

TWO STEP TATTLER

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

March and April 2019



President's Message: I am pleased to report that the January Dance was a success. We had over 150 people present at the dance with a large number of first timers taking lessons. I am writing this in advance of our Mardi Gras Dance in anticipation of another great turnout. Our March 23rd dance will feature Lee Benoit and the April 6th dance will see the return of the Bayou Stompers to Baton Rouge. These should be great dances and I hope to see you there! Also, please note that there will not be a Baton Rouge CFMA dance in the month of May. We were unable to find a suitable date so the decision was not to have a dance.

You will soon be receiving raffle tickets from the National Board. I encourage you to try to sell your allotment of raffle tickets. You can bring your ticket stubs and money to the dance and we will hand carry them back to National or you can return them by mail per the instructions you receive with the tickets. If you are unable to sell the tickets please return them by mail or bring them to the dance. The Accordion Raffle is the major fund raiser for the CFMA National and your help is greatly appreciated.

At the combined Board and membership meeting held in February it was decided to temporarily discontinue running an advertisement for our dances in the Baton Rouge Advocate. This decision was based on the cost of the ad and the idea that most people find out about our dances through Social Media, word-of-mouth, or in free local publications. The Board will review the impact of this decision in the coming months to determine whether or not this will be a permanent decision. If you don't see the advertisement in the RED section of the Advocate, please remember that it does not mean we are not having a dance. Please check our website: www.batonrougecajundance.com or our Facebook page for any updates or changes.

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Mark Your Calendars:

Saturday, Mar 23: Lee Benoit	Saturday, July 17: Huval Fuselier	Friday, Oct 18: Paul Daigle
Saturday, Apr. 6: Cajun Stompers (No Dance scheduled for May)	Saturday, Aug 10: TBA	Friday, Nov 15: Chris Miller
Saturday, June 22: Choupique	Friday, Sept 20: Coobie Joe	Saturday, Dec 14: Choupique

Heritage: Rodney Joseph Thibodeaux

May 4, 1946 – December 16, 2018

Rodney came from Church Point to Baton Rouge as a professional carpenter and musician. He was one of the carpenters that renovated the entrance facade, and added an access ramp to the porch of the Hall of Fame Building in Eunice. Rodney's wife Diana best describes him as one who loved Cajun music, old Chevy cars and, especially "people". Rodney was a car restoration expert, and Chevys that were too deteriorated to restore were salvaged for rare engine and body parts. He accumulated an impressive inventory that attracted Car Buffs from all over the USA and foreign entities. Those who came for parts always returned as visitors for another taste of Cajun culture and music – Rodney saw to that! Eventually, he assembled his band Tous Les Soirs – and a group of followers that taught Cajun dancing at his performances; some even traveled out of town to finish a class that had been started at one of Rodney's dances. Rodney performed on a regular basis at festivals and for special events, not only in Louisiana, but also in Florida, Texas and Minnesota. Invitations came because of his "easy to dance music" and his friendly interactions with the audiences; he liked to talk and joke with the dancers, and they loved him for that. Regretfully, Rodney recorded only 4-CD's, but he always found time to play an accordion or guitar tract for recordings by other musicians. We will remember Rodney as one of the pioneers who introduced Cajun Music to Baton Rouge. He died December 16, 2018 from an incurable illness.

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Baton Rouge CFMA Memberships

Membership Chairperson Brenda Miranda, along with assistant Sandy Lejuene and the BRCFMA officers and board members, are proud to report that our chapter currently has 88 members. Of that number, 59 memberships represent a dedicated group of long term supporters who have consistently supported the BRCFMA by renewing their annual memberships. The other 29 memberships are either first time members or members who we are happy to have back. Many thanks to all 88 for joining the BRCFMA. We hope you will dance with us often and help us to continue to offer Cajun Music and Dance in Baton Rouge. Welcome to our new members for fiscal year 2019/20. They are Jason Alleman, Kay Aucoin, Allison Bennett, Donna Braud, Harold Clausen, Kent Clement, Betty Cortez, John & Jackie DeVore, Tina Dunnington, Tracy Eaglin, Doug & Sherry Epperson, Olin Hall, Oren & Sally Hawxhurst, Wendy Hazey, Joel & Janice Hebert, Jane LaCour, Beverly LeBlanc, Zhijun & Ying Liu, Betty McDaniel, Rosemary Monaco, Kayla Oliphant, Sandy Patrick, David & Mechlle Rathbun, Steven Snider, Michael & Melissa Thornton, Sherry Tucker, Linda Turner, Kent & Mary Villnuve, and Allison Waguespack.

LES DANSEURS de la CAPITALE de BATON ROUGE

Our dance troupe has a very busy schedule for March and April. Events are planned for Tuesday, March 12th at Williamsburg Retirement Village in Baton Rouge; Monday, March 18th at St. Anthony's home in Baton Rouge; and Thursday, April 25th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Friendship Force event). These events include an informative presentation featuring Cajun culture along with waltz and two-step dance lessons. In addition to these events, the dancers support BRCFMA by attending our dances, meetings, and jam sessions. They continue to offer free dance lessons before our dances at the UCT Hall. Karen Denby and Steve Lero will provide dance instruction at our dance on Saturday, March 25th; Dave and Lynda Stockinger will offer the lessons at our dance on Saturday, April 6th.

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