

May 2, 2009

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Dear Members:

Welcome to our newest members who include as of this date:

Rachael Brown ***Bridgit Woods*** ***Renee Hantz***
Annette Cole ***Dee Coleman*** ***Jenny Grimball*** ***Sharla Hardy***

An updated membership list will be sent in June. If you have placed someone on the waiting list, they remain on there and the list just moves up as someone joins.

The annual business meeting was held on Monday, April 27th and there were 44 members in attendance...great turnout! The following items were discussed:

** The 2008/09 Financial Statement and 2009/10 Proposed Budget were discussed.

** Plans for the **2009 Membership Party** were discussed. *Duchess Denise Savant* took over the responsibility for this. The party will be held on **Friday, July 31st** at a location TBA. The band ***“Backyard Cowboys”*** will be playing for us!! *Husband or dates are definitely invited*, so make plans to come out and dance to some great music. More information such as the theme and location will be sent with a flyer in June.

** The theme for the ***2009 Flamingo Bingo*** will be: ***“The Flamingo goes to the Marsh”*** and it will be held on **Saturday, October 3rd** at the Westlake American Legion. Mark your calendars and make your plans! *Sandy Parker* will be doing the decorations. *Kathy Trahan and Mitzi Wilkinson* will be taking care of having the T-shirts done. An order form will be included with the Bingo flyer in late summer.

** The theme for the ***2010 Mardi Gras Ball*** is: ***“Viva Las Vegas”*** and it will be held on **Saturday, January 16th** at the VFW Hall on Country Club Rd. in Lake Charles. The ***“Bayou Katz”*** band will be returning to play for us. *Becky McCain and Renee Willis* will be in charge of decorations.

** Our ***philanthropy*** for donation of funds was voted on, and the ***Alzheimer’s Association*** in the area was chosen. *Carol LaBorde* will be taking care of our donation in the amount of \$1000 in this next month.

** ***Krewe Representatives*** elected for a 1 year term are:

Mary Jo Bayles and Henrietta Akers...Congratulations!

** ***Krewe Officers*** to remain serving the 2nd year of a 3 year term are:

President: ***Ramona Landry***
VP of Public Relations: ***Tracy Beaugh***
VP of Operations: ***Clara Colvin***
VP of Finances: ***Michelle Lee***

** If you want to have your young person presented as a ***Princess or Gent*** this coming year, please email *Denise McVicker* at: denisemcvicker@yahoo.com We have openings

for only *one more Princess and one more Gent*. They must be 18-21 years old and no longer a student in high school. *Tina Verret* will also be helping Denise with this group.

** If you do NOT want to have your name included in the drawing for Queen or Duchess, please contact Ramona at tango2step@aol.com or call 625-9264 by June 30th. You just might receive a surprise *Limousine Ride for Royalty 2010* if your name is pulled from the cup!

Please make note of this new development that was discussed at length and voted on at the Business Meeting, so please read carefully:

The Krewe will no longer be able to borrow a parade float so we must purchase our own if we want to continue to ride in the Children's Parade. This will also enable us to ride in the Krewe of Krewes Parade on Fat Tuesday evening for adults only. After much discussion and the possibility of several fund-raising options, it was decided by the members in attendance to assess a **ONE TIME fee of \$25 for this year from each member.** This amount of \$3250 will be set aside strictly towards the purchase of a float. Each member will be required to pay this fee by July 31st of this year and if they do not pay it, that member will not be able to renew their memberships in 2010. But this will be the reward: Each member will have the chance to win 4 tickets to the Bingo or the Mardi Gras Ball, your choice if your name is pulled by *Queen Janet Conner* at the Annual Membership Party on July 31st. If you choose to donate additional amounts, then for each \$25 you add to the required assessment, you will get another chance to have your name in that drawing. In other words, for \$50...2 chances, \$75...3 chances, etc.

So, with that said, please mail your \$25 by July 31st to:

***Krewe of Athena
2032 Marge Lane
Sulphur, LA 70663***

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by email: tango2step@aol.com or 625-9264.

Looking forward to another great year!

Ramona

Happy Birthday to these members!

May:

2-Barbara Stacy
3-Siv Bourgeois
Joyce Alexander
8-Denise Denison
10-Cindy Benoit
11-Janci Oliver
23-Missy Bushnell
Dana Taylor
30-Carrol Portie

June:

2-Jill Lockhart
3-JoAnna Laningham
9-Renee Willis
10-Jaime Beddoe
Mitzi Wilkinson
14-Joy Fruge
15-Jessica Matte
25-Emily Woods

Congratulations to Nikka LeBouef and husband Heath on the birth of their 2nd son, Zachary Paul on March 12th. Big brother Luke is also very proud!!

