

TWO STEP TATTLER

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July and August, 2014

President's Message:

We are seeking nominations for officers and board members for the Baton Rouge Chapter of the CFMA. Nominations will be accepted at our July 8th and August 12th board meetings. Our officers and board members commit to the CFMA goal of promoting and preserving our Cajun Culture. They are elected for a one year term and serve from October – September each year. The officers and board members meet monthly at the Bluebonnet Branch of the EBPR Library and are called on to occasionally help at our monthly dances. If you are interested in the preservation of our culture and you have a little spare time, please volunteer. Contact me by email (kbuech2@lsu.edu) or talk to me at our next dance.

Our board meetings are open to all and your ideas and opinions are welcome. Our next meetings begin at 6:30 on July 8th and August 12th the Bluebonnet Library.

At the June meeting, the board decided that we would honor our veterans by celebrating with a patriotic dance on Saturday, July 19th. Show your support by wearing red, white, and blue as you enjoy the music of Junior Hebert and the Maurice Playboys! The board also decided that we should enjoy a Luau in August. You might want to bring your favorite Hawaiian snack to the August 2nd dance to munch on as you dance to the sounds of Coobie Joe!

Mark your calendars for the following dances:

- Saturday, July 19th – JUNIOR HEBERT & the MAURICE PLAYBOYS
- Saturday, August 2nd – COOBIE JOE
- Friday, September 12th – T'MONDE
- Friday, October 24th – PAUL DAIGLE & CAJUN GOLD
- Saturday, November 22nd – FESTIVAL (Bands to be announced)
- Saturday, December 13th - CHRIS MILLER and BAYOU ROOTS

Merci,

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CAJUN HERITAGE: CAJUN CUISINE DURING THE ECONOMIC DEPRESSION

The Depression began in the late 1920's and lasted at least 10 years in Louisiana. No one had any money; children wore hand-me-downs (les seconde main) went barefoot (nu pieds) well into winter – some even to school (sans souliers). Cajuns that lived near water bodies or swampland fared better than most; they fished and ate all kinds of wild game out of necessity; game laws also seemed lax during those times. Young wild herons were plentiful and easy to take from a rookery (place a niche); and a wild Grosbec never needed to be fed as did chickens. Without money to buy shot shells, Cajuns resorted to mud balls dried in the sun and thrown to knock down fledglings. They also imitated the whistle and quock of an adult bird to lure (decoy) young flyers – methods that may have been learned from Indians? Cajuns habitually continued eating Grosbecs at home and at hunting camps long after the economy improved-until in the late 1950's and throughout the 60's, when Federal Game Agents reminded hunters that an International Treaty Protecting Waterfowl also included Grosbecs.

DANSEURS de la CAPITALE de BATON ROUGE

Our dancers plan to participate in the Greenwell Springs Library Multicultural Festival on July 19th and dance for and with USA Veterans at the LA. War Vets Home in Jackson, LA on July 26th. Our dancers participate in events such as these year round, thus promoting our Cajun culture to people of all ages and walks of life! In addition, members of the dance troupe plan to teach dance lessons at our monthly dances (July 19th and August 2nd), attend our board meetings (July 8th and August 12th), enjoy supporting other CFMA dances (Le Cajun Fundraiser at La Poussier on July 12th, Lake Charles CFMA Fundraiser on July 18th and 19th, Le Cajun Festivities on August 14th, 15th, and 16th), and squeeze in some dance practices (July 15th, August 5th, and August 2th). We appreciate their dedication, admire their talents, and wish them well as they continue to promote our Cajun Culture.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Belated greetings to May and June birthdays. We apologize for omitting our birthdays last time.

May: Clarence Moritz on the 15th • Stanley Dixon on the 17th • Muriel Achee on the 21st

June: Faye Taylor on the 2nd • Jim McDaniel on the 8th • Jeanette Marino on the 26th

July: Liz Humphries on the 26th • Billie Petit on the 31st

August: Lou Ellen Fogarty on the 19th • Elva Daigle- on the 25th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Again, please accept our apologies for omitting the anniversaries in our last newsletter.

May: Stanley & Gwen Dixon on the 31st
June: Nolan and Amelia Babin on the 5th

July: Maurice & Flo Lasserre on the 6th • John & Charlotte Pellerin on the 14th • J. C. & Billie Petit on the 24th • Merle & Vera Achee on the 30th

August: Vic & Pearl Bellelo on the 1st • Joe & Margaret Mallet on the 4th • Bill & Arlene Roy on the 9th • Ken & Bo Bueche on the 14th • Harold & Elva Daigle on the 24th

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