

# **THE GRAND SQUARE**

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## **Message from Ronnie and Shirley Jackson, 2008 CDSDA Presidents:**

The Holiday Season is a very special time of the year. We all have so much to be thankful for and the holiday season is the perfect time to pause and give thanks for our many blessings. Shirley and I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We know that many special dances and events are scheduled this month. Shirley and I look forward to attending some of the holiday dances hosted by district clubs. The three singles clubs, Metro Singles, Single Squares and Single Rounds are joining together to host a Christmas Dinner and Dance on December 5. The dinner and dance will be held at the Bohemian Hall with dinner served at 6:30 pm and the dance beginning at 8 pm. Tickets for the dinner must be purchased in advance, while tickets for the dance can be purchased at the door. Each club has a person selling tickets. This is one of the highlights of the year for Central District singles. Be sure to check the website for more information.

There are three New Year's Eve dances planned and more are being announced as the New Year approaches. Be sure to check the website for details. Let's all bring in the New Year by square and round dancing with our friends.

Shirley and I were proud to host the Dangle Dance on November 29 at the Westside Lions Club. The dance was our way of thanking all the dancers who participated in the Oklahoma Centennial events in 2007. We were the CD Publicity Directors in 2007 and were responsible for the participation by square dancers in the three Centennial events. Shirley and I purchased dangles for all the dancers who participated. We also purchased a duplicate copy of the Centennial Spectacular poster that was signed by all the dancers who danced at this event. At the dance we had 9 squares on the floor at the start and the floor stayed full for the entire evening! Our special thanks to Sonya Savell-Jones and Jim Couey for calling and cueing at the dance.

Shirley and I close out our term as your presidents with mixed feelings. We have enjoyed being your presidents although it has been a big job for us. It has been a rewarding experience working with everyone to achieve our goal, Working Together for the Best Year Ever! We have enjoyed working with our Executive Board and with the clubs in Central District. A highlight of being presidents is the opportunity to visit each club on their anniversary. We have made many new friends throughout the district and look forward to continued fellowship with our friends. We have many people to thank for their contributions this year. The list is long and we intend to thank each person individually. We wish we could have accomplished more but the twelve months passed quickly. Shirley and I wish the best to our new presidents, Jim and Ruth Ford, and we offer them our full support. We plan to continue dancing and participating in Central District events. In closing, thanks again to everyone for allowing us to be your presidents and for the support you have given us this year!

Most Sincerely, Ronnie and Shirley Jackson

## **Blood Drive:**

The 2009 Blood Drive will be held at the Westside Lions Hall on January 31, 9 am to 12 noon. Ronnie and Shirley Jackson will serve as the chairmen for the 2009 Central District Blood Drive. Executive Board members will cook and serve a hearty breakfast for the donors. Technicians from the Oklahoma Blood Bank will be there to collect the blood donations. Please mark this important date on your calendars and plan to donate a pint of blood. Blood donations are in critical need by area hospitals. Our annual blood drive is an opportunity for square and round dancers to give something back to the community. A flyer on the blood drive can be viewed on the Special Events page of the website.

Ronnie and Shirley Jackson, 2009 Blood Drive Chairmen

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## **Publicity Chairman Report, December 2008:**

We had only one request to dance this past month and that was on November the 14th. Sonya Savell-Jones was the caller on this exhibition. Thank you, Sonya. It was a different type of exhibition in that we danced for dinner guests and employees of Mary Mahoney Health Centers. Many of them were very interested and joined in as Sonya taught them some basic square dance calls. We got a nice thank you call from the director about how much they enjoyed our exhibition. This topped off our Publicity Chairman position for the year!

None of the exhibitions would have been possible if it were not for some great callers in Central District and of course, the dancers. When we needed help these dancers and callers really came through. As Lois and I have said many times before and truly mean it.. THANK YOU!!

One of our most rewarding accomplishments is the starting of lessons in the Technical School in Eastern Oklahoma County and the beginning of lessons as an adult course at Rose State College. Our hope is that this will spread to other technical schools and Colleges in the Oklahoma City area. It has already spread to Northeast District Junior College in Tulsa.

