

# MYSTIC KREWE OF AQUARIUS

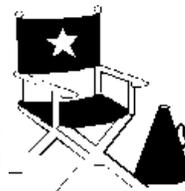
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## Krewe's News

### USO Show Update

The USO show is just around the corner, and Pat Collier reports that all 300 tickets are out and hopefully sold. Members are asked to turn in any unsold tickets at the next meeting on October 26 so we can get them to others who are waiting to buy tickets. This year's production will showcase 27, show-stopping acts. Don't miss it — the show will be held on **Saturday, November 18**, at the famous Balinese Room. Curtain time is 8 p.m. The USO Show is always one of the Krewe's biggest fundraisers, and we look forward to seeing everyone there.



### Meetings

Krewe Meetings will be held **Thursday, October 26, Thursday, November 9, and Thursday, December 14**. All meetings are held at the KC Hall and begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. There will be no second meeting in the months of November and December due to Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

### Garage Sale

The Krewe held its annual garage sale on October 7 at our float barn. The sale was very successful thanks to the many Krewe members who donated items. Many thanks to Joann Michael and John Gonzales for organizing this year's event.

### 2007 Mardi Gras Ball & Pageant

Pat Collier, our ball chair, says plans for the ball and pageant are well underway. The 2007 ball promises to be a memorable event complete with a live midway, an indoor parade of circus and carnival characters plus entertainment by some of the Krewe's USO show performing cast. John Gonzales and Phyllis Santos will reign as King and Queen. Invitations and ball tickets will be available in December for the **January 27th** ball at the Galveston Island Convention Center. Hotel rooms at the neighboring Hilton hotel are available at discount prices for Krewe members and guests who wish to make reservations.



### 2007 Mardi Gras Parades & Floats

The time of year has come when the Krewe gets serious about planning our Seawall and "Fat Tuesday" Parades. All of last year's participants have been contacted, and invitations to high school bands have been mailed. The building and decoration of our floats is really coming along. Floats this year will have some very interesting themes in keeping with the "Circus World" parade theme. And if rumors hold true, there should be some very exciting and outrageous costumes. Our parade is known for its costumes and formally dressed royal court. Did you know that Aquarius is the only Krewe that dresses in full costume for its parade? It's a tradition.

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### Membership

Krewe membership will close on December 1. If you know someone who is interested in joining the Krewe, please remind them of this deadline. Dues are \$165 and must be paid in full. Members are entitled to a ball ticket and reserved spot on one of our floats for the parades. Mari Berend, membership chair, would like Krewe members to check the membership roster on our website. If there are corrections to listings, members may do so directly on the website. Krewe membership is reported at 167 members.



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### Upcoming Events

- **Krewe Meeting**            **Oct 26**
- **Krewe Meeting**            **Nov 9**
- **USO Show**                 **Nov 18**
- **Membership Closes**       **Dec 1**
- **Krewe Meeting**            **Dec 14**
- **Ball & Pageant**           **Jan 27**
- **Barn Bash**                 **Feb 9**
- **Seawall Parade**           **Feb 10**

### KOA Special Beads

Update on KOA Special Beads. Solita Walker reports that clown beads should be shipped in 3-4 weeks, and signature beads will be available the 1st part of January.

### Diamond Club

The Krewe has introduced a Diamond Club to honor its very active senior members. Members of the Diamond Club are Bernard Diaz, Sky Hoff, Pat Katrausky, Merle Lidstone, Valerie Mancuso, and Alice Tarifa. Congratulations to these special members.



*Dear Krewe Members,*

*The Mystic Krewe of Aquarius is presently enjoying a very successful year. Our finances are in good shape, and everyone is impressed by our financial reports. We need to keep in mind, however, that most of our dollars are already committed for 2007 Mardi Gras activities, and we need to keep our fundraising efforts in full swing and work to attract sponsors. Also, the Krewe renewed its float barn lease for another two years with a two year option. I'm happy to report our rent has not increased since we moved in four years ago. We did have to purchase a liability insurance policy naming Brady Interests as co-insured.*

*Aquarius always presents a first-class ball and pageant, and our parades and floats are the best in all of Mardi Gras. It costs money to maintain this standard. As I have said on many occasions, if at the end of Mardi Gras, the Krewe has only \$5 left in the bank, it is okay because we accomplished what we set out to do — to have a good time and put on the best Mardi Gras in Galveston. Many thanks to all our members for making this possible.*

*Johnny Lidstone*