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## Message from Jim & Ruth Ford, 2009 Presidents:

In this our final communiqué as President we wish to thank the Central District Officers for a job well done. We thank the CD Callers and Cuers for your exceptional calling and cueing. To the dancers, we thank you for your support and lasting memories for a fun filled year of friendship set to music.

The November 6 OSDF Festival Pre Party, "A Cowboy Christmas" was super and the "Lasso Your Partner and Dance, Dance, Dance!" Festival November 7, was one of the best! Central District was honored to have the President's Entry for our own Robert Orman and Billie Davis. Thank you Robert and Billie and everyone, especially our handsome, high-steppin' horses and commentator Danny Payne.

Congratulations to Central District for a great Festival ticket sales campaign. Each club received a check from Central District for a one-time, incentive match, up-to a portion of the commission from OSDF. Ad sales were good too and clubs have received their Ad commission checks as well.

Plans for Holiday parties are underway from now to the New Year. Each party is planned with you in mind. But, have you heard? On New Year's Eve, it's out with the old and in with the awesome! On December 31, 2009, starting at 9:00 pm., Central District Executive Board will host a FREE New Year's Eve Dance, at West Side Lions Hall. Come one, come all! It's a Gala Ball! Give us a call! We will have fun, food, dancing, hats and horns. Get ready for a grand time. We are expecting you!

As we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we ask you to mark your calendar for the Central District Annual Blood Drive WSLH, Saturday, January 16. (Flyer is on the web.)

Until we see you in a square, there's still time to "Saddle Up For a Good Time In 2009!"  
In the Spirit of the Season,

**Jim and Ruth Ford**

### **Christmas Eve Square Dance:**

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house,  
Not a creature was sleeping, not even my spouse.  
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
That I turned off the TV to see what was the matter.

Grandma in her kerchief and Gramp with great care,  
Were joined with six others in forming a square.  
With a little old caller so lively and quick,  
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

"All join hands and circle the ring,  
Allemande left, like an Allemande Thar!"  
I hardly thought Gramp would get very far.  
Then what to my wondering eyes should appear  
But Junior and sis, joined in the square.

With Horace and Ruth, Aunt Bess and her son,  
Eight people never had so much fun!  
With a Do-si-do and a Promenade,  
I feared poor Gramp would be needing First-Aid.  
So taking my wife by the hand, we decided  
To rescue poor Gramp before he collided.

With Gram in her kerchief, now out straight,  
"Heavens to Betsy" it's "Catch All Eight."  
So, placing my finger beside my nose,  
I decided this rat-race would come to a close.

As I approached the set in a terrible rage,  
Old Nick bellowed, "Birdie in the Cage!"  
What happened next I will never know,  
But my wife was the birdie and I was the crow.

"Swing your partner," said Gramp quite prolific,  
"Hey! This is not bad, in fact it's terrific!"  
Now Allemande left and Allemande right,  
Merry Christmas to all - and to all a good night.

By Dick Anderson, Dec. 1953

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### **62nd National Square Dance Convention:**

In a previous article we told you who the Chairman were for the various committees and gave a brief description of each committee's job. This is the first in a series of articles to explain a little more about each committee and what they do.

The Registration and Housing Committee had pre-registration forms ready at the 58th NSDC in Long Beach in anticipation of our receiving the 62nd NSDC for Oklahoma City. As soon as the announcement is made, there are dancers that want to register and we registered 197 in the first 4 hours after the award was made.

Registration and Housing, the name explains what they do. They take care of all registrations and housing for the convention, which also includes RV and camping spaces. The main committee is made up of three sub-committees and they are organized and led by Vice-Chairman. The sub-committees are: **REGISTRATION** – responsible for accepting, processing and keeping track of all pre-registrations, and the regular long form registrations of all dancers attending the convention. Responsible for getting the funds received (cash, checks and credit cards) to the Business Committee and acknowledgment of the registration to the dancer. If there is a problem with any of the payments they are resolved by registrations. They are responsible for preparing everyone's convention badge and having items ordered with the registration form (program books, cook books, daily event schedules, special event tickets, etc) ready for the dancers when they arrive. With six to eight thousand dancers attending, and more registering as they show up at the door, this is quite an undertaking.

