



Krewe's News

January-February 2010

From the Krewe President... *Johnny Lidstone*

Dear Krewe Members,

I want to thank each of our Krewe members for their support and commitment to the Mystic Krewe of Aquarius. This has not been an easy year for the Krewe and for many of our Krewe members. Though we were able to stage all our planned fundraisers and they all were financially successful, I am certain many are still feeling the after-effects of Hurricane Ike. We are survivors, and Aquarius will continue to grow and move forward. This is a fine organization that has overcome and survived many obstacles in its colorful history. It's because of our members that we are the great organization we are — our members acknowledge the negative, but respond solely to the positive. For this reason alone, Aquarius will live on for many years.

Dad and I have looked forward to this 25 year milestone for sometime. We are happy to have all of you here to celebrate with us this silver anniversary celebration of the Krewe we love and have devoted so much time to.

It is my pleasure to wish each of you a Happy Mardi Gras 2010 and hope you enjoy all our parades, events, and parties. The Krewe really has come a long way in its 25 year history, and the best is yet to come.

February Meeting Schedule

The Krewe will meet only one time in February, on February 25. Meetings are held at the KC Hall (1912 Winnie) and begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.



The Krewe Celebrates "Silver Anniversary Memories" at Mardi Gras 2010

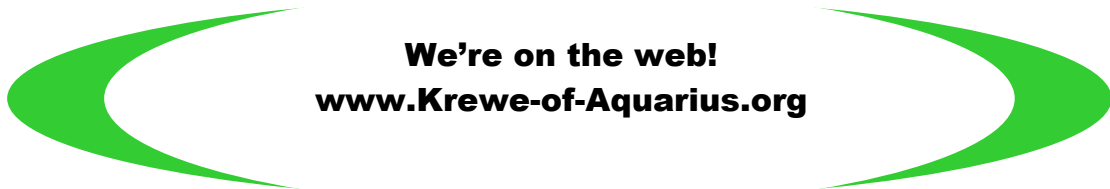
Mardi Gras Parades. The Mystic Krewe of Aquarius will kick off the 2010 Mardi Gras season with its **Annual Seawall Parade** at noon on Saturday, February 6. The parade will feature some 60 units that will include 12 marching band and numerous dance drill teams. We are looking at about



30 floats total including our Krewe floats. We will have the parade command station setup at the flag pole at the southeast corner of Austin School. Many of our Krewe members will be helping us line up and get the things rolling on parade day. We kindly thank them and could not do a parade without them: Joe, Tony, Pat, Steve, Calvin, Linda, Phyllis, Fran, and Ronnie, to name a few. And, as usual, Johnny will be everywhere. The **Fat Tuesday Parade**, on Tuesday, February 16, at 6:30 p.m. continues to grow each year. We are expecting all Krewes to participate as well as some other locally sponsored floats. This year, there will be six marching bands including the highly touted Washington Marian High School band from Lake Charles. Enclosed in this newsletter, and of special interest to new members, is a listing of important "parade etiquette rules" observed by all our Krewe members during Mardi Gras season and its parades. **Barn Bash.** Galveston's biggest Mardi Gras party, our **Krewe's Barn Bash**, will be held on Friday, February 5, at the float barn (31st and Avenue N-1/2) from 7 to 11 p.m. Advance tickets for Krewe members are \$15 per member. Ticket cost for guests (over 21 only) is \$20; all tickets at the door are \$20. Put on your dancing shoes, and don't miss our 19th annual get-together. Thank you to Terrie and Aldan Kahla who have organized and chaired this event for the past six years. **Mardi Gras Parties & Events.** The Krewe will hold its annual **Momus Day Party** on Saturday, February 13, from 12 noon until 9 p.m. at 2410 Market Street (old American Furniture Company). Hope Cooke is coordinating the party. There will be a \$5 charge for members and their guests; call Mari Berend at (409) 935-3547 to get advance wristbands. Members are asked to bring a dish, dessert, soft drinks, BYOB, chairs, etc. Krewe is inquiring about getting three kegs donated. This party gets larger each year; please help us keep it fun and safe. Only persons with wristbands will be allowed to enter facility; guests may be asked to provide member's name to help monitor the crowd. The **Fat Tuesday Party** immediately follows the parade and will be held at Melrose's at 20th and Post Office Streets. Chip Shearrow and Pat Saenz are coordinating the party. The club will have live music and serve boiled shrimp. The **Children's Basket Event** will be held on Friday, February 5, from 3-5 p.m. at Galveston's Shriner's Hospital (815 Market). Contact Nancy Muldowney (832) 367-8901 for more information. **Senior Day Event** at the Float Barn will be held on Wednesday, February 3, at 10:30 a.m. at the Float Barn. Contact Mari Berend (409) 457-4085 for more information. We encourage members to dress in costume for both events.



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Upcoming Krewe Events and 2010 Mardi Gras

Barn Clean Up—Sunday, January 31
Senior Day at Float Barn, Wednesday, February 3, 10:30 am
Float Captain/Driver Meeting— Wednesday, February 3, 7 pm
Children's Basket Event—Friday, February 5, 3-5 pm
Barn Bash— Friday, February 5, 7 pm
Seawall Parade—Saturday, February 6, 12 noon
Momus Day Parade Party—Saturday, February 13, 12 noon-9 pm
Fat Tuesday Parade and Party - Tuesday, February 16, 6:30 pm
Krewe Meeting—Thursday, February 25, 7:30 pm

Lone Star Triathlon

Announcing the first fundraiser for 2010 ... The Krewe will once again volunteer to work the bike route at the Lone Star Triathlon in April. The Krewe receives a \$2,000 donation for working this event. This year we will need a few more volunteers so please plan to participate. There will be a sign-up sheet at upcoming meetings.

Public Relations—Great Opportunities

- Wednesday, February 3, Channel 39 will do live footage from the float barn during their 5 p.m. newscast. Costumed Krewe members should arrive about 4 p.m.
- Saturday, February 6, Channel 13. Reporter and camera person will ride Hope's float. Footage will be shown on evening news. Reporters from the Galveston County Daily News and Austin Chronicle will also be riding floats and reporting stories.
- Monday, February 15, Channel 11's "Great Day Houston" will do shots on their morning show between 8 and 10 a.m. We need members in costume and with beads to throw..
- Kinky Friedman will ride in the Saturday parade and make an appearance at the Barn Bash. Donations for his hotel stay are being accepted; contact Mari Berend.

Krewe Membership Totals 175!

New Members: Linda Boviard, Jennifer Buso, Ron & Glynda Dysart, Don Elsaifi, Brian Flick, Gilbert & Xochitl Gonzales, Tina Gonzalez, Patricia Hopkins, Tommy Huebner, Jack Nichols, Denise & Skippy Schaper, Keith Schincke, and David Swain

Returning Members: Jennifer Flores, Betsy Kusin, Sedonia Owens

