

## NOVEMBER 2004 Edition

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

On behalf of myself and the entire LAFF family, I offer our condolences to Curtis Hue and his family on the loss of his mother. All of us at LAFF offer our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to the Hue family during their time of grief.

November is closing in on us rapidly and I want to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving from my wife and myself. As the new year approaches final plans are well underway for the 2005 convention. If you want to help make this convention another great success, please contact Rob Piraro, Vice-President and Convention Coordinator. Rob is known for not to turn down any assistance. Please make plans to attend the convention and make your hotel reservations quickly as rooms are going fast. Remember to register your lovely queens and tell the hotel your queen needs to be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, if at all possible.

Many fairs and festivals have crowned new royalty, so remember to send our web-master a digital picture of your queen for the queen's internet site. If you haven't checked out the web-site, you're missing a great site. Our web-master has done a fantastic job in

keeping the site up to date and correct as you send the information. I had the opportunity to attend the Bridge City Gumbo Festival's Farewell dinner for the past royalty and the coronation for the new king and queen on October 3, 2004. I also attended the gumbo cook-off judging with a panel of celebrity judges. I must commend Monsignor Luminais, and his gumbo staff for an exceptional job. King Creole Gumbo XXXI Jose Miguel Brand, Sr. and his lovely queen Jeanne Marie Harrington, as well as Monsignor Luminais and his gumbo staff greeted us. The judges were, Sandy Young and Theresa Hayes from Copeland's Restaurant, Pat Morrow and Vernon Curry, owners of Restaurant De Familles, and Mr. Lonny Taylor, president of Westwego Fest. Also present was the outgoing Queen Creole Gumbo Miss Kim Theresa Pierre. I was honored to be asked to judge the Washington Parish Free Fair Queen's pageant and must say, royalty has never been treated so well.

Please contact our secretary with your fair and festival dates for 2005, as we are going to press shortly with the new Fair and Festivals Guide. I must get in gear and get on the road to visit many fairs and festivals in the coming weeks, and hope to see many of you real soon. Don't look for the biggest guy around

anymore just look for the compact version of me, and remember if you need a judge, emcee or just a regular flunky, call me and I'll do my best to assist you and your festival.

By the way, a belated Happy Halloween to all.

**S/Warren Deemer**

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**VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

Hello: I hope you are ready to have a great time at Convention 2005. Remember to book your hotel rooms as soon as possible because it will be sold out prior to convention.

***PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN THAT YOU GIVE THE HOTEL THE NAME OF YOUR QUEEN AND LET THE HOTEL KNOW THAT SHE IS A QUEEN AND SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR!***

Although the rains have come down hard over this last month, spirits at all the events have been high and despite the weather, people attended events.

On Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, I had the pleasure to judge the Louisiana Cattle Festival Queen's Pageant in Abbeville. Thank you Barbara and Neal for such a great show and warm hospitality. Congratulations to their new queen, Jennifer Falgout.

On October 9<sup>th</sup>, we visited long time friends Tina and Raymond Guillory at the Louisiana Cotton Festival in Ville Platte. They had terrible weather so they moved their music indoors and changed the location of the pageant. Tina did an

outstanding job getting the pageant relocated with such short notice.

On October 14<sup>th</sup>, we attended the Calcasieu Cameron Parish Fair in Sulphur. We spoke with Kenny Guidry and Lillian Karr and attended the Children's pageant that night. Everyone was delighted that the skies had cleared and the weather cooperated for a good fair.

This upcoming weekend we will be on the road again, heading to the State Fair in Shreveport on Friday and to Washington Parish Free Fair on Saturday. We're praying that the weather will cooperate for all the events planned at this time of year.

Don't forget to make those hotel room reservations NOW and to watch for your entire convention packet that will be mailed out in early November.

Stay dry and stay safe

**S/Rob Piraro**

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**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Referenced in the President's report is mention of Past President (and long time) Secretary, Curtis Hue. Curtis' mother, Mary Crochet Hue passed away, after a period of illness, on Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. LAFF was well represented at the wake and funeral. It was quite a grace moment as towards the end of the funeral mass, her five children related personal memories of their mother.

Excerpted from the October issue of "The Firecracker" the publication of the Florida Federation of Fairs (and thanks to Executive



- 10. Thereafter elections will be held every three (3) years in the same order as stated above. Only members of the individual districts will be allowed to vote in these districts.
- 11. The election committee request that a letter from the candidate's events stating that the candidate is a member of their organization. This will help the election committee know that this person is from the right district and know that this person is a member of a dues paying organization of LAFF,
- 12. District seven (7) will be elected with District 1 & 5.

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**DISTRICT THREE DIRECTOR:**  
 Congratulations to the newly crowned queens:

Louisiana Cattle Festival  
 Queen.....Jennifer Falgout  
 International Rice Festival  
 Queen.....Joelle Benoit

October was a very pleasant month, lot of festivals going on and the month is not actually over.

