

One Week From Good Times in NOLA

I am finishing my “business packing” and starting on my clothes packing for New Orleans and wanted to share some final thoughts.

THE most important thing you can do while in New Orleans is attend SAFN Business Meeting on Friday, September 6. After the opening and Memorial Ceremonies there will be a short break and then we will discuss the recommended bylaws changes. Then, you will vote on the changes. In your registration packet, you will have 3 items relating to the bylaws; the amendment process, the red-line version and the final draft after changes of the bylaws. If you want to compare the current version with all those versions above, I suggest you bring your directory where pages 5-12 have our current version of the Bylaws. Plus, everyone in attendance will receive a special gift as they leave and one lucky person will receive one hotel night free!

I also suggest you review all 8 or 9 email updates sent to you over the past 7 or 8 months. They can be found on www.safn.org if you lost yours. Some of these updates listed great places to see or tour and places to eat.

When you arrive at the Astor Crown Hotel, you can go straight to the SAFN registration table in the main lobby. Hours of operation will be: **Weds, 4 Sept**, 10-12 and 1400-1900; **Thurs, 5 Sept**, 7:30-9 and 1530-1700; **Fri, 6 Sept**, 8-10; and if necessary, **Sat, 7 Sept**, 8-9. Here you will pick up your registration bag with your SAFN lanyard, agendas, tour tickets, meal vouchers, programs and some surprises. If you have time in your schedule, we need you to register for the Weds cooking class, Thurs city tour and the Sat Mardi Gras Museum tour. These 3 tours will cost SAFN if they are not filled.

The Hospitality Room will open on **Weds, 4 Sept**, from 1700-1900; **Thurs, 5 Sept**, 10-1700; **Fri, 6 Sept**, 1600-1800; and, **Sat, 7 Sept**, 1300-1600 in the Club Lounge. Be sure to drop in and visit with your friends, have a drink and snack plus sign-up for the time you want to have your photo taken on Sat. Remember, there is NO COST but we want you in the Memory Book so you need to schedule a time to have this picture taken. Also, in the room, you will find SAFN items for purchase, a special Memorial Table, a sign-up sheet to help with the Nashville Convention, a place for Memory Book pick-up from the 2017-18 Cruise Convention and sign-up for 2019 Memory Books. You may want to bring a few checks or cash!

The Thurs, 5 Sept Meet & Greet Welcome Reception will be a very light cheese & cracker event from 1600-1800. You’ll have the opportunity to say hello to friends while a New Orleans Jazz Band plays music. Then, off to dinner with friends!

For the Friday luncheon, there will be open seating except a couple tables for invited guests. I know you are going to love the SAFN nurse uniforms through the ages fashion show with models from Keesler AFB. Be sure to thank David Shurtz who is bringing this to us from San Antonio for no fee, just the cost of transportation.

For the banquet on Sat, there will be open seating again with a few tables reserved for the Board of Directors since the Induction Ceremony will be held prior to the entertainment of humorist, Patrick Henry.

Your Convention Committee elected NOT to have raffles or 50/50 drawing this year. You can let us know in the critique if you want them back in 2021.

Well, that's about all my last-minute items I wanted to mention. If you have questions before you leave, be sure to email me @ kfryman1@aol.com or text or call me @ 937-671-1813. I'll be leaving a week from today (Sat, 31 Aug).

The good times are about to roll!

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