

Harvest Holiday



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NOTES FROM OUR CHAIR > 2009- Good Beginnings

Ron Webb

The Sunday Fun Dance for February is now history.

Unfortunately, we were unable to make it back from the Houston Festival due to family reasons, so I have little to report except: The April Fun Dance will be held on the normal 2nd Sunday, which this year falls on Easter. Consensus at the Feb Sunday Fun Dance was most would be able to attend. Christine & Theron Hixson will be your Host.

Christine has also published the flyer for the "Spring Rounds" dance for Sunday, March 22, at Swingtime Center. This is an afternoon of all request round dancing for the Phase II-IV level dancers, and is always a lot of fun. We hope you will be able to attend. All attending Cuers will be invited to cue, so if you plan on attending and wish to cue, please let Christine know so we can get your name on the list. The flyer can be accessed on the Harvest Holiday Web Site at:

http://www.harvestholiday.com/schedule.htm.

Christine also published the flyer for the annual Harvest
Holiday Mini-Fest to be held at Swingtime Center on June 28. It
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Harvest Holiday Festival SPOTLIGHT



Do you know??????

At the "Die Easy" Party 2008, he was one of the final five couples when Christine Hixson turned out the lights.

2008 was his 25th H H Festival! He and his wife attended their first festival in 1983 and he has attended every subsequent year!

He and his wife took Square Dancing lessons in a "family" square in 1952 with his brother and spouse, sister and spouse, that spouse's brother and wife. They all danced together for years. He and his wife learned to Round Dance about 1956 in the Indianapolis area. Betty and Clancey Mueller taught "step cueing" in their basement to four couples. You were taught the steps then the music was played and you danced from memory. He has seen many changes through the years. He has attended about 21 International Round Dance Conventions. Though he lost his beloved wife in 2002, he continues to dance usually 4 nights a week. His daughter and son-in-law (Donna and Joe Borengasser live, call and cue in Little Rock, Arkansastheir latest choreography: "This Is Our Dance"

August 27th he'll celebrate his 90th birthday!

George "Bob" Bowling

Will be posted on HH web site in the next few days. The Mini-Fest is an afternoon (teach) session, and an evening dance session, and is predominately for the Phase 2-3-4 dancer. Costs are as follows: \$10/person for entire Mini-Fest or \$7/person for the evening dance only. Your guest instructors for the Mini-Fest will be Jack & Ann von der Heide, and Ed & Karen Gloodt of Oklahoma. Please plan on attending, and learning some great dance routines from these fine instructors.

We are planning on having another great Thanksgiving week Harvest Holiday Festival this year, with guest Instructors Curt & Tammy Worlock from Plant City, Florida. Those that have experienced this couples' teaching know what truly exceptional instruction and choreography we can expect. If you have not met this couple, you are in for a real treat. As stated last month, if you ever travel to another Round Dance activity, please take a moment to advertise our Festival both by word of mouth, and by placing out Flyers. If you need Flyers, they can be easily downloaded from the web site: www.harvestholiday.com by clicking on the Red rectangle in the upper left corner labeled "2009 Flyer and Info", or you may pick some up at the Sunday Fun Dance. Thanks for your help, as we really need to get the word out on this truly great festival.

We are maintaining an email database for all Harvest Holiday attendees past and present, and emailing this newsletter to those whose addresses are active. Therefore, if you should happen to change your email address - please let us know.

Several of us attended the Houston Festival on Feb 6-7,

2009. This was the 57th Annual Houston Round Dance Festival - the longest running round dance festival in the United States. Houston dancers are some of the most dedicated supporters of Harvest Holiday, and we need to reciprocate in kind. This year's featured instructors were Brent & Judy Moore, who are excellent clinicians and beautiful dancers and Choreographers. They presented their new Waltz, "Anytime, Anywhere" and their new Swing (slow Jive) called "When Will I Be Loved". Both dances were well received and are already being taught around the area. The Houston Festival, as are so many other festivals around the area, is running up against severe cost constraints, and need to get a commitment from as many of you as possible for

<u>mark@pamprow.com</u> know of your intentions to attend no later that April 1, so they can make appropriate decisions.The March Sunday Fun Dance will be on March 8,

