



# The Grand Square

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

Greetings from your Central District Head Wranglers! It is time to get your boots on for the August 28-29, 2009 Central District "Boot Scootin' Boogie!" Jamboree. 'Tis a good thing the mail wagon is a-runnin' early this month, cause yens woulda been feelin' real bad if 'n you'da missed gettin'in on the fun at this 'un!

Advance reservations required for the Pre-party Banquet, \$15 per person, Friday, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm with free dance to follow. See Saturday schedule. And, remember the Shrine Benefit Dance also at India Shrine Center, Sunday, September 30.

Teacup Chains had a great 18th Anniversary Celebration at the MAC on August 1. It was a beautiful dance with super support from members, dancers and callers. Thanks, Teacup Chains for the good time!

Two clubs plan anniversary parties in September. A fun time is in store for all as Heartland Dancers Round Dance Club, celebrates their 7th on Thursday, September 17, Linwood Methodist Church, NW 17th and Drexel, OKC. Norman Silver Spur will celebrate their 61st on Sunday, September 20, St. Joseph Catholic Church, 421 E Acres, Norman. And, everyone said, "YES, we'll be there!"

September, sandwiched between summer and fall, is my favorite time of year. It is, I guess except January, the best month to start over, with high hopes and fresh, new beginnings. Mother Nature gives her magical nod and we are energized by the many moods of autumn colors. School starts, square dance lessons start and we welcome new dance friends into our membership. Rejoice and be glad, it is harvest time!

Oklahoma State Fair, September 17-27; Fall Conclave, West Side Lions, September 19; OSDF Fall Round Up, Perryton, TX, September 25-27; CDSDA Barn Dance, "Harvest Shindig!" October 11, West Side Lions.

Keep those boots handy, there's more fun on the autumn horizon as we "Saddle Up To A Good Time In 2009!"

Jim & Ruth, CDSDA President 2009

**62<sup>nd</sup> National Square Dance Convention:**

It's official, we are going to hold the 62nd National Square Dance Convention® in Oklahoma City on June 26-29, 2013. That statement will draw various responses from the dancers of Oklahoma. Some will say "Great", some will say "Oh no, not again" and those of us that have been planning this convention for the past 3 plus years are saying, "Thank goodness, we can finally get started."

The 62nd NSDC Board has been selected and we are accepting Pre-Registrations for the Convention. We had 198 dancers from all of the US register for the 62nd NSDC right after the award was announced Saturday night in Long Beach, and this is great. Now we need to get all our Oklahoma dancers to register early too. Around 60 percent of all Convention registrations occur in the last year prior to the Convention, but the Convention needs finances to operate on now to get all of the planning and programs started. Early registrations furnish these funds. This is the reason that getting all our Oklahoma dancers to register is so vital, and not only Oklahoma dancers. Board members will be making trips to dances around Oklahoma and in all of the adjoining states to get registrations and sell ways and means. We have to raise operating capital and we need your help. I am requesting that a Pre-Registration form be inserted into the Sashay, so take a minute and help us out. Everyone is eventually going to be asked to help on the Convention in some manner, and dancers have to be registered to get into the Convention, so why not go ahead and fill out the Pre-Registration form and send it in.

Some dancers have told me "I will be too old to work on another convention," and I hate to hear that, because keeping busy and active is probably what got you to your present age. When you stop exercising your body the muscles deteriorate, when you stop exercising your brain it deteriorates too. We want to enjoy your company for many more years, so come on, get involved with this and stay active. I am sure there will be work available that each of us can manage.

**See ya at the 62nd NSDC in 2013, Gene & Barbara Morton**

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**Central District State Ticket Program: Central District Mustang Visitations**

We hope your State Ticket sales are still going great. We still need information if any dancer in your club has sold 100 tickets as we would like to get them their dangle now. Please provide us their names.

