

Harvest Holiday 2006

Let's Dance

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Reflections from the Chair

What a great year this is going to be. We now have all our committee slots filled, and are raring to go. Our thanks to Pat Turner for volunteering to be Secretary; and Tracy & Melanie Gufstafson who will be assisting with the Newsletter. We've had two Fun Dances (December and January, reported below) and one meeting to wrap up the 2005 year and prepare for the rest of this year. Plans are falling into place for our next Fun Dance II (March 26) and our Mini-Fest (April 30). So much to look forward to – so much fun to be had!

Our Newsletter is sent electronically to many of our Harvest Holiday Festival attendees in all parts of the country, and many them have asked how we are able to provide so much during Thanksgiving week yet keep such a low Festival registration fee. Well, here's the answer. Besides having a very capable Hotel Coordinator (Bill Rackley), we have fund raising events all year long. We are very fortunate to have dedicated dancers and leaders in the Dallas-Fort Worth area who selflessly devote many many hours to this great activity of round dancing. They volunteer their time and talents and work together all year long holding a Sunday Fun Dance each month (phase 3-6), two Fun Dance IIs a year (phase 2-4), and one Mini-Fest (afternoon teaches and evening program dance phase 2-4). At each event a raffle is held for prizes donated by the dancers and instructors, and occasionally by other friends of the activity. While these events entail much work, they also give us an opportunity to get together at least once a month, dance to different cuers, see and dance dances we've never heard before, and most importantly develop a closeness with the others in our round dance family. Indeed, we are blessed to be part of such a great activity and the Harvest Holiday Festival.

SPECIAL THANKS to Bob & Mimi Timms of Arizona for donating a Sterling Silver and opal ring made by Bob, to be raffled at our upcoming Fun Dance II.

Report on December 2005 Fun Dance

Traditionally our December dance is our Christmas Party Dance, with lots of delicious food, fun and fellowship, and this year was no exception. 47 dancers (including the cuers) attended, and a great time was had by all. Donna & Jack Jones hosted the dance, with cueing assistance by Bob &

Patsy Heath, Christine & Theron Hixson, and Ron & Marilou Webb.

Bob & Patsy Heath were there to greet the dancers as they arrived. Tom & Rosa Dulin, and Ralph & Mollie O'Neil took charge of setting out the refreshments. Ken MacKay sold the raffle tickets, and the lucky winners were: Mollie O'Neil –foot stool; Maycene Hopper–painting; Audrey Gayda–Christmas wreath; Christine Hixson–Christmas floral decoration; Lorraine Gonya–candy dish; and Jeneel Jones–Sleigh decoration. Larry & Aleece Collamore and Patrick Hallahan donated the prizes.

Dances cued were: No Walls, Kiss Me Goodbye Rumba, Carnival, You Raise Me Up, I'll See You in my Dreams, Sam IV, Stier Tango, Sing Along Mambo, Solamente Una Vez, Another Slow Walk, I Could Write a Book, Boom Boom, Dedication, How Do You Like Me Now, Lover's Dance, Sway 4 Me, Orient Express Foxtrot, A Brief Romance, Boogie Time, Maria Elena Bolero, This is the Life, Rachel's Song, A Letter to You, Smoke Gets in Your Eyes, Fine Brown Frame, My Confession, Rainbow Foxtrot, Dark Waltz, Beale Street Blues, Sugar Sugar, Laurann, All I Ask of You, Edelweiss, Stardust, Jurame, Amapola..

Report on January 2006 Fun Dance

Christine & Theron Hixson hosted our first dance of the New Year, attended by 36 dancers. Bob & Patsy Heath, and Ron Webb assisted with the cueing. Marilou was in Florida with her sister.

Bob & Patsy Heath greeted the dancers as they arrived, Dick & Pat Turner took care of the refreshments, and John & Audrey Gayda sold the raffle tickets for prizes donated by John & Leota Porter. The lucky winners were Mollie & Ralph O'Neil–stadium blanket; Bob Hopper–candles; and Christine Hixson–puzzle.

