

Lake Country Neighbors

January 2012 Newsletter



LCN NEWSLETTER

This is LCN's first newsletter, which in 2012 will be a quarterly publication. With the growth in membership and wide variety of programs planned, a newsletter is a great way to keep the membership informed. LCN invites everyone to attend meetings and events; however, even if you cannot attend, we hope you enjoy keeping up with LCN activities.

As editor, I welcome your comments, ideas, and suggestions for future publications.

Thank you, Vicki Leggett, Secretary



THE BAR IS SET FOR 2012

As reported by Pam Bowden,
Treasurer

With the record donations LCN made in 2010 and 2011, the bar has been set exceptionally high for our work in 2012. Treasurer Pam Bowden reported during the January meeting that money expensed through our financial records in 2010 was \$32,968, with \$45,818 expensed in 2011. Most of that went directly to our charitable and community projects with the remainder to businesses in the area for goods and services needed for our club and projects.

LCN has come a long way since 2006. Starting with a few dollars kept in a gun safe, we now have non-profit 501c3 status which provides many additional opportunities for fundraising.

Let the work (and fun) begin! LCN is ready to soar to new heights in 2012!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As LCN begins another year, I am excited about the programs and projects we have planned for 2012. With the focus on our various charitable and civic activities, we have a great agenda that includes opportunities to serve the people and communities of Rains and Wood Counties. In addition to the "work" planned, the calendar has several fun social events for our members to enjoy.

I also want to thank the many members that have already offered to take leadership positions hosting meetings and chairing committees. I am so inspired by the giving spirit of the LCN members and look forward to working with all of you this year.

I pray that you have a happy and healthy 2012. I invite you to make a commitment to participate in Lake Country Neighbors where your time, talents, and treasures will be a blessing to the community and the people and organizations we help.

Thank you, *Betty Davis*, LCN President

NEXT MEETING

February 2, 2012 at 11:30AM

Location: Agri-Life Center

Mardi Gras Planning & Decorations

Lunch: Subway, Chips. Cookies & Drinks

Cost \$5 – Don't forget to RSVP.

MARDI GRAS 2012 – February 18th



SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED

The Silent Auction has become one of the fun and profitable features of the Mardi Gras Party. We hope this year's will be the best ever. If you are asking yourself "How can I help?" here are some suggestions.

- Focus on "Quality" VS "Quantity."
- Minimum value \$20 with no maximum value. We are a 501c3 so donations are tax deductible.
- New or "like new" condition.
- Ask for donations from businesses, shops, restaurants, and anyone that supports scholarships. Ask everyone you meet or do business with in our community.
- "Guy stuff" needed: fishing equipment, rounds of golf, guns, tools, and whatever guys like.
- Gift Baskets are a big hit, especially wine and food baskets.

Donations can be given to Vicki Leggett or brought to the February 2nd LCN meeting

And last but not least, bring your checkbook to the Mardi Gras Party for all of the items you cannot live without! Don't forget to "Bid early & bid often" at the Silent Auction

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE LCN
EDIE LeFevre SCHOLARSHIP FUND!**



The Crewe of Nimue (Lady of the Lake) announces that plans for the annual Mardi Gras party are moving forward under the direction

of event chair, Carolyn West, along with help from all of the Committee Chairs and volunteers. Due to the growth of this event, this year it will be held at the new Emory City Centre. Tickets are available for \$20 each which includes fabulous Cajun food, music and entertainment by Stuart Smith, door prize, silent auction, and lots of fun.

Dress in festive attire, grab your mask and beads, and make plans to party from 7:00PM to midnight. Carolyn predicts this will be the most talked about event in Emory in 2012. Tickets are available from Lyn Baldwin or purchase them at the February 2nd meeting. Invitations to purchase tickets are also being mailed to various dignitaries and LCN supporters in the community. With everyone's help, this will be a record setting event and a fabulous party!

LCN SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

In addition to the LCN scholarship fundraising events, a large portion of the scholarship funds each year come from individual member donations. Last year, with the help of your generous donations, LCN was able to award \$15,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors at Rains, Yantis, and Alba/Golden High Schools. Many of these students would not be able to attend college if it were not for the help of the LCN scholarships.

