



Krewe's News

November 2011

Meeting Schedule

November meeting date is **Thursday, November 10**. Meetings are held at the KC Hall (1912 Winnie) and begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. Please remember our potluck suppers on the first meetings of the month. The Krewe will only meet once a month during November and December due to holidays.

Mardi Gras Update

Beads and Cups. Our specialty bead has been ordered. Thanks to everyone who placed an order. Michelle will be taking orders at the next meeting for our throw cups. Aquarius is well known for our souvenir Mardi Gras cups. Please make plans to attend the meeting and place your order.

Grand Marshal 2012. Frank Billingsley, chief meteorologist on KPRC Channel 2, will be the Grand Marshal at our parade on February 11. He will be a big supporter of Galveston, and we are fortunate to have him in our parade. Thanks to Rhonda for making these arrangements.

Float Update. An update on our float themes....Harry announced that his float will become a big cruise ship. Mari says her float will visit Vegas. Skippy and Linda's float will be making a resort stop in Hawaii while Fran's float will visit Rio and Rhonda's will go to Tahiti. Hope says we are going to Mexico, and Chip and Pat plan a trip to Mayan Ruins. Lots of fun and colorful themes in the making.



From the President...Johnny Lidstone

Krewe Members,

We are nearing the end of our fundraising year, and in the final stages of planning for our 2012 Mardi Gras. Though our fundraisers have been financially successful, they have not presented the revenue of the past. The only event to show a large gain over 2010 was the garage sale. I have asked what the biggest contributing factor might be, and committee chairs say it due to lack of Krewe participation—either by not selling tickets or not participating at all.



Mardi Gras is not free. To put this annual event on costs lots of money. The Krewe of Aquarius is a great deal at \$175 a year. Not only does this include your ticket to one of the oldest and best Mardi Gras balls, but you also have a reserved place in two of the largest and best parades. I checked with some of the other Galveston Krewes just for comparisons. The Krewe of Gambrinus said their membership was down about 40 from 2010. The dues are \$200 a year, and you pay \$100 a person for your ball ticket. They have some great parties and a few raffles each year. You are assured a space one float for one parade. In the ZKrewe, I understand their membership fell below 100 this year. I am not aware of the amount of their dues, but you must buy a ball ticket for \$125 which includes open bar all night and buffet. They do not have a parade, but have a procession down Mechanic and Strand. The Krewe Babalu, I understand, has had their membership drop below 50. Again, I am not aware of the amount of their dues, but members must pay \$75 to ride on one of their two floats in their single parade. This Krewe partakes in several parades and every time you ride, you pay \$75.

Members know upon joining the Krewe, they will have more fun than they can ever imagine, but we never leave out that all this fun and revelry cost. I understand we are in a recession, and many cannot support all the Krewe's events and partake in all the efforts. But many people attend few if any meetings and seldom partake in events where we are trying to raise money for our Mardi Gras festivities. This Saturday will be your last chance this year to show your support for "our Krewe". Please plan to attend the USO Show this Saturday and buy raffle tickets. We need your support, and we need to see you at Thursday meetings.



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Upcoming Events & Activities

- Krewe Meetings November 10
- USO Show November 12
- Krewe Meeting December 8

Pub Krawl

Chip reports that the annual Pub Krawl fundraiser was a success and made a nice profit. Though the Krawl did not make as handsome a profit as in years past, Chip and Pat were pleased with the turnout at this event. Please remember to support the establishments that participated throughout the year, and thank them for their hospitality and support of our Krewe.

USO Show

It's show time! This Saturday, November 12, is our 16th annual fundraising show at the KC Hall with a 7:30 p.m. curtain. The performers and support cast have been rehearsing for several weeks now, and have quite a show planned with 20 acts. You are going to see the likes of many stars such as Barbra Streisand, Ethel Merman, Frank Sinatra, and Marilyn Monroe. We will have some big stage productions from the "Rocky Horror Picture Show" and "Hair". This year, we will also have lots of comedy including our own version of "The Supremes". Tickets are \$10/person. There will be a cash bar and our famous "Candy Girls" will sell snacks. Ronnie is selling raffle tickets, and the winner will receive a \$500 gift card. See you there!

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