



Harvest Holiday 2007

Fly Me to the Moon

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Message from the Chairman

We pulled it off again. Harvest Holiday 2006 was a big success, thanks to the hard work of many HH members, the local and out-of-town cuers, and, of course, the 2006 Chairmen Christine and Theron Hixson. We also extend special thanks to Donna and Jack Jones who are retiring from active cueing for their support of Harvest Holiday over the years.

Now the really hard work begins. HH must make some decisions about the future of the festival and its other activities. We are forming a Planning Committee that will consider **all available options**. We welcome your participation on this committee. Change is never easy, but many believe that some changes are needed.

A "Transition" business meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 11, 2007 at 1:00 **sharp**. Be sure to attend and voice your opinion. In addition, the Planning Committee will begin its work in February. However, if we want to make changes for the 2007 Festival, we need to make some decisions **very soon**.

First, the facts:

1. With four nights of Trail-in dances, three days of Impromptu teaches and the actual weekend festival, HH is hosting a **seven-day festival**, including parties every night.
2. The Sterling Hotel is raising the ballroom rental fee to \$5000 and eliminating most of the complimentary hotel rooms, including the Chairman's Suite, which will be \$250/night next year.
3. Donna and Jack Jones are retiring, so we will have one less local cuer at the festival, Fun Dances and other events.

4. A **small** group of **dedicated** members host the festival and the other activities. Many have been doing the same job for several years and are tired.

Issues for decision:

1. Continue to host a seven-day festival, or scale back to a weekend festival or something in between?
2. Stay at the Sterling Hotel or move elsewhere?
3. Continue to have the festival the week of Thanksgiving or change to one week earlier or one week later?
4. Other changes in the format of the festival to lower both our expenses and workload?

There are many factors to consider when making these decisions. We want each of you to begin thinking about what is best for the future of Harvest Holiday. Finally, we wish each of you a happy holiday season and good health and happiness in 2007.

--Ken & June Gartlir

Report on January 14, 2007

Fun Dance

The January Fun Dance was cancelled due to freezing rain, an ice storm, and unsafe driving conditions. Thank you to Ken MacKay, Ron Webb, June Gartlir and everyone who helped make the cancellation phone calls.

Report on December 10, 2006

Fun Dance

Bob & Patsy Heath hosted the dance with cueing assistance from Donna & Jack Jones, Ron & Marilou Webb, Christine & Theron Hixson, and Karen & Ed Glodt.

Holiday decorations created a festive environment. We had a wonderful crowd. 58 dancers including cuers attended the Fun Dance. Jack & Ann Von der Heide were also in attendance.

J.L. Pelton, John & Leota Porter met dancers at the door. Everyone was so happy to see dancers as they arrived. Coffee and refreshments including a plethora of cookies added to the holiday spirit. Refreshments were managed by Patsy Heath. Raffle sales were handled by John and Leota Porter. Our lucky winners were: Bill Rackley who won a Christmas angel pillow donated by Phyllis & Leroy Weisheit. John Porter won a glass snowman decoration donated by Phyllis & Leroy Weisheit. Linda Holder won a set of snowman photo ornaments donated by June & Ken Gartlir. Phyllis Weisheit won a hand-crafted Christmas ornament donated by Lorraine & Leo Gonya. Betty Wheaton won a Christmas tree wall plaque donated by Leo & Lorraine Gonya. Marilou Webb won a handcrafted Christmas wreath donated by Aleece & Larry Collamore. And Ed Glodt won another handcrafted Christmas wreath donated by Aleece & Larry Collamore.

Dances cued were: No Walls, El Reloj, Sway for Me, Just a Tango, Colours Rumba, This Is the Life, Gardenia Tango, Singing Piano, Smoke Gets in Your Eyes, Boogie Time, La Barca, I Wanna Quickstep, Boulavogue, Hello Memory, Last Night Cha, Cuando Me Enamoro, Are You Gonna Dance, A Time for Love, Big Spender, Land of Enchantment, Come to Me, Entre Mis Recuerdos, Java Jive, They Can't Take That Away From Me, Carnival, The Human Thing to Do, The Bard, Jurame, Spinning Wheel, Non Domenticar, Rachel's Song, And I Love You So, Dark Waltz, PA 6-5000, and Laurann.

