

Harvest Holiday 2005

This is the Life

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Reflections from the Chair

The countdown to Harvest Holiday's 2005 Festival "This Is the Life" continues. The December, January, February and March Sunday Fun dances are now behind us. As you are reading this, I hope you are here at Swingtime Center enjoying the Sunday Fun dance this April 10, 2005, with hosts Christine & Theron Hixson.

Yet to come in April, we look forward to Harvest Holiday's annual Mini-fest. Christine and Theron Hixson are hosts for this event also. This year's Mini-fest "Seize the Moment" will be held on Sunday April 24th at Swingtime Center, Anglin Drive in Ft. Worth. The phase level is II, III and IV. This event includes afternoon teaches from 2:00–5:00 p.m. and an evening program of dancing from 7:00-9:30 p.m. Teaches will be by Donna & Jack Jones, Pat & Jerry Mitchell and Jack & Ann von der Heide. The evening program will be cued by area cuers. Come and join the fun and experience the talents of our area cuer/instructors. Yes, Seize the Moment. You will be glad you did! For more information please call Christine & Theron Hixson at 972-270-7292 or Patsy & me at 972-642-0291.

I would like to thank all of the Committee Chairs and their committee members for a job well done in preparing for our Sunday Fun Dances and the upcoming Festival.

I would also like to thank all of the Harvest Holiday cuers/instructors for their participation at the Harvest Holiday dances. Their donation of talents as cuers and instructors is greatly appreciated. We can't thank them enough. Special thanks go out to Donna & Jack Jones, Pat & Jerry Mitchell and Jack & Ann von der Heide for agreeing to teach and cue at the Mini-fest. Please find their bio's in this month's newsletter.

Patsy and I would like to thank all our wonderful friends who supported us during the illness and passing of Patsy's mother, and for the cards and calls of comfort to the Heath family during Patsy's and Heather's illnesses. We are truly blessed!

Seize the Moment

This teenager lived alone with his father and the two of them had a very special relationship. The son's greatest ambition was to play football. Even though he was always on the bench, his father was always in the stands

cheering. He never missed a game. This young man was still the smallest of the class when he entered high school. His father continued to encourage him, but also made it very clear that he did not have to play football if he didn't want to. But the young man loved football and decided to hang in there. He was determined to try his best at every practice, and perhaps he'd get to play when he became a senior.

All through high school he never missed a practice, nor a game, but remained a bench warmer all four years. His faithful father was always in the stands, always with words of encouragement for him. When the young man went to college, he decided to try out for the football team as a "walk-on." Everyone was sure he could never make the cut, but he did. The coach admitted that he kept him on the roster because he always put his heart and soul into every practice and at the same time, provided the other members with the spirit and hustle they badly needed. The news that he had survived the cut thrilled him so much that he rushed to the nearest phone and called his father.

His father shared his excitement and was sent season tickets for all the college games. This persistent young athlete never missed practice during his four years at college, but he never got to play in the game. It was the end of his senior football season, and as he trotted onto the practice field shortly before the big play off game, the coach met him with a telegram. The young man read the telegram and he became deathly silent... Swallowing hard, he mumbled to the coach, "My father died this morning. Is it all right if I miss practice today?" The coach put his arm gently around his shoulder and said, "Take the rest of the week off, son. And don't even plan to come back to the game on Saturday."

Saturday arrived, and the game was not going well. In the third quarter, when the team was ten points behind, a silent young man quietly slipped into the empty locker room and put on his football gear. As he ran onto the sidelines, the coach and his players were astounded to see their faithful teammate back so soon. "Coach, please let me play. I've just got to play today," said the young man. The coach pretended not to hear him. There was no way he wanted his worst player in this close playoff game. But the young man persisted, and finally feeling sorry for the kid, the coach gave in. "All right," he said. "You can go in."

Before long, the coach, the players and everyone in the stands could not believe their eyes. This little unknown, who had never played before was doing everything right. The opposing team could not stop him. He ran, he passed, blocked and tackled like a star. His team began to triumph. The score was soon tied. In the closing seconds of the game, this kid intercepted a pass and ran all the way for the winning touchdown. The fans broke loose. His teammates hoisted him onto their shoulders. Such cheering you've never heard! Finally, after the stands had emptied and the team had showered and left the locker room, the coach noticed that the young man was sitting quietly in the corner all alone. The coach came to him and said, "Kid, I can't believe it. You were fantastic! Tell me what got into you? How did you do it?" He looked at the coach, with tears in his eyes, and said, "Well, you knew my dad died, but did you know that my dad was blind?" The young man swallowed hard and forced a smile, "Dad came to all my games, but today was the first time he could see me play, and I wanted to show him I could do it!"

