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# *the* **TASCA Tally**

## ★ ★ ★ GRAND OPENING ★ ★ ★



August 26 was proclaimed "TASCA Day in Tyler" by Mayor Barbara Bass! Approximately 300 people attended the Grand Opening event held at the Center. Exhibitions featuring Bridge, 42, Mah Jongg and various other games were on-going throughout the afternoon so that everyone could see firsthand some of the activities offered by TASCA. Students from Kay Spradlins' Line Dance Class danced and encouraged others to join in. Michael Martin conducted his regular Friday night class during the event, to demonstrate an actual class in session. Music for the event was provided by DJ Dwain Spradlin. Scrumptious refreshments were sponsored by Atria Copeland. Hospice of East Texas sent a cake to celebrate the occasion. Committee Chairperson, Brenda Davis, said the event demonstrated that TASCA has something for everyone and is a tremendous asset in the East Texas community.

Mistress of Ceremonies, Doris Sharp, recognized Charter Members, Past Presidents, Past Board Members, TASCA Auxiliary, and Current Board Members. Mayor Barbara Bass, Sheriff JB Smith, Tom Mullins (President of Tyler Area chamber of Commerce and the Tyler Economic Development Council), Dr. Rod Mabry from UT Tyler and Whitehouse Mayor Danny Hogden shared the stage and provided awesome comments about TASCA and what it means to East Texas.

A dance was held during the evening with music by DJ's Dwain and Kay. Vince and Carolyn Richbourg and Freddie and Laura Geese were the gracious sponsors of the dance.

TASCA was organized in 1991 to give all adults a way to meet friends and participate in affordable entertainment/recreation activities. Executive Director, Billie Gordon, says there are currently almost 500 members and that number is growing daily. Approximately 30 events and activities are offered every month and include Spanish classes, exercise classes, oil painting, crafts, Bridge, "42", Joker, Mexican Train, Mah Jongg and Hand and Foot. Dance classes covering line dance, round dance, ballroom dance and country/western dance are also available. Special events include a Potluck Dinner on the first Monday of every month, a Singles Dance on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, a Bluegrass Jamboree on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, a Country/Western Dance on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday (with Hoss Huggins and the Ponderosa Band) and frequent Ballroom Dances (featuring a variety of bands).

The TASCA Activity Center is proud to have 2 buildings for member use. The Grand Opening was held to celebrate both TASCA's move to a new location last year and the completion of the new building on the 10+ acre property. With a total of 12,000 square feet at the Center, the new building boasts a 4,600+ square foot ballroom, while the other building has many rooms to accommodate smaller gatherings. Both buildings will be available to the public for rentals when not in use for TASCA activities. Rental rates will include a 10% discount for non-profit organizations.

## HOLIDAY DANCES

Save the dates! TASCA will have a Christmas dance with a variety of music by DJs Kay and Dwain Spradlin on Saturday, December 3. On Saturday, December 17, we'll have our Hoss Huggins 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night country western dance. Cost is \$5 for TASCA members and \$7.50 for non-members for both of these dances.

On New Year's Eve we'll have games and a variety of dance music by the TASCA DJ in the Activity Building. The Sans Souci Ballroom Dance Club will have a ballroom dance in the Ballroom on New Year's Eve. Prices for the NYE dances have not been determined, but will depend on the favors & type of refreshments served.

## THANK YOU!

The TASCA Bridge Group wants to thank everyone for their support of the "Tamale Project". Close to \$700 was raised for TASCA!!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NYE PLANNING COMMITTEES

The idea of having a New Year's Eve Party with 'something for everyone' is being discussed. There could be casual dancing, ballroom dancing, games and activities, and we could use both buildings. If you would like to have a NYE party in the Activity Building with games and a variety of casual dance music by the TASCA DJ, then we need you on the committee to help plan the event. We will only have the event if some members are interested in helping with the planning and carrying out of the event. The Sans Souci Dance Club members will plan the ballroom dance in the ballroom.



## FALL INTO FALL WITH OKTOBERFEST

Fall is here! TASCA will celebrate with an Oktoberfest on October 21. For \$10 per person you can have sausage, sauerkraut, and potato salad (or a salad dinner if you don't eat sausage) and dance to a variety of music provided by DJs Kay and Dwain Spradlin, including polka, waltz, swing, foxtrot, and Latin. As a special treat, the sponsors of this event, the TASCA Triple Steppers line dance group, will have a line dance polka exhibition. This is a fund-raiser for TASCA, so plan on coming at 6:00 for dinner, 6:45 for line dance exhibition, and 7:00 to 9:00 for dancing. Reservations are required, so send or bring your check in to TASCA.

## FALL FAIR TO RAISE MONEY FOR TASCA

Don't wait till spring to do your cleaning . . . do fall cleaning! Do you have some books that you would like to donate . . . some Christmas decorations . . . some ladies' accessories like jewelry, scarves, purses. . . some household items like lamps, linens, dishes. . please call TASCA or Doris Sharp at 903-825-7360 and we will be happy to pick them up. Or, you can bring them to TASCA. Our Fall Fair will be held on October 20 and 21.



