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Message from Ronnie and Shirley Jackson, 2008 CDSDA Presidents:

Shirley and I look forward to the Spring Conclave on March 8, 2008. The Conclave will be held at the Westside Lions Club, 4135 NW 10th St., Oklahoma City, from 9-12 am. The Executive Secretary has sent invitations to club presidents, vice-presidents, delegates, past presidents and trustees to attend this important meeting. Conclaves are held twice each year so the Central District board members can meet with representatives of all the district clubs. This is an opportunity for you to meet your board members and to hear reports about their activities since they took office. We have some exciting things we are working on this year that will be reported at the meeting.

March looks to be a busy month with two anniversary dances: March 1, Silver Spur OKC, and March 13, Circle 8. You will find flyers for both of these dances on the Special Events page of the CDSDA website. We want to congratulate these two clubs on their anniversaries!

There have been several exhibition dances held in February and the participation by Central District dancers has been outstanding! We like to publicize the exhibition dances in the online newsletter. Any club planning an exhibition dance should notify the Newsletter Directors as soon as the date, time and place have been decided. Thanks to everyone who helped out with the exhibitions in February!

Have you seen the Photo Page of the website with all the pretty dance photos? Steve Palmer is the Central District photographer and he does a wonderful job taking photos at our dances and events. Thank you Steve for a job well done!

Shirley and I along with several board members will attend the Oklahoma Square Dance Federation Spring Round-Up on March 14-16, 2008. We will report in the April newsletter on what transpired at this meeting.

We want to thank everyone for the cards and calls in concern for the loss of Ronnie's dear aunt.
Most Sincerely, Ronnie & Shirley Jackson

Call for Bids for Lawn Mowing at Bowlware Hall:

Central District looking to hire a dependable person to mow and trim the Bowlware Hall yard during spring, summer and early fall this year. We prefer someone in a Central District club or a family member. Someone who is not a club member but is recommended by a club member will also be considered. The yard will need to be mowed and trimmed approximately every two weeks. Anyone interested should contact Ronnie Jackson at 799-2151 to make a bid. The job can be bid per mowing cycle, by the month or for the entire growing season.

Youth Stormin' Oklahoma Square Dance Club:

Did you know that we have a youth square dance club in the Oklahoma City area? Youth Stormin' Oklahoma is a square dance club for kids under the age of 18. The club was formed as a traveling youth club but in 2006, they quit traveling and became a club with monthly dances. Youth Stormin' Oklahoma dances in Canadian Shores Mobile Home Community Clubroom in Norman, OK., located just west of Sooner Mall.

Youth Stormin' Oklahoma has club bylaws, elected officers, and is a square dance club run by youth, promoted by youth. They have their own caller, Jerry Linduff. They are advised and assisted by adult trustees who are Central District members. The trustees are: Vicki Eslick, Carol Lutz, Jerry and Leah Linduff and Benita Wallace.

Many Central District dancers are not aware of Youth Stormin' Oklahoma because the club is not a member of the Central District Square Dance Association. Youth Stormin' Oklahoma does not meet the requirements of the Central District bylaws for official membership.

The Youth Stormin' Oklahoma club has found several Central District clubs to be their sponsors, in the last few weeks. This allows them to be a part of Central District so they can participate in our dances and events.

The Youth Stormin' dancers are available to perform at Central District dances and special events. The part-time caller, Jerry Linduff, is ill and our thoughts and prayers are with him as he recovers. This has put the club in need of callers to call for the club not only for the dances at the first of each month but for the summer camp as well. Those who are interested please contact Youth Stormin' at **youthstormin@hotmail.com**. They dance the first Monday of each month.

They will be having a Bake Sale on Saturday, March 15th, to raise money to go to Nationals in Wichita. Please stop by the Canadian Shores Clubroom, 4400 W. Main. St., Norman from 8 am to 6 pm for some delicious baked goods! They have also distributed cans throughout the Metro area at some clubs for donations and any help will be appreciated. If you would like to donate you can email us as well at the above address.

