

Harvest Holiday 2005

This is the Life

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Reflections from the Chair

This year is certainly moving along fast. 2005 is almost half over. As you are reading this, I hope you are here at Swingtime Center enjoying the Sunday Fun Dance this June 12th, 2005, with hosts Allan and Judy Heinrich. If not, please put the next one on your calendar. Next month's Sunday Fun Dance will be held on July 10th with Ron and Marilou Webb as hosts. The August Sunday Fun Dance will be on August 14th with Christine and Theron Hixson as hosts. Please join us and "Seize the Moment." The Sunday Fun Dances are held at Swingtime Center, South Loop 820, Anglin Drive exit, Fort Worth, Texas, from 2 to 5 p.m. and are usually held on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Since the April newsletter, Harvest Holiday has had two wonderful Sunday Fun Dances. Christine and Theron Hixson were the hosts for the April Sunday Fun Dance and Patsy and I were the hosts for the May Sunday Fun Dance. Our Annual Minifest "Seize the Moment" was held on April 24th. Many thanks to Minifest Chairman, Christine and Theron Hixson, for all the hard work and planning that made the Minifest so special. We also would like to extend special thanks to the Instructors/Cuers who made this event possible. We are pleased to have such special people donating their time and talents. They make all of our events special and successful. The teaches were presented by Donna & Jack Jones, Pat and Jerry Mitchell, and Jack and Ann von der Heide. The dances they selected to teach were very good choices and they all did an excellent job of instruction. Cueing the evening program were Donna and Jack Jones, Pat and Jerry Mitchell, Jack and Ann von der Heide, Allan and Judy Heinrich, Christine and Theron Hixson and Bob and Patsy Heath. We thank all these talented out-of-town Cuer/Instructors for the fantastic job of cueing and entertaining the dancers. We would also like to thank all the participants of the Harvest Holiday Minifest with the attendance of over 100 dancers. We are proud of all the support our Harvest Holiday members give to this organization. Please find more on the Minifest later in the newsletter.

Seize the Moment

Ice Cream and GOD (Short and Sweet)

Last week, I took my children to a restaurant. My six-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed

our heads, he said, "God is good, God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would even thank you more if Mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And Liberty and justice for all! Amen!"

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice-cream! Why, I never!" Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong?" "Is God mad at me?" As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table. He winked at my son and said, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer. "Really" my son asked. "Cross my heart", the man replied. Then in a theatrical whisper, he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing), "Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes." Naturally, I bought my kids ice cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment and then did something I will remember the rest of my life. He picked up his sundae and without a word, walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, "Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes; and my soul is good already."

BIO –RON AND MARILOU WEBB

Ron and Marilou met in 1952 while roller-skating at a rink on the shores of Lake Erie, near their hometown of Hamburg, New York. Their love of dancing had an early start, as they loved to dance on roller skates. They continued dancing at all the local high school proms and later at all the college balls to music from the Big Band era.

They were married in 1956, and have raised 5 children and now enjoy 5 grandchildren, and recently 2 additional foster grands, who joyously happen to live in Garland, only about 10 minutes away from their home.

Ron and Marilou began Round Dancing in 1969, taking lessons from Pete and Ann Peterman. They danced in Dallas for the next 7 years, mostly with Ray and Lillie Doyal, before moving to Lubbock, TX in 1976. After a couple of year's hiatus, they resumed round dancing and

almost immediately began their teaching career. They have been teaching ever since. They returned to Dallas in 1996 and took over Hardie and Sara Hartung's Phase 4-6 club in Grand Prairie, and later took over Art and Sylvia Moore's club in Dallas upon their retirement. These two clubs were then combined into one, called Dance, Dance, Dance, a Phase 4-6 club that meets from 7 to 9 p.m. every Thursday at Timberglenn Recreation Center in far northwest Dallas.

Ron and Marilou are members of TRDTA, Round A Rama, and URDC, where they served as Program of Rounds Chaircouple for the 2002 URDC Convention in Joplin, MO. They were Harvest Holiday chaircouple in 1998 and have been on staff at Harvest Holiday since 1998.

