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the TASCA Tally



MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues renew each year on January 1. While most TASCA activities are open to the general public, members receive a discounted fee on events with a charge. Additionally, members receive a monthly newsletter and prior notification of any special events or activities.

Many TASCA activities are available to TASCA members at no charge. Guests can attend TASCA no-charge activities for one month for free. After that they have the option to become a TASCA member or pay \$1 for each day of attendance at TASCA functions.

The Board voted to increase the dues for 2012 from \$30 to \$36 - a small increase of 50 cents per month. The TASCA organization receives no city, state or national funding. All activities are funded solely through dues, fund raising efforts, community donations and income generated through rentals. Dues for current members are \$36 per year per person, regardless of when they are paid. Dues are prorated for new members, based on the month they join TASCA. New members are not accepted at a prorated amount during the month of December. Those joining in December must pay \$36—this will cover the remainder of the calendar year and the new year as well. You may pay your dues at the TASCA office during office hours or you can send them in to TASCA, PO Box 131540, Tyler, TX 75713.

Dues are due!

IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUING

Expect to see continuous changes to the TASCA Activity Center in the coming months. Improvements began in November including:

- ◇ Building of a retaining wall on the south side of both buildings
- ◇ Installation of a sprinkler system on the southern border
- ◇ Installation of erosion netting
- ◇ Installation of sidewalks on the west and north sides of the new building
- ◇ Burying of drain lines
- ◇ Construction of flumes to promote water flow off

Growing pains abound when new construction is undertaken and when enhancements are incorporated into existing environments. Thank you to everyone for working through the small inconveniences experienced in our endeavors to make the TASCA organization a place we all can enjoy and be proud of.

At this time of year, we all need to express our thanks to everyone who is contributing their time, efforts and money to make TASCA a better place! There are so many of you who are volunteering your time to plan events, decorate the building, take up money, host daily activities, provide door prizes and refreshments, teach classes, make improvements to our building and property. Enough THANKS cannot be conveyed. Just know that the angels are smiling on you and you will receive your just reward one day!



BIG BAND MUSIC COMING

The East Texas Jazz Orchestra will begin playing in the large ballroom for your listening and dancing pleasure the first Saturday night of January, February, and March. The music begins at 7 PM. Concessions will be available for purchase. Dress is casual, so start the New Year with a relaxing evening at TASCA. This 18-piece orchestra will delight you as you reminisce with songs from the Big Band era. The cost is \$10 for TASCA members and \$12.50 for guests. No reservations are needed.



TASCA TO BUILD VETERANS WALL OF HONOR

Donations are coming in to support construction of the TASCA Veteran's Wall. Several local community groups have also expressed interest in the development of this extremely worthwhile project. Information on each veteran will be prominently displayed at TASCA for future generations to come and honor those who gave us our freedom. Construction will start the first week of December. We will also gladly accept donations for the wall even if you do not have a veteran to honor. It's not too late to be included. Pick up a form at the TASCA office today and be part of this awesome effort!

CHRISTMAS DANCES PLANNED

Come celebrate Christmas with all your dancing buddies on two different occasions in December. The first dance will be a variety dance with DJ's Kay and Dwain Spradlin. They will play country western and ballroom. Line dancers can line up and dance to many of the songs. We will designate an area for line dancing so it won't interfere with couple dancing. That dance will be in the large ballroom and begins at 7:00 p.m. The cost for TASCA members is \$6, and \$7.50 for guests.

The second Christmas dance is the third Saturday night Hoss Huggins country western dance. Hoss plays a variety of country music with a two-step beat, a latin-step beat, and just about any beat you like to dance to. The dance begins at 7:00 in the large ballroom and costs are \$5 for TASCA and \$7.50 for guests.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

- ⇒ No **Spanish** classes in December
- ⇒ No **Tuesday night Ballroom** classes in December
- ⇒ No **Monday night Double Two Step** on Dec 12
- ⇒ No **Round Dance class** on Dec 6
- ⇒ **Joker** added on Fridays
- ⇒ **Intermediate Pine Needle Basket Class** added for December
- ⇒ **Beginner Pine Needle Basket Class** added for December
- ⇒ TASCA **closed** on Dec 23 and Dec 30
- ⇒ **C/W 2 Step** to be taught in January
- ⇒ **Beginning Line Dance** coming in January

AARP DRIVER TRAINING TAUGHT



TASCA Member, John Sims provided an opportunity for folks to get discounts on their auto insurance by teaching the AARP Driver Safety Training here at TASCA in November. TASCA is indeed fortunate to have members, such as John, who donate their time and talents to help so many!

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT TASCA

TASCA will host two New Year's Eve parties this year. There will be something for everyone.

If you like ballroom dancing, the TASCA Sans Souci Ballroom Dance Club will have a dance from 8:00 to 12:30 a.m. in the large ballroom. The music is by the Steven Smitha 4-piece combo. The evening will begin with heavy hors d'oeuvres at 7:30. The sponsors of the food for the event are Doris Valentin and Michael Brown of Heart-to-Heart Hospice. A light champagne breakfast will be served at 12:00 midnight. Reservations are required and tickets can be purchased from the TASCA office. The cost for TASCA members is \$29 per person and \$35 for guests. Only 100 tickets will be sold, so buy yours early. The dress is casual elegance, so gentlemen wear your coats, and ties too if you'd like, but leave your hats and blue jeans at home. Ladies dress casually elegant as always.

