

November 18, 2010

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Dear Members:

Another Flamingo Bingo has come and gone for the 9th annual event, and what a great time everyone had.....the ‘Nite Owl Pajama Party-goers’ and guests had a memorable evening of fun! Many thanks to the members who assisted with all of the preparations in an extra way to make this another ‘event of the year’.... especially **Sandy Parker** who decorated and organized (for the 3rd year in a row!) and Clara Colvin who assisted her in a big way. Special thanks go to the men who gave their additional time and talents and were led by Mr. O-69, Kenny Savant. These items garnered \$500 in our raffle. The TIPS that evening totaled \$1950 and a load of the collected hygiene products was delivered to the Women’s Shelter that weekend by Tracy Beaugh and her guests. The pictures are on our web site so check it out when you have time and be thinking of ideas for next year.

The 9th Annual Krewe of Athena’s Mardi Gras Ball will be held on Saturday, January 29th at the VFW Hall on Country Club Rd. in Lake Charles. The theme is: **“Caribbean Cuckoo!”** and remember that this is a costume ball. Think of any variety of costumes related to a Caribbean or Calypso-style theme, which means that these costumes should be fun! *It should be a fun birthday celebration for Sandy Parker, too!!* **The “5th Avenue Band” from Lafayette will play from 8 til Midnight (check them out at www.the5thavenueband.com)** Donald Greenwood and Southern DJ Services will also be handling the presentation music and the band-breaks’ music. The doors will open at 6:30 the night of the Ball and will close for entry at 7:10 (no later than 7:15). NO ONE will be allowed to enter until after the presentation is over. Please be respectful of the Royalty, Princesses and Gents and do not try to enter during the presentation because the Krewe Reps will have to get firm with anyone who tries. Plan to be there before the doors close 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. *Wrist Bands are making a comeback, so everyone entering the Ball will be required to wear one.*

Enclosed is the Reserved Seating form that needs to be returned by Friday, December 31st. 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. 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.

The tickets and seating assignments will be ready for pickup on January 16th from 3 – 7 pm at Ramona’s house in Sulphur.

Also enclosed is the Order Form for Krewe T-shirts. Please remember that krewe shirts are *not* to be worn as a costume for the Mardi Gras Ball.

Deidre Begnaud (and her Lacassine/Iowa connection/s) is in charge of the Ball decorations and we’ll let everyone know when to be at the VFW Hall to decorate. Additional information about decorating your own tables will be in your ticket packets when you receive them in January.

The **Krewe Float** is ready to roll for both the Children's Parade and the big Krewe of Krewes Parade!!! Many thanks go out to ***Steve and Yolanda Baker*** for their many hours spent sanding, scraping, cleaning and painting!!! Out new Float is awesome and safe for all, and we are very proud of it. *****Bring your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, etc, etc...and experience the Children's Parade on Sunday afternoon.***

**** For the big Fat Tuesday parade, any member can ride and you are welcome to bring an adult family member or friend to ride with you...*consult your pink Handbook for more information*** If you are in need of beads, parade throws or other items for this year, you can find a large selection at the following businesses: The Mardi Gras Lady at 901 E. Prien Lake Rd. in Lake Charles (598.5057) and Beads Galore at 4909 Cameron St. in Lafayette (337.769.8034). You will receive a 10% discount on cases of throw beads at Beads Galore when you tell them you are a member of the Krewe of Athena. Don't forget Sam's, Party City and ordering ahead of time from Oriental Trading for the kids' throws.

The Mardi Gras of SW LA 12th Night Revelry will be held on Thursday, January 6th at the LC Civic Center. Athena's reigning Queen Tisha Stringer and Captain Vicki Holder will be presented as the outgoing 2010 Royalty, and we encourage you to go out and support them. Our entire 2011 Royal Court will participate in the Royal Mardi Gras Gala on Monday, March 7th, so make plans to attend and support our Queen, Duchesses and Captain with all of the area Krewes' pageantry.

Happy Birthday to these members in the upcoming months!!

December:

2-Clara Colvin
8-Denise Savant
15-Nena Menard
17-Tiffany Bourne
23-Duchess Bridgit Woods
29-Carol LaBorde
30-Bethany Bertrand
Stacie Monteith

January:

3-Brandy Vincent
10- Henrietta Akers
11-Susie Beasley
15-Tina McVicker
Paree' Prejean
25-Pat Burns
Nancy Granich
26-Sandy Parker

February:

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

Schedule of Events for the Krewe of Athena:

Friday, December 31st: Reserved seating/ticket requests and payments are due

Thursday, January 6th: 12th Night Revelry at the LC Civic Center

Sunday, January 16th: MG Ball ticket packets to be picked up from 3 – 7 pm

Saturday, January 29th: “Caribbean Cuckoo!” Mardi Gras Ball

Sunday, March 6th: Children's Parade in Lake Charles...3:30 pm

Monday, March 7th: Royal Mardi Gras Gala at the Lake Charles Civic Center-7 pm

Tuesday, March 8th: Fat Tuesday Krewe of Krewes Parade at 5:30 pm

**A Blessed Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas
to everyone and their families**

Let's get "Caribbean Cuckoo" in January!

Reserved Seating Information

Krewe of Athena Mardi Gras Ball 2011

Saturday, January 29th

VFW Hall on Country Club Rd. in Lake Charles

Please read carefully: Every member must submit this form by Friday, December 31st 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 Friday, December 31st* or you may not be able to purchase any guest tickets. Reserved seating cannot be guaranteed after December 31st. Ticket packets with seating assignments will be ready for pickup on Sunday, January 16th.

****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.**

*****If you request a larger number of tickets than 2 additional couples, you may be contacted if there is not a sufficient amount of seating*****

****Mail or bring this completed form and payment *by December 31st* to:**

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

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:
