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Message from Ronnie and Shirley Jackson, 2008 CSDA Presidents:

Shirley and I want to thank everyone for the many calls, visits, cards, flowers and prayers for my recent medical emergency. We have been touched by all the messages we have received from our square and round dance friends. I'm home recovering from stent surgery and am doing much better. I had 90% blockage in one artery and that was my main problem. The doctor has told me that my heart is strong but I have some arteries that are partially blocked. I'm taking two weeks off work and resting. I may have some more surgery later but plan to be back on the dance floor soon!

We both were very pleased with the large turnout for the Jamboree Dance. A lot of work went on behind the scenes to make the Jamboree a success. There are many people to thank for their hard work. Al and Mary Crumley, Central District Vice-Presidents, were in charge of the dance and they deserve a big THANK YOU for all they did. You may have noticed the beautiful decorations at the dance. Ruth and Jim Ford worked very hard on the decorations and were assisted by Phyllis and Mike Thomason. Ruth Ford also organized and hosted the style show, one of the best in recent years. Thanks go to her and to all the style show participants. The Central District callers and cuers who called and cued at the Jamboree did an outstanding job and we thank them for their contributions. Many others helped with the Jamboree and we want to thank them, too. This includes all the people who brought door prizes and refreshments. All in all, it was a fun dance enjoyed by all!

We want to highlight the four club anniversary dances in July: Fun Timers 50th Anniversary Dance on July 7; Aristocrats Plus 23rd Anniversary Dance on July 12; Metro Singles 25th Anniversary Dance on July 25; and Spirit of 76 33rd Anniversary Dance on July 27. Please visit these clubs on their anniversaries and celebrate with them! Also, the President's Dance with the theme, Everything is Coming Up Roses, will be held at the Westside Lions Club on July 20. This will be an open dance for all Central District members. Be sure to check the Special Events page of the CSDA website to view the flyers for these special dances.

Shirley and I want to announce that Central District is open for nominations for people to serve on the 2009 Central District Executive Board. A nomination form is attached to this newsletter for people to submit if they are interested in serving as a Central District officer. If you desire to serve on the board, please fill out the form and mail it to: Central District Square Dance Association, Bowlware Hall, 2665 SW 44th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73108. Serving on the board is a rewarding experience and is an opportunity to give something back to this wonderful hobby of square and round dancing. Please give some serious consideration to being an officer in 2009.

Most Sincerely, Ronnie and Shirley Jackson

Centennial Spectacular Poster:

Celebrating Oklahoma's 100th Birthday - Spectacular Poster



Thank You Ronnie & Shirley for this wonderful gift to the Central District and Oklahoma State Square Dancers that participated in the celebration of our states 100th birthday. The original poster could not be retrieved so they contacted the officials of the Spectacular and were able to have a duplicate poster made. Ronnie & Shirley paid for this additional expense out of their own pocket and should be praised for this unique thoughtfulness and generosity. Once all participates have signed the poster, it will be incased in glass and hung on the wall at Bowlware Hall, Headquarters for the Central District Square Dance Association. "A true example of and standing behind their motto "Working Together for the Best Year Ever!!!!

Lowe's Place, located at 119 W. Main St. in Moore, OK is working on the other gift from Ronnie & Shirley. A bar with a place for three dangles is being made up for each dancer that participated in all three of the Centennial Spectacular events. Each dangle to be placed on the bar will cover one of each three events that you participated in with the celebration of our states 100th birthday. Example, if you only participated in one of the events, you will receive a bar and the dangle representing that event. If you participated in 2, you will receive a dangle for each of those two events, and if you were like Ronnie and Shirley who participated in all three events, you will receive all three!!! Be sure to contact Ronnie & Shirley Jackson to thank them and let them know what events you participated in!

By Sonya Savell-Jones

Footnote from Ronnie Jackson: I apologize for not sending the Centennial Poster to Nationals at Wichita. On the evening I was supposed to give it to Shirley, I suffered my heart attack. Needless to say, I had other things on my mind that evening.

Presidents Dance, July 20th, "Everything is Coming Up Roses":

The 2008 Presidents Dance, "Everything is Coming Up Roses," is a time when we express appreciation to the 2008 CD Club Presidents for all you do in support of Central District. The dance will be held on Sunday, July 20th at the Westside Lions Hall, 4125 NW 10th Street, from 2 pm - 4 pm. The dance will be hosted by the Central District past presidents with Jim & Ruth Ford, Chairmen, and Dick & Dorothy Manley, Vice-Chairmen.

The Annual Presidents Dance is an open dance and all Central District dancers are invited to attend!

Several past Presidents have called and offered their assistance with this years dance. We thank you in advance for making this "Everything is Coming Up Roses," Presidents Dance a memorable event for the 2008 presidents.

This Dancing Camp is not for Squares (reprinted from the Oklahoman):

Tue, June 17, 2008

By Tami Althoff, Staff Writer

NOTE TO SONYA: Please insert the photo that appeared in the Oklahoman (I sent it to you in an email on June 20)

NORMAN — There was no swimming, no campouts by the fire. But the kids who attended the Youth Stormin' Square Dance Club's annual square dance camp last week didn't seem to suffer from a lack of fun.

The students, ages 8 to 16, spent five days learning to do-si-do and promenade at the Canadian Shores Clubroom, 4400 W Main St., in west Norman. Jeans and shorts took the place of suits and petticoats, and more contemporary music took the place of Porter Wagoner, but the students were circling to the right and left all the same.

Sydney Wallace, 16, of Norman, president of the Youth Stormin' club, said this was her fourth year to attend the camp. At the suggestion of her square dancing mother, she began taking lessons with her brother several years ago. It's become a family affair: even Sydney's boyfriend has learned to dance.

"It's just a blast. It's a lot of fun and good exercise," Sydney said. "I would encourage everyone to at least come out and try it. All it takes is knowing how to count to four and knowing your right from left."

Jerry Linduff of Moore who was serving as camp caller Tuesday afternoon, said about 100 kids have been introduced to square dancing since the camp was started in 2003. Linduff, who has been a caller for 28 years, said the campers learn more from square dancing than just how to dance.

"They learn discipline, how to be a team player, how to listen and even fractions," he said. "The kids will learn right at 90 calls this week, about as much as an adult would learn in 20 lessons. Kids learn a lot faster than adults."

Gabby Delgado, 11, of Oklahoma City wasn't so sure about the whole square dancing thing when her friend, Taylor Dunn, 10, of Norman brought her along Tuesday. Gabby spent the better part of the morning watching from a sofa. By mid-afternoon, Gabby was hooked.

"It's fun," she said. "The dancing is fun and so is being able to get along with the other people."

Vicki Eslick, a club sponsor, said the camp is great because it gets the kids away from the computer for a few hours. After the students graduate from camp (a ceremony and square dance was held the last day) they are eligible to join any of the 20-plus square dance clubs in the community, Eslick said.

"Dancing is a good way to exercise," she said. "One night of dancing is like walking for three hours. It's a great aerobic activity."

Zachary Mayes, 9, agreed.

"I've square danced since I was 7," Zachary said. "I like camp because I can play with my friends, work my feet and get good exercise."

July 4 CAPITOL DANCE:

The July 4 Capitol Square Dance will be one of the biggest events of the year for Oklahoma square dancers. The dance will be held in the Oklahoma State Capitol Rotunda on July 4 from 4-6 pm. It will be a celebration of both Independence Day and of square dancing as the official Oklahoma folk dance. The dance is sponsored by two clubs; the Circle 8 of OKC and the Teacup Chains of Edmond. This will be the first square dance in the State Capitol Rotunda in many years. Square dancing was designated as the official Oklahoma folk dance in 1988 by Senate Joint Resolution 111. It has been a popular form of entertainment since before statehood. Modern square dancing as we know it has been flourishing across the State of Oklahoma since the mid-40's. (See Flyer on Special Events page)

Admission to the July 4 Capitol Dance will require a special Capitol Dance dangle which must be purchased in advance. The cost of the dangle is \$5/person. The dangle is to be attached to your club badge for admission. Absolutely no dangles will be sold at the State Capitol building on July 4. To purchase a dangle, please contact a member of either Circle 8 or Teacup Chains. Points of contact in Circle 8 are: Dick & Dorothy Manley at dotmanley@cox.net and Henry & Barbara Israel at sdcaller@sbcglobal.net. Points of contact in Teacup Chains are: Myron & Shirley Brown at myron-brown@sbcglobal.net and Bobby & Shelley Willis at toyfixr@cox.net.

For more information about the historical significance of square dancing in Oklahoma and to read Senate Joint Resolution 111, go to:

http://www.netstate.com/states/symb/dances/ok_square_dance.htm

State Federation Fall Festival Tickets:

July Update on Ticket Sales: Bill and Elaine Stout, Central District Ticket Chairmen, report that 18,200 tickets for the State Federation Fall Festival have been handed out to Central District clubs. The two clubs checking out the most tickets are Circle 8 with 3200 and Norman Silver

Spurs with 3500. The other clubs need to step up and sell tickets or one of these clubs will win the Central District competition. Bill has heard by the grapevine that Southern District may be in the lead right now in ticket sales. Bill does not know how many they have sold but be assured Southern District is selling lots of tickets. If we have hopes of winning the Victory Dance, we must work hard to sell as many as possible. Ticket sales are the major fund raiser each year for Central District and for our clubs. Be sure to call Bill at 405-872-8489 if you need more tickets.

Information provided by Bill and Elaine Stout and by the SASHAY, April, 2008.

Publicity Chairman Report, July 2008:

Some of the Central District Dancers has stayed busy this month, including Caller Sonya Savell-Jones participating in exhibitions dances at Shawnee, Oklahoma City, McLoud and Norman. We keep getting request to dance at various locations around Central District. The next activity is the Blackberry Festival in McLoud which will be held of July 5th in downtown McLoud.. A float will be in it's parade furnished by Happy Tracks Square Dance club, and after the parade square dancing will be help at the Veterans Park. There is a Car show and we are welcome to sell tickets. This will serve at least two very important purposes.. Getting the word out about our hobby and selling tickets on the car for Central District. Any dancer wanting to have a good time, promote Square Dancing and selling tickets is welcome to come to McLoud. Lois will continue to call clubs and callers to participate in future exhibitions. We already have one in July set up in Okla. City and have been requested to dance in Chandler on August 22nd at the new Route 66 Interpretive Center. So put these on your calendar and be ready to help when called by the Publicity Chairman.

Vernon & Lois Willis, Delegate and Publicity Chairmen

Caller / Cuer of the Month: J. C. and Elberta Johnson

We dancers in Central District are very lucky to have excellent callers and cuers. This month our featured cuers are J. C. and Elberta Johnson. J. C. was kind enough to take time to write about his experiences in the 40+ years he's been a Round Dance cuer. As you will see, he and Elberta have some colorful stories to tell about their experiences while dancing around the world.



J.C. and Elberta met in August 1948 at Tinker Air Force Base. Elberta was a Ballroom Dance Instructor at Koch's Ballroom located downtown Oklahoma City. She and other ladies came to Tinker's Service Club as a part part of the YWCA. They would teach the single enlisted men basic ballroom steps at a dance once a month. J.C. and Elberta started going steady on March 3, 1949. They were married in Snyder, Texas on July 5, 1949.

They were transferred to Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C. In 1951, Elberta started working for

the National Grange. This is when they started Square and Round Dancing. Her father had played the fiddle at square dances. J.C. came from a strict religious family that did not approve of any form of dancing. However, he had seen the results of square dancing in Snyder, Texas. Drinking was permitted before and during the dance, but not in the dance hall. Every time a dance was held, fights were started. Police would be called. as usual, the drunks still wanted to fight. The police would use billy clubs and sometimes they would “pistol whip” them. Then take them to jail.

Elberta had a hard time getting J.C. to even go and watch square dancing. As usual, the wife always wins. They went to watch. The dancers saw them sitting on the side line watching them dance. They separated J. C. and Elberta and literally “pulled” them thru the crowd. They both enjoyed the experience. They danced with Eb and Ely Square Dance Club in the D.C. and Maryland area for two years.

J.C. and Elberta learned to Round Dance while in D.C. They were taught the Jessie Polka, Ten Pretty Girls and the Bunny Hop. They didn’t care for the Paul Jones. Ladies wore pantaloons from waist to the ankle. Dresses were narrow and went almost to the floor.

They square danced in Altus, OK, Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska, Iowa, and Fairfield, California. Ladies’ dress code changed: Pantaloons just above the knee, slips were worn and dresses were about six to eight inches below the knee. J. C. and Elberta joined the Fairfield “Twin City Steppers” in 1957. Their caller taught Rounds Of the Month. He taught San Francisco, Frenchy Brown, Silk & Satin, Golden Gate Waltz, Lucky and many more. They followed this caller all over North Central California. In 1961, their caller stopped calling because of a heart condition. This is when J. C. and Elberta started teaching and cueing Round Dancing. They taught there until the fall of 1963, when they were transferred to Germany.

J. C. and Elberta taught and cued Rounds for two Square Dance Clubs in Wiesbaden, Germany. Their first Round Club was named “Fancy Pants.” They also taught and helped form a teen Square and Round Dance Club. They traveled and danced over most of Germany. They danced on a river boat twice and danced on German TV. The two of them danced in Germany for three years.

In December 1966 they were transferred Hulbert Field at Fort Walton Beach, Florida. They continued teaching Round Dancing and cued for one Square Dance Club. In 1968, J. C. went to Da Nang, Vietnam for six months then to Phang Rang for six more months. When he returned to the States, he was assigned to Perrin AFB, Sherman, Texas. He and Elberta continued teaching Round Dancing and cued for a Square Dance Club. The base was closed and J. C. was transferred again, this time to Loring AFB, Limestone, Maine. He continued teaching Round Round Dancing and cued for several Square Dance Clubs. He and Elberta danced in several towns in Maine and also danced in Canada. After more than twenty-six years service, J.C. retired from the USAF. He’s a veteran of WWII, Korea and Vietnam.

J. C. and Elberta have taught Round Dancing for more than forty years. They teach and dance Phase I thru VI. They are Charter Members of OSTA, and have held all offices of CDCCA, except Treasurer. The “Saturday Nite” Exhibition Round Dancers performed for several years at

State and District Dances. They also members of Round-A-Lab, URDC, and ORDA. They have taught and cued in Oklahoma City and Shawnee since 1972. J. C. and Elberta are cuers for Singles Rounds, Singles Squares, Aristocrats Plus, Metro Singles and Wednesday Nite Gang.

J. C. and Elberta are to be congratulated for their long, illustrious career in square and round dancing. This couple has taught countless students around the world how to square and round dance. The fact that they have taught Round Dancing for over 40 years and are still teaching today in 5 clubs, illustrates their strong love of dancing.

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

We want to congratulate Vicki Elick on the outstanding job she's doing with Youth Stormin'. The article she had published in the Oklahoman on June 17 has given square dancing some publicity in our state newspaper. Central District needs more positive publicity like this. Vicki has written articles each month on Youth Stormin' for the Grand Square newsletter. Carol and I greatly appreciate her contributions to Central District and to square dancing.

Please keep sending news and updates to us. Last month, 20 out of 21 clubs submitted news for the Grand Square. When you send us news, we promise to get it on the website and in the newsletter ASAP!

Have fun dancing!! Sincerely, Richard and Carol Schwake

July 2008 Club News:

ARISTOCRATS PLUS: We will Dance on the 12th of July and that will be our Anniversary Dance. Then on the 9th of August will be a cookout (hamburgers and hot dogs)!!! The dance will be casual. We will go back to our regular dance schedule in September. President is Cathy Adams.

CIRCLE 8: If you have not gotten your dangle for the JULY 4th Circle Eight and Tea Cup Chains all-singing call dance at the Oklahoma State Capitol you may have missed out on this great opportunity. The callers Henry Israel and Bobby Willis are getting ready and are in fine-tune. You will need a Capitol Dangle to enter, as the space available will be limited. You can get a dangle from Henry or Bobby or any Circle 8 or Tea Cup Chains for \$5. Dangles will not -- let me repeat -- will not be available at the door.

The Dance will be on July the 4th between 4:00 – 6:00 pm.

Circle 8 has elected the new board for the fall of 2008. We would like to thank them for supporting our club!

President: Marvin and Donna Kay Pierce

Vice President: Carla Glidewell

Secretary: Tom & Vicki Geis

Treasurer: Jim & Linda Fuller

Membership: Glen and Linda Bray

DANCING SHADOWS ROUND DANCE: We are having some great dances. Dance from 7-9, Monday nights @ Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Family Living Center, 700 N. Air Depot, Midwest City. We promise you will have a great time. Jim & Georgianne and other OKC dancers had a great time at Fun Valley CO. It was really cool in CO this year. The week was very enjoyable. Jim & Georgianne went to the Nationals in Wichita and did their new dance "One Night Of Love", a phase III+1 waltz and will be teaching it to us this month. We love visitors, so come visit us.

