

Gaucha Newsletter

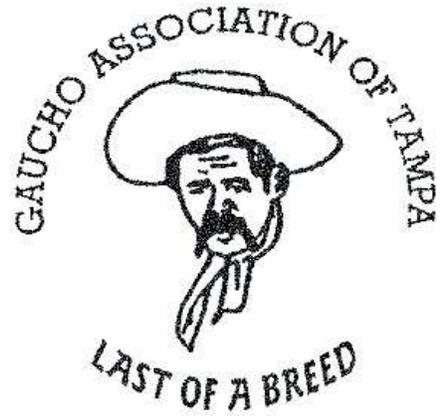
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Welcome to the newsletter of the Gaucha Association of Tampa, Inc.!



DUES ALERT

Included with this newsletter is an invoice for the dues for this upcoming parade season. You may notice that the dues have been increased from \$325 to \$375. This is because of the recent inflation that has driven up all costs, and the extraordinary expenses we have incurred in finding a new location and building a shelter to store the float. Dues are payable now so that we can finish paying to move the float. You can pay via our website www.gauchoassn.com by clicking on "Pay Dues" or mail a check to Gaucha Association of Tampa, P.O. Box 340776, Tampa, FL 33694.



HELP US FIND NEW MEMBERS and VOLUNTEERS!

If you know of anyone who would be interested in joining the Gaucha Association of Tampa, please have them visit our website and click on "Registration Form". Also if you know someone who wants to check us out first or maybe get involved without the commitment, please have them use the "Contact Form" on the website to let us know. We are always in need of volunteers for bartending and safety patrol, as we couldn't have a successful parade season without them!

A Letter from our President Avelino Vide



Dear Fellow Gauchos,

I am honored to be the new president of the Gauchos, and I'm looking forward to a new parade season with our growing list of members.

This year has been a year of positive transition for the Gauchos. We put the pandemic behind us and came out stronger than ever. We now have a strong and growing cadre of female Gauchos, and we have a new location with more space and a lease for the 'Casa del Gaucho' and 'La Casa del Sol Naciente' floats.

I predict this parade season will be the best ever for the Gauchos, and I thank all of you for being a part of the best Krewe in Tampa.

Avelino "A.V." Vide

PARADE NEWS

We have an extensive parade season coming up! Below is the tentative schedule expected to take place for the 2023 season.

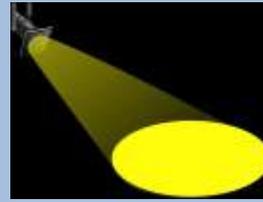
1. Gasparilla Parade of Pirates – January 28, 2023
2. Sant' Yago Knight Parade – February 11, 2023
3. Dunedin Mardi Gras Parade – TBD February 2023
4. Rough Riders' St. Patrick's Parade – March 11, 2023
5. Chasco Fiesta Parade – TBD March 2023
6. Tampa Pride Diversity Parade – TBD March 2023

NEW COSTUMES and UPGRADES

If you would like to purchase or upgrade your costume, please visit the "Costume and Supplies" tab on our website at www.gauchoassn.com to view examples and descriptions of all costume requirements as well as contact information for our vendors. Leather Betty Denehy is still making our belts and can be reached via phone at 813-835-6275. Jeannie Karizman can help you with your costume and prefers that you contact her via text only at 727-849-1845. Gaucho Ralph Fisher also has a few costumes available; contact him at 813-949-2749.

ATTENTION!

If your phone number or email address changes throughout the year, please let the board members know (in particular, Gaucho Membership coordinator Ralph Fisher at 813-949-2749) so that your information can be updated in the roster.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

In this issue of the Gaucho newsletter, we focus on member **Matt Moresi**. Matt is the lead on moving our Float to its new location, as well as the construction of the new shelter. Matt has been a Gaucho member for 12 years and became involved with working on the float because he saw that it "needed a lot of love". He has been instrumental in helping our board and former president Tim Rutherford repair and maintain our float. Matt is a professional General Contractor who usually works on roofs with his base of operations in Tampa. He is divorced, has a daughter, and three grandchildren. When asked about his work on the Float and its new location, Matt said the work could not have been done without fellow Gaucho members Richard Clark and Bob Ebert who have assisted him with all of the administrative tasks and the purchase of the new shelter. Matt says he encourages all the new, young and potential Gauchos to join because of the camaraderie and diversity of our group, and the personal growth one can experience by becoming a member.



Matt Moresi – Gaucho Float Master