



Arlington 4th of July Parade

June 11th, 2003

An informational newsletter for the community

Letter from the President: of the Arlington 4th of July Association

The 38th annual Arlington 4th of July Parade is ready to roll! All thanks to the Arlington 4th of July Association--directors, officers, board members and great volunteers--without whom there would be no Parade.

We have all witnessed our world changing around us, starting with 9/11, to Operation Iraqi Freedom, and the continuing war on terrorism. Our Parade and its theme "Proud to be an American," give the citizens of Arlington and the DFW Metroplex an opportunity to celebrate our country and our community. We will all be seen and heard proclaiming our freedom and liberty, as well as our loyalty to those who serve to protect our way of life.

For a number of years, we have been blessed by having our Parade telecast live by Comcast Cable and its predecessors. This allows many who are not able to get out to the Parade to celebrate our nation's birth with the rest of their community.

The Arlington 4th of July Parade Assoc. would like to request that following this year's parade, all who support our efforts in making this Parade possible, write a letter, call or email Mr. Kurt Wallace, Comcast Cable Communications, Inc., 2421 Matlock Road, Arlington, TX 76015; 817-317-7845; Kurt_Wallace@cable.comcast.com, to express appreciation for their service.

We need to thank all our sponsors listed in this newsletter. We will provide their contact info in the follow-up newsletter as well as in your parade packet. As always, sponsor info is also available on our website, www.arlington4th.com

Thank you and God Bless America,

Robert Miles
President of the Arlington 4th of July Association

The Famous Patriots Marching Band from Minnesota is Coming to Arlington!

The nationally known Patriots Marching Band of Minneapolis, Minnesota will join our Parade lineup this year! Marching in precision-military style, the Patriots wear red, white and blue uniforms and play a medley of patriotic tunes, including such favorites as *This is My Country*, *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, and *The Stars and Stripes Forever*. Led by Drum Major Nick Patrek, Band Commander Rachel Silver, and Auxiliary Commander Katie Muenchow, this amazing group has won numerous major parade competitions in the U.S. and Canada. We think they will be a great addition to our Parade this year, and one you won't want to miss!

Please Do Not Forget... The June 19th General Meeting is MANDATORY for ALL Parade Entries

IMPORTANT—this last meeting is MANDATORY for all Parade Participants. The Entry Marshal for each entry must attend and pick up their Parade Packet containing essential materials and instructions for Parade Day General Meetings are open to the public, and are held at 7:00 p.m. downstairs in the George W.

Hawkes Central Library at 101 East Abram Street, downtown Arlington. See our website for a map: www.arlington4th.com.



Presenting the Winning Design for the 2003 Arlington 4th of July Parade T-Shirt

The artist who created the above artwork is Steve Han, an eighth grader (2002-03 school year) at Barnette Junior High. Each year a design competition is held among Arlington area schools. The winning design is printed on t-shirts to be sold as a fundraiser by Ulster Project Arlington. T-shirts can be ordered at the June 19th General Meeting.

Entry Marshal Duties:

Each entry in the Parade is required to appoint an entry marshal to facilitate the smooth and efficient operation of their entry within the parade lineup area, through the route and back to the parking lot. The Entry Marshal for each entry is required to:

1. Know parade rules for your entry and ensure compliance. (You may download a copy of the rules from our website: www.arlington4th.com.)
2. Be available to parade officials for relaying information to your entry in the assembly area and along the parade route.
3. Make sure that entry number is properly placed on your entry.
4. Keep your entry together and organized in the lineup area
5. Accompany your entry during parade.
6. Control entry speed on parade route to maintain proper interval (40-60 ft.) between entries ahead and behind. *If a gap develops—close it up.*
7. Ensure safety of entry and participants. Be safe!

If you have any questions, contact Kevin Donovan, 817-274-3093 (home), 817-637-7712 (cell), 817-299-8059 (work), kevindonovan@ev1.net (email).

ATTENTION!! Do you need a towing vehicle to pull a float? Contact Charles Litterer of *Antique Tractors* at (817) 478-4170, or chuckjdr@aol.com





Message from the Bus Barn:

There are still a few spaces left.. first come first served.

For those who already have spaces, a couple of reminders:

- Even entries whose floats are being built by Clyde will need to pay the \$25 fee.
- Also, a few participants still need to provide either an agreement or the fee.

BREAKFAST will be available to participants!

The TEXAS CHEFS ASSOCIATION, Ft. Worth Chapter will be back this year to provide breakfast, snacks, and drinks at their tent in the line-up area before the Parade. So don't forget to bring a little money when you line up!

They are one of 14 Chapters in Texas and consist of professional chefs , educators, and members of the culinary industry. This will be a fundraiser to help with established scholarship funds of their Chapter.

Their Breakfast menu will include:

*Breakfast Burritos,
Sausage Biscuits,
Fresh Danish and Kolaches,
Fruit Cups and Fresh Whole Fruit,
Jiuces, Water and Coffee.*

They will also have material available about their organization and some live demos by their chefs. Please stop by their Tent and see what they are all about while you are waiting to start marching down main for the RED,WHITE and BLUE!!!

Thanks so much for your Support,

Linn Ward C.C.
Director, Ft. Worth Chapter- TCA.

Grand Marshals Announced

If you missed the May meeting, then you may have missed finding out who our Grand Marshals for the Parade will be this year. Since our Parade is dedicated to Our Children, Our Future, we will have some students from area high schools who represent the future of Arlington:

- Patrick Davis, Arlington High Schools*
Tam Ho, Bowie High School
Lauren Gaines, Lamar High School
Michael Sherwin, Martin High School
Tenetia Carpenter, Sam Houston HS
Tiera Thompson, Seguine High School

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