

## March 23<sup>rd</sup> – The day After The Day After

WOW – What an Awesome Day!!

Today I'm one of the walking dead, but did I mention WOW!

Thanks to all of the Pan Jam fans and participants for making this the biggest, best, and most successful Pam Jam ever.

There are so many to thank...

- Carol McCants - co-chairman
  - Annabelle Ruch – coordinator
  - Sponsors:
    - City of Kemah - I want to give a special thanks to our City Counsel for believing in and supporting Pam Jam. A really, really special thanks to our Mayor, Greg Collins, and City Manager, Bill Kerber, for being the great guys they are and providing the shuttle for Pan Jam. Great Job!
    - Vossler Electrical Services who we could not have done without. What an outstanding job! Thank you for your hard work.
    - Texas First Bank of Kemah
    - Patel construction
    - Southwest Airlines
    - Del Pappa Distributing Company
    - Dienst Distributing Company
    - Kemah Coach Sportswear – Thanks Keith for all the signs & banners and for your help in getting them up in all the right places
    - Brass Lantern B&B
    - Seaside Inn Kemah
    - All Points Production – What a great job. Thanks to all of your great volunteers.
    - Green Sheet
    - Bay Area Houston Magazine
    - The Scene
    - Kemah Boardwalk – Thanks Tim for working with us during such a busy time for you all.
    - Kemah Kopies – Mike, we can't thank you enough for all the printing, not once but twice!!
  - We want to give a huge thank you to “Kemah Volunteer Fire Department” for all your hard work during the whole planning stage and at the Festival. Great job!
  - We also want to thank “Kemah Community Church” and our friend and co-worker Mary Proudly for running our coupon & raffle booth.
  - Pan Jam would not be Pan Jam without our friends from the Parrothead clubs. They show up and do whatever is asked of them and we appreciate their help and participation every year. THANK YOU for everything:
    - Peggy & John Wright – Five o'clock flock
    - Don Walker – Galveston Bay Parrothead Club
    - North West Arkansas Parrothead club
- Many Thanks for all your volunteers and support.
- I want to thank Jesse at Zone 504 for hosting our “Kick Off party” on Friday night. For those of you who missed this, you really missed a Great party. “Andy and the Dreamsicles’ were awesome! They had people dancing down the street, then Earl La Pierre & son Jessie joined in and the Conga Line formed and danced to “Hot, Hot, Hot”

until I thought some would stroke out! What a fun evening. Sorry, if you missed it! Thanks to Andy and the Dreamsicles for joining our Pan Jam group.

- I also want to thank our families who have slaved and put up with so much or “little” from us lately. Carol and I could not have pulled this off without their help, especially running our stores and our booths at the Festival. Thank you so much for your help!
- Last, but not least, I want to give a Great Big Hug & Thank You to all our wonderful guest performers. This year our bands were better than ever! The La Pierre Family from the Cayman Islands, what a delightful family! I spent time with them and had the chance to get to know them. What a wonderful legacy he is weaving. Their music on the Pans gives chills not only to me but Pan Players everywhere.
- How about Coconut Dave from Mississippi, he drove all night Friday night to play and participate. We love Dave! He’s looking forward to next year!
- I want to give Bud Byran, who managed our stage and played with our own great band, “Hanna’s Reef” a big thank you. They were another awesome band.
- The Kemah Fire Department Bag Pipe Band kicked off our show this year! What a treat! Thanks guys, we really enjoyed your performance.
- The Outriggers, as always, do an outstanding job for us. Some of these groups have been with us from day one in 2000. Thank you so much for returning every year and helping us out. They are always a treat to listen to.
- The Colleges, San Jacinto Steel Drum Band and Lone Star College Steel Drum band the legacies of Mike Mezma and Jeff Gleason. What an unbelievable job they do. They teach and inspire all these young up-and-coming musicians every year and then we get the pleasure of hearing the results.
- We also have the great pleasure of donating the proceeds of the Festival toward the Pan Departments of these schools to further the tradition of Pan Music in our area. Thank you guys for making Pan Jam Steel Drum Festival about the music.

Without each and every one of these people, Pan Jam would not happen. We appreciate you all so much and I hope you had fun.

We would like your comments in the next two weeks about a Spring or Fall Festival for the next Pan Jam. Email us at [sandra.williams@boardwalkfudge.com](mailto:sandra.williams@boardwalkfudge.com).

I also want to thank our vendors, without them it would not have been a Festival. Thank you so much for coming. I hope you had a profitable and enjoyable day. Check our website for time and day next year.

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Looking forward to next year! “Feel the Steel”!

**Sandra Williams**

Chairman