The first car showing for the 1966 Mustang was August 8, 2009 at Palagio Shops located at S.W.104th & S. Western. We apologize for the mix-up on the time of the car show. We failed to communicate with the sponsor; however the dancers that showed up did fairly well. We have confirmed the September 19 Classic In The Park Car Show will be from 8 am to 4 pm at Hafer Park which is located at 9th & Bryant in Edmond. The Central District Conclave is also on the morning of the 19th. Club Presidents, please send people to represent your club to the conclave and have the rest come to Edmond to the car show and sell tickets. See Schedule below:

8:00 am -10:00 AM	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Shawnee Square Eights	Heartland Dancers	Teacup Chains	Norman Buckaroos
Circle 8	Single Rounds	Silver Spur OKC	Happy Tracks
Fun Timers	Dancing Shadows	Swinging Rebels	Double Nickel
Single Squares	National Cowboy	Territorial Squares	Metro Singles
Kalico Kapers	Norman Silver Spur	Aristocrats	Spirit of 76

**Robert Orman & Billie Davis, Central District Ticket Chairman**

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**Message from Publicity Director:**

We had one request for an exhibition. This was held on August 8th at 10:30 am, to help avoid the heat. We had great calling from Gerald McWhirter, John Thompson and Jonathan Marshall. Dancers that volunteered their time were from Silver Spur, OKC, Happy Tracks, Swinging Rebels and Teacup Chains. The invitation was from the Savanna House in Yukon and they greatly appreciated the exhibition. Thanks Callers and Dancers.

The main activity for the year is in this month. September 17th thru 27th is the State Fair of Oklahoma. We all know where the State Fair is held, but some may not know our part in the Fair. It has

been entirely different this past two years as in years before. We have a better location, booth and a better crowd to watch us present our hobby. We are a main attraction and participant in the Centennial Frontier Experience, held three or four times a day. It's a lot of fun for all and Lois and I think each dancer will enjoy his/her time at the Fair. If you have any question about this exhibition of square dancing, please call Lois or myself at 390-8426. Free tickets will get you into the Fair for the whole day, and it will help to wear your square dance apparel to enter. Some special parking permits will be issued for the Callers. This is the list of the clubs and their dates to participate so far. We do have three empty days that need to be filled. The clubs that have not signed up to participate we would appreciate your consideration.

Sept 17 - Open

Sept 18 - Central District Board and Dancers. (Includes the Red Hat Exhibition 2:00 to 2:30)

Sept 19 - Happy Tracks

Sept 20 - National Cowboy Hall of Fame

Sept 21 - Open

Sept 22 - Silver Spur OKC

Sept 23 - Metro Singles - (includes the antique tractor parade around the fair 11:30 to 1:00)

Sept 24 - Territorial Square

Sept 25 - Open

Sept 26 - Norman Silver Spur

Sept 27 - Teacup Chains

Ahead of time, THANKS for your participation and help. (oh yes we do need a club member in the booth from 11:00am to 7:00pm - this person can rotate around. We will have materials there and your club can place your flyers or club literature there.

**Vernon & Lois Willis, Central District Publicity Directors**

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#### **Message from Education Director: Square Dance Badges**

Badges are an important part of Square Dancing. Badges remind acquaintances of your name, avoiding those awkward moments when others (or even yourself...) forget who you are or where you're from. Badges show support for local clubs, or they identify visitors from distant clubs. It is quite common to wear old badges when for example, current badges have been lost or misplaced, or when single women return to their maiden names. If you need to sweet-talk a club sheriff who checks for badges, you can show good faith by wearing whatever badge you did find instead of none at all. At least you might not be fined for forgetting your badge.

Politeness dictates that you join local clubs or associations when you start dancing in a new area, and that you buy and wear the appropriate local badge to show support for dancing in the area. The penalty for doing otherwise is gentle teasing about not really being a local yet, to which you can reply that you've not yet been offered a local badge. Old badges can even be worn intentionally to start conversations.

One final thought, be sure to wear your club badge on your right-hand side shirt, blouse or dress. This way, when you shake hands with someone they can easily view your badge.

**Ron and Ruby Kuhlman, Central District Education Directors**

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#### **Square Dance Couple of the Month: Don & Jan Gamble**

The Central District Square Dance Couple for September is Don and Jan Gamble who belong to Silver Spur OKC. Don and Jan have been active in square dancing for nearly forty years. They have served as President of Silver Spur, OKC for many terms as well as the other executive office positions at Silver Spur, OKC over the years. They have participated in many Central, State and National events during their involvement in square dancing, always striving for and contributing to the betterment and growth of the wonderful world of square dancing.

