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"Dancing Adds Color to Life"

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Message from Steve and Terri Denton – Presidents

Hello Central District

Steve and I hope everyone had a very Blessed Thanksgiving. We hope everyone made it home safe. Did you go and dance at the State Festival? We went and had a great time. Thanks to the State board and all those involved in making it a super Festival.

As this year comes to a close, Steve and I want you to know that we are very proud of the District for all the hard work everyone has done this past year and the year before. Please keep up the good work and all of our clubs will continue to grow.

Starting 1-1-2018 we will have a new President and board for the coming year. I think they are going to be a big asset to the District. Your new 2018 Presidents are Bill and Melissa Hancock. They bring with them lots of enthusiasm and new ideas to try. Let's get behind them with our support and help keep our clubs growing.

The National Cowboy Hall of Fame Dancers had their 51st. Anniversary Dance on November 27th. The theme was Christmas and all of the door prizes were Christmas oriented. It was a fun dance and everyone had a great time. Double Nickel has their Anniversary Dance in December. Come on out and join them.

December is full of changes, and lots of celebrations. Hope that we see you in a square soon.

Steve and Terri Denton
2017 CSDA Presidents

Remember: **Dancing Adds Color to Life!**

We pledge to serve our Square and Round Dance Clubs in Oklahoma's Central District.

Publicity Report

Hey all,

This has been a really quiet month for exhibitions, but we are already planning some for next year. But until then, get out there and go visit one of the amazing clubs we have in our district and get in a square. I'm sure you could find a club or two that are dancing. I would suggest you check the central district web site to make sure they are dancing as this is a month of December and some of the clubs are holding special dances or not dancing their regular times due to the holidays.

As a reminder, there are several clubs starting lessons in January. if you know of someone wanting to take lessons or if you need a refresher please see the website for a list of those clubs holding lessons.

Get out there and make someone smile and dance.

Merry Christmas!! Remember the reason for the season

Your Publicity Director, Amie Dodds 405-206-8988 or amie8988@yahoo.com

VISIT NINE

No report for December

2017 Blood Drive:

The Central District Square Dance Association has an account at the Oklahoma Blood Institute and it is set up for you or your family to use as needed. Be sure to tell the facility that you are a Central District Square Dancer. The Oklahoma Blood Institute accepts blood donations in various locations in our state. Check their web site obi.org. Be sure to let Verlin or Karla Bell know of your donation so we can keep track of our dancers who participate. We can be reached at 405-990-6984 or 405-990-6985. You can also reach Verlin or Karla Bell at: BloodDrive@cdsda.com or kowbell@pldi.net. We had one phone call from one of our square dance members who reported donating blood in November. The annual blood drive will be sometime in April 2018. Watch the Grand Square for upcoming dates.



Message from Sonya Savell-Jones, Webmaster:

Merry Christmas ALL!! - Please remember to send me your Club Roster along with the list of your upcoming Officers ASAP so I can get them loaded on the website.

Message from Karla and Verlin Bell, Newsletter Directors:

Happy December:

From what I hear everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Hope ya'll didn't eat too much turkey. It was certainly a time to give thanks for all we receive and for the privilege of living in the USA as free people. We thank our Veterans for serving our country and keeping us safe. We would also like to thank all those who serve our country in other capacities such as our first responders, EMT's, doctors and nurses just to name a few. It is humbling to see how many turn out to serve meals for those less fortunate and are willing to lend a helping hand to our neighbors when struck by disasters. We sincerely hope each and every one of you have a Merry Christmas and may the New Year bring you Joy.

Many of the clubs will be starting new lessons in the next few weeks. Please if you can and have the time volunteer to help as all the clubs need our help.

We will have a new slate of officers for Central District starting in January with Bill and Melissa Hancock leading the pack as our new Presidents. I know they will continue to support every club in Central District.

Verlin and I have agreed to continue as the editors of the Grand Square and look forward to serving you for the next year. Remember this is your paper and without your wonderful and informative articles it would not be possible to continue to publish the Grand Square. We do ask that if the person who writes and submits your articles changes during the year, please let us know along with their contact information it would be greatly appreciated so we can continue to get the paper out to you in a timely manner.

We wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS and we look forward to a great new year of square dancing with all of our clubs.

See you in a square real soon!! Karla and Verlin Bell, Editors, Grand Square

Laughter is the best Medicine

As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?" The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped, "Didn't you get my E-mail?"

What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Santa?
A rebel without a Claus.

What do you call an elf who sings?
A wrapper!

Why is Christmas just like your job?
You do all the work and the fat guy with the suit gets all the credit.
Why does Santa Claus go down the chimney on Christmas Eve?
Because it soot's him

Why are Christmas trees so fond of the past?
Because the present's beneath them.

What do you call a broke santa? Give up yet?
It's Saint-NICKEL-LESS

What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?
Tinselitis!

Why is Santa so jolly?
Because he knows where all the naughty girls live.

Why doesn't Santa have any children ?

Because he only comes once a year, and when he does, it's down the chimney.

What do you call a cat on the beach at Christmas time?

Sandy Claws!

Why is Christmas just like a day at the office ?

You do all the work and the fat guy with the suit gets all the credit.

What does One Direction and my Christmas tree have in common?

They both have ornamental balls.

What does one ho plus two ho make?

Answer, a jolly Santa

Who doesn't eat on Christmas?

A turkey because it is always stuffed.

Why did Santa send his daughter to college?

To keep her off the North Pole

Recipe of the Month:

Christmas Cookie Ornaments (if they make it to your tree that is)

These classic Christmas cookies are a 2-for-1 deal — a delicious treat and a homemade tree decoration.

Punch a hole before baking to create edible hangers. Once baked and decorated, add a ribbon and hang on your tree.

Cookies

- 2 3/4 c. all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. Kosher salt
- 1 c. unsalted butter
- 3/4 c. granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 1/2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- Sanding sugar, for decorating

Royal Icing

- 3 large egg whites
 - 1/2 tsp. cream of tartar
 - 16 oz. confectioners' sugar
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- In large bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder and salt.
 - Using an electric mixer, beat butter and sugar until combined. Beat in egg and then vanilla.
 - Reduce mixer speed to low and gradually add flour mixture, mixing just until incorporated. Shape dough into 4 disks and roll each between 2 sheets parchment paper to 1/4 inch thick. Chill until firm, 30 minutes in refrigerator or 15 minutes in freezer.
 - Heat oven to 350°F. Line baking sheets with parchment paper. Using floured cookie cutters, cut out cookies. If desired, use straw to make holes in tops of cookies for hanging. Place on pre- pared sheets. Reroll, chill and cut scraps.
 - Bake, rotating sheets halfway through, until cookies are light golden brown around edges, 10 to 12 minutes. Let cool on sheets 5 minutes before transferring to wire racks to cool completely.
 - **Make Royal Icing:** Using electric mixer with whisk attachment, beat egg whites and cream of tartar on medium-high speed until foamy, about 1 minute. Reduce speed to low and gradually add confectioners' sugar, beating until just incorporated. Increase speed to high and beat until medium-stiff glossy peaks form, 5 to 7 minutes. Tint as desired with gel food coloring.
 - Decorate as desired with icing and sanding sugar.
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Parliamentarian's Corner

As a parliamentarian I am often asked; what is parliamentary procedure? **Parliamentary procedure** is the body of rules, ethics and customs governing meetings and other operations of clubs, organizations, legislative, and other deliberative assemblies. These rules are usually adopted by an organization, in their bylaws, as the organization's parliamentary authority. The most common of these rules is "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised", currently in its 11TH edition. Central District Square Dance Association has adopted "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised" [abbreviated "RONR"]. When the RONR manual has been thus adopted, the rules within it, together with any special rules of procedure that may also be adopted, are binding upon the body and constitute that body's rules of order.

Rules of Order: "The term rules of order refers to written rules of parliamentary procedure formally adopted by an assembly or an organization. Such rules relate to the orderly transaction of business in meetings and to the duties of officers in that connection. The object of rules of order is to facilitate the smooth functioning of the assembly and to provide a firm basis for resolving questions of procedure that may arise." (RONR, P.15).

