



September 2008

# Darling Divas Pageant Newsletter

## Summer 2008



New York City



Meet "Miss Gorgeous Diva", the Newest member of the Darling Divas Royalty



Our Toy Ambassador with special guest



**ARE YOU READY FOR MARDI GRAS ???**

# \*\*\* Benefit Pageant \*\*\*

We would love to thank everyone who participated in any way to make our Benefit Pageant a success – judges, emcee, guest performer, contestants, parents, sponsors, audience, EVERYONE. We collected close to 300 toys for the New York Toys for Tots Program and still have promises of more to come. This fall, our Toy Ambassador and Pageant Queens will deliver these toys to Staff Sergeant Briscoe, Sergeant Bell and their team.



What a great surprise to be presented with the “Commander’s Award” for Outstanding Achievement in Support of the 2008 Toys for Tots Program and a “Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Support of United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots.

We introduced the Grand Supreme & Mini Supreme titles at our Benefit Pageant and our winners were Supreme” indeed. Congratulations to D’Andre and Essence.



## DDP Calendar

**September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
*Deadline to register for 2009 pageant at \$150.00*

**October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
*Deadline to register for 2009 pageant at \$180.00*

**November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
*Fund Raiser Fashion Show*

**December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
*Fund Raiser Holiday Party*

**January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
*Pageant Interviews and Optional Talent Competition*

**January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
**PAGEANT DAY**

*\* dates are subject to change with prior notice*



It was so refreshing to see our Divas having a good time on and off the stage – that is what Darling Divas is all about.



## Grand Supreme

D'Andre McKay



## Mini Supreme

Essence Soleil John



## Toy Ambassador – Shonia Mills

with US Marine Sergeant Bell in front of some of the close to 300 toy collected for the Toys for Tots Program



The New York City Toys for Tots Marines collect toys from various companies, organizations, families, and individuals to provide the needy and underprivileged children of New York City a Happy Holiday. Every year hundreds of companies and organizations volunteer their establishments as a drop off location for employees, customers, and individuals to drop off toys. Some companies offer storage space, vehicles, boxes, and other various services that help in the logistics of collecting and transporting toys to the needy children. Families and individuals offer their time as volunteers to help deliver and pick up boxes from various locations within the New York City area. Without the help of the local community, the Toys for Tots program would not be able to provide an increasing amount of toys every year. Every year they try to exceed the total from the year before. Every year the people of New York City show how much they care about the local community and help with providing the needy children a toy for the holidays. The Toys for Tots staff thanks you for helping this great cause of providing a better Holiday to children of New York City.



### Diva Dolls

Nyomi (Princess) / Kaci (Queen)



### Mini Divas

Shonia (Court)/Victoria (Queen)/Sanaa (Princess)



### Petite Divas

Angel (Queen)/Imani (Princess)



### Junior Divas

Mauricia (Queen)/Amira (Princess)



### Teen Divas

Cindy (Queen)/Tanique (Princess)



### Honorary Titles

KeyAna (Honorary Diva)/Tia (Honorary Court)



# “Miss Gorgeous Diva Pageant”

Our 2008 Queens hosted a very special pageant with the ladies of the Hazel Brooks Senior Center

Our Benefit Pageant Mini Diva, Miss Essence John served as co-Emcee alongside our Sr. Assistant Paula Davis. Our teen Queens were judges and our 2008 royalty were a part of the action.

The contestants competed in Introduction, Sportswear, Eveningwear and Q&A, and they were all gorgeous but in the end, our Gorgeous Diva was Ms Velma Romain-Rousse.



Meet our *Gorgeous Diva*, Ms Velma Romain-Rousse. She enjoys crocheting, party decorating, food design and general crafting. What she likes to do most is gardening in the summer and just enjoying life and having fun. The most unique thing about her is her ability to accent the positive and eliminate the negative or at least try her best to!



**Congratulations – you are truly a “Gorgeous Diva”**

# Some Events our Queens have attended, so far...

## Revlon Walk



## Kidney Walk



## Cupcake Parade



With Brooklyn Borough President  
Marty Markowitz



# Miss Cakeman Confectionery Pageant



# Gorgeous Diva Pageant



# Photo Shoot



# Adventureland Trip



A visit with Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz

# Pageant News

Our Divas are also shining in other pageants



**KeyAna Williams**  
Miss NY Outstanding  
Teen – 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up  
Scholars Award



**Aminah Ottley**  
Miss Cakeman Raven  
Confectionery 2008



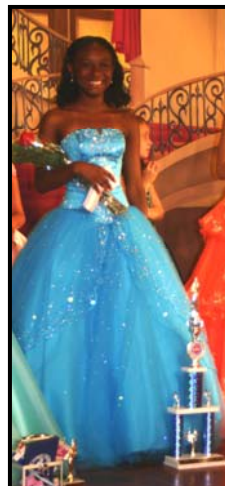
**Selena Klarmann**  
Little Miss NY State  
Sunburst 2008