**HOUSING** – responsible for contracting and keeping track of enough rooms to accommodate all of the dancers attending. Normal room usage is figured to be about 25% of the total convention registration. For a 6000 person convention, we would use approximately 1500 rooms. Keeping up with blocks of rooms for exhibition groups, state associations, future conventions, and the NEC, then getting the individual dancers set up, preferably in their choice of hotel, can get to be quite a chore when you have everyone wanting hotels close to the Convention Center. This committee gets very busy starting about 15 months before our convention.

**RV & CAMPING** – responsible for contracting and settling in about 300 RV's and campers. The RV campsite will be at the State Fair Grounds and this committee contracts for and then plan how to best use the sites. They have to be familiar with the site in order to get the various size RV units matched up with the proper size site and utilities; they act as a registration pick up point for the dancers utilizing the campsite; provide security for the area and provide hospitality for the campers. RVs normally start arriving the Sunday before the Convention so this committee's work starts early and ends late.

This is just one of seven major committees, so you can see we need volunteers. More later on that - right now we need all the help we can get. We need your help in a different way. We need every Oklahoma dancer to register for the convention and this will give us the financial help we need immediately. Your registration will get you an invitation to the Pre-convention kick off dance on Saturday March 3, 2012, then 4 nights and 3 complete days of dancing to national callers during the Convention, June 26-29, 2013. If you put the math to it, you get 38 hours of dancing (much of it to national callers) and time wise, this is more than you would get attending the monetary equivalent in local dances. **WHAT A BARGAIN**, and it is impossible to dance every tip called. The NEC requires that all attendees must be registered and wearing the convention badge to gain admittance to any of the events scheduled during this convention. By registering now you also save a little money. The pre-registration is \$40 each. This increases to \$50 after the pre-convention and then to \$60 the first of June, 2013. So save some money and register now, we really need your help.

Gene and Barbara Morton, General Chairman, 62nd NSDC

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### **Central District Blood Drive:**

The annual Central District Blood drive will be held on January 16, 2010, from 9-12 AM at the Westside Lions Hall. Central District dancers are encouraged to attend and donate a pint of blood. Donors will receive a free T-Shirt and a delicious breakfast. This is an opportunity for square and round dancers to unite and donate your blood to those who need it. The blood donations will go into the blood bank for Central District dancers. If you are unable to donate a pint of blood, come out anyway and join us for breakfast. If you would like to make a small monetary donation, it will be appreciated. In addition, we can use help in setting up, cooking and cleaning up. The chairmen of the 2010 blood drive are Robert Orman & Billie Davis.

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### **Caller/Cuer Corner: Cecil & Barbara Burton**

Can you believe that it is almost Christmas? We must really be having a great time because it doesn't seem that another year has past. We also enjoyed seeing so many of our Square Dancing

friends from Central District at the State Festival the first of November, it was great.

This month we decided to discuss something that sometimes can cause us to lose new dancers following graduation from lessons. The information could also apply to experienced dancers as well, when they go on visitations.

The discussion is how new dancers, after completion of lessons, will lose their confidence upon either trying to dance to one (1) a guest caller, or two (2) going on a visitation to another club and dancing to their caller. We know of quite a number of new dancers that have left square dancing following lessons and it was due to this problem. This also causes some experienced dancers to feel the same way.

So here is maybe a remedy for the situations, during lessons, new dancers, spend a lot of time listening to the same caller or instructor. During this time period they have a tendency to become locked into the sound of the caller's voice and his/her presentation. The new dancers are very confident with dancing because they are programmed in their mind and have no problem doing the dancing.

Then when they go on a visitation the presentation of a new caller creates a different presentation than what they are programmed to do. The new dancer begins to say things like, "He/she calls too fast - can't understand them," and the new dancer begins to get it into their head that maybe they didn't really learn how to square dance after all. The experienced dancers sometimes have a tendency to say the same thing about guest callers.

