



ARRR! Pirate Prez Dez Sez Newsletter- January 2008

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Hey Matey!! This be a list of duties, dates, and times ye be wantin' to report for, arrrrrr!

GENERAL KREWE MEETINGS

Baywood Country Club

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

January 8, 2008

ALSO February 12, 2008 due to Fat Tuesday the prior week

**The Mardi Gras Season is upon us.
Hang on tight and have fun!**

Tuesday, January 8, 2008-

General Krewe meeting. This is your last chance to buy ball tickets, and to turn in your table form. If you have not asked someone to sit at your table, then please do so at this meeting!! We need all members and their guests to have an assigned seats.

Also, it's time to buy your beads (deadline is Jan. 15), Zestival tickets, and parking tickets. This meeting will be the prime time to get all this done. Don't wait until all the tickets are sold and you're left out! The Z Krewe parking lot is a premium place to park for our parties. You **MUST** have your parking pass visibly displayed in your car's front window to park there. If you don't, you will be TOWED. Z Krewe beads are the best bargain in town. You get the most for your money and they're great beads to boot.

Please remember to sell those Ball and Zestival tickets to your family and friends. Sell, sell, sell!! We can promise them the most fun they'll *ever* have at Mardi Gras if they come!

Wednesday, January 9, 2008-

Galveston Park Board of Trustees' annual Mardi Gras 2008 Poster Unveiling and Press Conference will be held in the lobby of the Tremont House Hotel, beginning at 6:00 PM. Z Krewe posters will be available for purchase, and Ms. Hess, the artist, will be present to provide signed copies. We would like ALL ZANIES to come in their green jackets and represent our krewe en masse!

Friday, January 11, 2008-

The coronation and ball weeked gets underway with Big Momma and Big Daddy's party from 7-9 PM in the 3rd floor Belmont Suite in the Tremont Hotel. Be sure to come to this party and see if you can find the hidden booty! After this party ends, we just roll into the President's party at 9 PM, same suite. Yep, we'll have a grand time on Friday night!

Saturday, January 12, 2008-

Get ready to see pirates and wenches take over the Strand area! The coronation and ball are a costume event this year (or black tie). The time line is as follows:

- 6 – 6:45 PM: Champagne Reception and Photo opportunity.
- 7 – 7:45 PM: Royalty Coronation in the Strand Theater next to the ballroom.
- 8 PM – 1 AM: Dining, Drinking, Dancing at the Z Krewe Ball to the super sounds of the band Shockwave.
- 1 AM - ????: Join your fellow zanies on the roof of the Tremont Hotel for continued celebrations.

Tuesday, January 15, 2008-

Special Krewe meeting, 7:30 PM, Baywood C. C. This is that time of year we meet every Tuesday through Mardi Gras. Lots of fun stuff goes on. You still have a chance to get last minute Zestival tickets. This is also the **LAST NIGHT TO ORDER BEADS!**

Wednesday, January 16, 2008-

Executive Board Meeting, 7 PM, Pepper's Restaurant, League City, I-45 South.

Saturday, January 19, 2008-

Pick your Mardi Gras beads at the Dienst Distributing building on I-45 South between 10 AM until 1 PM. Take Exit 12 to get there. All the beads you order from our krewe will be "neatly" packaged for you to come, grab,

and go! It won't take 10 minutes once you get there. Be sure to either come yourself, or con, I mean, ask someone to get your beads for you. Any beads not picked up will not be available until Zestival!!! Once again, the times for the pickup are 10 AM until 1 PM and, trust me, the Processional Committee pirates won't wait much past 1 PM for you! They get there VERY early that morning to sort and bundle bead orders and, by 1 PM, they're cranky and ready to leave. If you're running late, call 281-924-2032 and tell whoever answers that you are on your way!

Tuesday, January 22, 2008,-
Bead Drop Off at Trumpets, 23rd & Strand, 1-5 PM. This is the day you deliver your beads to our party room in preparation for Zestivals. ALL your booty MUST be in a locked 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. Meet them in the alley behind Trumpets. Then come to the Special Krewe Meeting at 7:30 PM, Baywood Country Club.

Friday, January 25, 2008-
Member & Sponsor Party at Trumpets. From 6 PM until midnight; members can enter at 4 PM but NOT guests as party prep is going on. We'll have music, food, drinks provided by Dienst Distributing (and we heartedly thank them!), and bead throwing from our balcony. Out-of-town guests coming to ZI are also welcome but you must have a special pass for them and they MUST HAVE PURCHASED a ZI ticket, which they will need to wear Friday night as well as Saturday. Zanies may bring UP TO 4 family members to this party but all must be 15 yrs. or older. Family members must also have a special pass. See Kristie Schoppe for these special tickets.

Saturday, January 26, 2008-
Zestival I. (ZI). 4 PM until midnight; with the Phil Johnson Duo featured for live entertainment. Guest tickets are \$75.00 each. Food will be served and each person receives 4 drink tickets for adult beverages. After that, it's a cash bar. Bead throwing as usual!

