

# The Wedding Chronicles

January 2009 Edition

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT!

I'd like to say thank you to each of you who have decided to embark upon this journey with us. Chris and I appreciate the time and money that you've committed towards our Weddingmoon. It's no small thing, and for that again, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Our Weddingmoon will be a week filled with celebration. Not only are Chris and I celebrating becoming shackled, oops, sorry, being bonded in holy matrimony, there are many other things to celebrate too. Like, the role of co-parent, that Chris has slipped into so seamlessly, is now official. He had progressed all the way from 72% Dad to 100% Dad. =) And getting to spend an entire week with our family and closest friends!!

This newsletter will serve as a source of all sorts of info about the wedding. Since this is the first edition and I'm not sure how many people will be attending, I can't get into firm details yet. In future editions, I will include a wedding timeline, travel arrangement info, transportation info, and any other info that will make the planning piece as painless as possible. I'll also be including tidbits about the wedding, Chris and I, the family and other things I think that you may want to know. I would love your feedback as well. If there is anything that you would like to see here, please let me know. I'd love to have some questions and answers to share with everyone. It's hard talking about yourself, you know! =)

## CARNIVAL LIBERTY - SHIP HIGHLIGHTS

We've decided to cruise on the Carnival Liberty. Each month I'll pick an area of the ship and give info about it. That way you'll feel right at home before you even board! This cruise and ship was selected for a number of reasons, not the least of which is the "Big TV". I think it's officially called the "Seaside Theater", but I like the sound of "Big TV" better. =)

It's a great little perk to the Lido deck. (Lido deck will be discussed in another story) While you're up on deck either sunbathing or eating, you can have a seat and watch whatever is on the Big TV. When you're without communication (all of us except Chris that is) from the rest of the world, I think it's neat to eat your omelette and watch the news. Or in the evenings, they play a couple of movies or sometimes a sports game.



*The Carnival Liberty - Lido Deck - BIG TV! - This was one of my favorite features!! You can lounge and watch TV, or a movie, or a Sports game. The white "box" in the center of the photo contains 2 of the whirlpools and directly in front of that is the pool.*

The Big TV is also in a great position to watch when you're in the pool, or in the whirlpools. It's cool to be sitting in the whirlpool, boiling yourself, watching the videos of the underwater adventures. They play some with amazing sea life that you wish you could see in person. Maybe it's all just a big advertisement for the shore excursions?? =)

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## THE GUESTS'S AREA

This area is where we will be highlighting our guests. They are after all, one of the most important pieces of the Weddingmoon! In this issue, we're going to highlight Quentin and Alaina Fontaine.

**Alaina Fontaine** - She is the daughter of the bride and 72% daughter of the groom. She's a 7 year old who loves school and to draw. Her role will be a Junior Bridesmaid in the ceremony and a proud participant of Camp Carnival.

**Quentin Fontaine** - He is the son of the bride and 72% son of the groom. He's 8 and loves Star Wars and to terrorize his sister. Quentin will be a Junior Groomsman in the ceremony and will join his sister at Camp Carnival.

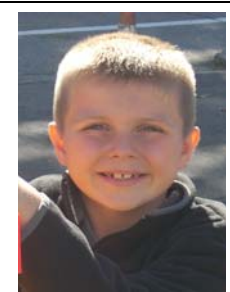
Both children are so excited to go on the cruise, get to ditch school for a week, and to have Chris officially as "Dad." Oh, and to have two parents to finally play off one another. Chris is quite good at the "Go ask your Mother" response. =) The question is which they prefer more, the cruise, or being out of school!



Alaina Fontaine  
- October 2008  
7 years old, she  
must take after  
her Mom! Isn't  
she gorgeous!

Anthony "Quentin"  
Fontaine - October  
2008 - 8 years old

How handsome is  
he? Takes after his  
72% Dad I think!



## BRIDE'S BIO - ALL ABOUT ALLISON

I guess it's time to introduce myself. I'm Allison, the one who is going to make Chris' life a challenge. I won't do it alone; I have my two kids, Quentin and Alaina to help me. I'm 27 with 2 years experience and work as a loan processor for a local bank. What a great time to work for a bank, let me tell you.

I just recently earned my Bachelor's degree in Accounting and Finance. That was an uphill battle. Word of advice, once you're in school, Don't Stop! It's so hard to try to go back and relearn your study habits. Stay in school, kids!

