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the TASCA Tally



APOLOGIES & CORRECTIONS

My apologies to the Line Dance Group and the Bridge Groups in the Group Challenge. I erroneously left out some of the most important additions in this fundraising effort. The amount of \$829.50 (raised from the OktoberFest) should have been included in the amount for the Line Dance Group, making their total \$2,834 or 402% of their goal! And \$856 (raised from the Milton Tompkin's Tamale Sale) should have been included in the Bridge Groups, making a group total of \$1,492 or 111% of their goal. These corrections result in \$9,691 being raised by the members of TASCA and meeting 121% of the overall goal. This is an absolutely awesome accomplishment! TASCA members are fantastic people and should be so proud of the help and support they give back!!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO TASCA VOLUNTEERS

Several TASCA Volunteers have been acknowledged recently by the "Someone Special Award" coordinated by DOVIA (Directors of Volunteers in Agencies) in Tyler. Receiving this award means each individual is recognized on a special day as "Volunteer of the Day" in the Tyler area during the Mike Edwards' Morning News and throughout the day on both KTBB 600-AM and 92.1-FM. Additionally, KTBB lists the volunteer's name on their website for further recognition on their special day. TASCA volunteers will be awarded trophies prepared by East Texas Trophies of Tyler at a special event. This month Harry Carlton, Rheta York and Doris Sharp were recognized on January 4, 5 and 6 respectively. February brings several more credits with Brenda Davis (Feb 1), Marshall Sharp (Feb 2), Isabel Warren (Feb 3), Sid Kahn (Feb 6), Melva Horton (Feb 7), Inez Williams (Feb 8) and Wilma Loughlin (Feb 9). A special thanks also to Karen Beavers of DOVIA for spearheading this great program and to KTBB and East Texas Trophies for making it all happen. Another example of Tyler groups working together for the greater benefit. What a wonderful place to live!



SUPER BOWL COMES TO TASCA



Here's your chance to cheer on your favorite team with your friends. Super Bowl Sunday at TASCA will be in the small ballroom of the TASCA Activity Center. There is no charge for this event; however, everyone is asked to bring a covered dish or snack to share throughout the evening. The kick-off is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on February 5, so we'll gather at 4:30 p.m. to get our feast laid out for the fans. TASCA has plenty of chairs, but if you want to really be comfortable and laid back, bring a canvas chair or something light and portable. No recliners, please. If you don't want to watch the game but would like to come and play games, the game rooms will be open for any game you like. No reservations necessary, but there will be a sign in sheet in the lobby so we can be sure there is interest in the event.



NEW YEAR'S EVE AT TASCA

Over 100 people welcomed in 2012 at TASCA's New Year's Eve celebrations. Some danced to the great Steven Smitha Combo and some danced to the TASCA DJ. Some played Mexican Train and some played Mah Jongg. But they all ate and ate, thanks to the wonderful sponsors who furnished unlimited food! And a special thanks to those sponsors: Doris Valentin, Michael Brown with Heart-to-Heart Hospice, Allegiance Home Health, and IntegraCare! What a great night for TASCA members and their friends!



AWESOME CONTRIBUTIONS

Many, many good things are happening at TASCA these days. Some from within – some from without! We can now boast a brand new freezer in our new building, thanks to the generosity of TASCA member Chris Brumlow! Chris is also purchasing a wet vac and a microwave for us. TASCA Members Vince and Carolyn Richbourg sponsored the installation of chair rails in both buildings to prevent our walls from being damaged. Richard Davis donated \$100 and challenged the other board members to donate \$100 towards the installation of an erosion blanket to prevent destruction on the north hill in the back parking lot. Board members Brenda Davis, Vince Richbourg, Rhonda Scroggins and Billie Gordon have met his challenge so far. Community partner John Speck from J & S Gravel donated a semi-truck load of gravel to help in the building of the retaining wall in the new parking lot. Grady Rowland donated boo-koodles of hours and equipment in the building of the retaining wall.

