

# Harvest Holiday 2005

## This is the Life

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### Reflections from the Chair

The Harvest Holiday 2005 Festival is taking great shape. All of the Committee Chairs have been assigned and everyone is working diligently to organize their tasks.

The December and January Sunday Fun Dances are now history. They were two very good dances enjoyed by all. The success of the Sunday Fun Dances is due to the many dancers and cuers/instructors who donate their time and talents. Volunteers are needed for several tasks. The Food/Coffee committee is headed by Tom & Rosa Dulin. Please see them to volunteer to work in the kitchen and help with snacks. The Greeters committee is headed by Ken & June Gartlir. Please see them to volunteer to work the door. The Raffle committee is headed by Larry & Aleece Collamore. Please see them to volunteer to sell honey pot and raffle tickets. Patsy and I paid a visit to Applebee's. They gave us 12 dinners for two to raffle. We also stopped at Johnny Carino's. They gave us 2 dinners for two to raffle. Larry & Aleece made a beautiful foot stool which we are saving to raffle at the Mini-fest. We need approximately 24 more door prizes. Please give them to Larry & Aleece.

Be sure to fill out your registration and mark your calendar for the 2005 Harvest Holiday Festival. Guest instructors will be **Ron & Ree Rumble**. They are great instructors and cuers and are well known for their choreography; having choreographed many popular dances at all levels from Phases II through VI. Many of their dances have become Roundalab Classics. In 2004, their Phase VI Foxtrot, "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes", was elected to URDC's Hall of Fame. Don't miss the 2005 Festival featuring these exciting instructors.

Looking ahead even further, the 2006 Festival brings us the talents of **Kenji & Nobuko Shibata** as Guest Instructors.

We are very pleased to announce that **Brent & Judy Moore** have agreed to be our Guest Instructors for the 2007 Festival.

As you are reading this newsletter at the February 13th Sunday Fun dance, look around and you will not find the Jones's, the Gayda's, the O'Neil's, the Porter's or Patsy and me. If everything goes as planned we will be enjoying ourselves on a cruise to the Panama Canal.

Sorry you are not here with us, but someone has to stay home and dance! Ron & Marilou Webb will host this dance.

If old acquaintances be forgot, give them a call and remember. Call them up and invite them to the Sunday Fun Dance II on February 27th. The phase level of this dance will be II, III and IV.

The March Sunday Fun dance will be held on March 13th. Patsy and I will host this dance.

We would also like to remind everyone that April brings us yet another Sunday Fun dance on April 10th and our Harvest Holiday Mini-fest is scheduled for April 24th. Christine and Theron Hixson will host both events.

I would like to thank all of the Harvest Holiday cuers/instructors for their participation at the Harvest Holiday dances. Their donation of talent as cuers and instructors is greatly appreciated. We can't thank them enough. Included in this month's newsletter please find the bio of **Christine & Theron Hixson**.

### Important information for Harvest Holiday 2005 attendees.

If you haven't been there, the Sterling Hotel, site of the Harvest Holiday Festival, has a wonderful ballroom with a parquet floor. Our rental fee for this lovely ballroom is dependent on the number of room nights that the attendees stay at the Sterling Hotel. To assure that we can keep the registration fee for the Festival at such a low rate, it is imperative that we stay at the Sterling Hotel, and that we be sure the Sterling Hotel Staff knows that you are a Harvest Holiday Festival attendee. Only with your help can we continue to offer such great festivals, impromptu teaches and dances on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday preceding the Festival. Be sure to mention that you are a Harvest Holiday Festival attendee at the time you make reservations and again at check-in.

### Seize the Moment

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with a bag of potato chips and a six-pack of root beer and started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old woman. She was sitting in the park, just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to her and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old lady looked hungry, so he offered her some chips. She gratefully accepted them and smiled at him.

Her smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered her a root beer. Again, she smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As twilight approached, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave; but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old woman, and gave her a hug. She gave him her biggest smile ever. When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? She's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old woman, also radiant with joy, returned to her home. Her son was stunned by the look of peace on her face and he asked, "Mother, what did you do today that made you so happy?" She replied "I ate potato chips in the park with God!" However, before her son responded, she added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime! Embrace all equally!

**Rebecca Isham Monroe, May 16, 1920 – Jan 10, 2005**

Patsy and I want to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who called, sent cards and flowers and brought us food during Patsy's mother's illness. Your thoughts and prayers made a difficult time for us a lot easier.

Sincerely yours,

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**CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR HARVEST HOLIDAY FESTIVAL AND SUNDAY FUN DANCE INFORMATION AT: <http://harvestholiday.tripod.com>**

## **Sunday Fun Dance January 2005**

Donna and Jack Jones were hosts for the day. We had a total of 45 dancers at the dance. Bob and Patsy Heath, Christine and Theron Hixson, and Ron and Marilou Webb were there to help with cueing. Thanks to all the cuers for their time and efforts to make an enjoyable afternoon of dancing.