Harvest Holiday Mini-fest Instructor Bio's

Jack & Donna Jones
5727 Colorado Court
Fort Worth, TX 76137

Jack and Donna met at a square dance in 1983. That was the beginning of a life of dancing, and later, cueing and teaching. They took intermediate Round Dance lessons together and fell in love with the activity. They married in 1985 and have been dancing ever since that time. After Round Dancing for approximately 9 years, they began teaching basic lessons and started a phase 5-6 round dance club called Rainbow Rounds in 1991. They later started a sister club also called Rainbow Rounds that danced at the phase 3-4 level. After a year of being out of the activity because of illness in the family in the year 2000, they took over the Merry Rounders Carousel Club # 206 in January of 2001. This club dances at the 5-6 level.

They have cued for many square dance clubs in the Fort Worth area, including the Beachcombers, Star Promenaders, Circle I, Roadrunners, and Levis and Lace. They have also been on staff in Red River and are currently on staff in Fun Valley, Colorado.

Jack and Donna have been very active in the Round Dance activity in the Fort Worth-Dallas area for 22 years. They served as Chairman of the Harvest Holiday Round Dance Festival in 1991. They are members of the Universal Round Dance Council and Roundalab.

Jack and Donna have 6 children and 15 grandchildren. Jack retired from Vought Aircraft in February of 1997 after 30 years of service and Donna retired from General Services Administration in December of 1997 after 27 years of federal service. They spend as much time as possible now with their children and grandchildren.

Jack & Ann von der Heide
2104 Botts Drive
Arlington, Texas 76012

Jack and Ann started square dancing in 1967, and round dancing in 1980. They were members of the Dallas Let's Dancers for 5 years, and were Director of Workshops & Showcase of Rounds at the 1987 and 1996 Nationals.

Cueing and teaching began in 1985. They have been the featured instructors at many Square & Round Dance festivals, and have cued & taught at several State and National Conventions, Fun Valley & Kirkwood. They are members of Roundalab and the Texas State Callers Association, where they were treasurer for 7 years. They are a past president of the North Texas Callers Association, and were awarded lifetime membership in 1999. In June, 2001, they received the NORTEX Special President's Award. Currently, they are the instructors for the Dancing Shadows Round Dance Club, and cue for 4 square dance clubs.

Pat & Jerry Mitchell
755 Becky Lane
Waxahachie, Texas 75165

Pat and Jerry began square dancing in 1972 as charter members of the DeSoto Stars Square Dance Club. This year Jerry will celebrate 25 years of calling and they will receive their 20-year round dance teaching certificate from Roundalab this year.

Their involvement in this activity provided them with the opportunity to be on the program at numerous Texas State Festivals, the National Square and Round Dance Festival, USA West Conventions, the World Square Dance Convention and Fun Valley. They have called and cued at many locations in Texas and other states as well as England, Saudi Arabia, and Austria. Over the years, they choreographed 15 Round Dances. Pat & Jerry are members of Roundalab, Texas Callers Association, Texas Round Dance Teachers Association and the North Texas Callers Association. Jerry is currently president of the Texas Callers Association.

Their three adult children have blessed them with 6 beautiful and talented grandchildren ranging in age 9 to 21. Besides square and round dancing, they both enjoy golfing, reading and traveling.

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DANCE INFORMATION AT: [http://harvest
holiday.tripod.com](http://harvestholiday.tripod.com)**

Sunday Fun Dances

February 2005

Ron and Marilou Webb were hosts for the day. Forty one dancers (including our cuers) attended the dance. Christine and Theron Hixson were there to help with the cueing. We appreciate the fact that we have so many cuers in the metroplex that give their time and talent to cue these dances.

Dick and Pat Turner were there to greet the dancers as they arrived. Bob and Maycene Hopper took care of coffee and refreshments for the day. Larry and Aleece Collamore were our raffle salespersons for the day. Larry and Aleece Collamore donated a black cherry candle gift set and Bob and Patsy Heath donated a \$10 gift certificate from Applebees. Lucky winners were Bill Rackley and Ray and Margaret Hunley.

Dances cued were as follows: A Brief Romance, Adeline, All That Jazz, Chily Chilly Cha, Boogie Time Jive, Beyond, Gone With the Wind, Warm and Willing, If Tomorrow Never Comes, I Do, I Do, I Do, Boom Boom, Dedication, PA6-5000, Only Love Bolero, Rotkappchen's Traum, Laurann, The Way You Do, Fortuosity, Sugar Sugar, Beale Street, Real Live Girl, Amor Cha, This is the Life, Close Every Door, More, People, Fine Brown Frame, Smoke Gets in Your Eyes, And I Love You So, I'm Still Me, No Good, Colours Rumba, Can't Help Falling in Love, Orient Express Foxtrot, It is You, and Send Her Roses.

