



GaUCHO Stuff

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL GAUCHOS

Comment:

For the last couple of years the GaUCHO Newsletter has had the same format, something that was passed to me by Jim Vondrak. As I was sitting down to write this Newsletter it came to me that we needed to brighten and change the heading somewhat as the present format was getting to look a little stale. As most of you are aware I have been using the picture above on most of the recent notifications concerning upcoming events. I need to thank GaUCHO Chip Weiner for taking this picture as it really highlights the current float and the membership standing around it.

Membership:

Thinking of membership, we have now completed the membership renewal period which ended on October 31st. As usual I had to start banging doors and shaking bushes at the end of October to find out who was still interested in being a member of the Gauchos. It should be no surprise to anyone that we have lost membership again this year due to the current financial climate and employment situation. So here are the facts for the last couple of years:

- In 2008, eleven (11) gauchos resigned, however, we added five (5) new gauchos.
- In 2009, twenty (20) gauchos resigned, however, we added five (5) new gauchos.
- In 2010 (current year) seventeen (17) gauchos resigned and to date have added only three (3) new gauchos

Our present membership now stands at ninety-seven (97) which means we have lost a third of our membership over the last three years. At a recent Directors meeting it was agreed that we should reduce our membership cap from 150 to 100 members. Should we reach the maximum of a 100 members, and have more applicants wanting to join, then these additional applicants would then go onto the waiting list until such time an opening became available. There have been a number of holdovers who have requested to stay on our group e-mail list until next year, when they would reconsider their position again next July/September.



Since the last newsletter we have had six applicants complete the Registration Forms thru. the website and information on the Gauchos has been forwarded to them. To date, three have responded and have been approved and have completed the necessary application forms. The names of the three new Gauchos are as follows and would like to welcome them to the Association:

New Gaucho Jeff Tyszk lives in Port Richey and is sponsored by Gaucho Randall Love. He marched with the Gaucho in Key West and is friendly with a number of the Gaucho who lives in the area of Port Richey.

New Gaucho Scott Babb lives in Lutz and is sponsored by Gaucho Don Frowick. He works in sales and also friendly with Don's son, Chad who is also a Gaucho, and Gaucho Ty Witherington.

New Gaucho John Golding lives in Thonotosassa and is sponsored by Gaucho Mark Ramey. He is an Attorney and also friendly with Gaucho David Kempf

Parade Season 2011:

Below is a list of Parades for the next four months:

- Saturday, January 29th - Gasparilla Parade
- Saturday, February 12th - Krewe of Sant' Yago Illuminate Knights Parade
- Tuesday, March 8th - Dunedin Mardi Gras Parade
- Saturday, March 12th - St.Patrick Parade, Ybor City
- Saturday, March 26th - Chasco Street Parade.

As mention in a recent e-mail concerning the upcoming parade season we have excluded the St. Petersburg Illuminated Night Parade due to the lack of attendance and the nearly back to back dates with the Chasco Parade. We have, also exclude, to show the Key West Parade, which we will high light late in the year as a separate item.

Other Events 2011:

Below is a list of other events which are slated to happen during the year:

- Tuesday January 12th - Beads and Beer Social in conjunction with Buccaneer Beads
- Saturday January 15th - Gaucho Picnic
- Sunday January 23rd - Ybor City Naval Invasion
- September/October - Gaucho-Fest



Beads and Beer Social at Buccaneer Beads - Wednesday January 12th - 6:30 to 8:30pm

Location:- 3800 East Dr. M.L.K. Blvd., Tampa, FL 33610

The Gasparilla Parade is to be held on Saturday, January 29th, 2011, and no doubt most of you will be thinking about your purchase of beads. With this mind Buccaneer Beads has set up "Krewe Nights" during the month of January. Buccaneer Beads has advised that the month of January has been fully booked up for their "Krewe Nights", therefore, we have approached "The Krewe of F Troop" and they have agreed for us to partner with them for the evening.

Buccaneer Beads normally offers a **regular 10% discount** to any Krewe member, however, an **additional discount of 5%** is being offer **totaling 15%** off all beads and novelty throw items on this particular evening. They will also be supplying finger snacks (crackers, cheese, chips, dips, cookies, veggies, soda and water). We have make arrangements to have the float parked at the Buccaneer Beads location, playing Gaucho Music and to have a keg of beer on tap.

So why not go along and take advantage of this offer of the 15% off all beads and novelty throw items.

GaUCHO Picnic - Saturday January 15th - 2pm to 6pm

The Pirate's Den, corner of West Douglas Ave and Himes Ave. (one block south of West Tampa Blvd/ South of RSJ Stadium)

After the success of the Gaucho-Fest at the Pirate's Den we have decided to hold the Gaucho Picnic at the same venue. In past years Picnic has always been held on the weekend before the Gasparilla Parade, but this year due to our relocation that particular weekend clashes with a "Monster Jam" at RSJ, hence the Pirate's Den is booked for January 22nd. Therefore, the new date for the Gaucho Picnic will be **January 15th, 2011**. At this event we will have pork roast and deep fried turkey in lieu of the burgers and sausages that we have had in the past. Also we have the catalogues of the Gaucho Stuff that we have in stock. Further for those of you who order Gaucho Stuff at the Gaucho-fest this will be available at this event for pick up.

Pre-Gasparilla Parade Meeting Report:

On Tuesday December 7th, Gaucho Greg Heid and myself attended the pre-Gasparilla Parade Meeting and Luncheon held at the Hard Rock Café and Casino.

