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## Boogie Kings Newsletter for January 2012

### **“On A Personal Note”**

We played at the Paragon Casino in Marksville, Louisiana on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. This was the Saturday after Thanksgiving. While I was there, I was having a real hard time walking. On December 20<sup>th</sup>, we were making our way to New Orleans to celebrate Christmas with my Son and Daughter-in-law, and by the time we got to Eunice, Louisiana, my home town, I could not walk. The pain in my right leg was unbearable. We turned around and came back to Houston. After X-Rays and an MRI, it was determined that I had a stress fracture and no cushion between the bones of my hip and leg. So, after talking to my Doctor Son, we decided that I should have hip replacement surgery. My Son said it was a “Piece of Cake” now days. Well, he meant for the Doctor, not for the patient. 😊 😊. I have a great Orthopedic Surgeon in Houston, Dr. Nixon, who did the surgery. He’s taking excellent care of me, and I know he will do everything he can to get me back on stage. He’s one of the good guys.

The surgery was January, 17<sup>th</sup>, and I’m still fighting the pain. I shy away from my computer because I just don’t have the energy to deal with some of the e-mail I get. I have enough to worry about. I’ve put the Boogie Kings on Hold, as far as I’m concerned, for now. Bert and the rest of the guys in the band have the band up front in their thoughts. I talk to Bert every day, and the rest of the guys call me at least once a week. I want to play music with my friends so bad right now. I can’t wait until I’m well – which may not be until the end of March. We have tentatively booked the Civic Center in Ville Platte for April 15<sup>th</sup> to play a benefit for the Swamp Pop Museum. I hope I’m able to play by then. I’ll keep y’all posted on my recovery.

After I get on my feet again, we have big plans for booking venues in Louisiana and Texas. We have several key places that I know will be a big success when we do.

As you know, The Boogie King Members are:

Doug Ardoin, Bert Miller, Allen Wayne, Bill Leblanc, Ozzie Hart, Bryan Leger, W. J. (Dub) Dugas, Jim Darnell, Sid Janise, Earl Taylor, and our honorary

manager John, Lapin, Bertrand. Also, we were happy to have Tommy Richard play guitar with us at the Casino. We will try to have Tommy with us every time, if he's available.

BTW, Allen Wayne has a new CD. It came out a couple of weeks ago. The name of the CD is "Steppin' Out" You can buy one by going to: [www.allenwayne.net](http://www.allenwayne.net)

Rene' Theall has been a great source of information for us. Her contacts seem to be limitless. She is authorized to accept gigs for us. Details of which will have to be forwarded to me or Bert Miller for final negotiations, and for preparing a contract.

Don't forget, you can buy Boogie King merchandise from Rene'. Her web site is: [www.boogiekings.com](http://www.boogiekings.com) or you can call her at 337-258-3834.

Well, that's it for now.

Hope to see all of you at all our gigs.

Thanks,

The Boogie Kings [www.boogiekings.net](http://www.boogiekings.net)

Doug Ardoin