It has been very tiring for Lois and me but we would not have given up one moment of the time. As in most offices in Square Dancing – District wise and State wise - you meet some terrific people and most become your friends. As a closing word for Lois and me, we would encourage all of you to serve in an office or so in your Club, the District and if you want the State Federation. Agree it is a lot of work but it is really rewarding.

We knew that the shoes would be difficult to fill after Shirley Jackson's work last year, but we hope we were able to a good job. Now we leave those same shoes for the next Publicity Chairman. We will be leaving the Central District Board offices due to Lois's Health. It has been great serving the Central District Square Dancers in a variety of Offices. Thanks again for the opportunity.

Vernon & Lois Willis, Publicity Directors

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## **Dancing with the Stars!**

Central District had a Star Program long before the popular TV program, Dancing with the Stars. Our Star Program is the official plan for financing Central District Square Dance Association. Prior to the Star Program the primary source of financial support was selling tickets to an annual Central District Jamboree. The Star Program is in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Central District Square Dance Association. Inc. See (in part):

ARTICLE IV. Star Program The purpose of the Star Program is to assist in the financial support of this

Association.

A. (a) A member of the Star Program shall be defined as a club member who has paid a seven-dollar (\$7.00) fee per person, or fourteen (\$14.00) per couple, to their chosen Association club.

(1) Star Fees shall be assessed covering the calendar year, Jan 1 through Dec 31.

(2) A club check with club roster noting star members must be submitted to the Association Treasurer by November 1st. Those members who have not paid their Star Fee by December 15 shall be dropped from the newsletter mailing list and shall not receive an Association Club Directory.

(3) Star benefits shall include but not limited to a monthly newsletter, a Semi-Annual Association Club Directory, a Star Dangle issued through their chosen Association Club, and admission to the Annual Jamboree.

The Star Program has not changed over the years but costs for operating have. The intent of the Star Program is that each Central District Square and Round Dancer support the Star Program by paying the annual fee of \$7 per person, \$14 per couple.

Jim and Ruth Ford, Central District Presidents Elect, respectfully request that each Central District Club strive to be a 100% Star Program Club.

Jim and Ruth Ford, Presidents Elect

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## **A Good Thing!**

Written by Jerry Linduff

It seems that many good things are happening in our hobby today. One of the good things is “The Grand Square” being on line. While there seemed to be a lot of dancers against this happening, it did and it is a Good Thing! Why is it good? Well, this is the Central District Newspaper and the Central District - the dancers, not the Association - should want to share it with everyone in the Oklahoma City area, dancers and non-dancers. What a great way to let people find out about Square Dancing from Norman to Edmond, Shawnee to points west. Including everyone in this great hobby we have, as well as how to join us, makes us a more inclusive district. Times have changed and we must change with them or continue to be hidden only to be seen at Demo’s around town and at the Fair. What a great way to get into everyone’s house, where they can find us today and even six months from today, or find a set of lessons from their home. So, a Good Thing happened!.

Another good thing that everyone knows today because the Grand Square is on line, is that one club reported 23 new dancers after the third night continuing lessons. This is a Good Thing! This is not a really big number; however, it shows non-dancers that the classes are not so big as they would get lost in the crowd, but large enough so they won’t be singled out and everyone looking at them “learning” our hobby. A Good Thing! And of course, the best Good Thing this shows is that our numbers are growing. For example one club, among other reasons, had to relocate because they outgrew the old hall. Good News!

The Special Dances that are held around Oklahoma City, now everyone is able to find them and be reminded about them. Not only at the beginning of the month but also as they return to see the updates to the Grand Square during the month. A Good Thing! The Clubs supporting the Grand Square with articles about “Their Clubs”– a positive report about a positive hobby, by positive people. A Good Thing!

Understand that the Grand Square was a benefit of being a “Star Member” and a money maker for the

dancers' association. Today it can be seen as a "dancer maker" for the membership of the dancers' association. A Good Thing. The dancers' association may lose a few dollars, but how much do they save by not printing and mailing so many? And how much more does square dancing gain by being "on the net", where ALL can see that our hobby is in the City, large, healthy, fun, and for all ages, married, single, and in between? Where is the "Grand Square" being on line, not a Good Thing?

The only place I see that may become a little problem is in finding someone to continue it in a professional manner. When it was in a printed form only, people did it and did it great. So, this should not be a problem. A Good Thing.

