



The Touchdown Club of New Orleans, Inc.

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January 22, 2016

UPDATE

Dear Members:

First, I wish all of you a happy and healthy New Year.

2016 has started on a positive note; Coach Payton is back and is obviously committed to improving the team and has also re-committed to our City. Our commitment to the Saints should be as strong, if not stronger, than ever. We look forward to a successful 2016.

As many of you know, our Club is growing. We are grateful for the new members.

Donations

In 2015, in addition to our UNO scholarship, we have donated approximately \$40,000. Regular recipients, as most of you know, are the Ray Hester Fund for Leukemia at Ochsner Hospital and Team Gleason. We will have a full report of the donations at our Annual Meeting. Membership, as well as sponsors, are critical to our ability to continue philanthropic endeavors as is participation at our major events.

Dinner Meetings

Most of our dinners were well attended this year with the exception of Café Hope, unfortunately. Café Hope provides young people *hope and tools for better lives*. Most of these young people are at risk. Café Hope trains them to work in the hospitality industry. The entity needs the money. Many of the people who provide services to Café Hope volunteer there. In addition to Café Hope providing a much needed service in this community, their food is very good. Moreover, a lot of our members travel from the Westbank to our Metairie and New Orleans dinners, and we always attempt to plan one or two dinner meetings on the Westbank. I hope that all of you make an effort to attend these dinner meetings, too.

If any of you have suggestions for venues for our dinner meetings, please contact Lynn Lewis at 504-666-8116.



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Awards Banquet

The 2016 Awards Banquet is February 27 at Loews Hotel, 10th floor. Mark Romig will be our MC. The tickets are \$125 each, and I again request that you please support this most worthy event. As most of you know, we are the only club in the United States that can present “The Pete Rozelle Award,” which we do annually, to a worthy recipient in professional football. The Annual Awards Banquet is our most prestigious event, but it is costly. You will be receiving a brochure shortly. Dresses, coats and ties only.

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Members’ Meeting, which is free, except for the cash bar, will be held at Chateau Country Club on March 5, at 6:00 p.m. It entails a sit down dinner, and you have your choice of veal or chicken. The food is generally excellent. At that meeting, we elect new Officers and Board Members, and also provide a financial report.

Day At The Races

Our Day at the Races at the historic Fairgrounds is March 12; the tickets are \$30 apiece. This is always a fun event. Please come spend a day with fellow members. The weather is usually enjoyable. There is always a race dedicated to The Touchdown Club of New Orleans. The food is always good – great corned beef and cabbage – and this is a fun way to enjoy a day during a slow time of the year (for sports, that is).

Crawfish Boil

Our Annual Crawfish Boil is coming this Spring after the draft. The date is not yet selected. This is where the rookies are brought in and introduced to us and to crawfish. There will be a silent auction. Please give some thought to what you can donate for the silent auction, and it does not have to be something that is Saints-related. We appreciate all donations.

Last, please remember that your dues are due by April 1, 2016.

Thank you.

Best to all of you.

Sincerely,

Theresa A. Lowe, President
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