

## A Frenzied End to the Basketball Season



"Frenzied" aptly describes the team defense of The Lady Knights middle school basketball team that earned them their first ever FCAC tournament championship (not to mention their parents' reaction in the stands).

In fact, the middle school girls style of play exemplified everything that is meant by the word "team." Coaches Eric and Amelia Kapur worked to bring out the fightin' spirit of the gentle ladies of Geneva. And fight they did. They fought through the loss of starting forward, Abbie Beates, in their first game to finish the regular season 10-3. With smart passing and that characteristic frenzied defense, the Lady Knights racked off seven straight victories during the heart of the season.

But they saved their best basketball for the tournament. Going into the tournament, the team knew they would face an opponent who had handed them two of their three

loses - St. Mark's Prep. With the tournament being double elimination, the Knights knew if they would gain the trophy they would have to beat a team twice that they hadn't beaten all year. With the return of Abbie Beates, the team entered the tournament at full strength. And no one could contend with their fightin' frenzied effort. Homeschooler Jordan Kong led the team with her intensity and they would not be stopped. They swept through the tournament at 3-0 beating Forest Lake and St. Mark's Prep (twice!). They hoisted the championship trophy and couldn't wait to bring home the spoils of victory to TGS!

## Sixth Grade Mad Hatter's Tea Party

The sixth grade celebrated Valentine's Day this year with an added flair. Full costumes, a 20 passenger limousine, and strawberry tarts were just the beginning of the fun. Thanks to many local businesses and their generous donations we were able to make an afternoon out of the affair. Students each chose a character from the novel *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and enjoyed tea (served in baby bottles), tarts, meringue mushrooms, pigs-in-a-blanket, and a friendly game of croquet at Red Bug Lake Park. We also wrote and recited Valentine's poetry. The Masters of Ceremonies were the Mad Hatter (Kelsi Gumpert) and the March Hare (Sophie Meyer).



**We would like to thank the following businesses for donating their services to the sixth grade party**

Southlight Photography (407-831-3412); Country Club Flowers (407-328-9899); Scrapbook Headquarters (407-830-5559); Party Impressions (407-696-7660); Vinelli Catering (407-767-CHEF); Mystic Limousine (407-253-6200)

You are cordially invited to attend the Tea Party of the Mad Hatter  
Whom  
Royal Hearts Family, their attendants, and the residents of Wonderland  
Date  
February 13, 2004  
Time  
Tea time (of course!)



# The Courier

The Geneva School Parent Newsletter

April 16, 2004

## Nota Bene

**April 26: Final GPA Meeting of the Year - 7 PM in the Music Room**

**April 26 - 30: SAT Testing for Grades 1 - 8**

**May 1: Spring Dance for Grades 9 - 12**

**May 7: Sports Banquet - 6 PM in the Gym**

**May 7: Progress Reports Sent Home (Grades 3 - 12)**

**May 12: Theater Class Production - 7 PM at the Science Center I-Max Theater**

**May 25: Dialectic/Rhetoric Awards - 8:15 AM**

**May 31: No School - Memorial Day**

**June 1: Senior Dinner - 6:30 PM**

**June 2: Semester Exams for Grades 11 & 12. Noon Dismissal for Grades 7 - 12**

**June 3: Semester Exams and Noon Dismissal for Grades 7 - 12.**

**Baccalaureate Service - 7 PM at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Winter Park**

**June 4: Last Day of School  
Semester Exams for Grades 7 - 10  
Grammar School Awards - Morning  
Graduation Ceremony - 2 PM**

## Announcements

**MOMS IN TOUCH:** Moms meet every Monday at 8:15 AM for approximately an hour to pray for The Geneva School - students, parents, teachers, staff and Board. Come as you are to the Grammar School library.

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## What's New at TGS?

By Gordon Cloke

**The final GPA meeting for 2003-2004 will take place on Monday, April 26 (7 PM in the Music Room) and will provide an opportunity for us to hear about exciting changes in store for TGS next year.**

Several of our new faculty members will be making a personal appearance, including - at the time of going to press - Christine Smith and Leslie Shriner (first grade); Hannah Seneff and Melissa Pierre (fourth grade); Wendy Miller (music); Kevin Clark (Bible/history); and Gregg Thompson (science). Scott Bucko (Dialectic/Rhetoric Principal); Matt Frazier (Latin); Michael Miller (music); and Naomi Wise (English); will be introduced in absentia by Headmaster, Bob Ingram. (We are very hopeful that by April 26 we will have hired even more than the eleven listed here). Bob and Michael Eatmon will also outline some groundbreaking changes to the curriculum that are being prepared for next year. This should be a wonderful chance for both new and returning parents to get a 'sneak peek' at what God has in store for us next year.

