

Spring Newsletter – April 10, 2011

In memory of Joseph Vonno Ladd



Joe passed away Thursday, March 22, 2012 at his home in Nashville, Tennessee. Joe was an honored member of our chapter, and his wife Melanie is our chapter treasurer. We were privileged to have Joe as a member of the Grand Ole Sams, and he will be missed. Please keep Melanie and their entire family in your Prayers. You can view Joe's obituary and sign the guest book at the following link:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/tennessean/obituary.aspx?n=joseph-vonno-ladd&pid=156663040&fhid=6203>

State Committee Meeting – James E. Ward Agricultural Center, March 10th, 2012

Our chapter president, Vinny Fortner, diligently paying attention at the State Committee Meeting in March (pictured on left with Dave Gasaway, President of Cherokee Trail Sams, and on right with Miles Johnson, President of Tennessee Valley Sams.)



The Grand Ole Sams volunteered for the following at our spring samboree:

Wednesday, May 16th – Hospitality for the morning breakfast.

Thursday, May 17th – Grand Ole Sams will be one of the participating chapters in the newly established “Oller Comedy Hour Chapter of the Year”

Friday, May 18th – Grand Ole Sams will host a fund raising Hot Dog/Chili Dog lunch.

Saturday, May 19th – Grand Ole Sams meeting will be held at a time and place to be announced.

Grand Ole Sams will also hold a raffle during the samboree for contribution to a charity to be designated by the chapter.

(Jim & Teresa Lusk were in attendance in their dual role as Grand Ole Sams members and Assistant State Directors (pictured with State staff member Judy Morris.) Also attending were Bob & Betty Smith, Pat Fortner.

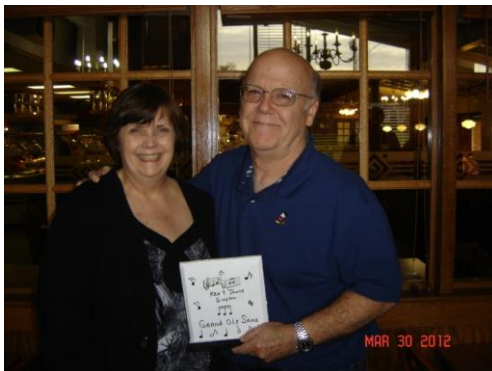


Grand Ole Sams luncheon – Ryan’s Steakhouse, Hermitage, TN, March 30th, 2012

Our luncheon was held at Ryan’s Steakhouse starting at 3:30pm. Attending were members Vinny & Pat Fortner, Bob & Betty Smith, Ed & Carol Bradley, Jim, Teresa, & Kevin Lusk, and guests Ken & Janice Simpson and Cecil & Lillian Ward.

The luncheon was great, and was followed by a chapter meeting. During the chapter meeting the April campout at Cedar Creek was discussed. Dates are April 26 – 28, 2012. It was noted that we should bring RV supplies for the charity raffle basket, and that we will rehearse the upcoming skit for the samboree.

Two couples requested membership in Grand Ole Sams. Ken & Janice Simpson and Cecil & Lillian Ward were voted in unanimously. WELCOME to our new members!!!



Ken & Janice Simpson



Cecil & Lillian Ward



Ed & Carol Bradley gave a report on their attendance at the Mississippi 2012 Spring Samboree held March 15-18 in Tupelo Mississippi. The theme was "Mississippi Irish Fling." They drove down the Natchez Trace and had a real good time at the samboree.

In closing, we would like to remind everyone to please send in your spring samboree registration forms if you haven't already done so. Also, since we are only having one samboree per year, please help us to spread the word and get any and all campers to attend our samboree.