Don and Jan Gamble are originally from Des Moines, Iowa. They became very interested in the hobby of square dancing through an exhibition of square dancing in a local shopping center. They took their first square dance lessons in 1970 from Dave Lightly, who later became a national caller. Don and

Jan initially were ballroom and country-western dancers so learning to square dance was not too difficult for them. After moving to Oklahoma City in 1981, they took a brief break from their square dancing activities. Once settled in Oklahoma City, they took a refresher course in 1983 from Gerald McWhirter, caller and instructor of sixty years for Silver Spur, OKC. After completing Mainstream lessons, they later moved on to the Plus and Advanced levels of square dancing.



Don grew up on a farm in southern Iowa; he is the eleventh child in a family of thirteen, raised by a loving mother, father and siblings. Don moved to the city shortly after graduation from high school, accepting a job opportunity with a local supermarket chain. His first position was a 'sacker' of groceries, later moving to stock clerk, cashier and then into management, serving both as an Assistant Store Manager and General Store Manager. His grocery career lasted for a total of twenty-five years. He now is employed at Metropolitan Baptist Church in OKC, Buildings and Grounds, and has served on the staff for nearly twenty-five years.

Jan grew up on a small farm in central Iowa as well; she is the fifth child in a family of seven, raised also by loving parents and siblings. She left the farm as a teenager, moving to the city. Her first job at age 16 was in an ice cream parlor, where she met the love of her life, Don! After graduation from high school, Jan worked as a secretary and accountant in both the legal and medical fields. Jan is now employed as an Administrative Assistant at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Department of Surgery, OKC, with almost sixteen years of service at the OUHSC.

Don and Jan Gamble met in the winter of 1959 in West Des Moines, Iowa and married two years later in December 1961. They have spent nearly fifty years together as the best of friends and then, devoted husband and wife. They are the parents of two lovely daughters and grandparents of one grandson and five granddaughters. God, Country and family are of the utmost importance to them, followed by socializing with their dear friends from Church and from square dancing. Don and Jan also enjoy composition, reading, the theatre, arts and crafts and traveling.

We are proud to honor this couple as our outstanding square dance couple for September. They are very active in their club although Don has recently had knee surgery and is now on the mend. He promises to get back to square dancing soon! Jan submits Silver Spur OKC news each month for the Grand Square and can always be depended upon. Thank you Don and Jan for your many contributions to square dancing and for the camaraderie you have spread among fellow square dancers in Central District.

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### **Caller/Cuer Corner: Round Dancing**

Hello all you great square and round dancers in Central District. Here's hoping all of you are well, safe, and dancing a lot. Apologies go out to all clubs that Georgianne and I do not get to come and visit your clubs more often than we do. We have three round dance clubs, cue for two square dance clubs, and teach lessons two days a week. This doesn't leave much time for coming to see you all. Since we have the club in South Central District, sometimes we have to cancel something for one of their "special" dances. Just know that we love ALL the dancers and would like to attend all the dances.

We have seen a lot of interest in round dancing in the very recent past. Folks just seem to like it and

we are glad of that. When we started cueing for "Spirit of '76", there were only about 3 couples of dancers on the floor, but now we have from 16 to 20 couples on the floor and sometimes more at our special dances, so I would say that proves that round dancing is becoming more popular all the time. When we are cueing, we invite other folks to join the floor in another area, to do just any couples dancing.

You know, we are all in this activity as a hobby and any kind of dancing is OK. Georgianne and I always try to dance whatever is going on whether it be mainstream, plus, rounds, or line dancing. Of course, rounds are our most popular, but we really enjoy all types of dancing. We would hope that all of you, when you get the chance, would venture into a type of dancing you don't normally do. All of the forms of dancing mentioned here compliment each other. There is room for all of us to join together and enjoy the whole evening. When I cue, most of the rounds are an average of three minutes long. This does not take away from any time frame any more than just taking a normal break and gives the dancers more things to enjoy. I also understand that some folks will never round dance just as some will never line dance, but that doesn't mean that it shouldn't be offered to those that do like it. I think that if we just all be a little more patient and try to think about all the other dancers and how working together is the best way to build our hobby, we will be able to build it and make it the most enjoyable thing in our lives. After all, "If the dancers win, we all win."

