

# Harvest Holiday News

September/October 2020

## Note from the Chair

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It's hard to put together a newsletter when there is very little news. Covid-19 is still with us, and many venues still are not allowing dances, so for many of us our dance life has pretty much been put on hold. We miss the friendly get-togethers that our dancing enabled and encouraged. Hopefully, we will be back to our monthly Harvest Holiday Fun Dances on January 10, but that will depend on Swingtime Center opening up.

This is the time when we had planned on working hard and getting all our ducks in a row in anticipation of our annual Harvest Holiday Festival. Unfortunately, that had to be cancelled this year, but the good news is that everything is in place for November 2021, so please mark that on your calendar and plan to join us in 2021.

We hope all of you stay safe, healthy, and warm, and that you will enjoy the upcoming Thanksgiving with your family and friends. We are looking forward to the time when we can all get together again on the dance floor.

Christine & Theron Hixson  
2020 Harvest Holiday Chair Couple

## Important Reminders:

- Clocks "Fall Back" on November 1
- Election Day is Tuesday, November 3

**\*\* TENTATIVE \*\***

**Next Regular Sunday Fun Dance - January 10, 2021**  
**Swingtime Center, Fort Worth**

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**\* \* DANCE FROM 2:00 TO 5:00 P.M. \* \***

**ALL REQUESTS – PH. III-VI**

**\*\* TENTATIVE \*\***

## Harvest Holiday Winter Fun Rounds Swingtime Center, Fort Worth

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**January 31, 2021, 2:00-5:00 p.m.**

PH. II-IV All Request Rounds

Cued by Area Cuers.

Info: JL & Linda Pelton - 972.822.1926 or

[peltondances@gmail.com](mailto:peltondances@gmail.com) or [www.harvestholiday.com](http://www.harvestholiday.com)

## Dallas-Fort Worth Area Dance Club Status

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Monday	
<b>Merry Rounders ** (Phase 4-5-6)</b> Monday, 6-8 pm Eunice Senior Center, Arlington	<b>Jack and Sharie Kenny</b> Anticipate resuming dancing in January, 2021.
Tuesday	
<b>Ramblin' Rounds (Phase 3-4-5)**</b> Tuesday, 7:00-9:00 pm Granger Rec Center Annex, Garland (Limited number of dancers allowed)	<b>Christine and Theron Hixson</b> Moonlight and Roses, 4 FT, Crapo First Snowfall IV, 4 WZ, Weiss Ooh, Daddy, 4 FT/JV, Byrd Norma La De Guadalajara, 5 CH, Garza Castles & Kings, 5 WZ, Slater Just a Closer Walk with Thee, 5 JV, Sperry After Midnight Tango, 4 TG, Moore
Wednesday	
<b>Ramblin' Rounds ** (Phase 4-5-6)</b> Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 pm Churchill Recreation Center, Dallas	<b>Christine and Theron Hixson</b> Center is open on limited basis. No dancing until further notice.
<b>Rainbow Rounds (Phase 3-4-5)</b> Wednesday, 6:00-9:00 pm Swingtime Center, Fort Worth	<b>Karen and Ed Gloodt</b> Swingtime closed through December 2020. Anticipate dancing in January, 2021
Thursday	
<b>Dance, Dance, Dance ** (Phase 5-6)</b> Thursday, 6:45-9:00 pm Holford Recreation Center, Garland	<b>Jack and Sharie Kenny</b> Anticipate resuming dancing in January, 2021
<b>Dance Arouds (Phase 3-4-5)</b> Thursday*, 5:45:15-8:45 p.m. Sam Johnson Recreation Center, Plano	<b>JL and Linda Pelton</b> Center closed until further notice.

\*\* Indicates a Carousel Club

## Notes from Local Round Dance Leaders

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### **Karen & Ed Gloodt:**

Well, not much to report. We had a second dance at the Pacesetters' Ballroom in Madill. Masks are requested, and we limit attendance to about a dozen couples for distancing. Most of the dancers wear masks and bring their own water and snacks. We dance phase 3-5 from about 2:00-5:00.

