

KREWE OF APOLLO BATON ROUGE



Newsletter for the Krewe of Apollo Baton Rouge

June 2017

Apollo Summer Fun!

The Krewe of Apollo Baton Rouge invites you to the return of Summer Extravaganza. Food, drinks, swimming, games, and entertainment will all be included in your cover. But what is a pool party without some meat? The tradition of the boys of summer competing for Mr. Hot Buns is brought back to life as they shower us with talent and show us who is ready to take home the prize!

Location: Tyson and J Rush's House
1637 E Lakeshore Dr,
Baton Rouge, LA 70808-1456

Date: Saturday July 8, 2017
Doors: 2pm-8pm
Tickets: \$30



We want YOU!

Volunteer today to help with Apollo's Turnabout, A benefit for the AIDS/Crisis Fund! Don't want to perform? You can still help by donating items to be auctioned!

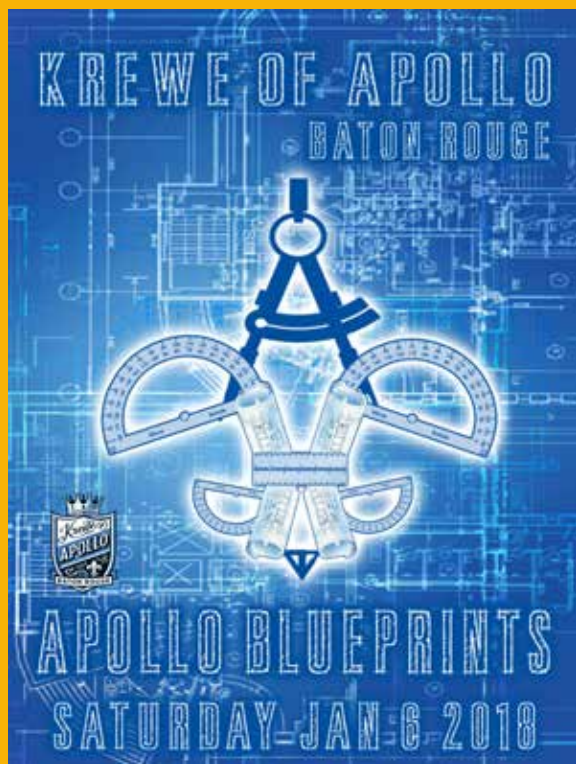
Congratulations!

Congratulations to our brother, John Deshotel, Jr., on being named Grand Marshal for this year's Baton Rouge Pride!

Summer of Fun!!

Tickets are on sale for the Summer Extravaganza! Go to www.apollobatonrouge.com to buy your tickets today!

Stay Tuned!



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The Rush Hour Report

The LGBT community has come a long way since the days of Stonewall Inn, but the tragedy of the Pulse killings in Orlando last year is a reminder that we still have work to do. Yea, I know, gay marriage is legal and sure, the police can't storm a gay bar and arrest people for being there based on sexual orientation but these two examples prove just how ignorant we all can be. Gay Marriage? Gay Bar? Why is it GAY? I don't have a gay car that I drive to go to my gay job before I go to my gay home and eat my gay dinner. Do you go to the gay bar because you can feel and be gay there, or is it that you go to a bar where gay men gather to feel normal? Is your marriage or will your marriage be a gay marriage or will it be a marriage of two individuals that fell in love and want to commit to a lifetime together that just so happen to be of the same sex?



I am proud of those men and women who fought bravely so that I can have what I have today. It wasn't until I was in my early 20's (that makes me sound old) that I began to understand why we celebrate pride. For a long time (maybe not that long because I am still young...right?) I didn't understand the importance of Pride and why we celebrate it. Shouldn't everyone be proud? Why just one group? This past weekend while at the Baton Rouge Pride Festival, my mind began to drift off, as it often does, and I recalled my first Pride Fest. I remember that cool day of 110+ degree (ok, not so cool) day in Houston like it were yesterday. More importantly I remember that is the place where I began my quest to learn about Pride.

I loved being at Pride again this year and talking with so many people about Apollo. The energy was high and in full abundance, but then I realized in the coming days the excitement would begin to dissipate. I'm not stating that the people would be less proud or that Tom and Rick should plan a pride event every weekend, but what I am saying is the momentum of energy from Saturday will begin to fade and level off for many; that is until next year. Truthfully, after our annual bal masque, we too face that and it was a big fear of mine this year. Luckily you have been amazing and I have not had to face that fear. You are active and present in all we do and it shows with a monthly average of 34.6 people in attendance! I have pride and believe each of you have pride for Apollo otherwise you wouldn't be active with us and sure as heck wouldn't be reading this newsletter. But why are you proud? Do you know what give you your Apollo Pride? Is it the brotherhood and friendships? Maybe you just love our big bals! For me, it is each of you and all you do! I encourage each of you to find that reason if you don't already know and keep your Apollo pride lasting strong all year!

Jonathan A. Rushing
President, Krewe of Apollo Baton Rouge

Mm Mm Good!

On Saturday, October 7th, the Apollo AIDS/Crisis Fund will be selling Jambalaya Plates to help raise funds. Plates will be available for pick up from 11am - 2pm at:

22558 Government Street
Baton Rouge, La 70806

Pre-sale tickets will be available from committee members and online.

Come on out, get a good meal, and help a worthy cause!



Calendar of Events

APRIL

- 1 - Rush Party
- 2 - Meeting (Marcus and Krewe) 2pm

MAY

- 20 - General Meeting [Royalty Election] (Travis) 7pm

JUNE

- 17 - PRIDE at the River Center
- 23 - Board Meeting (Hal) 7pm

July

- 8 - Summer Extravaganza 2pm-8pm (JRush) *quick meeting prior for board and finish setup

AUGUST

- 5 - Turnabout (George's)
- 25 - Mr. and Miss Apollo BR
- 26 - Board Meeting (Scot Aid) 7pm

SEPTEMBER

- 15 - Board Meeting (Tom and Rick) 7pm
- 16 - Royalty Announcement (Location TBD) 7 or 8pm

OCTOBER

- 7 - Jambalaya Dinners
- 22 - General Meeting (Board Elections] (Chad Blanchard) 2pm

NOVEMBER

- 17 - Miss and Mr. National Apollo
- 19 - Board Meeting (Channing host at Josh's) 7pm

DECEMBER

- 2 - Miss Mary Christmas

JANUARY

- 5 - Captain's Party (Location TBD)
- 6 - Bal Masque XXXVII
- 7 - Royalty Luncheon

Splash Holds Benefit For Fund

Splash Nightclub and Pride 1 held a benefit on Thursday, June 15, 2017 to help raise money for the Apollo AIDS/Crisis Fund. Hosted by Bal Captain, Josalyn Royale, new and seasoned entertainers performed and donated all their tips to the fund.

The following entertainers performed and donated their tips (from left to right): Reia Mars, Miranda Mann, Arilyn Roberts, Josalyn Royale, Nikki L. Andrews, Britnee Alexander, Princess Khloe, and Mary Jane Sparxx (not pictured)



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Pride Week!



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