The main (perhaps only) item of GPA business will be to select/elect/appoint the GPA President for next year. The role of the GPA is to enrich the life of The Geneva School through parental involvement in all areas of school life, but particularly in school-wide activities, through monthly meetings and other events, in cooperation with designated representatives from each class or grade-level. I have now been GPA President for seven years and while I am happy to continue serving, I would also be happy to let someone else bring some new ideas to the role. So, if you are aware of anyone who has a passion for the school and is willing and able to work in this way, after asking them if they are willing to be nominated, please contact me as soon as possible. You also may nominate yourself for the position. If necessary, an informal election will be conducted, but if you care about the outcome I advise you to be at the meeting in person!

## Geneva's Promotional DVD

**"It's a Great Day at The Geneva School"**

The DVD spoken about in *The Courier* a few months ago is at long last in the process of being duplicated. It took much longer than anticipated to acquire a copyright license for one of the songs on the DVD. Thank you for your patience - as soon as the shipment arrives you will receive a copy to share with friends and family.

# 2004 AUCTION ROUND-UP

## DESTINATION HAWAII - A HUGE SUCCESS



Board member John Riley presents Lea Steinberger with flowers.

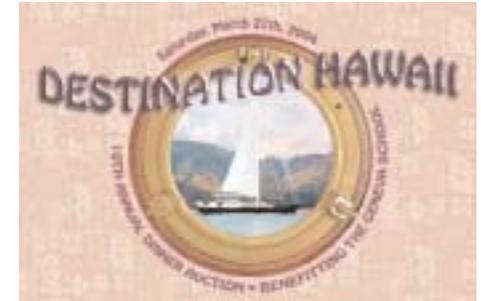
### Thanks Lea

By Martha Tate

All of us within the Geneva family owe Lea Steinberger a debt of gratitude for the outstanding job she did chairing the 2004 Auction Committee. Her husband Rick and daughter Darby unselfishly shared her with us for many months leading up to the auction.

Lea volunteered to serve in this capacity last summer when many people were still vacationing and staff members were up to their ears getting the building ready to open. This was well before the Board of Governors decided that this year's auction should be a vastly bigger and more grand affair than it had previously been. They set a lofty goal of raising \$125,000. Lea was undeterred and moved ahead strategically at every step. God had Lea right where he wanted her - she was the one "for such a time as this." Lea gathered a loyal team around her all of whom attest to her professionalism and superb organizational skills. Lea believes that the committee and dedicated volunteers are what made the event a great success, but her vision and leadership skills were vital to the process.

We are so thankful to God for blessing The Geneva School with such talented and giving people. What a joy it is to see people volunteering their time and talents for the Kingdom.



### By Lea Steinberger

Saturday, March 27, 2004, will always be a great memory. This year's auction was the best Geneva has ever had, not only measured in terms of the amount of money raised for the school, but also in terms of the number of people who came and the fun that was enjoyed by all. Over four hundred and thirty people came to this year's auction, and guests were still trying to make reservations the day before we were set to sail!

Hula girls and a sword twirler greeted guests upon arrival with fresh orchid leis. The backdrop of the entrance was the fabulous Regal Wake Board Boat that was the big-ticket item of the evening! After checking in at the pursers' office, cruise ship goers headed upstairs toward the noise of the *silent* auction. This was a heated affair with high bidders positioning themselves for all of the wonderful items being offered. As always, the Geneva teachers' donations were the highlight of the evening!

Dinner was served in the Grand Ballroom, and guests were treated to a special showing of the new Geneva School video before the live auction began. Over forty items were sold during the live auction, ranging from fabulous trips to all parts of the state, country and world, to works of art and catered dinners. The auctioneer, in true fashion, entertained us all and made sure everyone spent, spent, spent! As the evening drew to a successful close we all knew that the numbers were going to exceed all our expectations.

I am so grateful to report that the 10th Annual Dinner Auction benefiting The Geneva School raised approximately \$160,000 for our children!

*God is good. Aloha, until next year!*