The following callers will be calling for Youth Stormin' in the next couple of months: March 3rd, Jim Woolsey; and April 7th, Dale Trent. Please come join in on the fun!

These kids are the future of square dancing in Oklahoma. They need the help and support of the Central District clubs and callers in order for square dancing to continue into the future.

Message from Steve & Stacy Palmer, CDSDA Education Directors:

In 1986, CALLERLAB introduced a procedure for "LOST SQUARES". It was approved with some small changes in 1987 and reads as follows:

The following method of returning to dancing once a square has broken down, shall be a uniform method to be taught to all dancers for class programs through all approved CALLERLAB dance programs:

DANCERS RESPONSIBILITY:

1. Return to home position as soon as possible.
2. The head ladies will take their corner's hand and head couples will back out to form lines at the sides of the square.
3. On the caller's command "Everybody go forward and back", they enter into the dance pattern.

CALLER'S RESPONSIBILITY:

1. Recognize that a number of sets have broken down and have formed lines at the sides of the hall.
2. Place the dancing squares into lines that are in a normal boy/girl arrangement.
3. Give the command "Everybody go forward and back" in a bold voice which is the command for the broken squares to enter into the dance pattern.

Caller of the Month:

We in Central District take great pride in our excellent callers and cuers. This month our featured caller is Gerald McWhirter and his wife, Sally. Gerald helped found Silver Spur OKC in 1949 and continues as their caller to the present time.



Gerald and Sally McWhirter

Gerald McWhirter and Silver Spur, OKC will celebrate 59 years together on March 1, 2008. This is a record setting event not seen by any other club or caller. Gerald and Silver Spur, OKC plan to continue this special relationship with the hopes of setting additional records in the years ahead.

Gerald and Sally McWhirter, along with three other couples, took square dance lessons in 1947 from Bryan and Jessie Hampton at the Daily Oklahoman in Oklahoma City, OK. Gerald then took it upon himself to learn to become a square dance caller. In 1949, Gerald organized and began calling regularly for Silver Spur of Oklahoma City. He proudly remains as their one and only Club Caller and teacher.

Gerald has called for numerous other clubs both within and outside Central District. At the present time, he devotes his calling ability to Silver Spur, OKC, Advancers and Magic Squares, Oklahoma City. Gerald

continues to call and teach all levels of square dancing through lessons and workshops. He has been a mentor for many callers throughout the years. In addition, Gerald has recorded several records on his personal record labels, Roofers Records and Cimarron Record Company.

In the beginning, technology was not as it is today for Callers. In fact, Gerald's first amplifier was a 15 watt Stromberg Carlson. Live bands were used at square dances rather than records and CD's. Gerald would usually pick up the band members along the way to the dances.

Since he began calling in 1948, Gerald McWhirter has been hired to call for many clubs throughout Oklahoma. To summarize: Gerald was hired to call for Boots and Bonnets in Oklahoma City, OK; Clubs in Crescent, Guthrie, Kingfisher and Pauls Valley, OK; Square Nots, Oklahoma City, OK and Norman Buckaroos, Norman, OK. Furthermore, he organized and called for Silver Spur, OKC, Mainstream, GM Challengers, Advancers and Magic Squares, Oklahoma City, OK.

Gerald has appeared on the program of many Central District and Oklahoma Square Dance Federation functions. He has served as President of the Central District Callers Association and Oklahoma State Callers Association. Gerald received an invitation to join Callerlab, joining the organization in 1975. He has submitted choreography for publication in Sets In Order and American Square Dance magazines. Gerald along with Roger and Rilma Hullet was involved in the programming of Callers in the four National Square Dance Conventions that were held in Oklahoma City; one of which 750 Callers attended.

