

The ATL Chapter 'Super' Mardi Gras Ball

Over 450 supporters of St. Augustine High School, alumni, friends and family turned out on February 6, 2010 for the 6th Annual Atlanta Chapter Mardi Gras Ball. The annual event was held at the Atlanta Kappa Omega Center. This year's event had the largest attendance number in the six-year history of the Atlanta Chapters annual fundraiser for St. Augustine.

A cold night in Georgia could not stop partygoers from coming out and supporting the school. They were treated to New Orleans styled catered dinner, a jazzy musical set from Tracy Hamlin and her band followed by entertainment from DJ B. Sharp. Being the day before the historic Super Bowl victory by the New Orleans Saints, the atmosphere was electric throughout the evening.

Mardi Gras Ball Chairman Oyd Craddock ('76) and his team organized an event that is a must-attend for all supporters of St. Augustine. Guests were received upon entering the gala by greeters and alumni; Carl Blouin Jr. ('89) organized a silent auction of signed sports memorabilia, St. Augustine High School jackets/art work, handcrafted baskets, airline tickets, and a week stay in Cabos San Lucas. As is customary the Atlanta Chapter members elected the annual king and queen. This year's winner was Keith R. Wilson Sr. ('84) and his lovely wife Monique. Keith serves as the chapters' vice-president.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the chapters first annual Lifetime Achievement Award. The inaugural recipient was Mr. Carl Blouin Sr. ('55). Mr. Blouin was recognized for his lifetime of dedication to St. Augustine and instilling in the men he taught the ideals of family, faith and character. The award was presented by Craddock and Atlanta Chapter President Vernon Martin ('69). After delivering an enthusiastic speech to the alumni and guests, Mr. Blouin led the Purple Knights in singing the schools alma mater.

The Mardi Gras Ball is one of two annual fundraisers put on by the Atlanta Chapter. The other, The Atlanta Chapter Golf Classic, will be held on May 14th 2010 at Durham Lakes Golf Club in Fairburn, Georgia. Anyone interested in attending or sponsoring the event should visit the Atlanta Chapters' website at www.purple-knights.org

If there are any St. Augustine High School graduates living in greater Atlanta, Georgia who would like to take part in giving back to St. Augustine and ensuring the legacy continues please email Atlanta Chapter Secretary Robert Cooper ('84) at staugatlalum@gmail.com.



