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Message from Ronnie and Shirley Jackson, 2008 CDSDA Presidents:

Congratulations to the Central District clubs for your outstanding participation in the Fall Conclave! The club attendance was near 100% and the meeting was a good one with lots of lively discussion. It was one of the best conclaves we've had in recent years.

There was a lot of business conducted at the Fall Conclave including the vote on several bylaw changes. The changes that were approved were the one for allowing Executive Board officers to serve two consecutive terms, and the one changing the benefits of the Star Program members. In the future, Star Program members will receive two semi-annual Directories and will be allowed to attend the Jamboree Dance for free. The monthly Grand Square newsletters will still be published and distributed, but this will not be a requirement in the bylaws.

There was a new slate of officers elected for 2009. Shirley and I congratulate Jim and Ruth Ford for being elected as the 2009 Presidents. We wish you well in your term in office and we offer our full cooperation and assistance. The rest of the slate of 2009 officers is listed below. Congratulations to all the 2009 officers who were elected.

President:	Jim and Ruth Ford
Vice Presiden:	Ernie and Carol Palmer
Executive Secretary:	Joe and Oreda Henry
Treasurer:	Tom and Vicki Geis
Social Secretary:	Steve and Stacey Palmer
Federation Delegate:	Al and Mary Crumley
Federation Delegate:	Manuel Vasquez and Gwen Madden
Federation Delegate:	Richard and Carol Schwake
Federation Delegate:	Ron and Ruby Kuhlman
Immediate Past Pres:	Ronnie & Shirley Jackson

We want to thank Mike and Phyllis Thomason for their outstanding job in hosting the recent CDSDA Barn Dance. There were 8 or 9 squares at the dance and everyone had a good time. It was fun to see so many people in their country attire. We didn't know that there were so many farmers, ranchers and hillbillies in Central District! Congrats to the Happy Tracks Square Dance Club for winning the \$25.00 prize for the most percentage of club members present! 80%!!! Way to go Happy Tracks! Also, a special thank you to Sonya Savell-Jones, Bobby Willis, Jim Woolsey, Jim Couey, Gerald McWhirter, and John Thompson who called and to J.C. Johnson and Judy Snow for cueing. On a sad note, Shirley Brown fell while helping to decorate for the Barn Dance. She suffered a compound fracture of her left leg. Please keep Myron & Shirley in your prayers. We feel bad about her accident and wish her a speedy recovery.

Shirley and I will host a Centennial Dangle Dance on November 29, at the West Side Lions Hall. This dance is our way of thanking all the Central District dancers who have supported us. This will be an open dance, free to everyone! We will give out dangles to all the dancers who participated in one of the Centennial events Shirley is

compiling the list of people who participated in the three events: Centennial Parade, State Fair, and the Centennial Spectacular at the Ford Center. If you participated, please contact Shirley at shirley5143@sbcglobal.net and let her know. Sonya Savell-Jones and her brother, Ray Savell, will be the callers at the Dangle Dance, and Jim Couey will cue round dancing. The dance flyer is displayed on the home page of the CDSDA website. *You will need to be present to receive you dangle(s)!!!!* Please come, Sonya & Ray will be doing all Singing Calls and Jim Couey will cue (2) Rounds between each tip. Will be loads of fun! We hope to see everyone there!

Most Sincerely, Ronnie and Shirley Jackson

State Federation Fall Festival Tickets:

Bill Stout reported to the Fall Conclave that ticket sales went well this year although Central District did not win the competition for the Victory Dance. Southern District edged us out and won the competition.

The top Central District clubs for ticket sales were:

Norman Silver Spurs	\$2612.00
Happy Tracks	\$1371.00
Circle 8	\$1314.00

The top ticket sellers in Central District were:

Bill Stout	\$600
Shirley Jackson	\$500
Vernon and Lois Willis	\$310
Jim and Linda Fuller	\$305

Congratulations to the clubs and individuals who sold so many tickets. The Victory Dance was held in Pauls Valley on Oct. 25. The drawing for the Corvette and for the other prizes will be held at the Oklahoma State Festival on Nov. 1st.

Information provided by Bill Stout, Central District Ticket Chairman

Publicity Chairman Report, November 2008:

Lois and I have been hearing great reports from the Central District Clubs that are giving lessons this fall. They as a rule are having good numbers of students to take lessons. This is very encouraging. We are not aware that our work at publicizing Square Dancing this past two years is responsible or not, but of course we like to think so.

