



# Krewe's News

## February-March 2008

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### Big Fundraising Opportunity

During the last weekend in March, Galveston will host the Texas Triathlon at Moody Gardens. Our Krewe has been offered a great fundraising opportunity in connection with this event. We have been invited to serve as directors for the over 5,000 participants expected to attend. Directors are those people who will line the route and direct runners along the way.

Good news is that for every ten (10) directors the Krewe delivers for both days, the Krewe will receive \$250. The Krewe has tentatively told the triathlon coordinator we could probably offer 30 directors each day which could result in a \$1,500 profit for our Krewe. This is a great chance for us to make some money—it requires no planning, little work, no expenses on our part, and gives the Krewe great PR in the community. Each director will be given a commemorative t-shirt.

The schedule is as follows: Saturday, March 29 — 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and Sunday, March 30—9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Johnny Lidstone will coordinate Saturday volunteers, and Ronnie Dyda will coordinate volunteers on Sunday. If more than 30 people volunteer, that is great. Remember, we will receive \$250 for every 10 people who sign up from the Krewe.

**Very important.** We must put this fundraiser together very quickly, and need a confirmed count by Thursday, February 28.

If you are interested and SURE you can be there, contact Johnny at (409) 789-4101 (cell) or (409) 763-0820 (home).

### A Very Successful 2008 Mardi Gras



The 2008 Mardi Gras has come and gone, and the Krewe enjoyed a very successful and fun-filled carnival season. Our parades, the ball, and parties came off without a hitch. This would not have been possible without the team work within our Krewe. The budget presented by the Board and voted on by the Krewe last June was a great help in planning our festivities, and the parades, ball, and barn bash each came in under budget. I would like to mention just a few highlights from our recent Mardi Gras celebrations and festivities...

- The parades took in \$8,000 through fees and donations
- The Bead Booth at the Barn Bash made a clear profit of \$883
- The Krewe enjoyed record breaking crowds at the biggest party of all, our annual "Barn Bash"
- As the floats rolled out for the Saturday parade, the sun came out, the crowds swelled, and there were beads and smiles everywhere.
- Our Momus Day Party was the best yet. I'm not sure who liked our music better — our Krewe members or the revelers in the street
- Fat Tuesday—its parade and party were a big hit with everyone. Great attendance at the parade, good food and dance music.
- The Children's Parade was fun for the children and "big kids" too.
- Costumes were by far the best in many years, and they carried out the true revelry, spirit, and splendor of our Mardi Gras theme.
- Last but not least, the Krewe received great publicity this year — more than ever before. Every major television station visited our barn for live interviews and showcased our floats and royal court. Some of you may have noticed that photos from our parades are still appearing in the Galveston County Daily News. And bragging rights are in order for a great 2008 Krewe poster that artistically featured our Krewe and its theme.

So now it's time to start making plans for 2009. It's just around the corner, you know, and our Seawall Parade will roll out on Valentine's Day 2009.

*Johnny M. Lidstone, Krewe President*

### Meeting Schedule

The next meeting of the Krewe of Aquarius will be held on Thursday, **February 28**. In March, we will meet in **March 13** and **March 27**. Meetings are held at the KC Hall (1912 Winnie) and begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. See you there.





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We're on the web: [www.Krewe-of-Aquarius.org](http://www.Krewe-of-Aquarius.org)

### Upcoming Events & Activities

- **Krewe Meeting** Feb 28
- **Deadline to sign up to volunteer for Triathlon Fundraiser** Feb 28
- **Krewe Meeting & Floor Nominations** Mar 13
- **Krewe Meeting & Annual Election** Mar 27
- **Galveston Triathlon** Mar 29-30
- **KOA Dues (at least half by)** Apr 1
- **KOA Due Balances by** Jul 1

### Krewe Dues

**Reminder:** To remain a member in good standing, you must pay at least one half of your dues by April 1 with the balance paid by July 1. Any current member who does not pay at least half his or her dues by April 1 will need to pay dues in full (\$165). The Krewe is looking forward to another great year. Don't put it off re-joining. We have had quite a few inquiries from prospective members already. For more information, contact Mari Berend, membership chair.

### Krewe Officer and Board Elections

In March, the Krewe will elect officers and board members for 2008-09. Johnny Lidstone, Krewe President, will appoint a committee to oversee the process and election. The election committee will contact incumbent officers and board members before the March 13th meeting to find out if they wish to seek re-election. Then, at the March 13th meeting, the committee will take nominations from the floor for all positions. Any person wishing to be nominated from the floor should be present at this meeting or send written consent. No nominations will be accepted on election night. The election will be held on March 27, and votes counted and announced at this meeting. Officers and board members will take their seats on April 1.



### Fundraising Ideas

It goes without saying that we are always looking for new ideas for fundraisers and social events. And, we are always looking for volunteers who can commit time and have a desire to chair such events. Please do not be bashful; every idea is considered by the Krewe. Keep in mind, though, if you have a good idea, you may be asked to chair that event.

### Voyager Raffle

The Krewe has received a \$1,000 certificate good towards a trip for two aboard the Voyager. At the next meeting, the Krewe will discuss raffle details including ticket price and give-away date. The certificate cannot be redeemed for cash and must be used toward a cruise on the Voyager.