

easter feature ...from 30

two-term tenure as Co-President, Todd scheduled monthly seminars for the student body membership to include PFLAG, LAGPAC, New Orleans Gay Pride, the Forum For Equality, the Log Cabin Society, the NO/AIDS Task Force, LEGAL, the LGBT Community Center, the New Orleans March on Washington Committee, the Louisiana Stonewall 25 Committee and more. Most notably, Todd invited Mayoral candidates Marc Morial and Donald Mintz to address the students and faculty alike during their campaign for Mayor of New Orleans in 1994. Mintz declined, however, Morial did not and addressed a standing room only crowd to the amazement of the University's administration at the University Center on campus.

Todd was instrumental in bringing UNO-GALA out of the closet and into plain sight on campus and throughout the community at large as exemplified by volunteering with the WYES membership drive's on air, phone lines, and surpassing the college Republican's as the largest student organization on campus.

Through community fundraising, Todd was able to lead a group of students to the March on Washington in 1993 and Stonewall 25 in 1994. From his involvement in these historic events Todd became involved with New Orleans Gay Pride in 1993 and held a board position as student liaison.

Todd returned to the board of Gay Pride in 2003 and was chairman of the board in 2006. Following Hurricane Katrina, Todd and the board staged a two day event at Washington Square Park including free chicken for everyone and entertainment by Charmaine Neville, the Revealers, Lisa Lynn and more, and the event was free and open to the public. Todd secured McDonalds Corporation as a major sponsor who partnered with PFLAG to set up a kids section for partners with families and likened the event to a "Family Picnic." He also initiated contact with comedienne Grace Fraga to entertain and help raise funds for the community's Gay Pride Festival.

While working as the Assistant Operations Manager, and later as the Assistant Sales Rep of Louisiana and Mississippi for Esprit de Corp and Esprit Sport, Todd led their NO/AIDS Walk team annually and set up blood drives for the Louisiana Blood Bank at the company's St. Charles Avenue Outlet Store. After leaving the retail / wholesale ready to wear line, Todd entered into the service industry where he opened two restaurants for Fashion Cafe, one in Jakarta and the other in Mexico City as their international corporate bar trainer. Todd has worked as a bartender at MRB and the Golden Lantern, and as Front of the House Manager for Cafe Pontalba and Petunias, and is currently the Banquets Coordinator for Dickie Brennan's Palace Cafe.

Riding in the Gay Easter Parade for the first time in 2004 with then King and Queen Satyricon II, the late David Boyd and Bianca Del Rio, was a blast and an exhilarating thrill. Todd has participated in the parade since that day and is thrilled to return as a gold level sponsor this year and reign as your Easter Grand Marshal XV along with Stuart Nettles.

"Todd hopes you all come out in support of the Gay Easter Parade and our fundraising effort to reach our goal of \$30,000 for Food for Friends. Todd shares a sense of accomplishment for his efforts in our LGBT fight for freedom and is humbled by the efforts and struggles of those who came before, and oh so proud of our community's youth who continue to carry the torch."



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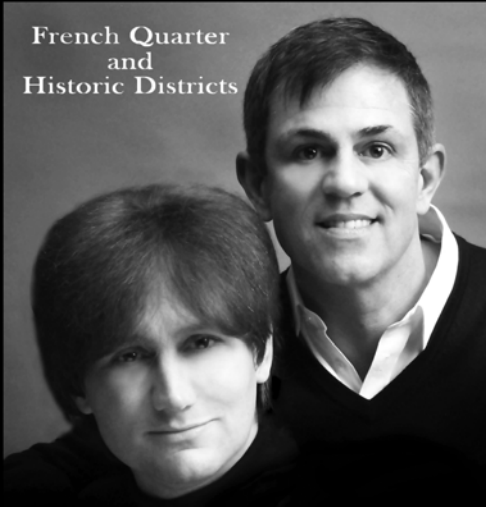
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EGM XV Stuart Nettles:

After growing up in Lafayette, LA, Stuart Nettles moved to New Orleans in 1984. He has been working for a major hospital the past 19 years, currently holding a position as a Revenue Cycle Senior Rep III. Through working for the hospital, he has been Team Captain for American Diabetes Association and American Cancer Society raising money for those charities. Stuart has been on the committee for Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society for the past 6 years. Several years ago, he won an award for the largest group and best decorated second line umbrella.

Involved with the Friday Night Before Mardi Gras Extravaganza from the beginning, he is a host, and joined the board as a member this year.

Attending the Gay Easter Parade functions and fundraisers since the beginning, he has also ridden in the parades.

"I have been with my partner Ron (Safonda Peters) for 29 years where we have been active with the Krewe of Amon-Ra. Even though I am not a member, I have assisted



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with raffle ticket sales, helping with a variety of functions, and helping with the Mardi Gras balls including decorating sets as well as being in some of the balls."

"I am honored in being chosen as Easter Grand Marshall XV and am looking forward to raising lots of money for Food for Friends with Todd Blauvelt."





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★ Saturday, March 29th, 8-10pm
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**13th Super Star-Studded
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★ Saturday, April 5th, 8-10pm
Double Play, 439 Dauphine St.

**15th Purple Party Easter
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★ Saturday, April 12th
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Todd Blauvelt & Stuart Nettles

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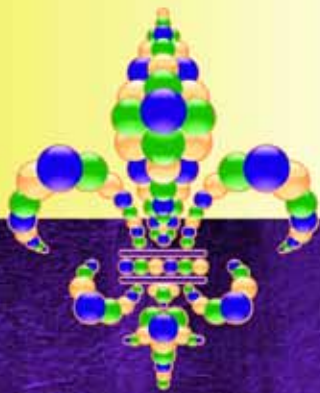
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