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**AK-SAR-BEN HONORS GREWCOCK FAMILY WITH QUEEN HONOR**

*October 11, 2008 – Omaha, Nebr.* The Grewcock family was honored for their civic leadership and community service as a fifth generation Nebraskan, Alyssa Michele Grewcock, was crowned as the 112<sup>th</sup> Queen of Ak-Sar-Ben. On October 11, 2008 during the annual Ak-Sar-Ben Coronation and Ball nearly 2,500 attendees witnessed the crowning and the formal introduction of the Court of Quivira which included honorees from more than 200 Nebraska and western Iowa families.

The new Queen attends Hillsdale College in Hillsdale Michigan and will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Marketing in May of 2010. Currently at Hillsdale, she is a member of the Collegiate Softball Team and serves as a Hillsdale College Student Athlete Advisory Committee Member. Ms. Grewcock is the daughter of Doug and Michele Grewcock of Omaha.

Queen Alyssa grew up in Omaha and graduated from Marian High School in 2005, where she was a member of the Marian High School Softball Team from 2001 to 2004 serving as Co-Captain in 2004. Grewcock was also a member of the Marian High School Future Business Leaders of America.

Her volunteer resume is distinguished serving the Henry Doorly Zoo as an assistant to the zookeepers, training and walking dogs at the Nebraska Humane Society, working with children in the emergency shelter for the Heartland Family Service Student League and planning activities for seniors for the Heartland Family Service Junior Friends. Her sport's talents were shared serving as an assistant at tournaments for The Softball Factory, Assistant Coach for their All Star Team and Assistant Coach

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for the Nebraska Fury Softball Team. In 2007 she served as an intern at CWS, Inc., for the Men's College World Series. In the summer of 2008, she was an Assistant for the Gross High School Freshman Tournament Team. This summer she served as an intern in the Marketing Department of the Henry Doorly Zoo.

The Queen's father, Douglas J. Grewcock, is an Estimating Manager for Kiewit Engineering Company. Born in Grand Island, he moved to Omaha with his parents William L. and Berniece E. Grewcock in 1964, later graduating from Westside High School in 1976. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Engineering from Iowa State University. He gained hands on experience in construction while working summers as a laborer in Omaha and as an intern in Denver.

After graduation he moved to Colorado to start his career with Kiewit, working as a foreman on a concrete paving operation. During his time in Colorado he worked in various capacities including field engineer, project engineer and general field superintendent. As a job superintendent in the mid-eighties he was transferred to New Mexico where he ran several jobs. As with any Kiewit employee, an opportunity arose in the newly formed Chicago district and the family packed and headed for the Midwest. After a four year stint in the Chicago area, the family once again packed and moved back to Omaha, where Doug took on the responsibility of job sponsor. In his current position he is responsible for multi million dollar civil estimates at Kiewit Engineering. Professionally, he is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

In 1981, he married Michele L. Marzigliano of Northbrook, Illinois, who graduated from Iowa State University in 1980 with a degree in Interior Design. The couple has two children: Ryan James Grewcock who is a senior at Millard West High School and Queen Alyssa.

The Queen's family has been honored by Ak-Sar-Ben by: the Queen's father, Doug serving as page in 1966; Brother Ryan serving as a page in 1998 and cousin Keith William Grewcock served as a Page in 1993, Assistant Omaha Escort Chairman in 2006 and Chairman of the Omaha Escorts in 2007. The Queen's cousin Eric Anthony Grewcock served as a Page in 1996.

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The mother of the Queen, Michele, is currently serving on the Board of Directors of Heartland Family Service, The Women's Fund of Greater Omaha, the Methodist Hospital Foundation, and Treasurer for Campfire USA Guild. In 2008 she served as a Co-Chair for the Black Tie and Tails Fund-raising Event for Friends Forever with the Nebraska Humane Society, and Co-Chair for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Gala.

Michele has also served in the past on a variety of boards and in fund raising roles for Friends of the Omaha Zoo, the Henry Doorly Zoo, the Heartland Family Service Friends, Child Savings Institute, Great Plains Girl Scout Council, Omaha Theater Company for Young People, the Omaha Symphony Guild, Bob Gibson All-Star Golf Classic, Methodist Hospital Volunteers in Partnership, Nebraska Children's Home Society, Nebraska Children's Home Society Family Guild, The American Red Cross, Stephen Center and their Sponsors, The Omaha Community Playhouse, Children's Hospital Friends, Durham Museum, Arthritis Foundation, Samaritan Counseling Center, Madonna School, Omaha Performing Arts Society, Share Our Strength, Millard Public Schools Foundation, Marian Moms, Marian High School, Morton Elementary PTO and Cather Elementary PTO.

Her Ak-Sar-Ben involvement includes serving as a member of the Women's Ball Committee from 2002-2004, a member of the Ak-Sar-Ben Friends Board of Directors, and serving on a volunteer committee for Ak-Sar-Ben's River City Roundup.

She has been honored with the Special Service Award from the Methodist Hospital Volunteers and Volunteer of the Year for the Stephen Center Sponsors. The Grewcock Family was recognized by Heartland Family Service as the Leadership Family for their Salute to Families Event.

The Grewcock family has been an integral part of the civic and non-profit sector of Omaha. Queen Alyssa's grandfather William L. Grewcock is a retired Vice Chairman of Peter Kiewit Sons' Inc. and the Kiewit Company Board of Directors. During his professional career in Omaha he served on numerous civic non-profit boards as well in several professional organizations.

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His wife, Berniece E. Grewcock has also been very involved in the community serving a variety of organizations including most recently assisting with the new Butterfly Pavilion at the Henry Doorly Zoo.

The Queen's uncle, Bruce Eric Grewcock, is the current President and CEO of Peter Kiewit Sons' Inc. His wife, Debra, is an avid community volunteer.

The Ak-Sar-Ben Coronation Ball has a mission of promoting, recognizing and celebrating volunteerism, philanthropy and community pride. More than \$3 million in scholarship funding has been raised from Coronation Ball proceeds.

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