Again this year, LCN has a benefactor that is offering a matching funds donation which is even more substantial than last year's.

If you would like to donate to the 2012 scholarship fund, checks should be made out to LCN (Scholarship Fund) and mailed to Carolyn West, 706 Wood County Rd. 1944, Emory, TX 75440 or brought to the next LCN meeting.

These students need our help to achieve their higher education goals. They are the future and we can and will help!

FEBRUARY 2ND LCN MEETING

Will be at the Agri-Life Center
Emory, TX at 11:30AM

As excitement builds for the Mardi Gras party, the February meeting will focus on final planning and preparations for the big event. Committee Chairs will report on their activities and menu plans will be finalized.

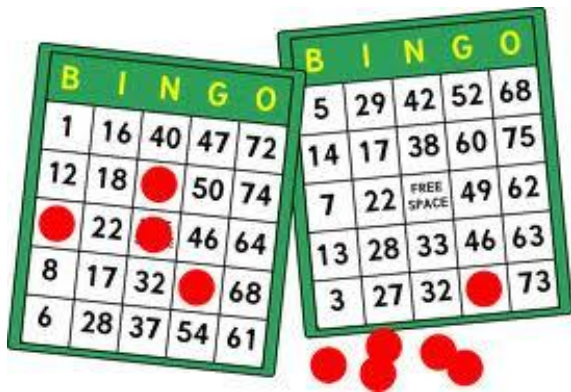
The decorating committee wants everyone to come and participate in a fun arts and crafts activity to help with the table decorations. Members are encouraged to bring silent auction items and purchase Mardi Gras tickets

Please RSVP by Jan. 30th to Jo Ann Parten (geojparten@verizon.net) or Debby Keenan (ddktk@verizon.net). Lunch will be Subway, chips, cookies and tea.

MARCH 1ST LCN MEETING

Will be at Saint John's Catholic
Church, 551 E FM 2795, Emory, TX

Let's play BINGO!



Hostess Shirley Haskins is planning a fun event for our March meeting. This program will include lunch, a short business meeting, and then Bingo "calling" from 12:45PM until we get tired or about 3:00PM. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend this event.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Debby Keenan

LCN finished 2011 with 80 members. After the January meeting 42 members had already renewed their membership for 2012.

Membership dues are only \$12.00 per year and all members are being encouraged to renew their membership by the February 2nd meeting. Dues must be paid in order to purchase a ticket for the Mardi Gras 2012 event.

New this year is an opportunity to purchase an LCN name tag with a magnetic strip for \$6.50. Name tags will have the LCN logo and the member's name. The existing name tags will still be available at each meeting for those preferring not to purchase a new one.

LCN is a blessing to the communities of Rains and Wood Counties and provides an opportunity for members to experience a special bond. Please renew your membership and share the joy of being an LCN member in 2012.

GOOD SAMARITANS 5TH SATURDAY
LCN Volunteers work every 5th Saturday at
Good Sam's Resale Shop 8:00AM - Noon

2012 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR!

March 31st

June 30th

September 29th

December 29th

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MARDI GRAS MEMORIES

2010 King & Queen

Ron & Pam Bowden passing the crown to the 2011 King & Queen, Art & Betty Davis.



THE CREWE OF NIMUE

Who will be crowned the 2012 King & Queen?



The Court will be announced at the February 2nd meeting and the King & Queen will be crowned February 18th at the Mardi Gras 2012 event.

Who are these masked Mardi Gras revelers?



Members Sandra Connell and Shirley Hirt decked out in Mardi Gras beads and fabulous masks enjoyed Mardi Gras at the home of Carolyn & Ken West along with about 80 of their LCN friends.

DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS! EXTRA TICKETS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY TO PURCHASE.

	<p>Lake Country Neighbors Crewe of Nimue presents <i>Mardi Gras 2012</i> Saturday, February 18, 2012, 7 pm to Midnight Emory City Centre 735 N. Texas St., Emory, TX <i>A night of tomfoolery and savory Cajun cuisine</i> benefiting the LCN Edie LeFevre Memorial Scholarship Silent Auction Adults \$20.00 BYOB</p>
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