



The Sitzmarke

SPACE CITY SKI CLUB

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MEETING LOCATION: The HESS Club- 5430 Westheimer

Monday, December 17th @ 6:30—9:00 pm

From Mission Control

by Sandra McCunis, President

Space City Ski Club will have a "General Meeting & Holiday Social" on Monday, December 17th. We will be having our meeting on the third Monday instead of the second of the month so that the participants on our Vail trip can attend. Please join us for a festive and fun evening. Our room at the HESS Club will be decorated for the Christmas season and you can listen to holiday music while socializing with your friends.

Jill Banta, dance instructor with SSQQ, will be the featured guest at our meeting. She will demonstrate some popular dances and then give us a lesson on how to dance the Merengue. Grab a partner and join her on the dance floor. It will be fun and a chance to get some exercise too!

We will also be collecting donations for the "Marine Toys for Tots Foundation" at our meeting. A donation of a new, unwrapped toy to distribute as a Christmas gift to the less fortunate children in our community will be greatly appreciated.

SCSC has begun its search for officers for the 2013-2014 season. A Nominating Committee has been approved



by the Executive Committee to select our officers for the upcoming year. The members on the committee are Patti Finch, Chairman, Louella Steller, Craig Campbell, Olga Adair, Ron Hayes, John Flatten and Betty Donellan. A brief description of the basic responsibilities for each officer is posted in the Sitzmarke. You will have an opportunity to be involved in the leadership of your club. Please contact a member of the nominating committee to apply for one of the positions.

This has been a great year for trip sign ups and the number of participants has increased since last season. After the end of our ski season, we can look forward to our cruise from San Juan, Puerto Rico to the beautiful islands in the Southern Caribbean. Please see the trip details posted on our website at www.spacecity.org. We only have a few cabins remaining at the quoted prices. You can contact Craig Campbell, the Trip Coordinator, or sign up online to reserve your cabin and lock in the price. You may cancel before the final payment date of February 1st and receive a full refund of your deposit with the exception of the \$30 SCSC administrative fee. Don't delay, sign up now!

We wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season and look forward to seeing you at our meeting and social event at the HESS Club on December 17th. Please invite a friend to join us!

Countdown to Liftoff

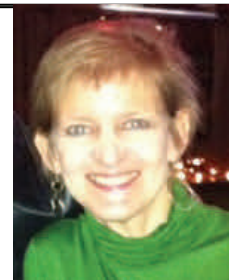
By Ann Rogers, V.P. of Trips

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. Now it is time for ski season! The Vail trip is set and participants will be zooming down the slopes soon. I hope you have signed up for a trip, but if you have not, there are still some spaces available on several trips. Our December general meeting is the 17th; you can meet with trip leaders and sign up for a trip that night. If you have any questions, just let me know or contact a trip leader.

When you pack away your skis, pull out the beach wear. In May, 2013, we have a wonderful trip to the islands in the Southern Caribbean planned. We are sailing on the Carnival Valor, a ship with all the amenities you

expect. The cruise will stop at several islands with beautiful scenery and pristine beaches. There are opportunities for shopping, fun excursions and just having some pool time. You can choose from an interior, ocean view or balcony cabin. Please contact Craig Campbell for more information.

We are working on another summer club trip that I think you will find appealing. The details will be available soon. If there is a destination you would like to see the club travel to in the winter or the summer, please let me know. I need to hear from you on trips you would like to see the club do. This is your club and we want to make sure your ideas are heard and put into action. Best wishes for this holiday season.



Having A Blast!

By Cindy Moore, V.P. of Activities

As 2012 comes to an end I would like to thank the many activity coordinators, happy hour committee members and those who have volunteered their homes and pools to host the spectacular events we have had in 2012. We will be taking a little activity break in January as we concentrate on our volunteering commitment for the Chevron Houston Marathon. Please contact Jan Ferrell, Sandy Wellhausen or Sharon Simandl/Bill Bomberger to put in a half day of work to make the start line a success and help SCSC in our marketing for new, younger members to carry on our beloved club into the future. After January we already have a multitude of activities lined up which I will delve into below.

Again, remember to go straight to www.spacecity.org to "register" for all activities. You then have the option to pay with pay pal on the spot for no extra fee, choose "pay the activity coordinator in person", or send a check. Why not earn those extra miles, points or cash back rewards and pay with a credit card? You don't even have to have a pay pal account to do it! If you want to pay for two people, simply choose the group option. **It is also very important that you sign in as a member before registering/paying as most of this spring's activities I have lined up have steep member discounts and if you don't sign in you will be charged the non-member higher price**

The 6 week salsa class taught by Michael Stephens at The Dance Place has started with an SCSC dance class record of 24 participants and culminates in a Christmas party on the last night of 12-19-12.

