

## July/August 2017 Newsletter

### De Fa Tras Chapter of the Cajun French Music Association

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#### From the President

Howdy Cajuns and Cajuns by choice, I just returned from the national CFMA meeting this last weekend, very productive meeting, like most of you I never realized all that CFMA is doing to preserve Cajun music and culture. A lot of activity going on putting on the Cajun Music awards, named Le Cajun, takes place in August in Rayne, and speaking of Rain (Rayne ) \*joke, be sure to take an umbrella if you go to Louisiana , It rained so hard coming back that you could not see 100 ft in front and after seems like forever driving slow, the traffic stopped around the Texas line, An hour of 1st gear stop and go, then I got up to see what was the delay, a 7 ft alligator was in the right lane, Looks like he got run over and was there with his jaws open, everybody was stopping looking and taking pictures, That is pretty bad when it rains so much it drives the alligators out of the swamp.

Our heart and prayers go out to our Treasurer, Ruth Daigrepoint, her husband Elton had surgery and he is recovering and in the middle of all that, Ruth's mother passed, thanks to her daughter Kayla, I am currently writing checks and keeping the club going, I am without my valued Vice President Wally Perez, he is suffering from back problems, Sorry folks, I would get sick but I can't afford to. On a happier note, I am pleased to announce that an agreement has been reached with Hermann Sons and we have the hall paid for thru May 2018, Hope to see all of you at our upcoming dances. Our attendance has been kind of skinny, hope to see you all soon

Clifton Bowren

#### Upcoming Bands, Events and Announcements.

Our band for June 10th will be Charles Thibodeaux and the. Austin Cajun Aces  
July the 8th will be Fous Soiree, which is all the members of Mike Perons  
Chansons Et Soularads, Mike is in Europe until fall so his band members formed  
this group to play while he is gone,  
August 12th, Robin Howell, Ca Va Bien

All of the dances are held at Herman Sons Hall, 525 South St. Mary's, on the second Saturday 8 to 11 PM, Parking is free, tell the attendant that you are going to the Cajun Dance and you will not be charged.

At the meeting Sunday Jerry Bellot, Golden Triangle chapter, announced he is cancelling the June 25th festival. Several of us went last year, but he says it lost money. Our Anhalt date is set for April 14th, 2018,

Cajun Night is Every Tuesday night the White Horse in Austin, dance lessons at 7 and dance at 8, and it is all free, I go often it is Lotsa fun

The next Houston Heritage dance is on June 24th featuring Bayou Sounds from Port Arthur. And BTW, June starts our membership drive, any new or renewing members will be for the 2017-2018

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