Our Square Dance Hobby has been put before thousands of people over this period of time thanks to the Central District Callers and Dancers. It is time to go out and meet the residents of your square dance areas and introduce yourself and Square Dancing. Invite them to lessons and the club dances. Remember that Square

Dancing is “Fun and Exercise set to music,” for everyone to enjoy.

The exhibitions has slowed down some since the State Fair. The last one was at Mayfair Center in Oklahoma City. All had a good time and appreciated the caller and dancers that came out to entertain them. Our thanks again goes out to Sonya Savell-Jones and Terry, and the dancers from Swinging Rebels and Happy Tracks. Hope to see you in a square this coming month.

Vernon & Lois Willis, Publicity Directors

Visit Nine Report:

We have had good participation this year at our Visit Nine dances. Over 30 people signed in at the Barn Dance.

The following are dances that will be coming up during the remainder of the year. These are not Central District dances but be sure you sign in at them if you are attending. The sign-in sheets are kept by the Federation, and danglers and bars are accessible only if you have signed the register.

OSDF State Festival, November 1, Oklahoma City.

North Central District Fall Festival, November 8, Ponca City.

Northwest District Fall Festival, November 15, Enid.

Southwest District Travel Dance, December 31, Site to be announced.

Bill and Retha Schlegel, Visit Nine Chairmen

Caller / Cuer of the Month: Bobby and Shelley Willis



This month Bobby and Shelley Willis are our featured callers. Bobby and Shelley were kind enough to write about their experiences in square dancing and in calling. Central District is very lucky to have excellent callers like Bobby and Shelley Willis. We thank them for their many contributions to the Central District Square Dance Association and to square dancing.

At the young age of 11, Bobby Willis found his love for square dancing. While his family was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, a caller named Bobby Hilliard was trying to start a square dance club on base and Bobby took lessons with him. His mother and father were already square dancers and later his brother, sister and two uncles would also learn to Square Dance. The family continued to enjoy square dancing wherever the military stationed them. After finally settling in Lawton, from 1983-1987, Bobby went on to take Plus and Advanced Lessons from Jerry Stover, joining Advanced Achievers and was also a member of Kuntry Kuzins and Square Toppers Square Dance Clubs.

Relocating to OKC in 1987, life found him busy raising children and working at Toyota Dealerships. In 1993 and 1995, he placed 3rd in the Toyota National Technical Skills Competition and currently ranks in the top 5

worldwide as a Toyota Certified Master Diagnostic Technician. Although he laid his wrenches down in 1996 and went into management, he maintains all current certifications and recertifies annually. He also proudly serves as the Advisory Council Chairman for Oklahoma State Institute of Technology and Francis Tuttle Vo-Tech.

In 1997 a private consultant hired by the Toyota dealership to conduct an internal audit, caught Bobby's attention. Although he will tell you, she was the toughest consultant he has ever dealt with, he won her over (after the audit) and with much convincing from the dealership owner (and Bobby) Shelley agreed to sign on permanently. Working together side by side in the dealership, friendship turned to dating and in 1999, after hearing about his and his family's experience in square dancing, and with no one actively dancing at that time, Shelley embarked on a secret mission to find a place to take lessons. After placing many phone calls, lessons were eventually located thru contact with Lloyd Saxton, a member of Circle 8 Square Dance Club. The next set of lessons given by Henry Israel, found the couple attending, with Shelley walking in circles and Bobby "pretending" that he had never taken lessons before. Henry had him figured out by about the 2nd lesson!!! About the time lessons were finished, Bobby and Shelley joined Circle 8 Square Dance Club and Bobby started to share, with Henry, his interest in learning to call. Many were the nights that Bobby found himself marching in place to square dance music as Henry tried teaching him to stay with the beat of the music.