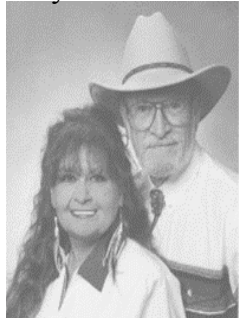
So, I for one want to "Thank" all of the dancers and callers that have worked for years expressing a need for change and to the ones that today have finally made it happen.

A Good Thing!!!

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### **Caller / Cuer of the Month: Sonya Savell-Jones and Terry Jones:**

Sonya Savell-Jones and Terry Jones-Savell are our featured callers for December. Sonya is a lady of many talents and phenomenal energy. She's both a Square Dance Caller and a Round Dance Cuer, and is the current President of the Central District Callers & Cuers Association. Sonya serves on the Central District Executive Board as the Round Dance Coordinator and WebMaster. She and Terry are the owners of Rockin'M Records and produce square dance, round dance, and gospel music. As you will read below, Sonya and Terry are a busy couple who have made many contributions to square and round dancing in Central District.



Sonya was born in Los Angeles, CA but raised in Louisiana, which explains her Cajun ways! When calling, she's liable to let out a Cajun yell when you least expect it. Sonya grew up in an orphanage in Louisiana and came to Oklahoma City as a young lady to be near her father. This is when she found her older brother, Ray Savell, who is also a Square Dance Caller. Ray was instrumental in introducing Sonya to square dancing. On a dare from friends of Single Squares, she called for the first time at an Amateur Caller Night. She still remembers her first call, "The Auctioneer." Sonya says she was so nervous that she had to take the needle off the record and start over three times. She was shaking all over, her knees were knockin' and she couldn't have told you her name if you asked her. Sonya has come a long way since calling that night at Single Squares.

Sonya is very close to her big brother, Ray Savell. He has encouraged her to become one of the best callers in Oklahoma. Sonya and Ray love to call together and recently were to call the Dangle Dance right here at the Westside Lions Hall but unforeseen circumstances prevented Ray from coming up. She will call for the Kaw City Squares (by Ponca City) making the theme a Zeydaco & Cajun Christmas Dance on Dec. 13.

Sonya has been square dancing since May 1988, and began her apprenticeship in calling in January 1989. She called her first dance in September 1989 and has been calling regularly since 1990. She joined CALLERLAB in 1989 and ROUNDALAB in 1998. She is licensed with BMI / ASCAP and is a member in good standing with Central District Callers & Cuers Association, and the Oklahoma State Callers & Teachers Association, ORDA, & will be renewing her license through ACA. She is Past President of the Oklahoma Round Dance

Association and a member of Universal Round Dance Association. Sonya is a Square Dancer through A-2 and calls through the plus program as well as a Round Dancer through Phase V and Cues through Phase VI.

Sonya began training as a Round Dance Cuer in July of 1996 with J.C. Johnson, and teaches through Phase V+. She and Terry have written several dances including: Blue Moon – IV+I STS / Close But No Guitar – II+I TS / Don't Make Me Beg – II+2 TS / Rebecca Lynn – II+2 TS / Shamey Shame = II+I TS / Warm and Fuzzy – II TS / You Don't You Won't – II TS.

Sonya and Terry met through his mother. Sonya let Terry know that if he had any thoughts about getting serious, he had to learn both Square and Round Dancing!! They met in 1998 and have been happily married for over 8 years. They were married in Las Vegas at a CALLERLAB convention in April of 2000 where at a banquet there where over 1500 in attendance. Wayne Morvent, the gentleman they bought Rockin' M Records from, gave Sonya away and friends from Sweden walked her down the aisle.

Sonya's list of accomplishment is a long one. She has been one of the hardest working members of the Executive Board and has helped other board members with their tasks. She designed and built the new CDSDA website and updated it over 100 times. She assisted with the Grand Square newsletter each month and mailed the copies to Star Members. She called and cued at many of the visitations and at the State Fair twice. She called and cued at all the Special Dances in the district this year. She worked on the CD Club Directory, organizing the contents, getting the final copy published and distributed. She designed the Square Dance ad that was placed in 3 Oklahoma City magazines for promotion of square dance lessons. Sonya was hired as the caller for Happy Tracks this year and devotes a great amount of her time and energy to this job. In addition to her busy square and round dance life, she works full time at TRC Rod Services of Oklahoma as an Inventory Clerk and Software Consultant as well as Remodeling and Decorating Homes. (Just ask Jim and Georgianne Couey about their new kitchen!) Sonya and Terry are currently in the process of remodeling their own kitchen! As amazing as it may sound, Sonya will soon join the Staff of Rose State College in 2009 to teach square dancing 2 nights a week while continuing to teach at the EOC Tech College in Choctaw weekly. This lady never rests!