Rules that may affect what may or may not be done by an assembly (from highest to lowest in authority)

1. **Law:** rules prescribed by applicable law
2. **Corporate Charter:** for incorporated groups (Central District Square Dance Association, Inc., is incorporated)
3. **Bylaws or Constitution:** basic rules relating principally to itself as an organization
4. **Rules of Order:** written rules of parliamentary procedure
 - **Special rules of order:** specific to an organization
 - **Parliamentary authority:** general book of rules
5. **Standing rules:** Administrative details
6. **Custom**

I am happy to be appointed as your parliamentarian for the 2018 term, assuming the Executive Board approves of the appointment. As your parliamentarian, I am here not just for the board but also for the member clubs. I can be contacted via email at parlirobert@yahoo.com or by phone 405-721-8640.

Please contact me with any questions concerning these rules or other parliamentary questions.

Robert Fink RP

Registered Parliamentarian

Credentialed by the National Association of Parliamentarians®

Clothing Drive

Hello Everyone,

If you missed our last clothing drive and sale, no worries. The next sale will be held around March/April depending on the weather. I will keep you posted in the Grand Square.

We are very excited about our upcoming sales for next year. We've been working hard behind the scenes getting things prepared. The location of the clothing sale will be at our house, in our garage. Address is 8201 NW 31st Terrace, Bethany, Oklahoma 73008. We are on the corner of Markwell and NW 31st Terrace.

The money raised by your generous donations will be going into the Central District building account fund. There are several clubs in the district that have lessons going on. We want to set up our new dancers with clothes, so they feel comfortable coming to our dances in style. We could use your help. Do you know of anyone that is leaving square dancing and have clothes they may want to donate? If you have a phone number, I can call them. Several people over the years have given me contact phone numbers, and its helped tremendously to keep our stock of items growing. Men's shirts and ties are always needed. We never have enough of them. We could use anything for the Ladies in all sizes. Remember how special you felt when you got an outfit, skirt or blouse when you first started dancing. I remember. Therefore, this is why we do this. If you have a sack of clothes or a couple of items it doesn't matter the amount folks, it all adds up. We always accept monetary donations for the items we have or just because you want to help out with our building fund.

This winter is the perfect opportunity to clean out those drawers and closets and donate all the things you don't wear anymore. Have your tastes changed, maybe you are wearing longer skirts now but have several short skirts and petticoats that are taking up closet space; maybe some of your tops or skirts no longer fit well and you want to downsize your wardrobe; maybe your closet space is getting too small, no matter the reason we will gladly take anything you wish to

donate. Our program has succeeded due to all of you and your donations. Thank you!! When dancers come through our doors needing clothing i.e.: 1-2 slips, belts or dresses/skirts and/or tops, it doesn't take long to deplete our supply. So please go through your closet and see what you can pass on to the district for other members and our new dancers.

My phone numbers are: home: 405-470-0868 and cell: 405-443-8614. Call me or text me and I can make arrangements for dropping off or picking up your donations.

Kay Stewart, Central District Clothing Chairman

Education:

DISTRICT WIDE CHALLENGE

During the past year, Bill & I, along with the rest of the central district officers, offered a district-wide challenge to all new dancers and those of us who have been around for awhile. **Visit as many clubs as possible!** We would like to see the challenge continue into the next year. It would make the year so much more fulfilling for the clubs you are visiting and for yourselves.

Well folks, the end of the year is here! For the last year, we have been writing articles every month regarding education. Bill & I sincerely hope the articles have been informative and enjoyable for all square and round dancers.

With the new year fast approaching, it is very important that we all get out and about and promote square dancing and recruit new dancers in Central Oklahoma and throughout all of Oklahoma. Just think, if every square and round dancer recruits just one new dancer, we can double the number of square dancers. Just think how much fun that would be, plus since you will be visiting other clubs, it will make your year so much fun.

Square dancing is all about fun anyway, so why not go out and have some fun!

