



ARRR! Pirate Prez Dez Sez Newsletter- November 2007

(Written by Prez Dez and edited by Tommie McMillan)

Hey Matie....Stay with me, this is a LONG newsletter.... Lots of information here! Arrrg!

GENERAL KREWE MEETINGS

Baywood Country Club
1st Tues. of the month, 7:30 pm.

- *December 4, 2007- come and buy your Zestival tickets, Ball guest tickets, beads, parking passes, and pick up your own Ball ticket.
- * January 8, 2008- last chance to buy ball tickets!!

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Peppers Restaurant, League City
4th Wednesday of this month-
Nov. 28 (changed due to the holiday)

OFFICERS

President – Desi McKinney
281-970-3906
Vice President – Sandy Taylor
713-467-6435
Secretary – Grace Perez (appointed)
281-480-8820
Treasurer – Kristen Bennington
281-334-1735

COMMITTEE CHAIRS-

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
Executive Com. – Mary Ann Martin	281-565-4033

Z Krewe Web Site:

www.zkrewe.net

User i.d. is: [info deleted]

Password is: [info deleted]

Committee Liaison for meetings: The Krewe liaison with Peppers Restaurant is Elaine Guyote.

Big Daddy & Big Momma 14 - Benton Vandiver and Colleen Fountain

Big Daddy Benton announced that there will be a Big Daddy/Big Momma party during the ball weekend, and a chance to find another stash of Big Daddy's Pirate Booty! Big Daddy will be updating his Blog on the krewe website with information about Pirates. This information will assist you in answering some questions that will lead you to his pirate treasure.

King and Queen XIII

Bernie Bolanowski and Kristie Schoppe

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Executive Committee – Nov. 28th, Peppers Restaurant, 7:00 pm

Ball Committee – Jan. 5, 2008 at the “Jolly Rodger’s, Paul and Barbara’s, house in Bayou Vista

Royalty Cake Cutting Ceremony

The ceremony was held on Oct. 2, Baywood Country Club. The presentation was very nice, and the wait to see who will be our King & Queen XIV is over! Congratulations to the 2008 Royalty court:

King Zanie XIV - Allen Taylor
Queen Zanie XIV - Sandy Taylor
Purple Zoot & Zaftig- John &

Carroll Pfeiffer-Cobb

Green Zoot & Zaftig- Alex Petty &
Linda Potter

White Zoot & Zaftig - Robbie Lozano &
Tommie McMillan

Black Zoot & Zaftig - Leon Kaplan &
Gretchen Lozano

Zanies at the Renaissance Festival

A few Zanies were seen at the Renaissance Festival on Oct. 20th. The theme for the day was Pirates, and we saw lots of great examples of pirate clothes, hats, swords, etc! Members enjoying the day were Sandy and Allen Taylor, Benton and Julia Vandiver (and Jaclyn), Paul and Barbara Rodgers, Kristi Schoppe, Kristen Bennington, Tommie McMillan, Sandra and Lindell Cover, Anndee Nelson, and David and Desi McKinney. Zanies were seen everywhere “plundering” the shops for wares to wear during the upcoming Mardi Gras season!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Royalty Coronation and Ball Weekend- only 9 weeks until these events!

January 11-13, 2008

Tremont Hotel and Davidson Ballroom

There are many “parts” to the Royalty Coronation and Ball. So here they are:

* **ROOMS** - All rooms are taken at the Tremont. BUT if you need a room, be sure to bid on one of the Suites that the Ball committee is auctioning off. Call Barbara Rodgers to place your bid before the December meeting. The rooms will be awarded at the end of the December meeting.

* **TICKETS** - Elaine Guyote has tickets for you to pick up at the December meeting. Member tickets come with your membership dues. They are NOT transferable, and may not be sold.

Be sure to bring your ticket with you to enter the Ballroom. Guest tickets are on sale for \$130.00.

* **INVITATIONS** - Invitations will be mailed to all members after Thanksgiving. Members can pick up additional invitations for mailing to their guests at the December meeting.

* **TABLES** - Every person who attends the ball is PRE-Placed at a table. It is up to each member to make sure they are signed up on someone’s table list. We only have 27 tables in the ballroom. Tables will be set for 8 people. Pick up a table sheet from Kathleen Capps, ask other people to sit with you, and then return the sheet back to Kathleen. About 7 days before the ball, if you have not been placed at a table, Kathleen and the Ball committee will place you at a table that is not full.

* **PHOTOS** - A professional photographer will begin taking pictures at 6 PM in the reception area of the Davidson Ballroom. He’ll remain in the reception

area until 9 PM. A photo is a wonderful way to commemorate your evening. Cash and credit cards are accepted. We’ll have prices at the December meeting.

* **ROYALTY CORONATION** - At 7 PM, the coronation will take place in the Strand Street Theater, conveniently located next door to the ballroom. Come enjoy the pageantry of the incoming royalty in their beautiful costumes. You never know what surprises there might be. Admittance is included in the ball ticket price.

* **EVENT TIMELINE** -

6 – 6:45 PM: Champaign Reception

7 – 7:45 PM: Royalty Coronation

8 PM – 1 AM: Dining, Drinking, Dancing at the Z Krewe Ball! The band is Shockwave.

Zestival Season

Zestival Tickets are now available. Member price is \$125.00 for all four dates. Prices for guests are listed below. Guests can buy Zestival tickets online. Members must still contact Kristen to pay for tickets.

