

Mystic Krewe of Aquarius

Mardi Gras 2007



PRESENTS: "CIRCUS WORLD"

The Aquarius Royal Court



PRINCE & PRINCESS

CHARLENE MANNING & A. J. SAPER OF HOUSTON



DUKE & DUCHESS

TERRI KAHLA & ALDAN KAHLA OF SANTA FE



XXI KING & QUEEN

**PHYLLIS SANTOS OF SOUTH HOUSTON
JOHN GONZALES OF GALVESTON**



COUNT & COUNTESS

STEPHANIE BLASÉ & RONNE BLASÉ OF GALVESTON



BARON & BARONESS

LINDA DAVIDSON & MICHAEL MCKINNEY OF SANTA FE

The Mystic Krewe of Aquarius say's, "Come to the circus for an evening of entertainment under the Big Top at the 22nd annual Mardi Gras Ball and Pageant." The black tie/costume affair will be Saturday, January 27 at the Galveston Island Convention Center "Grand Ballroom." Guests will be treated to a live midway on their way to the big top where the Pageant will feature a parade of circus characters and the Krewe's Royal Court dressed in full regalia. The fun begins at 7pm, the pageant and coronation of 2007 King XXI John Gonzales and Queen Phyllis Santos at 8pm followed by dancing to the music of "Green Onions" until 1 am.

The ball will also feature a salute to the Krewe's very active senior members known as the "Diamond Club." Featured entertainment to the evening will showcase acts from the Krewe's annual USO show. For ticket information **409-938-1410**.

BARN BASH

On Friday, February 9 Krewe members and some 1,000 guests will gather for the biggest party of them all, The Aquarius "Barn Bash" sponsored by Chili's - Galveston and Miller "Lite" Beer. The bash begins at 7 pm at the Krewe float den on 31st street and Ave. N1/2 - Galveston. This is the party to be seen at where guest will be treated to a sneak preview of the Krewe's 10 double deacker floats and bead toss. A Texas size buffet will be served by the Krewe's official sponsor Chili's. Dance music will be provided by "Bare Necessities" until 11pm. Tickets are \$15 a person 21 and over. For information call **409-925-8156.409-763-0820**.



LADIES IN WAITING & ROYAL KNIGHTS

PICTURED L-R, ROBERT LUSK, PAT SAENZ, HECTOR SAENZ, BETH THORTON, DAVID LEWALLEN, CHARLSEY PORCARELO, ANDY KERSTENS, DANETTE KERSTENS, KEVIN CROFT AND CATHY CROFT

Also on Friday, February 9 the Krewe will continue 22 year tradition of delivering Mardi Gras gift bags to the children and Shriners Burns Hospital and UTMB Childrens Hospital. Krewe members will be accompanied by characters from the "Rain Forest Cafe" in delivering the bags.

KICK OFF PARADE

The Krewe's popular 21st annual Mardi Gras Kick-Off parade will be Saturday, February 10. The parade will wind it's way down Seawall Boulevard at 12 noon beginning at 14th street. The 80 plus unit street pageant will feature dozens of colorful floats including 10 Krew floats carrying 175 costumed Krewe members and the elegant Royal Court as they celebrate "Circus World" the 2007 theme of the parade. The Krewe is proud to announce the biggest line up of marching bands and dance teams to entertain revelers. For the most and best beads do not miss this big family parade.

FAT TUESDAY PARADE

An Island favorite for years, the Aquarius "Fat Tuesday Parade" will roll through the streets of downtown Galveston and the Strand District at 6:30 pm. This lighted parade will feature participation by many other Krewe's and numerous marching groups. This will be the final big event of the 2007 Mardi Gras.

HISTORY

The Mystic Krewe of Aquarius was organized in 1985 to perpetuate Mardi Gras revelry on Galveston Island. The Krewe is the second oldest carnival organization on the Island boasting a very active membership of 175. Two original charter members who remain with the Krewe today are Merlin L. Lidstone and his son Johnny M. Lidstone. Aquarius is well known for their many fundraising events during the year including the annual "Brisket Sale" featuring their own cooking team. The annual USO show showcases the multi talented Krewe members each year. The Krewe owns it's own fleet of 10 floats which are under the supervision of 20 appointed float captains who oversee the construction and decorating of the theme decorated floats.

Aquarius is under the leadership of executive officers Johnny Lidstone, Captain; Ron Dyda, Vice President; Fran Grabiell, Secretary and Rhonda Sykes, Treasurer.

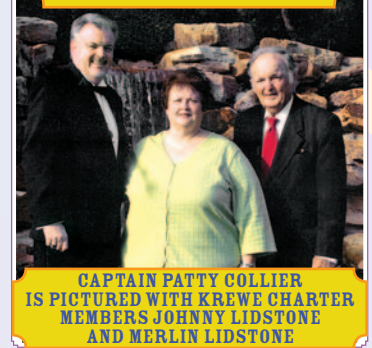
Executive board members are John Berend, Michael McKinney, Patty Collier, Harry Millo, Stephanie Blasé, Charles Sheararrow, Pat Saenz, Tony Flores and James Dobranich. Serving as Sgt's at Arms are Terry Robinson and Jackie Friesenhahn. For more information about the Krewe, please visit www.krewe-of-aquarius.org.

DIAMOND CLUB MEMBERS



PICTURED L-R, MERLIN LIDSTONE, PAT KATRAUSKY, VALERIE MANCUSO, ALICE TARIFA AND SKY HOFF. NOT PICTURED IS BERNARD DIAZ

CHARTER MEMBERS & 2007 BALL CAPTAIN



CAPTAIN PATTY COLLIER IS PICTURED WITH KREWE CHARTER MEMBERS JOHNNY LIDSTONE AND MERLIN LIDSTONE