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### Upcoming Events & Activities

- February Krewe Meetings, 7:30 p.m. Feb 3 & 10
- Poster Unveiling—Tremont Hotel, 6 pm Feb 10
- Krewe Ball and Pageant, San Luis, 7 pm Feb 12
- Float Captain/Driver Meeting, 7 p.m. Feb 23
- Barn Bash, 7-11 p.m. Feb 25
- Seawall Parade, 12 Noon Feb 26
- Fat Tuesday Parade, 6:30 pm Mar 8
- March Krewe Meetings, 7:30 p.m. Mar 10 & 24

### Meeting Schedule

February meetings of the Krewe will be held on **February 3** and **February 10**. Following the February 3 meeting, we will have our monthly pot luck supper so please bring your favorite dish or dessert.

Meetings resume after Mardi Gras 2011 — March general meetings are **March 10** and **March 24**. Meetings are held at the KC Hall (1912 Winnie) and begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. See you there.

### Poster Unveiling

The Park Board will hold a Mardi Gras Poster Unveiling at the Davidson Ballroom, Tremont Hotel, on Thursday, February 10, at 6 p.m. 2011 official posters from all Krewes will be displayed as well as the poster from Yaga's, Inc., official organizer of the 2011 Galveston Mardi Gras. Our King and Queen will be introduced in full Mardi Gras attire. The public is welcome and invited to attend.

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# Krewe's News

## February 2011

### *In Celebration of 100 Years of Mardi Gras on Galveston Island The Mystic Krewe of Aquarius presents "A Texas Size Mardi Gras"*

**In the News and on the air...** Lots of publicity going on for the Krewe. Our annual Mardi Gras advertisement in the Galveston County Daily News featuring our 2011 Royal Court was in the newspaper on Sunday, January 30. On Friday, February 25, our Royalty float and Royal Court will be featured live on Channel 13 at 5 p.m. in front of the Tremont Hotel with George Mitchell proclaiming the beginning of Mardi Gras 2011. This event is being arranged by Mike Dean, Yaga's Inc. The park board is planning some interviews and news shots from our float barn over the next few weeks. Johnny and his dad and were interviewed by *Islander Magazine* recently, and the article on Galveston Mardi Gras and Aquarius should be in their February edition. And last but not least, Johnny is organizing a champagne toast hosted by our royal court with royalty from Zkrewe, Krewe Babalu, Krewe of Bacchus, Krewe of Gambrinus and Mayor Jaworski immediately before our Seawall Parade.



**Sponsors.** Dienst Distributing is on board with the Krewe, and Miller beer will once again sponsor the Fat Tuesday Parade and be the official beer for our Barn Bash on February 25. Tilman Fertitta's office has confirmed his annual donation to our Krewe, and the Fertitta family will ride in our parade. And, Mike Dean of Yaga's is leasing three of our floats for some downtown events. The Krewe is very appreciative of the support from our local sponsors.

**Ball & Pageant.** Ginger Robinson is in the final planning stages for the 2011 Ball and Pageant that will be held on Saturday, February 12, at the San Luis Hotel. Pat Collier has tickets to sell (\$65 each and includes breakfast), and says sales to the event are very good. The Krewe and band leader PeeWee Bowen are working closely to present a spectacular pageant. Be prepared to see some extravagant costumes and trains this year.

**Barn Bash.** Aldan and Terrie Kahla have things rolling for the Barn Bash. Andy Kerstens will be cooking for some 900+ guests, and "Bare Necessities" will keep the crowd jumping all evening with some rock and roll. For tickets, please see Pat Collier. Attendance is limited to persons 21 or older, and tickets are \$20 each. Krewe member tickets are \$10 each, but must be purchased prior to the Barn Bash. Couple of reminders: no one but Krewe members are allowed on floats, and the bead toss will not begin until 9 p.m.

**Parades.** Entries for this year's **Seawall Parade** set to roll out on Saturday, February 26, are about the same as last year with 18 participating marching bands. We have several new groups who have joined in. Zkrewe and Krewe of Bacchus will be parading with us since neither have a large parade to showcase their royalty and costumed Krewe members. There will be a meeting for float captains and drivers on Wednesday, February 23 at the float barn at 7 p.m. Anyone else interested is welcome to come. The **Fat Tuesday Parade**, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on March 8, is still being put together, and the Krewe has had numerous inquiries and calls. The high stepping Ozen High School band is coming in from Beaumont plus Hitchcock, Ball High, Houston Yates and North Forest High Schools plan to attend. The Krewe will have two small floats in the **Children's Parade** on Sunday, March 6. Children and grandchildren of Krewe members may sign up to ride by contacting Ron Dyda. The kids must have their own throws and be parent-supervised.

**Parties.** Our Fat Tuesday Party will be held at Crow's on the Strand following the parade. Denise and Michelle are making plans for an after the parade buffet and live band for dancing. We are still trying to find a place for our Mous Day party, but luck has not been good so far. We will keep everyone posted about the event.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Mardi Gras. It's time to let the *Good Times Roll*.

*Johnny Lidstone, Krewe President*