Carol Palmer, President Jim & Georgianne Couey, Cuer

DOUBLE NICKLE SQUARES: DOUBLE NICKLE SQUARE DANCE CLUB, is alive and well. Last Thursday at 1:00 PM we only needed one more warm body. We could have had two squares. Please send us a dancer over the age of 55. Could be either boots or bonnet style. We have people that can dance either part. Come on over by the old Duck Pond at Will Rogers Senior Center. The "culvert-repairs" are nearly complete at the Park. Drive North on North Portland Street. Turn in at 31st. Street entrance to the Tennis Court where it says "Closed-to-Thru-Traffic," because our street remains open. Come on over and dance with us for fun... Yellow-Rocks, Allen and Dorothy.

Presidents are Allen and Dorothy Watson, 405-348-5309 or email: alndotw@juno.com

FUN TIMERS: Upcoming Events:

July 4 Dance at Capitol

July 8 50th Anniversary Dance

July 20 Presidents Dance

Aug 26 Hawaiian Dance

Nov 1 State Festival, Sheraton Hotel, 1 North Broadway

Club Election: The same slate agreed to serve another term as officers. We do have an opening for a Card Chairman. Anybody willing to take this job? We need you!

50th Anniversary dance will be July 8th when we will celebrate our 50th Anniversary. Our Anniversary dance flyer can be accessed on the Special Events page of the CD website.

Fun Timers dance at the beautiful Midwest City Senior Citizen's Center which is located just north of the Midwest City Fire Station. In June we will dance at our regular scheduled time on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. The great Henry Israel is our caller and his taw, Barbara, leads line dances.

Presidents are Ron and Sandy Johnson.

HAPPY TRACKS SQUARE DANCE CLUB: Happy Tracks is starting out the first week in July with a float to decorate and a parade to attend. Our annual McLoud Blackberry Festival Parade is July 5th at 10 am. We are officially inviting all interested dancers - they are welcome to attend. We will be dancing before the judges and also at 11 am.

Our club will have a Independence Day Dance on July 10th. Show your pride by wearing red, white, and blue summer casual. Our door prizes will reflect the theme. We dance again on July 24th at 8 pm. We would love to have you come visit us. Our Plus Lessons will begin on the 10th from 7 to 8p (1 hour before our dances). If you need to practice your plus, and follow it up

with some fun dancing with Sonya calling, then you need to come on out to Happy Tracks. For those that are not familiar with Nicoma Park, our dance place is located on the West side of the City Hall. It is a building across from the Post Office and to the South. The sign is on NE 23rd. Watch for it on the South side of the street. Look for the cars to your left after you turn on Draper. Come and join us for good calling, food and Fun. We are Happy Tracks.....

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: We dance all Thursdays except 5th @ Linwood United Methodist Church Family Center, 3034 NW 17th, OKC. We have lots of fun at Fun Valley, CO, dancing, eating, and learning a new dance from time to time. Jim & Georgianne had a great time with some other dancers from OKC and callers Jeff & Niecy Holley and Lem & Sue Gravelle from LA. It was a great week of fun, eating, and dancing. Had some visitors from Jacksonville, FL. Lisa & John Wall were on their way to Roundalab convention and plan to stay for the Nationals. She was a cuer and cued a couple of sets for us. This time Jim & Georgianne got to dance together. Talking about the Nationals, Jim & Georgianne's new choreography, "One Night Of Love", a phase III+1 Waltz, was showcased and they taught it on Saturday afternoon of the Nationals. They will be teaching it to us here this month. Our intermediate lessons are going great. We have now finished III & IV Waltz and are moving into III & IV Foxtrot. After that, we plan to do Rumba, Cha, and Jive. We love visitors and would love to have you come and dance with us. Have a great month and stay safe, healthy, and keep dancing.

Jim & Georgianne Couey

KALICO KAPERS: The Kalico Kapers dance on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at the Westside Lions Club, 4135 NW 10th Street. 7 PM C-1 Workshop and 7:30 Plus Dance. Kalico caller is Jerry and 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. 10th Street

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

Our theme dances are as follows:

July 11th ~ Stars & Stripes Forever Dance

July 25th ~ Metro's 25th Anniversary Dance. Everyone is invited, we will have lots of door prizes and finger foods.