Gerald and his wife Sally reside in Oklahoma City. They both grew up in Sentinel, OK, and were childhood sweethearts. Gerald and Sally married and he joined the Army, serving his country in World War II. They have celebrated 63 years of marriage together and have two lovely daughters, Ginger Ann and husband Chuck Slover of Oklahoma City and Kathy Sue and husband Phil Newsome of Choctaw. They have been blessed with a total of seventeen grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Gerald and Sally owned and operated J&M Roofing and Supply Company for fifty years. Daughter Kathy Sue and husband Phil Newsome are now the owners of the company. Gerald continues to be associated with the company serving in an advisory capacity

Gerald enjoys time spent with Sally and their family. He likes to socialize and visit their many, many friends. Gerald also enjoys golf and other sports. Gerald and Sally are active members at Tulakes Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

Gerald, Sally, and the members of Silver Spur, OKC truly feel that a Club that 'plays' together stays together. Fellowship and comradery and are important not only at club dances but also at non-square dance activities. They are proud of their heritage and for being known for friendship and hospitality to all. The strong friendship between Gerald and his fellow square dancers will continue indefinitely. A 60/60 Anniversary celebration is already planned for March, 2009.

Respectfully submitted by Don and Jan Gamble, Club Members/Officers

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

When Carol and I accepted these positions on the district board, we elected to try to find a way to build a new website to print and distribute the newsletter online. We knew this would be a faster and a more cost effective way to distribute the news to the members of the 21 clubs in Central District. It was only because of Sonya Savell-Jones and her relentless hours and hours of work that the website became a reality within only a few days! We soon found that publishing the monthly newsletter online posed many questions. The most common question we've been asked is: What about the Star members and how will they receive a monthly newsletter? Carol and I certainly do not want anyone to miss out on the latest news.

There are several ways to distribute the newsletters to the Star members. Direct mailing to Star members has been done in the past; however it is very costly and quite time consuming. The cost for direct mailing the February 2008 newsletter was over \$1 per copy, with a cost to the district of over \$200. Another approach is for those Star members with computers to receive their newsletter by email or online. A third approach is to enlist someone in each club to print copies and hand them to the Star members who do not have access to a computer. Many of you have already agreed to do just that and we certainly appreciate your efforts. Finally, we can mail out copies of the newsletter only to those who do not have a computer or who prefer to receive the newsletter via regular mail.

We and fellow board members are addressing the issue of the distribution of the newsletter to the Star members. Vernon and Lois Willis are working to collect email addresses of the 283 Star members. We appreciate all the phone calls they have made. The final solution will likely be a combination of the aforementioned approaches. You may even have a solution that would work and we certainly welcome any and all suggestions.

There's one other thing to clarify. We will update the monthly newsletter online when there's "breaking news." When you send us a dance flyer during the month, we will publish a notice of the dance long with the flyer on the Special Events page. The dance flyers will no longer be added at the end of the newsletter.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have supported the web site and online newsletter in such a positive manner. We have received many sincere positive comments and numerous emails expressing support. As of the printing of this newsletter, the web site has received over 2100 persons viewing it. This is unbelievable and very exciting to us! Have fun dancing!! Sincerely, Richard and Carol Schwake

Message from Sonya Savell-Jones, CDSDA Webmaster

Thank you so much for all the positive feedback on your website. I still have plans to add a section for upcoming lessons.

Another idea I'm kicking around is setting up one page for each club in the district to showcase your individuality that will list your dance night, level, location, and club officers to include their contact information.

Another aspect I hope to implement soon, will be a map locator for easy directions to your club.

This is your Website. It is my intent to provide you with as much information as possible in a User Friendly way.

If you would like to see anything else, please shoot me an email and if at all possible or feasible, I will see that it gets implemented.

Again, thank you so much for your support.

March 2008 Club News:

ARISTOCRATS PLUS: You are invited to our St. Patrick's Dance on March 21. Be sure to wear your green shirts and dresses! We also have a Special "Two-Caller" Dance to be held on March 29. Both Jeff Holley and Jim Howard will call this dance, along with J. C. Johnson cueing rounds. We'll have door prizes and refreshments. Admission is \$5/person at the door. Everyone come join us for a night of fun and dancing!

We are gearing up for Plus lessons which will be held at the Linwood United Methodist Church, 3034 NW 17th, OKC. The date for lessons will be announced at our March 21 dance. President is Cathy Adams.

