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MEETING LOCATION: The HESS Club- 5430 Westheimer
Monday, January 21st @ 6:30—9:00 pm

From Mission Control

by Sandra McCunis, President

The December SCSC General Meeting was a festive event with holiday music. Our room at the HESS Club was beautifully decorated with a large Christmas tree, poinsettias and a collection of Santa Clauses and nutcrackers on the tables. Our members and guests enjoyed a fun evening of mingling and learning to dance the Meringue.

We would like to thank everyone who brought a toy or gave a cash donation to purchase Christmas gifts for less fortunate children. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Please join us at our General Meeting on Monday, January 21st. We will be showing the film titled "The Movement: One Man joins an Uprising". It is an award-winning documentary narrated by Robert Redford and ski movie legend Warren Miller about overcoming barriers and unleashing potential. You can read a synopsis and watch the trailer for this film on our website at www.spacecity.org.

It was announced at the December General Meeting that the executive committee had voted to amend the



Bylaws in section 2.3 of Article 2.0: Membership. The proposed change would allow first-time members to be admitted without Executive Committee approval. This will allow us to accept an immediate payment and application online. Please see the Special Notice posted in this publication.

Our season is off to a great start this year. Most of our members have selected their ski trips. If you are among those that have not, you still have an opportunity to sign up. We still have a few openings on some trips. Please check with the Trip Coordinators for availability.

Space City trips will continue past the ski season. We have scheduled a seven day Southern Caribbean cruise departing from San Juan, Puerto Rico in May. You can visit six beautiful islands during the week. Arrive early or extend your stay and visit the historic Old San Juan or tour El Yunque tropical rainforest. Please visit our website for more details on this exciting trip. We have a few cabins remaining at the quoted prices but we can only hold them until February 1st. Sign up now to reserve your cabin!

We hope that you had a Happy New Year and that you are off to a great start in 2013! We will look forward to seeing you at the HESS Club on January 21st.

Countdown to Liftoff

By Ann Rogers, V.P. of Trips

We are off to a good start on the ski season. The participants who went to Vail in December had a great time. The TSC Traditional to Steamboat will be full of fun and celebrations as Steamboat Ski Resort turns 50. If you are still looking for a place to ski, check out the Taos or Beaver Creek trips. Lynda Meyer is running the Taos and Helene Robinson is leading the trip to Beaver Creek. Please come to the next general meeting for the latest updates on the remaining ski trips.

There is still plenty of space available for the Caribbean cruise in May. Hop onboard the Carnival Valor for an adventure in the Southern Caribbean May 5 - 12, 2013. This cruise will depart from San Juan, Puerto Rico on Sunday May 5th. Fly down to San Juan, Puerto Rico a

day early and do some shopping and exploring before setting sail the next day. We will visit several islands on our journey, Barbados, St. Thomas, St. Kitts, St. Lucia and St. Maarten. Craig Campbell is the trip coordinator for the cruise and has all the details.

As you know, your trip leaders have worked hard throughout the last year and this year coordinating the trips. They are volunteers and we appreciate their hard work!! Please let them know how much you enjoy the trip you went on. We will soon be looking for trip leaders for next season. When you are a trip leader, it is a great way to meet the members of the club and get involved. We love our volunteers!



Having A Blast!

By Cindy Moore, V.P. of Activities

I am planning an action packed spring for you all with some new events we have never tried. It is important 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.**

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. The first 50 to register on line and pay will be eligible to play the Football Squares game in which 2 SCSC memberships will be given away as well as 2 \$40.00 gift certificates good towards any dance lesson at SSQQ! 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 your main dish. 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.

Party Cajun style at the SCSC crawfish boil and party,



complete with Zydaco music, hosted by Tor Lileng on March 30th. The venue is poolside at Ron and Dawn Rodriguez's house in Northwest Houston, There will be tons of crawfish for all you crawfish fans and chicken gumbo as well. We will have a DJ for your musical entertainment playing Cajun music and whatever other music you request. . This event includes wine, beer, some snacks for before dinner and dessert. Skate or bike around their subdivision earlier if you'd like. The final refund date is 2/11/13. Contact AC Tor Lileng to sign up., TLileng@aol.com

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. 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. Contact Leslie Ward at shmrck1317@aol.com.