2009. Ron & Marilou Webb will be your Hosts for the

day. Please plan on attending. Till next month,

Happy Dancing,

Ron & Marilou Webb

next year. Please let Mark & Pam Prow

Spring Rounds-Phases II, III & IVMarch 22nd 2PM-5PM Swingtime Center

February 8th Dance Recap

Cuers: Christine & Theron Hixson

JL & Linda Pelton

Greeters: Randy Michael & Ruby Watson

Coffee & Refreshments: Dick & Pat Turner

Leon & Arlene Wallace

Attendance: 17 Couples

Dances Requested and Cued:

JL: Any Dream Foxtrot, Boogie Time, Lovers Dance, La Gloria, Kids of the Baby Boom, Spinning Wheel, Non Dimenticar, Reggie Cowboy, El Reloj, Rachael's Song, Die Lorelei, Senorita Tango, Carolina Moon, Sway For Me, Serenade 5

Christine: Am I Blue 4, Sugar Sugar, Beat of Your Heart, Desert Song, Fortuosity, Blue Coast, Cuando, Big Blonde and Beautiful, That's You, Just A Tango, I Prefer To Say Goodbye, Coney Island, Lost To Me, Witchcraft, Carnival, My Love, Someone Like You. Kansas City Baby, Send In The Clowns



Harvest Holiday Flyers available for printing on website www.harvestholiday.com

Carousel report available at www.icbda.com
Membership dues in ICBDA are only \$21.00 per year. Please support your activity and receive all the benefits associated with being members, including access to the monthly National Carousels Club

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

We need your help on the following jobs/days
Sign up sheets available at March dance
Greeters (Sign-In) approximately 1 hour:
Oct 11th, Nov 8th; Dec 13th

Coffee (arrive 30 minutes early): April 12th; May 3 2-5 and 7-9:30; July 12th; Sept 27th; Oct 11th, Nov 8th; Dec 13th

<u>Harvest Holiday 2009 Decorations Chair</u> Position Requirements:

Decorations are already available. Determine and acquire desired number of volunteers to install and remove decorations prior to and at the end of festival. Theme and decorations from 2008 will be recycled. This is an important but not physically or time demanding position that adds ambiance to our festival. History of prior festival staff and material use will be available to assist in planning.

*****URGENT NOTICE****

The longest running round dance festival in the country
The 58th Annual Houston Round Dance
Festival "Mardi Gras Magic"

NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

February 5-6, 2010
With King and Queen Bill and Carol Goss

The Festival is in jeopardy of being cancelled if pre-registration goal of 40 couples is not met by April 1st to cover bare essentials!

Phase IV-VI Dancing and Instruction on a 4,000 square foot WOOD floor
We need EVERY festival!
Have YOU Registered???
Register online at www.pamprow.com
Ouestions? Call Pam Prow 713-705-5290

Harvest Holiday Club Reports

Dance, Dance, Dance (Phase 5-6) Thursday, 6:30-9:00 pm Timberglen Recreation Center, North Dalla:	Ron and Marilou Webb Anytime, Anywhere - Ph 6 Waltz by Brent & Judy Moore When Will I Be Loved - Ph 5 Swing by Brent & Judy Moore
Merry Rounders (Phase 4-5-6) Monday, 7:00-9:30 Eunice Senior Center, Arlington	Ron and Marilou Webb Mi Vida - Ph 4 Rumba by Kay & Joy Read When Will I Be Loved - Ph 5 Swing by Brent & Judy Moore
Ramblin' Rounds (Phase 3-4+) Tuesday, 7:30-9:30 pm Bradfield Rec. Center, Garland	Theron and Christine Hixson Let your Love Flow – Ph 3 Cha, Seurer Misbehavin' – Ph. 5 WCS, Barton (currently teaching)
Ramblin' Rounds (Phase 4-5-6) Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 pm Churchill Recreation Center, Dallas	Theron and Christine Hixson Anytime, Anywhere – Ph. 6 WZ, Brent & Judy Moore

Additional Club Reports

Fan and Flares (Phase 3-4+)	Paul and Pat Goodson
Monday, 7:00-8:45 p.m.	Dances by Request
Granger Annex, Garland	
The Round Side (Phase 2-3-4)	Charles and Tanya Crockett
Tuesday, 7:00-9:30 p.m.	Sleeping Single In A Double Bed-Ph3 Mixed by Charles &
Swingtime Center, Fort Worth	Tanya Crockett
Rainbow Rounds (Phase 3-4-5)	Bob and Patsy Heath
Wednesday, 7:00-9:15 pm	Reviewed and Danced Clubs favorites as published within
Swingtime Center, Fort Worth	newsletter
Fretz Park	John and Eula Brewer
Monday, 8:15	Refresh teach- Colours; beginner waltz/tango class at 7pm
Beltline @ Hillcrest	