CIRCLE 8: The "All Singing Calls" dance at the Farmers Market was fantastic! There were 11 squares MOL on the floor and sitting around. If you missed this great dance look for next one in the future at a "Historical Place." Dance photos are on the Photo page.

Dick and Dorothy Manley are planning our 67th anniversary dance on March 13. It should be a "PIP" (Party Ins Party) with great dancing with all our many friends 1st, then Door Prizes and great food. See the dance flyer on the Special Events page for details.

Circle 8 is starting lessons at Chapel Hill Methodist Church on March 3. If you know of someone who would like to take lessons please contact anyone on the Circle 8 board.

See ya in a square!!!

For Circle 8 board business please contact Dick & Dorothy Manley, Vice President or anyone on the Circle 8 board.

DANCING SHADOWS ROUND DANCE: Hello all you dancers out there. We are dancing every Monday night at Linwood UMC, 3034 NW 17th. We start at 7pm and dance until 9pm. Sometimes we have a workshop early, sometimes we don't. We have our new graduates from Heartland Rounds coming now to dance with us and get floor time. Six of them have already joined the club. All of our dancers are really doing great. We are having some wonderful dances. If you don't have anything to do on Monday nights, come and dance with us. Our club along with Heartland Rounds will be sponsoring intermediate lessons first part of April. Look for a flyer on the CSDA website. Our anniversary dance will be in April. A flyer on the website soon. Dance as much as you can. See you in a square or circle soon.

Cuer/Instructors are Jim & Georgianne Couey. Presidents are Carol and Ernie Palmer.

DOUBLE NICKLE SQUARES: Hi! Double Nickle Square Dance club had a nice February Birthday Party, with two cakes and ice cream. We had a good Valentines Day Party Dance. The best street to drive here is up North Portland to 31st street and turn to the right at the "Tennis- Court" entrance to Will Rogers Senior Center. The other two entrances have "Street Repair" signs and "NO THRU TRAFFIC" However it is still possible to attend our square dance by just going around the rose garden and the duck-pond. We still dance DAYTIME every Thursday at 12:45 pm. Mostly Basic easy singing call dances with line dances in between. We still give free lessons if you are over the age of 55... Ha! Yellow-Rocks!! Our caller is Dick Manning.

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

FUN TIMERS: Fun Timers dance at the beautiful Midwest City Senior Citizen's Center, with the great Henry Israel calling, and his taw, Barbara, leading line dances.

*Mar 11-FUN TIMERS dance @ 8 PM will have a **St. Patrick's Day** theme. There will be a Blarney Stone(some old green rock somebody found) to kiss for more eloquent speech. Now is the time to wear those green outfits.

*Mar 25-FUN TIMERS dance @ 8 PM will have an Easter theme. There will be an Easter parade and a prize for best Easter bonnet or hat.

Presidents are Ron and Sandy Johnson.

NEW! HAPPY TRACKS SQUARE DANCE CLUB: Happy Tracks has had two great Callers this past month. Skip Gates and Sonya Savell-Jones called two fun Dances. *We will continue to have guest callers for a while and start lessons once a Club Caller has been decided upon. Please come out and join us for some great dancing, fun, and fellowship.*

Our first dance for the month of March will be on the 13th with our St. Patrick Dance. We will be giving a special prize for the person or couple wearing the most Green. All Dancers are welcome to help us

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Happy Tracks are grateful for the New Members that have joined us, as well as all the visitors. With their help we have had over four squares at the Dances. Come and Join us for Fun, Good Food and Fellowship.