December 16th Kay McKeough is the hostess and AC for her renowned Museum of Fine Arts excursion and Christmas Cocktail party. This activity sold out in mid-November but she is taking a wait list for those cancellations that do often occur because of sickness, etc., so be sure to contact or email her to get on the wait list if you didn't act quickly enough!

And now for what is coming down the pipe for spring 2013...

Plan now to attend the best Super Bowl Party in Houston as SSQQ Dance Studio partners with Space City Ski and Adventure Club (SCSC). Super Bowl Sunday is 2-3-13, and you will want to be at the best party in town at SSQQ Dance Studio, 1431 W. 20th St, Houston, TX



77008 (at T.C. Jester). Contact Activity Coordinator Gayle Dale ggdale@swbell.net 281-646-8476 and register on line to reserve your place as there will be a game with some great prizes only for those who register on line prior to this event! Watch for updates coming soon to this activity on www.spacecity.com. Where else can you watch the big game, and the commercials, on a new 16- foot awesome TV, with plenty of comfortable seating, and a super bowl food spread to serve as dinner? Your low price of \$10.00 will cover some great main dishes (we are looking at pulled pork in honor of the "pig skin" as well as at least one other BBQ type meat entrée' and maybe chicken wings as well.) Drink wine, beer or various sodas and water purchased from the very reasonably priced cash bar. Want hard liquor? No problem; you can bring it in and purchase your set ups from the bar! After the game, hang out as a DJ plays requests for multiple partner dances in the big dance room and experience SSQQ's brand new wood dance floor! Dances featured will be West Coast Swing, East Coast Swing, Two-Step, Polka, Waltz, Salsa and Hustle. Please bring a creative, homemade side dish to share and enter into the contest. There will be first and second prizes for the following categories: Best Hot Side Dish or Appetizer; Best Cold Side Dish or Appetizer and Best Dessert. Popular vote will decide the winners. You must still be present to win. Not only will the winner be announced at the end of the third quarter, but they will be publicized in the SCSC Sitzmarke Newsletter as well as on the SSQQ web site. Each category will be judged on appearance (do they resemble footballs, goal posts, helmets or a football field?) and of course, TASTE! So we can plan for enough meat, please go to www.spacecity.org and register for this event under the activities tab. You will have the choice then to pay by credit card or to send a check to the SCSC PO Box addressed to Gayle Dale. Tell all of your friends. This one is the same price for members and non-members.

Hot off the press is our own SCSC Cajan crawfish boil and party, complete with Zydaco music, hosted by Tor Lileng. This is tentatively slated for some time in March. Also an outing to the Hobby Center lead by Leslie Ward for the *Jersey Boys* is slated for a Sunday matinee on March 24th. This 2006 Tony® Award-winning Best Musical is about Rock and Roll Hall of Famers The Four Seasons: Frankie Valli, Bob Gaudio, Tommy DeVito and Nick Massi. This is the story of how four blue-collar kids became one of the greatest successes in pop music history.

Having A Blast! (cont)

They wrote their own songs, invented their own sounds and sold 175 million records worldwide-all before they were 30! *Jersey Boys* was the winner of the 2006 Grammy® Award for Best Musical Show Album and most recently, the 2009 Olivier Award for Best New Musical. We only have 16 tickets so register quickly to reserve your spot.

We will be continuing our SCSC dance class in April with 3 weeks of beginning east coast swing, followed by a 5 week intermediate class, with Michael

Stephens starting the beginning of April, a memorable Memorial Day weekend get-away to Fredricksburg, TX May 25th through 27th, and a My-Tie dinner/ dance party at the Pavillion on Gessner on April 26th with AC Diane Stotz.

In the works is a Pedal Party in April^h. Jo Barrie is the mastermind behind this brand new, never before attempted SCSC event, so if you see her, ask her what the heck a pedal party is. Or just wait until next month when I will write all about it! Watch the web site for details and to register soon!

