

# TWO STEP TATTLER

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

## November and December 2019



### President's Message:

Our new fiscal year began in October and our first order of business was the election of officers and board members for 2019-2020. New officers are Jillian Reed, Vice President and National Board representative; Sandy Lejeune, Treasurer. New board members are Steve Lero, John Krupsky, Brenda Miranda and Amy Lambert. I would like to thank outgoing Vice President Will Laborde and outgoing board member Gerri Cornett. Remaining is President Ken Bueche; Secretary Joy Bueche, and board members Mark Edmonson, Brian Miranda, David Stockinger and Ralph Marino.

The end of the fiscal year saw us losing a little less than \$1,000. While this is a great improvement over the last year, it still does not bode well for our future. There is still an urgent need for increased membership and better attendance at our dances. You can help by inviting friends, relatives and co-workers to attend the dances. If you are at the dance, please encourage non-members to join.

Our stated mission is to help preserve Cajun culture. We are doing this through our dances, our dance troupe's outreach and our Cajun music jam. Did you know that the Foreign Language Department at LSU has a curriculum for students to learn and speak Louisiana Cajun French? Students participating in the program are required to meet personally with native Louisiana Cajun French speakers. All conversations during these visits must be in French, questions, answers, stories, etc. with no exceptions. From time to time our chapter members Nathan and Annette Woods have invited a student to their home to complete this part of their study. The visits always do well and we appreciate Nathan and Annette helping to keep our language alive. Bienfait and merci to both of you.

### Ken Bueche

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**Dances:** Friday, November 15: **Chris Miller** (*Celebrating Cajun Traditions*)  
Saturday, December 14: **Chouipque** (*Christmas Dance*)

**JAMS:** Join us from 3:00pm to 5:00pm on the **third Sunday** of each month at the West Baton Rouge Parish Museum.

## Heritage: *D'etre tombe` dans l'histoire* – to be fallen into history.

An abandoned Cabin - fallen down picket fence.

Live Oak, its branches bowed – rusted plow with handles broken.

Life gone by, a time before we were born. . .

It saddens, but if you listen you can almost hear Children playing, and *l'oduer de Super dans la Cuisin*.

But bricks and mortar have crumbled, and smoke no longer curls from the Chimney.

Abandoned and forgotten, old, old Cabin. . .

## Memberships

Without YOU we can't be US! We need your membership and attendance so we can continue to preserve our Cajun culture, and our Cajun dance events! October starts our new fiscal year and that means it's time to renew your membership! If you haven't done so already, you can mail your check (made out to CFMA) to Cajun French Music Association of BR, P.O. Box 64566, Baton Rouge, LA 70896, or bring it to our next dance! Just \$20 per household! If you have not previously provided your email address, including this will allow you to get updates and reminders so you don't miss out on any of the Cajun fun we offer! We hope to see you at our next dance! And don't forget to spread the fun – bring a friend!

## LES DANSEURS de la CAPITALE de BATON ROUGE

Our CFMA Dance Troupe, Les Danseurs de la Capitale de Baton Rouge, is an extension of our CFMA chapter. These dedicated volunteers strive to promote and preserve the Cajun culture by connecting with various organizations and festivals including LSU, the West Baton Rouge Museum, the Friendship Force, the Baton Rouge Chapter of Friendship Force, and numerous nursing home/assisted living facilities. The goal of the Dance Troupe is to provide a Cajun experience through our Cajun music, choreographed dance routines, and sometimes even some Cajun jokes! At these events we hope to get participants up and dancing and/or create an interest in checking out our monthly dances. Upcoming events, thus far, include a Friendship Force event in November and a Port Vincent community event in December. Our Dance Troupe also provides the free dance lessons given before each dance.

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Board Members Mark Edmonson, John Krupsky, Amy Lambert, Steve Lero, Ralph Marino, Brenda Miranda, Brian Miranda, David Stockinger • Web Master John Krupsky  
JAM sessions 3:00pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at WBRP Museum \* 845 North Jefferson Ave \* Port Allen, LA 70767  
Combined General Meeting and Board Meeting 6:30pm - 2nd Wednesday of each month at Cutrone's Barber Shop \* 711 Jefferson Hwy \* Baton Rouge, LA