Vernon & Lois Willis, Reporters Don & Helen Tremain, Presidents

HEARTLAND DANCERS ROUND DANCE CLUB: We just graduated 28 from our beginner's round dance club on February 13. They are coming to our easy level rounds on Mondays at Dancing Shadows Club. They are doing great. Our club and Dancing Shadows will be sponsoring intermediate rounds beginning in April. Look for more information via a flyer soon. We have been having some great dances. Our dancers are learning more of the intermediate basics and some really fun dances during our workshops. Sometimes we have a "walk through" instead of a full workshop since some of the dances have only a small amount of new material. Since we have graduated our students here, and in Lawton, and in Shawnee, we are going to have a special "**mini-festival**" for all of them at **Westside Lions Hall on March 16**. We are calling it the "**First Annual Ides of March Mini-Fest**". We will only be dancing Phase II Two step and Phase II Waltz. We are hoping that experienced dancers as well as other new dancers will come also to help us welcome our new dancers to the wonderful hobby of round dancing. This means ALL ROUND DANCERS ARE WELCOME.

We are taking several of our dancers to Tanglefooters Round Dance Festival, Phases 2, 3, & 4, in Joplin, MO Feb. 29-March 2. Instructors will be Deby & Tim Vogt from Las Vegas, NV. Some of the Lawton round dancers also will be attending. On March 6, we will cancel our dance as we will be travelling to Wichita Falls, TX to cue for the trail in dance for TASSDA with Tim Tyl calling. If you'd like to go call us for information.

We dance all but the 5th Thursday nights each month. We have good dances and lots of good food and fellowship. Come and join us in a circle.
We love to have visitors. Til next month, CUNA square or circle.

Cuer/Instructors are Jim & Georgianne Couey.

KALICO KAPERS: The Kalico Kapers dance on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at the West Side Lions Club, 4135 NW 10th Street. 7 PM C-1 Workshop and 7:30 Plus Dance. Dance dates in March is the 06th and 20th.

DBD Plus lesson continue through March starting at 7:00pm on regular dance nights. These lessons are for dancers that already dance at the plus level. If you dance the Plus program, please come join us and let Jerry show you how much fun DBD Plus can be. Jerry will be calling the dance at the level he just covered in lessons. Please see the Flyer on the Club page of the CSDA website for additional club information and activities. We sincerely hope to see you Thursday at Westside Lions Hall.

Kalico members, Gerald & Jackie invite you to a reception to celebrate their 50th year of Marriage on March 15th. The reception will be from 2:00 to 4:00 at first United Methodist Church, 2300 Country Club Rd., Duncan, OK. All square dancers are invited to join them.

Kalico caller is Jerry and Gayle Stover. Presidents are Ralph Jenner and Laverne Wynn

METRO SINGLES: We dance the 2nd & 4th Friday, Rounds 7:00 ~ W/S 7:30 ~ GM 8:00 PM. Our theme dances are as follows: **March 14th, St. Patrick's Day Dance**; and April 11th, Rich Man / Poor Man Dance.

Come join us for fun dancing & fellowship. We dance an 'A' tip after the main dance is over. For more information call 692-2586.

President is Jessie Jackson.

NATIONAL COWBOY HALL OF FAME: Right now National Cowboy is continuing to practice on our new routine for the 57th Nationals in Wichita, KS. Feel free to come visit us! We dance on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 pm at Linwood United Methodist Church, 3034 NW 17th.

President is Art Myers.

NORMAN BUCKAROOS: We need dancers and we cordially invite all of you to come visit and dance with us. We're a small, friendly club and we love visitors!! We dance at 8 pm on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at Whittier Recreation Center, 2000 W. Brooks St. Norman, OK.

President is Mavis Grayson.

NORMAN SILVER SPUR, INC: We are still teaching a set of lessons with a good group of new students. Mark your calendars now for our upcoming Trail Thru Dance to the Nationals on Monday June 23rd at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Norman. Pre-dance 7:30, Grand March 8:00. This year is Norman Silver Spur's big "Diamond Anniversary." We will be celebrating 60 years as a wonderful dance club. Plans are underway for a "Diamond Spectacular Event!!" More information to follow later. If you are in the Norman area please come dance with us the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at 7 pm. We look forward to seeing you in a square!

