



Harvest Holiday 2007

Fly Me to the Moon

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Message from the Chairman

We pulled it off again. Harvest Holiday 2006 was a big success, thanks to the hard work of many HH members, the local and out-of-town cuers, and, of course, the 2006 Chairmen Christine and Theron Hixson. We also extend special thanks to Donna and Jack Jones who are retiring from active cueing for their support of Harvest Holiday over the years.

Now the really hard work begins. HH must make some decisions about the future of the festival and its other activities. We are forming a Planning Committee that will consider **all available options**. We welcome your participation on this committee. Change is never easy, but many believe that some changes are needed.

A "Transition" business meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 14, 2007 at 1:00 **sharp**. Be sure to attend and voice your opinion. In addition, the Planning Committee will begin its work in January. However, if we want to make changes for the 2007 Festival, we need to make some decisions **very soon**.

First, the facts:

1. With four nights of Trail-in dances, three days of Impromptu teaches and the actual weekend festival, HH is hosting a **seven-day festival**, including parties every night.
2. The Sterling Hotel is raising the ballroom rental fee to \$5000 and eliminating most of the complimentary hotel rooms, including the Chairman's Suite, which will be \$250/night next year.
3. Donna and Jack Jones are retiring, so we will have one less local cuer at the festival, Fun Dances and other events.
4. A **small group of dedicated** members host the festival and the other activities. Many have been doing the

same job for several years and are tired.

Issues for decision:

1. Continue to host a seven-day festival, or scale back to a weekend festival or something in between?
2. Stay at the Sterling Hotel or move elsewhere?
3. Continue to have the festival the week of Thanksgiving or change to one week earlier or one week later?
4. Other changes in the format of the festival to lower both our expenses and workload?

There are many factors to consider when making these decisions. We want each of you to begin thinking about what is best for the future of Harvest Holiday. Finally, we wish each of you a happy holiday season and good health and happiness in 2007.

--Ken & June Gartlir

Another SPECIAL THANKS to Bob & Mimi Tims of Arizona for donating a silver necklace with a variegated tiger eye pendant, hand crafted by Bob Tims. We feel so fortunate to have these supportive, out-of-state friends in our Harvest Holiday family.

Report on November 12, 2006

Fun Dance

Ron & Marilou Webb hosted the dance with cueing assistance from Bob & Patsy Heath, Christine & Theron Hixson, and Donna & Jack Jones.

Before the dance began we had a meeting to make final preparations for the Harvest Holiday Festival and to provide information for committee chairmen to begin our plans for the next Festival.

Marilou Webb greeted dancers as they arrived. Sixty dancers attended including eight cuers. Coffee and refreshments were bountiful including grapes, chips with dips, cheese, and other snacks. Refreshments were managed by Tom and Rosa Dulin. Raffle sales were handled by Aleece and Larry Collamore with help from John and Leota Porter. Our lucky winners were: Lorraine Gonya who won a potpourri holder donated by Linda Holder.

Molly O'Neill won a fleece blanket donated by Phyllis & Leroy Weisheit. Bill Rackley won a candle garden set donated by Linda Holder. And Bob Bowling won a Memories Flip-Photo Holder donated by Evelyn Smiles.

Dances cued were: Carnival, You Drive Me Crazy, A Wink & A Smile, Coney Island, Am I Blue IV, Last Night Cha, No Walls, Stier Tango, Nice & Easy, Memory Rumba III, Spinning Wheel, And I Love You So, Dark Waltz, Boogie Time Jive, Rachel's Song, Boulavogue, Sway 4 Me Cha, I'll See You in My Dreams, La Barca, Blueberry Hill, The Shores of Swilley, Beale Street Blues, Sam IV, To All the Girls, Autumn Leaves, Oh How I Miss You Tonight, How Do You Like Me Now, Safronia B., Entre Mis Recuerdos, The Human Thing to Do, You Raise Me Up, Big Spender, This is the Life, Papillon.

Report on Harvest Holiday Festival

Christine & Theron Hixson did a fabulous job this year as chairpersons of the Harvest Holiday Festival. What a great time we all had!!! Thank you to all the cuers, the committee chairs, and the dancers. Dancers enjoyed morning and afternoon teaches by lots of different cuers on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the festival week. On Saturday Kenji and Nobuko Shibata taught three dances: *A Time for Love*, phase 6 waltz; *Are You Gonna Dance*, phase 5 Cha, and *Hello Memory*, a phase 4 Waltz and in addition to a very effective teaching style dancers were exposed to a tasty touch of Japanese culture. Dances cued at the festival were listed online on the Harvest Holiday website, but here they are again: Friday Evening Dance Program : A Brief Romance, Jurame, Beale Street Blues, My Heart Will Go On, Maria Elena Foxtrot, Adeline, Chilly Chilly Cha, Beyond, A Letter to You, You Raise Me Up, Stier Tango, Sugar Sugar, La Barca, I Could Write a Book, And I Love You So, Dark Waltz, Sway for Me Cha, Rachel's Song, PA6-5000, Papillon, Let's Dance, A Wink & a Smile, The Old House, How Do You Like Me Now, Am I Blue 4, I'm Still Me, Smoke Gets in Your Eyes, Sleeping Beauty Saturday Evening Dance Program: Dedication, Nice & Easy, Fortuosity, Fine Brown Frame, Are You Gonna Dance, The Way You Do, Tonight, A Time for Love, Hello Memory, Autumn Leaves, Carnival, Coney Island, The Human Thing to Do, Last Night Cha, Come to Me, Colours IV, Just a Tango, Boulavogue, El Reloj, This is the Life, Laurann, You Drive Me Crazy, A Whole New World, Boogie Time Jive, Big Spender, Amapola, Blueberry Hill, Boom Boom, No Walls. This great program was followed by a scrumptious breakfast and a Die Easy Dancing Spree hosted also by Christine and Theron Hixson. Thank you so much Christine & Theron, all the cuers, committee chairs, and the dancers too. What a tremendously successful festival.

