

The Dragon Tales

Volume 3

Spring Equinox

2005

Upcoming Events

Check out our calendar at <http://my.calendars.net/dragonkrewe> for more information regarding Tampa krewe events and other area happenings.

April 2005

- 18 - Brigadoon Board Meeting
- 23 - 2nd Annual Tampa Bay Dragon Boat Races
- 28 - General Membership Meeting
- 28 - 2nd Annual Bachelor & Bachelorette Auction for the The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
- 30 - 2005 Arthritis Walk - St. Petersburg

May 2005

- 6 - Rough Riders "Big Stick" Golf Tournament
- 7 - 2005 Arthritis Walk - Tampa
- 13 - Ye Loyal Krewe of Samuel Bellamy "Kiss It Goodbye" End of the Parade Season Bash
- 17 - Brigadoon Board Meeting
- 17 - General Membership Meeting
- 21 - 2005 Arthritis Walk - Cypress Gardens Adventure Park
- 21 - Krewe of Brigadoon First Annual Kick Ball Tournament
- 30 - 2005 Arthritis Walk - New Port Richey

June 2005

- 20 - Brigadoon Board Meeting
- 22 - General Membership Meeting

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This newsletter appears on our official website four times a year, namely the autumn equinox, the winter solstice, the spring equinox, and the summer solstice. The Public Relations committee welcomes input into its contents. Simply submit copy to PR@KreweofBrigadoon.org.

Dedication

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

Chief's Message



Brigadoon's Parade season was a huge success! Our Krewe participated in six large parades this year, won two float awards and garnered praise from numerous individuals on how great of a group we have. I have been stopped many times and given awesome comments on our members, kilted costume and our float. More importantly though, every time I look around, our members are smiling and enjoying themselves. It has truly been great to see our members enjoying the parades, socials and other events this past year.

As our parade season has come to a close and we look back on all the fun we've already had this year, there are still many events on our calendar every month for members to participate in. Our annual signature charity event, a large kickball tournament, is coming up on May 21st so make sure that you put this on your calendar and support our Krewe plus the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Sarasota/Tampa Bay, Inc. We will have 200 people at this event and we should all be fielding teams and looking to volunteer during this one day event. Please come on out to support your Krewe and a deserving child who's special wish we will be granting!

Congratulations again go out to our float committee plus all the dedicated volunteers who labored many hours on construction. We won another award at the Chasco Parade, "Best Special Effects Float," and we can all be proud. Behind the scenes there have been many improvements to our float recently and many more will be made over the next year to make our float even better. You all deserve our gratitude for a job well done!

Thanks to everyone who has spent their valuable time in making this krewe experience enjoyable for everyone this past year. You all have done an incredible job and many individuals have volunteered many hours and resources without even being asked. We are all very grateful!

Scott Sestak
Chief

Kickball Tourney Update



In case you've been living under a rock, you all know that Ye Enchanted Krewe of Brigadoon is planning a kickball tournament for Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Sarasota/Tampa Bay, Inc. We anticipate raising at least \$2500. Organizing the event is in full force and we

can't wait to see everyone there. For details on how to sign up please click on the kickball on our website home page at www.dragonkrewe.org.

Mike Gwiazdowski, our Philanthropy Chair would like to thank some of our krewe members for all their help.

- Jen Flebotte, Kristina Keane, Lisa McAlees, Jessica Weston, and Ericka Kleevers - Committee members. They contacted our sponsors for the event.
- Stuart Suls, John Keeley, Tess Barsuaskas., Gwynne Harston, and Scott Andreasen - Gave us a lot of good ideas on the format of the tourney.
- Bunni Bates, Gordon Ridge, and AnnMarie Courtney - Graphics and web design.

Please make sure you give Casper's McDonalds, Image Depot, Deck Pizza and Pub, and Elmer's a lot of business. Casper's, The Deck, and Elmer's are either supplying breakfast, pizza, or drink specials to each of the participants. Brandi Lytell and Image Depot made it possible for the participants to receive a tee shirt to commemorate the event.

However, there is a lot more that needs to be done. Please do your best to contact members of other krewes, your friends, coworkers, and families to let them know about this great day. We want to make sure we fill all 160 spots for the event. Let's get the word out there!!!