THANKS FOR YOUR TIME,  
Jim & Georgianne Couey

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**Message from Robert Orman and Billie Davis:**

NOMINATION 2010 CENTRAL DISTRICT TREASURER

We (Robert & Billie) would appreciate your vote for us to be your 2010 Central District Treasurer. We've held numerous offices in the State, District & Clubs in the past. We will work for the benefit of square dancing. We thank you for your support.

Robert Orman & Billie Davis

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

Carol and I are on a cruise ship as you read this newsletter. We thank everyone who submitted news and articles early to us for the September Grand Square. We especially thank Jim and Ruth Ford, Melissa Harrison and Bob Thomas for their help with writing, publishing and distributing the Grand Square. Have fun dancing!! Sincerely, Richard and Carol Schwake

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**September 2009 Club News:**

**ARISTOCRATS PLUS:** Aristocrats will go back to two dances a month in September. We will keep the dance casual until the weather cools off. Come dance with us the second and fourth Saturdays at Bohemian Hall on S. Portland in Oklahoma City. We have both square dancing at the plus level and round dancing. We love visitors and welcome new members. Judith and Jerry Chesser, President

**CIRCLE 8:** Some of the Circle 8 members had a great time at the car show Robert and Billie set up for Central to sell tickets. Thanks Robert & Billie!!! You might ask Billie what she sold.

Lessons will start for Circle 8 on the 24th of August. It's not too late to come join us. Call us at 691-6382 or Glen & Linda Bray at 373-1380 for details.

We will go back to square dance attire in September. Come join us on the 2nd or 4th Thursday at the Lions Hall for a fun evening. Marvin and Donna Kay Pierce, President

**DANCING SHADOWS ROUND DANCE CLUB:** Hello dancers of Central District. Dancing Shadows is doing great and having fun on Monday nights at Linwood UMC, 3034 NW 17th, OKC. We are learning new stuff as well as doing other dances all the time. We have great "Goodies by George" and dance off the calories. Along with our Heartland Dancers club, we are sponsoring a set of beginner

rounds beginning September 9, 2009, at our regular dance location. Time will be 7 - 9 pm each Wednesday and cost will be \$4 per person per lesson. A flyer can be viewed on the Central District web site @ [www.cdsda.com](http://www.cdsda.com) We love visitors so come join us in the circle.  
Jim and Georgianne Couey, Cuer/Instructor

**DOUBLE NICKLE SQUARES:** As of the end of August, Double Nickle stopped having an early work shop / lessons. Double Nickle will allow any want-to-be square dancer 55 years plus to dance with us as we will still attempting to teach seniors how to square dance. However, with a number of clubs starting lessons in September we recommend that all dancers that need lessons attend lessons with one of these clubs.

Double Nickle Square Dance Club dances every Thursday at the Will Rogers Senior Center from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. These dances are "free". Free being in quotes as we do ask for a voluntary donation for the callers' who are donating their time and equipment. For members of our club the only dues is voluntary donations, a couple of nickels (Double Nickle) to help pay our Central District dues and to support our annual anniversary luncheon each December. We dance at a slower pace than most, so if you need floor time and having trouble keeping up...try us out. We love to see new faces as well as the regulars. Casual dress. We would like to see you in a Double Nickle square.  
Robert & Lura Fink, President      Dick Manning, Andy Turner and Greg Mills, Callers

**FUN TIMERS:** Fun Timers was pleased to have a thirteen year old Hawaiian 'concert pianist' entertain at our Hawaiian Dance again this year. That and the 'cruise food', colorful costumes, lovely decorations, and Henry's calling make a beautiful evening for all.

Ads are in and Fun Timers are very proud of our high sellers and ticket chairmen, Oveta and Don Folks, and runner-ups, Betty and Max Morganstern. We thank these 'folks' for always doing a great job on ad sales.

Central District Past President and Fun Timers member, Oreda Henry, is home from the hospital and doing well.

The theme for the first dance of September will be School Daze. Fun Timers will be collecting school supplies for a local school. The theme for the last dance of September will be Fair Days and will feature entertainment, exhibits, food, and fun!