Sonya has called at several Central District clubs. She helped start Lincoln County Squares in Chandler calling for the first two years without pay to help the club get up on their feet. She helped fill in at Metro Singles when the caller was sick. Sonya currently calls for Happy Tracks in Nicoma Park. She has cued Round dancing at Metro Singles and has filled in at Singles Rounds when the cuer was sick, as well as assisted with the lessons when his wife was ill. She currently teaches Square and Round Dancing at the E.O.C. Tech Center in Choctaw. Sonya does not charge for teaching lessons. This is her contribution to our wonderful world of Square and Round Dancing, doing her part in helping this activity to grow.

We in Central District are extremely fortunate to have callers and cuers like Sonya and Terry. They are the glue that keeps our district going. Sonya got her start in Central District over 20 years ago and now is one of our strongest supporters.

In closing, we want to wish Sonya a Happy Birthday on her birthday, Christmas Day! Thank you, Sonya and Terry, for all that you do for us. Central District is a better place because of you!



## **Message from Sonya Savell-Jones: Round Dance Coordinator & Webmaster:**

Lots of Love, Hugs & Kisses to all my Square and Round Dance Family!!! You have all been such an inspiration to me this past year as your Webmaster. When I agreed to be the CSDA Round Dance Coordinator, I had no idea what I was stepping into! Ha Ha!! However, when I attended my first official meeting at the Bowlware Hall, and saw the excitement this board had and the ideas for "Working Together for the Best Year Ever" got me pumped up too! The idea of actually having a up to date website with all the news being posted (Daily when necessary) to let EVERYONE know what was going on, I jumped in Head First. It only took me a couple of days to get the site up and running and it grew and grew and grew because of YOU.

Thank You from the bottom of my heart for your support, wonderful ideas, and patience while I was working on all the changes you wanted. The only page I didn't get up and running was the "For Sale" page. Maybe your next Webmaster will be able to accomplish this task.

Yes, you read correctly. As of December 31, 2008 I will no longer be your Webmaster. It was not an easy choice to make but felt I needed to keep my schedule clear as much as possible since my club "Happy Tracks" plans to keep me very busy. We will be starting the New Year off with Two (2) sets of lessons. One at Rose State College (Monday & Wednesday) and the other at EOC Tech College in Choctaw on Tuesday. I plan on keeping a live website up and running with the Calendar and Special Events Page posted on a website I'm building for Happy Tracks.

I do hope you give the next board your full support and jump in and help when asked. If you've never served an office, you've no idea how stressful the task are when all eyes are on you. No, we could not make everybody happy, however I feel a lot of good came from this administration and can only hope the 2009 Board will continue with our efforts in keeping everyone informed and bringing us closer as the "Square and Round Dance Family" we should be.

Again, please accept my sincere appreciation for your love and support this past year. You guys & gals are awesome!!!! Hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and Wonderful New Year!

Lots of Love, Hugs & Kisses,

Sonya Savell-Jones

CSDA WebMaster - 2008

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## **Message from Richard and Carol Schwake, Newsletter Directors and Computer Coordinators:**

Serving as your 2008 Newsletter Directors and Computer Coordinators has been fun! We took these jobs with the goal of improving communication throughout Central District. We're very proud of the new Central District website and the online Grand Square. We could not have accomplished these things without the support of all the clubs. We thank Ronnie and Shirley Jackson for their support and encouragement this year. We give special thanks to Sonya Savell-Jones for her expert assistance with the website and her help with distributing the newsletter.

At the Fall Conclave, we were elected Federation Delegates for 2009. Thank you for your vote of confidence. Jim and Ruth Ford have asked us to serve as your 2009 Newsletter Directors and we have accepted the job. We look forward to publishing all the Central District news that is fit to print!

