



# THE SPA CONNECTION

## *Spa City Bop and Swing Dance Club*

SPRING 2011

*Dance till the stars come down from the rafters  
Dance, Dance, Dance till you drop.  
~W.H. Auden*

### **LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

When Kate and I moved here, we were quite happy to find the Spa City Bop Club going strong. Having an upbeat, fun, welcoming group of dancers here has made a great difference in our life, so I am honored to be serving the club as president this year.

I am on a learning curve in this role. In the first couple months, I have found that there is a tremendous amount of effort that goes into making our dance experience as enjoyable as it is. The dedicated volunteers who have served in club leadership make it look so easy and seamless, that it can be hard to notice all the hard work on their part. I want to extend a heartfelt huge THANK YOU to all the previous leaders and to those who have stepped up to lead and volunteer this year.

We are on the heels of a very successful Dancin' In The Park event. Our thanks go out to event chair Virginia Stanton, her committee and the numerous volunteers who made this event so nice. We extend our appreciation to our DJ's Sue Kestner and Scotty Mack, along with guest instructors Stan and Mary Collins and Matt and Crystal AuClair from St. Louis and Mike and Kim Nelson from Cabot. Due to scheduling availability, this year's event was held in March. Future Dancin' In The Park events will return to the usual May timeframe in coming years.

This is our club, so please give your feedback and participation. Pending VFW approval, the Board has been discussing several ideas for possible improvements to the dance environment including expansion of the dance floor, opening up part of the railing, and smoke control. We'll keep you posted on further progress.

Got an idea for dance lessons, a special themed party, or something else? Let us know. We would love to have more members creating our activities and events this year. Our membership and holiday dances last year at the Regency downtown were well received. We are planning events there again this year. Also, the annual club luau is back by popular demand. Many thanks to Don Downs for hosting the gathering for many years. This year the luau moves to a new location. Sandy and John Martin have graciously offered to host the luau on Saturday, June 4th at their Lake Hamilton home. More details to come.

Let's have a great year.

Mike Thomas

## NEW BOARD & MEMBERS FOR 2011

Board meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month at the Whistle Stop at 5:30. Contact any member with comments, suggestions, or questions about your club.

**PRESIDENT**– Mike Thomas, 501-545-1023, [mktprint@hotmail.com](mailto:mktprint@hotmail.com)

**VICE-PRESIDENT**– Gary Dickinson, 501-545-1449 or 844-4566

**SECRETARY**- Carol Williams, 501-627-4424, [iam.bopcarol@yahoo.com](mailto:iam.bopcarol@yahoo.com)

**TREASURER**– Brenda Ferguson, 501-760-7375, [fergusonbrenda@hotmail.com](mailto:fergusonbrenda@hotmail.com)

**MEMBERSHIP**- Beth Terauchi, 501-282-1488, [bterauchi@hotmail.com](mailto:bterauchi@hotmail.com)

**PARLIMENTARIAN** – Yuji Terauchi, 501-318-1373, [yterauchi@hotmail.com](mailto:yterauchi@hotmail.com)



## NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**ACTIVITIES** - Pat Smith, 501-609-9645, [psmith57@att.net](mailto:psmith57@att.net)

**NEWSLETTER**- Katie O'Byrne, 501-609-9594, [katieobyrne@sbcglobal.net](mailto:katieobyrne@sbcglobal.net)

**WEB MASTER**- Ginger Johnson, 501-412-6016, [ginjohn90@hotmail.com](mailto:ginjohn90@hotmail.com)

**ADMISSIONS:** - Virginia Stanton, 501-760-7554, [swag96@gmail.com](mailto:swag96@gmail.com)



## Check Out Our Dance Schedule

Spa City Bop and Swing Dance Club dances are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month and anytime we have a 5<sup>th</sup> Friday in the month. Dances are held at the VFW Club from 7:00 - 10:30.

## Upcoming Free Dance Lessons

**(Fridays before the dances at the VFW)**

Have suggestions for dance lessons? Want to teach? Contact VP Gary Dickinson (dance lesson coordinator) at 501-844-4566 or 545-1449.

