



THE PUNCH

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General Membership Meetings

No Meeting In July

Wednesday, August 2, Mary's Ace Hardware, 6:30 pm
featuring Sam Poché and her Tacos-a-Go-Go

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From the President . . .

Patio Planters Board Meeting May 15, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Patio Planters was held this day at the Spring Fiesta House with the following members in attendance: Barbara Richmond, Doug Barden, Susan Goss, Joey DiFatta, Ott Howell, Stephen Swain, Leslie Perrin, Alan Horwitz, Quitman Gahagan, & Tracy Treadaway.

Stephen Swain opened the meeting at 5:30pm and introduced the new board members Alan Horwitz and Tracy Treadaway. The matter was brought before the Board that Stephen has tried to reach John Murphy, past member who registered and developed the original Patio Planters website as we can only get into the site with his password information. The site is outdated. After multiple attempts by Stephen, no correspondence has been made by John Murphy. Quitman has taken the position to redesign and develop the Patio Planters Website and Facebook Page and work on all forms of IT. Quitman informed the Board that he has already designed the site and just needed to Okay from the Board to "Flip the Switch". The new site is patioplanters.net and he has set up two Facebook Pages. One for members only, and one for the general public. This is an excellent way to reach a larger audience and get new members. The cost for the domain name was \$12 and there will be a \$4.50 per month hosting fee. The site will also have a link to Facebook. Sponsors of the organization ie: Harold's Plants, Martin's Wine Cellar, etc. will be thanked on the site as well. Leslie moved for Quitman to start the new site ASAP and Barbara seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

Minutes.

Susan moved and Leslie seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Alan gave the treasurers report and announced we have \$47,397.15 cash on hand. Leslie moved, and Joey seconded to accept the treasure's report. It was unanimously carried. (Stephen mentioned that the Treasurer presenting the report is a move to accept so only a seconded is needed from this point forward)

Membership Report

Susan presented the membership report indicating we have 413 members in 254 households, 12 new members since the last report was given. The second renewal notices will be sent out this coming week and the Directory will be updated and mailed out within the month.

Birthday Party:

Douglas Barden reported the Birthday Party will be held Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 6pm--9pm At the Ursuline Convent. Jim Walpole has been secured for Music with a cellist accompaniment for \$600. Barbara Richmond has ordered food from Rouse's for the Party. Stephen and Doug went to Martin's to purchase all of the wine for the year's events. Every case of wine ordered, they donated one case to Patio Planters with its non--profit Status. An inventory is to be made and kept throughout the year of the wine and spirits used.

Doug reported that the police officer Jeff Omstock has been hired for the event, Duplantier Ice will make ice delivery, Perrier Party Rentals will make delivery of tables, and the groundskeeper John Kerns will be present to lock up. Barbara will need the number of boutonnières and flowers for the event. There will be a check--in table and name tags printed. Doug needs 8 checks for all of the vendors.

Secret Garden Tour October 14--15, 2017

Joey DiFatta and Leslie Perrin will get 5 houses for Sunday, October 15, 12--4pm and the Fall Fiesta will be held after at the Beauregard Keyes House.

Stephen and others will secure 5 houses for Saturday October 14, 12--4pm.

New Business.

Stephen had all members sign a card for Jim Kitto. Barbara will mail a sympathy card to Don Kern. Stephen mentioned that two Punches will be printed back to back within 2 weeks and it will go online as well as a handful that will get printed and mailed for those who don't do email. He will include a memorial story on Betty Kern.

On motion by Leslie, seconded by Susan the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Leslie Perrin, Secretary.

About Our Upcoming Meetings

For the August 2 meeting, **Sam Poché** will present her delicious Tacos-a-Go-Go, so bring your appetite!

The September 6 meeting will feature **Julie Hanks**, the Development and Communications Director for Homer A. Plessy Community School. In case you were unaware, Plessy School moved into the Little Red Schoolhouse in July, taking it over from Kipp McDonogh 15. Julie's role is equal parts fundraising and 'friendraising.' It is her responsibility to reach out to the surrounding community for mentors and partnerships to ensure quality education to all of Plessy's young people.