In 2009, the Central District Executive board will have some new officers. Carol and I plan to continue writing and publishing the Grand Square in the same manner as we have in 2008. However, Sonya Savell-Jones will no longer be our webmaster. Sonya has been our biggest helper and she will be missed. There will be some changes to the CSDA website with the new webmaster. Please be patient as we undergo the changes.

Carol and I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!!

Have fun dancing!! Sincerely, Richard and Carol Schwake

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### **December 2008 Club News:**

**ARISTOCRATS PLUS:** We will have our regular schedule dance on Dec 13. It will be our Christmas dance and also a potluck dinner. Everyone is welcome and please bring your favorite dish. We will not dance on December 27 since this is two days after Christmas. We would like to welcome to our club the following new members Bill and Angel Baker, Verlin and Karla Bell, and Mike and Gail Stafford. We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and hope that they Happy and safe New Year.

We are a mainstream-plus club with more plus dancing than mainstream. We dance at the Bohemian Hall, 3800 S. Portland, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays. Please come dance with us!

Steve and Vanessa Ackerman, Presidents

**CIRCLE 8:** Circle 8 will have their Christmas Dance on the 11th of December. What a great way to celebrate the Christmas season, dancing with their fellow club members. We welcome guests that would like to share this holiday tradition with us. This will be our only dance in December. Our best wishes for a wonderful Christmas to all of you. Our Christmas wish is for everyone to have a wonderful New Year filled with **Joy and Peace**.

Marvin and Donna K. Pierce, President

**DANCING SHADOWS ROUND DANCE:** Hello to all dancers. We dance at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 700 N Air Depot, Midwest City, OK each Monday night from 7-9 pm. Please come join us. We love to have visitors and will make sure you have a great time.

We are looking forward to a happy Holiday Season with the pretty lights, parties, and wonderful dances during the month of December. Most all of the clubs are having special dances and we along with Jeff & Niecy Holley and Bobby & Shelley Willis are sponsoring a New Year's Eve Dance at Mayfair Center, 48th & Independence on Wednesday night December 31. Please join us and help everyone celebrate all the good things of 2008 and begin a new year of 2009.

Georgianne & I, along with all our members wish all of you a great Holiday Season.

Carol Palmer, President      Jim & Georgianne Couey, Cuer

**DOUBLE NICKEL SQUARES:** Double Nickle Square Dance Club had two squares and two couples left over today. We dance every Thursday at 1:00 pm at Will Rogers Senior Center, NW36th and North Grand Boulevard. Casual dress. Singles welcome. If you drive up North Portland street the road is closed. They are working on a new concrete entrance to the tennis court entrance at North 31st corner. Therefore please turn right at North Portland at 36th street and right turn at service road on Grand Boulevard and go to entrance to Will Rogers Park. We dance at the Center nearest the Duck Pond, Thanks..

Allen and Dorothy Watson, Presidents, 405-348-5309 or email: [alndotw@juno.com](mailto:alndotw@juno.com)

**FUN TIMERS:** Fun Timers biggest news this month is our Christmas dance on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. We play dirty Santa so anyone that wants to join the game needs to bring a \$10 gift. We have a lot of fun with it. We have canceled our dance the week of Christmas on Dec. 23rd.

During Nov. we attended the Rose State production, Big River, with music written by Roger Miller. It was very well done and enjoyable. We also gathered items to be shipped to our soldiers in Iraq for Christmas.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We dance each 2nd and 4th Tuesday nights at the Midwest City Senior Citizens Center which is located just north of the Midwest City Fire Station and east of the Library.

Presidents are Ron and Sandy Johnson

**HAPPY TRACKS SQUARE DANCE CLUB:** Our December is starting out a little busy. We will be participating in the Choctaw Christmas Parade on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. We will be meeting to plan the float and then to decorate it on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. We have lots to do before our "Winter Wonderland" is complete. The Youth Stormin' Club is planning on being in the parade as elves. We hope you can all come out and see our parade. If you need something to do on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> give us a call and we will keep you busy with the float preparations.

We are very proud of our Students and extend an invitation to you to come out to the EOC Tech College and help us celebrate their GRADUATION!!! We are located on Choctaw Road in the rear of the college in the Adult Day Center. Hope you can come.

