



## RED HUSSAR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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### 2008-2008 RHAA Officers

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**Helen Simon Wyble**

### **A Moment with MaryAnn**

Hello to all! I hope that all of you had a peaceful and restful holiday season.

I was so elated to hear that we had 25 ladies attending practice. We even had some new ladies to give Mardi Gras a try! We also had a few returning ladies we have not seen in awhile. Glad to hear about all the ladies that return from year to year!

Remember that you do not have to attend all the practices to participate, just inform an officer of your plans.

Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday! It should be REALLY Cold----so bundle up!

Hussar Love,  
Mary Ann

## **A letter of Thanks**

Dear Hussars Sisters,

I would like to take this opportunity to give special thanks to everyone who donated to the Christmas Families. Also, to Christine Collazo for all her help, Nancy McClain and Michael Broussard (Mary Ann's son) for the great bike he donated.

As many of you already know, my daughter Gina, her husband Chance, and my grandchildren Colton (12) and Pressley (9) live in Bridge City. They lost all their belongings when 6 feet of water flooded their home during Hurricane Ike.

These months following the hurricane have not been easy ones, however, with the help and support of many good friends, things are getting better and they will now be able to have a somewhat normal Christmas.

I have always known that the RHAA is a very special group of women, because they always come together to help each other. I am so privileged and blessed to be associated with all of you.

Hussar Love,  
Maurine Wyble

## **Update on our Christmas Families**

Thanks to all who helped with donations for our Christmas families. We were able to collect \$400 dollars from our members to help with two families who were affected by Hurricane Ike. The RHAA also donated \$25 per family bringing our total to \$450. Two names were suggested for sponsorship; Maurine Wyble's daughter's family and Anna Breaux's daughter's family. Both of our families were Bridge City residents and their homes were damaged by the storm. We were able to give each family \$225.

## **“Let the Good Times Roll”**

The Mardi Gras excitement has begun. We are now practicing for the parade every Saturday till the parade. You can join us at the TJ Parking Lot from 9am till Noon. If you are in need of an instrument, please contact Christine Collazo. We will be wearing our RHAA sweats or long sleeve RHAA T-shirt with white pants and white tennis shoes or boots. So, check your RHAA shirts to see if you are in need of ordering a new one. If necessary, we will place an order for all those in need and for those who just want to have a new one on hand. Please let Dianne Krautz know if you are interested in ordering a new shirt. All of the officer's numbers are in the front of the newsletter. If you plan on marching and cannot come to the practices, please let one of the officers know, so we can get a count on how many will be participating. If you plan on riding the float, you must give your name early before the float fills up. We will be decorating the RHAA float on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at Cammie's. We will meet at 1:00pm. Please bring you favorite snack to share. If you have beads to donate, please bring them to the practices or to Cammie's house. We will be taking our group photo before the line-up and warm-ups begin, so plan to be there around 4pm if you want to be in the photo.

## **General Meeting**

We will not be having a General Meeting during the months of January & February. We will conduct all necessary business during our practices and any announcements will be done there also. So please let us know if you have something important to contribute.

## **Quilt Sale**

Don't forget Sally Graham White has made us a beautiful red, white and blue quilt that we will be raffling off on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at our Officer Installation. We will be using the money raised to go toward our Community Service projects. The raffle tickets are now available. The ticket bundles will come in groups of 20, so you will owe \$20 for each bundle you are taking with you.

## **Scratch Off Raffle Tickets**

Remember we are selling our Scratch-Off Raffle Tickets to help raise money for our Scholarship fund. The tickets are available now. They are distributed in bundles of \$20.00. If you are interested in helping sell tickets, we will have them handy at the practices. If you are not able to attend the practices, you may call any officer and they will help you get some to sell. The winner will be drawn February 21<sup>st</sup>, the day of the Mardi Gras Parade while we are lined up and ready to go, so please be sure to have all tickets turned in by that time.

## **Scholarship Applications**

We will be accepting scholarship applications on February 1, 2009 & the deadline will be March 31, 2009. If you have a family member who is a High School Senior and you are a 2008-2009 member of the RHAA, you can have them fill out an application and turn it in for review. Helen Wyble is in charge of applications and will be glad to assist you with the forms. Please give her a call if you are interested.

## **Commemorative Buttons**

Will be selling photo buttons as a fundraiser for Relay for Life. We will be honoring our beloved Cathy Scott Lopez with the photo buttons this year. We will have them available for purchase at future practices and at Mardi Gras. Also, remember to wear your Margie Broussard button if you have one.

## **Relay for Life**

Mark your calendars for April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. This will be the dates for the Annual Relay for Life. We will be getting our team together shortly, so please let Christine Collazo know if you are interested. She will be heading the event up for us again. Remember, if you are on the team, we ask that you raise \$100 per member. If you need ideas for fundraisers, please feel free to call Christine & she will be glad to help you out with ideas. The theme this year is “Rockin Relay” so we will be dressing in a Rock and Roll theme. We have been discussing Elvis as the theme for our booth. The Luminary Decorating Party will be at Christine’s house on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. So if you have any to decorate, please be there to help. All the money collected needs to be turned in by April 19<sup>th</sup>. Last year we were in the Bronze fundraising club for 2008. Also, If you registered online last year, your info will all be the same & you can do it again this year.

