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# Ahead of schedule and up the stairs, the young set preps for the season ahead ... way ahead



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Here we are, not even halfway through the social season, what with all the omicron postponements pushing things well into May, and those Peggy Adams whippersnappers are already kicking off for next season.

Children, give your crazy Auntie a few months to dry out — um, "rest" — before the carnival starts up again in the fall.

Le Bilboquet hosted an intimate dinner honoring **Nick Mele** and **Stacey Leuliette**, chairman and chairwoman of The Young Friends of Peggy Adams, in the Provence-styled private dining room located above the restaurant.

The guest list was pretty much self-sorting, seeing as how only The Young and The Balanced can negotiate the tiled steps.

Inside, **Charlotte Munder** of the eponymous design firm decorated the table to complement the "Party Animal" theme of the 2022 gala, with a mix of natural materials, including raffia and burlap. Fresh fruits and florals added a pop of color to accompany the curated vintage china and glassware.

The evening began with a cocktail hour, featuring the signature Libation 21 drink of Italicus bergamot liquor, lemon oil, sparkling wine and Peychaud's bitters garnished with

an edible orchid and pineapple fronds.

Lawdy! One hand-eye miscalculation and Auntie would be wearing an eye patch in no time.

After cocktails, the Young Friends sat down to a dinner of a seafood tower, a choice of the signature Cajun chicken or *saumon à la plancha*, and a selection of desserts including *le vacherin*, *la mousse au chocolat*, and the sorbets and ice creams.

The Young Friends of Peggy Adams 'Party Animal' evening takes place Nov. 19 at the Henry Morrison Flagler Museum.

There: **Molly Mele, Hollis Bradley Pica, Devon McCready, Michael Gregson Reinert, Austin Bryan, Samantha Cerny, Tristan Dryer, Charlotte Munder, Kent Anderson** and a few more who take the steps two at a time.



The Young Friends of Peggy Adams recently celebrated the 2022 season. Photo By NICK MELE.