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Las Doñas de la Corte Duchesses Representing the 2020 Court of
Imagination in Bloom Honored at Holiday Tea

Las Doñas de la Corte held their annual Holiday Tea on December 27, 2019 at the home of **Mrs. Laurie Mintz**. The honorees of this festive event were the fifteen local and nine visiting Duchesses for the Coronation 2020. The chairman for this year's tea was **Mrs. Nancy Beauchamp**. **Mrs. Sandy McCampbell**, President, presided over the meeting, which gave committee chairmen the opportunity to share information and answer questions from the mothers of this year's duchesses. In addition, **Mr. Dos Gates**, last year's Lord High Chamberlain and **Mr. Charlie Hicks**, current president of King's Men, provided information on several events during Coronation week hosted by their group.

Duchesses received a lesson on the traditional and elegant "court bow" from Las Doñas members; the girls will perform the bow on stage the night of the Coronation in their beautiful and extraordinary hand-tailored costumes. Following the Holiday Tea, the King's Men hosted a reception honoring the duchesses and their parents. This year's Buccaneer Days Coronation, "The Court of Imagination in Bloom" will be held Thursday, April 30, 2019 at the American Bank Center, Selena Auditorium.

Visiting Duchesses are **Montgomery Jett Angel** of Houston; **Alice Anne-Marie Appling** of Port Aransas; **Sarah Carrington Bass** of Houston; **Katherine Anne Berman** of Houston; **Elizabeth Blakemore Binger** of Kemah; **Jordan Field Carson** of Mountain Home; **Paityn Renee Havelka** of Robstown; **Sarah Elise McLean** of Helotes; and **Amber Nicole Alexandra Zivley** of Houston.

Local Duchesses are **Samantha Sarah Babbili**, **Dominique Isabella Benamu**, **Elle Marie Boyd**, **Emily Blair Clower**, **Anna Elizabeth Cooper**, **Allison Camille Dibble**, **Jayna Rae Grove**, **Monique Nicole Martinez**, **Samantha Robin Mayo**, **Eleanor Lipscomb McClanahan**, **Lauren Brynn Peterson**, **Abigail Catherine Sheets**, **Natalie Marie Smith**, **Eloise Juliet Urban**, and **Laura Marie Winston**.

As part of their on-going commitment to the community, Las Doñas de la Corte is proud to once again partner with the Coastal Bend Community Foundation. Friends and family may honor Duchesses and other court participants by contributing to the Coastal Bend Day of Giving Matching Fund. A donation is a wonderful way to celebrate the Court during the Buccaneer Coronation, and it benefits charities in Corpus Christi and the surrounding communities. Over the last five years, over \$50,000 has been raised, resulting in over \$100,000 in contributions with matching gifts. Donations may be made at [**www.cbcfoundation.org**](http://www.cbcfoundation.org).