

# The Dragon Tales

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Winter Solstice

2005

## 2006 Upcoming Meetings

GM = General Membership Meeting  
Board = Board Meeting

All members are welcome to attend Board meetings, this counts as a meeting credit too.

### January – COMBO Month

Board – Tues 24th, 6:15 PM, Dubliner

GM – Tues 24th, 7:15 PM, Dubliner

### February – COMBO Month

Board – Wed 22nd, 6:15 PM, Margarita Mamas Velvet Room

GM – Wed 22nd, 7:15 PM, Margarita Mamas Velvet Room

### March – COMBO Month

Board – Thurs 23rd, 6:15 PM, Dubliner

GM – Thurs 23rd, 7:15 PM, Location – Dubliner

### April – COMBO Month

Board – Thurs 27th, 6:15 PM, Newk's

GM – Thurs 27th, 7:15 PM, Newk's

Check out our calendar at  
[www.localendar.com/public/dragonkrewe](http://www.localendar.com/public/dragonkrewe) for more information regarding Krewe events.

Brigadoon's elected Board of Directors for this year has been doing a great job. Your Chieftains (Mike Mitchell, Scott Andreasen, John Priest, Leann Collins, Peter Flynn, Nancy Taylor, John Millen and Colm Conway) have represented you very well in all of our Board meetings and they have helped to make some great changes to benefit you directly. Our Treasurer Kristina Keane has been keeping our complex finances straight and our Secretary Christina Schafer has been keeping us in line with our rules and regulations plus records the Board's activities. New this year is our Tainister Rocky Stout. He is our President Elect for next year and you will see him around getting his feet wet in many situations in the upcoming months.

Our Holiday party in December was a great success and we hope to sponsor more events like this for our members. Your dues are being spent for your enjoyment and each parade in 2006 will feature added refreshments and entertainment for everyone. Our float has been upgraded for more ease of use as well as several investments in safety and decoration. We hope that everyone sees where their hard earned dues go and that we strive to improve every aspect of membership.

On a serious note, I have to throw in just a quick reminder about parade safety. Your safety is our top priority. Please never pick up beads off the ground, float drivers can not see you. Stay well away from the sides, hitch area and the front of our float, and other floats at all times. Our float is very big and very heavy; please stay well away from it and out of its way. Remember to always stay in control of you and all your possessions at all times and keep the walking areas on the float floor clear of bead boxes, gym bags etc.

I look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces during our fun parades this season. It has taken a lot of work to get to this point and I thank you all for your efforts and attention. This will be our best parade season yet!

### Slainte!

Scott Sestak,  
President – Krewe of Brigadoon

## Chief's Message December 2005



Happy New Year! Parade season is here! All of our Krewe's hard work, many meetings and charity events have led up to this point in the year and everyone is very excited about our upcoming parades. Brigadoon is truly a great group of individuals who all come together for fun, friendship and a positive impact on our local community. We have made large donations to several charities already and our reward is participating in Tampa's one of a kind parades.

## And now a word from our Tainister

Hello fellow Brigadooners! I was asked to put together a short Bio about myself, so here goes...

I have worked in data processing for about 30 years and am currently employed as a Technical Administrator for a company that does credit card processing for banks and credit unions. Hobbies are: Being in the best Krewe in town, going to the gym, riding my scooter, and putzing around the yard (boring, I know). Past hobbies included scuba diving and sailing, but not practicing either anymore.

Many of you know my wife, Jean, who is also a data processing professional and a member of the Thieves of San Lorenzo. We both love to travel and have spent two years in Australia, a year in the Bahamas, and a couple of months in Cuba, among other adventures. The love of our lives is a large black German Shepherd, Sundance, who is a terrific companion. We live in Oldsmar and enjoy the laidback atmosphere (Mayberry on the Bay).

I am having a blast being in the Krewe and fulfilling the duties of Tainister, and look forward to serving you as President. I will have very big shoes to fill indeed since Scott has done such an incredibly great job during his tenure!

All the best,  
Rocky Stout

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...and as we wind on down the road we say farewell to one year and through reflection, resolution, and renewal set forth to greet the new. Whatever our beliefs, the holidays provide us with many personal opportunities to celebrate the balance of light and dark, and for welcoming the healing powers of warmth back into our Lives.

## 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 on Jan 28th 2006. If you do not meet these requirements, you will not be able to walk in any parade until you fulfill the 4/4. Please get your meetings and charity credits done EARLY. There will be one meeting and one charity event in January 2006. If you miss your requirements, there will be a per meeting/per charity credit buy out option of \$20 offered in December/January. Check your current status on the Krewe web site.

[www.dragonkrewe.org/sidenav/Committees/membership.htm](http://www.dragonkrewe.org/sidenav/Committees/membership.htm)

Go to this page and click on the Meeting and Charity credit spreadsheet link. Contact your Chieftain with any updates.

## Just in time for parade season!



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](http://www.sportkilt.com)

## The Dragon Tales

This newsletter appears on our official website three times a year, namely the autumn equinox, the winter solstice, and the spring equinox, The Public Relations committee welcomes input into its contents. Simply submit copy to [pr@dargonkrewe.org](mailto:pr@dargonkrewe.org)



## Philanthropy Update

The Krewe again partnered with Metropolitan Ministries this holiday season. More than 20 Krewe members volunteered at the Metropolitan Ministries Holiday Center sorting and distributing toys, food, and gifts to struggling families in the Tampa Bay community.

