

May 26, 2007

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Dear Members:

Welcome to our very few newest members! We only had minimal openings this year but be patient if you have someone on the waiting list or if you want to put someone on it, please do so. We never know from one year to the next how many openings we will have. See the enclosed updated membership list with new members in **bold**. Remember that these documents are for members' use only and not intended for sharing of personal or krewe information with the outside world...thank you!

The annual business meeting was held on Monday, May 14th and what a night to have a meeting! Thank you to the 35 brave ladies who weathered that terrible storm to be at the SHS 9th grade campus. The following items were discussed and voted on:

**Our financial report for last year and proposed budget for the coming year was reviewed. If you would like a copy of either or both of these documents, email Ramona at tango2step@aol.com and you can get that by email or fax.

The **Annual Membership Party for 2007 will be held on **Saturday, June 23rd** at the Lions Club on Maplewood Drive in Sulphur for *members only* this year. The theme is **"Put on Your Boogie Shoes"** and please see enclosed flyer for all of the details.

The theme for the **2007 Flamingo Bingo will be **"The Flamingo Goes Retro"** and it will be held on **Saturday, November 3rd** at the Westlake American Legion Hall on John Stine Rd in Westlake. Mark your calendars and make your plans!! This theme means that you and your guests can dress anything 'retro'...50's, 60's, 70's, 80's.....have fun of course! If you would like to help with the bingo planning, just let Ramona know.

The theme voted on for the **2008 Mardi Gras Ball is **"Athena Goes on Safari for the Wild Life"** which can mean several modes of costumes...camouflage, animal prints, etc...or you can be very creative with the 'wild life' idea! It will be held on **Saturday, January 19, 2008** at the VFW Hall on Country Club Rd. in Lake Charles. Our band will be "Steel Shot" and we will again have our DJ for the breaks. Yolanda Baker is in charge of decorations and we will let you all know what might be needed as far as assistance when we get closer to the date.

**The bylaws about the number of Princesses and Gents was voted on and suspended for the 2008 year. If you want a copy of the bylaws for any reason, contact Ramona.

We are ordering new krewe shirts so please see the enclosed flyer about that. We will order for **ONLY those that we receive their \$\$\$ by the deadline date, so please order yours asap if you want one. We cannot assume sizes or members who might want one after the fact, and will not be able to re-order unless we get a minimum number again.

**Proper Mardi Gras Etiquette and protocol seem to be disregarded by many of our members and guests at the Mardi Gras Ball and this was discussed at length in the meeting. We are going to have an informational booklet of some type to give to the members about this so that we can all be more aware of this next year. When the Krewe Presentation is going on, there seems to be alot of non-participation and early partying at the same time and we want to address this. We do realize that many people in the back of the room at the Civic Center could not hear and we hope to alleviate this at the VFW Hall next year. Please join us on this awareness project when we give out the information and help us by informing your guests as well.

Our condolences go out to member Linda LeBert on the loss of her husband Bob on April 27th. The Krewe presented her with a beautiful wind chime consisting of several crosses and she sent us a long and heartfelt thank you letter. Linda wrote "The wind chimes remind me daily that I am loved". Her Bob was one of the 3 "Cajun BOB-sledders" at our past Mardi Gras Ball...he was the 'anchor man' in the back of the sled. He also worked at the Bingo last year...in the kitchen and venturing out to the front. He thought we were such a fantastic group of women and at our 1st MG Ball, he escorted their long-time friend, Duchess Jenny Panunto, as she was presented. He will be missed.

Please notify Ramona if your personal information is incorrect on the membership list and/or if your email address has changed. If you have not gotten any emails, contact her via email to make sure that she has the correct one for you. Stay connected!

If you do *NOT* want to have your name in the drawing for Queen or Duchess, contact Ramona by July 1st or you just might get a *Limousine Ride for Royalty 2008* if your name is pulled. Just ask any past Court members and they can tell you that we really do pull names and surprise members!

****Officers in place for their 3rd year of a 3-year term are:**

Krewe President:	<i>Ramona Landry</i>
VP of Krewe Operations:	<i>Tracy Beaugh</i>
VP of Public Relations:	<i>Barbara Stacy</i>
VP of Finances:	<i>Vicki Holder</i>

And new Krewe Representatives that were elected for the coming year are:

Clara Colvin (Candy Commando!) and Henrietta Akers (Henri')

Happy Summer Birthday to these members!

June:

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

July:

2-Cyndi LeJeune
Donna Faye Pyle
5-Jenny Panunto
10-Jo Blanchard
12-Melanie Fuselier
13-Melanie Morris
14-Becky McCain
16-Heather Lawson
18-Sherry Lee
23-Lois Bradley
Kelly Fleniken
24-Allison Malone
26-Michelle Lee
Tisha Stringer
27-Mallory Wall Padgett
29-Lonnie Meyers

August:

3-Linda Matte
8-Nancy Rogers
9-Melanie Hewitt
11-Denise McVicker
12-Deidre Begnaud
Kathy Favre
18-Hayley Little
Yolanda Baker
20-Connie Dronette
21-Jenifer Savoie
27-Becky Hughes
28-Janet Conner

Order Form for Krewe T-Shirt

These will be *V-Neck, short sleeved Women's Tees* that are 100% combed cotton (preshrunk). They will be a *deep pink color* with white screen printing. The Krewe crest will be small on the left front chest and the design on the back is the same one that we had on the royal blue long-sleeved T-shirts a few years ago. That design is of the 3 Graces in Greek Mythology and it says "The Krewe of Athena" and "Just for Fun and Social Enjoyment" around the outer circle of the design that is centered.

Sizes **Small thru Extra Large** are \$12 and **XXLg** is \$14

Name: _____

Size: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Please mail or bring this form and your check **no later than June 10th** to:

Krewe of Athena

2032 Marge Lane

Sulphur, LA 70663

****Or call if you have questions: 625-9264**