What we would like to suggest is that we do things to ease this problem of false information, such as "we really can't dance after lessons". When teaching new dancers, tell them once they complete the lessons and dance to other callers - whether they are a guest caller, or club caller - that to help their confidence in dancing, they should sit and listen to the caller for a little bit to hear how he or she presents themselves when calling. This idea will work for experienced dancers as well. Just listen to how that caller calls for just a tip, especially if you are having a problem understanding the calls. We can promise you that just a little bit of listening time will make it a lot easier.

With that said "**Merry Christmas to All Central District Square Dance Friends**"  
Sincerely,  
Cecil & Barbara Burton

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#### **Message from Publicity Director:**

Lois and I wish all square dancers, callers and cuers a Happy Holiday Season! We have finished our exhibitions for the year by having one at Full Circle Senior Daycare Center in Norman. We thank the Norman cubs and Central District President, Jim Ford, for taking care of this exhibition on November 9th. I also want to thank Lou Ann Marshall for setting up an exhibition at the Downtown YMCA, and Jim Woolsey who called. Square dance calls and line dances were taught to this group of senior citizens and workers. We were glad to be a part of this excellent exhibition. More of this type of help to the Publicity Director is needed.

Lois and I are aware of a number of exhibition dances to promote Square Dancing held by individual Clubs. Publicity should be an on going program by all clubs and callers. This brings exhibitions to promote our hobby to approximately 25 (that we know of.). We feel that Square Dancing has been promoted well this year in Central District as well as in the State.

As we have stated many times before, none of these exhibitions could have been successful without the help of some of our wonderful Central District dancers and callers. In closing out our year we want to say to the 2010 Publicity Directors that we will be glad to assist you in any way possible.  
Vernon & Lois Willis, Central District Publicity Directors

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#### **Message from Education Director: A Heck of a Good Workout!**

"If you can walk, you can square dance," is the motto of square dancers everywhere. Dr. Lewis Maharam, president of the Greater New York Regional Chapter of the American College of Sports

Medicine, concurs. "..... Square dancing can be considered a type of cross training which helps to offset the muscle loss and strength loss typically associated with normal aging."

"It's the ultimate togetherness workout," says Phil Martin, a lecturer and dance instructor at California State University, Long Beach. "You move in a physical harmony that works toward an emotional harmony. The dance floor can even be a great place to give a tiring relationship a second wind." (Or build a new one!)

"Surveys show that only 15 percent of Americans have been successful at sticking to the kind of three days a week workout schedule currently recommended for good cardiovascular health," states Bryant A. Stamford, Ph.D., director of the Health Promotion and Wellness Center at the University of Louisville and co-author of *Fitness Without Exercise*. (Warner Books, 1990)

Sheer boredom is frequently the major contributing factor to this lack of 'stick-to-it-ness.'

Dr. Lee Walker wholeheartedly agrees. Now in his mid-seventies, this physician from LaFollette, Tennessee, traded his sweat suit for a pair of blue jeans about fifty years ago. "It can be a heck of a good workout, but also a heck of a good time."

Stan Burdick, co-editor of *American Square Dance Magazine* points out that, "Studies using pedometers have shown most square dancers cover about five miles in a single night." Factor in the social mileage that gets covered and you've got what Dr. Walker would consider a 'heck of a good deal!'

In fact, according to Dr. Walker, "People bring their whole families. Children and grandparents alike take part. Its exercise, but it's also a form of celebration. Not a lot of other fitness activities can say that." Ron and Ruby Kuhlman, Central District Education Directors

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### **Square Dancer of the Month: William L. Stout**

We are proud to announce that the Outstanding Square Dancer for December is William L. Stout. He's an active square dancer who dances with three Central District clubs: Norman Buckaroos, Norman Silver Spur, and OKC Single Squares. Bill Stout is legendary for his ticket selling skills and many times has been the top ticket seller in Central District. This year he won the ticket selling competition with a total of 2,510 tickets sold. Congratulations, Bill, for a job well done!