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 April 3rd. These will be Wednesday evenings from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. Contact me at tscvpoffs@gmail.com for more information.

Jo Barry is the mastermind behind our first ever SCSC Pedal Party! We are looking to do this on Saturday April 20th, Is it exercise? Is it a pub crawl? Is it a party? You bet! It's all three! We can only take a total of 16 people, so register soon to secure you spot. Don't miss this incredible experience at SCSC's inaugural Pedal Party. Your AC is Jo Barry, job@sbcglobal.net.

The SCSC Spring Mai Tai Dinner and Dance will be on Friday, April 26, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. with an excellent DJ and the popular local band "The Grateful Geezers" at the Pavillion on Gessner. You will have a choice of two 4 ounce pork chops or a spinach stuffed chicken breast dinner with salad, twice baked potato, green bean casserole, a roll, iced tea and dessert. We will also be bringing in some appetizers. Your price will also include SCSC Mai Tai's to drink while supplies last! They sell ice, bottled water and set ups and it is BYOB! Bring in your favorite wine, hard liquor or beer. We will have a special game for singles called "My Tie". Single men, please bring a tie and as you enter the party, drop it into the tie container by the entrance. After dinner each single gal will pick a tie, and drape it around her neck. The guy will find the gal with his tie and say "That's My Tie!". The pair is then encouraged to talk/dance for approximately 10 minutes. Our room has its own private dance floor, or you can venture out to dance on the huge dance floor in front of the band shared by others. AC Diane Stotz, dianestotz@comcast.net AAC Maria Mendez.

Having A Blast! (cont)

Are you sick of sticking around Houston when everyone else is out of town having a blast? This is your lucky year, as you will want to be with SCSC at our memorable Memorial Day weekend get-away to Fredricksburg, TX May 25th through 27th. This is a weekend full of fun! It includes a crawfish festival, a winery tour, tickets to the World War II Museum, Tickets to the World War II Reenactment, lodging at the beautiful Fredericksburg Inn and Suites for Saturday and Sunday nights, a hot tub party, an excursion to Luckenbach, TX and their huge birthday/Memorial Day party with live entertainment and an optional World War II

Hanger East Coast Swing (Jitterbug) Dance. Many Monday options are available for your car pool. AC Deb Cini, dcini@victoria.com, AAC Patricia Finch

I need someone to AC a golf event for May. Also, I am looking for an AC for the east coast swing lessons and an AC for a new activity for Trampoline Dodgeball at SkyHigh Sports, 10510 Westview Drive, Houston, TX 77043. This last activity will probably family optional. We will also be going to a Dynamo's game early this summer. Contact me at 713-984-1060 or at tscvpoffs@gmail.com ASAP to volunteer to be the activity coordinator for any of the above events, or any other event you would like to lead. Happy New Year!

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
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	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
Caribbean Cruise	May 5-12, 2013 (Sun-Sun)	1-Feb-13	Land (\$668—\$948)	Craig Campbell craigcam48@aol.com 713-882-6544	
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

