



ARRR! Pirate Prez Dez Sez Newsletter- August 2007

GENERAL KREWE MEETINGS

Baywood Country Club
1st Tues. of the month, 7:30 pm
August 7, 7:30pm
September 4, 7:30pm
October 2, **7:00pm** – Special meeting. See information under “Upcoming Events”.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Peppers Restaurant, League City
3rd Wednesday of the month-
August 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17

OFFICERS

President – Desi McKinney
281-970-3906
Vice President – Sandy Taylor
713-467-6435
Secretary – Nina Clayton (appointed)
281-474-3863
Treasurer – Kristen Bennington
281-334-1735

COMMITTEE CHAIRS-

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| Ball – Barbara Rodgers | 409-933-4413 |
| Membership – Elaine Guyote | 281-326-2472 |
| Pancake Day – Tommie McMillan | 281-286-5738 |
| Processional – Paul Rodgers | 409-933-4413 |
| Public Affairs – Alex Petty | 409-744-7787 |
| Royalty – Toni Caputo | 281-357-4001 |
| Julia Vandiver | 713-991-9959 |
| Steering – Sandy Taylor | 713-467-6435 |
| Ways & Means – Sherri Short | 832-242-1988 |
| Zestival – Kristi Schoppe | 409-766-7684 |

Committee Sign-Up

It's not too late to sign up and join a committee. Contact one of the committee chairs listed above and let them know you want to be added to their list.

Z Krewe Web Site:

www.zkrewe.net

User i.d. is: member

Password is: Trumpets

Committee Liaison for meetings:

The Krewe liaison with Peppers Restaurant is Elaine Guyote. Please call Elaine if you want to schedule a committee meeting at the restaurant. Two weeks notice is needed.

Big Daddy & Big Momma 14

Benton Vandiver and Colleen Fountain
CONGRATULATIONS to Colleen!!

Big Momma coming out Party

What a wonderful party Big Daddy Benton & Big Momma Colleen put together for us all! The weather was a wee bit warm, but the decorations, music, games, beer, food, and socializing was fantastic! Congratulations to Colleen Fountain for surviving Davy Jones's clutches to become our Big Momma for 2008!

King and Queen XIII

Bernie Bolanowski and Kristie Schoppe

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Ball Committee- August 22nd. Peppers Restaurant on I-45. 7:00 PM.

Zestival Committee- August 21st. Peppers Restaurant on I-45. 7:00 PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Membership Kickoff Party

August 25th, 7:30 PM on Galveston island at the Market Street Tavern. (Same day as Art Walk). We will gather in the back bar where a stage is located.

There will be prizes for the best Pirate Costume, Wench costume, best Pirate hat, and a prize for the person who talks like a pirate the best. Come have fun!

Royalty Cake Cutting Ceremony

October 2nd, Baywood Country Club. This is the night of our regular monthly meeting, however, this meeting will start 30 minutes

early. So from 7pm until 7:20pm we will conduct crucial krewe business. From 7:30pm until 9:30pm, the Royalty committee will conduct the cake cutting ceremony and celebration. The committee will provide heavy hors d'oeuvres, and two drink tickets per person. After you use your two drink tickets, it will be a cash bar. The bar will be set up in the party room, along with the hors d'oeuvres. Please come dressed in theme costumes to help the royalty candidates celebrate their position in royalty this year.

Membership trip to Renaissance Festival

October 20th - this is Pirates weekend at the festival. This will be a bus trip for those who want to ride to the festival. \$40.00 covers your admission to the festival, the bus ride, snacks, and trinkets. The bus will depart from Dienst Distributing at 9am, with a second pickup at the Metro Park and Ride at North Shepherd. Call Jeannine Dienst to sign up for the bus, or for more information.

Z Krewe Poster Contest

Public Affairs Committee has the poster contest rules and regulations ready. If you would like to draw a poster to be considered for our annual poster, or have an artistic friend who would like to, call or email Nancy Manlove to get the information.

Ball Weekend

January 11-13, 2008

Tremont Hotel

Be sure to let Sandy Taylor know that you want a room at the hotel as soon as possible. She has room request forms for you to fill out and return to her. The sooner you turn in the room request form, the better your chances of getting the room you want for the Ball weekend.