Round & About

Houston Festival

by Linda Pelton

The Houston Festival was held the 6th and 7th of February in the newly renovated Knights of Columbus hall. We were so fortunate to have a brand new wood floor to dance in. It was so new, construction wasn't quite finished, but the floor was well worth it. Harvest Holiday attendees included Maycene and Bob Hopper, Leo and Lorraine Gonya, Steve and Alice Jung, JL and Linda Pelton, Jerry and Jackie Mundell, and Ron and Marilou Webb.

Brent and Judy Moore did a great job of teaching two new dances they had choreographed specifically for the Houston Festival: Anytime, Anywhere, a Phase VI Waltz, and When Will I Be Loved, a nice Phase V Swing (a little slower rhythm than a Jive). On Saturday night during the demonstration portion of the evening, Brent and Judy also showed Saddle the Wind, a Phase IV+2 Waltz which they had also choreographed. Brent and Judy weren't leaving until Monday, so they graciously offered to teach Saddle the Wind to the Houston Sunday Stylers dance club on Sunday evening.

Everyone really had a great time at the Houston Festival and thoroughly enjoyed the dances and Brent and Judy Moore.

Next year's festival promises to be a wonderful festival as well with Bill and Carol Goss as clinicians.

Please note: You *must register early* for the Houston Festival to be held February 5-6, 2010. Costs have continued to rise, specifically in the Houston area for dance halls, and to ensure there is enough money to pay all the festival bills, there must be 42 registered couples no later than April 1 in order for the Festival to be held. Let's keep this wonderful festival alive. Sign up now!

You may registration online at Mark and Pam's web site: www.pamprow.com – the online registration link is at the top.

STILL the Best Value

Time to renew memberships - pass it along

If you haven't already joined Harvest Holiday, now is a great time to do it! Beginning with the February dance, membership is an even better value. February 8th, 2009, and dances thereafter, the guest fee will be \$14 per couple. Assuming you attend monthly dances March though November (traditionally December is a free dance), you would spend \$126 for the nine dances; add the Spring Rounds, May Mini Fest and Autumn Rounds at \$14 times three gives you at total cost of \$168. By paying your \$70 per couple membership fee at or before the March dance, you'll save \$98 this year! JOIN NOW

Questions:

Leo Gonya (214-513-1308)

Membership Roster available at March Dance

COMMENT: There is absolutely no better way to support our activity than by membership in a club. Clubs don't exist without members. Dances don't exist without clubs AND the volunteers willing to take time away from their own dancing to enable each of us to enjoy the dance. Think about it.

HARVEST HOLIDAY NEXT DANCE:

April 12th

SPECIAL DANCE:

March 22nd

Next Newsletter April 5th

Comments/Suggestions/Articles- please submit no later than March 31st

harvestholidaynews@yahoo.com



Christine Hixson underwent successful renal surgery February 16th to remove stag-horn calculi- a complicated form of kidney stone. She breezed through surgery and was released earlier than anticipated. Christine is doing very well and Theron is expected to recover. *NOTE:*

Thanks to all our dancing friends for the expressions of love and concern during "our" (Christine's) recent surgery. The cards, calls, visits, food, flowers, etc., were appreciated more than we can ever say. We are so fortunate to be part of this great activity and blessed with such wonderful friends. Love.

Christine & Theron

Spring Rounds March 22



Phases II,III, IV 2-5 PM

\$7 Per Dancer

All Area Cuers have been invited to Cue- Request YOUR favorite dance

Support ALL Levels of Dancing !!!!

Be There!

From the Dancers' Floor

Here is information on lessons, workshops

...pass it along

ROUND DANCE LESSONS

JL & Linda Pelton will begin ChaCha and Rumba For New Dancers March 12

\$40 Per Person -8 weeks

The class space is limited – sign up early!

972-822-1926

Chris and Maria Farabaugh also offering lessons:

CHOREOGRAPHED DANCE 1 (Round Dance), Course # 95648, Tom Muehlenbeck Center, \$34 per person. Partners required. Basic Two Step figure Thursday 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Class Starts on March 26 and runs for 8 Thursdays.