Bill & I have really enjoyed writing the articles for you and our fellow square dancers. Please remember to be kind to everyone this holiday season, especially new dancers, and spread the joy of square dancing at every opportunity.

Education Tip of the Month: Dance, dance and dance some more!

Submitted by:

Bill & Joyce Stout, Education Director

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Singles Coordinator

Hello everybody!

We trust that all of you had a Happy Thanksgiving! Now it's time to think about Christmas!

There are just a couple of things we want to keep reminding you of. The first is to please mark your calendars for the 39th HASSDA Festival that will be held next year at the Holiday Inn Express & Conference Center, 1400 Country Club Road, Claremore, OK. The dates are April 27th and 28th, 2018. Callers will be Andy Allemao, Shane Greer, Dan Sahlstrom and cuers Jim & Georgianne Couey. There will also be a Trail In Dance on Thursday, April 26th, 2018 and the Trail Out Dance on Sunday, April 29th, 2018.

The second thing is the India Shrine Center dance that you will be receiving more information about as time goes on. We plan on making this bigger and better than before!

Be sure and watch for us as in the near future, we will be visiting your single's club! Don't forget, Stan Taylor (405-221-6564) and Glenda Reynolds (918260-6055) are always available to answer any questions or offer our assistance.

Stan Taylor and Glenda Reynolds, Singles Coordinators

December Club News

ARISTOCRATS Plus

Aristocrats Plus welcomed new members Ron and Sandy Johnson and Roger Power in November.

A big congratulations to Roger Power and Amie Dodds on their engagement. He surprised her with a proposal and ring at the Thanksgiving dinner dance.

Aristocrats' Christmas dance will be held Monday, December 18th.

Aristocrats Plus will be holding a "Senior's Prom" on Saturday, March 31, 2018. Cost is \$10 per person. This will not be a square dance so anyone can attend. Mark your calendars and come to the Prom. See flyer on the Central District Website.

Just a reminder that Aristocrats Plus dances both Mainstream and Plus every dance and is a "come as you are" club. Throw on some jeans and come dance with us. We will show you a good time!

We dance the 1st and 3rd Mondays at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church located at 700 N. Air Depot in Midwest City starting at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Reznicek
Joe and Nancy Whitten, President

Jim and DeDe Howard, Caller



No report submitted

Centennial Squares
Robin Chabot
Sonny & Vicki Nevins Presidents Mike & Linda McCormick Caller

CIRCLE 8:

No report submitted

Vicki Geis

DANCING SHADOWS ROUND DANCE CLUB:



We are dancing each Monday from 6:30-8:30 at Linwood UMC Family Center, NW 17th & Drexel. Our **Christmas dance will be December 18**. We will not be dancing on Christmas or New Years. Come join us for a fun evening on the dance floor.

Jim & Georgianne Couey, Cuers/Instructors



HEARTLAND DANCERS:

For the time being and until further notice, we have decided to suspend dancing on Thursday nights. We will advise when we resume. Thanks to all round dancers that have been loyal in their attendance but for reasons: low attendance and financial reasons we think this is best now to suspend our Thursday night dancing and certainly plan to resume sometime in the future.

Jim & Georgianne Couey, Cuers/Instructors

DOUBLE NICKLE SQUARE DANCE CLUB:



Central District Square Dance Association Board members (both
incoming and outgoing),
Central District Callers and Cuers,
All Central District square and round dancers and all Double Nickle
members past and present,

The members of Double Nickle Square Dance Club and the staff of Will Rogers Senior Citizens Center
request your presence at Double Nickle's

33RD Anniversary Celebration!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 12:00 - 3:00 PM

Will Rogers Senior Center

3501 Pat Murphy Drive

Oklahoma City, OK

405.297.1455 (Senior Center)

Lunch buffet from Noon to 12:55 PM followed by Square Dancing from
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Please join us if only to reminisce, meet someone you haven't seen in a long
while. We miss our members who no longer dance and we want to see you.

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LESSONS + YOU + LINE DANCING + GOOD FRIENDS + FUN = DOUBLE NICKLE SQUARE DANCE

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Double-Nickle-Square-Dance-Club/>

[Robert Fink, President 721-8640](#) [Lura Fink, Secretary](#)

[Andy and Phyllis Turner, Richie and Sharon Richardson Callers](#)

Fun Timers

IT'S ALWAYS FUN AT FUN TIMERS!