Zestival 1

Friday, January 25, 2008

Saturday, January 26, 2008

Zestival 2

Saturday, February 2, 2008

Fat Tuesday

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

Z CHAIRITIES FOR 2008

The charities selected this year to receive donations from Z Krewe are Rainbow Connection, Big

Brothers and Big Sisters of Gulf Coast, Hospice of Galveston, and Fisher House. Each organization will receive a donation of \$500.00. At the August meeting, Bryan Dyck from Fisher House and Catalina Castro from Rainbow Connection were presented with the check for their organizations. Rainbow Connection presented Z Krewe with a plaque in appreciation for the donation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CONGRATULATIONS to Julia Vandiver who received a President's Award (finally!). Julia has been unable to attend the past couple of meetings, so the award waited for her! It was presented to her for her many endeavors behind the scenes, i.e., ideas for costumes, as well as sewing costumes, helping Queens, being in charge of our 10-year celebration committee which organized a party a month for 12 months, ending with our excursion on the Star Gazer.

The Ways & Means committee has announced they will be selling the Football Books again this year. The books were available at the August meeting, and are still available for you to buy or pick up to sell. Call or email Larry Kram for books.

Nina Clayton accepted the appointed position of Krewe Secretary, but has fallen and broken her wrist! Wow, what some people will do to get out of doing something..... HA! Just kidding, we hope Nina is feeling better now.

Remember, if you want to run for Royalty this year, your dues must be paid in full before the September meeting, which is the last date to sign up for Royalty.

John Pfeiffer is recovering from a broken collar bone, and we wish him well. He was seen walking around the Big Momma coming out party, and said that he can now hold up to 5 pounds with his right hand!

Big Daddy 4 & 5, Joe Bumpas, is home and recovering from a heart attack. We wish him well also. It was good to see him enjoying the music, and visiting with everyone, at the Big Momma coming out party. It was good to see Donna there too!

For those of you who come to our general meetings, get ready to be “renamed” by the Steering Committee. Yes, the Steering Committee has decided to give several members their Pirate Name at each meeting. Come and see who is “named” each meeting! David McKinney’s pirate name is “Dirty Davy Flint” or “Smelly Dirty Davy” and Desi’s name is “Captain Bess Rackham”. Other pirate names are: Sandra Cover-“Sweet Charity Rackham”, Peggy Torregrossa- “Lady Mary Higgins, Esq.”, Queen Kristie- “Buxom Mary Goodfellow”, Shirley Yarbrough-“Flirty Anne Christian”, Gary Smith- “Bloody Robert Drake”, Mark Garcia- “Leather-face Tom Wiggins”, Alex Petty - “Jolly William Rackham”, and Stacy Dienst- “Sir Tom Marlow (purveyor of the Rum)”.

An opportunity to volunteer: National Veterans Golden Age Games, August 27–31, 2007; hosted by the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center. More than 600 veterans over the age of 55 are expected to participate in the year’s games, making it the nation’s largest senior sporting event for veterans. The site for the majority of the sporting events, plus the opening and closing ceremonies, is the George R. Brown Convention Center in downtown Houston. They need 200 volunteers a day. If you are interested in volunteering contact Nikki D. Verbeck- Volunteering at 713-794-7347 or 713-794-7135, or visit the NVGAG Web Site at www.veteransgoldenagegames.org

2010 Mardi Gras Theme Ideas

The Steering Committee is taking ideas for the krewe’s Mardi Gras theme for 2010. The theme for 2009 is Italy, but we don’t have a theme ready for the 2010 year, so get your thinking caps on! The membership will vote on the theme at the September general meeting. When proposing a theme, please be specific. Instead of a one-word theme like “Houston”, it might be “Houston, the City with a Heart” or “Enron, Boom to Bust.” All suggestions must be received by Friday, August 31st. You can fax it to Sandy Taylor, 713-467-0137, mail it to 1424 Springrock Lane, Houston, 77055, or email it to sot13@comcast.net .

Zanies August Birthdays-

Happy Birthday to:

Roz Perez – 4
Linda Potter – 7
Charles Capps – 8
Jim Johnston (new member) – 8
Joy Hall – 10
Larry Sarver – 11
Kristie Schoppe – 12
Ellen Bubenik – 17
Donna Alexander – 22
Don Cramer – 22
Leigh Goodman – 26
Henry Vasquez – 26
Jay Hawkins – 27
John Moen – 30