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100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEA ISLE CITY'S BABY PARADE ATTRACTED MANY PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS

SEA ISLE CITY, NJ – The resort's annual Baby Parade reached a milestone on July 19. One-hundred years after the parade was founded by the Sea Isle City Women's Civic Club in 1916, the City's Division of Tourism (the parade's modern-day hosts) welcomed throngs of spectators to Sea Isle's Promenade for a celebratory parade that featured Civic Club members, live music, local businesses and more than 60 children and their families.

While The Atlantic City Pipe & Drum Band, The Ed Cole Entertainers and The Stars & Stripes Band provided lively music for the parade, elected officials, an array of princess characters and other entertainers waved to spectators lining the parade route. However, it was the children participating in the parade that delighted spectators the most.

In the parade's "Most Attractive Girl / Infant to 2-Years" division, Zaharra McLaughlin, 1, of Sea Isle City, took home the first place prize; followed by Bella Rae Burkett, 1, of King of Prussia, PA, second place; and Elizabeth Webster, 6-months, of Bel Air MD, third place.

The first place winner in the "Most Attractive Boy / Infant to 2-Years" division was Billy Berry, 1, of Cherry Hill, NJ; followed by Zachary Riggs, 10-months, of Franklinville, NJ, second place; and Conor McCollum, 8-months, of Broomall, PA, third place.

The winners of the parade's "Riding" division were Francesca Pittaluga, 4, and her brother Joseph, 2, of Sea Isle City, who strolled along the Promenade as Hermit Crabs in their cage. Also honored were Temperance Andros, 3, of Reading, PA, who made a charming Alice in Wonderland; and Brynn Curran, 3 months, of Conshohocken, PA, and her cousin Tristan Teesdale, 16-months, of Wenonah, NJ, who were dressed as lobsters in hot water.

Alyssa Meakim, 9, of Chester Springs, PA, won first prize in the parade's "Walking" division while dressed as "Little Miss 100th Anniversary" in honor of the parade's centennial celebration. Taylor Evans, 9, and his brother Casey, 6, of Kennett Square, PA, won the division's second prize for their "Summer Football Super Bowl Half Time Show" costumes; and the Locklear children, of Riverbank, CA, including Cheyene, 8, Payton, 4, and Kaycee, 2, won third prize for their "Shoobies" costumes.

In the parade's "Float" division, children from the Larsen, Menchaca, Ward and Rada families, of Sea Isle City, representing Larsen's Marina, won the first place prize after sailing along on a "Happy Birthday Boat" dressed as Minions. The division's second place prize went to children from the Maurice and Matos families, of Vineland, NJ, who cruised along the promenade in a pre-historic car while dressed as The Flintstones.

For information about other events taking place in Sea Isle City, go to www.VISITSICNJ.com or phone 609-263-8687.

PHOTO CAPTIONS:

(Image: Civic Club) In 1916, the Sea Isle City Women's Civic Club founded the resort's Baby Parade. This year, in honor of the Baby Parade's 100th Anniversary, parade organizers from the City's Division of Tourism invited representatives from the Civic Club to serve as Parade Grand Marshals. Shown leading the parade are Civic Club members (from left) Vera McQuillen, Dodi Walker, Peggy Wills, Michele Ciuro, Dolores Meyers and President Debra Genovese.



(Image: Bella Rae) Bella Rae Burkett, 1, of King of Prussia, PA, was among the many charming participants in Sea Isle City's 2016 Baby Parade.



(Image: Zaharra) Zaharra McLaughlin, 1, of Sea Isle City, received the first place prize in the “Most Attractive Girl / Infant to 2-Years” division during Sea Isle’s 2016 Baby Parade on July 19.



(Image: Andrew Kelly) Andrew Kelly, 1-1/2, of Merrick, NY, was all smiles during Sea Isle City’s annual Baby Parade.



(Image: Lobsters) Lobster-Cousins Tristan Teesdale, 16 months, of Wenonah, NJ, and Brynn Curran, 3 months, of Conshohocken, PA, won third prize in the “Riding” division during Sea Isle City’s 2016 Baby Parade.



(Image: Charlotte) Charlotte Emery, 17 months, of Conshohocken, PA, is shown during Sea Isle City’s 2016 Baby Parade.



(Image: Alice in Wonderland) Temperance Andros (aka: Alice in Wonderland) is shown with family members after receiving the second place prize in the “Riding” division during Sea Isle City’s annual Baby Parade on July 19.



(Image: Harper Ray) Harper Ray Berry, 3, of Cherry Hill, NJ, showed her patriotic spirit during Sea Isle City’s 2016 Baby Parade.



(Image: Brothers) After appearing in Sea Isle City’s 2016 Baby Parade, brothers Taylor Evans, 9, and Casey Evans, 6, of Kennett Square, PA, took home an award for their “Summer Super Bowl Half Time Show” costumes.



(Image: Little Miss 100) During Sea Isle City's 100th Anniversary Baby Parade on July 19, Alyssa Meakim, 9, of Chester Springs, PA, won first prize in the parade's Walking Division while dressed as "Little Miss 100 Years."



(Image: Super Heroes) Sunshine Wittington, 7, and Linus, Wittington, 3, of Mountville, PA, made a fine Wonder Woman and Spiderman during Sea Isle City's 2016 baby Parade.



(Image: Minions) Children from the Larsen, Menchaca, Ward and Rada families, of Sea Isle City, were dressed as Minions while appearing on the Larsen Marina float during Sea Isle City's 100th Anniversary Baby Parade.



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