Presidents are Morris and Janice Walker

SHAWNEE SQUARE EIGHTS: Hi Everyone! Jim & Georgeanne Couey graduated 12 new round dancers Tuesday night to add to their growing Round Dance Family. Congratulations to all! Jim Woolsey is also teaching square dancing on Wednesday nights. Several visitors from Holdenville and Sparks came to our recent dance and we had sooo much fun. We love to have visitors so come on down and have fun with us. We meet at 10th & Bell in Shawnee on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays for Workshop at 7:30 & Dance at 8 pm. Hope to see you soon!

Presidents are Bernie and Lila Bergman.

SILVER SPUR OKC: Silver Spur, OKC, wishes to extend an open invitation to all Clubs, Callers and Cuers to come dance with us at anytime; you are always welcome at Silver Spur, OKC. We will be celebrating our 59th Anniversary Celebration on March 1, 2008 at West Side Lions Hall, OKC, OK; Fellowship/Hospitality Hour at 7:00PM; dance at 8:00PM. Please come help us celebrate 59 years with the same club caller, Gerald McWhirter and 59 years as a square dance club. Do hope to

see you soon! See Anniversary Dance flyer on Special Events page.
Presidents are John and Teresa Thompson.

SINGLE ROUNDS: Please come join Single Rounds every Monday evening except when there's a fifth Monday. Our dances are held at the Bohemian Hall, 3800 S. Portland. We workshop from 7 - 8 pm, and our dance begins at 8. Our cuer is J.C. Johnson. Admission is \$4/person and this price includes everything! Although our club is named Single Rounds, everyone is welcome!! Our anniversary dance will be held in April and this will be a free dance. The date will be announced later.

President is Marie Hunter.

SINGLE SQUARES, INC: The next few months are going to be very exciting for us square dancers. Several of the Single Square members will be attending the following conventions: TASSDA in Wichita Falls, TX, Mar. 6-7; HASSDA in Grove, OK, May 1-3; and 61st Northeast Oklahoma Square Dance Association Festival, Tulsa, OK, Apr. 5. We will also attend Nationals in Wichita, KS on Jun 25-28 and our big dance - the National Single Square Dance on Aug 28-31 in Nashville, TN. We hope to see you at one of these dances!

We will celebrate **St. Patrick's Day on our 2nd dance in March...**Please wear something green and bring green food!!!

We dance at the Bohemian Hall at 3800 S. Portland on the 1st and 3rd Fridays. We have Rounds at 7 pm, Workshop at 7:30 and Grand March at 8. Please come help us celebrate St. Pat's Day! Remember, it's all about having FUN!!!!

President is Chuck Short

SPIRIT OF 76: Spirit of 76 dances on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month. We dance at the OKC Swing Club located in the northeast corner of the shopping center which is located at the intersection of NW 50th and Meridian. We have scheduled two special dances in March.

On **March 9 dance**, we will have a "Wearing of the Green" dance. Be sure to wear something green or you may be pinched!

On Mar. 23, we invite all the ladies to wear their favorite Easter bonnets to our Easter dance! As the famous song goes, "Put on your Easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it, and be the grandest lady, at the Easter parade!"

Our dance times are 7:30 PM for Round Dance workshop and 7:45 PM for Square Dance workshop. Jim and Georgianne Couey handle the round dances while Jeff and Nicey Holley conduct the square dancing. Spirit Of 76 invites all dancers to join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and great dancing!

President is Lawrence Wise.

SWINGING REBELS: February was a busy month for the Rebels. We gave away the “Square Dance Lap Quilt” on February 8, 2008; we want to congratulate WAYLAND NEWTON of Oklahoma City on having the winning entry. Hope the quilt keeps you warm and toasty on these last cold days of this winter. During the “Month of Love” the Rebels gathered enough money to send four (4) cases of Girl Scout Cookies to our service men and women in Iraq. We accomplished two things with this opportunity we let our soldiers know we care and appreciate them and we helped a local Girl Scout troop earn points toward their summer camp. We lunched our very own website complete with pictures, news and activities for all to view. You can access this website at (<http://www.swingingrebels.org>) or at the (<http://www.cdsda.com>) and click on the Swinging Rebels link. We have also started a new set of “Free” lessons and had seventeen (17) new dancers the first night with the promise of several more. You can still bring your new dancer and be their angel for the next two nights Tuesday, February 26, 2008 or Wednesday, March 5, 2008. After this date the lessons will be closed to any new prospects until we start lessons again.