Bill Stout was born October 31, 1931, in El Reno, OK. When he was 18 months old, his parents moved to Waldron, AR, a small town some 50 miles south of Ft. Smith. He grew up on a farm and attended high school in Waldron. After graduation from high school, he was drafted into the Army because of the Korean Conflict. After serving two years in the Army, he returned to Waldron for a brief time. Then he departed home to attend college at Arkansas Tech in Russellville, Arkansas.

After graduating with a degree in Education, Bill taught high school for one year in Jasper, AR. The next year, he moved to Oklahoma seeking a higher salary. He was paid the big salary of \$2900 for that year of work.

Bill's teaching career took him to Kansas, then Texas, and eventually back to Oklahoma. While living in Healdton, OK, he took square dance lessons during the spring of 1988. He was a single parent raising two children when the pastor of his church, Daryl Bates, invited him to take lessons at Southern Circle in Ardmore. The club needed a single man for the partner of a single lady who wanted to take lessons. The caller of Southern Circle was Lave Glenn. Bill said that he completed the lessons but was not a very good dancer.

That summer, the pastor of Bill's church decided to take a different church that required him to move to Tulsa. His daughter wanted to remain in Healdton to finish her senior year of high school. Consequently, the pastor's wife, Darlene Bates, remained in Healdton with her daughter while Daryl moved to Tulsa. That fall Darlene Bates took Bill square dancing three evenings a week and he became a confident dancer.

Bill learned about selling State Festival tickets from Helen and Gene Bindrim, Southern Circle dancers. Helen was a top ticket seller of State Festival tickets and her gimmick was to get a new car similar to the one being given away. Every day for two weeks, she would take the car to the Ardmore Mountain View Mall, stand by it and sell tickets

While dancing at clubs in the Southern District, Bill met an attractive lady who danced with the Pauls Valley Stars. Elaine Warden and he were married in 1991. He moved from Healdton and she moved from Pauls Valley to Ardmore.

Bill Stout's first Southern District Office was Historian. Elaine and he held every Southern District office (some for more than one year). While serving as President of the Pauls Valley Stars, he learned how to increase the volume of selling State Festival tickets by canvassing businesses in local towns. He needed to raise money because the Paul Valley Stars was very low on funds. While serving as Southern District President, Bill learned about the value of selling ads for the State Festival Book. The District was in the need of funds so he went to the local businesses and sold ads.

Bill and Elaine moved from Ardmore to Noble in 2001. They joined the Norman Buckaroos that year. Elaine died on October 6, 2006. Bill has lived alone in Noble since then.

Bill Stout is a dedicated square dancer who works tirelessly for the benefit of his three clubs, Central District and the OK State Federation. He's probably sold more State Festival tickets than anyone in Oklahoma. Bill has served as the Central District Ticket Chairman and has held offices on the Central District Executive Board. In 2008, Bill unfortunately had to spend time in the hospital. As soon as he regained his strength and was back on his feet, he went from room to room in the hospital selling tickets! Thank you, Bill for all you have done for square dancing and for Central District.

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**Message from Richard and Carol Schwake, Newsletter Directors:**

With this newsletter, Carol and I complete our second year as your Newsletter Directors. We've had lots of help in writing the Grand Square these past two years. We thank everyone who has submitted news and written articles for the Grand Square. We wish everyone in Central District a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Have fun dancing!! Sincerely, Richard and Carol Schwake

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**December 2009 Club News:**

**ARISTOCRATS PLUS:** For December, Aristocrats will have two regular dances, on the 12th and 26th. We will have the drawing for the OU and OSU quilts on the 12th.  
Judith and Jerry Chesser, President

**CIRCLE 8:** It is such a great time of year with Christmas coming. We invite everyone to come celebrate with Circle 8 on December 10th for our Christmas dance.

We will only have one dance in December because we will all be spending Christmas with our families.