Tuesday, January 29, 2008-
Special Krewe meeting, 7:30 PM, Baywood C. C. You still may have a chance to get last minute Zestival II or III tickets (don't count on ZIII). Lots of fun stuff goes on. When you consider who some of our members are, you can understand why hilarious things just... happen!

Friday, February 1, 2008-
Zestival II. (ZII). 6 PM until midnight, with entertainment provided by The Slags. Food will be served, and each person will receive 4 drink tickets for adult beverages. After that, it is cash bar. Bead throwing as usual while we enjoy a couple of other krewe parades.

Saturday, February 2, 2008-
Processional begins at 1 PM. Everyone will gather at the krewe parking lot (26th & Santa Fe beside train museum) at 11 AM for a tailgate party. BYOBreakfast and, just to be neighborly, enough for a friend. At 12:30 PM, we will begin lining up for our Processional under the direction of Captain "Happy Feet" Paul Rodgers. Come dressed in costume, or in our traditional Z Krewe attire which is black pants, purple shirt, and the green jacket. Bring plenty of beads to throw to the crowd. BE SURE to THROW TO THE BACK OF THE CROWD so they stay out of the parade route. You do not want them walking up to you to get what they want! Your family and friends can march and throw beads in our Processional also. We WILL march past our balcony to the end of the Strand before the parade is over, so plan to throw beads until the very end and please do not leave the Processional for our balcony until you have completed the Strand route.

Once again be hosting the World Famous Philadelphia Mummers in our Processional this year, and then they will play for us and the crowd from our balcony! Bring your cameras for some fantastic pictures. Their costumes are simple faaahbulous, dahling!

After the Processional, we can hit the party room! Since there is no admission cost to the Strand, **take your bead buggies back to your cars before coming** to the party. Our member bead room is full enough with all our beads, and party paraphernalia.

The doors for Zestival III open at 12 NOON and we'll join the party-in-progress as soon as the Processional is over. Remind your guests that the balcony is closed to visitors until the Mummers finish playing. Members can go on the balcony, but not guests.

ZIII features The Stags for entertainment again and will end at midnight. There'll be food, drinks - cash bar after your drink tickets run out - and lots of bead throwing!

Tuesday, February 5, 2008 - FAT TUESDAY, whew!!!
Fat Tuesday begins with our annual pancake day breakfast being served for 450 kids, parents, and staff at the Galveston Catholic School, 26th & Ave. N, from 6:45-8 AM. Everyone who volunteers for pancake duty has fun, and enjoys the kids. Our pancake princess, Tommie McMillan, will need a lot of help in the kitchen this year since she'll be out front with the royal court! Fortunately many of you have been volunteering for years and know the drill, but for any newcomers, here's the times you need to arrive by no later than:

- 5:30 AM SETUP - coffee, batter, sausage, et al.
- 6:00 AM COOKING – sausage, pancakes; deliver to serving area, et al.
- 6:30 AM SERVING - Plate person, pancake & sausage servers, butter & syrup servers, milk & juice servers, silverware/napkin server, etc.
- 6:30 AM DINING ROOM - Coffee attendant, syrup pourer (2), pickup/wiper (2).
- 6:30 AM GREETERS (ROYAL COURT) - Royalty greets everyone and hands out beads.
- 6-6:30 AM CLEANUP – Dishwashers will keep up all morning. After breakfast, cafeteria and kitchen must be quickly but thoroughly wiped down before the school staff take over.

After all the pancakes are eaten, and the clean up is done, all volunteers are invited to the Vogler's home (with their permission and blessing) to bask in a job well done, enjoy Sue's wonderful cooking, along with mimosas and bloody marys.

Z Krewe wants to thank the Voglers for graciously having the volunteers over for brunch, and our wonderful pancake sponsors IHOP on the Seawall, GBA Corona (King Zanie XIII Bernie Bolanowski), Pets At Home (Jim Bremer), Speedy's Printing (Leon Kaplan), and King Zanie XII & Queen Zanie IX Paul & Barbara Rodgers.

But **THIS IS JUST THE START OF THE DAY!** Zanies who still need to retrieve all their leftover beads, containers, etc., need to come up to the party room starting at 4 PM. This is when we clean up our party room, bead room, and balcony so that we can get our deposit back! Afterwards, you can

leave, or stay and throw more beads to empty your containers, and then enjoy the Fat Tuesday all-krewe parade that kicks off in the Strand area at 6:30 PM.

This is NOT A PARTY (although the bead throwing makes it festive). There is no food, drink, or entertainment provided, and we have to be out of there right after the end of the parade. This is the time we straighten things up and put things back in the storeroom. So come and throw your last beads, pick your stuff up, and take it home! Anything left will be trashed, not returned.

Tuesday, February 12, 2008-

General Krewe meeting. Come hear the summations of our events, and applauded those who worked so hard to make the events fun and special for us all. Also, start thinking about signing up to run for officer positions, exec board positions, committee chair positions,...you didn't really think the fun was over, did you?