

Venice Lion's Third Annual "Mane Event" Fashion Show.

Venice Lions Club's "Mane Event" fashion show fund raiser held at the Pelican Pointe Country Club is getting better by the year. This year they had a full house, great Champagne luncheon, delicious dessert and coffee, and a group of fantastic models. All thanks to Lions Bev Flynn and Barbara McGillicuddy who did the major part of organizing the event. All proceeds from the fund raiser will go to the "Friends of Venice Library", a volunteer organization. (more below)



(above) It was a full house, and had an (almost) over-flow crowd.

Lion Ed Boudreaux, here shown with his wife Carolyn (below left) who was one of the models, and Linda Leslie, (below right) a visiting Lion from Canada, had the enviable task of escorting the lovely models to the presentation area.



This year's theme was "Mardi Gras" and accordingly, the president welcomed the guests to the event with multi-colored bead necklaces. (above)



The youngest member of the club Lion Shelley Massey looked adorable in this "little black outfit". (above)



The last posing for the day for the hard working models. (from L to R) Lion Lynn McConnell, (Mrs.) Carolyn Boudreaux, Lions Linda Leslie, Annette Goodsen and Shelly Massey, (Mrs.) Dottie Rush and Lion President Bev Flynn.

(right) One of the winners of many items that were donated for the raffle - Lion Doris Donnelly with her "goodies basket"



About "The Friends of Venice Library"

In 1962, a small group of Venice residents, including author Walter Farley and his wife Rosemary, established the Friends of the Venice Public Library, Inc. "The Friends" mission was to "foster the establishment and sound, long-range support of the most outstanding public library service possible for the Venice area".

Within three years, the Friends had received contributions from individuals, businesses and foundations to fund the construction of a new library. The City of Venice provided the land and the County of Sarasota furnished operating expenses. The Venice Public Library first opened to the public on October 4, 1965.

The Friends remain active in their support for the library in the roles of both library advocate and fundraiser. The group helps to fund expansions, capital improvements, equipment, furnishings, programs and materials.