

## TSC News – September, 2012

Hello everyone. Due to the lack of submissions this month it was not worth the cost to print our normal newsletter. It's easy to come up with excuses, but the bottom line is the effort was not made. I'm disappointed. This is not the type of effort TSC is known for. With Cyclone two months away it is time to refocus and push our group to new heights. I hope your club can count on your support.

Speaking of the Cyclone, the 2012 flyer is out. This should be an awesome event. We've got an absolutely awesome lineup of DJ's. This year we're also going to have a Gospel Hour on Sunday morning, and we're even going to allow the shag clubs who bring the most members to help select which DJ's play on Sunday. Cyclone 22 will be nicknamed "The Reunion". We want all our old members, old guests, VIP's and others who have attended our party at any time during the past 21 years (or 25 parties if you count the ACSC Workshops we've hosted) to have an opportunity to get together and share old memories... and make some new ones.

TSC needs YOU to jump in and really help us advertise this Cyclone. Due to a combination of circumstances we are way behind getting our information out. The ONLY way to recover and help make this party even bigger than last year is for everyone to help with publicity. If you have email, send a flyer or an invite to a friend, past member, or past attendee. If you have Facebook, "share" our flyer. If you have a phone, call someone who might like to attend. If you are going to SOS, you can really help out. Our flyers need to be visible in all of the lounges. We need you to hand our flyers (or our promo cards) during Fun Sunday and Fun Monday as well as during the rest of the week. We've also got some hand fans to give out. Simply put, we want to see Cyclone advertisement all over the beach... and we want YOU inviting folks to be part of this historic event. Let's tell folks why this is a four-time CBMA award winning "Event Of The Year". Can you do it??? YES!!!

One other point about Cyclone... we're going to start committee signups at 6pm on meeting night. So come early if you want to. We'll continue signups during the evening. Let's get as much of that out of the way as possible so we can concentrate on the rest of the party. Nancy will also have signup sheets at the beach.

Ok... let's talk about SOS. First comes our Kickoff Party at The Inn on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. We're bringing back one of the most enjoyed events in recent history. We're going to have a Handicapped Mixed Doubles Shag Contest. The event will be for amateurs, novices, and more experienced dancers, too. We want YOU to participate. Partners will be randomly assigned based on a drawing. Your handicap will also be randomly assigned. Handicaps will be fun items you wear, things you have to do, etc. while dancing to make it fair for everyone no matter how well they dance. In fact, the whole object will be to have fun. Don't miss this party!

While at SOS, we'll have two Tea Parties both starting at 5pm. The first will be on the first Saturday of SOS on the back deck at Fat Harolds. The second will be on the last Friday at the Pirate's Cove. Be on time and enjoy some free food, too. On Thursday we will also have a Captain's Choice Golf Outing for men and women, members and guests at Eastport Golf Course. We've been there several times in the past and they always treat us well. Cost to play is only \$30 per person. They are also doing a \$2 can beer special just for us. They will have coolers we can take on our carts. So please plan to buy beverages from them. Everyone needs to be there NO LATER THAN 10:30 so we can assign teams, etc. We will tee off at 11am. Join the fun!

Gabe and the Smokin' Guns Lounge now have some additional owner/partners. This gives us even more opportunities. I understand the menu will be tweaked a little, and the new manager promises to do some new things to make shag nights better. If you like having a place to dance, please show them your support. A few of you have been absent for too long! It appears the lounge may also take a more active approach to collecting cover charges. I applaud the majority of the TSC members for consistently contributing and being generous. Unfortunately a few of our regular guests enjoy making a habit out of avoiding payment. Those of you who always help out won't really be affected. But the "freeloaders" will learn that in life you have to "pay to play".

That's it for now. I hope to see you Tuesday night at the meeting, and then Friday at our Kickoff Party... and hopefully at SOS for the Fall Migration. We're going to have a lot of fun this month!

Mike

## **Fun Monday Raffle Tickets Available**

This is our final request for help. We have only sold part of our 100 tickets this year. (We won money for selling the most of any club in our size category last year.) Please buy a ticket (\$10) or increase your odds and buy a 20% share in ten tickets (\$20) at this month's meeting. Fun Monday Raffle Tickets help ensure the continuation of events at SOS and support "Caring For Kids" charity. Thank you for your help. Remember...

- The FIRST Ticket pulled is the BIG WINNER of \$7,500.
  - The SECOND ticket pulled will be awarded \$2000.
  - The THIRD ticket pulled will be awarded \$1000.
  - The FOURTH ticket pulled will be awarded \$500.
  - The FIFTH ticket pulled will be awarded \$250.