Calendar of Events — Register online at www.spacecity.org

- 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, entrées 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
- 03-30-13 **Cajun Party and Crawfish Boil** Poolside at Dawn Rodriguez's house in Northwest Houston, A Cajun party complete with Cajun music and dancing. AC .There will be tons of crawfish for all you crawfish fans, and chicken gumbo. We will have a DJ for your musical entertainment playing Cajun music and whatever other music you request. . This event includes wine, beer, some snacks for before dinner and dessert. Skate or bike around their subdivision earlier if you'd like. The final refund date is 2/11/13.
AC Tor Lileng, TLileng@aol.com
- 04-03-13 SCSC East Coast Swing beginner lessons start at the Dance Place for 3 weeks again taught by Michael Stephens by popular demand!. A 5-week intermediate class starts on 4-24-13. I need an AC for these classes. Meanwhile, contact Cindy Moore at tscvpoffs@gmail.com
- 04-20-13 SCSC experiences its first ever Pedal Party! Don't miss this incredible experience at SCSC's inaugural Pedal Party. Is it exercise? Is it a pub crawl? Is it a party? You bet! It's all three! We can only take a total of 16 people, so register soon. Your AC is Jo Barry, job@sbcglobal.net
- 04-26-13 **SCSC Spring Mai Tai dinner/dance** at the Pavillion on Gessner, The SCSC Spring Mai Tai Dinner and Dance will be on Friday, April 26, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. with an excellent DJ the popular local band "The Grateful Geezers". Choice of two 4 ounce pork chops or a spinach stuffed chicken breast dinner with salad, twice baked potato, green bean casserole, a roll, iced tea and dessert. We will also be bringing in some appetizers. Your price will also include SCSC Mai Tai's to drink while supplies last! They sell ice, bottled water and set ups and it is BYOB! Bring in your favorite wine, hard liquor or beer. We will have a special game for singles called "My Tie". Single men, please bring a tie and as you enter the party, drop it into the tie container by the entrance. After dinner each single gal will pick a tie, and drape it around her neck. The guy will find the gal with his tie and say "That's My Tie!" The pair is then encouraged to talk/dance for approximately 10 minutes. Our room has its own private dance floor, or you can venture out to dance on the huge dance floor in front of the band shared by others. No refunds after April 18, 2013. AC Diane Stotz, dianestotz@comcast.net AAC Maria Mendez.
- 05-25 to 5-27-13, **Memorial Day Weekend** get-away to Fredericksburg, TX! This is a weekend full of fun! It includes a crawfish festival, a winery tour, tickets to the World War II Museum, Tickets to the World War II Reenactment, lodging at the beautiful Fredericksburg Inn and Suites for Saturday and Sunday nights, a hot tub party, an excursion to Luckenbach, TX and their huge birthday/Memorial Day party with live entertainment and an optional World War II Hanger East Coast Swing (Jitterbug) Dance. (SCSC will have east coast swing classes starting the beginning of April up to this dance.) AC Deb Cini, dcini@victoria.com , AAC Patricia Finch

Vail Trip, December 12/8/12 -12/12/12 and 12/15/12

Judy Schiro, Trip Coordinator

On December 8, 2012, 47 participants headed toward Vail. There was very little of the mountain open, but that didn't stop us. After we arrived, those of us that needed to rent skis and take lessons arranged for that. We had one never-ever skier on the trip, **Chuck Baxter**, and he proved to be a trooper. He took 3 days of ski lessons and then set off on his own. He says his next goal is to learn cross-country and telemarking. We all met in our condo for a welcome party of pizza, dips, desserts, wine/beer/soft drinks and to receive the lift tickets. It was well received. **Nancy DuFrane** helped me out considerably in getting everything ready. Thank you Nancy! Our shadows, **Maureen Irwin, Jan Ferrell and Dana and Gail Dale**, joined us. **David Gunn** and his bride, **Kathy** were apparently occupied elsewhere. **Craig Campbell**, their condo mate graciously took David's lift tickets to him (Kathy does not ski).



Over the first night, we received a 9" snow fall so the Gondola had a long line when we went out to ski. Seems all the locals wanted to take advantage of that huge snow fall. The rest of the week we skied without any crowd. There was snow off and throughout the week and by the time we left there was about 30% of the mountain open. **Jim Edwards** missed the first couple of days having a bad cold and hardly any voice. We stayed at Montaneros this year due to Lions Square Lodge being renovated. Don't worry folks, next year we will be back at our favorite location. **Melinda Hughes** took a off a day for a spa day and "tweaking" on her ski boots, **Marilyn Swanson** took off a day for that four-letter word - WORK. **Bruce Lowther** had a yard sale on the mountain, including his watch! **Bob Wray** skied with his lovely wife, **Andrea**.



