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Special Celebration

The corner of Spanish Town Road and North Seventh Street came alive last week when a group of women who support the Baton Rouge Krewe of Apollo threw a lavish party in honor of their upcoming 30th Bal Masque. This group is known as Apollo's Women's Auxiliary, and on the Apollo web site is listed as the "ladies auxiliary." Whatever the name, they were formed several years ago to help support the Apolloites.

Under the leadership of three of Spanish Town's leading socialites – Claudette, Debbie and Josie – the group has grown into a nice supportive organization and donate their time to help in any way they can whether it is assisting at the bal masques or doing duties at meetings. This is the same threesome of ladies that open their homes during the Spanish Town Mardi Gras celebrations. The corner lot is vacant and fenced so it becomes a sort of private party spot for special occasions. This recent gathering was the latest in the kind of celebrations they are famous for presenting to their friends, especially the members of the Krewe of Apollo.

Even though the history of this group is not known by many, it is still a vibrant part of the gay and lesbian community here in Red Stick. At one time, some of the mem-

bers were a part of and founders of the Mystic Krewe of Royalty which lasted for several years. Because of the difficulties of getting volunteers to continue this organization, they came together to form the smaller group which now supports the Krewe of Apollo.

With Apollo itself, the history is much more widely known. It has been a long time since that first bal masque held at Broussard's on Government Street, and always guiding the way is none other than Larry Fremin, King Apollo I and now Bal Masque XXX Captain. The success of the organization has rested with him all these years, and he is still looked up to as the founder of one of the most successful Mardi Gras groups in the state.

A lot of the older members are not as active anymore, but they can still be seen as supporters in good standing. Many of the early royalty members have passed on, but the memories of those great balls still linger through the years in the minds of all who participated and through the wonderful themes that have been a part of gay history in Baton Rouge. It was very thoughtful of the women to present such a nice party in honor of the upcoming event in 2011, and it was really an invitation of sorts to all the previous royalty members.

The Red Stick picture page in this



Apollo's Women's Auxiliary Members

issue of **Ambush** is devoted to these old and new members with a few friends invited to come along for the celebration. Not all the pictures were used, but I'll try to get to them in a later issue. There is an annual and elegant meeting of the former royalty members, but this is a private club gathering that welcomes the new royalty each year. It is an honor to be a part of this - and one that sets the standard for all future royalty members.

There were a number of royalty members at the gathering last week. The food and decorations as well as all the activities connected to this was a tribute not only to Apollo, but it showed a lot of pride that the women have in being able to contribute to and work with such a fine organization. The past few years have seen many of them on stage in costumes and skits to assist in making the bal masques so entertaining. You can see the pride coming through in everything they do.

The Krewe of Apollo Baton Rouge was formed in August of 1981 to foster brotherhood and fraternal and social unity in the community. Here are the names of all the past royalty members:

- Bal Masque I – Larry Fremin
- Bal Masque II – John Federbusch and Mike Hendrix
- Bal Masque III – Truman May and Dennis Gray
- Bal Masque IV – Jean LeBlanc and Gary Bruce Creel
- Bal Masque V – Buddy Jenkins and Vernon Pacetti
- Bal Masque VI – John Turner and Richard Dykes
- Bal Masque VII – Gene Ransome and Gary Robinson
- Bal Masque VIII – Danny Fontenot and Bruce Foreman
- Bal Masque IX – David Edwards and Kerry Daigle
- Bal Masque X – Gene Normand and Tom Pearce
- Bal Masque XI – Mark Nassif and Steve Hurley
- Bal Masque XII – Donald Devillier and Kirk Sheets
- Bal Masque XIII – B. Jaye Schooley and Ron Doherty
- Bal Masque XIV – Pat Stoermer and Kent Roby
- Bal Masque XV – Hal Holloway and Ken Marino
- Bal Masque XVI – Damon Veach and

- Terry Adams
- Bal Masque XVII – Sam Favaro and Jim Anding
- Bal Masque XVIII – Nathan Wright and Joel Jones
- Bal Masque XIX – Lester Mut and Joe Boniol
- Bal Masque XX – John Smith and Don Johnson
- Bal Masque XXI – Ken Gilbert and Truman May
- Bal Masque XXII – Dennis Dodge and David Perkins
- Bal Masque XXIII – Frank Rocco and Donald Joiner
- Bal Masque XXIV – Jimmy Jones and Mark LeFeaux
- Bal Masque XXV – Alan Daigrepoint and Richard Hill
- Bal Masque XXVI – Scott Blanchard and Eddy Vargas
- Bal Masque XXVII – John Sallinger III and Lester Mut
- Bal Masque XXVIII – Biff Burriss and Beau Carroll
- Bal Masque XXIX – Greg Foster and David Miller

Bal Masque XXX will be held on Saturday, January 29, 2011 at the Baton Rouge River Center. Bobby Suchman and Paul Lemoine are king and queen-elect for this anniversary year. Captains are Larry Fremin and Don Johnson, and this ball promises to be one of the best in the club's history. You can learn more about the club by going to www.apollobatonrouge.com.