**Diamond Roach**  
National American Miss  
Top 20 finalist  
Miss Personality  
2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up Talent



**Selena Klarmann**  
American Coed Pageant  
2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up Princess



**D'Andre McKay**  
American Coed Pageant  
2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up Pre-Teen  
Spirit of America Award



**Essence Soleil John**  
Elegance Pageant  
Miss Elegance Novice Supreme  
Winner OOC & Casualwear



# Key's Page



**Never to Late to Celebrate!!!**



Congratulations to our 2008 Graduates

*Adjanaye – Ariel – Briana – Chanel*

*Chel'si – Cindy – Diamond – Kayla – KeyAna*

*Keisha – Nyomi – Senedra – Victoria*

*And the Ballet Tech Divas*

Hey Divas, keep sending your letters, photos, jokes, puzzles, anything you think other girls would love to see on this page. Let me know about your celebrations, accomplishments or your friends. You never know, you could end up on my page. Send your emails to [KEYDIVA@MYDARLINGDIVA.NET](mailto:KEYDIVA@MYDARLINGDIVA.NET) (that's my very own email address) or mail to Key's Page c/o Darling Divas Productions 1158 Troy Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11203 or fax 718-629-9046



**SPRING**

Spring is here

Y -Birds chirpping

Flowers blooming

Jumping, running to the park

**SPRING IS HERE**

By *Angel Stewart*



## **BFF Story WINNER**

Crazy adventure with BFF By Victoria Baynes

My BFF is my mom and this story is about our date to the American Girl shop in Manhattan. I never heard about a store called American girl. When we parked the car we walked a couple of blocks and I saw the American Girl sign and pictures of dolls and I saw a doll that I wanted and it almost looked like me. I placed my crown and sash on and walked through the store like a celebrity. Girls stopped to take pictures with me and the store people were very friendly.

On every floor there were dolls and activities like dolls dressed up like Indians. There was a doll salon where girls that messed up their babies head could get a new look. My mom took me to the restaurant inside the store and you know what? We got to sit next to a girl who was an actress in the American girl play. And I told her that I can't believe I am sitting next to someone famous and she laughed because she said me too!

We were able to have the dolls sit at our table and they received their own china and we had so much food. I felt very Queen like as people asked me about winning a crown. After lunch we went to the theatre and we saw a play called Circle of Friends. It is about girls who had to solve a problem to be a better person. Mommy and I sung the song and we were able to meet the cast and take pictures with all the girls. I told them I wanted to be an American girl too.

Our final stop was taking photos with my new American girl doll. It was the best day ever. My mom rocks and that is why she is my bff. Oh by the way I did lose my tooth and was visited by the tooth fairy but that is another story.

**Thanks for sharing your story with us Victoria (and Mom); you will receive your Gift Card shortly**

# Darling Divas Productions

LET THE DIVA IN YOU SHINE



Invite you to join us for our

## Fall Fashion Show

as we present

### “THE NICEST KIDS IN TOWN”

Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 5pm  
(doors open at 4:30pm)



At

Club Nocturnal  
1623 Flatbush Avenue  
Between Ave H & Ave I  
Brooklyn, NY



Guest models include your 2008 Queens

Advance tickets are \$20.00 per person  
Admission at the door will be \$25.00

Tickets may be purchased from your Diva Model  
or by calling the Divas at 718-809-1868

Darling Diva Pageant invite you to join us  
on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 as we present

*"A Diva Mardi Gras"*



*Divisions from 3 years old to adults*



*Compete in Interview, Casualwear, Eveningwear  
Onstage Introduction & Optional Competitions*

*\*\*\* Mardi Gras Queen Competition \*\*\**

*Lots of titles and prizes  
Grand Supreme, Mini Supreme  
Division Queens, Princesses AND more*



**SPACE IS LIMITED**  
*to maximum 12 contestants per division*

*Register early and save \$\$\$*

Register by September 15<sup>TH</sup> and save \$50.00 (pay only \$150.00)

Register by October 15<sup>TH</sup> and save \$20.00 (pay only \$180.00)

Register after October 15<sup>TH</sup> and pay the full entry fee of \$200.00



**UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR PRE-APPLICATION BELOW,  
YOU WILL RECEIVE A COMPLETE PAGEANT PACKAGE  
WHICH INCLUDES INFORMATION ON SECURING SPONSORS**

FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

Contestant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ deposit enclosed  
(you must send a minimum of \$50.00 with this pre-application to hold your space).  
Final payments must be received by specific due dates as listed above to qualify for discounted fees

Make all checks/money orders payable to  
Darling Divas Productions and mail to 1158 Troy Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11203





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