If you have not yet made your hotel reservations please do so as soon as possible for the LAFF convention.

My wife Natalie and I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, just a reminder not to eat too much Turkey.

**Reminder: Reminder: Reminder**  
 Marketing Awards deadline is **December 1<sup>st</sup>; 2004**  
 More Forms on the web site at [laffnet.org](http://laffnet.org) or Mail to:  
 Marketing Awards Committee  
 Or  
 Dennis C. Mouton  
 306 N. Broadway  
 Erath , La. 70533  
 337-316-0597

District Three Rocks.....

**Dennis C. Mouton**  
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**QUEEN OF QUEENS' PAGEANT AND COMMITTEE**

**A CALL FOR PRINGLE CANS**

We are in need of 100 Pringle potato chip cans for Convention 2005. Please save them for us and get them to your district reps or give me a call and we will get them somehow. Call me at 337-478-2355 or by Email: [robpiraro@aol.com](mailto:robpiraro@aol.com)

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**ATTENTION, ATTENTION, ATTENTION!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Still looking for those gorgeous gal's (**I mean men**) who want to participate in the third annual Womanless Pageant. How exciting it would be for if one of the contestants who was chosen as Queen would be from your festival. Forms are on the web site too at [laffnet.org](http://laffnet.org). An exciting news alert, there will be more than one Queen selected this year. Maybe three.....

We would appreciate each festival sending at least one contestant. The best news is that we are waiving the entry fee. It is free of charge (what an incentive!). Dress code: Please keep it rated PG-13

**KEEP IT FUN AND SAFE**

**For more information, please contact Dennis Mouton - Dist #3 Director**

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**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN L.A.F.F. HALL OF FAME**

- 1. Must be a current member of a fair/festival association which belongs to and is in good standing with L.A.F.F.
- 2. Must have contributed to L.A.F.F. in terms of (1) service, (2) making a tangible donation and/or (3) providing an unselfish act or deed benefiting L.A.F.F.
- 3. Must have belonged to a L.A.F.F. member fair/festival association for a minimum of ten (10) years.

4. Must be nominated by a current member fair/festival of L.A.F.F.

5. Nominee may be living or deceased, but must meet all aforementioned criteria.

6. Unless superceded by the L.A.F.F. Board of Directors, only one new member of L.A.F.F. Hall of Fame will be inducted each year. Note: The Fair Person of the Year is automatically inducted into the L.A.F.F. Hall of Fame the year following his/her being named a Fair Person of the Year.

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**NOMINATING PROCEDURE FOR L.A.F.F.  
HALL OF FAME**

1. State nominee's name and home address, including zip code.
2. State nominee's fair/festival affiliation (if associate, state business).
3. State nominee's length of membership in L.A.F.F.
4. List nominee's accomplishments in L.A.F.F.
5. List nominee's accomplishments with local fair/festival association.
6. State, in 25 words or less, why nominee is a candidate for Hall of Fame honors.
7. State your name and address (including zip code) and telephone number (including area code).
8. If possible, include a photograph of the nominee and some newspaper clippings of any events featuring the nominee in a fair/festival-related setting.
9. Send nominations to L.A.F.F. Secretary.
10. Entry Deadline: December 30th.

## **EVENTS TO ATTEND**

**October 28 – November 7**  
**Greater Baton Rouge State Fair - Baton Rouge**

**November 5 - 7**  
**Sabine Free State Festival - Florien**

**November 5 - 7**  
**Louisiana Swine Festival - Basile**

**November 6**  
**Bastrop Fall Arts & Crafts Show - Bastrop**

**November 6**  
**Southdown Marketplace - Houma**

**November 6 - 7**  
**Abbeville's Giant Omelet Celebration - Abbeville**

**November 11 - 14**  
**Port Barre Cracklin' Festival - Port Barre**

**November 12 - 14**  
**Westwego Fest - Westwego**

**November 12 - 13**  
**Thibodauxville Fall Festival - Thibodaux**

**November 13 - 14**  
**Destrehan Plantation Fall Festival - Destrehan**

**November 26 - 27**  
**Cajun Christmas Bayou Parade - Breaux Bridge**

**November 27**  
**Claiborne Parish Christmas Festival - Homer**

**December 1 - 31**  
**Christmas New Orleans Style - New Orleans**

**December 3 & 4**  
**A Bayou Christmas - Larose**

**December 4**  
**Ozoane Camellia Festival - Slidell**

**December 4 - 5**  
**Plaquemine Parish Fair & Orange Festival - Port Sulphur**

**December 11 - 12**  
**Cottonport Christmas Festival - Cottonport**

Remember, our 2005  
Convention theme:  
"Stepping out with L.A.F.F."

Holiday Inn Select - Baton Rouge  
February 17 – 20, 2005  
Make your plans to attend