Plessy School is excited to be part of the French Quarter and occupy a building with such a colorful past. It was constructed in 1932 by city architect E. Christy on the site of the early 19th century St. Philip Theatre. Richard Simmons was a graduate of McDonogh 15 and the Elvis Presley movie 'King Creole' was filmed in it. Plessy School is very proud to return the school to its original Arts-Integrated roots and is thrilled to call it home!

About Our 71st Birthday Party

By Doug Barden, Chair

We offer a big thank you to all the 70 members who braved the bad weather to attend our party in the Old Ursuline convent courtyard on May 20th. A special thank you goes out to the many members who brought all those outstanding dishes we all enjoyed. We would also like to salute two standouts: **Sonny Faggart** for bringing his signature deviled eggs with caviar and the **young man in the beautiful pink shirt with no name tag** who brought the excellent crab meat salad with endive leaves. Members brought lots of delicious appetizers, salads, meatballs, pies and pastries, too many to mention! Thank you all!!!...and speaking of thank yous...

Thank you: **BB St. Roman** for creating our beautiful, artistic invitations.

Thank you: **Tom McGinn** for picking up and delivering those gorgeous orchids for our center pieces and raffle.

Thank you: **Lea Siegel, Frances Salvaggio and Ruby Tremont** who welcome our members at the front desk.

Thanks to: Our celebrity bartenders, **Susan and Al Guillot and Craig Schexnayder** for keeping everyone's glasses full.

Thanks to: **Barbara Richmond** and her gang, **Barbara Bowen, Melissa Kent, Adrienne Hartsock, Phyllis Jean Bruscato and Norman Many** for keeping the food line in proper order, serving our delightful Birthday Cake and helping to clean up.

Thanks to: the very talented **Jim Walpole** on piano and special **Jack Craft** on cello for entertaining us. We all enjoyed **Leon and Jocelyn Connelly** dancing to the music.

Thanks to: **The Old Ursuline Convent** for offering us their courtyard for the event. That beautifully decorated tent kept all of us dry and happy.

A Very Special Mention should be made of **Craig Schexnayder and Melissa Kent** who helped set up, then served and then stayed late to help clean up. Their hard work was much appreciated. Ditto to **Norman Many** who took photos for the Punch, helped serve the food and stayed to help clean up. Many others stayed to help the hard working **Barbara Richmond** clean up, including our police officer, **Jeff Onstott**, and the Ursuline Convent property manager, **John Kearns**. Let's not forget **Ott Howell** who kept the Beauregard-Keyes House gate open for us.

Thank you all! We had a bumper crop of Past Presidents attend the party and we enjoyed having them there. A good time was had by all, because the Patio Planters know how to party. We will do this again next year!

Patio Planters Technology Improvements

By Quitman Gahagan

To help with communications, marketing, and overall organization awareness, Patio Planters of the Vieux Carré has launched a new website, Facebook public page, and private Facebook Members group.

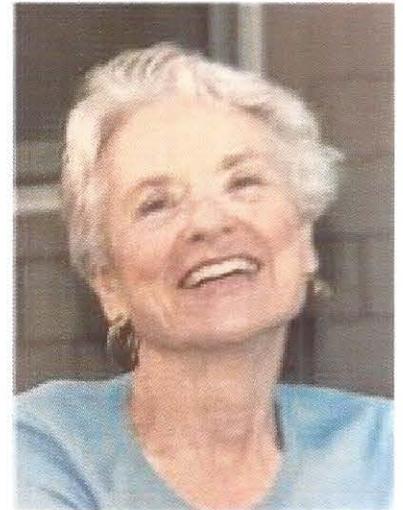
The new website can be found at www.patioplanters.net. Using this site and the public Facebook page, the public can find out what Patio Planters is about, how they could potentially join, and when our upcoming fund raising activities are scheduled. Additionally, there is an automatic link between the website and the Facebook page so posts and picture albums are shared between the two sites. We encourage everyone to visit both sites and be sure to Like the Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/patioplantersvieuxcarre/>).