We will have our Christmas Dance on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. We will have Dirty Santa around 6:30 (Those wanting to participate, bring a Christmas Ornament) and start dancing shortly thereafter. The dance agenda has not been completely decided but we will probably dance to 9:30 like we did on our Thanksgiving Dinner/Dance Night. We can assure you that it will be fun, educational, and a Christmas theme. We would love for you to come dance with us, and enjoy our celebration efforts. Sonya always makes our dances lively.

We are still at the Nicoma Park Community Center 2301 Nichols Dr. on NE 23rd between Hiwassee and Westminster. We have been there almost a year and have secured this location for another year. We have an Anniversary coming up next month and will celebrate it on Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> at the India Shrine Center in Oklahoma City. This is a 5<sup>th</sup> Friday Dance (We wanted EVERYONE to be able to attend and not interfere with any other functions.) Early Rounds will start at 7:30 with the Grand March starting at 8:00!!! So come on out and bring your Caller!!!! Lots of Fun, Food, and plenty of dancing to be had by all!!!!

Have a wonderful, & safe Holiday Season! Merry Christmas!

Don & Helen Tremain, Presidents 391-2247 / Vernon & Lois Willis, Reporters 390-8426  
Sonya Savell-Jones, Caller 630-8199

**HEARTLAND DANCERS ROUND DANCE CLUB OF OKC:** Hello to all dancers in Central District. Hope all of you have a great Holiday Season. Please attend all the great dances to be held in December. This has been a great year and hopefully 2009 will be one of the best ever. If we get behind all of our new officers in all the clubs and support them and visit other clubs, we will have just that.

We normally dance at Linwood United Methodist Church 1st -4th Thursdays, but, since this year Christmas and New Years fall on Thursday, we will NOT be dancing on the 24th or on Jan 1 2009. Please come dance with us. We love to have visitors and will make sure you have a good time. Please, all of you remember the reason for the season and know that we love you all.

We, along with Jeff & Niecy Holley, and Bobby & Shelley Willis, are sponsoring a New Year's Eve dance at Mayfair Center, 48th & Independence, on Wednesday night December 31. We are planning a great evening of fun and dancing. Rounds will begin at 7 pm and squares & other fun things will begin at 8 pm. It should be a wonderful ending to a great year and a fun beginning for the New one.

Jim & Georgianne Couey

**KALICO KAPERS:** Dance: 1st & 3rd Thursdays at West Side Lions Club, 4135 NW 10th Street, OKC, OK.

7:00 pm - C1-Workshop

7:30 pm - Plus Dance

9:30 pm - A2 Star Tip

Caller: Jerry & Gayle Stover

Presidents are Ralph Jenner and Laverne Wynn

**\*METRO SINGLES:**

Caller: Danny & Sharon Payne

Cuer: J. C. & Elberta Johnson

West Side Lions Hall,

4135 N. W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street

We dance the 2nd & 4th Friday, Rounds 7:00 ~ W/S 7:30 ~ GM 8:00 PM.

Please put December 26<sup>th</sup> our Bah Hum Bug Dance on your calendar and join us for fun dancing & fellowship. We dance an 'A' tip after the main dance is over.

Metro members had a wonderful time dancing this year to our Caller & Cuer. We appreciate all the visitors that have danced with us this year. We are looking forward to 2009.

For more information call 692-2586.

**Jessie Jackson, President**

**NATIONAL COWBOY HALL OF FAME:** National Cowboy had a wonderful performance at State Festival. Thanks to all who told just how much you enjoyed our performance. Our hard work in a short amount of time really paid off.

1. Thank you to all who attended our Anniversary dance we all had a wonderful time.

National Cowboy will be dark for the month of December. We will start back in Jan. working on a new

routine to take to Nationals in June.

Jim and I would like to say thank you to all those that have given us their love and prayers during the past couple of weeks. Please keep us in your thoughts as I continue to take care of my Grandmother after the passing of my Grandpa.

**NORMAN BUCKAROOS:** The Norman Buckagoos 49th Anniversary Dance was a huge success and we want to thank everyone that came out to dance with us . We are cancelling our dance on December 26. We dance on the second and fourth Friday nights at 7:00 pm at Whittier Rec. Center, so please come visit us anytime.