Presidents are Ron and Sandy Johnson      Caller: Henry & Barbara Israel

**HAPPY TRACKS SQUARE DANCE CLUB:** Happy Tracks wants to thank everyone who came to our Ice Cream Social. We sure know how to enjoy our summer! Fall is almost here and we will be wearing square dance attire beginning in September. However, for our dance on **September 10th we will be doing a 50's Sock Hop.** We can dance to some good ole rock and roll, and have fun dressing the part. We will dance again on September 24th, and as always at 7pm we have a 30 minute workshop before we start the dance.

We will be kind of busy in September. On the 12th we have the Harrah Daze Parade and the theme is "Harrah-Serving Our Country". We are planning a patriotic float with some men in uniforms and the Rosie the Riveter dancers. We are still in the planning stages, no telling what we will come up with. Our club dances at the Fair on September 19th. We just started our Mainstream Lessons at the E.O.C. Vo-Tech Center in Choctaw. They are every Tuesday from 7-9 pm and we could use a few more men. Thanks to a couple of our members Jack & Brenda Robar, we had a very successful "Country & Western Fun Night" at the Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints Church and it looks very hopeful we've picked up 3 to 4 additional couples for the lessons! Isn't it great to see Square Dancing back on the rise again!! This is our largest class to date giving us 4 to 5 squares which keeps Sonya very busy moving around the room making sure all the students are enjoying themselves as well as understanding the movements.

We have booked the Nicoma Park Community Center for 2010 so we will be at this address for a long time. If you have not been to see us the address is 2301 Nichols Drive in Nicoma Park. Check out our

website at [www.Happytrackssquaredanceclub.com](http://www.Happytrackssquaredanceclub.com). See you in a square!

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

**HEARTLAND DANCERS:** Hello dancers of Central District. Heartland Dancers are doing great and having fun on the first four Thursday nights of each month at Linwood UMC, 3034 NW 17th, OKC. We dance most all of the rhythms and also learn some new dances. We dance phase 2, 3, 4, and sometimes a 5 or 6 if we have the dancers to do them. We always have a lot of fun, eat a lot, and dance off all the calories. Along with our Dancing Shadows club, we will be sponsoring a set of beginner rounds beginning September 9, 2009, at our regular dance location. Time will be 7 - 9pm each Wednesday and cost will be \$4 per person per lesson. A flyer can be viewed on the Central District web site @ cdsda.com      We love to visitors, so come join us in the circle.

Jim & Georgianne Couey, Cuer/Instructor

**KALICO KAPERS:**

Caller: Jerry & Gayle Stover

President: Marta Sullins

Dance: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays

Westside Lions Hall, 4135 NW 10th Street, OKC, OK.

7:00 pm - 7:30 - C1

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm - DBD Plus dance

9:30 A2 Star Tip

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

Secretary, Beverly Burrow

**METRO SINGLES:**

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

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

Come visit & dance with us. Theme dances are as follows:

September 11th, Pajama Dance, it should be a lot of fun!

Then there is always our Halloween Dance on the 23rd of October.

Put these dates on your calendar, bring a friend & come join us for a fun filled evening of dancing pleasure. For more information call 324-0649.

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

**NATIONAL COWBOY HALL OF FAME:** National Cowboy will be dancing at the fair on Sept 20th, anyone wanting to come out and dance with us is welcome. We won't be doing our routine we will just be dancing. Cowboy starts back to practicing on Mon. Sept 21st. If you would like to join in on our fun as we learn a new routine for next years Nationals in Louisville KY, please come to our practice or contact anyone of our members.

See ya'll in a Square soon.

Jim and DeDe Howard      President: Patsy Jones

**NORMAN BUCKAROOS:** We are still gearing up for our 50th Anniversary Dance in November. Mark your calendars for Friday, November 13th, 2009, at Goodrich Methodist Church in Norman. We will be having a fantastic party! We still dance on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at Whittier Rec Center in Norman. So, be sure to stop by in September on the 11th and the 25th. We dance at 7:00. We look forward to seeing you in a square.