August 8th ~ T Shirt & Ice Cream Dance.

Please put these dates on your calendar and come join us for fun dancing & fellowship.

We dance an 'A' tip after the main dance is over. We will be dancing casual this summer from June 13th through September 12th except for our Anniversary Dance & it will be square dance attire.

For more information call 692-2586.

Jessie Jackson, President

NATIONAL COWBOY HALL OF FAME: National Cowboy will not be dancing in July and August. We will start back the 3rd Monday in September and begin working on a new routine and hopefully with some new faces added. If you are interested in joining National Cowboy for next year please mark your calendar. Have a wonderful and safe summer.
President is Art Myers.

NORMAN BUCKAROOS: Jim Woolsey is our caller (he's really good!) and we dance on the 2nd and 4th Fridays each month at the Whittier Recreation Center, 2000 W. Brooks Street in Norman. Everyone is cordially invited to drive down and dance with us. We're a friendly club and we like visitors. We have several of our members on summer vacation so we need dancers. Come on down to Norman town and bring along your dancing shoes!
President is Mavis Grayson

NORMAN SILVER SPUR, INC: We would like to thank everyone that came to our Trail Thru dance. We had a wonderful time. There was great dancing, lots of eating and meeting new people. A big thank you to our club members that worked so hard to put this all together. Thank you to Jim Howard and National Cowboy Hall of Fame for such a wonderful performance. We truly appreciate it. We are now moving on to our big "Diamond" Anniversary Dance. Norman Silver Spur will be celebrating our 60th anniversary on Sunday Sept. 21st. Watch the Grand Square for more details coming soon. Its not to early to put the date on your calendar. Join us and help us celebrate in a "Diamond" way. Our dance is every 1st and 3rd Saturday. Come dance with us if you are in the Norman area. We will be dancing July 5th at our regular time and place.
Presidents are Morris and Janice Walker & Bob Thomas is our caller.

SHAWNEE SQUARE EIGHTS: Hi everyone! Give yourselves a change, come visit with us and have a grand old time! We love visitors!

We wish to send our greetings to dear ole Ron. Hurry and get well but take it easy when you do. Our thoughts are with you.

Nothing new down here but we are still enjoying our dancing.

Presidents are Bernie and Lila Bergman

SILVER SPUR OKC: Silver Spur, OKC and Gerald welcome all of you to come out to dance with us during the Summer months. Casual, semi-dressy attire is acceptable if you prefer to dress cooler for the warmer months of July and August. Do plan to join us as our dances during this time of year are always fun and relaxing, As a reminder, Gerald is holding a Plus Workshop/Lesson session prior to our Club dance at 7:00PM; free of charge. In addition, Gerald will start a new set of Mainstream Square Dance Lessons September 8, 2008, 7:00PM to 9:00PM, Westside Lions Hall, OKC, OK. The cost is \$3.00 per person, per lesson. Looking forward to seeing all of you soon!

Don and Jan Gamble, President; Gerald McWhirter, Caller

SINGLE ROUNDS: We dance from 7 to 10 pm every Monday (except 5th 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. Look for the article about J. C. and Alberta in this issue of the Grand Square. We're looking forward to seeing you at one of our dances this month!

President is Marie Hunter.

SINGLE SQUARES, INC: Single Squares will be having a Chili Cook-Off July 4th our first dance....The Ladies have Challenged the Men???? (we are brave....) The 2nd dance will be our Favorite tee-Shirt dance...I think the women can win this!!!We will be back from Wichita, KS by the time this is printing - with lots of stories...Singles Nationals will be in Nashville, TN - we are really looking forward to it. Lots of trips planned and great dancing for us.....Come Visit Single Squares - anytime this summer-we are casual dress for the summer- which makes it more FUN..... News submitted by Delores Chambers, 2nd VP. President is Chuck Short

SPIRIT OF '76: Join Spirit of '76 on Sunday evening, July 27, to help celebrate 33 years of square and round dancing. We dance at the OKC Swing Club, NW 50 & Meridian (in the north east corner of the strip mall). 8:00 pm Grand March. Great calling, great cueing, great food, and GREAT FUN!!!

