

2021 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

the

Friends of Grand Isle

Supporting the jewel of the Louisiana Gulf coast since 2005



Thank You!

Happy 2023 to all of our current and future members. I hope everyone has been enjoying the beautiful weather on Grand Isle! On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank you all for your membership and for your continued support of our organization.

The last several years have certainly been a struggle for everyone, including non-profit organizations. From a global pandemic to a horrific hurricane in 2021, the many opportunities to raise money have declined. But, the need for financial support of our community goes on.

- Robbie Schexnailder
President

Renew Now . . . It's easy online at friendsofgrandisle.com, under Membership Button, with PayPal or credit card, or complete & return the enclosed green card. Thank you!



We Are Grand Isle!

Grand Isle remains a uniquely diverse community of residents, camp owners, and business owners all committed to our piece of paradise. Our commitment to this island remains strong as we continue to identify projects to better the community.

FOGI has been very busy, working quietly behind the scenes to support post Ida recovery. Many families continue to struggle with their re-building efforts. We have continued our fund raising efforts through grants, sale of the Grand Isle Forever flags, Jambalaya Cookoff, Gumbo Cookoff, and personal donations to assist where we can. We wanted to take this opportunity to update our membership on all of our accomplishments thus far. See Page 2.

This year, we are pleased to be able to host our annual meeting, April 22 at the Multiplex. We hope to see everyone soon because together we are stronger.

Save the Dates!

F.O.G.I. DAY

Sat., April 22, 2023

Join our seafood boil, annual meeting, speakers, and auction at the Multiplex.

Migratory Bird Fest

Friday & Saturday

April 14 & 15, 2023
Spectacular songbirds depend on Grand Isle habitat - don't miss this wonder!

Gumbo Cookoff

TBD ?????

Delicious gumbo, good wine & beer, bake sale - a great time for all!

Here's what your annual FOGI membership did in 2022 for our important island programs . . .



these 4 photos were from last year's newsletter



- Donation to TOGI for immediate infrastructure needs...
- Provided funds to First Responders through a grant from Bayou Community Foundation...
- Provided funds to essential town workers through a private donation...
- Supplied 5K in gift cards to the three churches for their congregation for essential needs...
- Assisted with set up items for portable housing, for example, sheets, towels, pots, etc...
- Donated a ¾ ton truck to TOGI gas department to assist with repair of gas meters/lines...
- Partnered with Swollfest to donate money to the school...
- Provided over 100 K for the appliance voucher program for full time home owners needing appliances through grants from several foundations, BCBS, and Entergy...
- Hosted the Jambalaya Cookoff at the Louisiana Billfish Classic at Hurricane Hole...
- Hosted the Gumbo Cookoff at the Multiplex...
- Purchased needed refrigerators, freezers and ice maker for Cajun Commissary in their effort to host volunteer groups through Hands of Hope to rebuild Grand Isle.

Prepared to be there

We are prepared to do our best to assist the Grand Isle Community should another damaging hurricane strike our shore. **Please renew your membership today.** Your tax deductible membership or donation will enable the Board to continue funding our civic projects in Grand Isle and to give assistance when needed. Included in your membership: membership in our facebook group, email & facebook updates on events & news concerning Grand Isle and coastal Louisiana.

Get involved!

We often partner with the Grand Isle Community Development Team, GICDT, to provide services or support for island events. FOGI members who wish to volunteer for projects like the Migratory Birdfest in April or the Ladies Fishing Rodeo in October, for more information, contact Melissa Terrebone at (504) 628- 0865 or Louise Lafont at the Tourism Office (985) 787- 2997.

these 3 blurbs were from last year's newsletter

How good is your gumbo?

Thanks to our members and volunteer teams, the FOGI Gumbo Cookoff continues to grow. It's a great opportunity for some fall fun on the island and raise money to fund our projects. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer or become a sponsor and we welcome members as entrants in the cookoff! Dust off your Paw-paw's pot and practice your roux making skills - you might be this year's winner!