As God blessed their union of marriage in March of 2000, Bobby and Shelley set out to build their home and life in Yukon. As he does in all aspects of his life, Bobby put 100% into learning to call; during the time that their home was being built, he went so far as to have a room in their home sound proofed for "calling". While being instructed by the great Henry Israel, Danny Payne and the late Mike Green, Bobby started out calling guest tips at Silver Dollar Squares and with Henry Israel at Circle Eight and Funtimers Square Dance Clubs. In 2001, Larrie Orman, caller for TeaCup Chains Square Dance Club of Edmond, announced his retirement and asked that Bobby be considered for his position. After auditions were held, much to Larrie's delight, Bobby was hired as the new Club Caller. Joan and Larrie continued to dance with the club and many were the nights that Larrie came to Bobby with tears in his eyes, so pleased with his "replacement" and always sharing kind words of encouragement with gentle critiques. Larrie and Joan continued to dance until Larrie's passing in 2003 and the club continues to welcome Joan with lots of "Yellow Rocks" any time she attends. Bobby and Shelley have co-hosted several Square Dance cruises with Henry and Barbara Israel and Danny and Sharon Payne in the years past and now currently co-host with Jeff and Niecey Holley and Jim and Georgaine Couey. Bobby is a member of the American Callers Association, the current Vice President of Central District Callers and Cuers Association and the Oklahoma State Callers and Teachers Association. Bobby enjoys teaching yearly square dance lessons for Hydro Hi-Steppers, as well as his own club and calling square dances across the state.

Their life outside of square dancing includes their 4 grown children, 2 boys each, and you can find them now enjoying the life of young "empty nesters". They are blessed with a three year old grandson, Elijah James Cozart, son of Jimmy (Shelley's youngest son) and Megan Cozart, living in Bethany. Eli is the light of their eyes and holds the hearts of his "A`vo" and "Poppy". Bobby and Shelley are members of Cherokee Hills Baptist Church. Bobby is a manager at a local Toyota dealership and has remained with Toyota for over 25 years. Shelley is employed by the Federal Aviation Administration and works at Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center in the General Accounting Division as a Team Lead. Bobby's other hobbies include; dove hunting, building and flying remote control airplanes; traveling with Shelley and anything else that keeps her smiling. Shelley's hobbies include; attending Renaissance Fairs and Festivals (Bobby goes too!!!), reading, keeping abreast of the latest fashion trends, traveling with Bobby and learning different styles of dance from clogging to belly dancing. Their love for God, each other and their family, including their Square Dance family, fills their hearts with joy and can be heard in the lyrics of the song Bobby ends many dances with and dedicates to Shelley, "And Now My Life's A Dance I'll Dance With You."

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

Richard attended the Fall Conclave and presented the Newsletter Director & Computer Coordinator report. Several questions were asked by the club delegates and answered. It was good to see everyone and to hear positive comments about the newsletter and the website.

At the Fall Conclave, we were elected Federation Delegates for 2009. Thank you for your vote of confidence. We would also like to express our appreciation to everyone who supported us in our first year as Newsletter Directors and Computer Coordinators.

Have fun dancing!! Sincerely, Richard and Carol Schwake

Message from Sonya Savell-Jones: Computer Tech Advisor / Newsletter Publisher/Round Dance Coordinator/ Webmaster

Please come to the Dangle Dance Novmeber 29th located at the Westside Lions Hall. We need to stand up and be accounted for. It is under the Jackson's leadership the CDSDA website was created to keep you informed (at no extra monthly expense to you) with all the wonderful special dances each club held every month. The monthly cost for the newsletter was cut 2/3rds!! Club Anniversary's have been attended with no less than 90% of CDSDA Board! (This includes the Appointed Officers too!) Advertisement for Square Dance Lessons for ALL CDSDA Clubs was posted in 3 major area magazines. Under Ronnie & Shirley's leadership, the CDSDA Board and Appointed officers filled in at the State Fair for a day when no other club would come forth to help out. Club visitations are up . . . so many more reasons why each of us need to come support this Dangle Dance, if for no other reason than to say THANK YOU for a job well done and let them know how so very much they are APPRECIATED! Not to mention the outstanding calling of Sonya along with her brother Ray and the wonderful cueing of Jim Couey. Come out for a wonderful night of Dance along with Friendship and Fellowship! It's FREE to ALL, just bring your smile. Callers, your encourage to come too!!!! Let your hair down for one night and just enjoy dancing with your club!!! Looking forward to seeing ALL OF YOU!!!!

By: Sonya Savell-Jones, CDCCA President/Caller for Happy Tracks

November 2008 Club News:

ARISTOCRATS PLUS: We will be celebrating on Nov 8 with a red, white and blue dance. We will also dance the Saturday after thanksgiving. We have pre rounds at 7:00 and workshop at 7:30. We dance 2nd and 4th Saturday night. We welcome all visitors mainstream and plus dancers. We are a mainstream and plus club. For more information call Steven Or Vanessa Ackerman 761-1086 or email at zooemt@yahoo.com

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

Steve and Vanessa Ackerman, Presidents

CIRCLE 8: Circle 8 members will be having our annual Dinner Dance to honor our members and our Past Presidents on the 13th of November. Invitations will be going out for the dinner. We will have our regular dance after the dinner at 8:00. Please join us for the dance.