Fun Timers really enjoyed a grand old parade in Midwest City honoring our Veterans in November. There was a gathering before the parade for "soup night" to decorate the float. Thanks to all who came out to help. And a big special thanks to all the dancers that came out to ride on the float and walk beside it.

Members and new dancers celebrated the completion of lessons with a great Graduation Dance. This dance, for our newest dancers, was complete with graduation hats and a graduation cake. They also received their dance packets provided by Bill and Joyce Stout, education directors. Thank you to the Stouts for the packets and all of those that helped with the dance and program.

The club celebrated daylight savings time on NOVEMBER 28th by serving an "early" BREAKFAST at the dance. Guest caller for Bob was Bill and Janice Powell.

Many items have been collected for the HUGS project. The HUGS project is one of volunteers who help mail something to as many members of our military that they can in time for Christmas. If you are interested in volunteering to help or donate money it is always appreciated.

Fun Timers will celebrate the **Birth of our Savior on DECEMBER 12th** with a candlelight service. We will be singing Silent Night at the end of the dance. There will also be a gift exchange so please bring a \$10 gift if you wish to participate.

The Senior Center will be closed on DECEMBER 26th so the dance will be canceled that night. Bob will be calling a "makeup" dance on JANUARY 2nd, weather permitting. (Our dances have been postponed before with ice and snow storms this time of year. Stay safe.)

FUN TIMERS dance the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month with Grand March at 7 PM at the Midwest City Senior Citizens Center, 8215 E Reno, behind the fire Station. You can check on club activities on our Face Book page or on the Central District website.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Ron and Sandy Johnson, President Bob and Melissa Thomas, Caller (642-1832)
www.funtimersmwc.sdbob.com www.sdbob.com

Happy Tracks Square Dance Club



Join us on **December 14 for our Christmas dinner and dance.** We always have good food and fun.

Lessons will start again January 4th!! Mainstream 6:00 – 7:00pm followed by Plus 7:00 – 8:00pm

Until next month, Loads of Love, Yellow Rocks and Kisses!

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



KALICO KAPERS:

We would love for you to dance with us! We dance the first and third

Thursdays at the Westside Lions Club, 4135 NW 10th Street, OKC. Our caller is Jerry and

Gayle Stover. We are a DBD/Plus club but offer the widest variety of dance levels.

From 7:00-7:30, A-2 Workshop/ 7:30-9:30, DBD/Plus with some rounds/ and at 9:30 A-2 Star Tip.

For more information contact President Joe Roberson or Vice Presidents Ralph/Laverne

Kalico Kapers Presidents: Joe/Judy Roberson, (405) 702-4441, JR7@cox.net

Vice Presidents: Ralph Jenner/Laverne Winn, 366-8403, Lavernewinn@aol.com



Hello All!

Hope everyone had a wonderful turkey day! In case you haven't already figured it out here's where things get even busier. We've got a couple of more dates to add to your calendar:

Friday December 1st: Singles Christmas Dinner Dance: Tickets are \$15 in advance for the dinner and dance, or \$10 at the door for just the dance. Everyone is welcome singles, married, and newly engaged.

Friday December 8: Metro's regular dance night Rounds 6:30-7:00 Grand March 7:00

Friday December 22: Sonya's Christmas Fun Dance: Metro isn't dancing, but Sonya is. Come join us for a good time!

Hope to see you at one of these dances!

NATIONAL COWBOY HALL OF FAME



National Cowboy had a great time in November performing for the State Festival and Green Country festival.

We had our 51st Anniversary on November 27th. We had a great time and hope you did too. Great food, great door prizes and a great dance. It was soooo good to see so many of you come to visit us. Thank-you.

We will be back to work in January preparing for Nationals.