Ken and June Gartlir were there to greet the dancers as they arrived. Tom and Rosa Dulin took care of coffee and refreshments for the day. Larry and Aleece Collamore were our raffle salespersons for the day. Lucky winners were Janeel Jones, Bob Bowling, and Creig Moore. Kudos to all those people who worked to make another successful fun dance.

Dances cued were as follows: I Wanna Q Step, Brief Romance, Maria Elena Fox Trot, Chilly Chilly Cha, Orient Express Foxtrot, I'm Still me, Jurame, Greensleeves, Sugar Sugar, Can't Smile Without You, All That Jazz, Spinning Wheel Waltz, Boogie Time, Sleeping Beauty, Send Her Roses, Only Love Bolero, PA6-5000, Boom Boom, Years May Come, The Old House, I Do I Do I Do, St. Michael's Quickstep, Gone With the Wind, This is the Life, Beale Street Blues, Close Every Door, Dedication, People, and Warm and Willing.

We had a nice surprise visitor at the dance – Lillie Doyal. She and Ray Doyal were such a big part of round dancing in the Metroplex. It was so nice to see her again. We thank Dee Mireau for picking her up and bringing her out to see us.

## **Club Reports**

### **Circle Chase (by Bob & Patsy Heath)**

A series of phase III Workshops began on Tuesday January 4th, starting with Rumba. The workshop is from 7-8 pm followed by phase II and III dancing till 9:15 pm. We are working on steps that will prepare the dancers for the following dances that we plan to teach as part of the workshop: "Non Dimenticar", choreography by Ron & Ree Rumble, "On Blue Bayou", by Alex & Jennifer Kennedy and "Amafidia", by Bob & Patsy Heath. We plan to teach Rumba for a while, then like Texas weather, change the teaching plan to another rhythm. Many thanks go to Allan & Judy Heinrich who will be filling in for us on February 8th as we will be on a Panama Cruise.

### **Rainbow Rounds (by Bob & Patsy Heath)**

We have just started working on the phase IV+2 Foxtrot, "This Is the Life", choreography by Ron & Ree Rumble.

"This Is the Life" is the theme of the 2005 Harvest Holiday Festival with Guest Instructors Ron & Ree Rumble. We plan to teach phase IV+2 "Duerme Rumba", choreography by Ken & Irene Slater. A workshop on Slow Two Step has been requested by several of the members, therefore we plan to start this workshop on March 2nd. We plan to review "Rachel's Song", "Too Many Rivers", "Song Sung Diamond" and "Can't Smile Without You". And many thanks again to Allan & Judy Heinrich who will be filling in for us on February 9th as we will be on the Cruise.

## **Dance, Dance, Dance**

No report at this time.

## **Merry Rounders**

Jack and Donna will be on vacation for two weeks in February. They will be on a cruise to Panama celebrating their 20 year anniversary. Allan and Judy Heinrich have graciously agreed to fill in on February 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate them for doing that.

Our heartfelt condolences to Patsy Heath in the recent loss of her mother. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

## **Ramblin Rounds**

No report at this time.

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Theron originates from Tennessee and Christine from England. They met at a singles square dance in Texas in 1980 and were married in 1985. They graduated from Ed Campbell's round dance lessons in 1982 and continued to dance with Ed until his retirement in 1991. They also danced with Charlie and Bettye Procter and were members of the Dallas Let's Dancers Exhibition Group for three years, during which time they did demos at many square and round dance events, including Nortex Roundup, State, and Nationals. They served as Directors for Programmed Rounds for the National Convention held in San Antonio in 1996.

They taught their first dance (A Beautiful Noise) on Memorial Day in 1989, and then began cueing and teaching regularly in August that same year. They have been on staff for week-long functions at Fun Valley, Red River, and Kirkwood, and also have been featured instructors at numerous weekend festivals at local, state and national levels. They presently cue for Ramblin' Rounds round dance club (Tuesdays phases 3-4+;

Wednesdays phases 4-6), and three square dance clubs: Lone Star Solos, Rebel Rousers, and Steeple Steppers.

They are members of Roundalab (serving on Phase 5 ROQ Committee), Universal Round Dance Council (AURDC@), Texas Round Dance Teachers Association (ATRDTC@), Dixie Round Dance Council (ADRDC@), and North Texas Callers Association (ANTCA@). They have been actively involved in the Harvest Holiday Festival since 1983, and currently serve as Festival Co-Chair.

They have choreographed several dances, including Hold on Partner, Tanageray, Hey You There in the Mirror, Better Days, Let's Go Spend Your Money Honey, Mi Vida Loca (My Crazy Life), Adelida and Rebel Rouser.

Theron is retired, and Christine works at a major downtown Dallas law firm.

