

## President's Message

**EXTRA EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT!** In this issue find Fall Migration news, an upcoming change to next Friday night, Comfort Inn's renovation and a possible change to the club bylaws.

**Fall Migration 2017** was another fun time for some estimated sixty of our club members. DSC folks appeared randomly over the ten days and could be found on the beach, at various clubs and hanging around the ice cream shops before bedtime. Kay Hughes, our special events chair, rolled out another successful mid-week luncheon for some fifty members and guests and just before our club picture. Bruce Riley represented us again in the *Rookie's Revenge* competition. Bruce and his partner placed third in the event and all of us watching thought their routine was excellent. The first place winners should be glad we were not voting. Spring Safari is only six months away.

**Comfort Inn's renovation and its effects on us.** The hotel is planning to start a full renovation of the entrance/lobby area by mid-October. Completion could take up to two months. Jorge, manager at Santana's, discussed our questions with the hotel and construction company. Our concerns centered around our Friday night dances and the upcoming Meet the Area and Christmas Parties. The board is working closely with Jorge to make sure we are accommodated in the best possible way. He has assured us that on Fridays the company will have walls in place to allow movement to and from the banquet and bath rooms. There will be several alternate ways to enter the building but we suggest using the restaurant side parking lot and entrance. Once complete, this will be an improvement for all. Bare with us as we keep you informed. Here's what to expect going forward:

- Friday night entrance changes may start October 20 – we will inform you as we go, regular dances continue through December 15
- Beginner/Step Shag **Lessons @ Ballou Center** start Monday, October 16, see info below
- Friday, October 27 will be **Halloween Night**; always a good draw with plenty of fun
- **MTASP** at Santana's Saturday, November 4, 7-11 PM w/ food, fun and “The Raffle!”  
DJ Rick Turner, \$10 as always, bring a friend
- **Christmas Party**, Friday, December 8, more info to come  
(have raffle items, Kay will sort them out for the parties, bring them on)

Due to Santana's renting the banquet room this **Friday, October 13, we have been bumped; however, there is another plan.** We will gather for a hotdog supper at 2 Witches on this date, 6-9 PM with the grill rolling and DJ Ricky Grubs spinning the tunes inside the main area with dancing galore. Hotdogs and chips will be served to anyone on a first come/first serve bases so get there in time to eat. We will have a donation jar to help offset the food and DJ expense. We have fun! Please post on Social Media.

**Possible change to the club bylaws.** Our club bylaws require four general membership meetings per year with one of those being the annual meeting in June for the election of officers. Over the years, it has become apparent that the three remaining general membership meetings confuse and cloud the month to month workings of the club board. In the current meeting format, the general membership meetings require a larger quorum, reading of old minutes and confusing treasurer reports which span over several months. Our meetings are open to all and any member with a concern or question is always welcome to present it; in addition, any board member is happy to relay a concern. The board has considered this issue and believes a change may be needed to better serve the membership. I am notifying you that at our general membership meeting in November all attending can discuss and possibly vote on this change. I will be sending out more on the issue soon. Think about it.

See you on the dance floor. Ernie