Krewe Logo Gear

The Krewe still has twenty dozen Brigadoon krewe beads left and plenty of flashing pins! If you ordered shirts, hats, and polos in the last few months, we have not met any minimums so it will be just a little bit longer until you receive your gear.



Please feel free to order anything on our list and send the form with a check to the krewe address as detailed on our website. We have some great stuff for sale, all available at cost.

www.dragonkrewe.org/topnav/shop.htm

Rustic Steel St. Patrick's Pre-Parade Party

Rustic Steel, our dragon builder and one of our corporate sponsors this year, held a Pre-St. Patrick's Day Party for us at their Channelside location complete with an Argentinean Grill and drinks for all. We truly appreciate all they have done for us this year and for sponsoring this event! We all had a great time and it was a perfect point for all of us to gather before the parade. Dominique Martinez and his entire crew/friends have been very generous to us this year and deserve our thanks and compliments on a job well done. Thank you!

Sprucing Up the Spring

On January 23rd, Krewe of Brigadoon members spruced up the grounds of The Spring. We added fifteen new plants and twenty-five bags of fresh mulch to the entrance of the living quarters of their facility. This will help current and new residents feel more at ease with a home-like feel to their domicile. Thanks to all members who donated the funds. A special thanks to Colm Conway, John Della, Tina Della, Jackie Chisolm, Jimi Lynch, Scott Sestak, Teresa Barsuaskas, and Sandy Williams for gardening.



Brigadoon Takes Best Special Effects Float at Chasco

The West Pasco Chamber of Commerce organizes Chasco Fiesta, in part to benefit more than thirty community groups. The Holiday Rotary stages the street parade.

Ye Enchanted Krewe of Brigadoon took home the Best Special Effects Award.



In addition, the following awards were presented: The Krewe of Chasco and the City of New Port Richey won top honors at the Chasco Fiesta street parade. The krewe's float featuring members in American Indian garb, tepees and other Indian symbols was named best in the professional float category.

The best use of color honors in the professional category went to the float entered by the Morton Plant Trinity Outpatient Center and Morton Plant North Bay Hospital.

Ye Enchanted Krewe of Brigadoon took home the Best Special Effects Award.

Judges named Krewe of the Caribbean Cowboys the best out-of-town entry.

The Gaucho Association of Tampa claimed honors for most entertaining float.

In the nonprofessional category, the City of New Port Richey's float was deemed most outstanding.

Sunray Elementary School and Yost Construction put together a float with the best use of color.

Clown Towners Alley 242 earned the award for most entertaining.

Spectators also remarked about the flyover by four airplanes from Ye Mystic Air- Krewe, a formation flying and social club based in Tampa. For information, visit the group's Web site www.yemysticairkrewe.com.

God's Pedal Power Ministry Event

In conjunction with their Bar Roll Social on Thursday, January 13th, Ye Enchanted Krewe of Brigadoon supported God's Pedal Power Ministry (GPPM) through bike rentals and charitable contributions.

To get in shape for parade season, Ye Enchanted Krewe of Brigadoon organized a Roll rather than a Stroll and encouraged all attendees to bring their roller blades, roller skates, and bicycles.

GPPM is located on the grounds of the University Baptist Church at the corners of 22nd and 131st streets in St. Petersburg. They fall under the insurance wing and the 501(C)3 classification of this church. They are 100% volunteers. No one affiliated with the bike ministry makes money. GPPM receives used bicycles and refurbishes them and gives them away to needy children and adults at no charge along with a safety lesson and a helmet.

Ye Enchanted Krewe of Brigadoon made arrangements with GPPM to provide ten to twelve refurbished bicycles for the evening.



Upcoming Tampa Krewe Events

Check out our calendar at <http://my.calendars.net/dragonkrewe> for Tampa krewe events and other area happenings.

Rough Riders "Big Stick" Golf Tournament Annual "Big Stick" Golf Tournament

www.tampa-roughriders.org

"A great family fundraising event."

Presented by Glenn Erikson, PLLC, Attorney at Law

Westin Innisbrook Golf Resort "Home to the PGA TOUR'S Chrysler Championship"

www.westin-innisbrook.com

Reservations: (727) 942-2000

When: Friday May 6, 2005

How much: \$ 125.00 per person - Field limited to 128 players!