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR HARVEST HOLIDAY FESTIVAL AND SUNDAY FUN DANCE INFORMATION AT: <http://harvestholiday.tripod.com>

Minifest – April 2005

We were privileged to be the Chair for the Harvest Holiday Phase 2-4 Minifest on Sunday, April 24. What a fantastic event it turned out to be! Over 40 dancing couples attended the afternoon teaches, and for the evening dance, over 50 couples were in attendance.

The afternoon teaches, which were so well presented and enjoyed by the dancers, were: Hello Mary Lou (III+2 CHA) taught by Pat and Jerry Mitchell; Woodchoppers Ball (IV QS/SS) taught by Jack and Ann von der Heide; and My Heart is an Open Book (III+2 fox-trot) taught by Donna and Jack Jones. Thanks so much to our outstanding instructors for such a great job.

After a break for dinner, the evening commenced with request rounds, followed by the programmed dance, which was cued by the three afternoon instructors, plus Bob and Patsy Heath, Allan and Judy Heinrich, and Christine and Theron Hixson. The evening dance was also attended by several Nortex Officers, including the current president, Curtis Cole and his lady Karen Kelley, and the President-Elect Ronnie and Ann Montgomery. Also during the evening dance, the afternoon instructors were each presented with a wooden revolving weather clock in appreciation of their efforts.

We had some great raffle prizes donated by Bob and Barb Ahten, Pat and Nadine Hallahan, Larry and Aleece Collamore, and Bob and Patsy Heath. The prizes were won by Bill Rackley (sprayer), Helen Arceneaux (flower arrangement), Janeel Jones (foot stool), Randy Michael (picture) and Ralph O'Neil (doily),

We are so appreciative of all the instructors/cuers who donated their time, and all the dancers who came to take part in this great event, and make it such a success. But

it could not have been the success it was without the dedication of all the Harvest Holiday members who gave so freely of their time and talent – all for the love of the round dance activity. So special thanks to Larry and Aleece Collamore (raffle chair), Tom and Rosa Dulin (refreshments chair), Ken and June Gartlir (sign in/greeters), and John and Leota Porter (decorations chair), along with their many committee members, and all Harvest Holiday members who gave so much of themselves in support of the Minifest.

Many, many thanks to all who supported and participated in the Minifest.

The programmed dances include: Naughty Lady of Shady Lane, Any Dream Foxtrot, Amanda, Almost Jamaica, Pop Goes the Movies, All I Ask of You, Jacalyn's Waltz, I Wanna Quickstep, Selfish, Taste of the Wind, Witchcraft, Turn Your Radio On, Non Dimenticar, Answer Me, Calendar Girl, Buicks to the Moon, Maria Elena Bolero, Axel F, Spinning Wheel, Crazy Eyes, Sleeping Beauty, Could I Have This Dance, I'll Be the One, Washington Square, Song Sung Diamond, Boogie Time, and Carolina Moon.

April Fun Dance

Christine and Theron Hixson served as hosts for the day. Fifty-three eager dancers were there to dance their shoes off. Bob and Patsy Heath, Jack and Donna Jones, and Allan and Judy Heinrich assisted with cueing. Many thanks to Tom and Rosa Dulin for taking care of refreshments, to Randy Michaels and Janeel Jones for greeting the dancers and to Larry and Aleece Collamore for selling raffle tickets. Bob and Barb Ahten, Patrick and Nadine Hallahan, and Bob and Patsy Heath donated door prizes. Lucky Winners were Judy Broyles, Margaret Hunley and Donna Jones.