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

First Vice President, Dee Proctor News submitted by Ed and Margaret Kelsay

SWINGING REBELS: The Swinging Rebels are off and running with a new board for the next six months. There are a few of us that will be going to the Square Dance National in Wichita on June 25th through the 28th. That will include our Caller and Taw. In his absence we will have Bobby Willis calling our dance on June 27, 2008. If your looking for a dance come join us and Bobby for a fun evening.

We are looking forward to our July 11, 2008 dance as we will be having special visitors from Germany. Since these visitors indicated that they wanted to experience American Square Dancing it has been decide that we will not start our causal dress until our July 25, 2008 dance. However, just because the club will be wearing traditional attire doesn't mean you must if you would be more comfortable in casual. We would love for you to come help us give these people a real OKLAHOMA!!! WELCOME. This will be the second time in the last couple of months that we have had German visitors and we are very honored that the have chosen to visit our club. This dance will be our "SHOW YOUR COLORS---RED, WHITE AND BLUE" dance. So get out your patriotic attire and come join us as we celebrate our country's heritage.

Remember that starting July 25, 2008 all Rebels dances will be casual until summer is over. Our building is air conditioned and we have extra fans to help the air conditioner do its job. Come join the fun at the Warr Acres Community Center, 42 and Ann Arbor. Work shop is at 7:30p.m. and the grand march is at 8:00p.m. We will have the coffee on and will save you a place in a square.

TEACUP CHAINS: Our Teacup Chains club is planning a fun July with several activities. First, we will be participating in the Edmond Liberty Fest Parade the morning of July 4th. Then we will help sponsor a dance with Circle 8 at the State Capitol from 4:00 to 6:00 pm the afternoon of July 4th. Be sure to buy your dangle from a member of one of these clubs before July 4th. Check the

flyer for more information.

We will NOT have our regularly scheduled dance on Saturday, July 5th. Our Saturday, July 19th dance will have a Hawaiian Luau theme. Wear your favorite grass skirt or colorful shirt.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 2nd and join us for our 17th Anniversary Dance at the MAC Center in Edmond. Come and enjoy this beautiful facility along with all singing calls, food, and door prizes. Check the flyer for more information.

Our Caller is Bobby Willis. Presidents are Myron and Shirley Brown (348-6053).

TERRITORIAL SQUARES: WOW! It must be summer time! Due to the heat of the summer months, Territorial Squares will be dressing casual for the next two months. And what goes best with the heat of summer? Ice Cream of course. We will have a Ice Cream Social during our Patriotic Dance on July 12. Come one, Come all, everyone loves ice cream! And we enjoy having guests.

Andy Turner, President/Reporter

YOUTH STORMIN': We are all ready to go to Nationals and would like to thank all of those who made it possible for us to go. We will tell you all about it next month.

The youth will continue to sell candy bars to raise money for the club. This is to help to pay for expenses. If you would like one please contact Steve and Vanessa Ackerman, Vicki Eslick, Benita Wallace or e-mail the youth at youthstormin@yahoo.com.

Recently some of the Youth Dancers have been out visiting. We went to Teacup Chains on June 21st. We all had a good time we plan on attending more dances in the near future.

We would like to thank all of you for donating clothes to the youth. We have received a lot of smaller clothes that needed little to no alterations as well as some petticoats and pettie pants. We do need a few more even though they do each have one they can wear. So if you would like to help in any of these areas you can e-mail us at youthstormin@yahoo.com. Or you can contact Vicki Eslick at 879-9789.

Steve Ackerman taught two new dancers at the Summer Camp with the help of Jerry Linduff, Jim Woolsey, Jim Howard and Greg Mills. He also had the help of Terry Hixenbaugh, DeDe Howard, Rebecca Armstrong, and Vicki Eslick, as well as, other angels. Jim Howard will be calling the August Dance. At the Graduation Dance we elected Steve Ackerman as our caller. He will also do the July Dance. Since we had some kids that were interested in Summer Camp but were unable to attend, we will have a smaller half day camp from July 28 thru August 1. The camp will be from 9 am to 12:30 pm. For more information you can contact Steve Ackerman at 601-5849 or 761-1086 or e-mail him at zooemt@cox.net or you can contact Vicki.

The youth club would like to send an invitation out to all the square dancers to come join them.

We welcome square dancers of all ages to come and dance and have fun with us on the first Monday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Admission for non members is \$3.00.

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