Fundraiser Scheduled

The Krewe of Apollo Baton Rouge is teaming up with Cajun Cove in the month of July for a big fundraiser, and they have asked for a variety of talent to be shown from the Krewe. The krewe is now looking for those who would like to participate.

Even though it is scheduled for mid-July, a patriotic theme or a summer beach party theme is under consideration. All indications are that this will be a rather extravagant celebration, and everyone is invited. Cajun Cove is graciously giving the take at the door as a donation, so obviously the more that attend, the more money will be raised. As soon as I learn

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more about this event, I'll pass on the information to you or perhaps you can garner the information from future ads in **Ambush**. Thanks to Sam for passing on this announcement to me.

Miscellanea

Jeremy was in a lively mood this past week when I delivered the papers to George's. I use the word lively very loosely. He was up and about, but I think it was one of those all-nighters, and then a little sleep during the day. It must have been a humdinger because he certainly was a happy camper.

Lady Rhonda is still lively too. She somehow managed to break the arm off a lawn chair at the party last week and immediately sought out a glue gun to put it back together. I wonder where she learned that technique. It apparently didn't work. I saw the chair waiting on the street for garbage pickup.

I noticed David working his buns off last week and dressed in those skimpy little black shorts. He certainly knows how to keep that body slim and trim. I wonder if he still works out with that sexy guy who used to grace our part of Spanish Town. Come to think of it, I haven't seen his truck lately, but then it's been so hot, I haven't been outside that much. I've offered him the comfort of my massage table, but he hasn't taken me up on the offer yet.

Claudette continues to be an asset to North Seventh Street when it comes to proper landscaping. This sweetheart is always out cleaning and puffing. It is always a quickie conversation when I pass by. There is no need to park for such a brief chat. However, have you noticed that if you stop in the street, a car suddenly appears out of nowhere, and you have to cut the talk short? It's like when you really need a red light stopping point to get something out of the glove compartment, and it's always green so you can't get the needed object – but when you are going somewhere in a hurry, red is always hanging up there greeting you.

Gerry was hanging out with Lisa last week. I didn't get a chance to ask where this was going, but I'll check and get back to you with the latest news. I've heard so many good comments about his job accomplishments. He is always repairing something in the area and

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June is slipping away quickly. This entire year is passing by, and I feel a vacation coming on. In fact, I think I'll head out to Orlando for a few days and later on, maybe I can talk Sam or Kevin into heading out to San Francisco. I heard from John and Ken in Oakland this week, and they sent pictures of all the plants in their patio. It is a lovely setting, and I hear they have a fantastic view of San Francisco. I love that city.

I need to go book shopping soon. I haven't purchased Christopher Rice's new book yet. I have so many books now that it is difficult keeping up with the

reading. I also stay busy with columns and articles, and I'm working on some short stories. It's relaxing and keeps me busy. Maybe I'll get Christopher's book and read it on the way to the west coast.

Wherever you go on your summer trips, just have a great time. Always remember to be safe, and wrap that rascal. It's the right thing to do when you are in "strange" territory.

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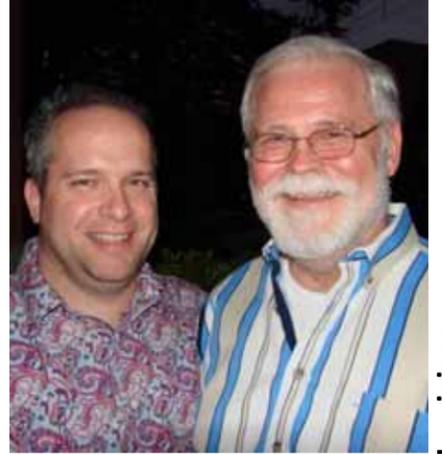
The three hostesses -
Claudette, Debbie, Josie



Group of Apollo royalty members



Royalty-elect Effie Marie &
Bobby Suchman



Stephen & former king John



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Biff & Mark



Bal Masque XXX Captains
Larry & DJ



Former king Jimmy



Former kings Ken & Mark



red stick
paparazzi

Sexy Derek attended the party



Former MKR King Joan



Sweet Eddie & Lady Rhonda



Dynamic actor/dancer Ernest
& Bobby



Al & Josie



David & Nathan



Tim & Chad



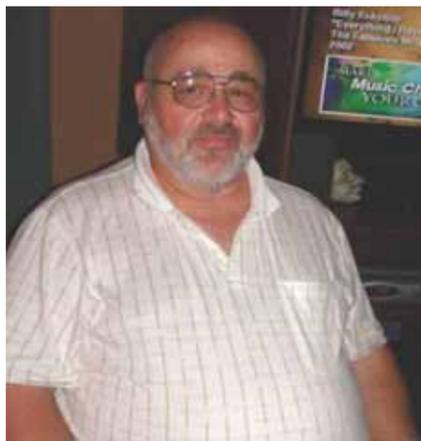
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Former kings Alan & shy Hal



Chuck mixing a drink



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