

The Dragon Tales

Volume 7

Summer Solstice

2006

2006 Upcoming Meetings

Board = Board Meeting
GM = General Membership Meeting

All members are welcome to attend Board meetings; this also counts as a meeting credit.

July

Board – Tue 25th, 6:30pm, MacDinton's
GM – Tue 25th, 7:00pm, MacDinton's

August

Board – Wed 16th, 6:30pm, The Rack
GM - Wed 16th, 7:00pm, The Rack

September

Board – Wed 20th, 6:30pm, Tampa Bay
Brewing Company
GM – Wed 20th, 7:00pm, TB Bay Brewing Co

November

Board – Wed 18th, 6:30pm, Storman's
GM – Wed 18th, 7:00pm, Storman's

Check out our calendar at
www.localendar.com/public/dragonkrewe for
the most current information regarding Krewe
events.

sign up for a committee this year and actively participate. We need a lot of help this year with the float, parades, socials and other committees. Participation in our Krewe is always fun and we strive to make your time very worth-while for your enjoyment and making an impact on the local community.

Our Kickball Tournament was a HUGE success this year and we rose close to \$4,000 (in one day) for the Make-A-Wish© Foundation. Please thank everyone on the Philanthropy Committee (Lisa McAless was the Chair), all the volunteers and players for an excellent job!

Rocky Stout will be a strong President for us and offer lots of great leadership plus new many ideas. Please support him and your Krewe while lending a hand as much as you can. I look forward to having an awesome time with everyone this year!

Slainte!

Scott Sestak
Chief

A word from our Tainister

Dear Fellow Brigadooners:



Well the time is drawing close to when I will be assuming the duties of the President of this fine Krewe. We have had two really great years as a Krewe, and I hope to build upon that and do my best to make the organization even better. I want to make Brigadoon known as one of the very top tier Krewes.

To do that, I am going to need everyone's help and participation. I am going to ask Clan Chieftains to be very active in their groups and keep their members informed and up to date on any activities being planned. Socials, parades, meetings and charity events need to be effectively communicated to your Clan. So if you are elected by your Clan to be it's Chieftain, please be prepared to be busy and involved.

Chief's Message June 2006



Brigadoon is planning many more fun events for the upcoming year and parade season. Some new ideas have come up such as: adding 2-3 more parades, offering more fun items for purchase through the Krewe store, offering the service of bead purchase for parades where beads will be brought to the float for you and our first annual Formal Banquet.

With all the added ideas and services, we really need your active participation and help this year. It takes a lot of people to run this Krewe and to offer a great time to all the members. Please

I am also going to ask the individual committees to become energized. These groups are the backbone of our organization. The Chair people of each committee will be tasked with mobilizing it's committee members and focusing on the committee's purpose and responsibilities. As with the Chieftains, if you are elected to be a committee Chairperson, please be prepared to devote the time necessary to guide the activities of the committee.

In addition, I would like every member of the Krewe to not just be in a committee, but be active in a committee. Please choose one in which you believe you could make a contribution. The committees are: Social, Float, Parade, Membership, Philanthropy, PR/Web, Elections, Costume, and Mediation. The Mediation committee is formed by a member from each Clan and due to it's ad hoc nature, the committee members will also be serving on other committees. There will be a cap on the number of members in each committee, so please don't hesitate to signup for the one you want.

Each committee will play a vital and important role in the Krewe's success. There will be a detailed document created that will list the activities and responsibilities that each committee will be tasked with.

As you can see, I am asking for a lot of help from you during the upcoming two years. I believe that your active involvement will enhance the Krewe experience for you, and make each of you feel more a part of the organization.

Thank you in advance for all of your help and support. I look forward to a wonderful tenure as President of the truly Enchanted Krewe of Brigadoon!

Cheers!!
Rocky Stout
Tainister

Elections

Elections for Treasurer and Secretary are coming up in August. Please let anyone on the board and/or Paul Weinstein wstein70@tampabay.rr.com know if you are interested.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee is looking for more volunteers; please e-mail me today scott@setampa.com if you are interested. All other committees will be reformed in July. The 8 Clans will be reshuffled in July and new Chieftains elected at/around the July Meeting.

Dues are due (must be postmarked by July 1st). We have a lot of new and fun things planned for next year!

