

TWO STEP TATTLER

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

September and October 2019



President's Message:

Another fiscal year will close for the Baton Rouge CFMA at the end of September. By the time you receive this newsletter the election of new officers may be over. Elections are held every year at the September combined Board and Membership Meeting. If you have not offered your services you may still do so. We have room to add additional Board members and some officer positions will probably remain open. We need volunteers to work the door at the dances. In the last several years most of the work has been handled by just a few members. We need to add new energy and ideas. If we don't get new leaders and workers soon, this chapter will not last.

The new year also means that it's time to renew your membership. We need at least 110 member families to sustain our organization. Last year we reached 100 members for the first time in several years. You can send a \$20 check to: Baton Rouge CFMA, PO Box 64566, Baton Rouge, LA. 70896 or you can pay at the September dance. Please let us know if you have a change in your address or email.

We will need to get the results of our September Dance before I can give you a final financial report for the year. But I can say at this time that we had a better year this year than the year before. However, we are still losing money for the year. We are not in danger of running out of money in the immediate future, but we must find a fiscal model that will sustain the chapter. Please make it a point to pay your membership fee and come to as many of our dances as possible. Maybe you could bring a friend or two to the dances with you.

Ken Bueche

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BRCFMA Dance Schedule

Friday, Sept 20 . . Coobie Joe

(Cajun Tailgate / Wear your colors!)

Friday, Oct 18 . . Paul Daigle

(Halloween / Costumes optional)

Friday, Nov 15 . . Chris Miller

Saturday, Dec 14 . . Choupique

BRCFMA JAM Sessions

West Baton Rouge Parish Museum

3:00 to 5:00pm

3rd Sunday of each month

Heritage: CAJUNISMS

Passer par la porte - Its best to leave by the door, instead of being thrown out the window. **Tirer pas la fenetre** - You can speak or argue with passion, but always be willing to compromise.

When cutting burned sugar cane by hand – **couper a' la main** – everyone comes out BLACK, no matter what your color when you entered the field in the morning. Cajun's and Creoles were known to work together - **travailler tous ensemble** – on large projects such as rounding up cattle scattered in the marshes, or salvaging acres of "downed-cane" with knives, or enlarging a natural ditch – **trainasse** – using plows, axes, and shovels, etc . . .

A dog at the brink of death – **a' la mort** – will always find strength to wag its tail at the sight of its master – **fretiller la queue**. Trust is forever.

LES DANSEURS de la CAPITALE de BATON ROUGE

This is indeed a busy group and they offer their talents and time to promote our Cajun culture. They are committed to offering free dance lessons before our chapter dances and do an outstanding job each and every month. They are often the face of BRCFAM in the Baton Rouge community as they partner with various groups to offer Cajun music and dance programs. These next few months will find them working with the International Hospitality Foundation to welcome LSU's foreign students to our community, dancing with participants at LSU's Rural Life Museum's Harvest Festival, and presenting at West Baton Rouge Parish Museum's Sugar Festival.

Memberships

Your membership money helps support our local chapter as well as the national CFMA organization. Half of your \$20 membership fee stays with our Baton Rouge chapter to help support our monthly dances and goes toward expenses such as hall rental, band fees, and insurance while the other half goes to the national CFMA organization to support their programs. Look for Sandy Lejuene or Brenda Miranda in the foyer of the dance hall to renew your membership! Thank you for supporting BRCFMA.

President Ken Bueche • Vice President Will Laborde • Treasurer Brenda Miranda • Acting Secretary Joy Bueche • National Representative Jillian Reed
Board Members Chuck Bark, Gerri Comett, Mark Edmonson, Ralph Marino, Brian Miranda, and David Stockinger • Web Master Chuck Bark and John Krupsky
JAM sessions 3:00pm - 3rd 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