

PLEASE JOIN THE MCLEOD FAMILY AND FRIENDS, FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 10TH 4:00 P.M. AT THE M&M RESTAURANT, 2401 CHURCH STREET. RSVP IS NOT REQUIRED. AND ATTIRE IS VERY CASUAL OR AS DRESSY FOR PARTIES THEREAFTER AS YOU CHOOSE. AT 5:00 P.M., WE WILL HAVE A WALKING PROCESSION WITH A DIXIELAND JAZZ BAND LEADING FROM THE M&M RESTAURANT TO THE TREMONT HOUSE HOTEL. A PARADE WILL FOLLOW THE AWARD CEREMONY HONORING DOUG AND JOAN IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REMAIN IN THE UPTOWN ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT. IT WILL BE MUCH FUN FOR ALL! *Laissez les bon temps roulez*

Mardi Gras! Galveston

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Inaugural George P. Mitchell Mardi Gras Award Recipients Announced

GALVESTON ISLAND, TX - Mardi Gras! Galveston has announced the creation of the George P. Mitchell Mardi Gras Award. Mitchell, a philanthropist, developer, and founder of Mitchell Historic Properties, was an integral part of the revival of Mardi Gras in Galveston in 1985. In 2011 he was honored with the first parade of Mardi Gras, "A Salute to George P. Mitchell" As part of this honor, the City of Galveston declared Feb. 25, 2011 as George P. Mitchell Day

In honor of Mitchell, Mardi Gras promoter Mike Dean, developed an award that would be presented to an individual(s), corporation, group, foundation or organization that was vital in the revival or has been significantly involved in the preservation of Mardi Gras since the revival. Each year the recipient will be honored with a plaque during a ceremony prior to the beginning of a parade saluting the honoree(s) in front of The Tremont House.

"Mr. Mitchell is an iconic figure in Galveston and for Mardi Gras. It was only fitting to recognize him and those who helped in the revival of such a great festival that brings so much to Galveston Island," said Mike Dean, President of Yaga's Entertainment, Inc.

The 2012 George P. Mitchell Mardi Gras Award recipients are Doug and Joan McLeod of Galveston, Texas. The McLeods have been active as volunteers in Galveston's Mardi Gras since 1984. A lawyer and former state legislator, Doug was a founding member and twice president of the 600 member Knights of Momus (K.O.M.). He has been Mardi Gras king of both the K.O.M. and the Galveston Artillery Club. With the late Don Schattel, Doug composed the original financing plan for the 1986 Galveston's Mardi Gras and then served as city-wide chairman of the coalition which revised the plan in 2004.

Joan, a Ft. Bend County rancher, developer and real estate broker, has been royalty trustee for the K.O.M for 27 years, securing college-age duchesses from prominent families throughout Texas to participate in the annual celebration. All will agree that Joan's task each year is one of the most difficult and challenging jobs a volunteer can accomplish, and she does it incredibly well. She also has been honored as queen of the Galveston Artillery Club's Mardi Gras court.

The McLeods have a son, five daughters and seven grandchildren. All five daughters, Meg, Libbie, Alex, Lindsey, and Joanie were queens of the Knights of Momus coronation.

Doug and Joan McLeod will be presented with the George P. Mitchell Mardi Gras Award at a ceremony held in front of The Tremont House on Friday, Feb. 10, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. The George P. Mitchell Parade Honoring Doug and Joan McLeod, will begin at 7:00 p.m. from The Tremont House and travel through the Historic Strand District. This parade is the first of the Mardi Gras carnival season in Galveston.

Mardi Gras! Galveston festivities will take place Feb. 10-21, 2012. Full parade schedule and entertainment line-up announcements will be made on www.mardigrasgalveston.com.

