

## President's Message

Well, here we go - the end of my three years as your DSC President and the last time I will share my monthly thoughts through the newsletter. It has been an enjoyable term with little down time and much to do. I have enjoyed the challenges, getting to know you and being involved in the many club events and board decisions that keep us at the top both locally and throughout the ACSC. We are the "friendly bunch" and seem to prove it effortlessly over and over again. I *Thank You* for the kind words, the encouragement, the support but most of all for your friendship. Many of our relationships would not be as deep for Patsy and I had we not become involved with the board. For me, it began as assistant to Nominations, later as Vice President and to date as President. After this month, I will continue on the board as your Past President.

I can take only a small amount of credit for the ongoing success of the club. On becoming President, I was blessed with a strong, knowledgeable, hard working board that puts out the work necessary to make everything beneficial for you. They are each good at work they do. Think back over the weekly dances, DJ scheduling, treasurer reports, phone calls, special events, decorations, raffles, door prizes, newsletters, meetings, board minutes, lessons, fund raising, meals, membership lists, SOS functions - Christmas - MTA - IRS - Re-Up Parties, pictures of everything and the list goes on. These things did not just happen. I have enjoyed being a part of it all and I hope you have, as well. Each of our board members played an important part in making these things happen. We have listened to you and tried to implement many of your suggestions and address your concerns. I am most proud of increasing outlets to keep members better informed. The emails, Robo calls and regular notices, I hope, have answered your requests for clarity. The board approved reimbursement procedures and the use of computer generated record keeping, I hope, has answered your requests for transparency and comprehension. It's your club. Think about it. In the meantime, please thank **officers/board members Gil, Nora, Mark, Susie, Kay, Eddie Sue, Sandra, Dennis, Cathy and Portia as well as all those not presently on the board that make us "go". And please do not forget two key people who operate well behind the scenes and do a mammoth job for the club. Webmaster, Jerry Wyatt, who keeps us all connected and Linda Bass from whom you receive those warm, thoughtful cards during times of illness or reflection.** As of July 1, a new administration will govern. I ask you to support their efforts by getting involved and attending the weekly dances, special events and fund-raising endeavors. They deserve at least that.

A special thank you goes to Kay Hughes for her last IRS Dance. It was one for the record books in terms of fun, food and prizes. YOU GO GIRL! And to Dennis Rutledge for another great job with our charity golf tournament, to treasurer, Mark Hughes, for keeping up with all the funds, to those who raised money, gathered sponsors, worked on game day and especially to those DSC members who paid their fees and played in the rain just so we could fill our team rosters. Even wet, we raised thousands of dollars which will be distributed to area charities at our Annual Meeting June 26. Join us.

My last "**Tip of The Hat**" goes to all you members who have been the backbone of another wonderful year full of fun times. I cannot begin to list the names but you participated regularly in everything DSC and contributed in ways too many to recount. You were always there, always making the difference and always making things happen. Thank you for allowing me serve as your President.

See you on the dance floor.

Ernie