Following is list of dances that were cued: This is the Life, Looking through your Eyes, Boom Boom, I'm Still Me, Glory of Love, Dedication, Right Here Waiting, Spinning Wheel, Let me Show You How, All That Jazz, All I Ask of You, Can't Smile, La Pura, Married, Boogie Time, Smoke Gets in Your Eyes, Sam IV, Penelope, Rhythm of My Heart, Cavatina, I Wanna Quickstep, Patricia Cha, Trudy's Foxtrot, For a Moment, I Beyond, Land of Enchantment, St. Michael's QS, Chilly Chilly Cha, A Brief Romance, Sway 4 Me, Duerme, Starlight Express, Memories of You, Beale St. Blues, Orient Express Fox-trot, And I Love you So, Just Another Woman in Love, and Laurann.

May Fun Dance

Bob and Patsy Heath were our hosts. Other cuers there to help with cueing were Jack and Donna Jones, Christine and Theron Hixson, Ron and Marilou Webb and Allan and Judy Heinrich. We had a good group of dancers. Ralph and Mollie O'Neil served as greeters, Patsy Heath took care of refreshments, and Larry and Aleece Collamore took care of raffles. Door prizes for

the day were a steamer, a throw, and a night-light. Lucky winners were Ron and Marilou Webb, Chris and Maria Farabaugh, and Glenn and Helen Arceneaux. Following is a list of dances requested by the dancers: While You Danced, All I Ask of You, Boogie Time, Can't Smile Without You, All That Jazz, Sway 4 Me, This is the Life, Dark Waltz, Land of Enchantment, Glory of Love, Right Here Waiting, Boom Boom, Molly Maguire's Waltz, I Wanna Quickstep, You Forget, Stardust, I'm Still Me, Just a Tango, Rhythm of My Heart, Bye Bye Blues, Carolina Moon, Patricia Cha, For a Moment, White Sports Coat, And I Love You So, My Heart is an Open Book, Perfidia Rumba, Spinning Wheel Waltz, La Pura, I'm Dreaming, Cavatina, Shadows in the Moonlight, Trudy's Foxtrot and Lover's Dance.

Club Reports

Circle Chase (by Bob and Patsy Heath)

The Phase II Workshops continue on Tuesdays at Swingtime Center from 7 to 8 p.m. followed by Phase II and III dancing till 9:15 p.m. We have completed Phase III Waltz and Foxtrot. We have been working on Phase III Bolero and we are working on steps that will prepare for the following Bolero dances that we plan to teach as part of the workshop: "Ginney Come Lately, by Bob and Patsy heath and "Maria Elena Bolero, by Kaye and Dan Palenchar. We plan to start a workshop in the near future on Tango. We plan to teach Tango Mannita, by Manning and Nita Smith.

Rainbow Rounds (by Bob & Patsy Heath)

We have been doing a lot of review. We did a review on "This is the Life", by Ron and Ree Rumble and "All I Ask of You, by Lyn and Bob Kenney. Plans are to teach a Phase V+1 rumba, "Rumba Assisi" by Jerry and Diane Broadwater. We taught an oldie Quickstep from 1983 called "Our Love Affair", by Jack and Lone Kern. This dance will take some more reviewing.

The fourth annual Hangar Dance was held in Cresson, Texas, on April 30th, at the beautiful home of Rich and Carolyn Richbourg. Activities started at 2 p.m. There was an afternoon of airplane rides, playing cards and dominoes, visiting on the back porch and playing yard games. The potluck supper started at 6 p.m., followed by an evening of dancing in the hangar. For the die hards there was a bon fire and hayride. Much fun, food, and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

The fourth annual Meinen Lake Dance was held in Grandview, Texas, at the rustic lake home of Max and Nona Meinen. You could not ask for a more picturesque country lake setting than at the Meinen's. Activities included canoeing, four wheeling, playing cards and dominoes, and visiting. Then we all enjoyed dinner at 6 p.m. and an evening of dancing. The pot lock dinner was delicious. Dancing is important – so is dinner.

Dance, Dance, Dance

No report at this time.