Dances cued were: Witchcraft IV, Carnival, How Do You Like Me Now, No Walls, You Raise Me Up, Blueberry Hill, Boulavogue, Years May Come, Desert Song, Sway 4 Me, All I Ask of You, Any Dream Foxtrot, Pop Goes the Movies, Let me Show You How, Dark Waltz, I Could Write a Book, A Letter to You, Dedication, Stier Tango, Warm & Willing, Woodchoppers Ball, The Homecoming, Amapola, No Se Tu, Intrigue, I'm Alive, This is The Life, C'Est Si Bon Cha, A Brief Romance, Washington Square, Too Many Rivers, Sunflower, Boom Boom, Real Live Girl, Right Here Waiting, Sugar Sugar.

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Dancer News

Our condolences to Ron and Marilou Webb on the passing of Marilou's sister.

We recently learned that Art Moore, long time Dallas round dance instructor (now retired) has been diagnosed with bladder cancer. At this time the prognosis is good, and he is scheduled for surgery at the VA Hospital in Dallas on February 17. His address is: 8850 Coppertowne Ln., Dallas 75243.

Jerry Gierok, long time Festival attendee from Minnesota, is recuperating from severely spraining his right ankle/foot on his way to San Antonio at Christmas. He is doing well, wearing a special lace up boot, but his golf and dancing have been drastically hampered.

Harvest Holiday Club Reports (**indicates unofficial info)

Circle Chase Rounds (Phase 2-3)	Bob* and Patsy Heath
Tuesday, 7:00-9:15 pm	No report
Swingtime Center, Fort Worth	
Dance, Dance, Dance (Phase 4-5-6-)	Ron* and Marilou Webb**
Thursday, 7:00-9:00 pm	**Until Now – 6 FT
Timber Ridge Recreation Center, North Dallas	
Merry Rounders (Phase 4-5-6-)	Jack and Donna* Jones**
Monday, 7:00-9:30 pm	**A Letter to You – 5 JV, I Could Write a Book – 6 FT,
Arlington Senior Center	Let's Dance – 4 QS
Rainbow Rounds (Phase 3-4-5)	Bob* and Patsy Heath
Wednesday, 7:00-9:15 pm	No report
Swingtime Center, Fort Worth	
Ramblin' Rounds (Phase -3-4+)	Theron and Christine* Hixson
Tuesday, 7:30-9:30 pm	El Reloj – 4 Bol; Let's Dance – 4 QS
Bradfield Recreation Center, 1146 Castle Dr., Garland	
Ramblin' Rounds (Phase -4-5-6)	Theron and Christine* Hixson
Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 pm	Coney Island – 5 W, Bye Bye Blues FT – 6FT,
Churchill Recreation Center, Dallas	Let's Dance – 4 QS

National Carousel Committee Report

Current Popular Dances – Published 2/5/06

1. Boom Boom	V	Rumble	4. You Raise Me Up	VI	Read
2. Carnival	IV	Rumble	7. Chilly Chilly Cha	VI	Shibata
3. My Heart Will Go On	IV	Vogt	7. Beale Street Blues	V	Lillefield
4. And I Love You So	V	Childers	7. Moment to Moment	VI	Goss
4. Dark Waltz	VI	Vogt	10. Scheherezade	VI	Moore

IMPORTANT UPCOMING HARVEST HOLIDAY EVENTS

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

March 12, 2006 – 2:00 p.m. – Sunday Fun Dance – Hosts: Bob & Patsy Heath

March 26, 2006 – 2:00 p.m. – Fun Dance II – Hosts: Bob & Patsy Heath

April 9, 1:00 p.m. – Harvest Holiday Quarterly Meeting

April 9, 2006 – 2:00 p.m. – Sunday Fun Dance – Hosts: Donna & Jack Jones

April 30, 2006 – 2:00 p.m. – Minifest

-- Happy Valentine's Day --