Thank you, Chris & Regina McNabb, Norman Buckaroos, Secretary

**NORMAN SILVER SPUR, INC:** Make plans now to come join us at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Gym and help us celebrate our 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary on Sunday September 20th. Workshop will be at 7:30 and Grand March 8:00 pm. We have moved the dance to Sunday to give more dancers a chance to attend without missing their club dances. Norman Silver Spur just keeps selling tickets and visiting lots of other dances. We dance 1st and 3rd Saturday nights at the Irving Recreation Center. Workshop is 6:30, dance at 7:00. If you are in the Norman area we would love to have you come for a visit. We were casual for the summer and will go back to square dance attire for our 61st Anniversary Dance on Sunday Sept. 20th. Presidents are Bill and Reatha Schlegel & Bob Thomas is our caller.

**SHAWNEE SQUARE EIGHTS:** Hi to everyone from the Shawnee Square 8s! We have had a quiet month and have really enjoyed the rain. Several couples attended the Anniversary dance for Teacup Chains and really enjoyed it. They had a great dance with lots of door prizes and good eats. Had a great time. Members wishing to learn round dancing can attend the Couey's beginner lessons starting September 9th at Linwood Methodist Church in Oklahoma City. Contact Jim and Georgianne for particulars.

We dance on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month. Workshop is at 7:30 pm with dance from 8-10 pm. We do line dances and round dances between tips. We dance at the Shawnee Municipal Building on 10th and Bell in Shawnee. Come visit anytime as we always have good refreshments, lots of fun and we do love to have visitors.

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

**SILVER SPUR OKC:** Summer, 2009 has come and gone and it is hard to believe that Fall is now upon us! We are planning on starting a new set of Mainstream square dance lessons on September 14, 2009; 7:00-9:00PM, Westside Lions Hall, OKC, OK. We plan to have a time of 'Refreshments and Socialization' for the first session. Further, the lessons are free of charge this year. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. We are looking forward to our Fall dances; we welcome all dancers, Callers and Cuers to come dance with us anytime.

Dan and Mary Reznicek, President                      Gerald McWhirter, Caller

**SINGLE ROUNDS:** Come visit us any Monday (except 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays) at the Bohemian Hall, 3800 S. Portland where we dance from 7 to 10 pm. We are a Singles Round dance club but couples are always welcome. We love visitors! Admission is \$5/person at the door.

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

**SINGLE SQUARES, INC:** Single Squares has had a great summer - we completed it with a watermelon festival! It was good and great! We have really had a great summer with a lot of special dances. We attended Teacup Chains, Metro and Spirit of 76's Anniversary dances and had a great time. The next dance at Single Squares will just be a Fun Square Dance - not too much work just a fun time dancing.. Our caller Jeff Holley is the best - so if you would like to come and just have a fun time...please join us- 1st and 3rd Fridays...Delores Chambers, President-Single Squares

**SPIRIT OF 76:** Holy Cow, it's September already! Spirit of '76 is still going strong and dancing on the best floor in OKC at the Swing Club, NW 50th & Meridian, on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Our two dance dates in September are the 13th and 27th.

The 27th will be Spirit's monthly Cooks' Night Out dance were we have a full meal available to all dancers. This months' cook will be our own caller Jeff Holley making his famous Pulled Pork! It is some good eating!

Jeff Holley is our caller, Jim Couey is our cuer, and you are a special guest when you come visiting. Rounds about 7:15, workshop about 7:45, and Grand March at 8:00 pm. Come dance and enjoy the fun and food.    Dee Proctor, Spirit President

**SWINGING REBELS:** The Pie and Ice Cream dance was a great evening. The club honored their caller and taw for ten years of calling for the Rebels. Cecil started calling for the Rebels in January 2000, and will complete ten years in December. It really doesn't seem like it has been that long, but you know the saying "time really flies when your having fun".

Well the Rebels will be having lots of fun as we begin another set of FREE!!! LESSONS on Monday, September 14, 2009. If you have someone that is interested in learning our hobby, bring them out and be their angel. We will start at 7:00 pm. and end at 9:00 pm. on that evening. You do not have to be a member of the Rebels to come to the lessons. Lessons will be on Mondays through December.