We will not be dancing the 4th Thursday this month because of Thanksgiving. We do want to say how Thankful we are for all our Blessings and Wish Each and Everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

Marvin and Donna K. Pierce, President

DANCING SHADOWS ROUND DANCE: We are having wonderful dances on Monday nights at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 700 N Air Depot, Midwest City. We'd love to have you visit us any time. We dance from 7-9 each Monday night. On October 27, we had our Halloween Dance with lots of fun, dancing, and fellowship. We had prizes for the best lady, best man, and best couple in our costume contest. We also enjoyed Georgianne's wonderful stew and some other folks helped with food by bringing other dishes.

Our beginner lessons are going great on Wednesday nights at the same location. We have just about finished two step and are looking forward to learning waltz. We have about 20 students and they are really enthusiastic and eager to learn. We are all having a good time learning to dance and also meeting new friends to add to our dancing family.

Come dance with us, we'd love to see you anytime. Come dance with us. CUNA circle soon.

Carol Palmer, President Jim & Georgianne Couey, Cuer

DOUBLE NICKEL SQUARES: DOUBLE NICKLE SQUARE DANCE CLUB just received Good News this week. The Duck Pond road has been completed. Entrance is now open from NW36th at Grand Boulevard to the Senior Center every Thursday at 1:00 PM.. The Tennis Court street entrance on 31st will be closed. November 29th for street repairs. Just drive on up to NW36th and right turn to Will Rogers Park. The best entrance is the "Service -Road "at Grand Boulevard and NW 36th. So come on over and join the fun. We plan to have lessons every Thursday after Noon.. Yellow-Rocks.. Allen and Dorothy

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

FUN TIMERS: Fun Timers would like to thank all of you who supported our Bean, Chili and Hot Dog fund raiser. It was a lot of fun and good eats. We want all of you to come back soon!

Fun Timers will attend Rose State dinner theater on Nov 7 to see Big River and will meet at Chequers in MWC to eat at 7 pm on Nov 25. Our dance Nov 11 will be a celebration of Veteran's Day. Our club will be collecting items of our service people in Iraq to send for Christmas. Please bring any items you want to contribute to our November 11th dance when we will be honoring our own Veterans.

Dec. 9 will be our Christmas dance. Every one should bring a \$10 gift if they want to participate in the Dirty Santa game.

Fun Timers have canceled our dances the weeks of Thanksgiving and Christmas so that time can be spent

with family. That will be Nov. 25 and Dec. 23.

Would love to see you there or any other time you are able to attend one of our dances. We dance each 2nd and 4th Tuesday nights at the Midwest City Senior Citizens Center which is located just north of the Midwest City Fire Station and east of the Library.

Presidents are Ron and Sandy Johnson

HAPPY TRACKS SQUARE DANCE CLUB: The highlight for October was our Halloween Dance. We had a great turn out and most of our members dressed in costume. Al had promised to wear his tutu costume and he surprised us by actually doing what he said. Sonya could not hardly call because she was laughing so hard. He won the funniest costume award. Doug Pruitt won most original for his pirate costume and Don & Helen Tremain won best costume award for their pirate outfits.

Lessons at the E.O.C. Tech Center are going great! We've got 10 students who are having a blast and look forward to joining Happy Tracks once Sonya has released them and they received their Diploma's! Should be the week before Christmas so we can all take some time off for the holidays before getting back to lessons next year at both Rose State College and E.O.C. Tech Center! Our caller, Sonya Savell-Jones is keeping us busy!!

We want to welcome our newest members, Jude & Ray Delaney!!!

In November we have only one dance planned because of Thanksgiving. We will have a Thanksgiving feast and dance on November 13. We want to invite you to Nicoma Park Community Center at 2301 Nichols Drive. Located between Westminister and Hiwassee off of 23rd St.

Admission is FREE, we only require you wear a smile!!! (Yes Square Dance Appeal too!)

A big **thank you** to the visitors we have. It really helps our club spirit to dance and visit with other clubs. If you haven't been to see us then hopefully we will come see you! Take Care and we wish each and everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving and Good Health!