More Information:

- Person Scramble
- Contests
- Dinner/Banquet
- Free Range balls
- Great Raffle Prizes
- Professional Demonstrations
- Resort Room Discounts
- Course Beverages
- Goodie Bags Loaded with Great Stuff

For a list of auction items:

www.tampa-roughriders.org/mailstuff/rrgolf.pdf

For more information, contact:

Rough Riders Event Co-Chairman – Rico Urso
2704 W. Cass Street
Tampa, Florida 33609
(813) 240-4553

Ye Loyal Krewe of Samuel Bellamy "Kiss It Goodbye" End of the Parade Season Bash

www.samuelbellamy.com

May 13

Gaspar's Grotto

1805 East 7th Street – Ybor

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- Pirates of the Caribbean 8" x 10" glossy autographed photos signed by Captain Jack Sparrow himself - Johnny Depp with Certificates of Authenticity as well as other POTC memorabilia

Discounted Drink Specials, Good Food, Live Entertainment, Great Raffles.

Ye Loyal Krewe of Samuel Bellamy would like to thank the following for their generous donations or assistance:

- Sir Sterling and "The Silver Queen"
- Queen of Cleavage
- Madame de Beaux-Visage
- Lady Marmalade and Prince Fabio



2004-2005 Brigadoon Parade Wrap Up

Guavaween Parade



Brigadoon's very first parade as a Krewe was the Guavaween parade through YBOR City in October 2004. We had over 60 members participating in this short parade and had a great pre-party at the Camden YBOR Apartments. Thank you Bunki for setting this up! The crowd was a good size this year and many people were wearing really flagrant costumes, so we felt right at home. Brigadoon won it's first float award at this parade, taking second place overall!

Gasparilla Children's Parade



The 2004 Gasparilla Children's Parade was a big hit with our members who brought their children and family to ride with us on the float. We really enjoyed having a lot of kids on our float waving and throwing beads into the crowd. Those kids can throw! Lots of smiling faces were seen along the parade route and I think we may have startled a few with our dragon's red eyes, dragon noises and smoke once night fell. The parade started a little late so it got tricky throwing beads in the dark!

Gasparilla Day Parade



Our inaugural year in the Gasparilla Day parade was very memorable. Brigadoon had over 65 members at the parade with many people choosing the walk the parade route throwing tons of beads into the crowd. The parade route was long though everyone enjoyed the massive crowd and spectacle of the 120+ floats that day.

Knight Parade



The Knights of Sant' Yago hosted a great Knight parade this year and the crowds were overwhelming. Brigadoon had over 60 members at the event with many of us riding the float. This short parade had a great pre-parade staging area with lots of Krewes having fun in the



Knight Parade (continued)

streets. We all made lots of new friends, checked out each others floats and had a group Brigadoon toast, or ten. Our lighted float was a hit and our citizens really had a great time. We implemented new parade rules and thank you everyone for helping to keep our members safe. Thank you to the volunteer Parade Marshals who included: Dan Francis, Gordon Ridge, Shelly Bugman, Mike Gwiazdowski and Scott Sestak.

Chasco Parade



The Chasco Fiesta parade celebrates the native American heritage and is more of a community based parade than what we are used to in YBOR city. Feeling just like a 4th of July parade, there were many families and children enjoying all the spectacular floats and beads. Brigadoon had over 25 members at this parade and thank you Bob Gardner for hosting a great pre-parade party with plenty of food and drinks. We won the "Best Special Effects" Float award and received rave reviews from other Krewes and community organizations.

St. Pats Parade



Brigadoon's participation in the Rough Rider's St. Patrick's Day parade was a big success. We had numerous members attend and everyone had a great time at the pre-parade party at Rustic Steel's location. Everyone enjoyed themselves during this night time parade and plenty of green beads were thrown into the screaming crowd.

Spring Equinox 2005

Ostara (Springtime) falls on an equinox, one of the two points in the solar year, when day and night are of equal length. This calls balance to our attention. Balance can mean something given equal weight or it can be a metaphor for internal processing or how we are feeling at the end. As a krewe, we have used our talents to create a life-affirming and joyful centre. The purpose of balancing and centering is to prepare ourselves for something yet to come. We should all be feeling an individual and collective sense of accomplishment.