TASCA members and community sponsors continue to donate refreshments and supplies to support our ongoing activities. Recent community sponsors have included, Legacy Hospice, Allegiance Home Health, IntegraCare, Compassionate Hospice Care, The Hamptons and Jordan Health Care. TASCA Members Doris Valentin, Marshall & Doris Sharp continue to donate refreshments, drinks and decorations for many functions. TASCA Member Rheta York keeps us 'seasonally' decorated.

There are still lots of things we need at TASCA. Any contribution you can make would be greatly appreciated and help us to make this a facility for use by all groups. We need to "light up" the sign down by the Hwy 110. This will cost about \$2,500. We need to purchase new letters for our billboard, at a cost of \$200. We need to purchase pipe and drape for our auditorium for \$750. A 2nd large coffee pot so that we don't have to carry our one back and forth would be great. A commercial size popcorn maker would be nice. We have lots of landscaping to do around the new building. Not to mention \$92,000 to have the rear parking lot paved! And the list goes on. Contact the TASCA office if you can help out.

Thank you!

TASCA TRIPLE STEPPERS GO ON CRUISE

Twenty friends and family members of TASCA Triple Steppers joined other East Texas line dancers on a 5-day Carnival cruise to Mexico in January. TASCA line dancers who cruised with their friends and family were Mavis Axtell, Janice McMakin, Sandy Epperson, Joann Miller, Eugenia Charles, Doris Sharp, Marcie Touns, Pat Tompkins, and Carolyn Cottrill. Joining them were TASCA president Richard Loughlin and his wife.

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.

SPANISH CLASS & LINE DANCE CLASS CELEBRATE BIG WINS

Who raised the most money for TASCA in 2011? The Triple Steppers Line Dance group! Who raised the most money based upon their percentage of members? The Spanish Class! So, these two groups were honored with a pizza party to show TASCA's appreciation for their hard work. The line dancers performed a little line dance show for the Spanish class, and the Spanish class did a reading in Spanish for the line dancers. Thanks to these two groups for all they do for TASCA, and thanks to Compassionate Hospice Care and IntegraCare for sponsoring the pizza, dessert and drinks.

FREE PAMPER SESSION

Treat yourself this Valentine's Day to a complimentary Mary Kay Pamper Session on February 8 from 11 to 1 at TASCA. Come and relax while Mary Kay reps present an hour skin care class followed by a glamour make-over. You deserve it! This event is free to TASCA members, but reservations must be made. Contact the TASCA office today to ensure your seat.

GOLD & GAMES NIGHT

Save Friday night, February 10, from 5 to 10 PM. for a fun night of games and selling your unwanted gold items for top dollar. Have you ever wondered what your old gold items might be worth? Gold is at a premium price right now. Would you like some extra money? TASCA is having a fund-raiser gold party. At this event, anyone can bring any gold items to sell. The items can be broken chains, pieces of earrings, old rings, even dental gold, and any kind of gold or what you might think is gold. The night of the party, a dealer of precious metals will analyze your gold. She will let you know if your item is gold and what karat of gold. She will remove any stones in your presence and give them to you. If you do not wish to sell for the amount she offers, you are under no obligation to sell. Each transaction is strictly confidential, and no other person will be present at the table while your gold is being analyzed.

Several TASCA members have already been to a party hosted by this dealer, and one member received \$1,900 for a handful of gold chains and odds and ins. Another member received \$1,500 for a handful of old gold items.

At the end of the night, the dealer adds up the total sales for the evening, and she pays TASCA 10% of her profit for providing her a place and a group of people who wish to sell their gold.

If you are interested, please let the TASCA office know. We must have at least 10 people signed up the day before the party for the party to make. If you are not signed up and decide to come, please come anyway because we will be having food, fun, and games. We will be playing a group game called Farkle—maybe you've played it. It's a dice game that you can learn in less than 5 minutes. You do not have to bring gold to sell. If you just want to come for the social and games, please come on.

