



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

Report on December 10, 2006

Fun Dance

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

Holiday decorations created a festive environment. We had a wonderful crowd. 58 dancers including cuers attended the Fun Dance. Jack & Ann Von der Heide were also in attendance.

J.L. Pelton, John & Leota Porter met dancers at the door. Everyone was so happy to see dancers as they arrived. Coffee and refreshments including a plethora of cookies added to the holiday spirit. Refreshments were managed by Patsy Heath. Raffle sales were handled by John and Leota Porter. Our lucky winners were: Bill Rackley who won a Christmas angel pillow donated by Phyllis & Leroy Weisheit. John Porter won a glass snowman decoration donated by Phyllis & Leroy Weisheit. Linda Holder won a set of snowman photo ornaments donated by June & Ken Gartlir. Phyllis Weisheit won a hand-crafted Christmas ornament donated by Lorraine & Leo Gonya. Betty Wheaton won a Christmas tree wall plaque donated by Leo &

Lorraine Gonya. Marilou Webb won a handcrafted Christmas wreath donated by Aleece & Larry Collamore. And Ed Gloodt won another handcrafted Christmas wreath donated by Aleece & Larry Collamore.

Dances cued were: No Walls, El Reloj, Sway for Me, Just a Tango, Colours Rumba, This Is the Life, Gardenia Tango, Singing Piano, Smoke Gets in Your Eyes, Boogie Time, La Barca, I Wanna Quickstep, Boulavogue, Hello Memory, Last Night Cha, Cuando Me Enamoro, Are You Gonna Dance, A Time for Love, Big Spender, Land of Enchantment, Come to Me, Entre Mis Recuerdos, Java Jive, They Can't Take That Away From Me, Carnival, The Human Thing to Do, The Bard, Jurame, Spinning Wheel, Non Domenticar, Rachel's Song, And I Love You So, Dark Waltz, PA 6-5000, and Laurann.

Thank you to everyone. Thank you to the dedicated leaders and cuers of round dancing in the Greater Dallas-Fort Worth Area, the volunteer workers who donate time, money and energy, and to the dancers themselves. What a great activity!

NOTE: To receive this free newsletter or to send information for inclusion in the newsletter, email Melanie Gustafson at:

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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

Starting in January 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. Ron also teaches Dance, Dance, Dance at the Timberglen Recreation Center in Dallas on Thursdays from 6:15-9:30 PM. Ron & Marilou's first lesson was fabulous. We learned a Phase 4 Cha by Brent and Judy Moore released within the last year called, Why Don't "Cha" Do Right."

You can catch Christine & Theron dancing and teaching at the Bradfield Recreation Center on Tuesdays at 7:30 and Wednesdays at 7:00 PM at the Churchill Recreation Center.

Bob & Patsy Heath with occasional help from Club President, Evelyn Smiles, teach the Rainbow Rounds Club on Wednesdays at Swingtime. Lessons begin at 7:00 PM.

Jack & Ann Von der Heide will be starting beginning round dance lessons at the Farmers Branch Senior Center this January 9th, Tuesdays at 7:00 PM.

Max & Nona Meinen are on the mend and dancing in the Valley. We miss them, but rejoice in their speedy recovery.

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. There is a lot of footwork in dance, so here's some footnotes from Harold's site: "Lead Foot -- Man's left, woman's right, Trail Foot -- Man's right, woman's left, Free Foot --The foot that is not supporting the body's weight. Supporting Foot -- The foot that is bearing the body's weight. One of the challenges in dance is to keep all your weight balanced over that foot. If you don't, you will be pushing your partner off balance or asking him or her to support some of your weight--not good. Teachers talk about the body as a pile of boxes: the head, torso, hips, legs, and the need to keep the pile neatly aligned, or it will topple. Unexpectedly, the head is the heaviest box. Keep it up. Don't be looking around. Don't look down. You'll pull the pile over."

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, Breathless
Merry Rounders (Phase 4-5-6-)	Ron and Marilou Webb
Monday, 7:00-9:30	Why Don't "Cha" Do Right, Shores of the Swilly
Arlington Senior Center	Hello Memory, Are You Gonna Dance?
Rainbow Rounds (Phase 3-4-5)	Bob and Patsy Heath
Wednesday, 7:00-9:15 pm	Perhaps Tango, Memory Rumba Phase 3
Swingtime Center, Fort Worth	Just a Tango, Hello Memory, Colours Rumba
Ramblin' Rounds (Phase -3-4+)	Theron and Christine Hixson
Tuesday, 7:30-9:30 pm	Cuando Me Enamoro, Oh, How I Miss You
Bradfield Rec. Center, 1146 Castle Dr., Garland	
Ramblin' Rounds (Phase -4-5-6)	Theron and Christine Hixson
Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 pm	Are You Gonna Dance? Memory Rumba
Churchill Recreation Center, Dallas	

NATIONAL CAROUSEL COMMITTEE 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 p.m. -- Business Meeting -- 2:00 -- 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