

Mystic Krewe of Nyx



Captain: Julie Lea

History: The Mystic Krewe of Nyx was established to unite women of diverse backgrounds for fun, friendship, and the merriment of the Mardi Gras season. Together we will enhance the spirit of Carnival for our community by embracing a bit of tradition, while adding new and forward thinking ideas to make our organization unique. We believe women of all ages deserve to be adored, respected, and allowed to let her inner goddess shine through.

After Mardi Gras in 2011, Founder and Captain Julie Lea had an idea to start her own all-female Mardi Gras Krewe. She wanted the Krewe to parade for the 2012 season. The new Krewe had momentum, but they were running out of time as the City of New Orleans still had not approved their parade permit request as of October 1, 2011. However, a vote took place within the New Orleans City Council just in time.

On October 20, 2011, the New Orleans City Council voted 7-0 in favor of putting forth a motion (M-11-495 #78) for the all-female Krewe of Nyx to Parade in 2012.[1] One of the 'motions or resolutions not on the agenda', Resolution R11-498, was presented by Councilmembers Cynthia Hedge-Morrell, Eric Granderson, and Kristen Gisleson Palmer 'supporting the application of the Krewe of Nyx to roll in the 2012 Mardi Gras season and intending to add them to the parade schedule.'

On November 3, 2011, the New Orleans City Council unanimously voted to allow the Mystic Krewe of Nyx to parade in New Orleans in 2012. (#41-CAL. No. 28,734). This was the first new Mardi Gras Krewe created in over a decade.

In less than three months upon receiving the City Council's approval, the Mystic Krewe of Nyx paraded on the streets of New Orleans for the first time on February 15, 2012, with 534 riders.

Rumor has it that it was created as an alternative to the waiting list for Muses.

Name origin: The Mystic Krewe of Nyx is named after the Greek goddess of the night, Nyx

First paraded in 2012 with 534 riders

Purpose: To encourage, foster, promote, and cultivate a spirit of sisterhood amongst the members of the Krewe. To sponsor, conduct, direct, and administer plans,

programs, and activities relating directly and indirectly to the Mardi Gras season, including but not limited to: parades, balls, festivities, ceremonies, and events in the City of New Orleans.

Motto: "Friends come and go, but a sister is forever."

Krewe Colors:- Hot Pink & Black

Signature Throw:- Hand decorated purses

The Krewe of Nyx's special signature throw is hand decorated purses. Members will buy plain or old purses and spend countless hours decorating them with glitter, baubles, feathers, and other fun embellishments. These beautiful treasures are worked on all year long by members so they can have the experience of handing one of these coveted Krewe of Nyx purses to a person in the crowd. Having purse parties and get togethers at each others homes further cultivates the Nyx Sisterhood beyond the krewe hosted events. At decorating parties friendships are formed while glitter is flying and ideas are flowing.

Doubloons: several cut outs, purses for captain and officers,

Current Membership: The Krewe of Nyx in New Orleans has earned the honor of being the biggest Mardi Gras parade in history. With over 3383 riders in its 2019 parade, the all-female krewe has broken barriers for the Super Krewes and has raised the bar for parades everywhere.

Social Activities: More than just a parade, the Krewe of Nyx hosts social gatherings during the year that are optional for members to attend in order to further enhance the krewe's mission. Along with social activities that help form and seal the bonds of friendship and sisterhood, the krewe hosts fundraisers throughout the year in order to give back to the community.

Past Grand Marshals: Angela Hill, Paggy Lee (5 Happiness), Amanda Shaw, Irma Thomas, Dixie Cups, Susan Spicer, Laura Buchtel, Karen Swensen.
A local celebrity was Goddess II (Fleurty Girl)

Past Themes:

2012 Goddess Nyx I : Ms. Gigi Saak - Grand Marshal: Mrs. Karen Swensen - Parade Theme: "NOLA Reality Reigns"

2013 Goddess Nyx II : Ms. Lauren Thom - Grand Marshal: Mrs. Laura Buchtel - Parade Theme: "What a Girl Wants"

2014 Goddess Nyx III: Ms. Heather Hanlon Nichols - Grand Marshal: Mrs. Susan Spicer - Parade Theme: "Cookin' with the Krewe"

2015 Goddess Nyx IV: Mrs. Jenna Frazier - Grand Marshal: The Dixie Cups - Parade Theme: "Nyx Celebrates The King"

2016 Goddess Nyx V: Mrs. Lori Seuzeneau - Grand Marshal: Mrs. Paggy Lee - Parade Theme: "Nyx Turns 5"

2017 Goddess Nyx VI: Mrs. Zenia Williams - Grand Marshall: Mrs Irma Thomas - Parade Theme: "Dancing The Night Away"

2018 Goddess Nyx VII: Mrs Karen Boudrie Greig - Grand Marshall: Amanda Shaw - Parade Theme: "NOLA's Triple Crown"

2019 Goddess Nyx VIII: Miss Shelby Seuzeneau - Grand Marshall Angela Hill : [TBA] - Parade Theme: "There's no Bigger "P"arty than a "P"arade"

2020: Nyx to honor Nancy Parker

Signature Float: a Giant Purse debuted in 2016

PFJ designs Nyx's floats last year had some where around 40 floats.

