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Hello SGMP Louisiana members and friends!

First and most importantly, shout out to all the members who have gotten their CGMPs recently! Kudos to you for such a big undertaking during a crazy time. We're proud of you!

Like everyone else, I wish we could be celebrating Mardi Gras. It just isn't in the cards this year. But Yardi Gras sure is! If you aren't familiar, Yardi Gras is a reverse Mardi Gras. Instead of floats rolling down a parade route, homes are decorated in full Mardi Gras style. Cars then drive the route during the parade time. From New Iberia to New Orleans many cities and towns across the state are participating. Mid City in Baton Rouge will be participating, as well.

On to chapter business. Our Board has made the decision to attempt our February education meeting both in-person and virtually. Many members expressed a desire to attend in-person, while others are still most comfortable not venturing too far from their homes. We understand both sides and want to be as accommodating as possible. We are going to give a hybrid event a try for February before we commit any further. If you plan to attend in-person regular registration closed on Thursday for meal planning purposes. Registering after Thursday for the in-person event is still possible, but a late fee will apply.

Lastly, our board meeting is on Thursday, February 11 at 10 a.m. If you'd like to be a guest, please email me in advance. We welcome and encourage your attendance, but for coordination purposes I need to know it in advance.

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