s husband, Bill Harbeson, Captain Billy Bowlegs XXIII preceded her in death.

Lynne Amiel (1945 – 2008) - Queen of Bowlegs XLVI

Lynne was Queen of Bowlegs XLVI (2000 – 2001). Lynne was married to Dr. Keith Amiel, Captain Billy Bowlegs LI, for 42 years.



These gracious Queens will live on through their legacy. The Queens add a touch of class to the Piracy enjoyed by the Krewe and the Captains. Their grace, charm and outgoing personalities bring smiles to the faces of all with whom they come in contact.

The Krewe will miss these two wonderful Queens

🌀 - Thanks to Community - 🌀

For 53 years, fun-loving and civic minded members of the Krewe of Bowlegs, have generously given of their time and resources in tireless support and promotion of the community we all love.

This could not have been so successfully accomplished without the unending friendship and support of the Krewe, by the community, both as individuals and collectively as businesses and organizations.

On behalf of the members of the Krewe of Bowlegs, we wish to thank all of those that have allowed us to carry on the fun-filled traditions and events that revolve around the “Billy Bowlegs Pirate Festival”.

A special thank you goes to the City of Fort Walton Beach, the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Okaloosa-Walton College Arts Center, the Northwest Florida Daily News, Gary Smith Ford and our military friends at Eglin Air Force Base and Hurlburt Field. We couldn’t have accomplished all that we have without your year-round support. You truly make our community a better place to work and live.

Remember, there’s a little bit of Pirate in all of us. Enjoy life and have fun!



In Preservation of Piracy,

Brock Fisher

Captain Billy Bowlegs, 53