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

HEARTLAND DANCERS ROUND DANCE CLUB OF OKC: We are having some great dances. For a while we didn't have very many couples, but now that our intermediate class is finished, we are averaging between 10 and 12 couples on Thursday nights at Linwood United Methodist Church, 3034 NW 17th. We do phase 2, 3, 4, and an occasional 5 or 6. We will probably have another set of intermediate lessons after the 1st of the year in early 2009. If you'd be interested, please contact us for more information.

Come visit us anytime 1st thru 4th Thursdays as we love to have visitors. We promise to show you a good time. Until next month, CUNA circle.

Jim & Georgianne Couey

KALICO KAPERS: Dance: 1st & 3rd Thursdays at West Side Lions Club, 4135 NW 10th Street, OKC, OK. 7:00 pm - C1-Workshop / 7:30 pm - Plus Dance / 9:30 pm - A2 Star Tip
Caller: Jerry & Gayle Stover

DBD Plus lessons have ended and we are now back to our regular schedule listed above. We invite YOU to come join us at the 'friendly club' for several hours of exciting DBD Plus dancing.

Presidents are Ralph Jenner and Laverne Wynn

METRO SINGLES:

Caller: Danny & Sharon Payne
Cuer: J. C. & Elberta Johnson
Westside Lions Hall, 4135 N. W. 10th Street

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

Theme dances, November 28th ~ Happy Turkey Dance.

December 5th ~ Singles Christmas Dinner/Dance, Dinner 6:30 p.m. Dance 8:00 p.m.

EVERYONE IS INVITED ~ Cost is \$12.00 per person, TICKETS WILL BE SOLD IN ADVANCE ONLY, contact Billie at 387-3126. Cost of the dance only will be \$5.00 at the door.

The Party will be at the Bohemian Hall 3800 S. Portland. Square dance attire will be required.

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.

Casual attire September 12th after that date, square dance attire will be required except for theme dances.

For more information call 692-2586.

Jessie Jackson, President

NATIONAL COWBOY HALL OF FAME: National Cowboy will be having our Anniversary Dance on Monday Nov 17th at 7:30 pm at our New Location in the fellowship hall at The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 700 N Air Depot in Midwest City.

This is a regular dance and open to everyone and will be mainstream with announced plus tips. So please come join us and help celebrate our 42nd Anniversary.

National Cowboy is looking forward to performing with our new members at the State Festival. We have been working really hard on a new routine and hope everyone enjoys it.

We will be starting to work on another new routine as we prepare to go to Nationals in Long Beach (June 2009).

Cowboy still has room for new members if you would like to come join in on the hard work but ultimately fun time performing.

Everyone have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Thank you again to all our Cowboy members for your hard work and dedication.

Jim and DeDe Howard

NORMAN BUCKAROOS: The Norman Buckaroos will host our 49th Anniversary Dance on Friday, November 14 at 7:30 pm. We invite everyone to come help us celebrate! The dance will be held at the Whittier Recreation Center, 200 W. Brooks in Norman.

Our regularly scheduled dances are held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 7 - 9 pm. We are proud of our caller and his wife, Jim & Twila Woolsey. They are the best! Our door is always open. Please come visit us!

President is Mavis Grayson

NORMAN SILVER SPUR, INC: We dance on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, with Workshop at 6:30 pm and Grand March at 7 pm. Our dances are held at the Irving Recreation Center, 125 Vicksburg, Norman, OK. Please come dance with us!

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

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

Presidents are Bernie and Lila Bergman

SILVER SPUR OKC: Silver Spur, OKC truly enjoyed 'dancing' and 'socializing' with our fellow square dancers in October at the CD Barn Dance; what a wonderful afternoon of fun, fellowship and dancing! We are looking forward to seeing all of you again at the Oklahoma State Federation Festival in November. It is hard to believe that the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays will soon be upon us. We invite all of you to join us for our holiday dances; our Thanksgiving dance is November 15 and our Christmas/Holiday Dances in December are scheduled for the 6th and the 20th; Workshop at 7:30PM, dance at 8:00PM. We will then end the year with a 'bang' at our annual New Year's Eve celebration on December 31, 2008. Tickets can be purchased from Gerald or from us. A flier with additional information can be found on the CD Website under 'Special Events'. You are welcome to dance with us anytime; we would love to have you!