When I met Chris a few years ago, I just knew that I was the one to complicate his life. It took him much longer to realize it, but he's finally on board. He's really the one to bring out the best in me, (and the kids)

and to temper my bad habits. Shocking to think that I have any, eh? =) Well, I do. And one of them is being a control freak. I like to plan and have things organized in advance. It drives Chris bonkers. But I've promised him that I won't be a Bridezilla. This style of wedding will be great for me. I have a coordinator to do most of it for me. I'll still be completely involved, but the responsibility is all on the coordinator. =) So, that's me in a nutshell. Now on to Chris. =)



## GROOM'S BIO - ALL ABOUT CHRISTOPHER

Now time to talk about one of my favorite people. Sorry, dear, I know how you love to be the center of attention. =) Chris also works for a bank, only he gets to play with the computers all day. Right up his alley, eh? I'd tell you what he actually does, but he's too brilliant to describe it and I'm too flighty to understand. =)

Chris is much too modest, even now as I write this, he's laughing at me, going, "Me, brilliant? Yeah, like a dust covered 10 watt light bulb." We definitely don't need to worry about him becoming too full of himself. I could go on for days describing his good qualities - He's caring, funny, smart, thoughtful, sweet, good in bed, (oh wait, you probably don't want to hear about that) and a great role model.

He's great with the kids, even when they're challenging. It takes a special person to step in and truly become a Dad. He's fabulous to me, and I can be so difficult sometimes. He loves my family as his own, and even tolerates all of our pets and little odd things we do. He'd do (almost) anything for a friend, and in general is just plain wonderful. Sounds like a personal ad, doesn't it? I'm not trying to sell him just yet. =) I'm still loving having him in my life. Who wouldn't? He's very special.

## THE WEDDING IS COMING TOGETHER!

The actual ceremony is coming together nicely. We're going to be married in the Port of Miami aboard the Liberty. I'm still awaiting the actual ceremony location. I need pictures of the room to make sure that my wedding colors don't clash with the décor. I don't want tacky wedding pictures. =) I know, I'm crazy like that. =) But then again, that's nothing new to all of you.

The plan at this point is to be at the Port by 10:30 am on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We all get to board early because we're in the wedding party! We don't have to wait in the lines for embarkation. =) Maybe I'll schedule a wedding each cruise so we can fly through check in. Once Customs clears the ship, we can board. At that point, Chris and I will go get all pretty. You all will already be dressed and gorgeous and will go to the location on the ship. We'll be out to join you shortly.

After the ceremony, (15-20 minutes, that's all I could get Chris to commit to), there will be entertainment (Chris and I dancing) a DJ, and refreshments. By that I mean OPEN BAR! Enjoy! I won't even charge your Sail and Sign

card. This time. =) Oh, don't forget the hors' d'erves. We'll all need something to soak up the liquor with. More details to follow next month. I don't want to lose my captive audience. =)



## CARNIVAL CRUISE LINES CONTACT INFO

We have a rep that we will be dealing with directly at Carnival, Luis Brito. He is wonderful. Please call him to make your cruise reservations, cabin selection and deposits/payments. Please book ASAP to ensure a cabin. There is a \$250 deposit per person due at booking.

Please give him my booking number and name when you book. That way he can make sure we're all tied in for dining together. Please feel free to select whichever cabin you like. Don't feel like we all have to be in the same hall. Chances are we will be on different floors and such. Please select the cabin that best suits your needs.

**Luis Brito - 1-800-819-3902 ext 85413**

**Allison Fontaine - Booking Number 77DT42**

**Dining - 6pm - Main Seating**

## WEDDING INFO - QUICK REFERENCE

January 22, 2010 - Friday - Arrive in Miami, FL - Hotel and transportation arrangements to be confirmed

January 23, 2010 - Saturday - Board the Carnival Liberty - Wedding Ceremony to immediately follow - The Liberty departs Miami

January 24, 2010 - Sunday - Fun Day at Sea

January 25, 2010 - Monday - San Juan, Puerto Rico

January 26, 2010 - Tuesday - St. Thomas, USVI

January 27, 2010 - Wednesday - St. Maarten, NA

January 28, 2010 - Thursday - Fun Day at Sea

January 29, 2010 - Friday - Fun Day at Sea

January 30, 2010 - Saturday - The Liberty returns to Miami - Debarkation Day - Travel home day

