



Krewe's News

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May Meetings

Krewe of Aquarius meetings are scheduled for May 10 and May 24. Meetings are held at the KC Hall (1912 Winnie) and begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Krewe Membership

Krewe membership chair, Mari Berend, reports the Krewe already has 150 returning members and ten new members. This is great news this early in the year. For those who have not joined yet, membership fees are \$165 per person per year and must be paid in full. For those members who paid 1/2 dues earlier this year, the remaining balance is due by July 1.

2007/08 Budget

Johnny Lidstone has asked committee chairs to submit their budgets by the 2nd meeting in May so the board can compile the totals. The budget then will be presented to the Krewe membership.



2008 Mardi Gras Theme

The official Mystic Krewe of Aquarius 2008 Mardi Gras theme will be *"A Celebration of the Renaissance"*. 2008 Mardi Gras celebrations will occur very early next year with the Seawall parade on January 26 and our Fat Tuesday parade ending the festivities on February 5. Pat Collier is compiling a pamphlet outlining information (protocols, costs, etc.) on the Royal Court. This information will be especially helpful to future royalty. Elections for royalty will occur at the first meeting in July.

Krewe Committees—Upcoming Fundraising and Social Events

Committees have already begun forming so they can begin work on many of the important fundraising and social events of the Krewe. Committees and their chair(s) are listed below and more information on several of these events are located on the back side of this newsletter.

Ball and Pageant—Pat Collier

Trolley Party—Stella Bennett and Solita Walker

Luau—Betty Dyda, Caroline Diaz, and Hope Cooke

Brisket Sale—Andy Kerstens and Greg Vaughn

Garage Sale—JoAnn Michael and John Gonzales

USO Show—Johnny Lidstone, Fran Grabiell, JoAnn Michael,
and Pat Collier

USO Raffle—Ron and Betty Dyda

The Krewe is always looking for new and fun ideas for its fundraisers and socials, and gladly welcome any suggestions from the membership.

By-laws Committee

A by-laws committee, composed of Fran Grabiell (chair), Stella Bennett, and Shirley McGraw was appointed to review the Krewe's by-laws and make recommendations to update and clarify. The proposed by-laws will be presented twice at membership meetings before a vote is taken.

Thank you, Lynn ... Krewe Merchandise

A special thank you to Lynn Shearrow for the great job she does selling our Krewe Merchandise. Members enjoy her reports and especially look forward to her "specials". Many, many thanks, Lynn.





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Welcome New Members

Sam Bova
Jill Bryant
Betsy Kusin
Laura Manhart
Kay Messer
Charles Palfrey
Alex & Emily Pechler
Pamela Wolfe



Trolley Party

The trolley party is scheduled for June 9, and a limited number of tickets may be available (contact Stella Bennett). Everyone should meet at the Trolley Yard (Santa Fe & 28th Streets) to load by 6:30 p.m. and then the party will begin at 7 p.m. Parking is available inside the yard. You may bring small coolers (space is limited) and don't forget to bring beads to throw or give away. Throw beads only to persons who indicate they want them, and don't throw them at parked cars because you can damage the paint. Please patronize the bars where we stop. And most of all — Have Fun!

2007 USO Show

Members are already inquiring about the 2007 USO Show, and the committee will be meeting in early June to discuss and layout plans. The Krewe hopes to secure the same date as last year—the Saturday before Thanksgiving or November 17. As for the location, the Balinese Room may not be available again this year. The ballroom has closed to the public and the building is for sale. The Krewe will be looking into other venues.

Upcoming Events

- Krewe Meeting May 10
- Krewe Meeting May 24
- Trolley Party June 9
- Brisket Sale June 30

Brisket Sale

Mark your calendar and save the date for the annual KOA brisket sale scheduled for June 30—weekend before July 4. Andy Kerstens and Greg Vaughn will have more details at the May meetings.

Garage Sale

They say one man's junk is another one's treasure, and JoAnn Michael and John Gonzales say "save your junk" for our Krewe garage sale sometime in October. The sale will once again be at the float barn.