

December 10, 2007

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Dear Members:

We've had another great year for our Flamingo Bingo event and a fun time was had by all of those who were there. The Retro theme was well represented with such a variety of 'vintage' outfits that were worn that night! Many thanks to the members who assisted with all of the preparations in an extra way to make this a memorable 'girls night out', including Sandy Parker, Cyndi LeJeune, Denise Savant, Tee Clostio, Tracy Beaugh, Carrol Portie and everyone else who contributed to the effort. Special thanks go to the men who gave their additional time and talents as well, including Mark LeJeune, Pete Bayles, Sam Reeves, Bobby Clostio, Bob Landry and Mr. O-69, Kenny Savant! We also want to express our appreciation to Steve Holder and the Holder Agency for donating that great TV/DVD combo that garnered over \$750 in our raffle. And Mike Schexnider for providing the fun music that night, since most women only wanted to dance instead of playing bingo after the halfway break. The TIPS that evening totaled over \$1500 and we delivered a Tahoe-load of the collected hygiene products to the Potter's House the next week. They definitely remembered the Krewe of Athena when we got there and they especially remembered that we are a women's krewe (they thought Bob was our King..ha..ha!) In summary, the Bingo was another big success! The pictures are on our web site so check it out when you have time and be thinking of ideas for next year.

***The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Krewe of Athena's Mardi Gras Ball will be held on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at the VFW Hall on Country Club Rd. in Lake Charles.*** The theme is: ***"Athena Goes on Safari for the Wild Life"*** and remember that this is a costume ball. It should be an easy one for securing your favorite camouflage, animal prints or safari attire...or just take a walk on the wild side and come up with your own original idea for the 'wild' life theme! The band will be "Steel Shot" and Deep South Productions will be providing the sound, DJ music for presentation and breaks, and the lighting. The doors will open at 7 the night of the Ball and will close for entry at 8. NO ONE will be allowed to enter between 8 and 9 while the presentation is going on! Please be respectful of the Royalty, Princesses and Gents and do not try to enter between those times because we will have to get firm with anyone who tries to do it. This is a problem every year and we will not allow this to continue any longer. Plan to be there long before the doors close at 8 so that you will have ample time to find your seats and prepare for the evening. You should also advise your guests of this requirement so that they will not be upset if they arrive too late and cannot get in.

***Enclosed is the Reserved Seating form that needs to be returned by Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>.*** The tables will be the standard rectangle tables that will be placed in groups of 16 (2 tables together) and they will be only 4 rows deep from the dance floor, so no one will be too far from the dance area this year. Your entire group will be able to sit in the same area and the number of table groupings will vary, depending on your total numbers. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ramona at 625-9264 or [tango2step@aol.com](mailto:tango2step@aol.com) to discuss them before you turn in your forms. The tickets and seating assignments will be ready for pickup or delivery between January 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

Yolanda Baker is in charge of the Ball decorations and we will let everyone know when we will be at the VFW Hall to decorate and put the balloons on tables. Please plan

to join us to help with this activity so that we can all get away sooner to prepare for the Ball that evening. Additional information about decorating your own tables will be in your ticket packets when you receive them in January.

If you are in need of beads or other items for this year, you can find a large selection at the following businesses: [www.beadsbythedozen.com](http://www.beadsbythedozen.com), [www.mardigrasoutlet.com](http://www.mardigrasoutlet.com), [www.orientaltrading.com](http://www.orientaltrading.com) or you can visit Beads Galore in Lafayette. These are just a few that we are familiar with but there are many more resources out there.

The Mardi Gras of SW LA 12<sup>th</sup> Night Revelry will be held on Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at the LC Civic Center. Our Krewe will not be represented that evening due to the fact that it will be the day the students report back to school from the Christmas holidays and Queen Hera V, Mitzi Wilkinson and Captain Athena V, Ramona Landry cannot be there that evening due to work-related issues (they both work in the school system and have pre-existing situations at that time). Mardi Gras of SW LA changed the date from the customary 12<sup>th</sup> Night of January 6<sup>th</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup>. ***But, our entire Royal Court WILL participate in the Royal Mardi Gras Gala on Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> so make plans to go out and support our Queen, Duchesses and Captain that evening.***

***Happy Birthday to all of the following members!!***

***January:***

3 – Brandy Vincent  
10 - Henrietta Akers  
11 – Susie Beasley  
15 – Tina McVicker  
Paree’ Prejean  
25 – Pat Burns  
Nancy Granich  
26 – Sandy Parker  
27 – Karen Farnum

***February:***

2 – Tina Verret  
3 – Dana Frankland  
6 – Cookie Boullion  
7 – Nancy Veronie  
8 – Edie Post  
9 – Vickie Stine  
21 – Kathi Jackson  
24 – Denise Miller

***March:***

2 – Vera Hollier  
Macie LeTard  
8 – Deanna Pulver  
Janet Futch  
9 – Nikka LeBouef  
17 – Deirdra Willis  
18 – Joan Benoit  
Pansy Gabbard  
20 – Carol Henry  
21 – Ginger Gomez  
25 – Mary Little  
26 – Ramona Landry

**Schedule of Events for the Krewe of Athena:**

Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>: Reserved seating/ticket requests and payments are due  
January 6<sup>th</sup> – January 9<sup>th</sup>: MG Ball ticket packets to be picked up or delivered  
Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>: Athena “Goes of Safari for the Wild Life” Mardi Gras Ball  
Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>: Children’s Parade in Lake Charles  
Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>: Royal Mardi Gras Gala at the Lake Charles Civic Center  
Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>: Happy Mardi Gras!

***\*\*See enclosed flyer for additional Mardi Gras activities in Southwest Louisiana***

**Reserved Seating Information**  
**Krewe of Athena Mardi Gras Ball 2008**  
**Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**VFW Hall on Country Club Rd. in Lake Charles**

*Please read carefully: Every member must submit this form for their own tickets, even if they do not want to purchase any additional invitations!*

\*\*Guest tickets are priced at *\$30/couple or \$15/person* – NO refunds can be given

\*\*Your request form and your check must be *received by Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>* or you may not be able to purchase any guest tickets. Reserved seating cannot be guaranteed after December 27<sup>th</sup>. Ticket packets with seating assignments will be ready for pickup or delivery between January 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*Please make sure that you indicate who you want to be seated with or near so that all members and guests will be together as requested!

\*\*Remember that each member receives a couple's ticket for themselves and spouse/guest at no charge. You only pay for your guest invitations!

\*\*Any questions or concerns? Contact Ramona at 625-9264 or [tango2step@aol.com](mailto:tango2step@aol.com)

\*\*Mail or bring this completed form and payment *by December 27<sup>th</sup>* to:

Krewe of Athena  
2032 Marge Lane  
Sulphur, LA 70663

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Krewe member's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address to contact you if there is a question: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of guest tickets requested to purchase: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\$30/couple or \$15/single\*\*

Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any/all members that you want to be seated with or in the same area as:

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