We dance on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays – WS 7:30PM, GM 8:00PM
Westside Lions Hall, 4135 NW 10th St., OKC, OK

Don and Jan Gamble, President

Gerald McWhirter, Caller

SINGLE ROUNDS: We started basic Round Dance lessons in September and are halfway through.

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

We have our regular dances following lessons, from 8 to 10 pm every Monday (except 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. We invite all of our round dance friends to come visit us this month!

President is Marie Hunter.

SINGLE SQUARES, INC: Our Single Squares Dance Club dances 1st and 3rd Friday Night at 3800 So. Portland, OKC, at the Bohemian Hall. For the month of November, we will be dancing our regular dance nights on the 7th and 21st. Our club plans to attend the State Festival at the Sheraton Hotel Downtown on Nov. 1. This is a big event for us and we will all try to meet for dinner together at 4:30-5 pm. The meeting place will be announced.

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

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

President is Chuck Short 2nd VP Delores Chambers

SPIRIT OF '76: November 9th is a special dance for Spirit of '76: It is the half-way dance for our new class of 28 square dancing students. Jeff Holley will call most of the dances that day at a level that will allow all students to dance most tips. (We will have one full mainstream and one plus tip for our regular dancers.)

During our Halloween dance in late October we gathered up nearly 150 cans of food to go to the Oklahoma City Food Bank.

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.

Margaret & Ed Kelsay, '76 Presidents

SWINGING REBELS: Our dance on the 24th of October really brought out the derelicts. I haven't seen that many hobos in one place ever. We were even invaded by a host of "Ghost Riders". They didn't stay long enough for the "HOBBO STEW" of which there was plenty, but they livened up the evening and made it a lot of fun. If they decide to identify themselves we just might return the favor and invade them sometime. Of course, we will come without sacks on our heads as we don't want to ruin their reputation. (HA!! HA!!)

The Rebels will dance November 7 and 28. The dance on the 28th will be an "ALL GOSPEL DANCE". So come out and help us give thanks for the many blessings that the Good LORD has given us.

Please mark your calendar: THE SWINGING REBELS WILL NOT BE DANCING DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER. OUR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED DANCE WILL BE JANUARY 9, 2009.

Hope to see you in a square real soon and until then we will leave the lights on and the coffee hot so we

can enjoy the fun and fellowship that Square Dancing affords us.

Roy and Sharon Taylor, Swinging Rebels Presidents

TEACUP CHAINS: Greetings from Teacup Chains! Along with our regular dances, we had two special dance opportunities in October. On October 13th, we danced at the Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum for one of their special events. Bobby was the caller and everyone really seemed to have a good time. We participated in the Annual Barn Dance at the Westside Lions Club on Sunday, October 19th by dancing as well as decorating the stage. While decorating, Shirley Brown did a misstep coming off the stage and broke both bones in her lower left leg. She did have to have extensive surgery at OU Medical Center, however, we are happy to report that she is now home recuperating. It will be a slow process, but Shirley wants to sincerely thank everyone for their cards, emails, thoughts and prayers, flowers, and all other gestures of kindness.

Our president and delegates attended the Conclave at the Westside Lions Club on Saturday, October 25th.

Dates have been set for our next set of lessons. They will be held at the Edmond MAC Center and will start on Monday, January 12, 2009. If you know of anyone wanting to take lessons in the Edmond area please have them call Myron and Shirley Brown for more information.

We will not have our regular dance on Saturday, November 1st. We hope to see all of you at the State Festival instead.

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

TERRITORIAL SQUARES: As November 11th is Veterans Day, we want to honor our veterans with a special dance on November 8th. It would be nice to see our veterans wearing their service uniform. Can you still wear yours? Come join us as we pay tribute to our veterans. Our class graduation will be held on November 22, in conjunction with our regular dance. Please note: Territorial Squares will not have dances during the month of December at the Club Cabin. We will be dancing at BancFirst the nights of December 13 and 20 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Andy Turner, President/Reporter

YOUTH STORMIN': We would like to thank John Thompson for calling for us on October 17. We are dancing on 1st and 3rd Fridays. The time is 8 to 10 pm at 4400 west Main in Norman. We are now selling Blue and gold Sausage till Nov 17 th. In December we will sell cookie dough. For more information call or email Steven and Vanessa Ackerman @ 761-1086 or zooemt@yahoo.com

Steven Ackerman, Youth Stormin' Caller