

TWO STEP TATTLER

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Monthly Dances held at UCT Hall • 11175 Florida Blvd • Baton Rouge, Louisiana

November and December 2016

President's Message:

The Board and Officers for 2016-17 have been selected. They are President Ken Bueche, Treasurer Ralph Marino, Acting Secretary Bo Bueche, and Board Members David Stockinger, Mark Edmonson, Lloyd Jolibois and Chuck Bark. Many thanks to these individuals for answering the call to serve the BRCFMA. We could still use some more volunteers to fill vacant offices or serve as board members. Contact me at (225) 301-7021 if you can serve.

The November Dance will be on Friday, November 18, with Chris Miller and Bayou Roots. This is one of our favorite bands and Chris is an outstanding musician. The Christmas Dance this year will be our Bal de Noel and will feature two bands: Les Bons Sons and Choupique. The dance will be on Saturday, December 10, beginning with Les Bons Sons at 5pm and following with Choupique at 7:00pm. We will have jambalaya available for purchase. We will also have cake walks and half and half drawings. Plan to attend and have a good time.

We need people to help us with the Bal de Noel. Let us know if you can bring a cake, serve jambalaya, collect admission, or sell half & half tickets. We hope everyone comes and enjoys themselves and we hope to raise funds to help us continue to provide our dances. Contact Bo at jmbueche@yahoo.com if you can help.

Another reminder that it is time for everyone to renew their membership. Your local board has decided to change the pricing of our monthly dances beginning with the January dance. The new pricing is as follows: Members- \$10.00, Non-Members - \$12.00, Students (with ID) \$7.00.

Ken Bueche
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LES DANSEURS de la CAPITALE de BATON ROUGE

Our dancers are great supporters of Cajun Music and Cajun Dance. They share their love of our Cajun culture in so many ways. You will find them teaching lessons at our dances as well as at festivals and gatherings across the state. They serve as great ambassadors for Cajun Music and Dance. A heartfelt thank you to these men and women. We appreciate you!

Roland's Rocking Cajun Show 100.7 FM
Sat 6-8 AM (Cajun)
Sun 7-11 (Cajun/Swamp Pop)
Roland @ 225-499-1007

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WHYR FM-96.9
Plays Cajun Music from 5 to 7 PM on
Sundays / Low wattage but worth your
support

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President Ken Bueche • Vice President • Treasurer Ralph Marino • Acting Secretary Joy Bueche, • Board Members Chuck Bark, Mark Edmonson, Lloyd Jolibois, and David Stockinger • Web Master Chuck Bark
Note: Nominations Remain Open for Vice President, Secretary, and Board Members / Please consider volunteering to serve

Heritage Nostalgia: Gumbo Clair

In Algiers it was called Depression Gumbo during a time when people had to *make do* if they didn't have all the ingredients, or were too pressed for time to make a roux or brown the chicken. Flour could be scarce, especially if weevils got into the sack. *En'Ville*, garlic or belle peppers were not always available, and neighbors borrowing from neighbors was quite common after the Depression, and that was usually how an onion or two got into somebody's pot. As the name suggests, Clear Gumbo can resemble soup until a Cajun puts smoked sausage or sliced andouille in it; but our gumbo was always made with a rooster or hen (browned beforehand) which gave the gumbo a light-brown or rusty color--if *some tomatoes* were added. You need lots of chicken (on the bone) to make a flavorful gumbo and adding gizzards always helps. Gumbo Clair is never opaque, and at times some ingredients may be left out, but it will still be tasty if there's enough chicken in the pot. You know you got it right if it gels in the refrigerator. I remember that in the mid 1950's, Cajun Dance Halls also served small bowls or cups of Gumbo Clair just before closing time near the end of a Fais-dodo, and it always seemed to help you get home.

Maurice

Bal de Noel

\$10 Admission * Saturday, December 10, 2016 * UCT Hall * Opens at 4:00pm

Featuring **Les Bon Sons** (5:00 – 6:30) and **Choupique** (7:00 – 9:30)

Offering Jambalaya for purchase

Half & Half Drawings * Cake Walks

Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks are for sale in the bar!

As always, you may bring hard liquor in, but no ice chests are allowed.

Monthly Dances – Mark Your Calendars!

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Combined General Meeting and Board Meeting
6:30pm - 2nd Wednesday of each month
Cutrone's Barber Shop * 711 Jefferson Hwy * Baton Rouge

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