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At this time of greatest light, take time to enjoy the beauty of the sun, and to reflect on the plenty and the light in your life. Reflect on what you have learned and the ways you have grown since the last Solstice .Is there something that you would do differently? What makes you proud of you? The difference is YOU. Know that your energy and support makes growth possible. Know that you are sharing responsibility for a small piece of this time with those whom you live or meet in your working life, and our personal chosen community.

We are finally sophomore Brigadooners!!

Last summer our new neighbor talked the talk and convinced my husband and I to join the Krewe of Brigadoon. We had entertained the idea before –we thought joining a Krewe would be good for us. Along came John and no sooner we were officially Briagdooners. It was year of new experiences and meeting a ton of new friends. Thank goodness we had John a few doors down. He was our own personal senior



Brigadoon guide. We were able to clarify what we needed and when and how much of this and that. More than once we heard "well, you're a newbie so you'll need more beads" – no more my friend. We've graduated on to bigger and better things. We have our costume, we know where to get beads AND how many we need – heck, we even know how to get to the float storage facility. We've graduated from our freshman year with flying colors.

We're sophomores now. We're a little more relaxed we know the procedures. We can help new Brigadooners. And John, well, we plan on asking far less "procedural" questions and maybe having more beers discussing whose turn it is to drive to the parade.

We look forward to contributing to the Krewe more this year. Last year we kind of rolled with the punches and this year we have purpose. Last year everyone looked the same, this year we intend to put names with the faces. Last year getting more involved was a challenge, this year we've learned how to contact the right people to volunteer to help.

We're both excited to be a part of the Krewe of Brigadoon for a second year. We look forward to making even more great friends and memories while contributing to worthwhile causes over a few cocktails.

We sign off with a toast To one more year!!

Jennifer Frankowiak

Krewe Clan sponsored Socials

Each clan will have a turn hosting a monthly social which is open to all Krewes and their guests. The general guidelines are:

1. It should include adults only.
2. A theme should be developed for the social.
3. It should be held where there are least snacks and/or appetizers available.

4. Drink specials should be negotiated if possible.
5. At the clan's option, they can work with the philanthropy committee to develop a charity opportunity.

Any other decisions are at the discretion of the clan. If your clan would like to host a social during a parade month or would like to trade months with another clan, please let me know. Please coordinate with me to get your social advertised to the whole Krewe.

2006 Clan Sponsored Social Schedule:

Jul-06	Clan 8
Aug-06	Clan 1
Sep-06	Clan 2
Oct-06	TBA
Nov-06	TBA
Dec-06	TBA

Doug Jenkins
Social Committee Chair
jollymondoug@tampabay.rr.com

Your PR Committee Needs You

If you are interested in joining this committee, please let us know. We could use help and guidance with a number of things. We are looking for members who are available to help promote the Krewe at various times throughout the year. If you are interested, contact us at pr@dargonkrewe.org

Krewe Parade Participation Requirements Review

All members in Brigadoon are required to attend four meetings and participate in four Krewe sponsored charity events BEFORE the Gasparilla Day Parade in 2007. If you do not meet these requirements, you will not be able to walk in any parade until you fulfill the 4/4 requirement.



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This newsletter appears on our official website four times a year, namely the summer solstice, the autumn equinox, the winter solstice, and the spring equinox. The PR committee welcomes input into its contents. The Newsletter Team is interested in broadening its base. Simply submit copy to pr@dargonkrewe.org

Got Beads?



Check out the Bead Barn in South Tampa.
3015 W. Barcelona Street
Tampa, Florida 33629
Ph. 813-832-6620
Fax 813-835-0312
www.beadbarn.net

Krewe Member Business Directory

Take time and check out the Krewe Member Business Directory on our web site. This directory is being updated regularly with information to Members businesses.

www.dragonkrewe.org/sidenav/businesses/member_businesses.htm

Kilt Deal



Sport Kilt has extended us a 10% discount off all our orders. This is where most of us have purchased our kilts. You will need to order using their phone number: 1-800-451-KILT Mention that you are with Krewe of Brigadoon and enjoy!
www.sportkilt.com

Dedication

For Ironclad, our dragon,
whose Spirit resides within us all.

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