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# Harvest Holiday Club Reports

**JANUARY 2005**

<b>Dance, Dance, Dance</b> (Phase 4-5-6)	<b>Ron and Marilou Webb</b>
Wednesday, 6:00 to 8:00 PM	Gone With the Wind – Phase 6 Foxtrot ( Worlock)
Timber Ridge Recreation Center	Boom Boom – Phase 5 Merengue/Cha (Rumble)
North Dallas	Dark Waltz – Phase 5 Waltz (Vogt)
	Illusion of my Life – Phase 5 Argentine Tango Vals (Noble)
<b>Merry Rounders</b> (Phase 4-5-6)	<b>Jack and Donna* Jones</b>
Monday, 7:00 to 9:30 pm	The Rhythm of my Heart – Phase V WCS (Read)
Arlington Senior Center	
<b>Circle Chase Rounds</b> (Phase 2-3)	<b>Bob* and Patsy Heath</b>
Tuesday, 7:00 – 9:15 pm	Phase III Rumba Workshop
Swingtime Center	Taste of the Wind – Phase III TS/R (Eddins)
<b>Rainbow Rounds</b> (3-4-5)	<b>Bob* and Patsy Heath</b>
Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:30 pm	Beale Street Blues – Phase V + Jive (Lillefield)
Swingtime Center	This is the Life – Phase IV + 2 Foxtrot (Rumble)
<b>Ramblin Rounds (3-4-5)</b>	<b>Theron &amp; Christine* Hixson</b>
Tuesday 7:30 – 9:45 pm	Looking Through Your Eyes – Phase 4+ Rumba (Read)
Bradfield Rec. Center	Twelfth Street Rag – Phase 3 TS (Simmons)
1146 Castle Drive, Garland, TX	Feeling Waltz – Phase 3 Waltz (Barbee)
<b>Ramblin Rounds (5-6)</b>	<b>Theron &amp; Christine* Hixson</b>
Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 pm	Gone With the Wind – Phase 6 FT (Worlock)
Churchill Recreation Center	Boom Boom – Phase 5+ Mer/Cha (Rumble)

## National Carousel's Committee Report Current Popular Dances November URDC newsletter

1. Beale Street Blues	V	Lillefield	4. Jurame	V	Worlock
2. Chilly Cha	V	Shibata	4. Scheherezade	V	Moore
3. And I Love You So	V	Childers	4. Smoke Gets in Your Eyes	VI	Rumble
4. Close Every Door	VI	Goss	Adeline, Boom Boom, Gotta		
4. Five Guys Named Moe	VI	Goss	Get on This Train, Libertango,		
4. I'm Still Me	VI	Read	Rhythm of My Heart, Starlight		
4. Jack is Back	VI	Worlock	Express and others		

We invite all the area cuers and clubs to come and join the fun Harvest Holiday has to offer. We all share a great love for dancing.

**NEXT FUN DANCE, SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2005**

# **"This Is The Life" 2005 Committee Chairpersons**

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Patsy Heath</b>
<b>Co-Chairman</b>	<b>Theron &amp; Christine Hixson</b>
<b>Registration</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Maycene Hopper</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Dick &amp; Pat Turner</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>John &amp; Audrey Gayda</b>
<b>Decorations</b>	<b>John &amp; Leota Porter</b>
<b>Program Book</b>	<b>Creig Moore &amp; Pam Badiali</b>
<b>Hotel Coordinator</b>	<b>Bill Rackley</b>
<b>Historian</b>	<b>Linda Holder</b>
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Sharon Hammer &amp; Karen Richards</b>
<b>Directory of Dancers</b>	<b>Christine &amp; Theron Hixson</b>
<b>Friday Night Food</b>	<b>Leon &amp; Arlene Wallace</b>
<b>Advertising Sales</b>	
<b>Sunday Morning Coffee</b>	<b>Leroy &amp; Phyllis Weisheit</b>
<b>Publicity &amp; Nortex Representative</b>	<b>Bill Rackley</b>
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	<b>Jack &amp; Donna Jones</b>
<b>Webmaster</b>	<b>Jack &amp; Donna Jones</b>
<b>Hotel Dollars</b>	<b>Ken MacKay &amp; Evelyn Smiles</b>
<b>Out of Town Publicity</b>	<b>Ralph &amp; Mollie O'Neil</b>
<b>Sound Set-Up</b>	<b>Ralph O'Neil &amp; Jack Jones</b>
<b>CASUL Representative</b>	<b>John Porter</b>
<b>Fun Dance Coordinator</b>	<b>Theron &amp; Christine Hixson</b>
<b>Fun Dance Cues Coordinator</b>	<b>Theron &amp; Christine Hixson</b>
<b>Fun Dance Greeters</b>	<b>Ken &amp; June Gartlir</b>
<b>Fun Dance Door Prizes</b>	<b>Larry &amp; Aleece Collamore</b>
<b>Fun Dance Food/Coffee</b>	<b>Tom &amp; Rosa Dulin</b>