We will be having dances on September 11 and September 25. Our September 11 dance will be our "BEDLAM BASH" get your red and white or orange and black out and join us for a fun evening. This will also be our last casual dance as on September 25 we will be going back to regular square dance attire. Hope we will see you at one of these dances as we love to have visitors. The Rebels always have lots of yellow rocks, good food, fun, and fellowship. See you in a square soon.

Dan and Sharon Peters, Presidents

Cecil and Barbara Burton, Callers

**TEACUP CHAINS:** Greetings from Teacup Chains! First of all, a big "thank you" to all of you who traveled up to Edmond to help us celebrate our anniversary dance. We so appreciate all of our dancing friends throughout the entire central district. This month we have some exhibitions scheduled, the most notable one being the Oklahoma State Fair! (Time for the yearly corn dog and cinnamon roll....) Construction on Danforth Rd. is now complete, so detouring around town to get to Peace Lutheran is no longer necessary. We dance on the first and third Saturdays and look forward to having a visit from you soon. Swing and promenade forever.... Doug and Marianne Loveridge

**TERRITORIAL SQUARES:** We have been enjoying the casual attire during the summer months. But, its time to get back into the swing for things with square dance attire. Territorial Squares will be starting FREE mainstream lessons on Monday, September 14th. Classes will be held from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm. They will continue on Monday nights until graduation in December. If you know anyone up in the "north country" that would like to learn to square dance, have them call 282-1296. We would love to talk to them. And, if you find yourself in the neighborhood on a second or fourth Saturday, check us out. Remember, "Square Dancing is friendship set to music".

President Bill and Jolene Milner

Andy Turner, Reporter

## **Meet the 2010 Nominees for Central District Executive Board.**

### **President – Ernie and Carol Palmer**

Ernie and Carol live in Oklahoma City and are members of Shawnee Square Eights, Dancing Shadows and Heartland Dancers. Ernie and Carol have square danced since 1988 and round danced since 1997. At club level they have served as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Delegate. On District Board they have served as Vice President, Executive Secretary, Social Secretary, OSDF Delegate, Education Director and Property Chairman. Their hobbies are model trains, sewing, decorating and fashion shows.

“We love square dancing and believe it is most important that we continue to promote growth in Square and Round Dancing.”

### **Vice President – Vernon and Lois Willis**

Vernon and Lois live in Choctaw and have been members of several clubs. They now belong to Happy Tracks where they have served several terms in all offices including president. They started dancing in high school in 1954. A Caller from Coffeyville, Kansas was their first teacher; and, later Jim Howard, Sr. at Kelly Kapers and Dick Manning at Happy Tracks. On the Central District Board they have served as Delegate, Treasurer and are currently serving a second term as Publicity Director. They enjoy traveling, gardening and staying involved.

“We are encouraged with the fun of square dancing; the friendship and the opportunity to keep square dancing alive and going strong.”

### **Executive Secretary – Steve and Stacey Palmer**

Steve and Stacey live in Choctaw and have been square dancing for four years with Happy Tracks. On the club level they have served as Club Delegate and President. They have served on the District Board as Delegate, Education Director, Photographer and Social Secretary. Steve and Stacey enjoy dancing, computers, photography, estate sells, bed and breakfasts and travel.

“It is the joy of meeting people, making lasting friendships and the fun of introducing others into our hobby; and, that is what we enjoy most.”

### **Treasurer – Robert Orman and Billie Davis**

Robert and Billie live in Newcastle and belong to Aristocrats Plus, Metro Singles and Spirit of '76. Robert started dancing as a child and has officially been dancing for 17 years and Billie for 20 years. They have served their clubs in most all positions; as well as Central District and State and are currently President of Oklahoma Square Dance Federation. They enjoy boating, water skiing and all outdoor activities.

“We love square dancing, joining in and getting out where the people are to enjoy the friendship, fellowship and personal contacts. We are encouraged and eager to be a part of the resurgence of square dancing.”

### **Social Secretary – Manny Vasquez and Gwen Madden**

Manny and Gwen have been square dancing since 2006. Manny lives in Spencer and Gwen in Midwest City. A couple on the go, they dance with Norman Silver Spur, Spirit of '76, Fun Timers and National Cowboy Exhibition Club. They have served as Delegate and on various committees at club level. On the District Board they have served one term as Delegate and Singles Coordinator. Manny's second passion is golf. Together they enjoy dancing, bowling, cards and table games.