Thank you to everyone. Thank you to the dedicated leaders and cuers of round dancing in the Greater Dallas-Fort Worth Area, the volunteer workers who donate time, money and energy, and to the dancers themselves. What a great activity!

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Dancer News

Dick Turner, Harvest Holiday Treasurer, has broken his kneecap. Amidst complications he is beginning to mend. Your prayers are deeply appreciated.

Education Spot

Harold & Meredith Sears of Boulder, Colorado have given our Harvest Holiday Newsletter permission to print a quotation from their very useful web site. To see the site, go to www.rounddancing.net/dance. This month get your valentine in an excellent dance frame. Here's how:

A key to smooth lead and follow is a stable dance frame. This frame involves tone in the muscles of the upper body; not tension, certainly not stiffness, but enough tone so that the man can communicate to the woman, and the woman can sense or feel that communication.

The man is upright and even a bit arched back. Never lean over your partner. The woman is pressed firmly into the man's right arm. Perhaps the most conspicuous feature of the dance frame is the more-or-less horizontal oval described by the shoulders and arms of both dancers. Lead hands (man's left and woman's right) are held a little above shoulder level. The man's right hand is cupped against the woman's back, just under her left shoulder blade, fingers together and angled downward. The woman's left hand is perched lightly on the man's right shoulder or upper arm.

Hips are in contact. The woman's right hip bone is "in the man's watch pocket." We communicate with knees and thighs, too. He will lower a little before each figure, and so his knee will contact the lady's leg, telling her we are about to move. He might signal a turning figure with a little upper body rotation. A toned frame communicates between hands, arms, hips, and thighs.

Harvest Holiday Club Reports

Dance, Dance, Dance (Phase 4-5-6-)	Ron and Marilou Webb
Thursday, 7:00-9:00 pm	Afro Cubano, Waltz in A Flat
Timber Ridge Recreation Center, North Dallas	
Merry Rounders (Phase 4-5-6-)	Ron and Marilou Webb
Monday, 7:00-9:30	Why Doncha Do Right, Room Without
Arlington Senior Center	Windows, A Time for Love
Rainbow Rounds (Phase 3-4-5)	Bob and Patsy Heath
Wednesday, 7:00-9:15 pm	Quando Me Enamoro, Rumba Assisi
Swingtime Center, Fort Worth	Hello Memory, Colours Rumba
Ramblin' Rounds (Phase -3-4+)	Theron and Christine Hixson
Tuesday, 7:30-9:30 pm	Why Doncha Do Right, Shamey Shamey
Bradfield Rec. Center, 1146 Castle Dr., Garland	Shame
Ramblin' Rounds (Phase -4-5-6)	Theron and Christine Hixson
Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 pm	Tango of the Rising Sun
Churchill Recreation Center, Dallas	

NATIONAL CAROUSEL COMMITTEE CURRENT POPULAR DANCES **Published** 2/06/2007

1. Carnival	IV	Rumble	9. Human Thing to Do	VI	Sheridan
2. A Wink & A Smile	V	Rumble	10. Jurame	V	Worlock
3. Dark Waltz	VI	Vogt	11. You Raise Me Up	VI	Read
4. And I Love You So	V	Childers			
5. Last Night Cha	V	Worlock			
6. My Heart Will Go On	IV	Vogt			
7. Afro Cubana	V	Noble			
8. Big Spender	VI	Vogt			

IMPORTANT UPCOMING HARVEST HOLIDAY EVENTS

All to be held at Swingtime Center, Anglin Drive, Fort Worth

February 11, 2007 -- 1:00 p.m. -- Business Meeting -- 2:00 -- Fun Dance

March 11, 2007 --- 2:00 p.m. -- Fun Dance

March 25, 2007 -- 2:00 p.m. -- Sunday Fun Dance 2

**April 15, 2007 --- 1:00 p.m. --- Harvest Holiday Quarterly Meeting ---
2:00 p.m. --- Fun Dance**

April 29, 2007 --- 2:00 p.m. Mini Festival