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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to the Winter 2006 edition of the Louisiana State Society (LSS) Newsletter. I hope that this letter finds you well in the New Year.

You will notice that the majority of this quarter's edition is dedicated to the upcoming Mardi Gras Ball, L' Esprit de la Louisiane (The Spirit of Louisiana). As many of you know, the LSS sponsors an annual king cake party in anticipation of the Washington Mardi Gras Ball. Because of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the Mystic Krewe of Louisianians decided to cancel this year's event, which relies on the participation of citizens and legislators from the state coming up to DC. Because of the cancellation, the LSS has put together a ball in lieu of the regular king cake party to help Louisianians already in DC celebrate the upcoming carnival season. We are excited to announce that Rockin' Dopsie and the Zydeco Twisters have agreed to play the event, which will be held at the Old Post Office on Saturday, February 11th. All profits for the Ball will be donated to the Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation.

I was in Louisiana for New Year's Eve and was buoyed by the anticipation of a new start in the new year. 2005 was certainly tragic for our state; however, there is real optimism as we move forward. There is no doubt that the road to full recovery is still very long and will be very challenging. Let us all do our part to make sure that the rest of the country does not forget about Louisiana as we continue the fight to rebuild.

Sincerely,
Carling Dinkler
President



L'Esprit de la Louisiane MARDI GRAS BALL Information

Tickets go on sale January 16. This event is open to the public, though there are a limited # of tickets and they will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis, limit 2 per person. Tickets may be purchased online (fast and easy!) through the LSS website (www.louisianastatesociety.org). We will also accept payment by mail at: P.O. Box 77233, Washington DC 20013. Please include check payable to Louisiana State Society, your current e-mail address and phone number. Checks must be postmarked by Feb. 3. Tickets will NOT be mailed to you, but will be available for pick-up at the event. See the next page for the official invitation. Hope to see you there!!!

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The Louisiana State Society of Washington DC Presents

L'Esprit de la Louisiane.

Un Bal Masque du Mardi Gras

THE SPIRIT OF LOUISIANA: A MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE BALL

Saturday, February 11, 2006

Old Post Office Pavilion

1100 Pennsylvania Ave. NW

Washington DC 20004

8pm-Midnight

Live music provided by

Rockin' Dopsie Jr. & The Zydeco Twisters

Open bar & Light Louisiana fare.

Black tie & Masquerade optional.

Valet parking available at the Pennsylvania Ave. entrance.

\$49.50 per person

No one under 21 will be allowed admission.

Net proceeds will benefit the Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation.

Honorary Hosts:

Senator Mary Landrieu • Senator David Vitter • Congressman Richard H. Baker • Congressman Jim McCreery • Congressman William J. Jefferson • Congressman Rodney Alexander • Congressman Charles W. Boustany Jr. • Congressman Bobby Jindal • Congressman Charlie Melancon • The Honorable John Breaux • The Honorable J. Bennett Johnston • The Honorable Bob Livingston • The Honorable Billy Tauzin • The Honorable Chris John

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Looking for the events calendar?

We couldn't fit it this time, so be sure to check the website for all the latest Louisiana concerts and events!!