If you like games and a casual laid-back evening, then the Activity Building is the place for you. For \$10 per TASCA member and \$12 per guest, you can play games of your choice, enjoy hors d'oeuvres sponsored by Allegiance Home Health Services and IntegraCare, and dance to a variety of DJ music in the small ballroom. The doors open at 6:00 and "Let the games begin!" Dress is casual so come comfortable and ready to have a great time with all of your game-playing buddies. Only 100 tickets will be sold for the casual event.

LINE DANCE CLASS FOR BEGINNERS

Starting on Thursday, January 5, Kay Spradlin will be offering a 6 week course for those who are "real" beginners. Basic steps will be covered and dances to popular country and western songs will be taught. This will be a great time to try line dancing, as it will cover essential functions for the activity. Classes will cost \$4 for TASCA members and \$5 for non-TASCA members. Class will be from 9 AM to 10 AM every Thursday. Those who wish may stay over for the more advanced class from 10 AM to 11: 30 AM.

TAMALE CLASS TAUGHT



TASCA members took advantage of Milton Tompkins' "How To Make Tamales" Class at TASCA this past month. As well as learning the art of making the perfect "masa", each participant got to take home a dozen tamales made in class. Milton is such an asset to TASCA. He is forever helping people and bringing new ideas and activities to the Center. Thank you Milton for all you do for TASCA and our members!

TASCA 2-Day Trip

**PARAGON CASINO RESORT
In Marksville, LA**

February 13-14, 2012

\$90/person (single or double)

⇒ **Lodging**

⇒ **Transportation**

⇒ **\$20 in Cash Perks**

⇒ **\$10 in Food Comp**

Sign up and pay in TASCA office

Your \$90 is your reservation

First Come—First Served Basis

Bluegrass Jamboree

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

Members—\$4
Guests—\$5

ART SHOW AND SALE

The art show and sale continues in the small ballroom. If you have a piece of art that you painted or something that you've tired of but want it to find a good home, bring it to TASCA for our ongoing art show and sale. Call TASCA if you need help in getting the pieces of art to the Activity Center.

THANKS TO TASCA MEMBERS FOR PARKING LOT SAFETY POLES

Thanks to Richard Loughlin for purchasing a number of used telephone poles to place around the parking lot for safety purposes. Also a big thanks go to Tully Borders for using his truck to pick up the poles and deliver them to TASCA. John Toups and Marshall Sharp helped unload and arrange the poles. These are temporary "fixes" until TASCA can complete the new parking lot.

FALL FAIR RAISES MUCH NEEDED FUNDS

Thanks to everyone who donated items for the Fall Fair sale in the TASCA lobby. And a great big thanks also to all of you who shopped and purchased items. To date, we have made approximately \$1,800 from the sale.

The Christmas sale in the Board Room will continue through the end of the holiday season. Merchandise left from the lobby sale has been moved to the Board Room. Come shop for great bargains.

Have any items you'd like to donate to the sale? Just bring them on in.

You're Invited

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Tyler, TX 75703
Phone: (903) 561-4307
www.azaleatrailsassistedliving.com



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DISEASE SCREENING
& DETECTION
SPEAKER: DR. PETER PITONAK
THU, DEC 1
6:00 PM
ADDITIONAL INFO:
(903) 561-4307
(Refreshments served)

FEATURED GUEST SPEAKER:

Dr. Pitonak works closely with the cardiologists of Tyler Cardiovascular Consultants, PA, who are affiliated with the Louis and Peaches Owen Heart Hospital and are dedicated to providing excellence in cardiovascular care.

PETER
PITONAK, MD
INVASIVE
NONINTERVENTIONAL
CARDIOLOGIST



EXPERIENCE & EDUCATION

- ◆ Board Certified in Internal Medicine, American Board of Internal Medicine
- ◆ Fellowship in Cardiology, Mobile, AL
- ◆ Residency & Internship in Internal Medicine: Mobile, AL
- ◆ Residency in Internal Medicine: Slovakia
- ◆ Residency in ICU/Anesthesiology, Slovakia
- ◆ Medical Degree: Slovakia

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SeniorCare (Cost) is now available in east Texas. For over 19 years, SeniorCare¹ has served central and west Texas, and now we're serving your area with Trinity Mother Frances and Palestine Regional. With SeniorCare, you get affordable premiums with co-payments as low as \$0,² preventive services at no charge and no lifetime maximum. Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage³ is available, as well as hearing and dental. And you get personalized service, with local offices and a 24-hour Nurse Advice Line.

Call us in Tyler at 1-800-782-5068 for your FREE quote and to sign up for a FREE information session and HMO sales presentation.
Or call TTY 1-800-735-2989 for hearing-impaired assistance.
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¹Medicare-approved HMO.

²Members must continue to pay Part B premiums.

³SeniorCare Rx (Cost) is separate coverage available at an additional cost.

The benefit information provided herein is a brief summary, not a comprehensive description of benefits. For more information contact the plan. Benefits, formulary, pharmacy network, premium and/or co-payments/co-insurance may change on January 1, 2012.

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TYLER AREA SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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Tyler, TX 75713

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



www.tasca.org

**Potluck Dinner
& General Business Meeting**

Monday, Dec 5, 6:00 PM

TASCA Activity Center

10495 CR 2167



Bring a dish to share!

Christmas Carols

With

Gwen & Barbara



3rd Saturday Dance

Dec 17, 2011

7:00 PM

Hoss Huggins & the

Ponderosa Band

(Refreshments sponsored by Rosewood Estates)

Newsletter Editor: Billie Gordon

TASCA OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM—11:00 AM

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