The meeting was opened by the announcing of the death of Jim Tarbet, Executive Officer of the YMKG who died on Friday December 3rd, at the age of 61. From my own respective, I first met Jim when one of the Royal Navy Frigates came to visit Tampa at Christmas time. Later after he left the navy he returned to Tampa and



was employed by Harbour Island Inc. After several years he left Harbour Island to become Executive Office with the YMKG. He will be missed.

After this announcement, the speaker thanked all the staff that were involved with the setting up of 2011 event. This year would be the 96th year that this event has been run, the first in 1906, and that there would be total of fifty-eight (58) Krewes taking part, of which there would be four (4) new entries. This parade is now the 3rd largest parade in the United States.

The speaker went on to indicate that the parade would start at 2pm from Bayshore Blvd and that all floats were to display their float number on both the front and rear of their units. We were also requested to check the overall length of each unit in order that the correct allocation of space could be complete in the staging area. We were also requested to keep our music low and refrain from throw beads in the staging area. We were also asked to stay and walk with our floats during the parade length and not mix with other Krewes during the parade. Float marshals were to stay with the floats at all times and should not drink and or throw beads.

Further, The Hard Rock and Café announced that the Grand Marshall for the Gasparilla Parade would be Jim Belushi, star of the CBS show "The Defenders".

Gasparilla Parade Day Party:

We have made arrangements with Beef O' Brady's on MacDill Avenue as our party headquarters for kicking off the day's events. There will be drink specials and some form of buffet will be provided, plus a photograph board of the past pre-Gasparilla parties held at this location. Information on this event will be forwarded with location of the float in the staging area. At this time of writing, we have not booked any transportation to the staging area as we have not had or do not know the float location in the parade.

Krewe of Sant' Yago Pre-Parade Meeting:

Parade Participant Party for the Krewe's Illuminate Knight Parade is being held on January 27th, 2011. Gaucho Greg Heid and myself will be representing the Gauchos at this meeting which is to obtain information concerning the Illuminated Parade to be held on February 12th. At this event we will get final instructions from the City of Tampa and the Krewe and pick up the wrist bands.

At the time of writing, no decision or plans have been made on any meeting/party or bus for the Sant' Yago Illuminated Knights Parade. This will be decided nearer the date of the parade.

Knight Parade Participant Appreciation Party:

The Krewe of Sant' Yago is hosting the Parade Season Kickoff Party for the Knight Parade participants at the Ybor City Green Iguana on Saturday, February 5th, 2011. This party is open to all Parade Participants and their



guest. It starts at 8:00pm with live entertainment provide by the Point 6 Band. More details are forthcoming and can be found on the Sant' Yago website: <http://www.kreweofsant-yago.com/Home> or the Knights Parade website: <http://knightparade.com/>

Knight Parade Day Warm-up:

New this year will be the Parade Day warm-up at the Hilton Garden Inn, in Ybor City. There will be a Pre-Parade Party in the Courtyard area with Cigars and drinks for sale. The hotels shuttle will then bus you to the Float Staging area.

Float Responsibility Before and After Parades:

As I have written in the past weeks there is a certain amount of preparation work to be completed prior to the float leaving for the staging area. For a great number of years this responsibility has fallen of the shoulders of Gaucho Tom Henry. Tom has indicated at the Directors Meeting that he wants to step back from that responsibility and he recommended Hector de Valles would be the ideal person to take that responsibility. Tom will still be involved but Hector will be responsible for getting the Float ready for the parade. Gaucho Doug Cossaboon (Director) will be also be involved and will lead a team of Gauchos who will help Hector to ensure that the floats are ready to leave the F.A.R.T yard at the appointed time. After the float returns to the yard there will be certain amount of clean-up to be completed before the floats are secured back inside the shelters. **WE DO NEED YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS**

NOTE TO GAUCHOS RIDING THE FLOAT TO THE PARADE STAGING AREA.

Please note, do not ride the saddles located in the float windows during the drive to the staging area. This is dangerous and could result in a nasty accident should the float stop suddenly. This is a Liability that we do not want to address.

Float Plaques:

Gaucho Donation Plaque and the Gaucho F.A.R.T Plaque

These two Plaques were on display at the Gaucho-fest in October. By now these should have now been mounted on the "La Casa Del Sol Naciente"

Any Gaucho interested in making a donation to the float fund, then here are the categories:

"Silver Category	new donation of \$150.00
"Gold Category"	new donation of \$250.00
"Diamond Category"	new donation of \$300.00



We welcome all donations and submitting a donation will mean your name will be added to the Gaucho Donation Plaque. Please make out your check to the Gaucho Association and mark it "donation" and forward to the following address "38702 8th Avenue, Zephyrhills, Florida 33542-4208".

Last year had a number of Gauchos advised that they had a leg, back and medical problems and requested seats on the float during the parade. Assume that those Gauchos who request seats last year will require them again this year, please be assured that this is not a problem and that seats are available for all who feel that they cannot walk the length of the Gasparilla or the Ybor City Night parades.

FINAL NOTE:

Please keep me informed of any changes you make to your address and telephone numbers. (Whether it is -mail or home address) If you don't inform me then you may miss out on important parade information.

You can reach me at the following numbers

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Or e-mail at: gauchos.parade.info@gmail.com

Please DO NOT USE my "AOL" address for Gauchos related items.

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