Circle 8 wishes all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with lots of fun and fellowship while you Square Dance the New Year in.

Marvin and Donna Kay Pierce, President

**DANCING SHADOWS ROUND DANCE CLUB:** Our lessons are going good. We are just about to finish two step and then go into waltz. Our club is going well and we are having great dances. If you need a place to dance on Monday nights or are visiting from out of town, come visit us, we'd love to have you dance with us. We try to make our dances fun and our members will try very hard to make visitors welcome.

We dance Monday nights from 7-9 pm at Linwood UMC @3034 NW 17th, OKC. This is at the corner of 17th & Drexel. Come see us.

Jim and Georgianne Couey, Cuer/Instructor

**DOUBLE NICKLE SQUARES:** Mark the date, **December 10th**, Thursday, Double Nickle Square Dance Club's **Twenty-fifth Anniversary**. All square dancers, square dance students, and other interested parties are invited to join us at the WILL ROGERS SENIOR CENTER, 3501 Pat Murphy Drive, OK City, OK. There is plenty of room for many squares; dress is casual, however square dance dress is OK too. It is also the last dance for our club in 2009.

A number of you received an invitation for our "invitation only" lunch at 12:00 noon. We hope to see all Double Nickle members, Central District's Executive Board, a number of callers that have called for us in the past and other invited guests. If you haven't RSVPed yet, please do so as soon as possible. If you are a member of Double Nickle, or have other connections to our club give us a call at 405.721.8640. No answer, leave a message as we don't want to leave anyone out.

Double Nickle dances at the Will Rogers Senior Center every Thursday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. If the Senior Center is open...we dance! A few exceptions are for weather related events such as severe weather warnings, thunder storms, tornado watches and warnings. If any one or all of the following school districts: OKC, Edmond, Choctaw, Mid-Del and Putman City school districts are closed because of weather related events Double Nickle will not dance. Not sure, call the Senior Center 405.942.4339.

See you in a square, Robert and Lura Fink, President; Andy and Latina Turner, Greg Mills and Dick and Carole Manning, Callers

**FUN TIMERS:** Sixteen Fun Timers and friends enjoyed a very good production of 'Fiddler on the Roof' at Rose State College in November. Several went to eat at Chequers afterwards. Thanks to Don and Oveta Folks for making arrangements.

The club celebrated Veteran's Day at the last dance with Joe and Oreda Henry as host couple. Many wore red, white and blue outfits and Joe and Oreda taught a history class with a Civil War questionnaire and reciting the Gettysburg Address. Supplies were gathered for the Iraq soldiers and taken to the HUGS project at Shepherd Mall.

Fun Timers enjoyed the Norman Buckaroos 50th Anniversary Dance and one lucky couple won the \$50 savings bond.

Several couples enjoyed the State Festival, including some Fun Timers taking part in the exhibitions.

If the weather permits, the Christmas dance will be on Dec 8 this year. The club will have their usual candlelight service. Remember to bring a \$10 gift if you wish to participate in the Dirty Santa game. Presidents are Ron and Sandy Johnson Callers are Henry & Barbara Israel

**HAPPY TRACKS SQUARE DANCE CLUB:** Well we all can tell this year is about over. We have just a few more events and dances scheduled for this last month. Happy Tracks will be participating in the Choctaw Parade on December 5th at 10 am. The theme is "All Aboard the Choctaw Express" so we will be trying to make a truck into a train. This may be the most challenging float we have done, but I know we will come up with the illusion of a train by this Saturday. If you need a break from Christmas shopping and it isn't too cold, you should stop by and see the parade.

The Christmas Dance for Happy Tracks will be on December 10th. We will be having an ornament exchange and bringing an unwrapped toy for the "toys for tots" program. We want to let you know that guests are welcome anytime. The ornament exchange and toy gift is optional, so don't let thank stop you from visiting us. Dress up in Holiday clothes if you want and be prepared to have a fun dance with plenty of Christmas treats.

