



Krewe's News

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Meeting Schedule

March meetings are scheduled for **Thursday, April 9, and Thursday, April 23**. Meetings are held at the KC Hall (1912 Winnie) and begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Zydeco Festival & Crawfish Boil

Speedy Dobranich and his committee are busy putting together plans for the revival of the Krewe's Zydeco Festival and Crawfish Boil. The event is scheduled for **Sunday, April 26**, at the KC Hall poolside. Tickets are \$15/person in advance and \$20 at the gate. Come and enjoy — crawfish & zydeco music. Cash bar.

Brisket Sale—May 23

Andy and Danette Kerstens have set the date for a brisket sale—**May 23 (Memorial Day weekend)**. More details will be available at upcoming meetings, but it will be similar to our January sale. Please spread the word and start getting orders for this always popular sale.

Gulf Greyhound Park Night

Ron Dyda is scheduling an evening at the races for Krewe members—**April 30th** (we do this often when there is a 5th Thursday in a month). More details and a sign-up sheet will be provided at upcoming meetings.

"Silver Anniversary Memories" in Honor of the Krewe's 25th Anniversary



The Mystic Krewe of Aquarius will celebrate its 25th anniversary and in recognition of this milestone, the Krewe's theme for Mardi Gras 2010 will be "**Silver Anniversary Memories**". Krewe members voted to call off usual protocol for determining a theme, and selected one that will chronicle many of the wonderful themes that have been presented by the Krewe during the past 25 years. Each float will salute a past theme, and signage on the vehicle pulling the float will herald the year and its theme. Royal court members, as well, will select a past theme for their court making our pageant and ball a true walk down memory lane. Johnny Lidstone and Fran Grabiell are busy putting together a list of past themes.

The memories theme has endless possibilities. The ball will also feature past themes in remembrance of our 25th. John Lidstone has many posters, some original art, that will make great displays at the ball. Previous kings and queens will be invited and presented. There is even talk of a special tribute to kings and queens who have passed away.

We plan a full page color advertisement in the Galveston County Daily News commemorating this special year and celebrations. The advertisement will feature the royal court in their formal attire or costumes as well as our officers and board members.

The opportunities are endless for 2010. And by the way, our celebration is just a stepping stone to the 2011 celebration in Galveston which will mark 100 years of Mardi Gras on the island.

Mystic Krewe of Aquarius Officer and Board Election

The following KOA officers and board members were elected for 2009/10 at the March 26 meeting. A big thank you to Hope Cooke and Betty Jo Dyda who handled the nominations and election.

Officers: Johnny Lidstone, president; Ron Dyda, vice president; Fran Grabiell, secretary; and Chip Shearrow, treasurer. Officers were unopposed and elected by acclamation.

Board Members: John Berend, Stephaine Blasé, Pat Collier, Speedy Dobranich, Tony Flores, Marc Hopkins, Andy Kerstens, Mike McKinney, and Pat Saenz.



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Upcoming Events & Activities

- KOA Volunteers— Lone Star Triathlon April 4 & 5
- KOA Meeting April 9
- KOA Meeting April 23
- KOA Zydeco Festival & Crawfish Boil April 26
- KOA Night at Gulf Greyhound Park April 30
- KOA Brisket Sale May 23

Lone Star Triathlon

Our first big fundraiser of the year, volunteering at the Lone Star Triathlon, is coming up this weekend, April 4-5. We have people signed up to work both days along the bike course on Seawall Boulevard. We are a little short of volunteers for the Sunday shift (6 a.m. to 2 p.m.) so if you can help out, please contact Johnny Lidstone. The Krewe is looking into using this event to advertise and promote our Krewe with a banner at the area where participants gather and signs (“Mystic Krewe of Aquarius salutes the Lone Star Triathlon”) for volunteers to display along the route. It’s a lot of fun, a great money maker for the Krewe, and it shows our community support.

Fundraising

Now that elections are over, and new officers and board members are in place, it’s time to get serious about fundraisers. The Krewe already has three planned: volunteering at the triathlon, the Zydeco Festival and Crawfish Boil, and a Brisket Sale. We will soon start laying plans for the USO Show and Pub Krawl. We also plan to look into the possibility of a Trolley Party (even though the trolleys have not run since Hurricane Ike). We might bring back the garage sale, that also a storm victim last year. As always, the Krewe is always looking for ways to make money, and are open to any and all ideas.

Board Meeting

The newly elected officers and board will meet soon to put together a budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The board and officers are committed in making our 25th anniversary a big success. As far as our float fleet is concerned, plans are to do some major overhauling on two floats, and the signature and royalty floats will also get some attention. After this construction is finished, our fleet should be practically new. Your officers and board members look forward to working to make this year a historical event for the Krewe and a year to remember by all.