CHOREOGRAPHED DANCE 2 (Round Dance)

Course # 95650, Tom Muehlenbeck Center, \$34 per person. Partners required. Intermediate figures Friday 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Class starts on April 3 and runs for 8 Fridays.

More details: http://parks.planotx.org/econnect/Activities/

Bob & Patsy Heath will be teaching Bolero at the Solitaires dance starting Saturday March 14Th from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. The Solitaires dance at Walnut Hill and Midway Road (Dallas) For more info Call Bob @ 214-354-5084.

John & Eula Brewer beginning lessons Promenade Hall, Tool, TX 2PM Sundays; Workshop 1st & 3rd Saturdays Log Cabin Swingers 6:30PM, Tool, TX More information on lessons/workshops John: <r.dancers@sbcglobal.net> Phyllis and Leroy Weisheit



Leroy Weisheit 1932-2009

Leroy Edward Weisheit, 76, passed away Monday, Feb. 9, 2009. Memorials: In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the St. John Lutheran Church Building Fund. Leroy was born in Kentucky on March 11, 1932, to Joseph and Hilda Weisheit and was raised in Dubois County, Ind. He graduated from Ireland High School in 1950. He was a U.S. Army veteran and served in the Korean War. Leroy was a member of St. John Lutheran Church of Mansfield and enjoyed camping, traveling and dancing.

Survivors: Wife of 53 years, Phyllis Weisheit; sons, Doug Weisheit and wife, Mary Helen, Jeff Weisheit and Greg Weisheit and wife, Lori; daughter, Gayle Turner and husband, Bill; grandchildren, Jessica, Tiffany, Anna Marie, Andrew and Jeffrey Weisheit and William, Melissa and Valerie Turner; sisters, Jan Walters and Dorothy Traylor and husband, Jerry; sister-in-law, Pat Weisheit; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Just to let you know Leroy passed away Monday @10;40 am. February 9th, 2009. It was very peaceful. If you would like to send a card the home address I have is: 5805 Rendon Estates, Mansfield, TX 76063

Rainbow Rounds Members & Friends voted for their favorite dances. The top 6:

- 01) Close To You 4 (Bolero)
- 02) Sugar Sugar (Cha Cha)
- 03) I Wanta Quickstep (Quickstep)
- 04) Rachel's Song (Slow 2 Step)
- 05) I'm Alive (Cha Cha)
- 05) Just A Tango (Tango)
- 06) All That Jazz (Foxtrot)
- 06) Hope (Waltz)
- 06) Molly Maguire (Waltz)
- 06) Spinning Wheel (Waltz)
- 06) Theme From The Bible (Waltz)
- 06) Washington Square (Mixed)
- 06) Witchcraft

Very Easy

For a quick, lower calorie desert:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Grease Bundt pan (or pan of choice-works with muffin pans too-adjust cook time)

- 1- Angel Food cake mix
- 1- 20oz can crushed pineapple (no sugar added) do NOT drain

Mix these two ingredients ONLY
Bake for approximately 20 minutes
(Bundt pan)...will "spring" to touch
when done. ENJOY!

NTCA annual Installation Dance January 25, 2009

By vote of NORTEX members

The complete list of Cuers and

Songs:

- 1. I'm Alive Christine Hixson
- 2. Indiana Beach Swing Jack von der Heide
- 3. Just Let Me Be Alive Charles Crockett
- 4. I'm Alive Bob Heath
- 5. Spinning Wheel Mel Neuman
- 6. Blue Bayou Charles Crockett
- 7. All I Ask Of You Jack von der Heide
- 8. Amathia ?? John Brewer
- 9. Blue Side Of Lonesome Mel Neuman
- 10. Sugar, Sugar Bob Heath
- 11. Beach Party Cha Bob Heath
- 12. Midnight In Moscow Toby Thomason

Information provided by:

Charles Quisenberry, President NTCA 2008

SHARE A DANCE STORY ABOUT HARVEST HOLIDAY; SUBMIT A DANCE RELATED STORY OR INFORMATION, QUOTE, ETC? QUESTIONS? WE CAN FIND AN ANSWER- OR TRY! PLEASE MAKE YOUR SUBMISSIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER AT LEAST 10 DAYS BEFORE OUR MONTHLY FUN DANCE!