Merry Rounders

Ralph and Mollie O'Neil were about to head out to Nacogdoches on a Friday morning to attend their triplet grandchildren's graduation and heir grandson's ceremony to receive his Eagle Scout award when. Mollie accidentally tripped and fell and broke her ankle in two places. She had to have surgery and needless to say, she ended up in the hospital rather than going on her trip. She is at home and doing well. She will be off that foot for 6 to 8 weeks (no dancing). We are glad that she is home recuperating and wish her a speedy recovery. We know Ralph will take very good care of her.

On another note, John Gayda had a light stroke the same weekend. He is also already home and recuperating. He will be undergoing several tests to see what caused his stroke. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Hope to see you soon John and Audrey.

We are looking forward to URDC in San Antonio in July. It is always fun to go and get to visit with folks we haven't seen in a while.

We will be reviewing some Rumble dances in the next few months in preparation for their visit in November.

Ramblin Rounds

No report at this time.

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JUNE 2005

Dance, Dance, Dance (Phase 4-5-6)	Ron and Marilou Webb
Wednesday, 6:00 to 8:00 PM	I'd Be Surprisingly Good for You - V Tango (Goss), You Owe
Timber Ridge Recreation Center	Me One – V Hustle/Cha (Worlock), They Can't Take That
North Dallas	Away from Me – VI FT (Goss), Right Here Waiting VI Bolero
	Goss), Illusion of my Life – V Tango (Noble), How do You
	Like me Now – VI WCS (Rumble)
Merry Rounders (Phase 4-5-6)	Jack and Donna* Jones
Monday, 7:00 to 9:30 pm	Right Here Waiting – Phase 6 Bolero (Goss)
Arlington Senior Center	Dark Waltz - Phase 6 (Vogt)
	Reviewed You Forget – Phase 6 Bolero (Rumble)
	Amapola – Phase 6 Rumba (Rumble)
Circle Chase Rounds (Phase 2-3)	Bob* and Patsy Heath
Tuesday, 7:00 – 9:15 pm	Phase III Waltz/Foxtrot Workshop complete. Teaches include
Swingtime Center	My Heart is an Open Book II+2 FT (Harris), My Shy Violet, III
	Foxtrot (Hudson), Any Dream Foxtrot III+1 (Pinks), Die Lorelei
	III+1 Waltz (Bendewald), Cario Mio III – III+1 Waltz (Green)
	Phase III Bolero Workshop in progress
Rainbow Rounds (Phase 3-4-5)	Bob* and Patsy Heath
Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:15 p.m.	Our Love Affair – Phase IV+2 quickstep (Kern)
Swingtime Center	Feelin Waltz – Phase II (Barbee)
	Come Along With Me – Phase IV (Read)
Ramblin Rounds (3-4-5)	Theron & Christine* Hixson
Tuesday 7:30 – 9:45 pm	Glory of Love – Phase V WCS (Woodruff), Some Beach
Bradfield Rec. Center	Phase 3+ Cha (Pratt), Swing on a Star – Phase 3+ Cha
1146 Castle Drive, Garland, TX	(Trankel/Gilder), Molly Maguire's Waltz – Phase 4+2
	(Lamberty)
Ramblin Rounds (5-6)	Theron & Christine* Hixson
Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 pm	Right Here Waiting – Phase 6 Bol (Goss), They Can't Take
Churchill Recreation Center	That Away – Phase 6 FT (Goss), Dark Waltz, Phase 5 (Vogt)
	Pastorale – Phase 6 Waltz (Prow)

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

1. Boom Boom	V	Rumble	7. Scheherezade	V	Moore
1. Chilly Cha	V	Shibata	9. 5 Guys Named Moe	VI	Goss
3. And I Love You So	V	Childers	9. Jack is Back	VI	Worlock
4. Beale Street Blues	V	Lillefield	9. Le Cygne	VI	Shibata
5. Dark Waltz	VI	Vogt	9. Look at Me I'm Sandra Dee	VI	Goss
5. I'm Still Me	VI	Read	9. They Can't Take That Away	VI	Goss
7. Libertango	V	Lamberty		V	Shibata

NEXT FUN DANCE, SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2005