Our next Madill dance will be on Saturday, November 21, with the same restrictions, and we are at our maximum number for distancing at the November dance (everyone has been before). [NOTE: Check with Ed & Karen for up-to-date info if you are interested in going.] We continue to do teaches/reviews here at the house 2-3 times a month.

We hope that Swingtime will open in January, but who knows!

We will be cueing at a New Year's Eve square and round dance sponsored by T Square Gadabouts at Swingtime Center (depending on approval by Swingtime and City of Forest Hill) – 7:00 p.m. early rounds; 8:00 p.m. Grand March, with Vernon Jones and Bobby Willis on squares.

Also, the January Jewel Phase II-IV Festival in Shreveport (January 22-23) is still scheduled to take place – see Festival listing below.

### **Christine & Theron Hixson:**

Our Tuesday group is small, but we are social distancing, wearing masks, etc. Because we are still not dancing on Wednesday, we are meeting 30 minutes early on Tuesday and dancing some of the harder Ph. V and VI dances previously danced on Wednesday.

We just completed basic waltz lessons, but there is nowhere for the students to go and dance. So, at the request of the students, we are starting a new session and will be dancing basic waltz for the first half of the lesson, and then teaching basic two-step the second part of the lesson.

On a more personal note, we had to miss one Monday and two Tuesday nights because I was admitted to the hospital via the ER on Monday, August 17, had numerous tests (MRI, CTA, doppler – and of course Covid-19), and was scheduled for carotid artery surgery on Friday, August 21. I was in pre-op waiting on the surgeon (had already been prepped and signed all the consent

forms), when the surgeon came with an entourage and told me the surgery had to be postponed. There's a lot more to the story that I won't go into here! So, I was discharged to go home, and then the surgery was rescheduled for Tuesday September 1. All went well, and I came home on September 2, and I'm doing well. **Just a reminder to everyone**, if it seems like your body is giving you a warning that something is wrong, take heed and get it taken care of. My warning was a five-minute loss of vision in my eye – so thankful my ophthalmologist saw me within an hour, recognized the problem, and then got the ball rolling for the rest of the saga.

### **Jack & Sharie Kenny:**

We're still projecting startup in January [both clubs], but subject to change, of course. Sigh.

### **JL & Linda Pelton:**

Dance Arounds are still not dancing, and we have no idea when the Sam Johnson Center (formerly the senior center) will open up for us. It is a similar story for Carpenter Rec Center and beginning classes. They are not booking any "couples" type classes for the spring. They are only booking "single" participant classes. Fortunately, all our dancers are well with only a few aches and pains. For several, it's giving them an opportunity to recover from hip surgery and a serious calf injury before getting back to dancing. A very few have ventured out to a dance or two, but most of us are staying close to home.

## **Ken Gartlir Update**

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Ken is continuing with his chemo treatments for AML. He has just completed his second round of chemo and is now at home recuperating. He will be going for a check-up on Tuesday, November 3, and it will then be determined when he will start his third chemo treatment. Each chemo treatment is administered in the hospital and takes four days, and then he has to stay until his immune system recovers to a certain level. That means he stays in the hospital for approximately two to three weeks.

All things considered, Ken remains in "good" health and good spirits, is regaining his appetite and strength, and has a good prognosis.

As has been said before, he is being treated at a great medical facility and has an excellent medical team taking care of him, and of course has wonderful support from June, his family, and friends.

Please continue to keep Ken and June in your thoughts and prayers. If you wish to send a note or card, their address is: 6158 Velasco Avenue, Dallas, TX 75214.

