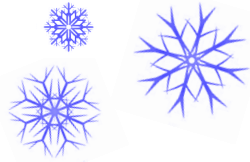


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TASCA Tally



GROUP CHALLENGE WINNERS

The first Group Fundraising Challenge kicked off this past February. In order to keep membership dues as low as possible, it is necessary to have numerous fundraising activities throughout the year to meet operational overhead. The Group Challenge provided an opportunity for everyone who participated in TASCA activities and events to work together to raise some of the funds required to meet budgeted expenses. Groups were extremely innovative in coming up with great ideas on how to raise money. While some groups collected money and turned in each time they met, other groups had garage sales, silent auctions, Mexican Fiestas and OktoberFests. Still other groups decided to just contribute individually. Whatever the method used; the overall result was an astounding success! The initial goal was to raise \$8,001. The final amount raised was \$8,006. Congratulations to the Yoga Class, Hand & Foot Group, Line Dance Class, Spanish Class and Mah Jongg Group for exceeding the goals originally set for them. Thanks to everyone who participated for the effort and help put into this project.

CLASS	GOAL	GIVEN	%
Yoga	\$172	\$211	123%
42 - Mon	\$860	\$320	37%
Bridge - Tue	\$768	\$318	41%
Bridge - Wed	\$576	\$318	55%
Joker	\$240	\$0	0%
Hand & Foot	\$240	\$370	154%
C/W Dance	\$576	\$53	9%
Round Dance	\$480	\$100	21%
42 - Wed	\$576	\$300	52%
Exercise	\$960	\$526	55%
Mex Train	\$720	\$620	86%
Line Dance	\$705	\$2,004	284%
Spanish Class	\$376	\$1,902	506%
Mah Jongg	\$752	\$963	128%
TOTAL	\$8,001	\$8,005	100%

We ended up declaring two winners. A win goes to the Spanish Class for raising the largest percent of their goal – they reached 505.9%! Wow!! The 2nd win goes to the Thursday Line Dance for raising the most money – they raised \$2,004, while reaching 284.3% of their goal. As promised, these two groups will be treated to a party. The party will be held at 11:30 on January 19, 2012. Deanna Jordan from IntegraCare and Deanna Perry from Compassionate Hospice Care have graciously offered to sponsor a pizza party for the deserving winners!

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Term limits for TASCA Board Members cover a three year period. Directors rolling off the TASCA Board at the end of 2011 include Chris Antal, George Barron, Ron Byrd, Shari Friday and Vince Richbourg. These were very special contributors and will be sorely missed. TASCA was very fortunate to get great replacements for the vacant board seats. New directors include Tammy Cowart, Rhonda Scroggins, Danny Shepard, John Touns and Susan Wiggins. Additionally, Chris Fleming has been appointed to fill a vacancy on the board. Officers for the new year will be Richard Loughlin (President), Brenda Davis (Vice-President), Rhonda Scroggins (Treasurer) and Sandy Epperson (Secretary). Chris Antal will provide assistance and guidance to the board in the role of Past President.

TASCA IMPROVEMENTS

Lots of improvement activity went on at TASCA during December. Expenses were kept at a minimum due to the volunteer help offered by TASCA members. Grady Rowland, Marshall Sharp, John Toups and Harry Carlton were instrumental in constructing the retaining wall in front of the new building. UT Tyler student, Brain Zemer, contributed strong muscles as well. After construction, Harry Carlton and Chris Antal worked hard to get all the mud off the concrete and get it looking nice again. Local businessman, John Speck of J&S Sand and Gravel contributed a semi truck full of gravel for the project.

Out of the dark, into the light - - - Raymond Paul volunteered his time and expertise to repair the lighted TASCA sign on CR 2167. Raymond is also working on repairs to the big TASCA sign down on Highway 110 to get it back in working order.

Enhancements are going on inside, as well as outside. Sid Kahn and Melva Horton have installed door handles and drawer pulls on all the cabinets in the old building. What a job! Not only do the cabinets look nicer, they are definitely easier to open!

Tell these people thanks whenever you see them. TASCA could not exist without the continued support of people such as these. Thanks again for all your help and support!

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!

If you have not already paid your dues for 2012 – now is the time to do it! Dues were increased by 50 cents a month this year, making the total \$36 per person. And no, there is no discount for seniors!!! Payment can be made by cash or check in the TASCA office, or mailed to PO Box 131540, Tyler, TX 75713.

TASCA VETERAN'S WALL

It is not too late to still submit a name you wish to have included on the TASCA Veteran's Wall of Honor. Names will be accepted to honor living veterans, as well as in memory of those deceased. Forms may be picked up at the TASCA office and include the veteran's name, branch and dates of service. Please let the TASCA office know if you would like to receive a certificate with your veteran's name on it.

POTLUCK DINNER

CANCELLED FOR JAN & FEB

Attendance has fallen off at the last two Potluck Dinners, therefore we are cancelling Potluck Dinners scheduled for January and February. Hopefully, it will be just for the winter months and we can resume them when it gets warmer. It will all depend on the amount of interest shown. These dinners have generally been very successful events, but it appears interest in the event is waning. Please contact the TASCA office with your thoughts on these dinners. What would you like to see different? How can things be changed for the better? What types of entertainment would you like to see? Would you be willing to get involved and get them going again? We need your input!