Dan and Mary Reznicek, President

Jim and DeDe Howard Caller

NORMAN SILVER SPUR, INC:



Norman Silver Spur would like to thank Johnny and Jan Carroll for calling for Bob while he was out of town. Jan entertained us during halftime with her beautiful instrument. Our club had a couple of special visitors from New York State. They were traveling through Oklahoma and got delayed because of the high winds and stayed over to visit. They found us on the internet and gave us a call. It is really interesting to hear the different customs from around the U.S. (They are RV'ers). We can't wait until the Nationals next June.

We have elected a new board for 2018. President-Bill & Joyce Stout, Vice President-Glen Kilgour, Secretary-Larry & Kathy Thompson, Treasurer-Marie Cape. Our delegates are Judi Russell and Ed & Mary Morris. Thank you!

We will be having a regular dance on Dec. 2nd. December 16th will be our Christmas Dinner/Dance. We will set up at 4:00, eat at 5:00 and play games at 6:00. And then the dance will start about 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming in 2018!

Seventy Years

Norman Silver Spur 2018!

SHAWNEE SQUARE EIGHTS:



The Shawnee Square Eights Club is experiencing change. Our long-time caller, Jim Woolsey, is retiring from our Club as of December 2017. Our **Christmas Dance will be held December 9th** and that will also be Jim's last dance with our Club. We would like to invite all Central District Dancers to visit to say goodbye to Jim and his wife Twyla. We will take that opportunity to thank them both for their untiring efforts to help Shawnee Square Eights prosper and grow through the last 24 years.

We will not dance on December 23rd as the Senior Center will be closed.

The Club has made the decision to hire Jim Howard as our caller beginning in January. We welcome him and his wife DeDe to our square dance family, although we feel they are already a part of it as Jim Howard has taught our lessons for the last several years along with some help from Jonathan Marshall. Jim Couey will continue as our cuer.

Our new dancer lessons will begin January 16, 2018 at the First Christian Church Family Life Center, 1601 North Broadway, Shawnee. Lessons will be held from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays for ten weeks. Lesson costs will be \$3.00 per person per lesson. Couples and singles are invited to participate. Children will also be welcomed with family members (as long as they know their right from their left hand!).

Our members will also be donating toys for our annual local toy drive.

Once again, we will have a float in the Shawnee Christmas Parade on December 7th at 7:00 p.m. The theme this year is a patriotic one, so we are busy getting ready to honor our military personnel and veterans.

Come join us the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. We begin our dances at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 401 N Bell, Shawnee.

SINGLE SQUARES DANCE CLUB, INC:

We dance the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month at the West Side Lions Hall, 4135 NW 10th Street, Oklahoma City, OK

Our Caller is Jeff Holley and our Cuer is Jim Couey. Pre-rounds are at 7:00 PM, Square Dance Workshop is at 7:30 and Grand March is at 8:00 PM.

Jeff Holley and Sonya Savell-Jones are having their New Year's Eve dance December 31st. It will be at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Gymnasium. 700 N. Air Depot, MWC Party begins at 8:00pm with Champagne served at MIDNIGHT!!! See them for tickets. \$8.00 in Advance and \$10.00 at the door per dancer.

Our annual Metro Singles & Single Squares Christmas dinner/dance will be held on Dec. 1st, if it hasn't already past, at the Westside Loins Club at 6 PM. Tickets are \$15 for dinner/dance & \$10 for just the dance. Notify me if you want ticket(s).

We'll dance Dec. 17th. Come join us.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. Hope to dance with you next year.

Roger Power

405-821-0517

1978power@cox.net

Spirit of '76



Spirit of '76 dances on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at the Oklahoma City Swing Club, 4361 NW 50th Street (NW 50th and Meridian ~ due north of the Oklahoma Station Barbeque Restaurant). The **Round Dance WS** is at 5:30 PM, the **Square Dance** is at 6:00 PM. We have rounds after the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th tips. Come join us for great dancing and fellowship.



Our first dance in November was our Hobo Stew dinner. We had several large pots of stew and everyone seemed to enjoy the meal. We had five sacks of canned goods to take to the local food bank and they thanked us for our support to help provide for those who would have been without the means to enjoy a good meal for Thanksgiving dinner. Thanks to all who came and helped us with our contribution.