Fun Dance II, February

Allan and Judy Heinrich hosted the Fun Dance II. Christine and Theron Hixson and Bob Heath helped with the cueing for the day. Approximately 30 couples attended, most of whom were still there when the fun dance was over. John and Leota Porter were greeters, Tom and Rosa Dulin were in charge of coffee and refreshments, and as usual the Collamores were there to handle the raffles. Door prizes were donated by Larry and Aleece Collamore. Lucky winners for the day were Rosa Dulin, Bob Bowling, and Maria Farabaugh. Many thanks to all those who work and support the fun dances.

Dances cued were as follows:

I Wanna Quickstep, Non Dimenticar, Someone Must Feel Like a Fool Tonight, Axel F, Pop Goes the Movies, Calendar Girl, Manuela, Selfish, Dancing at Washington Square, Buicks to the Moon, Rachel's Song, Milika, Spinning Wheel, Golden Memories, Snow Blossom, Marvelous Toy, He Drinks Tequila, Woodchoppers Ball, Taste of the Wind, Crazy Mixed Up World, Night Train, Folsom Prison Blues, Amanda, Any Dream Foxtrot, On Blue Bayou, Die Lorelei, Maria Elena Bolero, Little Deuce Coup, Secret Smile, Sway 4 Me, Tango Mannita, Houston, Carolina Moon, Shadows in the Moonlight,

Belsize, Only Love Bolero, Boogie Time Jive, All I Ask of You, If Tears Were Roses, My Shy Violet, Amafidia, Lover's Dance, Cab Driver, and Shadows of Paris.

March Fun Dance

Bob and Patsy Heath hosted the March Fun Dance. Theron and Christine Hixson assisted with the cueing. Twenty nine dancers attended the dance. Patsy Heath greeted the dancers as they arrived, and the Dulins took care of refreshments. Audrey and John Gayda sold raffle tickets for door prizes, which were donated by Larry and Aleece Collamore. Randy Michaels won an Applebee's gift certificate, Creig Moore won a picture frame, and Bob Bowling won a flower decoration to hang on the wall or on a door. It seems like there are a couple of people who are pretty lucky at winning these door prizes. That would be Bob Bowling and another who wins pretty often is Bill Rackley.

Dances requested for the day are as follows:

Witchcraft, Duerme Rumba, Laurann, Boogie Time, Can't Smile Without You, Natasha, Maria Elena Bolero, This is the Life, You Make Me Feel So Young, Looking Through Your Eyes, Land of Enchantment, Boom Boom, Chilly Chilly Cha, Sleeping Beauty, Blueberry Hill, PA6-5000, And That Reminds Me, Starlight Express, Missouri Breaks, Beale Street Blues, Beyond, Send Her Roses, Gone With the Wind, Married, Rhythm of my Heart, Kiss Me Goodbye Rumba, Sway 4 Me, Riviere De Lune, All That Jazz, Perfidia Rumba, Secret Smile, A Brief Romance, Choo Choo Ch' Boogie, and Orient Express Foxtrot.

Club Reports

Circle Chase (by Bob & Patsy Heath)

We are still having phase III Workshops on Tuesdays at Swingtime Center from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. followed by phase II and III dancing till 9:15 p.m. We have completed phase III Rumba plus the Alemana turn and Aida line. We have just started working on phase III Waltz and Foxtrot. We are working these two rhythms simultaneously. We are working on steps that will prepare for the following foxtrot dances that we plan to teach as part of the workshop: "My Shy Violet", choreography by Bill & Gennie Hudson, "Nighty Night", by Richard & Jo Anne Lawson, "Any Dream Foxtrot", by John & Valerie Pinks, and "Milika", by unknown. Waltz's include "Jean III", choreography by Bill & Martha Buck, "Waltz With Maria Elena" and "Belsize", by Richard & Jo Anne Lawson, "Greensleeves" by Ray & Lillie Doyal, "This Is Our Dance", by Joe & Donna Borengasser, "Answer Me", by Eddie & Audrey Palmquist, "Die Lorelei", by Daryl & June Bendewald, "Cario Mio III", by Nancy & Dewayne Baldwin, "Crazy Mixed Up World", by Jim & Janet Green, "Fascination", by Dennis & Ginney Crapo and "Snow Blossom", by Ron & Ree Rumble.

Rainbow Rounds (by Bob & Patsy Heath)

We have completed the phase IV+2 Foxtrot "This is the Life", choreography by Ron & Ree Rumble. We have also taught phase IV+2 Cha "La Pura", by Bill & Carol Goss and phase IV+1 Rumba "All I Ask Of You", by Lyn & Bob Kenney. We had a review on the phase IV+2 Rumba "Duerme", by Ken & Irene Slater. Plans are to teach phase V+1 "Rumba Assisi", by Jerry & Diane Broadwater and an oldie Quickstep from 1983 "Our Love Affair", by Jack & Lone Kern. Rainbow Rounds & friends are looking forward to the 4th annual Hanger Dance in Cresson, Texas on April 30th at the beautiful home of Rich & Carolyn Richbourg. Activities start at 2:00 p.m. for an afternoon of flying (if weather permits), playing cards or dominoes, visiting on the back porch, watching the purple martins, walking, workshoping a dance, or just visiting. The potluck supper is at 6:00 p.m., followed by an evening of dancing in the hanger.