Mainstream dance lessons will start again at the EOC Vo-tech in Choctaw on January 12th. The lessons are every Tuesday from 7-9 pm. Sonya would like a call (630-8199) if you know of any couples in this area wanting to take lessons.

Last but certainly not least, another important event in January is our Anniversary Dance at the India Shrine Center on January 30th from 8-10 pm. We will be celebrating 30 years and we surely want you to come and celebrate with us. Lots of Food, FUN, Fellowship, and Great Dancing to be had by all that

attend! Be sure to bring your CALLER!

Hope you have all been good boys and girls this year. Have a WONDERFUL AND MERRY CHRISTMAS from the HAPPY TRACKS FAMILY!!

President: Helen & Don Tremain      Caller/Cuer/Lines: Sonya Savell-Jones & Terry

**HEARTLAND DANCERS:** Our club is going great and we are learning new dances and also learning some styling as we go along to make us enjoy the whole dance feeling. We will be having some "special" dances during the 2010 year. Keep looking on the web site for them. We will always post upcoming events on the web site with Bob & Melissa. We will be having a "Pre New Year's Eve Dance" with Bobby Willis & Jeff Holley. It will be at Bohemian Hall on Dec. 30 '09. Check CDSDA website for flyer.

We dance on Thursday nights at Linwood Church 17th & Drexel, from 7-9 pm. Dancing phases 2, 3, & 4, and some 5's & 6's if we have the dancers. Love to have visitors. Come see us.  
Jim & Georgianne Couey, Cuer/Instructor

**KALICO KAPERS:**

Caller: Jerry & Gayle Stover

President: Marta Sullins

Dance: 1st & 3rd Thursdays

7:00 - 7:30 pm C1, 7:30 - 9:30 DBD Plus dance, 9:30 A2 Star Tip

West Side Lions Hall, 4135 NW 10th Street, OKC, OK.

You are invited to join us anytime for a fun and exciting DBD Plus dance.

Please visit our website at <http://kalicokapers.org>

Secretary, Beverly Burrow

**METRO SINGLES:**

We dance at the West Side Lions Hall, 4135 N. W. 10th Street, the 2nd & 4th Friday

Rounds 7:00 ~ W/S 7:30 ~ GM 8:00 PM. We dance an 'A' tip after the main dance is over.

Singles Christmas Dinner/Dance, December 11th, \$12.00 per person, everyone's invited, you don't have to be single to attend our dinner/dance, just give us a call & we'll sell you a ticket.

Put this date on your calendar and come join us for a fun filled evening of dancing pleasure.

**METRO'S SECOND DANCE IN DECEMBER FALLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25TH.**

**WE ARE CANCELING**, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing everybody at Metro on January 8, 2010.

For more information call 324-0649.

President: Max Robinson      Caller: Danny & Sharon Payne      Cuer: J. C. & Elberta Johnson

**NATIONAL COWBOY HALL OF FAME:** National Cowboy has switched our practice time back to 2 & 4 Mondays 7-9pm at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in MWC. We will start looking at some of the new things we are going to do for next years Nationals starting in November. If anyone is interested in joining us, please come check us out.

We will celebrate our Anniversary on Feb 8, 2010 with a special Dance open to all. This will also be our only fundraiser dance so please mark your calendars and come join us.

Hope everyone is having a wonderful fall and we will see you in a square soon.

Jim and DeDe Howard      President: Patsy Jones

**NORMAN BUCKAROOS:** MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE BUCKAROOS!

The Buckaroos would like to thank everyone that attended our 50th Anniversary Dance, we had a great time! We would also like to thank the following business for donations to our anniversary dance:

Monty Moore – Farmers Insurance, Ken Reynolds Financial Services, Arvest Bank, Mitchell's Jewelry, Golden Corral, and Havenbrook Funeral Home.

The Buckaroos dance on the 2nd & 4th Friday of each month at the Whittier Recreation Center (2000 W. Brooks) we will be dancing on Friday December 11 at 7 p.m., but we have cancelled our dance on Friday, December 25. Visitors are always welcome.