“We enjoy the fun, fellowship, friendships along with the buffoonery and comradeship that square dancing offers.”

**Delegate – Richard and Carol Schwake**

Richard and Carol live in the country near Wellston. They have been married 12 years and have just celebrated their 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. They love to dance and actually met on the dance floor. Square Dance lessons were part of their dating plans. Sonya was their teacher at Lincoln County Squares. They served most positions on their club board, as well as, President of Lincoln County numerous times. They have served on the Central District Board as Delegate and are serving a second term as Grand Square Editor. Richard and Carol were instrumental in designing the new District Banner.

“We love the dancing and the opportunity to meet, talk and get acquainted with so many nice people while serving as Newsletter Editor.”

**Delegate – Ron and Ruby Kuhlman**

Ron and Ruby live in Newcastle and love to go square dancing. They were introduced to square dancing in 1980 while in the Azores Islands, 900 miles north of Portugal. They joined Circle Eight when returning to Oklahoma from the military. At club level they have served as Vice President, Delegate, Treasurer and have chaired various committees. They were the first Computer Coordinator on the Central District Board in the mid 80’s; and are Delegate and Education Director on the 2009 Central District Board. They are Treasurer on the Silver Spur – OKC Executive Board. Ron and Ruby enjoy reading, boating, fishing and travel.

“We love our square dance hobby because of the nice people we meet. With so many friends in our hobby, it makes it more fun to go and dance.”

**Delegate – Lee and Edith Burkett**

Lee and Edith have recently moved from Enid to Guthrie and enjoy membership in Territorial Squares. Edith took lessons from Don Ashworth and Lee from Jim Howard, Jr. They have served as Delegate at the club level and Delegate and Photographer on the Central District Board. They enjoy working and playing together and are remodeling their home in the country. Lee enjoys car racing and watching wrestling while Edith designs and makes their costumes.

“We love the dancing and fellowship with friends in a fun, social environment, as well as, learning new calls and making new friends.”

**Delegate – Al and Mary Crumley**

Al and Mary are Square and Round dancers and live in Choctaw. Mary has been dancing since 1954 and Al since 1995. They met, Al proposed and when they married Al promised he would take dance lessons if she would learn to play golf. He did, she did and now they dance and play equally well together. At the Club level they have been President, Vice President, and Delegate several times. On the CD Board they have served as Delegate, Round Dance Coordinator and Vice President. They are involved in civic and community service, as well as, square and round dance events. They enjoy golfing, gardening, rodeos and horse back riding.

“Our goal is to see square and round dancing grow. We love to meet people, make lasting friendships; and, enjoy the benefit of the exercise while having good, clean fun”

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Double Nickle Heartland Rounders Kalico Kapers	4 Single Squares	5 Norman Silver Spur Silver Spur, OKC Teacup Chains
6	7 Labor Day Dancing Shadows Single Rounds Nat'l Cowboy Hall of Fame	8 Fun Timers	9	10 Circle 8 Double Nickle Happy Tracks Heartland Rounders	11 Metro Singles Norman Buckaroos Swinging Rebels	12 Aristocrats Shawnee Square Eights Territorial Squares
13 Spirit of 76	14 Dancing Shadows Single Rounds	15	16	17 Double Nickle <i>Heartland Rounders 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</i> Kalico Kapers	18 Single Squares	19 <i>Central District Fall Conclave</i> <i>Norman Silver Spur Cancelled</i> Silver Spur, OKC Teacup Chains
20 <i>Norman Silver Spur 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary</i>	21 Dancing Shadows Single Rounds Nat'l Cowboy Hall of Fame	22 Fun Timers	23	24 Circle 8 Double Nickle Happy Tracks Heartland Rounders	25 Metro Singles Norman Buckaroos Swinging Rebels	26 Aristocrats Shawnee Square Eights Territorial Squares
27 Spirit of 76 <i>ORDA Bonus Dance</i>	28 Dancing Shadows Single Rounds	29	30			