At our second dance on the 26th, we had our celebration for Thanksgiving which was last Thursday the 23rd. We changed lessons for the students to a **workshop** at 6:00 and invited all to come join us for this event. Early Rounds were at 5:30 and the Grand March was at 6:30.



We will have main stream lessons on December 3rd from 2:30 to 4:30, followed by plus lessons at 4:30. Come be an Angel for our new dancers.

Our first dance will be on December 10th. It is the only regular dance this month because of the holidays. Lessons will be at the same times as last week followed by Rounds at 5:30 and Grand March at 6:00.

On December 17th, lessons will be from 3:00 to 5:00 with Plus lessons at 5:00. After the lessons, Spirit of '76 will host our annual **Christmas Party and Dinner** and our student **Graduation**. This will also be our **'Dirty Santa'** gift exchange, so to participate bring a wrapped gift of \$10 or less. We ask that you bring a dish or dessert for the Christmas dinner. Jeff is inviting all his clubs and everyone is invited. Please come join us!

Spirit of '76 will not dance on December 24th. We wish all of our friends and members a very Merry Christmas!



December 31st: New Year's Eve Dance ~ 8:00 to Midnight ~

To bring in the New Year, Jeff & Sonya & Jim will have a dance to celebrate the 'Ringing In of the New Year'. There will be snacks and the last tip will be just after midnight. Advanced tickets are \$8.00 – at the door \$10.00. See Jeff, Jim, or Sonya for advance tickets and location.



President: Lloyd & Judy Smithson

Caller: Jeff & Niccy Holley

Cuer/Instructor: Jim & Georgianne Couey

Submitted by the Spirit of '76 Reporter for the members of Spirit

Catch the Spirit'

Swinging Rebels

WHO: Swinging Rebels Square Dance Club

CALLER: Cecil Burton

WHERE: Warr Acres Community Center – 4301 N Ann Arbor, Okla City

WHEN: Open House

Jan 12, 2018 – 7 to 8 pm

LESSONS: every M & F

Begin – Jan 15, 2018 – 7 to 9 pm

HOW MUCH: \$30 entire 9 weeks

\$5 discount if call by Jan 12

CONTACT: 405-921-2935 or 405-921-2993 or 405-722-2116

www.SwingingRebelsOKC.org

Sharon Taylor

Swinging Rebels Square Dance Club

405-373-4981



Take a break from all the holiday hustle and bustle and come to one of our December dances on **December 2nd and 16th**.

Teacup Chains will be having square dancing lessons beginning in the middle of January at the MAC, (Multi-Activity Center), at Mitch Park in Edmond. The lessons will be for 10 weeks on Monday and Thursday evenings at 7:00 P.M. Share with your neighbors and friends how fun square dancing is and encourage them to sign up for the lessons. Angels will be needed and very much appreciated. Please come to our lessons and help the students have fun learning to dance.

Our January dances will be Open House and we welcome anyone interested or thinking about taking lessons to come visit and check out what square dancing is all about. Invite your neighbors and friends.

We dance on the first and third Saturday of each month at the Edmond Rankin YMCA, 1220 South Rankin Street, Edmond. Rankin Street is east of Boulevard and the YMCA is just north of 15th Street. Workshop begins at 7:00 P.M. and Grand March is at 7:30 P.M. We'd love to have you join us.

All of us at Teacup Chains wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas!

See you in a square soon!

Submitted by: Gail Hammervold, Secretary

President: Linda Edwards & Gary Houk

Caller: Jeff & Niecy Holley

67th National Convention

Show-Me Kansas City 2018

June 27, 28, 29, 30 2018 Kansas City, Missouri

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If you have never been to a National Convention I urge you to consider going. This one is in Kansas City (not a very far drive for us in OK) and will be **lots of fun**. There are dance halls for **EVERY LEVEL** of dancing for square and round dancers. You get to dance with lots of different callers, there is lots of entertainment including exhibition dancers and yes Oklahoma's exhibition club: National Cowboy Hall of Fame Dancers will be performing. Hope to see many of our OK dancers there in Kansas City.