Chris & Regina McNabb, Norman Buckaroos, Secretary

**NORMAN SILVER SPUR, INC:** All our members wish each and everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Our annual Christmas party and dance will be held on December 19<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome. We dance 1st and 3rd Saturday nights at the Irving Recreation Center. Workshop is 6:30, dance at 7:00. If you are in the Norman area we would love to have you come for a visit. Presidents are Bill and Reatha Schlegel & Bob Thomas is our caller.

**SHAWNEE SQUARE EIGHTS:** Holiday greetings from all of us at Shawnee. We are enjoying this fine weather and some great dancing. We had surprise visitors at our last dance. Ten "Ghost Riders" came and danced with us. We never did know who they were but sure were a lot of fun. We hope they had as much fun as we did. We dance on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month. Workshop is at 7:30 pm with the dance starting at 8:00 pm. We enjoy round dancing and line dancing also. We dance at the Municipal Building on 10th and Bell in Shawnee. Come on down and dance with us we love visitors and will show you a good time and good eats.

Presidents: Bill & Kay Young    Caller: Jim & Twyla Woolsey    Cuer: Jim & Gerogianne Couey

**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 @ 7:30 PM; Dance @ 8:00 PM. 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 5, we are having a 'Christmas Sampler' and on December 19, our annual Christmas dance; Grand March is at 8:00 PM. Then, to say farewell to the year 2009, we will have our annual New Year's Eve Dance on December 31 which will be coordinated with Central District along with other CD Clubs this year. In closing, we want to take a moment to thank all of the Officers who served on Club, District and State Executive Boards during 2009 and wish to congratulate and welcome the incoming officers for 2010 – job well done! Looking forward to seeing all of you soon!

Dan and Mary Reznicek, President                      Gerald McWhirter, Caller

**SINGLE ROUNDS:** Single Rounds is looking forward with great excitement to our annual Christmas dinner and dance! It will be held Friday, December 11, at 7 pm., at the Westside Lions Hall, 4135 NW 10th St., OKC. Tickets are \$12 each and must be purchased in advance. Tickets can be purchased from: Marie Hunter, Billie Davis or Delores Chambers. We hope to see you there so we can wish you a Merry Christmas!

Please come visit us any Monday (except 5th Mondays) at the Bohemian Hall, 3800 S. Portland where we dance from 7 to 10 pm. We are a Singles Round dance club but couples are always welcome. We hope to see you soon! Admission is \$5/person at the door.

President is Marie Hunter.                      Cuer- Instructor is J.C. Johnson

**SINGLE SQUARES, INC:** We dance the 1st and 3rd Friday at Bohemian Hall- 3800 S. Portland, OKC, The three Singles clubs are having a Christmas Dinner/ Dance December 11, 2009. You must have a ticket for this dance. Dec 30 - Jeff Holley will have a Pre-New Year's Eve dance at Bohemian hall- please check these dances out - they will be fun!! Single Squares will have new officers January 1st, 2010. Bernie Nelson will be the new President. Everyone is invited to our dance-the more dancers the more fun we have!!

Delores Chambers, President, 2009....Bernie Nelson, President, 2010

**SPIRIT OF 76:** Our latest mainstream and plus classes will graduate on Sunday, December 27!!! We should see about 21 or 22 new dancers and hopefully many will join our club. Spirit will have its annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 20, in the Crescent, OK, Community Center beginning about 6:00 pm.

Jeff Holley, Jim Couey, and Bobby Willis will be holding a Pre-New Years Eve Dance on Wednesday, December 30, in Bohemian Hall, 3800 S. Portland Ave. Cost will be \$5.00 per person at the door. Everyone is welcome.