Parade Day: Nyx parades on Wednesday before Mardi Gras on uptown route following crew of Ancient Druids

Notable Dates:

On November 3, 2011, the New Orleans City Council voted to allow the all-female Mystic Krewe of Nyx to parade in New Orleans in 2012.

On January 6, 2015, the Mystic Krewe of Nyx was presented with a proclamation from the New Orleans City Council, led by Council member at Large Jason Williams, acknowledging the Krewe as the largest all-female parading Krewe in Mardi Gras history.

In September 2015 with over 2,200 members, the Mystic Krewe of Nyx becomes the first all-female Super Krewe[6] for Mardi Gras 2015.

On January 6, 2015, the Mystic Krewe of Nyx was presented with a proclamation from the New Orleans City Council, acknowledging the Krewe as the largest all female parading Krewe in Mardi Gras history.

In January 2016, Nyx teamed up with Haydel's Bakery. Each King Cake from Haydel's Bakery included a Nyx pink porcelain purse to commemorate Nyx's 5th anniversary and their new status as the first all-female Super Krewe in New Orleans.

February 20, 2017 The Krewe of NYX unveils the Krewe Crest Plaque at Mardi Gras Fountain. The First to be added since 2001

On May 30, 2017, the Louisiana State Legistation passed a bill creating a specialty license plate for the Mystic Krewe of Nyx.

On November 17, 2018 the Mystic Krewe of Nyx crowned its first legacy Goddess, Miss Shelby Seuzeneau, whose mother Mrs. Lori Seuzeneau reigned as Goddess Nyx V

How to become a member: get added to the list when membership is open.

Weather: Nyx comes with the rain.

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Krewe of Pandora

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“The Jewels of Jefferson Parish”

Origin: The ladies of the Krewe of Pandora staged their first parade in February 2016 and had an amazing ride! After taking 2017 off, the new krewe staged its second parade on February 11, 2018, and its third parade on March 4, 2019 with all the fun and pageantry that comes along with Mardi Gras. sister Krewe of Nyx. Next Parade is Feb 23, 2020.



Name Origin: In Greek mythology, Pandora was the first mortal women ever created by the Gods. She was molded of earth and water and once ready, the Four Winds breathed life into her. She was then given gifts from all the gods. Aphrodite gave to her unparalleled beauty, grace and desire. Hermes gave her a cunning, deceitful mind and a crafty tongue. Athena clothed her and taught her to be deft with her hands. Poseidon bestowed on her a pearl necklace that would prevent her from drowning. Apollo taught her to play the lyre and to sing. Zeus gave her a foolish, mischievous and idle nature and last but not least, Hera gave her the wiliest gift, curiosity. Because of the many gifts she received, the woman became entitled with the name Pandora, the “all-endowed”. Pandora was given a box or jar called “pithos” which she was told by the gods not to touch- however, Pandora was an avid personality and couldn't resist lifting the lid. As soon as the jar was open, all evil spirits were brought to light. Realizing the damage, she quickly put back the lid and all that remained was Hope.

Parade Day: Sunday, February 23, 2020. “Super Sunday”

Current Membership: approx. 300?

How to become member: Ladies 18 and over who are looking for something fun and unique to do with their female co-workers, family members, and friends have the opportunity to join this krewe while spots are still available and while Pandora is still young. Many krewes end up with waiting lists when memberships swell and not everyone inquiring can be placed on a float.

Women-owned businesses and companies who employ many women have also incorporated riding in the Krewe of Pandora as incentives for productivity. Corporate sponsorships and group rates have become a popular way for women to get to enjoy some fun with their girlfriends as a reward for a job well done.

Dues are \$347 (\$320 + \$27 application fee)

Social & Community Events: the Krewe of Pandora hosts different social events throughout the year that are optional for members to attend. Members get to meet new friends and have a fabulous network of sisterhood way before the day of the ride.

Signature Throw: decorated Pandora's Boxes. Similar to Nyx, decorating parties are held to build friendships and sisterhood amongst riders.

Doubloons: Last year was 2 key cut outs.

Past Grand Marshals: Julie Stokes, Past State Rep. (breast cancer survivor)

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Nyxettes



Founded in August 2012, the Nola Nyxettes are the original dance team born of a Mardi Gras Krewe.

The Nyxettes were formed when Julie Lea, the Captain of the Mystic Krewe of Nyx, had the idea to start a dance troupe that was a sisterhood of dancers to enhance the parade. The vision was to form a classy dance troupe who would sashay through the streets of New Orleans providing technical dance and explosive entertainment to the residents and visitors of New Orleans Mardi Gras.

The team performs in top hats and tails while sharing the colors of hot pink and black with the Krewe of Nyx.

The support of the members of the Krewe of Nyx with their Kicking Sisters of the Nola Nyxettes is a wonderful example of sisterhood at its best!

(I don't intend to get in too much detail about the Nyxettes as I plan to have them on separately.)