Additionally, a private Facebook Members Group has been established to help keep all members up to date on current activities, last minute schedule changes, and facilitate member to member interactions. All Facebook users can request to join this group by visiting https://www.facebook.com/groups/patioplantersvc/?ref=group_cover. An invitation to join the group will also be sent out via email.

In Memory of Betty Kern

Betty Kern died peacefully on May 13, 2017 after a courageous struggle with Parkinson's Disease. Betty was born September 24, 1938 in Galveston, Texas. She was 78. She is survived by her loving husband, Donald Kern, her son, David Glenn Kern and his wife, Tracey, her daughters, Tracy Elizabeth Kern and Larissa Kern Reynolds and her husband, Dennis; seven grandchildren: James, Alexis, and David Kern; Alex and Emily Reynolds; and Jonathon and Allie Hidalgo. Betty is preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Elizabeth Uroda, and her brother, Walter Uroda, Jr. Betty was a graduate of Ursuline Academy and then received her Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics from the University of Texas at Austin. She married her college sweetheart who remained her partner through countless adventures over their 56 years of marriage. In her professional career, Betty was the head Acquisitions Librarian for the Louisiana Supreme Court Law Library for over 20 years. In 1991, she coordinated the National Convention for the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) in New Orleans exercising her social finesse to influence the librarian community. Her irresistible charisma also served her well as the President of the New Orleans chapter of the AALL, chairperson for multiple committees for the Southeast chapter of the AALL and President of the University of New Orleans Women's Club. Upon retirement, Betty and Don moved to the French Quarter where she continued to serve others as the President of Patio Planners and Vice President of the French Quarter Citizens group. Betty thoroughly enjoyed entertaining friends and family, riding in the Krewe of Iris, and supporting the arts as a passionate lover of the ballet, opera, and theatre. She traveled to all 50 states and 74 countries across 6 Continents. Her adventures included an African safari, the Taj Mahal, whitewater rafting, and scuba diving in the Great Barrier Reef. However, above all she was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother for which the above pursuits were always a distant second. Family and friends will forever remember her radiant smile, quick wit, and loving spirit.

Donations can be made in Betty's name at The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, www.michaeljfox.org/donate.



In Memory of Lynette Stilwell

Lynette Askew Stilwell quietly passed away at Our Lady of Wisdom Healthcare Center on Monday, June 5, 2017. She was a native of Shreveport, Louisiana and a resident of New Orleans. She was a graduate of C. E. Byrd High School in Shreveport and later attended USL in Lafayette, Mississippi Southern University in Hattiesburg, MS and Tulane University in New Orleans. In 1978 she was employed by Louisiana Land and Exploration until her retirement in 1988. Lynette was a longtime member of several organizations including: BRAVO, Patio Planters, Spring Fiesta, New Orleans Opera Guild and Women of Fashion. She also served on the advisory board of The Metropolitan Opera Guild as well as the SPCA. She was preceded in death by her husband Victor E. Stilwell, Jr. and her parents, Sallie Lou Askew and Lynn Askew both of Shreveport, La.

In lieu of flowers, Lynette requests donations be made to St. Jude Community Center, 411 N. Rampart St., New Orleans, LA 70112. Special thanks are extended to the staff of Touro Infirmary and the Sisters and staff of Our Lady of Wisdom for the care and kindness extended to our dear friend Lynette.



Recipe to Share

by Doug Barden

This recipe is a special request by Lynette Stilwell and is freely adapted from the Times-Picayune.

Cajun Coleslaw

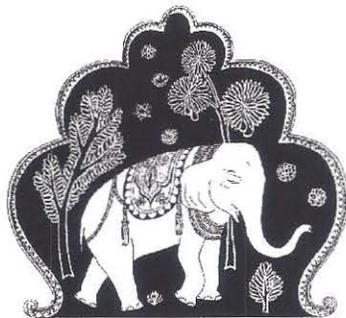
- Slaw:
- 1 head cabbage, shredded
 - 3/4 lb. carrots, peeled, julienned
 - 1 red onion, thinly sliced
 - 1 bell pepper, minced
 - 1 serrano pepper, minced
- Dressing:
- 1½ cups mayonnaise (or more, if too dry)
 - ½ cup creole mustard
 - 2 Tbls vinegar
 - 1 tsp each salt, pepper, Tony Chachere's, Mustard seed, celery seed

Combine first 5 ingredients in a large bowl. Toss well.