**April 8, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> - Hustle lessons at 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm: Faron Richey**

**May Lessons: TBA**

# Upcoming Club Special Events

## **Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>– The Annual Club Luau is back by popular demand!**

*Sandy & John Martin have graciously offered to host the party this year at their lake home. More details to come. The Bop Club will provide the meat and soft drinks; you bring your favorite potluck items. Daytime fun and games with a little dancing on the side! Members and guests can wear their tropical attire and celebrate the beginning of summertime.*

**July 29<sup>th</sup> - Anniversary Party – VFW**

**November 11<sup>th</sup> – Election Night**

**December 9<sup>th</sup> – Dance at the Regency.**

## Dance Parties to Check Out

**Memphis Bop Club Beale Street Rockin' 2011 Dance August 4-6 **SOLD OUT!**** (Any checks received will be returned with a note informing you that your name will be put on a list if any tickets become available. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Wayne Maxey (901) 619-7481, Barbara Cooley (901) 757-8785 or Millie Wood (901) 494-0016.)

**Little Rock Bop Club's Bop on the Lake Thursday, September 15 – Saturday, September 17** at the Arlington

Resort & Spa Hotel in Hot Springs. *Need more information? Contact Bop on the Lake Chairman Arthur Hughes*

*at (501) 350-4712 or (501)470-9018 or e-mail to bopclubber@yahoo.com*

American Bop Association President, Gary Chaney invites you to join **the 7th Annual Dancing™ on the High Seas 2012 Princess Cruises ~ Caribbean Princess. Depart Ft. Lauderdale Saturday, January 21, 2012 □ Return Ft. Lauderdale Saturday, January 28, 2012.**

*This is a real dance cruise with workshops, our own DJ and music we can dance to every night. Gary Chaney. **SUPPORT YOUR AMERICAN BOP ASSOCIATION AND YOUR LOCAL CLUB BY GOING ON THIS CRUISE.** Dance Contacts: Linda Huebner email: [stlinda@aol.com](mailto:stlinda@aol.com) and Gary Chaney email: [ggarychaney@aol.com](mailto:ggarychaney@aol.com). Cabins must be booked with Just Cruising™ to qualify for Workshops and Onboard Group Functions. Just Cruising™, Inc. 800-727-9577 or [wecruise4@msn.com](mailto:wecruise4@msn.com) More info at: <http://justcruisin.vacationport.net>.*



The Spa City Bop and Swing Dance Club is a proud member of the American Bop Association and the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce!

Please visit web site at [spacitydanceclub.com](http://spacitydanceclub.com) to print calendars and get the latest updates.



# DANCIN IN THE PARK PHOTOS

See [spacitydanceclub.com](http://spacitydanceclub.com) for full event photo album



Thanks to our fabulous DJ's Sue Kestner & Scotty Mack!



In our finest during the event ....



...breaking down the dance.

For the first time at Dancin' In The Park, Friday night was Charity night. \$500 was given to the local charity Starting Over.





**Stan & Mary Collins teach Cha-Cha**



**... more dance lessons**

**Matt & Crystal AuClair teach**



**Jay & Deborah in full glitz**



**The morning after ... farewell breakfast. Thanks workers and a special thank you to Event Chair, Virginia Stanton. We love you, Virginia!**

**Spa City Bop  
& Swing Dance Club**

**P.O. Box 4309**

**Hot Springs, AR 71914-4309**

We're on the web at [spacitydanceclub.com](http://spacitydanceclub.com)

*All we want to do is Dance...Dance...Dance!!!*

**Membership Application**

The Spa City Bop and Swing Dance Club is a Non-Profit organization directed toward entertainment and fellowship of its members, dedicated to the preservation of Bop, Swing, and Jitterbug dancing.  
DUES ARE \$20.00 PER PERSON PER YEAR.

As a member you will receive our club newsletter and calendar, member fee admission to regular and specialty dances, and dance lessons will be offered by the club prior to regularly schedule Friday night dances.

Please print and fill out completely.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date, Month/Day: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date, Month/Day: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

BY SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION, I RELEASE THE SPA CITY BOP AND SWING DANCE CLUB FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT MY MEMBERSHIP CAN BE REVOKED FOR ACTIONS INAPPROPRIATE OR DETRIMENTAL TO THE CLUB OR ANY MEMBER.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Make Checks Payable to: SPA CITY BOP AND SWING DANCE CLUB**

**Mail to:** P.O. Box 4309, Hot Springs, AR 71914-4309

This application can be given to any Board Member for your convenience or you may mail the application to the above address. A membership card can be picked up at the desk at the dance. For more information you may contact the

**Membership Director at 501-318-1373** or email to [bterauchi@hotmail.com](mailto:bterauchi@hotmail.com)



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