Dance, Dance, Dance

No report at this time.

Merry Rounders

Many thanks to Allan and Judy for being there to cue for the club in February while we were off on our cruise.

Glad to hear Patsy Heath is recovering nicely after having her thyroid removed. We thank God for her good report after surgery and are glad to see her out and about.

Jack had a scare this past Tuesday morning. He was out shooting pictures when he started to feel a flutter in his heart and then began to feel some pain in his left shoulder and arm. Things began to get worse and decided it best to drive himself to the hospital. When he arrived at the hospital, his blood pressure was 102 over 37. His heart rate went to 185 in the emergency room and things were pretty wild for about 45 minutes to one hour. The doctors and nurses finally got things under control and his vitals back into normal range. After several tests, the doctor concluded that he did not have a heart attack, he has no damage to his heart, and he has no major blockages. He has SVT which is short for supraventricular tachycardia. To make a long story short, he will be treated with medicine to keep it under control. Many thanks for all the thoughts, prayers, and calls we received. We thank God for the good report on his health.

Ramblin Rounds

No report at this time.

Nortex Dues

If you would like to pay your Nortex dues through Harvest Holiday or join Nortex, please see Bill Rackley. He will need to have it by April 24th. The cost is \$10.00 per person for Nortex dues and \$2.50 per person for Insurance.

Note of Sympathy

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to Bob and Barb Ahten in the loss of their granddaughter in February. She passed away after a courageous fight with cancer. She was a beautiful and very talented young lady. Bob and Barb recently sold their home here in Fort Worth and have moved to Arizona to be with some other family members. We wish them well, and hope to see them in the future.

Harvest Holiday Club Reports

APRIL 2005

Dance, Dance, Dance (Phase 4-5-6)	Ron* and Marilou Webb
Wednesday, 6:00 to 8:00 PM	No report
Timber Ridge Recreation Center	
North Dallas	
Merry Rounders (Phase 4-5-6)	Jack and Donna* Jones
Monday, 7:00 to 9:30 pm	Penelope, Phase VI Rumba - Lillefields
Arlington Senior Center	Waterfall, Phase V Waltz, Worlock's
	Reviewing Todo Bolero – Phase VI Bolero - Reads
Circle Chase Rounds (Phase 2-3)	Bob* and Patsy Heath
Tuesday, 7:00 – 9:15 pm	Phase III Workshop completed. Dances taught include On
Swingtime Center	Blue Bayou Phase III+1 Rumba (Kennedy), Non Dimenticar
	Phase 3 Rumba (Rumble), Amafidia Phase 3 Rumba (Heath)
	Phase III Waltz/Foxtrot in progress. Die Lorelei, phase III
	(Bendewald) Cario Mio Phase III waltz (Baldwin)
	Any Dream Foxtrot Phase III+1 (Pinks)
Rainbow Rounds (Phase 3-4-5)	Bob* and Patsy Heath
Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:30 pm	This is the Life Phase IV+2 Foxtrot
Swingtime Center	La Pura Phase IV + 2 cha (Goss)
	All I Ask of You Phase IV +1 Rumba (Kenney)
	Duerme Rumba Phase IV+2 Rumba (Slater)
Ramblin Rounds (3-4-5)	Theron & Christine* Hixson
Tuesday 7:30 – 9:45 pm	No report
Bradfield Rec. Center	
1146 Castle Drive, Garland, TX	
Ramblin Rounds (5-6)	Theron & Christine* Hixson
Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 pm	No report
Churchill Recreation Center	

National Carousel's Committee Report Current Popular Dances April URDC newsletter

1. And I Love You So	V	Childers	7. This is the Life	IV	Rumble
2. Beale Street Blues	V	Lillefield	10. Close Every Door	VI	Goss
2. Chilly Chilly Cha	V	Shibata	10. Jurame	V	Worlock
4. Boom Boom	V	Rumble	10. Papillon	VI	Lamberty
5. I'm Still Me	VI	Read	10. Starlight Express	V	Goss
5. Libertango	V	Lamberty	10 Sun Sea & Sky	V	Bradt
7. Five Guys Named Moe	VI	Goss	10. This Can't Be Love	V	Shibata
7. Scheherezade	V	Moore			

We invite all the area cuers and clubs to come and join the fun Harvest Holiday has to offer. We all share a great love for dancing.

NEXT FUN DANCE, SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2005