Bead drop-off date is Tuesday, January 22, 2008, from 1 PM to 5 PM. Be sure to place your booty in a lockable container with your name on it. Bill Pye and friends will again be providing the manpower to haul your trunks, suitcases, boxes, etc... up to the bead room. Then come to the krewe general meeting at 7:30 PM.

Member/Sponsor Party

Friday, January 25, 2008. Free. Limited to sponsors and members. Guests can come if they have a ticket to the Saturday party on the 26th. Members can bring a FEW family members who are ages 13 and up. See Kristi Schoppe for more information. We will have a bar, a light meal, and music supplied by a DJ/karaoke company.

Zestival 1

Saturday, January 26, 2008. Guest tickets are \$75.00. Phil Johnson Duo will provide the music. Food and bar will be provided.

Zestival 2

Friday, February 1, 2008. Guest tickets are \$75.00. The Slags will provide the music. Food will be served, with a cash bar once you use your drink tickets.

(Processional is this day also. See below)

Zestival 3

Saturday, February 2, 2008. Guest tickets are \$125.00. The Slags will again provide the music. Lunch and dinner will be served, with a cash bar once you use your drink tickets.

Processional

Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008.

* The parade will start at 1 PM. Tradition is we walk and throw beads. However, if you want to ride in the parade, it has been decided that carriages will be the mode of transportation. Whoever saw a pirate in a car??? Ha. See Paul Rodgers about getting a carriage.

* The bead board was up at the November meeting and will be up again at the December and January meetings also. You must place your bead orders by January 15, 2008. Bead order forms are available. Beads are filled on a "first come first serve" basis. When a particular bead is sold out, you will be notified that you cannot get that bead.

* BEAD PICKUP - You can pick your bead order up on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008 from 10 AM to 1 PM at the Dienst Distributing warehouse on I-45 South in LaMarque (take the Vauthier St. exit if you're heading south).

The Processional committee is NOT responsible for your bead order. If you want your beads, YOU must make your own arrangements to have them picked up.

* We have the parking lot again this year; the same lot as last year. Get your parking pass from Paul Rodgers. Cost is \$15.00 for the first weekend, and \$20.00 for the second weekend. No, there is not a price break for two weekends. Our cost for the parking lot this year will not allow us to give any discounts.

Fat Tuesday- Pancake Day

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

Galveston Catholic School is very excited that Z Krewe will be cooking pancakes and sausages for the students, parents, and teachers again this year from 6:45 - 8 AM. (Of course, Zanies will be arriving any time from 5 AM to 6:30 AM, depending on what their duties will be.) IHOP and Speedy's Printing (Leon Kaplan) have already signed on to once again be sponsors. Tommie McMillan is looking for other sponsors as well. If you would like to be a sponsor of the Pancake Day festivities, call or email Tommie. More information will be sent later about what you can do as a volunteer that day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Ball committee is auctioning off two Tremont Suites for the weekend of the ball. These suites are one bedroom and one bathroom, with a small living area. One is on the second floor, and the other on the third floor of the Tremont House Hotel. The poster for bidding will be on display at the December general meeting. The rooms will be awarded at the end of the December meeting.

Galveston will NOT be charging the public on either weekend to come to the Strand area for Mardi Gras this year. There also will be NO big name bands or food or merchandise vendors on the street. Apparently this is the New Orleans model with merchants being the providers. Our party WILL BE the best entertainment (as always) on the Strand for our guests, AND we'll have food too. You can use this info to sell tickets!!

Z Krewe has a block of rooms at The Victorian Hotel and Suites for the Zestival season. The rooms can sleep up to 6 people, with a 2-night minimum. The hotel will hold this block open up to two weeks before the event. They run a shuttle to the Strand area also. Be sure to tell them you are with Z Krewe when you call to make reservations to get our special rate.

Zanie October & November Birthdays-

The PAC Committee had a very successful poster contest this year. We had 17 entries to vote on during the November meeting. The winning posters were: 3rd place- Maria Carlson from McKinney, TX; 2nd place- Felicia Yancy from Rowlett, TX. And the 1st place winner, and the one our poster will be printed from, is Samitha Hess from Hitchcock, TX. Congratulations to all the artists, and thank you to Alex Petty, Nancy Manlove, and all members of PAC for a well run contest!

The Executive Committee is hard at work trying to finalize our krewe insurance. Rick Williams chaired the insurance subcommittee to find the best price for our needs. Due to Rick and his subcommittee members, Carroll Pfeiffer-Cobb, Alex Petty, and Paul Grizzle, the krewe now has a streamlined insurance policy that will cover us for our events at a cost that is about \$1200.00 less than last year. Thank you Rick and your committee!

We had the reading of two bylaw change proposals at the November meeting. There was lively discussion about proposal #2. Voting will take place at the December meeting. Please come and vote on the proposed bylaw changes on Dec. 4.

Happy Birthday to:

OCTOBER

Stacy Dienst
Donna Bumpas
Gary Lowe
Paul Grizzle
Cheryl Herberg
Bill Pool
Donnie James
David Hardy
Carroll Pfeiffer-Cobb
Tabitha McKnight
Charlotte Camacho
Cyndi Gillie
Donna Capps
Joni Schirmer

NOVEMBER

Torello Micheletti
Ray Caballero
Marcella Villarreal
John Hughes
Todd Walker
Susan Powell
Kathleen Capps
Gene Perard
Chris Woolwine Moen
Bill Cline
Grace Perez
Ellie Matthews
Anita Caballero
Barbara Rodgers