

Tulsa PARROT HEAD Club

FINLINES

Party with a Purpose!

February 2015

*Feb 17th is the Fat Tuesday
Mardi Gras parade*



Tulsa Parrot Heads will be walking in the parade, passing out beads. The parade will start at 7, but we will start lining up around 6. Meet at McNellies for a pre-drink. Wear your best mardi gras hat, shirt, beads etc.. The after party will be at Fassler Hall. Sign up sheet at the Feb meeting

FEBRUARY PHLOCKING



Feb. 10th 2015

7:00 pm

Whiskey Dog
101 & Aspen, B.A.

Mardi Gras type food pot luck at Whiskey Dog. Bring your best pot of gumbo, red beans and rice or jambalaya. Or a side dish, appetizer or dessert.

Feb 28th is our Annual "I shot 6 holes in my freezer" slumber party.

Western Hills bunkhouse. The band "Cruise Control;" from Missouri will be playing. Cost is \$30 per person if you stay in the bunkhouse, and \$25 if you just want to attend the party. Sign up sheet at the Feb meeting.



This Month's

Birthdays!



Pat Meadows 1st
 Denise Spears 1st
 Penny Ware 2nd
 Janet Orton 5th

Tricia Durfey 6th
 Kim Egeland 6th
 Craig Dobbs 17th

Debbie McKisick 24th
 Debbi Spriggs 25th
 Robyn Thisler 26th
 Rob Vaughn 27th

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Mardi Gras is French for Fat Tuesday which reflects the last night of eating rich fatty foods before the ritual fasting of Lenten season. The actual day cycles mostly through February and March. It can be nailed down as 47 days before Easter or the day before Ash Wednesday. Then of course you have know when Easter is each year. Google makes the determination much simpler. Fat Tuesday 2015 is February 17 and next year it will fall on February 9.

In traditionally ethnic French cities and regions of the U.S., there are notable celebrations, New Orleans being one of the most famous. Areas of Alabama, Mississippi, and even Texas have well known celebrations as well.

The traditional Mardi Gras colors of purple, green, and gold were not arbitrarily selected. Rex, the King of Carnival, selected these colors in 1892, declaring purple for justice, green for faith, and gold for power.



Mardi Gras events are run by Krewes. What's a Krewe you ask?...Mardi Gras talk for crew or team. In areas such New Orleans and Mobile these organizations may spend thousands of dollars to put on a parade.



Some popular Mardi Gras practices include wearing masks and costumes, music and dancing, and parades. Many people confuse the actual period. Mardi Gras begins as early as January but always culminates on Fat Tuesday.

Is the Tulsa Parrot Head Club a Krewe? For the second year in a row we will be participating in the Tulsa Fat Tuesday Parade so I guess that qualifies us as a Krewe. Come on out on February 17, downtown Tulsa, wear your favorite mardi gras garb and as always... have a good time.

The COPA (Central Oklahoma Parrot-head Association) is having it's annual Pub Crawl Feb 21st. It really is a great time. The cost is \$52 per person and includes



lunch and dinner. It starts out at around a little after noon and goes until 10:45.

Go to <http://www.copa-nut.com/pubcrawlreg2015.htm> to register and get hotel info.

We are getting close to filling up our first bus. Once the first bus is filled up, anyone who signs up to go will be put on a waiting list for the 2nd bus. Once we have enough to secure the 2nd bus we can charter it. If we do not get enough participants we will just go with one bus.

If you are planning on going please do not wait. There is no guarantee we will have 2 busses this year.

Here is where we are going this year:

Kamps 1910 Cafe-(Non-smoking) Located in Mid-town, will be a great starting place for our group and if the weather is nice they have a nice big patio to enjoy!

Bamboo Room-(Smoking) A tropical themed bar located in Midwest City. Should be right up our alley!

Hawaiian Don's-(Smoking) Enough said!

Wyndham Garden's-Dinner Buffet

Thunder Alley-(Non-smoking) Under new management! Guaranteed a great time for our club!

Chisolm's-(Smoking) Country bar with a nice dance floor to get our groove on with Rick Lamb and Rob Davis! Getting to hear these two entertainers is worth the cost of the crawl!

Do not delay! Sign up now!

Raffle News

\$306 was raised and donated Women in Recovery (WIR), an intensive outpatient alternative for eligible women facing long prison sentences for non-violent, drug-related offenses

The January raffle was good. Mike Adair tried a new strategy and won several of the prizes. Congrats Mike!

Thank You! to all those who donated gifts: Don Jones, Vicky Courtney, Alana Hughes, Becky Eagan, Mike Weaver, Rebecca Land, Mitch, Ron and Jeanette North, Danny Reed, Mike Casillas, Robbie Thames, Jack Kelsey, Larry and Vicki Eberle, Jodie Rogers.

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Heads Up! The March phlocking on March 10th will be at PJ's bar and grill on 101st and Mingo

Prayers for Parrot Heads

Tony Angelo

Jerry Stephens

Ken and Cindy Adams

Let an officer know if there are others we need to add to our list.



Welcome New Members!

Be sure to seek out these new members at our next meeting and welcome them personally...

Bud McIntyre

Shirts/hats/koozies in stock! We have lots of shirts, hats, koozies in stock. Check website for sizes, styles and colors. **New members get \$5 off any shirt or hat.**



Bowl for Kids Sake is coming up April 11th. We had a great turnout last year. Let's do it again!

The Tulsa Parrot Head Annual **Phlocking at the Phort Golf Tournament** will be held June 6th this year. It's not too early to start making plans.

The Tulsa Parrot Head On-line Store is **OPEN!**

You can now go online and shop for Tshirts, Hats and Koozies in a variety of colors and sizes.

You can purchase tickets to Parrot Head events, pay dues, or make donations all from the comfort of your home

Go online and take a look around.

Go to Tulsaparrotheads.com and click on the "Shop" tab.



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