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## SANS SOUCI BALLROOM DANCE CLUB

It's not too late to make your reservations for the kick-off dance for the Sans Souci Ballroom Dance Club. On Friday, September 23, we'll have hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 during a "meet and greet" time and then dance to Robert and Carolyn Cerbo at the keyboard from 7:00 to 9:30 PM. Send your check for \$14.50 person to TASCA. If you are bringing a guest, the dance fee is \$18.50 person. Thanks to Doris Valentin for sponsoring the refreshments for this dance. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

## YOGA CLASSES TO RESUME

Yoga classes will resume on Monday, Sept 12 and every Monday, thereafter, from 9 to 10 AM. TASCA member, Mary Popelar will be the instructor and classes will be free for TASCA members.

## SPANISH CLASS FIESTA ON TAP

The Beginning and Intermediate Spanish classes will have a Fiesta on September 22. Certificates will be handed out at that time for those completing the Beginning course. Class members will bring a dish for the luncheon. Starting on September 1, we will resume our regular class schedules with Intermediate class meeting from 12:15 to 1:15 and Beginning class meeting from 1:30 to 2:30; however, both classes will meet together for the party on September 22 at 12:15. No classes will meet on September 15 so the class members who are line dancers can attend their annual line dance event (LUD—Line Up and Dance) in Mineola. All class members are welcome to attend both classes at any time.



## TASCA TO BUILD VETERANS WALL OF HONOR

TASCA volunteer Marshall Sharp, retired from the U S Navy, wants to have a group of volunteers build a Veterans Wall of Honor in front of the new building. It will be a retaining wall in front of the parking area to serve as an embankment for the large mound of dirt between the roadway and the parking area. You can help make this project a reality by honoring a veteran with a donation of \$35 or more for each veteran you wish to honor. You may pick up a form at the TASCA office or fill out the one below and return it to TASCA. The veteran's information will be prominently displayed in a location near the wall for future generations to come and honor those who gave us our freedom. The construction will begin as soon as the necessary funds are raised. We will also gladly accept donations for the wall even if you don't have a veteran to honor.



### TASCA's VETERANS WALL OF HONOR

Order Form  
*(Please print)*



Name of Veteran Honored \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Service and War fought in, if any \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose my check in the amount of \$35 (minimum donation per Veteran—larger gifts welcome)

For each Veteran honored \_\_\_\_\_

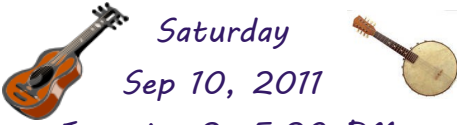
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Construction by TASCA volunteers will begin as soon as funds are raised.

# Bluegrass Jamboree



*Saturday  
Sep 10, 2011  
Jamming 3-5:30 PM  
Show 6-10 PM*

- ◆ *Country Grass*
- ◆ *Emily Williams*
- ◆ *Gray Brothers*
- ◆ *Lykins Family*

*Members—\$4  
Guests—\$5*



**NOTICE**  
ALL TASCA MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE TASCA BOARD MEETING. MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 4:30 PM IN THE TASCA ACTIVITY CENTER.

## ZUMBA GOLD-TONING

Zumba Gold-Toning will be offered at TASCA beginning on Sept 21. It is being held at 6 PM to accommodate those who want to participate, but are still working. A 45 minute class, instructor TrishAnn Latham (certified in every level of Zumba) will lead the basics of Zumba Gold Toning as well as bringing in some new exercises using chairs. Classes will cost \$6 for TASCA members and \$7 for non-TASCA members. Register with the TASCA office to ensure your spot!

## PROUD MOMENTS FOR TASCA



Local Tyler resident, Ms. Eileen Luke is teaching TASCA member, Barbara Robertson the art of making pine leaf baskets. An old skill, Barbara will bring this back to reality by teaching a class on how to make pine needle baskets. Classes are scheduled to start in October. Joan Hallmark, KLTV 7 Feature Reporter, interviewed and did a story on Ms. Luke and this almost forgotten skill. The story will air on Sunday, Sept 25 on the 10 PM news, on Tuesday, Sept 27 "Good Morning East Texas" 5-7 AM, and on Thursday, Sept 29 on "Midday Thursday" at 11:30 AM. It can also be found on the internet at [www.kltv.com](http://www.kltv.com).

## JITTERBUG DANCE LESSONS

You still have time to register for the Ballroom Dance Lessons scheduled to start next Tuesday at 6:30 PM. Taught by Dwain and Kay Spradlin, the classes will continue for the four Tuesdays in September and will cost \$24 for TASCA members and \$28 for non-members. Classes will be held in the new building, as there will be Round Dance classes going on the Activity Center.

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**NO**  **Potluck  
Dinner**

**on September 5**

*3rd Saturday Dance  
Sept 17, 2011 @ 7:00 PM*

*Hoss Huggins*

*& the Ponderosa Band*

**TASCA Activity Center  
New Building**

**Singles' Dance**  
Friday  
Sep 9, 2011

**6:30 - 7:00 PM Line Dance Lessons Free**



Instructor:  
Michael Martin



**7:00 - 10:00 PM**

**Dance**

**\$6**



Music By:  
TASCA DJ



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