

TWO STEP TATTLER

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

July and August 2017

President's Message:

It's time to dance. Our chapter will have dances on July 22nd and August 5th at the UCT Hall on Florida Boulevard. We have two great bands with Lee Benoit in July followed by La Recolte in August. The July dance will be a Cajun Luau so wear those flowered shirts or skirts. Please plan to attend and tell your friends and co-workers.

All members should plan to attend the LeCajun Festival. The Thursday night program will be at La Poussiere in Breaux Bridge and the Friday and Saturday events will be at the Civic Center in Rayne. We need for several of our members to step up and help us staff the food booth at LeCajun on Friday night. Please let me know if you can help by contacting me at one of the dances or emailing me. Hope to see all of you there.

Ken Bueche

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Dances for 2017	Meetings
Saturday, July 22: Lee Benoit and the Bayou Stompers	Wednesday, July 12
Saturday, August 5: La Recolte	Wednesday, August 9
Friday, September 15: Paul Daigle and Cajun Gold	Wednesday, September 13
Saturday, October 28: Band To Be Determined	Wednesday, October 11
Friday, November 17: Chris Miller and Bayou Roots	Wednesday, November 8
Saturday, December 9: Band To Be Determined	Wednesday, December 6

LES DANSEURS de la CAPITALE de BATON ROUGE

Our dancers continue their tradition of honoring and supporting our Veterans as they are partnering with the Friendship Force of Baton Rouge for an event at the Louisiana War Veterans Home in Jackson, LA on Saturday July 8th. Our dancers will bring a taste of Cajun music and dance to these fine veterans while the Friendship Force group provides gifts and treats. It is an awesome partnership and we thank both groups.

Our dancers are a group of eight very active couples dedicated to promoting Cajun music and dance. They always support the CFMA by attending dances and festivals, providing dance lessons, and helping out at our dances. If you have an interest in being a part of this group, please see Lynda or Dave Stockinger at one of our dances. They often teach lessons before the dances, help out at the door, and work throughout the dance.

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: *Serre ca*, put it away.

The 1930's were hard, especially in Vacherie where no one had money. Seeking a better life, families moved to Algiers. We saved everything from paper bags to string, and left over food went right into the *garmanger* (food safe) or atop the ice in the *glaciere*. It was a make-do and fix-it-yourself time in our lives. We were not ashamed to wear hand me down clothes (*linge a second main*). We had to outgrow our shoes to get new ones, or have the *cardonnier* replace the soles (*les semelles*) and stretch the shoes to extend shoe life for \$3.00 a pair. Cars were scarce; we walked unless you had a *baicique* or a nickel for the Bus. Cajuns found Algiers an affordable and convenient place to rent (*loyer*) and work (*l'ouvrage*) on the River Dry Docks (*les cale-seche*) or in the huge S.P. Railroad repair shops. There were several *Mam et Pap* Grocery Stores where we would buy dried food by the "scoop" like rice, beans, flour etc: or small amounts of lard or butter by the "pat" (*spatula*) from bins or tin containers. Chickens were *encager* outside the Stores; we picked the healthy ones, had them weighed and feet bound before taking them home...alive. On certain days, sides of meat (*viande de boeuf*) was available to be cut into small amounts, bought only for the day - `cause no body had refrigeration. Coal Oil (*huile a lampe*) was also outside in a tank; we filled containers with a hand-crank that also measured volume dispensed for 5 or 6 cents a gallon. Grocers kept a ledger of purchases (*livre des achats*); we paid Cousin Arman when he cashed Dad's check, and gave us *Lagniappe* (candy) in appreciation.

Maurice

Reality Check

Your Baton Rouge CFMA officers and board members would be remiss in their responsibility if we did not inform you of the rapid decline of our financial stability. We have experienced a loss of \$4,126.45 so far this fiscal year (running from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018). We have not taken in enough money at any of our dances to pay the expenses associated with that dance. If this trend continues, the Baton Rouge CFMA will cease to exist. It is under these circumstances that the board plans to discuss options going forward at the August board meeting (see footnote for time and place). One line of thought is to reduce our dances to four a year and another is to continue with the monthly dances until the money is exhausted. We seek your input. You can speak to any board member at the July 22nd dance or the August 5th dance. You can also email your comments to Ken Bueche (kbuech2@lsu.edu). The hard truth is that a few people have been working very hard to try to continue to provide Cajun music and dance in Baton Rouge. We certainly appreciate their effort and dedication and hope that our Baton Rouge Cajun French Music Association will have brighter days ahead.

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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