In a medium bowl whisk remaining ingredients.

Add dressing to slaw. Toss well. Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving.

Feel free to adjust this recipe to your own taste. You may not want to use as much mayonnaise or creole mustard. You may leave out the mustard seed and celery seed altogether.



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SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 11, 2017

IN THE PLESSY SCHOOL YARD
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WHITE ELEPHANT SALE BEGINS AT 10 AM
AUCTION BEGINS AT NOON

PATIO PLANTERS OF THE VIEUX CARRÉ

New/Renewal Membership Application 2017

Membership type: [] Individual \$35 [] Household \$60 [] Friend* \$35 [] Friend* H'hold \$60

Individual name _____

Other household member _____

Vieux Carré address _____

Mailing address (if different) _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

E-mail address _____

(very important for us to be able to contact you efficiently)

If you are a new member, please include the following:

Sponsors 1. _____ 2. _____

Occupation (optional) _____

Resident of the Vieux Carré since (year) _____

Please make your check payable to Patio Planters and mail to:

*Patio Planters
1000 Bourbon St. #270
New Orleans, LA 70116*

New members who join in October, November, or December are paid members for the following year.

Questions? Contact our Membership Chairman at membership@patioplanters.net.

If using a credit card, visit www.patioplanters.net, click on the membership tab and follow the instructions.

** Friends of Patio Planters are new members who do not live in the French Quarter or own property there. They are non-voting members, ineligible for office, but otherwise enjoy all benefits of membership.*

PATIO PLANTERS OF THE VIEUX CARRÉ

2017 Board of Directors

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<u>Program</u>	Leslie Perrin, Stephen Swain
<u>Internet Technology</u>	Quitman Gahagan (494-0662)
<u>Cheer & Hospitality</u>	Douglas Barden, Barbara Richmond
<u>Publicity</u>	Douglas Barden, Mary Finney (522-5143), Ruby Tremont (524-9379)
<u>Birthday</u>	Douglas Barden
<u>Fall Fiesta</u>	Douglas Barden, Ott Howell, Barbara Richmond
<u>Secret Garden Tours</u>	Joey DiFatta, James Kitto (304-5490), Stephen Swain
<u>Halloween Decoration Judging</u>	Thomas McGinn (529-9755), Stephen Swain
<u>White Elephant Sale & Auction</u>	Sam Poché (319-6226), Ina Magee (601-862-4808), Tracy Treadaway
<u>Christmas Brunch</u>	Douglas Barden, Celia Collins (524-8432), Al & Susan Guillot (581-4516), Barbara Richmond, Frances Salvaggio (581-1230)
<u>Christmas Decoration Judging</u>	Thomas McGinn (529-9755), Stephen Swain
<u>Holiday Home Tour</u>	Joey DiFatta, James Kitto (304-5490), Stephen Swain
<u>Caroling in Jackson Square</u>	John Hartsock (723-3113), Sandra Dartus (309-7744), Janice Foulks (593-9566), Robert Phelps (899-8328), Stephen Swain
<u>Historian</u>	Sam Poché
<u>The Punch</u>	B.B. St. Roman (723-7332), Stephen Swain

❁ *Mark Your Calendars: 2017* ❁

GENERAL MEETINGS

1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm

Mary's Ace Hardware, 732 N. Rampart Street

July - *no meeting* August 2 September 6 October 4 November 1

Board meetings are held on the THIRD Monday of each month.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Fall Fiesta	Sunday, October 15
Secret Garden Tours	Saturday & Sunday, October 14 & 15
Halloween Decoration Judging	Tuesday, October 24
White Elephant Sale & Auction	Saturday, November 11
Christmas Brunch	Sunday, December 10, 12 to 3 pm
Christmas Decoration Judging	Tuesday, December 12
Holiday Home Tour	Sunday, December 17, 1 to 4 pm
Caroling in Jackson Square	Sunday, December 17, 7 pm

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