



LOUISIANA BON TEMPS!

Winter 2008/ 2009

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Welcome to the Winter 2008 / 2009 edition of the Louisiana State Society (LSS) Newsletter. I hope this season finds you and your family in good spirits for the Holidays.

2008 began with the LSU Tigers' dominant victory in the BCS Championship Game played on friendly territory at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans. We mourned the loss of Al Copeland, an entrepreneur of many talents whose nationwide success helped to ensure that even in Washington, we can still pick up some spicy chicken, biscuits, and red beans from our neighborhood Popeye's. Louisiana was hit with back-to-back hurricanes in September for the 2nd time in 3 years. The State conducted the largest evacuation in the country's history, and by the grace of God, the federal levees held. But thousands of homes were flooded along the coast, and hurricane force winds caused major damage to nearly every parish in Louisiana. In November, Louisianans elected both new and returning leaders to represent them in Congress and tackle the challenge of reviving our nation's weakened economy. And once again this year, the Hornets are off to a great start.

Through it all, Louisianans who call D.C. home have remained connected to the state and to one another through old friends, new acquaintances, and the Louisiana State Society. To make the most of this great city, we have included a schedule of upcoming LSS and Louisiana-interest events in the area.

We encourage members to submit their dues for 2009, and if you're not already a member, now is a great time to join. LSS recently celebrated its annual Holiday Party, and is gearing up next week for Washington Mardi Gras events, including the LSS Annual King Cake Party on Tuesday night at Capitol City Brewing Company and exclusive access for members to purchase tickets to the ball next Saturday night. We look forward to seeing everyone at these fun events!

Kind Regards,
Ben Billings



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NEW AT LSS

♣ Add the LSS Google Calendar to your Google calendar list and keep track of LSS & Louisiana events in and around DC! Visit our website at www.louisianastatesociety.org/calendar to find out more.

♣ Join us on Facebook! LSS has created a new group on this popular social networking site to keep members informed on news and events from LSS. Look for the "Louisiana State Society (LSS)" group on www.facebook.com.

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EVENTS

JANUARY 2009

- **27: LSS KING CAKE PARTY** @ Capitol City Brewing Company, 2 Massachusetts Ave, NE, DC 6:30-9pm
- 28: Sonny Landreth** @ Rams Head, Annapolis, MD
- 29: Sonny Landreth** @ Barns at Wolf Trap, Vienna, VA
- 31: WASHINGTON DC MARDI GRAS BALL**

FEBRUARY 2009

- 2: Cowboy Mouth** @ Rams Head Live!, Baltimore, MD
- 18: CJ Chenier & The Red Hot Louisiana Band** @ The Barns at Wolf Trap, Vienna, VA
- 20: Eric Lindell & Anders Osborne Mardi Gras Party** @ The State Theatre, Falls Church, VA
- 24: MARDI GRAS!!!**
- 25: Marcia Ball** @ Rams Head, Annapolis, MD
- 27: Marcia Ball** @ The State Theatre, Falls Church, VA

MARCH 2009

- 4: Buckwheat Zydeco** @ The 8X10, Baltimore, MD
- 5: Beausoleil avec Michael Doucet** @ The Barns at Wolf Trap, Vienna, VA
- 5: Buckwheat Zydeco** @ Rams Head, Annapolis, MD
- 17: Tab Benoit** @ Rams Head, Annapolis, MD

APRIL 2009

- 11: A Tribute to Allen Toussaint** @ The Barns at Wolf Trap, Vienna, VA



SAVE THE DATE!



52nd Annual

Washington DC Mardi Gras Ball

Presented by

The Mystick Krewe of Louisianians

Saturday, January 31, 2009

at

The Hilton Washington

JANUARY 23rd is the Deadline to Buy

\$200 Each, limit 2 per LSS member

Fill out and mail in the form below with payment.

LSS is pleased to offer a limited number of tickets to current LSS members. Beginning Monday, December 22nd, tickets will be available for purchase on a first-come, first-served basis. Once tickets go on sale, members may purchase them by credit card online at www.louisianastatesociety.org. Tickets can also be purchased by sending a check or money order with the enclosed payment form to Louisiana State Society, P.O. Box 77233, Washington, DC 20013. Ticket requests mailed without payment will not be honored.

LSS will send request confirmations and status notification in mid-January.

2009 WASHINGTON DC MARDI GRAS BALL TICKETS

NAME: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

OF TICKETS: _____ PAYMENT AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

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www.louisianastatesociety.org

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Renewal (no info changes)
Please Renewal (w/changes below)
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Your membership is good through December 2009

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone (Home/Office): _____

E-mail: _____

Hometown: _____

College/University: _____

Occupation: _____

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DID YOU KNOW...

... that monthly Board meetings are open to all LSS members, and the LSS Board is recruiting new officers? Please contact Ben Billings at benbillings@gmail.com if you are interested in attending a meeting or lending your services to the LSS Board.