



Krewe's News

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Immediately following our December 11 meeting, Krewe members will celebrate the holidays with a Christmas gathering. Members are asked to bring their favorite dish or dessert. Johnny will supply the paper goods and utensils. If anyone knows of a good egg nog, please bring (spike, too).

Meeting Schedule

Mardi Gras is nearer than you may realize — only 11 weeks and counting down. The Krewe will meet once in December (**December 11**), and in January, we will meet four times (**January 8, 15, 22, and 29**). These next meetings will be full of activities and important information that members need to know. Please mark the dates on your calendar and plan to attend. All meetings are held at the KC Hall (1912 Winnie) and begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. Since most of the tables and chairs at the KC Hall were damaged in the storm, members are asked to bring folding chairs.

Mardi Gras 2009



2009 Ball and Pageant. The Mystic Krewe of Aquarius Ball and ever popular, colorful pageant will be held on January 31 at the Galveston Convention Center. Invitations will be available at the next meeting. The “Mambo Jazz Kings” will play, and a midnight breakfast will be served. Pat Collier will have more details as they unfold at upcoming meetings.

2009 Parades. Johnny Lidstone is moving along with parade plans, and entries are slowly coming in. Linda and Phyllis are helping line up marching groups. Undaunted by Hurricane Ike, we are optimistic that both our parades will be as big as past years, we know there will be lots of beads, and of course, lots of people begging to catch some. We will roll out the big seawall parade on **February 14** at high noon, and commence the 2009 Mardi Gras carnival season on Galveston Island. In keeping with tradition, we will end the celebrations with our Fat Tuesday Parade on **February 24**.

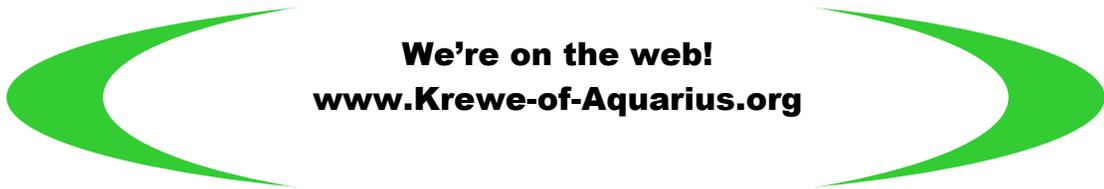
Mardi Gras Parties. We are working on plans for our annual Momus Day Party and Fat Tuesday Party. We will once again try to rent the building on the corner of Post Office and 25th Streets for the Momus (February 21) event. This is a perfect spot for our all day event, but the building did take on some 5 feet of water, and we are still unsure of its availability. For the Fat Tuesday Party, we are looking at several spots downtown. Problem is many are still closed because of storm damage so our choices are few. More details to come as night spots reopen.

Mardi Gras Poster. In the interest of keeping costs at minimum, the membership decided to suspend the poster competition and printing of a large poster this year. Instead, Stephaine Blasé will put together a nice Mardi Gras flyer for the Krewe that will contain a list our 2009 Mardi Gras events, royal court members, officers and board members.

Children's Baskets. Due to the closure of the UTMB Children's Hospital and uncertainty about the reopening date for the Shriner's Burns Hospital, the Krewe will probably cancel its annual trip to distribute Mardi Gras gift bags to the hospitalized children. We do plan to donate items (DVD players, games, etc.) to the Shriner's Hospital when we receive word of their reopening.



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Upcoming Krewe Events and 2009 Mardi Gras Festivities

KOA Calendar of Events

Meeting & Christmas Gathering , December 11
Meeting, Thursday, January 8
Meeting, Thursday, January 15
Brisket Sale, January 16-17
Meeting, Thursday, January 22
Meeting, Thursday, January 29

Mardi Gras 2009

Ball & Pageant—January 31
Barn Bash— February 13
Seawall Parade—February 14
Momus Day Parade Party—February 21
Fat Tuesday Parade and Party -
Tuesday, February 24

Good News—Brisket Sale Rescheduled

The annual brisket sale has been rescheduled for **January 16 and 17, 2009** at the float barn (31st and Avenue N-1/2). The party will begin the evening before. Andy and Danette Kerstens will again chair this very important fundraiser. We hope everyone will help make this a big success by buying or selling at least one brisket since so many of our other fundraising events this year have had to be cancelled due to the hurricane and its trickle down effects. The fully-cooked briskets will sell for \$30 each, and may be picked on Saturday beginning at 11 a.m. Dinners will also be available for \$6.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We have several new members, and extend our warmest welcome. Names were not available at publication , but will be noted in an upcoming issue.