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National Charity League's Star Chapter Class of 2009
prepare for their Senior Presentation Ceremony

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Flowers aren't the only thing blooming in the spring. The Katy social scene blossoms this time of year, and below are a few events that can't be missed!

Galas Galore

Katy Christian Ministries has been an outstanding charitable presence in Katy for twenty five years now, and it will be hosting its Silver Anniversary Gala on April 24, 2009. Grammy award winner Steve Green will be the headliner for this annual fundraiser that will include dinner provided by Hasta La Pasta, a live auction, and a silent auction. The master of ceremonies for the program will be Ed Hendee, owner of Taste of Texas restaurant, and Glenn Beckendorf will serve as auctioneer. The site chosen for the event is the Second Baptist Church West Campus. All seats are reserved, so call Cindy at KCM at 281-391-5261 for ticket information.

The Katy Area Chamber of Commerce recently held their annual gala honoring members of the community including Citizen of the Year (Kerry R. Gilbert), Volunteer of the Year (Sharon Rhoads) and Business of the Year (Chick-Fil-A). Other Katy-based organizations chose this time of year for their fundraising galas as well. The ARC of Katy held their annual Mardi Gras gala recently and even Katy ISD held a Ties & Tiara's gala raising funds for the KEYS Scholarship program.

Debutante Balls

Each spring, the three National Charity League (NCL) chapters in Katy present their senior classes at a special ceremony celebrating each graduating girl's contributions to the community. Most of

the girls have been volunteering with NCL since 7th grade and have spent numerous hours serving charities across Katy and West Houston. NCL is a national mother-daughter philanthropic organization committed to furthering community service, developing leadership qualities in girls, and enhancing cultural experiences.

Senior Proms

Senior year is full of lots of activity, but one of the most anticipated events is the prom. From the first day of school, the prom committee is hard at work planning and fundraising, all for one glamorous night of dancing. The typical night involves lots of pictures, dinner at a fancy restaurant, and the dance. Dressed in their tuxes and formal dresses, the students will most likely travel by limo or party bus, depending on the size of the group.

"It's the defining moment of my senior year," says Hans Peng of his involvement with the Prom Committee for Cinco Ranch High School. Tanglewood Terrace in the Marathon Oil Building in the Galleria area was finally chosen as their prom location, which will happen on May 16. The theme for this year's prom is "Treasure of the Night—Arabian Nights."

"The decorations will use the class colors of gold and sapphire and our class flower, Jasmine," says Peng. "A professional decorator will prepare the hall, so we won't know what it will look like until we arrive at the dance."

"Midnight Masquerade" is the theme chosen by Morton Ranch High School Prom Committee for their dance on May 9 at the Merrill Center. Students are encouraged to wear masks in keeping with the theme. As leader of the Senior Class and head of the Prom

Taylor High School girls before a dance





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Committee, Jordan Benton doesn't hide her excitement over the upcoming event. "We're looking for performers to greet the students as they arrive for the prom," she says, "and we'll probably have a chocolate fountain."

An early prom date, April 25, has been set by Mayde Creek High School. They have chosen a theme of "Fire and Ice," and the elegant décor will include ice sculptures and candles. Class President Byron Aragon says, "My date and I will go to dinner at one of the nicest restaurants in the area beforehand with about 20 of our friends, then we'll rent three limos to take us all to the dance."

Elegant Grecian columns and statues will enhance the Houston Club for the Seven Lakes High School prom on April 25 where "Athenian Dreams" is the theme. Class Historian Corey Mallett says, "At least four of us will go to dinner together before the prom, then share the cost of a limo or party bus with three or four couples." This year's Project Prom lock-in party after the prom will be at Dave and Buster's, and about two-thirds of the class is expected to attend the party.

The Katy High School's prom will occur on May 2 at the Hilton Post Oak. Their chosen theme for this year is "Courtyard of Dreams."

James E. Taylor High School has scheduled its prom for May 2 at the Houston Club. Scott Sylvester, president of the senior class, says, "I've learned to work with people better as a result of planning such a large event." The committee decided not to have a theme this year, but a decorator will use school colors.

Arts for All Festival

The Katy Visual and Performing Arts Center (KVPAC) is having its Arts for All! Festival on March 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at LaCenterra at Cinco Ranch. Sponsored by Katy Magazine, there will be booths with games, drawings, face painting, refreshments, art projects, and artist demonstrations will keep the kids busy. Cast members of KVPAC will perform Disney's Beauty and the Beast at noon. For parents, the best part of this festival is the price—it's free. **KM**

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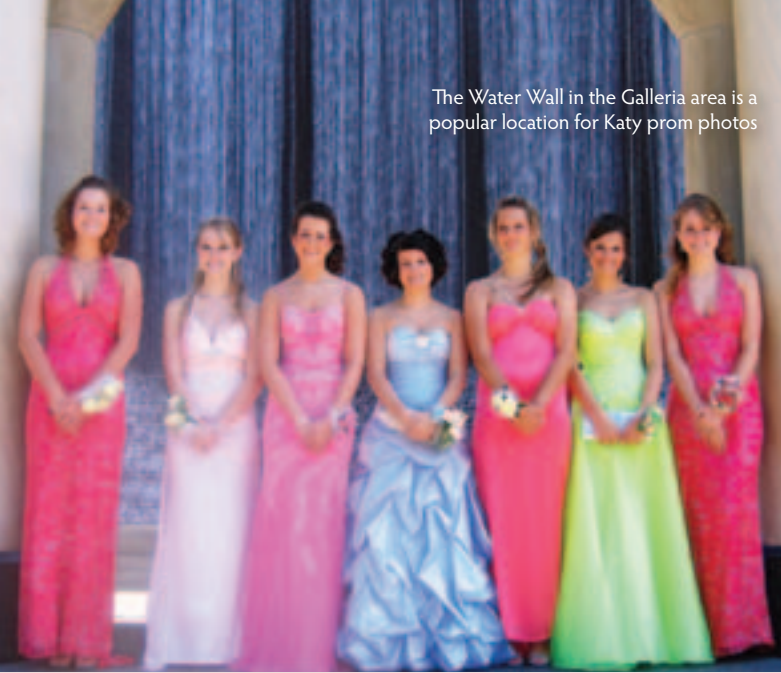
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Barrington Lindsay and Marjori arrive on the red carpet at last year's KCM gala



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The Salvation Army Harbor Lights Choir performed at last year's gala. This year, grammy winner Steve Green will perform

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