Membership Updates for April 1st 2005 through March 31st 2006

In March 2005, the Board ratified and the Full Membership voted to pass important changes to our membership stipulations. Our Membership Committee did an awesome job. Please thank these people when you see them since they have some more work ahead of them for the upcoming year: Paula Proch - Chair, Barbara White,



Bob Schmidt, Louie Dalton, and Shelly Bugman. We look forward to a great year and please recruit more of your great friends to join our awesome organization!!

1. **The Krewe's Membership Cap: 150** members.
2. **New Member Recruiting Season:** April 1st to August 31st. Membership closes Aug 31st.
3. **Membership Dues: \$125** Due in full by COB July 1st.
4. **Initiation fee: \$150** required at the time of application for new members. Checks will ONLY be deposited when the candidate is notified of acceptance for membership. This fee includes the initiation and application fee. The new member would also have membership dues of \$125 to be paid in full by July 1st if application accepted prior to this date. If accepted after July 1st, membership dues would be paid in full at the time membership notification is made.
5. **Parade Participation Requirements:** Remain unchanged, 4 meetings and 4 charity events per parade season. Requirements accounting start on April 1st and should be completed by January for the start of the Gasparilla parade season.
6. **New members:** Are integrated into the Krewe during the recruitment period of April 1st through Aug 31st. If the membership cap of 150 is not met by August 31st, then membership will close and roll over to the next Krewe season of April 1st.
7. **Open Membership Slot:** Is filled during the Krewe recruitment cycle of April 1st to August 31st if a member quits, is expelled, or does not pay dues in full by July 1st.
8. **Waiting List:** Is being maintained by the membership committee and prospective members contacted when a slot opens. Application Fee/Initiation Fee/Dues are due according to the schedule above. See contact info on our website.
9. **Applications:** Are on our website and are to be mailed with a check made out to Krewe of Brigadoon to our krewe address.

Building Brigadoon: Float Funding Initiative

Providing individuals the opportunity to sponsor various components of the Krewe of Brigadoon's float through financial contributions to our float fund.

Sponsorship Plans:

\$25	Citizen Float Sponsorship (Membership only) 1" x 2" affixed to the village wall with the sponsor's name and 2004
\$65	Dragon's Lair Sponsorship 3" x 5" affixed to the castle wall with the sponsor's name, 2004, and the dragon logo
\$500	Pub Sponsorship
\$800	Ceilidh Entertainment Equipment Sponsorship
\$1000	Illumination Equipment Sponsorship
\$1000	Village Services Sign (1 of 5, for one parade season and it is renewable each year)
\$2000	Dragon Sponsorship

Mail your check to:

Krewe of Brigadoon
2401 West Morrison Avenue , #202
Tampa, Florida 33629

Sponsorship plans that are \$500 and more can be purchased by an individual or a group.

Please indicate Float Sponsorship on your check. To ensure that your plaque is on the float before the Gasparilla Day Parade, mail you check so that it is received by the Krewe of Brigadoon no later than January 15, 2005.

For additional information or for other sponsorship proposals, contact Ann Marie Courtney at courtney_a@firn.edu.



Kick a Ball and Make-a-Wish®



Join us on May 21st from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the first Krewe of Brigadoon Kickball Tournament at Gadsden Park at 6901 South MacDill Avenue in Tampa. All profits will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Sarasota/Tampa Bay, Inc. Brigadoon's goal is to raise more than \$2,500 so that we can fulfill a wish in its entirety.

There will be sixteen teams of ten players competing for first place and a trophy. Food, t-shirts, and goodie bags will be provided to the teams. The cost is \$300 per team. If your team signs up by April 21st it will only be charged \$250. Individual entrants will be charged \$25 before April 21st and \$30 after. **Go to www.dragonkrewe.org to sign up.**



Food will be provided to Kickball participants.

Breakfast sandwiches and hashbrowns will be provided by **Caspers Company, McDonalds.**
www.casperscompany.com

The Deck is also providing Pizza for lunch. Deck Pizza & Pub is located on 2202 W. Platt Street Tampa, FL

Elmer's Sports Cafe will be having drink specials after the game. Elmer's is located conveniently close to Gadsden park. Their address is 5206 S MacDill Ave., Tampa, FL 33611.

Elmer's Post Tournament Specials:

- ◆ 2-For-1 Well Drinks
- ◆ \$5 Pitchers
- ◆ \$9.00 Buckets of Beer (contains 5 beers)
- ◆ 15% off all menu items



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