

Debutante Cotillion History

The Debutante Cotillion was started in 1997 by the members of Theta Omega Omega Charities, Incorporated, now known as Ivy Vine Charities, Incorporated. At that time, the members of the Foundation’s Board of Directors wanted to have a fundraiser that would not only raise significant monies for scholarship and community service programs, but that would also serve a meaningful purpose in the community. Since the initial effort, each event has been progressively successful indicating that the leadership team and membership support have grown and capitalized on prior efforts. Yet, each episode has its own unique characteristics that make it a one of a kind experience. As we continue to evolve, we will strive to make each one fresh and exciting, while remaining relevant to the community we serve.

Cotillion Year	Chairmen	Theme
1997	Sharlyn Grigsby, Claudine McDonald	“Pearls Among the Stars”
1999	Shirley Johnson	“Pearls Among the Stars”
2002	Donna Chatman Owens, Mary S. Robinson	“An Afternoon of Elegance in Motion”
2004	Valerie Ford	“A Kaleisdescope of Beauty— Focusing on a Journey of Promise”
2006	Mary M. Williams	“Demonstrating Essence of Beauty Through Elegance of Spirit and Form”
2010	Virginia Boateng, Desirea Hughes	“Pink Petals of Sophistication: Polished, Poised, Prepared”