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**Las Doñas de la Corte Duchesses Representing the 2022 Court of  
Resplendent Nature Honored at Holiday Tea**

Las Doñas de la Corte held their annual Holiday Tea on December 27, 2021 at the home of **Dr. and Mrs. Michael Mintz**. The honorees of this festive event were the thirteen local and six visiting Duchesses for the Coronation 2022. The chairmen for this year's tea were **Mrs. Allison Webster and Mrs. Karin Knolle**. **Mrs. Larken Sutherland**, 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. Charlie Hicks**, last year's President and **Mr. Hoelt Pohlmeier**, 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 Resplendent Nature" will be held Thursday, May 5, 2022 at the American Bank Center, Selena Auditorium.

**Visiting Duchesses** are **Megann Simms Ehrlich** of Austin; **Audrey Susanne Johnson** of Houston; **Kaitlyn Bryn Klingaman** of Dallas; **Kendall Grace Dian Owens** of Port Aransas; **Ashby Fariss Snow** of Port Aransas and **Mackinzee Leigh Swetman** of San Antonio.

**Local Duchesses** are **Gabriella Elyse Barrera**, **Brette Allison Busenlehner**, **Madeleine Josephine Dura**, **McKenna Dell Gilmore**, **Adrienne Clare Gray**, **Lauren Leigh Gray**, **Gabrielle Marie Guernsey**, **Margaret Katherine McCampbell**, **Katelyn Nicole Kimberlin**, **Kathryn Brooke Skrobarczyk**, **Kathryn Cecille Soward**, **Marina Lee Stevens-Muñoz** and **Olivia Ryan Tilton**.

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).