Looks like March will be a busy month also, but aren't we having fun doing our favorite hobby? March will see the lady Rebels getting together for an “Old Fashion Sewing Bee” to make new club dresses in time for our anniversary dance. Then on **March 14, 2008 will be our “St. Pat's Dance”** so be sure to wear the green on that night. You will want to also mark your calendar for our March 28, 2008 dance as it will be our “Half-way/Sadie Hawkins Dance”. Our new dancers will be joining us for an entire evening of square dancing geared to their level. We will be dancing all mainstream on that night, plus we will have several tips that will be “LADIES CHOICE” as our Daisy Mae's hunt for their Lil' Abners to dance a tip with them, with this in mind we will be wearing jeans, overalls or Lil' Abner/Daisy Mae attire on that night. Workshop will be at 7:30p.m. and grand march at 8:00p.m. on all our dance nights.

HEAR YEA!!! HEAR YEA!!! THE SWINGING REBELS ANNOUNCE THE COMING OF A SPECIAL DANCE. IT'S OUR: “RIP-ROARIN', ROOTIN'-TOOTIN', BOOT-SCOOTIN' SWINGING REBELS ANNIVERSARY DANCE”. So mark your calendar today for **April 25, 2008** and come join the Swinging rebels as we celebrate our anniversary. There will be lots of food, prizes, good fellowship, yellow rocks and good dancing to boot.

As always we'll leave the lights on, the coffee going, having yellow rocks frequently, and lots of fun and fellowship set to music. See you in a square soon!

Presidents are Roy and Sharon Taylor.

TEACUP CHAINS: Our dance hosted by TeaCup Chains and Circle 8 at the historic Farmers Market was quite an affair! We had ten squares. We want to thank our callers, Bobby Willis and Henry Israel, and especially thank all the dancers from other clubs who graced us with their presence.

Our lessons at the Mac Center have been quite full each night. We are excited to have so many people eager to learn to enjoy our hobby.

We dance every 1st and 3rd Saturday at the Dance Studio, 15th and State Street in Edmond.

Presidents are Myron & Shirley Brown. They can be reached at 348-6053.

TERRITORIAL SQUARES: As March arrives, Territorial Squares will be completing the winter month with a good old fashion Chili Cook-off. Everyone will be preparing their special chili and the judges will be choosing the winner. This all happens on the 8th of March. If you like chili, come out to see us. We will dance on the 22nd of March also and would love to have visitors.

See you in a square, somewhere!

Presidents are Andy and Lanita Turner.

Message from Sonya Savell-Jones, CSDA Newsletter Assistant:

First off, I would like to Publically apologize for the late mailing of the February Issue. There were many obstacles to overcome prior to getting the newsletter in the mail which I have now met. It is my hope the newsletter will be accepted on line from the Star Membership to assist in lowering the expense as well as save a few trees in the process.

Yes, the Star Members without access to the Internet will continue to receive a hard copy of the newsletter in a variety of ways. We (the CSDA) are very fortunate to have some clubs willing to provide copies at the Welcome Desk of their Club Dances. Another way, we are taking a survey (February Issue) to see which members are able and willing to receive their newsletter online. A third option will be to mail the Newsletter to Star Members without Internet Access and Star Members with Internet Access but wish to receive the Newsletter through the regular mail system.

It is with sincere intentions to provide the very best means to get the news to you in a timely and inexpensive manner. Richard and Carol are doing an outstanding job reporting the news to you. It is my responsibility to get the news to you. Please let me know (Sonya@RockinM.com) how you wish to receive each issue. Please put Grand Square in the subject line to draw my attention to it. For those that do not have internet access, you will continue to receive the Grand Square through the regular mail system. All others, please forward your email address to me so you can receive updates and/or corrections as I get them, along with additions that are made to the website.