During our November and December membership meetings we collected \$520 for Metropolitan Ministries. Also in December, the Krewe had 46 participants in the 5th Annual Santa Pub Crawl organized by Tampa Charities, Inc. to benefit the Central City YMCA and Meals on Wheels.

## KOB Hurricane Katrina Benefit

There was a benefit held for a Katrina hurricane victim at Kahuna's Bar and Grill on Gandy Blvd in St. Pete, sponsored in part by the Krewe of Brigadoon and a boating organization, The Brothers Of The Coast, as well as Kahuna's. It was held on November 11th. The benefit was for a fellow by the name of David Sander, a friend to some members of the sponsoring organizations.

David had long lived on his houseboat, Comfort Zone. David was from the Tampa/Sarasota area but moved to Key West a year or so ago. David is an expert carpenter and found no end of work in Key West.

When Katrina was threatening Key West, David loaded what he could in his truck and evacuated to Ft. Lauderdale. When he was allowed back in Key West he found out that he had lost his houseboat home and all of his possessions that were aboard. He was left with basically nothing. Comfort Zone was a beautiful boat, in excellent condition before the storm. Here is a picture of David and his salvaged boat after it was ravaged and sunk:



The benefit at Kahuna's was to help David rebuild his life. This lent a face to the many victims of this storm. The turnout at Kahuna's was terrific. There were lots of Brigadooners, BOTC members, as well as a number of Thieves of San Lorenzo, and just well wishers. There were silent auctions as well as raffles. We raised \$2100.00 and every penny went to David!

On the following Saturday, November 19th, myself, Darla Taylor, Peter Flynn, Paul Funke (all Brigadooners), Paul's wife Rachel, and my wife Jean (Thief) made a trip to Key West to give David the proceeds of the benefit. We also put together a photo album of the Kahuna's crowd so David could see who had helped him. He was speechless and obviously greatly moved by the generosity.

This was a terrific thing that was done for a very nice guy. Thanks to all that made this benefit such a success.

Rocky Stout  
Tainister - Krewe of Brigadoon

## Mission Statement

Ye Enchanted Krewe of Brigadoon was formed by many, not one: to encourage and facilitate camaraderie and fellowship by providing an opportunity to support local charity organizations and to participate in local parades.



## 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:

Jan-06	Parade – no social
Feb-06	Parade – no social
Mar-06	Parade – no social
Apr-06	Clan 5
May-06	Clan 6
Jun-06	Clan 7
Jul-06	Clan 8
Aug-06	Clan 1
Sep-06	Clan 2
Oct-06	TBA
Nov-06	TBA
Dec-06	TBA

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Social Committee Chair  
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## Bar Roll Social

Please join the Krewe of Brigadoon for our 2nd Annual "BAR ROLL SOCIAL"!! and Benefit for Gods Pedal Power Ministry.

Get in shape for parade season and earn a last minute charity credit before Gasparilla!

Instead of strolling we will be rolling from bar to bar on Thursday, January 19th 2006, 6:30 PM, Tavern at Bayboro, St. Petersburg, FL.

Bring your rollerblades, roller skates and bicycles!

Join Us For Fun, Food And Drink Specials At Each Bar, While We Get In Shape For Parade Season!

## KOB 2006 Parade Schedule

Sat Jan 21st – Gasparilla Children’s Parade – 2 kids per adult. Rolls at 3:00 PM, No alcohol in plain view. (Bayshore) Air show before, fireworks after, great event for kids!

Sat Jan 28th – Gasparilla Day Parade – Parade stages at 10:00 AM and rolls at 2:00 PM. (Bayshore) biggest parade of the season, #3 Event Nationwide behind Mardi Gras and Orange Bowl. 8:00 AM Pre-Party at Chris’ house, drinks provided, bring a dish to share. Brigadoon’s Post Party is at Newk’s.

Sat Feb 11th - Knight Parade – 6:30 PM rolls – (YBOR) Crazy illuminated parade at night, big crowds! Crash Party afterwards, open bar/food, dancing. \$30, send check to Krewe address right away, checks made out to Krewe. Tickets will sell out!

Tues Feb 28th - Mardi Gras in New Orleans – RSVP now! Be IN the parade! See e-Vite and RSVP today.

Sat Mar 11th - St. Patrick’s Day Parade – Rolls about 6:00 PM – (YBOR) Awesome parade with fun crowds and lots of green. Post Party to be announced soon.

Sat. March 25th - Chasco Parade – Rolls at 1:00 PM – (New Port Richey – 20 min north of Clearwater) 160 unit parade through downtown with massive family crowds. Pre-Party most likely at a member’s house right near the parade. Post Party with free food and drinks afterwards.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kickball Tournament



April 29, 2006

Start recruiting teams to play. We need 16 teams of 10 players. Tournament starts at 9:00AM and goes all day. It will benefit the Make A Wish Foundation. If anyone knows of any companies or individuals who would sponsor either monetary or food donations, or if they want to be a team captain please contact Lisa McAlees at [lumac1@hotmail.com](mailto:lumac1@hotmail.com). Games will be played at Gasden and Southwest Parks in South Tampa.

## 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](mailto:pr@dargonkrewe.org)

## 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](http://www.dragonkrewe.org/sidenav/businesses/member_businesses.htm)

## 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](http://www.beadbarn.net)

## Krewes Kare!



57 Krewes Coming Together To Help!  
The Krewes who bring entertainment & beads to Bay Area Parades are now working together to bring aid to hurricane victims in our neighboring cities and states.  
[www.kreweskare.org](http://www.kreweskare.org)

### Dedication

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



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