Calendar of Events

- 12-16-12 **Prado exhibit** at the Houston Museum of Fine Arts followed by fabulous Christmas cocktail party at Kay McKeough's place. FULL; taking wait list. AC Kay McKeough, kaymckeough@gmail.com
- 12-17-12 **December General Meeting**, The HESS Club, 5430 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77036, 6:30 to 8:30, Our very own Mike Mason and Jill Banta of SSQQ Dance Studio do a triple dance demo and teach us Merengue in an adjacent room to our meeting room. This will be a social Christmas party theme with no speaker so come socialize with your friends!
- 12-20-12 **December Happy Hour** one week early The Memorial Wine Cellar, 7951 Katy Freeway, Suite. B, Houston, TX 77024. (Between Chimney Rock and Antoine on the south side of Katy Freeway.) One dollar off of wines and beer until 7:00 p.m. If we have more than 30 attendees from our club he will extend happy hour until 8:00 for us!
- 01-13-13 **Marathon** - SCSC RUNS THE START LINE FOR THE CHEVRON HOUSTON MARATHON. DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! CONTACT JAN FERRELL AT jferrell123@att.net
- 01-21-13 **January General Meeting**, The HESS Club, 5430 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77036, 6:30 to 8:30
- 01-24-13 **January Happy Hour** at Sullivans. 4608 Westheimer Road, Houston, TX 77027, 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.: Drink and bar food specials for \$7.00 until 11:00 p.m.!
- 02-3-13 **Super Bowl Party** in conjunction with SSQQ Dance Studio, Huge 16 ft big screen, comfortable seating, entrée's provided. Bring a side dish to enter into the big contest for prizes. Register and pay on line at www.spacecity.org to be able to play the game for big prizes during the game. Special dance following the game, all for only \$10.00! Buy wine, beer, sodas and water at their very reasonable bar. You can also bring your own hard liquor in. AC Gayle Dale ggdale@swbell.net
- 02-28-13 **February Happy Hour** at Maggiano's. 2019 Post Oak Blvd, Houston, TX 77056. 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. Happy hour specials and live music by Van Lang starting at 7:00 p.m.
- 03-09-13 **Mardi Gras Party** and Craw fish boil with AC Tor Lileng, TLileng@aol.com
- 03-24-13 **Musical** - SCSC goes to the Hobby Center for The *Jersey Boys* the 2006 Tony® Award-winning Best Musical. This is the story of how four blue-collar kids became one of the greatest successes in pop music history. They wrote their own songs, invented their own sounds and sold 175 million records worldwide-all before they were 30! Jersey Boys was the winner of the 2006 Grammy® Award for Best Musical Show Album and most recently the 2009 Olivier Award for Best New Musical. AC Leslie Ward, shmrck1317@aol.com
- 04-26-13 **SCSC Prom Night** dinner/dance at the Pavillion on Gessner
AC Diane Stotz, dianestotz@comcast.net
- 05-25 to 5-27-13, Save Memorial Day weekend for a get-away to Fredericksburg, TX! More info coming this month. Watch the web site for details!

SCSC Ski Trip Schedule 2012—2013

****Trip Price Cash/Check Discounts (Domestic)**—Subtract \$50 on Full Trip Pkgs & \$35 on Land/Short Trip Pkgs

Destination	Trip Dates	FPD	Trip \$	TC	ATC
Vail, CO—Short Trip	Dec 8-12, 2012 (Sat-Weds)	30-Oct-12	Land \$594	Judy Schiro jschiro1@comcast.net 832-689-9365	
Vail, CO—Long Trip	Dec 8-12, 2012 (Sat-Sat)	30-Oct-12	Land \$924	Judy Schiro jschiro1@comcast.net 832-689-9365	
Steamboat Springs, CO TSC Traditional	Jan 12-19, 2013 (Sat– Sat)	12-Nov-12	Full \$1,423 Land \$904	Anne M. Thomas annemthomas1@yahoo.com 713-589-3660	Melinda Hughes
Granda & Torremolinos, Spain TSC Winter Expedition	Jan 25-Feb2, 2013 (Fri-Sat)	12-Nov-12	Full \$2,127 Land \$1,115	George Lopez GJL_ASTI@yahoo.com 856 296 9399	
Zermatt, Switzerland	Feb 1-9, 2013 (Fri-Sat)	12-Nov-12	Full \$2,243 Land \$1,225	Arlen Isham aisham@consolidated.net 713-560-0187	
Telluride, CO TSC Winter Shootout	Feb 9-16, 2013 (Sat-Sat)	12-Nov-12	Full \$1,367 Land \$826	Betty Donellan bettyrelaw@gmail.com 310-775-9215	
Taos, NM Short Trip	Feb 16-20,2013 (Sat-Weds)	12-Nov-12	Full \$1,103 Land \$634	Lynda Meyer lynda_meyer@yahoo.com 713-775-9215	
Taos, NM Long Trip	Feb 16-23,2013 (Sat-Sat)	12-Nov-12	Land \$947	Lynda Meyer lynda_meyer@yahoo.com 713-775-9215	
Mt. Bachelor, OR Long Trip	Feb 23-Mar2, 2013 (Sat-Sat)		Full \$1,297 Land \$726	Ellen Eastham eeastham@prodigy.net 281-989-9935	
Beaver Creek, CO	Mar 5-10, 2013 (Tues—Sun)	12-Jan-13	Full \$1,169	Helene Robinson helenerobinson@mac.com 954-253-1681	
Big Sky, Montana TSC Final Showdown	Mar 9-16,2013 (Sat-Sat)	9-Dec-12	Land \$963	Candance TenBrink Candance@ctenbrink.com 312-543-1151	Abhi Gami
Ireland	Sept 6 -14, 2013 (Thurs-Fri)	13-May-13	Full \$1,983 Land \$1,011	Sandy Wellhausen Sandywp.ski@gmail.com 281-996-8653	Sean O'Brien

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

By Jan Ferrell, VP Membership

Volunteers to help at the membership table are always appreciated. Ask anyone who has helped in the past how great it is to meet and greet our members and guests. Now is your chance to put a name to a face and vice versa.