Please come visit us!

President is Mavis Grayson

**NORMAN SILVER SPUR, INC:** We hope everyone had a fun and safe Thanksgiving. The busy time of year is upon us, amidst all of the running around, shopping and Christmas parties, we hope everyone will take time out to get some exercise and have fun at a dance or two. Norman Silver Spur will be dancing the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of December, 7:00 at Irving Recreation Center. Starting January 17th we will begin our Mainstream lessons. We will hold them at Irving Recreation Center, starting at 3:00 p.m. Our lessons are free. If you know someone that is looking for a set of lessons and would like them on the weekend, send them to Norman on January 17th.

Have a very safe and blessed Christmas Holiday.

Presidents are Morris and Janice Walker & Bob Thomas is our caller.

**SHAWNEE SQUARE EIGHTS:** Greetings from Shawnee! We will have our Christmas dance on Saturday, December 13. We are looking forward to a great night of Christmas cheer and we hope to have lots of visitors!

Our club has voted to become a 100% Star Club. We will pay Star Dues to Central District for 100% of our members.

Shawnee Square Eights had 8 couples who participated in the Oklahoma Centennial events in 2007. Most of these couples attended the Dangle Dance on Nov. 29.

We plan to begin lessons January 14th at the Towers, 1130 East Independence (east of Walgreen's) in Shawnee. Charges will be \$3.00 per person per lesson.

We dance each month on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays from 7:30 to 10 pm. Our dances are held at the Shawnee Municipal Building located at 10<sup>th</sup> and Bell. Please come visit us anytime!

Presidents are Bernie and Lila Bergman

**SILVER SPUR OKC:** Silver Spur, OKC, welcomes all Clubs, Callers and Cuers to join us for an evening of fine dancing, fun and fellowship the first and third Saturday nights of the month; Workshop

@ 7:30PM; Dance @ 8:00PM. You are welcome to come dance with us anytime; we would love to have you! We have several special Winter dances planned during the month of December: On December 6, we are having a 'Christmas Sampler' and on December 20, our annual Christmas dance; Grand March is at 8:00PM. Then, to say farewell to the year 2008, we will have our annual New Year's Eve Dance on December 31. We have planned another great dance to welcome in the New Year. Dancing begins at 9:00PM with a meal served at Midnight. Tickets: \$6.00 per person in advance; \$8.00 at the door.

In closing, we want to take a moment to thank all of the Officers who served on Club, District and State Executive Boards during 2006 and wish to congratulate and welcome the incoming officers for 2009 – job well done! Looking forward to seeing all of you soon!

Westside Lions Hall, 4135 NW 10th St., OKC, OK

Don and Jan Gamble, President

Gerald McWhirter, Caller

**SINGLE ROUNDS:** On December 5, Single Rounds along with Single Squares and Metro Singles will host their annual Christmas Dance. The dance will be held at Bohemian Hall on Friday, December 5. Admission will be \$12/person, which will include dinner and the dance. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. Advanced tickets must be purchased for the dinner. You can purchase tickets from any of the clubs. If you just want to attend the dance, tickets will be sold at the door for \$5/person. Be sure to mark this date on your dance calendar.

We have our regular dances following lessons, from 8 to 10 pm every Monday (except 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays) at the Bohemian Hall, 3800 S. Portland. All dancers, both Singles and Couples, are invited to come to dance with us. Admission is \$4/person at the door. Our expert cuer is J.C. Johnson. We invite all of our round dance friends to come visit us this month!

President is Marie Hunter.

**SINGLE SQUARES, INC:** Our Single Squares Dance Club dances 1st and 3rd Friday Night at 3800 So. Portland, OKC, at the Bohemian Hall.

Single Squares along with Single Rounds and Metro Singles will host their annual Christmas Dance. The dance will be held at Bohemian Hall on Friday, December 5. Admission will be \$12/person, which will include dinner and the dance. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. Advanced tickets must be purchased for the dinner. Delores Chambers is the designated person from Singles Squares for tickets. If you just want to attend the dance, tickets will be sold at the door for \$5/person. Be sure to mark this date on your dance calendar.