She had such a good time on this trip that she is planning on going skiing more often. **Ron Hayes** took lots of photos - surprise, surprise. Our condo mate, **Don Ledford**, both worked and skied, but not at the same time, throughout the week. **Keith Kirkman** led his bunch of doggers, **Nelson Turner, Barry Casper, Bill Bomberger** all over what on the mountain that was open. **Steve Nickels** joined the group. **Ron/Roberta Rabin, Bob Olsen, Sharon Simandl** were seen skiing together. **Ann Dorn, Deb Cini, Andy Smith, Roger Holzman, Ash Moza, Bernie Clinton, Kate MacDougal, Evan Howell and Steve Ying** joined us at the Apres ski location of El Sabor, the new restaurant/bar in Lions

Square Lodge. They served a wonderful drink - jalapeno margarita - yum! **Janet McKenzie, Donna Hathaway, Steve Samuel, Lisa Milam, Anne Thomas** (donning her reindeer tiara) and **Tom Thomas, Gyn/Michael Knebel and Jim Walker** joined us for our club dinner held at Up the Creek in Vail Village (Barry's favorite). We had to move our dinner time up to allow our Texan fans to eat and return for the football game that night. (Sorry fans) **Tom** and brother, **Kent Huzzey** joined us for Montaneros' welcome party. The short trip left on Wednesday afternoon, 12/12/12 (a number we will not see again) for the bus ride to Denver for their return to Houston. The long trip left early Saturday morning for their bus ride to Denver for their return to Houston. No one got hurt, no one got sick, no one got lost. That makes for a wonderful and easy trip for me. Thank you all for joining the trip. Hope you all return next year.

Vail Trip—December



Special Notice:

Space City Ski Club will hold a vote among its general membership at the General Meeting on February 11, 2013 to approve amending the Bylaws in section 2.3 of **ARTICLE 2.0 MEMBERSHIP**.

Current Bylaw:

2.3 ACCEPTANCE. Applications accompanied by current dues shall be submitted to and verified by the Vice-President Membership and shall be presented to the Executive Committee for acceptance.

Revised Bylaw:

2.3 ACCEPTANCE: In keeping with the club's non-discrimination policy, all applications accompanied with current dues from first-time new members will be approved without a need for Executive Committee approval. All inactive members, regardless of the length of time that they were inactive, will be subject to Executive Committee approval for acceptance to ensure that they were a member in good standing when they previously left the club.

Prado Exhibit & Christmas Party @ Kay McKeough



Dec General Meeting & Dec Happy Hour @ Memorial Wine Cellar



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

By Jan Ferrell, VP Membership

Christmas 2012

Because of you, children at the Women's Crisis Center enjoyed Christmas. They found Hot Wheels, dolls, cuddly bears, games, books, coloring books and colors, soft gloves for the big girls and caps for the big boys under the tree.

Waking up in a strange place is hard enough but to find gifts waiting made it easier. There is an old movie where a little girl writes asking whether or not there really is a Santa. The answer was "Yes, Virginia, there really is a Santa".

That is still true—because of you "there really is a Santa".



7 Day Southern Caribbean Cruise from San Juan, Puerto Rico on the Carnival Valor
4 Star Cruise ship — Exceptional ports of call
St. Thomas, USVI, Barbados, St. Lucia, WI, St Kitts, WI and St. Maarten, NA.
Sunday May 5—Sunday May 12, 2012 (Final payment Feb 1, 2013)

Our cruise will depart from San Juan, Puerto Rico on Sunday evening, May 5, 2013. This is a Land Only package so you will have the flexibility to arrive a day or two early in San Juan or extend your stay after the cruise. Explore Old San Juan with its Spanish tradition, cobblestone streets and colonial architecture or visit New San Juan which is distinctly elegant with lavish resorts, great restaurants and grand casinos. Visitors can also take an excursion of El Yunque, the only tropical rainforest in the U.S. national forest system.

Please see website www.spacecity.org for details

Space City Ski Club

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