

MYSTIC KREWE OF AQUARIUS

December 2006

Krewe's News



December Meeting & Christmas Dinner

Our only Krewe meeting in December will be held on Thursday, December 14, and will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. There will be no 2nd meeting in December due to the holidays.

The Krewe did not plan a Christmas party this year, but Carolyn Diaz thought it would be a nice idea to do something to celebrate the holidays together. So, she is organizing a dinner for Krewe members immediately following the December 14 meeting. Ron Dyda has volunteered to cook some briskets and sausage, and Carolyn is asking all Krewe members to bring their favorite side dish or dessert. Let's all plan to attend the meeting and dinner.

January Meetings

Countdown to Mardi Gras 2007 has begun, and as always, the Krewe will begin meeting weekly starting with the January 11 meeting followed by the January 18 and 25 meetings. Important information about plans for the two parades, the ball and pageant, and barn bash will be finalized and announced.

South Houston Christmas Parade of Lights

The annual South Houston parade of lights will be held on Saturday, December 2, and the Krewe will enter a float in the parade. Krewe members are invited to attend and throw some beads. The theme of this year's parade is "A Mardi Gras Christmas", and since we are the only Krewe participating, members are encouraged to dress in costume or Mardi Gras colors. The parade will begin at 7 p.m. on College Avenue in South Houston. The float will be delivered to the line up area on the east side of the elementary school that morning.

Children's Basket Project

Pat Saenz and Lynn Shearrow will chair our Children's Basket committee this year. We would like to thank Tony and Jennifer Flores for their years of dedication to this project. The Krewe of Aquarius has supported this project since 1987, and delivered bags of Mardi Gras souvenirs to children at the Shriners Burns and UTMB Children's Hospitals the evening before the Saturday parade. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Pat or Lynn.

Float Update

Floats for the 2007 Mardi Gras parades are really beginning to take shape. Work on the floats usually slows down at this time of year due to the USO Show and Thanksgiving, but even so, we have a great start on getting them decorated for this year's parades. People always look forward to seeing Aquarius floats because they change annually with a new theme. This year seems to be no exception with a very interesting "Circus World" theme.

2006 USO Show

The USO show has come and gone, and was a big success. Early totals show a nice profit. Many are saying this was one of the best shows ever, and it certainly ran smoothly all evening. The list of "Thank You's" is many, but a special thank you goes to those who were in charge of lighting and sound systems. Thanks to Mike for taking charge of the lighting and getting out the equipment for the show. And, of course, an enormous thanks to all the performers for their time and talent and wonderful acts. Last, thanks to all of you who supported our event. By the way, the Balinese is ready to pencil us in for next year — they love us!



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Upcoming Events

- **Membership Closes** **Dec 1**
- **Krewe Meeting** **Dec 14**
 & Christmas Dinner
- **Krewe Meeting** **Jan 11**
- **Krewe Meeting** **Jan 18**
- **Krewe Meeting** **Jan 25**

KOA Special Beads

Update on KOA Special Beads. Krewe members who bought special beads will be contacted soon with information on pick up dates and location.

Poster Contest

The 2007 Krewe of Aquarius poster is available, and Stephaine Blasé will have copies at the December meeting. Winners of the contest are:

- Amber Quiroga—1st place (\$300)**
- Sherry-rae McMurrey—2nd place (\$125)**
- 3rd place—Jamie Shearrow (\$75)**

Thanks to all that submitted entries, and thank you, Stephaine, for coordinating the contest again this year.

Membership

Krewe membership will close on December 1. If someone is interested in joining the Krewe, please remind them there are only a few days left to join. Dues are \$165 and must be paid in full. Mari Berend reports our Krewe is 170 members strong as we close out this year's membership.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kathy Austin
Cynthia Durrance
Margaret Prazak
Carlos and Lynne Torres

Countdown to Mardi Gras 2007

- **Ball & Pageant** **Jan 27**
- **Barn Bash** **Feb 9**
- **Seawall Parade** **Feb 10**
- **Fat Tuesday Parade** **Feb 20**