While the tours are 30 minutes long starting at 6:30pm, most volunteers find themselves staying longer because it is a lot of fun. So-o-o-o, if you are interested please email me at jferrell123@att.net and I will always find a slot for you.

Don't forget—you can change/add/delete any of your membership information at spacecity.org. If you need help with logging in, don't hesitate to email me.

THINK SNOW!!



Wine Tasting Party



SCSC Holiday Gala 11/2/12



November General Mtg & Happy Hour



CHEVRON HOUSTON MARATHON

January 13, 2013

Come join our Space City Ski Club Start Line crew team
and be a part of Houston's largest single day sporting event!!

A unique opportunity to promote our club.

Contact Jan Ferrell jferrell123@att.net



SPACE CITY SKI CLUB NEEDS YOU AS AN OFFICER !!!!!

The Nominating Committee is beginning its search for the brightest and best leaders among the SCSC Membership to guide SCSC through another ski year. As stated by the By-Laws:

"The only persons eligible to hold office shall be those who have been SCSC members in good standing for the twelve (12) months preceding the annual meeting (March 31). Additionally, candidates for President shall have been or are currently an elected officer of the Executive Committee."

This includes **YOU** ! If you have always wondered why SCSC does things the way it does or that maybe, just maybe, YOU could do it better, NOW is your chance to make a significant contribution to YOUR club. The following briefly describes the basic responsibilities of each office:

PRESIDENT: principle executive officer of the club- handles the meeting programs

VP- ACTIVITIES: coordinates all club programs and non-ski activities

VP- Trips: coordinate all ski trips

VP- Membership: performs all membership duties (computer skills recommended)

VP- Marketing: publishes the Sitzmarke, and maintains website (computer skills)

Secretary: records official business of the club

Treasurer: financial and accounting functions of the club (acctg and computer skills recommended)

All officers are allowed volunteers for assistance!

If you are serious about becoming involved in club management and policy making, ask yourself:

- * Am I self motivated?
- * Am I enthusiastic about the club and the office
- * Do I feel I have the ability to motivate and coordinate others toward a common goal?
- * Do I have any experience I can offer the club?
- * Am I willing (and able) for a two-year commitment (1) Officer, (2) Board of Directors?
- * Am I willing (and able) to devote twenty plus hours a month to being an officer?

If you feel you can honestly answer **yes** to these questions, then **you** are officer material. Now is your opportunity to really make a difference for **your** club!

ELECTIVE OFFICER CANDIDATE APPLICATION FORM

Name of Candi-

date: _____

Address : _____

Phone (Office) : _____ (Home): _____

Occupation: _____ Office(s) of interest: _____

Club Participation w/ dates: _____

Date Joined _____ Best Friend in Club _____

Past Officer(s) _____

TC, ATC, or Activity Coordinator

Trips _____

Activities _____

Additional qualifications and experiences (i.e.: managerial, computer skills, community service, volunteer work, etc.):

SPECIAL NOTICE:

Space City Ski Club will hold a vote of the general membership at the General Meeting on Monday, December 17, 2012 to amend Article 2.1 of the ByLaws.

"Qualifications: Membership is open to those persons not less than 18 years of age who are interested in promoting the object of this club".

We will vote to approve changing the age to qualify for membership in SCSC to 21 years.

Space City Ski Club		2011-2012 Executive Committee	Board of Directors	
President	Sandra McCunis	semccunis@aol.com	281-463-7717	
VP of Activities	Cindy Moore	tscvpoffs@gmail.com	713-984-1060	Sandy Wellhausen, Chairman
VP of Trips	Ann Rogers	rogersae@msn.com	281-313-2234	Roger Holzman
VP of Mbrship	Jan Ferrell	jferrell123@att.net	713-663-7699	Leslie Ward
VP of Pub	Leyla Ozkardesh	leylajoz@sbcglobal.net	281-584-9723	Penny Chancey
Treasurer	Chuck Pena	penaca23@gmail.com		Jose Araujo
Secretary	Sarah Granbery	sarahgranbery@sbcglobal.net	713-662-0493	Bill Bomberger
Dir ofTrips	Jim Hodges	jehodges@sbcglobal.net	281-829-6155	Ross Baker
Dir ofTrips	Susan Blome	sgblome@aol.com	713-791-3614	Steve Slade
Dir of Comm	Lynda Meyer	Lynda_meyer@yahoo.com		
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