Come join us the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Rounds at 7:00 pm, Workshop at 7:30 pm, and Grand March at 8:00 pm. Our caller is Jeff Holley and our cuer is Jim Couey. They are the greatest!!!! Come join the fun!  
Dee Proctor, Spirit President

**SWINGING REBELS:** The Swinging Rebels will be dancing on Friday, November 27, 2009, this is our all gospel dance and a time that we reflect and give thanks for the many blessings God has given us. If you want to work off that extra helping you had on Thanksgiving Day come join us at the Warr Acres Community Center for a fun and entertaining evening starting with a workshop at 7:30p.m. and the grand march at 8:00p.m. We hope to see you in one of our squares real soon.

The REBELS WILL NOT BE DANCING ON OUR REGULAR NIGHTS IN DECEMBER. However, we will be having a "Graduation Dance" on December 14, 2009 at The Warr Acres Community Center, 7:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. You are invited to attend and help us welcome our new dancers into the wonderful world of Square Dancing.

We hope everyone has a "VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Dan and Sharon Peters, Presidents

Cecil and Barbara Burton, Callers

**TEACUP CHAINS:** Merry Christmas to all from Teacup Chains! We will be offering Mainstream and Plus lessons at the Edmond Multi-purpose Activity Center (MAC) beginning in January '10. Sign-ups are under way now and will continue until January 4th. Lessons will be on Mondays and Thursdays, beginning on Monday, Jan. 11 and ending April 15. Cost is \$22 per person, and 2 sessions are offered. Plus lessons are 6:30-7:30 pm; mainstream lessons are 7:30-9:00 pm. Class fees are based per session. Phone number of the MAC is 216-7646. We will also be having an open house dance for the public on Saturday, January 2 at our regular location and time. Everyone is invited! Swing and promenade forever.... Doug and Marianne Loveridge

**TERRITORIAL SQUARES:** Central District dancers and any others who might be reading this: Territorial Squares will NOT be dancing at their regular place in December. On December 12th and 19th, we will be dancing in the lobby of the BancFirst building at the corner of 1st and Oklahoma. This is our annual Victorian Christmas celebration in Guthrie. We will be having a New Years Eve dance starting at 8:00 pm on December 31st, at the cabin. We will ring in the New Year with dancing and games then have a Biscuit and Gravy breakfast before we depart. Please make plans now to attend our 21st Anniversary Dance on January 9th, 2010. It will be held at the American Legion Post 58, 123 North 1st, Guthrie, OK. Grand March will be at 8:00 pm. May each and everyone have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

President Bill and Jolene Milner

Andy Turner, Reporter

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Double Nickle Heartland Rounders Kalico Kapers	4 Single Squares	5 Norman Silver Spur Silver Spur, OKC Teacup Chains
6	7 Dancing Shadows Single Rounds	8 Fun Timers	9	10 Circle 8 <b>Double Nickle 25th Anniversary</b> Happy Tracks Heartland Rounders	11 <b>Singles Christmas Dinner/Dance</b> Metro Singles Norman Buckaroos <i>Swinging Rebels Cancelled</i>	12 Aristocrats Shawnee Square Eights <i>Territorial Squares Cancelled</i>
13 Spirit of 76	14 Dancing Shadows Single Rounds Nat'l Cowboy Hall of Fame <i>Swinging Rebels Graduation Dance</i>	15	16	17 Double Nickle Heartland Rounders Kalico Kapers	18 Single Squares	19 Norman Silver Spur Silver Spur, OKC Teacup Chains
20	21 Dancing Shadows Single Rounds	22 Fun Timers	23	24 <i>Circle 8 Cancelled</i> Double Nickle Happy Tracks Heartland Rounders	25 <b>Christmas</b> <i>Metro Singles Cancelled</i> <i>Norman Buckaroos Cancelled</i> <i>Swinging Rebels Cancelled</i>	26 Aristocrats Shawnee Square Eights <i>Territorial Squares Cancelled</i>
27 Spirit of 76	28 Dancing Shadows Single Rounds Nat'l Cowboy Hall of Fame	29	30 <b>Pre-New Years Eve Dance Bohemian Hall</b>	31 <b>New Year's Eve Gala Celebration Westside Lions Hall</b> <b>Territorial Squares</b> Double Nickle		