We welcome everyone married or single. Our caller is Jeff Holley and our cuer is Mr. J. C. Johnson, pre-rounds start at 7:00 and then we have workshop at 7:30 for anything you are having trouble with. Square Dancing and Grand March begins at 8:00 pm. The purpose of Singles Squares--- the more people at our dances ---the more fun we get to have...see you in a square!!!

President is Chuck Short 2nd VP Delores Chambers

**SPIRIT OF 76:** Everyone Welcome: Spirit of '76 is holding a special Pre-pre-New Years Eve Dance on Monday night, December 29. This is a fund raiser dance. Admission is \$5 per dancer at the door. We will have our usual door prize drawings and lots of good food.

We dance at the OKC Swing Club, NW 50 & Meridian (in the north east corner of the strip mall). Great calling, great cueing, great food, and GREAT FUN!!!

Rounds at 7:30 & workshop at 7:45. Grand March 8:00.

Ed & Margaret Kelsay, '76 Presidents

**SWINGING REBELS:** WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MONTHS BETWEEN JANUARY AND DECEMBER 2008? I swear it seems that this year just started and now it is almost over. They say time flies when you get older, but I didn't think I was getting this old (HA! HA!).

ON A SERIOUS NOTE: THE SWINGING REBELS WILL NOT BE DANCING DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER. OUR NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED DANCE WILL BE JANUARY 9, 2009.

We will have a new slate of officers to start the New Year with. They are: President – Darrell and Wilma Killman; Vice-President – Wanda Bryce; Secretary - Arthur and Stephanie Wojczynski; Treasurer – Jim and Patsy Craig; Delegates – Mary Parizek and Dan and Sharon Peters

We will also be starting the New Year off with a new set of FREE LESSONS - FREE LESSONS - FREE LESSONS. The Lessons will start on January 12, 2009 at the Warr Acres Community Center, 42nd and Ann Arbor, at 7:00p.m. For more information please call: Chuck and Beverly Williams at 789-8036 or Raymond and Opal Bryant at 722-2024. You are welcome to bring you new dancer and be their angel through the lessons if you would like.

“LIKE A BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY WREATH, MAY THE HOLIDAYS SURROUND YOU WITH A MAGIC ALL THEIR OWN”

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE SWINGING REBELS!!

Roy and Sharon Taylor, Swinging Rebels Presidents

**TEACUP CHAINS:** Greetings from Teacup Chains! We want to wish everyone a Joyous Holiday and Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year. We will be dancing the first and third Saturdays of December. This will be December 6th and 20th. Come and Enjoy!

Lessons: We will have lessons beginning January 12th at the MAC center on Covell between Kelly and Santa Fe. This is next to Mitch Park. Please let your friends or anyone else interested in learning to square dance. Please call Myron or Shirley Brown with questions

Shirley Brown is doing better. She is still very much in the recuperating and therapy stages, however, she

goes back to the doctor on Thursday, December 4th and hopes she will be able to begin putting some weight on this leg. She will be okay again. It will just take time. Shirley and Myron have been so appreciative of all the calls and concerns shown at this time. I am sure she will be in a square ASAP.

Our caller is Bobby Willis and our presidents are Myron and Shirley Brown at 348-6053.

**TERRITORIAL SQUARES:** December is here and it is again time for the Guthrie Victorian Christmas Walk. Territorial Squares will be perform at the BancFirst building on December 13th and 20th from 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm. These performances require us to cancel all dances at the Square Dance Cabin in December, with the exception of our New Year's Eve party on the 31st. Please mark your calendar for January 10th, 2009. That is when Territorial Squares will celebrate their 20th Anniversary. This year we will be utilizing the American Legion Hall at 123 North 1st in Guthrie. Come one, come all, we will have a great time!

Andy Turner, President/Reporter

**YOUTH STORMIN':** We have officially moved our dances to St Paul's Catholic Church, 3901 South Sunnyslane in Del City. We will be dancing on the First Friday of each month 8 to 10 pm. We are selling cookie dough now till Dec 5th. Please see any member if you would like to order. We will be helping Happy Tracks with the Christmas Parade on Dec 13th. Dec 5th is our Christmas Dance. We will not dance on the first Friday in January.

We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Safe New Year!  
Steven and Vanessa Ackerman, Youthstormin' Oklahoma Caller