



Krewe's News

Countdown to Mardi Gras Edition January-February 2007

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Mardi Gras Ball & Pageant

The Mystic Krewe of Aquarius Ball and Pageant will be held on Saturday, January 27, at the Galveston Island Convention Center. Pat Collier, Ball Captain, says the circus theme has been fun to work with and she has added many new things to the evening's festivities including a midway and indoor parade of circus characters. And, after a year's absence, the band, Green Onions, will return to play.

John Gonzales and Phyllis Santos will reign as our king and queen during this year's celebration and tribute to a "Circus World".

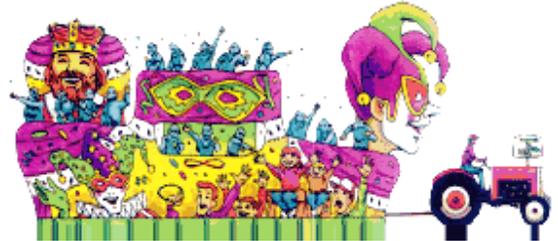
Also, the Krewe will try to arrange a royal toast between the king and queen of the Krewe of Gambrinus and the KOA royal court on February 10 prior to our parade.

Krewe member tickets are included in annual dues; however, if you need guest tickets, please contact Pat at (409.938.1410).



Krewe Mardi Gras Parades

As always, interest in the Mardi Gras parades has taken off since Christmas. Without a doubt, the Krewe will again stage one of the larger parades during the 12-day Galveston Mardi Gras event. Stella Bennett and Johnny Lidstone have been working on marching bands, drill teams, and other marching units since October. They report we will have 16 marching units including the Washington Marian High School Marching "Juke Box" Band, 160 members strong, from Lake Charles, for the Saturday parade. Several Krewes have called — Krewe de Karnaval from League City will bring its new float to both our parades. The Krewe of Thalasar, Le Krewe du Lac, and Krewe Babalu will also join in our celebration. Looks like this year's Aquarius' parades will showcase the best line ups and revelry in years. Tell your friends to come join the fun and catch some beads.



New Sponsors

We are proud to announce that Chili's will be a major sponsor of the Krewe's Mardi Gras activities this year. Last week, John Gonzales, Mike McKinney, Chip Shearrow, Terrie Kahla and Johnny Lidstone met with the Galveston restaurant manager to finalize and plan the February 9 Barn Bash. Chili's will serve a fajita bar (beef and chicken), quesadillas, corn on the cob, southwest egg rolls, buffalo wings, chips and salsa. They also plan to give out chili pepper beads, and will have a unit in both parades.

Also, Express Personal Services, a new business in Galveston, will serve as a \$500 sponsor. The business owner will be given ball and barn bash tickets. And, Johnny is working with Dienst Distributing (Miller Lite) to once again sponsor our "Fat Tuesday" Parade. Miller Lite has been a supporter of that parade for several years.

In the News & on the Air...

As many of you may have seen by now, coverage of the Krewe's 2007 Mardi Gras royalty and activities was featured in the December 31 edition of the Galveston County Daily News. Great article.

On Saturday, January 6, Epiphany or Three Kings' Day and the official beginning of Mardi Gras, Johnny Lidstone and 10+ costumed Krewe members have been invited for a live interview at the KPRC Channel 2 studio. The appearance is planned for 7:30 a.m.

The park board is bringing in media from around Texas on the day of our Seawall parade and suggested we try to carry some of them on our floats. Let's try to accommodate them in the interest of public relations. Also, local stations may want some photo shoots and interviews in the next few weeks, and Johnny will contact people when opportunities arise.



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**WELCOME
NEW
MEMBER**

Sandra Carrothers

Special Bead Orders

KOA signature beads and clown beads are in! Please contact Solita Walker (409.933.9953) to make arrangements to pick up your beads.

Children's Baskets

Pat Saenz and Lynn Shearrow, chairs of the children's basket project, need volunteers to help put together and deliver baskets at the Shriners Burns and UTMB Children's Hospitals. The children's basket project is a Krewe tradition that began with the first parade in 1987 and has continued. Thank you again to Tony and Jennifer Flores, previous chairs of this project.

Christmas Dinner

A special thank you to Caroline Diaz for taking the lead and organizing things and to Ron Dyda for cooking the briskets for our Krewe Christmas Dinner that was held after our December meeting. Thank you's also go out to all the members who brought the delicious dishes and desserts. Why not plan to do this more often? — it was great fellowship and good food.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Krewe Meetings** Jan 11, 18, 25
- **Ball & Pageant** Jan 27
- **Float Meeting** Feb 7
- **Barn Bash** Feb 9
- **Seawall Parade** Feb 10
- **Fat Tuesday Parade** Feb 20

General Float News

Johnny Lidstone has appointed Greg Vaughn and Andy Kerstens in charge of removing and loading floats before and after both parades at the float barn. These men will need lots of manpower to push and pull, but they will be the chiefs and everyone else will be the Indians when it comes to this not so easy job. Be patient and helpful, and most of all, be safe.

Johnny Lidstone will hold his annual meeting with float captains and drivers on Wednesday, February 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the float barn. Float captains (or representatives) and drivers must attend to get final information. Reminder—all drivers must be at the barn by 7:00 a.m. on the morning of the Seawall parade and by 4:30 p.m. on the afternoon of the Fat Tuesday parade to remove floats.