## Congratulations

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**Karen & Ed Gloodt** – Their dance *Wake the Town* (3 FT/JV) has been selected by Roundalab as the Phase III Fourth Quarter Round of the Quarter for 2020; and their dance *When You're Smiling* (4 FT) has been selected by Roundalab as the Phase IV Fourth Quarter Round of the Quarter for 2020.

## Local Lessons and Other Dance Opportunities

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**Rainbow Rounds – Continuing Lessons – 4-5 Catch-Up Teaches when regular club dancing resumes**

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### **Karen and Ed Gloodt**

- **Wednesday nights** – 6:00-6:45 p.m. – Swingtime Center  
Phase 5 catch-up teaches and reviews, partner required. Anyone is welcome to join. Evening program from 7-9 remains the same.

### **Waltz and Two-Step – Garland – Monday Nights – November 2, 2020**

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**Christine & Theron Hixson** – we were allowed to start with a limited number

- **Monday nights** – First part of evening is basic waltz; 2<sup>nd</sup> part is beginning 2-step  
November 2, 2020 to January 25, 2021 – 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Granger Rec Center, Room 103, 1310 W. Ave F, Garland 75040  
For further info: Call Christine at 972.270.7292 or email [hixsoncuer@earthlink.net](mailto:hixsoncuer@earthlink.net)

## Links to Other Festival and Dance Opportunities

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**January 22-23, 2021 – Shreveport, LA – Phase II-IV, Christ UMC, Church, 1204 Crabapple Dr.  
30th Annual January Jewel – Featuring Karen & Ed Gloodt**  
Info: Martin & Doris Philyaw - [Philyawdg@att.net](mailto:Philyawdg@att.net); 318.938.7639  
Flyer: <http://peltondances.com/pdfs/2021-January-Jewel.pdf>

**February 26-27, 2021 – La Grange, Texas – Randolph Rec. Center, 653 E. Pearl Street**  
**TRDTA - Texas Round Dance Teachers Association South Dance Festival - Phase II-IV**  
Featuring Texas cuers throughout the state teaching and cuing / teaches Saturday morning & afternoon; Phases 2-4 - Programmed dances Friday & Saturday night  
Flyer: <http://peltondances.com/pdfs/2021-TRDTA-LaGrange.pdf>

**November 22-24, 2021 – Pre-Festival Activities – TBA -** Featuring local Harvest Holiday instructors  
Info: [www.harvestholiday.com](http://www.harvestholiday.com)

**November 26-28, 2021 – Sokol Hall, Dallas – 60/61st Annual Harvest Holiday Festival**  
Featuring Randy & Marie Preskitt – See Flyer at end of Newsletter  
Info: [www.harvestholiday.com](http://www.harvestholiday.com)



**2021 HARVEST HOLIDAY FLYER BELOW**



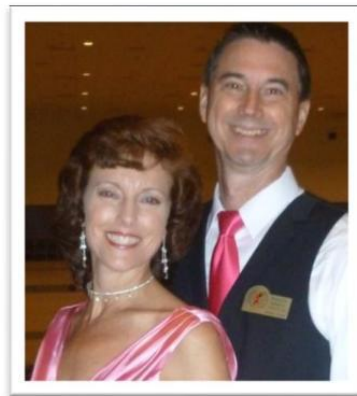
# 60/61st Annual Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas 2021 Harvest Holiday Festival

Friday-Sunday – November 26-28, 2021  
Teaches and Dancing at Phase 4-6

Save the date!

Check [www.harvestholiday.com](http://www.harvestholiday.com) for up-to-date information on venues, hotels and schedules for festival and pre-festival.

**Featuring:  
Randy and Marie  
Preskitt**



### **FESTIVAL (November 26-28, 2021)**

Location: Sokol Hall, 7448 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75231

Registration: \$140/couple until September 1, 2021 \$160/couple after September 1, 2021

Full refund if cancellation received by November 1, 2021

**PRE-FESTIVAL: TBD – see [www.harvestholiday.com](http://www.harvestholiday.com) for details**

#### **For further information contact:**

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