## **Important RHAA Dates**

Jan 17<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, Practice 9-11am at the TJ Parking Lot

(Scratch-off tickets will be available to help raise money for our scholarship)

Jan 24<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, Practice 9-11am at the TJ Parking Lot

Jan 31<sup>st</sup> - Saturday, Practice 9-11am at the TJ Parking Lot

February 7<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, Practice 9-11am at the TJ Parking Lot

February 14<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, Practice 9-11am at the TJ Parking Lot (scratch off money is due)

February 15<sup>th</sup> – Float Party 1pm at Cammie’s house

February 21<sup>st</sup> – Mardi Gras Parade (meet at Rose Hill at 4:00pm, if you wish to be in the photo)

March 19<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting 7pm at the Library

April 16<sup>th</sup> - General Meeting 7pm at the Library (Quilt money due)

April 19<sup>th</sup> – Luminary Party 2pm at Christine’s house

April 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> - Relay for Life at the Bulldog Stadium

May 21<sup>st</sup> – RHAA installation of New Officers (drawing for Quilt Raffle)

## **In Remembrance**

We want to remember Carmen Leon and Irene Lopez in the passing away of a dear family member, Gregory Reyna. He passed away in November & he was Carmen's brother-in-law and Irene Lopez's uncle.

## **Prayer Request**

Let us continue to remember our troops that are over seas and let us not forget to pray for our new president elect & the decisions that he will be making that will affect our country.

Our hearts and prayers go out to all of those who were affected by Hurricane Ike. If any one knows of anyone whose home was damaged by the storm, please let us know so that we can put them on our list. Also, if anyone knows of anyone who is in need of clothes, food or furniture, we can get the word out on that also. We want to help out any way that we are able, so please keep us posted.

## **Proud Announcements**

Zachary Lopez, son of Christine Lopez and Keely Theriot, daughter of Debbie Theriot both got their grades from their first semester on campus and the both got 3 A's and 1 B. They are both doing great.

Amanda Yates, daughter of Lynn and Pam Yates, graduated Friday, December 19th from Lamar State College Port Arthur with an Associate's Degree in Legal Assistance. Amanda graduated with honors and was a member of: Phi Theta Kappa (International Scholastic Order), Kappa Beta Delta (International Honor Society for Accredited Business Programs), and LAP (Lamar's Association of Paralegals, Formerly LASSO – Legal Assistant Student Services Organization).

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*If you have any news or information that you would like to pass on to our fellow Red Hussars, please let us know and we will be glad to pass that on for you.*

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*Also, if you would like to have your newsletter "mailed" to you in addition to your e-mail, please let me know and I will be glad to mail you one also.*

# January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Practice 9am-11am @ TJ parking lot
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Practice 9am-11am @ TJ parking lot
18	19 Martin Luther King Day	20	21	22	23	24 Practice 9am-11am @ TJ parking lot
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Practice 9am-11am @ TJ parking lot

# February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Practice 9am-11am @ TJ parking lot
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day Practice 9am-11am @ TJ parking lot
15 Float Party Cammie's house 1pm	16 President's Day	17	18	19	20	21 MARDI GRAS PARADE pictures @ 4pm
22	23	24 Mardi Gras	25	26	27	28

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: Work or Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Circle One in Each Topic**

Membership Classification: Active \$25.00 Associate \$15.00 \*Sustaining \_\_\_\_\_

\*If Sustaining: Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Form of Payment: Cash or Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Status: Renewal or New

Are you a relative of a Red Hussar? Yes / No

\_\_\_\_\_  
Hussar Name Relationship

**FORMER RED HUSSARS:**

Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_

Social or Field Office Held: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTIVE MEMBERS ONLY:**

The Red Hussar Alumni Association (RHAA) shall not be liable or responsible for, and shall be saved and held harmless by me, my agents, heirs, and assigns, from and against any and all suits, actions, losses, damages, claims of liability of any character, type or description, including all expenses of litigation, court costs, and attorney's fees for injury of death to any person, or injury to any property, received or sustained by a person or persons or property, arising out of, or occasioned by, directly or indirectly, my participation in any RHAA function, including claims and damages in whole or in part from the negligence of the RHAA. It is the expressed intent of the parties that the indemnity provided for herein is an indemnity extended by me to indemnify and protect the RHAA from the consequences of RHAA's own negligence, whether that negligence is the sole or contributory cause of the resultant injury, death, or damage.

I also agree to return any instrument assigned to me, in the same or similar condition as it was at the time of issuance, to the place and time designated by the Instrument Quartermaster, but in any case, the return shall be no later than 15 days following said event. I further agree that I am fully responsible for timely securing repairs and timely making full payment of any and all repairs for damages to the instrument issued to me.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For RHAA Use:

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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