GOLD AND GAMES:

AN EVENING OF FUN

Have you been wanting to turn some of your old gold into cash, but were uncertain as to where you should go or who you could trust? TASCA is planning a special night in February (exact date to be provided in the February newsletter), where members can bring their gold and sell it. With gold selling at such an all-time high, this is a great opportunity to make money while working with a reliable gemologist and have a good time with friends. Fun games and tasty snacks will keep you entertained while waiting for your private turn with the gemologist. Similar to a Tupperware Party, the host (TASCA) will receive a 'gift' (10% of the gold purchased) from the gemologist for hosting the party. Indeed, a "win-win" for everyone involved!!

Special Thanks to:

Rosewood Estates
 Allegiance Home Health
 Doris Valentin
 Heart-To-Heart Hospice
 IntegraCare
 The Clairmont

*For sponsoring events & activities
 during December*

ZUMBA CLASSES EXPAND

Named by People Magazine as one of the top trends of 2011 because of its popularity in gyms and amongst celebrities, Zumba is catching on fast in Smith County, and is expanding at TASCA. Zumba Gold Classes are now being held on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 6:45. Zumba classes which include fitness and toning are also held on Saturday mornings from 9 to 10:30 AM. "Super Saturday" is 90 minutes of fun and fitness for the whole family! (any age, any fitness level) You will experience Zumba Gold, Zumba and Zumba Toning all in one class! Bring 1, 2, or 3 pound weights, water, towel and a floor mat for stretching. Local fitness instructor, Trish Ann Latham, leads both classes and encourages people to come out and get moving. Her "move to breathe" slogan alerts us all to the benefits that exercise of any kind add to our life. Classes cost \$4 for TASCA members and \$5 for guests.

OVERNIGHT TRIP

Don't forget to sign up for the 2 day trip to the Paragon Casino Resort, scheduled for February 13-14, 2012. Sign up and pay in the TASCA office. The trip is \$90 per person (single or double), which includes lodging, transportation, \$20 in cash perks and \$10 in food comps. The Paragon is a lavish resort in Marksville, LA where luxury and excitement coexist. It offers dining, shops, spa, cinema, and golf, as well as outstanding entertainment and casino venues. Your payment is your reservation, and reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Don't hesitate. Reservations are limited.

BEGINNERS LINE DANCE

Starting on 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. Classes will cost \$4 for TASCA members and \$5 for guests. Class will be from 9 AM to 10 AM every Thursday.

TOM PUCKETT PASSES AWAY

Long time TASCA member and very special friend, Tom Puckett, passed away on December 6. He was loved by many and will be missed by all. Besides being a great dancer, Tom was well known for his love of books. He contributed many, many, many to the TASCA Library over the years. Early in 2011, an anonymous donor contributed \$10,000 to name the library the Tom Puckett Library. What better memorial to Tom than that?

DANCE CLASSES OFFERED

As well as Exercise, Zumba, Round Dance and Line Dance classes, Ballroom and Country/Western Dance Classes are being offered. In January, certified dance instructors Dwain and Kay Spradlin will teach the Country Western 2-Step on Tuesday evenings. John Morton will finish the second half of the Ballroom Double Two Step on Monday evenings. In February, Dwain and Kay will teach the Country Western Double 2-Step on Tuesdays and John will teach the Cha Cha on Mondays. If you are interested in having these dance classes continue, please sign up in advance for them. We cannot offer the classes if there is not enough interest. And in all fairness to everyone, it is not right to wait until the day of the class to make up your mind. If you want to attend the class, take the time to make a commitment. Contact the TASCA office to make your reservation. Classes cost TASCA members \$24 per person for 4 sessions and \$28 for guests.

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3rd Saturday Dance
Jan 21, 2012
@ 7:00 PM
Hoss Huggins &
the Ponderosa Band

REMEMBER TO SIGN IN

Please sign in each time you come to the TASCA Activity Center on the sign-in sheets located in the Sign In Book. This allows TASCA to keep track of the games and activities that are popular with members and helps identify those that might need to be cancelled or changed. Check with one of the TASCA staff if you cannot locate the sign-in sheet for the activity you are attending.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

During the winter months, TASCA has an inclement weather policy. When the Smith County or Cherokee County Schools are closed due to weather conditions, the TASCA Activity Center will be closed. Local TV and radio stations will list the latest school closings.

BIG BAND DANCES 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.

SAN SOUCI DANCE CLUB

The first of the Sans Souci Ballroom Dance Club dances will be held Friday, January 27 from 7 to 9:30 PM. The Gary Lee Band will provide music to dance by. If you haven't joined the Dance Club, now is the time to do so. The only requirement is that you be a TASCA member. Contact the TASCA office for further information regarding joining the Club.



Bluegrass Jamboree



Saturday

January 14, 2012

Jamming 3-5:30 PM

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SPECIAL JANUARY EVENTS

***7—Ballroom Dance
(ET Jazz Band)***

***14—Bluegrass Jamboree
(Country Grass,
Lykens Family,
Harmony Ridge)***

***21—C/W Dance
(Hoss Huggins)***

***27—Sans Souci Dance Club
(Gary Lee Band)***

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