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### Opal Masters to Reign as 17th King Cake Queen Over Passport to Versailles, NO GUILLOTINES PLEASE!

The co-captains of the Krewe of Queenateenas have chosen Opal Masters to reign as King Cake Queen XVII of Gay Mardi Gras over Carnival festivities at World famous **Ambush** Headquarters in New Orleans. The queen-elect will be presented to Carnival society as The Parisian Queen on Saturday, January 23, 2010 at the 17th annual King Cake Queen Coronation, which is by invitation only. The 2010 theme is **Passport to Versailles, NO GUILLOTINES PLEASE!**

As King Cake Queen (KCQ), Masters will lead the 23rd annual Official Gay Mardi Gras Bead Toss on Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday), February 16, 2010 from the **Ambush** balcony at 2pm. Only 50 invited guests are allowed assess to the bead toss. Due to balcony space limitations, no one else will be admitted.

The King Cake Queen is chosen from those revelers participating in the previous year's Carnival bead toss at **Ambush** Headquarters, 828 Bourbon Street. The individual exhibiting the most enthusiasm and expertise in bead toss techniques is chosen to reign as King Cake Queen. The co-captains announce their choice each November in **Ambush**.

The King Cake Queen Royalty Club, which is always included in the festivities, includes:

KCQ II & KCQ Emeritus: Jewel of the Nile, Jay A. Loomis/1995;

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KCQ XVI: The Grandee Queen, Tami Tarmac/2009.

Visit **GayMardiGras.COM** for more on major Carnival balls and events, and **GayMardiGras.COM/KCQ** for more on the Krewe of Queenateenas' King Cake Queens.

### World AIDS Day HIV/AIDS Physicians Conference in New Orleans Nov. 29-Dec.1

World AIDS Day 2009 will have special significance in New Orleans. This year,

the city will be hosting hundreds of HIV/AIDS doctors who will attend the three-day IAPAC 09 conference, co-hosted by The International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care (IAPAC) and The Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR) which begins on November 29 and ends on December 1 (World AIDS Day). The conference will feature state-of-the-art information about HIV Clinical Management as well as HIV Prevention, Testing, and Psychosocial Support. IAPAC 09 will also serve as a forum for participants to consult with world-recognized experts in informal discussions and panel sessions.

The Dr. Johnathan Mann Memorial Lecture will be delivered by Ambassador Dr. Eric Goosby, President Obama's Global AIDS Coordinator.

"We are so pleased to bring this conference to a fascinating city that remains a popular tourist destination filled with historical monuments, amazing food, and a rich variety of stimulating activities," said IAPAC President/CEO Jose M. Zuniga. "We believe it provides the perfect setting for our colleagues to exchange ideas in a

congenial, interactive environment."

The conference is expected to attract caregivers from across the globe including physicians, pharmacists, physicians in training, nurses, psychologists, social workers, advocates, healthcare alliance coordinators, and allied healthcare professionals in the fields of HIV and AIDS.

But planners say local New Orleans doctors will also benefit from having this prestigious conference in their own back yard.

The local physicians were asked to help plan the conference and will also present on topics related to HIV clinical management, including opportunistic infections.

Among the local presenters are Dr. Ronald Wilcox of LSU who will discuss hepatitis co-infection among those living with HIV and AIDS and Tulane's Dr. David Mushatt who will present on HIV Clinical Management Challenges in 2009.

Kirsten Darbyshire, who works with the Interim LSU Public Hospital, says the conference will also give LSU's doctors an opportunity to discuss a local program that has had success in providing comprehensive care to patients living with HIV/AIDS. Established in 1987, the HIV Outpatient Program or HOP is committed to providing quality health care to adults and children living with HIV and AIDS, with an emphasis on health maintenance, promotion and disease prevention.

"The HIV Outpatient Program (HOP) has been recognized nationally for its innovative "one-stop shop" approach to patient services. Many of its dedicated staff continue to teach other providers the art and sciences of HIV and AIDS care," said Darbyshire.

The multidisciplinary clinic provides services utilizing physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, psychiatrists, psychologists, ophthalmologists, pulmonologists, social workers, dentists, dental hygienists, health educators, nutritionists, pharmacists, phlebotomists, case managers, administrative staff and research staff. For more information about the IAPAC conference, you can visit [www.IAPAC.org](http://www.IAPAC.org). To learn more about HOP, visit [www.hopclinic.org](http://www.hopclinic.org) or call 504.903.6572.

### New Orleans AIDS Memorial to Commemorate World AIDS Day with Memorial Re-Dedication Ceremony

The New Orleans AIDS Memorial Committee will be holding a re-dedication ceremony for the memorial on December 1st, World AIDS Day at noon. With the final benches and pavers installed, the memorial is now complete. Its stands as a reminder of the many lives that have been lost to this terrible epidemic and how HIV and AIDS affects everyone, regardless of race, sexuality or creed. That the memorial is finally finished after more than ten years since its inception, is a testament to the unwavering commitment of countless individuals and organizations that have stood firm in the battle against AIDS.

The New Orleans AIDS Monument is intended to provide a healing sanctuary for family and friends and to promote learning and understanding of the human tragedy of the AIDS epidemic. The Monument is a positive way to express the collective grief of those affected by this disease. Now that it is complete, the Monument is

a public landscape where anyone who has been touched by AIDS can find comfort, grieve openly without being stigmatized, and experience feelings of hope that nature can inspire.

All are invited to attend the re-dedication ceremony on Tuesday, December 1 at noon in Washington Park. The park is located on Frenchmen Street, between Royal and Dauphine Streets. The dedication is expected to conclude no later than 1pm. For more information, please visit [noaidstaskforce.org](http://noaidstaskforce.org).

### Just Eat It!

Turkey Day is upon us as we all give thanks for the many things bestowed our way over the past year. Thanksgiving falls on Thursday, November 26 and brings together families of

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