Lost & Found

A small silver ring and clip-on earring were found at the Festival. If anyone lost either item contact Ken or June Gartlir. jkgartlir@mindspring.com

Dancer News

Kenji & Nobuko Shibata will be staying in the USA for at least another year. When Kenji made the announcement in Dallas at our Harvest Holiday Festival, David Meyer was quick to sign them up for a festival in Schertz (San Antonio) for next August.

Ron & Marilou Webb will be teaching the Merry Rounders on Mondays at 7:00 PM at the Arlington Senior Center. We're excited to have these excellent instructors teaching for the Merry Rounders.

Bob Hopper went to Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth and returned home in good health and great spirits. Hallelujah!

Max & Nona Meinen will not be dancing with us this December because Nona had a surgery four days ahead of Max's knee surgery. They promise to be back in January. Hurrah!

Education Spot

Harold & Meredith Sears of Boulder, Colorado have given our Harvest Holiday Newsletter permission to print a quotation from their very useful web site. To see the site, go to www.rounddancing.net/dance. "First in dancing is the dance position and the connection between you and your partner. Before you can move as one, lightly and smoothly around the floor, the gentleman's lead clear and unambiguous, and the lady's follow responsive and precise, you have to get a good hold of each other... The fundamental dance position, and the one in which you can feel most connected, is Closed Position. Good connection and smooth lead and follow come from a toned frame in the upper body and contact at the hips."

NOTE: Send information for inclusion in Newsletter to: MelanieG991@sbcglobal.net

Harvest Holiday Club Reports

Dance, Dance, Dance (Phase 4-5-6-)	Ron and Marilou Webb
Thursday, 7:00-9:00 pm	A Time for Love, Are You Gonna Dance?,
Timber Ridge Recreation Center, North Dallas	Hello Memory, Muchacha, Samba de Ooh la, la
Merry Rounders (Phase 4-5-6-)	Jack and Donna Jones
Monday, 7:00-9:30	Samba de Ooh la la, Shores of the Swilly,
Arlington Senior Center	
Rainbow Rounds (Phase 3-4-5)	Bob and Patsy Heath
Wednesday, 7:00-9:15 pm	Perhaps Tango, Heath's Hideaway, Memory
Swingtime Center, Fort Worth	Rumba Phase 3+, Just a Tango
Ramblin' Rounds (Phase -3-4+)	Theron and Christine Hixson
Tuesday, 7:30-9:30 pm	Autumn Leaves, Hello Memory
Bradfield Rec. Center, 1146 Castle Dr., Garland	
Ramblin' Rounds (Phase -4-5-6)	Theron and Christine Hixson
Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 pm	Hello Memory, A Time for Love
Churchill Recreation Center, Dallas	The Inner Light

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CURRENT POPULAR DANCES **Published** 12/7/06

1. A Wink & A Smile	V	Rumble	9. Afro Cubano	V	Noble
2. Carnival	IV	Rumble	10. My Heart Will Go On	IV	Vogt
3. Dark Waltz	VI	Vogt	11. Smoke Gets in Your Eyes	VI	Rumble
4. Last Night Cha	V	Worlock	12. You Raise Me Up	VI	Read
5. And I Love You So	V	Childers			
6. La Barca	V	Goss			
7. Big Spender	VI	Vogt			
8. Human Thing to Do	VI	Sheridan			

IMPORTANT UPCOMING HARVEST HOLIDAY EVENTS

All to be held at Swingtime Center, Anglin Drive, Fort Worth

January 14, 2007 -- 1:00 Wrap Up and Turn Over Meeting

2:00 p.m. -- Sunday Fun Dance

February 11, 2007 -- 2:00 p.m. -- Fun Dance

March 11, 2007 --- 2:00 p.m. - Fun Dance

March 25, 2007 -- 2:00 p.m. -- Sunday Fun Dance 2

April 15, 2007 --- 1:00 p.m. --- Harvest Holiday Quarterly Meeting ---

2:00 p.m. --- Fun Dance

April 29, 2007 --- 2:00 p.m. Mini Festival