## **Member Notes And Information**

- Peggy Cavin is recovering nicely after her recent surgery.
- Frances Smith is also doing well after having knee surgery.
- Dale Abernathy is doing fine after having bypass surgery.

### **Upcoming Birthdays**

Susan Godfrey	09/02	Lloyd Crowell	09/25	Jackie Smythe	10/24
Mike Rink	09/16	Betsy Beard	09/29	Kathy Kerr	10/25
Vickie Abernathy	09/17	Dennis Pethel	10/03	Kathy Strantz	10/31
Randy Godfrey	09/19	Dustin Turner	10/12		
Kathy Thompson	09/24	Dot Russell	10/24		

## **Club Meeting Night**

Our monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4th at Fat Boys Restaurant (I-77, Exit 36) in Mooresville. Fall Cyclone signups will begin at 6pm. The business meeting begins at 8pm.

Marylee Kreamer won the Treasure Chest of \$104 last month. Don't miss your chance to win this time.

## **I Finally Did It!**

By Frances Smith

Hi everybody. First, let me say a heartfelt "thank you" for all of your thoughts, prayers, cards, calls, etc. following my surgery. It really lifts your spirits to know that your friends are there for you.

After years of putting it off, I finally bit the bullet and decided to do my knee surgery. In preparation for this, I talked to a lot of people who have already been down that road so I would have an idea of what I would be up against. The two things that everybody told me were (1) take the medication and stay on top of the pain, and (2) do the therapy as instructed. Well, I took that advice to heart and now, 2 ½ weeks later, I think it has really paid off! I am out and about, for short periods of time, but that is more than I expected at this point. So, I am very pleased with my progress. Now, somebody please tell me why I waited so long to do this?

It was good to see so many of you this past Friday night at the Inn. We were able to come out and have dinner and visit a bit. Walter even did a couple of turns on the dance floor! While we'll miss being with you guys at SOS in a few weeks, we are looking forward to being back in the swing of things soon.

Thank you all again. Have a great time at SOS, and keep on dancing!

# When Things Go Haywire

By Peggy Cavin

Many times I end up comparing my life's experiences with our Fall Cyclone. But I should know better than to think all things in life run as smoothly as our party. It's all about organization.

I went to the hospital on the morning of August 4th for some scheduled surgery. The surgery went well. It wasn't until I woke up in this tiny "closet" of a room that things went down hill. I've never seen a room so small. There was only room for my hospital bed and a recliner for Mike to sit in. Friday night there was no room between me and him with the chair in the reclining position. The parade of nurses coming in at all hours of the night couldn't get to me.

As they say, "hospitals are not for sick people". The nurses came in at all hours whether I needed something or not. Plus they needed my temperature, blood pressure, etc. The nurses just couldn't come at the same time. One would come in to take vitals then an hour later the another one came to bring water, ice, empty trash, etc. I also had one nurse that was like a "bull in a china shop". If she didn't hit it when she came in, she hit it when she went out. She was forgetful, too. One time, I had to call her attention to the blood pressure cuff she had left on my arm. All in all, they needed a little Cyclone style organization and management.

I was okay up until the nausea hit the second day. I thought I had undone each and every stitch inside me. It wasn't until afterwards that I was told it was normal to get sick. They should tell a person to be prepared for that after surgery. The unknown can be scary.

The doctor had told me that I could stay 2-4 days. I felt that I wasn't 100% ready to go home so I told him one morning I wanted to stay at least one more day. He agreed. Soon after that Mike left to run home to pick up some files so he could work on the TSC newsletter at the hospital. Suddenly a woman marched in to my room, sat down and started telling me I was well enough to go home. I knew how sick had been and was at that moment and our opinions did not jive. She asked me if I could call someone to come get me or call Mike to turn around and come back. Long story short, I stayed another night with millions of interruptions.

By the next day I was ready to leave. The "know it all" woman had told me my release papers had already been signed. The doctor had been coming in each morning by 7 AM. So, we expected he would be there early and we would head out soon afterwards. But at 1 PM I was still waiting on the doctor to come by. The nurses acted like they didn't know anything about my situation, or what to do about it. Here again, it was not a Cyclone.

Mike finally informed one nurse that we were leaving at 2 PM with or without their consent. Within minutes I heard my doctor being paged over the intercom. Soon afterwards a nurse came in, I signed my name in two places, and we were on our way to the house. I can't wait till Cyclone weekend where we know what is going on and everything runs like clockwork!

I want to thank all of you who called, sent cards, emails, or asked about me.. We have some dear friends in the shag world. I'd like to mention my friends, Frances Smith, Dale Abernathy and Glenda Waller who are also in a recovery period. I hope to see us all on the dance floor, soon.