TASCA WILL PROVIDE A SECURITY GUARD AT THE EVENT. Please come and help us raise some money for TASCA.



AN EVENING WITH THE BIG BAND

The 18-member East Texas Jazz Orchestra played its first gig for TASCA in January. Over 50 Big Band followers came to dance and listen to music from days past. The orchestra will play again the first Saturday in February. Cost for TASCA members is \$12.50, and guest fee is \$15 person. The attire is casual, and there will be a concession of snacks and drinks. So, if you like to ballroom dance or just like to listen to Big Band music, come out to the new ballroom on February 4 at 7 PM.



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SANS SOUCI BALLROOM DANCE CLUB

2011 was a great year for our newly formed TASCA ballroom dance club. With only 4 dances, the club raised \$2,000 for TASCA. Thanks to everyone who loves to ballroom dance for your support.

In February the club will have a Mardi Gras Ball. This will be a fun event with Mardi Gras beads, coins, King's cake, and revelers dressed in gold, purple, and green. Mardi Gras actually ends on February 21, so we will really be having a Post Mardi Gras ball on Feb 24. Reservations are required, and your check is your reservation. There will be a Cajun buffet



including seafood gumbo, shrimp cocktail, beans and rice, and green salad. And, of course, King's cake! The buffet will be served from 6:15 to 7:00, and the Steven Smitha Combo will begin playing for your dancing in the fabulous new ballroom at 7:00. Make your reservations early; don't wait for the reminder flyer, because this event will be full. Only \$19 per TASCA member will get you the whole evening of great food, fun and music. If you're inviting guests, the fee is \$23 per person. Thanks to Jordan Health Service for helping with the sponsorship of this dance.

What to wear . . . men, this is your night for black tie or suit and tie. Ladies, get out that ballgown or your dressy after-five outfit. Whatever you choose to wear, if green, purple, or gold is one of your choices, make it so! If you have some Mardi Gras decorations that you would be willing to let us borrow or if you would be willing to help with decorations or setting up the buffet, please let the TASCA office know.

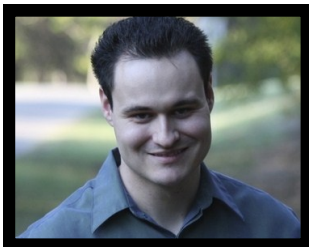


TASCA's 1st NATIONAL CONCERT

On Friday, March 2, at 7 PM, TASCA is proud to hold its first national concert. Renowned Southern Gospel Music and award winning singer, songwriter and producer, Mark Bishop will be here to share an evening of great fellowship with us. Mark toured the country for 17 years with the popular family-group, *The Bishops*, before taking it on his own as a solo performer. Audiences across the country have been blessed by Mark's performances



and have discovered that a concert with Mark is indeed an uplifting event. Opening for Mark will be local star, Miles Pike. Miles performed at TASCA last year, mesmerizing everyone with his singing, talent, and personality. These



2 greats will bring an evening of unforgettable spirit, love and music to TASCA that will stay in our hearts for a very long time. Advance tickets for the evening are \$12, or \$14 at the door. This is expected to be a sold-out performance, so get your tickets early if you want to be included in this fantastic opportunity.

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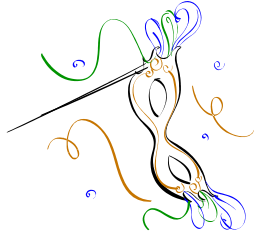
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SPECIAL FEBRUARY EVENTS

*4—Ballroom Dance
(ET Jazz Orchestra)*

5—Super Bowl Party

8—Glamour Makeovers

10—Gold & Games Party

11—Bluegrass Jamboree

*18—C/W Dance
(Hoss Huggins)*

*24—Sans Souci Dance Club
Mardi Gras Ball
(Steven Smitha Combo)*

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