

# Swinging Mates Square Dance Club



MARCH/APRIL 2014

## THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS



This winter the Club Dances and New Dancer Workshops have gotten off to a slow start due to the weather. We had some cancellations but that did not stop or dampen our spirits.

The Round Dance lessons went very well. There is no end to dancing lessons, which ever you choose. It is good exercise for mind and body plus great fellowship.

We even had the Valentine Dance with snow on the ground. It was, also, the Recycle Dance. Our scheduled caller, Richard Fear, could not make it so Brad Smith stepped in. We had three squares all evening. It was a great time for the new students to get experience.

Our last dance for February will feature Tony Oxendine calling with Linda Brown cuing. Tony has been a caller for quite some time. When he calls at the Spring Extravaganza he stops by and calls for the Terre Haute Swinging Mates. This gives us a taste of how he calls in the Carolinas. It is always a pleasure to have him. He is a breath of fresh air.

March and April this year are both very busy. March 8 will be a fun day with Darrin Henry. He will be conducting a "Plus Blast" at the Girl Scout building in Terre Haute, 10:00 AM.--10:00PM. Lunch will be provided. This will be a good time for "Angels" to brush up on plus moves. Darrin makes the day flow so easily. You are always dancing with someone new. We have a wonderful facility and room for many squares. Please, come join us. Reservations are requested.

March 14 Bob Jones from Ohio will be calling and Pam Stultz cuing. Bob is one of the callers who entertain the group who goes to Branson. Pam is a local gal and does a terrific job with rounds. Now that all the snow has melted, I am sure everyone wants to get out plus the days are longer.

March 25 will be GRADUATION DAY for our new students—16 are coming regularly to the dance lessons. Family and friends of the graduates are invited to attend the candlelight ceremony. Following the ceremony everyone is welcome to have cake and beverage. This class has worked hard and had to do some make-up lessons due to weather. I think some will be travelers, as well.

March 20 we celebrate "SPRING".

March 28 young Sam Mestel will be calling and the cuer will be Bonnie Lawrence. Even though Sam is a very handsome young man, he does know how to entertain the older generation. He is fun and he keeps you moving. Many of us

## PLUS BLAST



On March 8 at the Girl Scout Social Hall from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. the Club will sponsor a "PLUS BLAST" featuring Darrin Henry. The price for all day is \$15.00. This includes lunch. We will have a 1 ½ hour break for dinner. Make your reservations NOW.

THE SWINGING MATES  
SQUARE DANCE CLUB  
WOULD BE HONORED TO WELCOME THE  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
OF THE MEMBERS OF THE  
NEW DANCER WORKSHOP CLASS OF 2014  
AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY  
FAIRGROUNDS, TERRE HAUTE, IN  
TUESDAY, MARCH 25TH  
7:00 P.M.

Anne Baugh  
Mary Davis  
Randy Dyer  
Brenda Green  
Ryan Funkhouser  
Elaine Hotovec  
Joe Hotovec  
John Hubble

Gail Keyes  
Shelby Marlow  
Carol Martin  
Rachel Neice  
Mary Ann Presnell  
Mary Seward  
Penny Steppe  
Sara Wright

ANNIVERSARY DANCE  
Join the Swinging Mates Club Members  
As We Celebrate  
**58 years**  
of  
DANCING—FUN—FRIENDSHIP  
April 11, 2014  
7:30 to 10:00 P.M.  
Girl Scout Social Hall  
Caller Zelmer Daugherty  
Cuer Sherree Fewkes

# SWINGING MATES SQUARE DANCE CLUB SCHEDULE

Dances 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. at the Girl Scout Building  
1100 Girl Scout Lane, Terre Haute, In

<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2014</u>
Nov 8 Tom Davis Bonnie Lawrence cuer	Mar 28 Samuel Mestel Bonnie Lawrence cuer	Sep 12 Chuck Witt Carol Anderson cuer
Dec 13 Bob Jones Linda Brown cuer	Apr 06 <b>OZZIE PEARL/ MOUNTAINEERS</b> Jan Smith cuer 2:00-4:30 pm	26 Fred Walker Gospel Singing Calls Linda Brown cuer
Jan 01 <b>NEWS YEARS'S DAY DANCE FRED WALKER LINDA BROWN cuer</b>	11 Zelmer Daugherty Sherree Fewkes cuer	Oct 10 Brad Smith Bonnie Lawrence cuer
10 Brad Smith Linda Brown cuer	25 Curt Braffet Bonnie Lawrence cuer	24 Darrin Henry Sherree Fewkes cuer
24 Sheila Terhune Don Brown cuer	May 09 Richard Fears Pam Stultz cuer	Nov 14 Dennis Clark Don Brown cuer
Feb 14 <b>Richard Fear Bonnie Lawrence cuer Recycle Dance</b>	Jun 13 Tom Davis Bonnie Lawrence cuer	Dec 12 Brad Smith Linda Brown cuer
27 <b>TONY OXENDINE LINDA BROWN cuer</b>	Jul 25 Mike Corns Bonnie Lawrence cuer	
Mar 14 Bob Jones Linda Brown cuer	Aug 08 Ozzie Pearl Linda Brown cuer	

## LOOKING FORWARD



BOB & JANICE JONES  
MARCH 14



SAMUEL MESTEL  
MARCH 28



OZZIE PEARL/MOUNTAINEERS

APRIL 6



ZELMER DAUGHERTY  
APRIL 11



CURT BRAFFET  
APRIL 25

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danced to him New Years Eve.

March 30 the Swinging Mates Square Dance Club will be taking a bus to Noblesville for the New Dancers Roundup. It is neat to see how many new dancers there are in the state of Indiana. On the way home we always stop at the Golden Corral in Plainfield. This makes for a long day and you are tired but it is a ggggooodddd tired.

April 6 Special Sunday Dance, 2:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M., the Swinging Mates will be dancing with the great Ozzie Pearl and The Mountaineers at the Girl Scout Building. The Mountaineers is the most popular square dance band in the area. Please come dance with us. It is a different experience and atmosphere.

April 11 is the regular Friday night dance. Caller will be Zelmer Daugherty and cuer is Sherree Fewkes. We are going to call this our Anniversary Dance as our anniversary is before the next dance. We will celebrate "58" years. The Club was started by Bob and Jeanne Bolling 58 years ago and has been dancing continually since. We are the oldest Club in the state of Indiana. At one time the Club consisted of twelve and one half squares (100). We are working to accomplish that again.

April 25 come to our Easter Dance with Curt Braffet and Bonnie Lawrence. I don't have to say a whole lot here as Curt Braffet says it all. He and Bonnie will help you have a wonderful time.

Even though the New Dancer Workshops will be over the lessons will continue on Tuesday at the Fairgrounds until the last of May. We will continue working on mainstream calls.

Dancers, have a wonderful spring. Come and dance with us. We hope to see you in a square somewhere.

Phyllis DeBord, President

## NEW DANCER WORKSHOPS



"If MAMMA ain't happy then NOBODY'S happy"...and MOTHER NATURE must have been a very grouchy woman this winter! She granted us never-ending episodes of snow, ice, wind and temperatures dipping well below the zero mark for much of the last two months! Despite her efforts to dampen our spirits, the Swinging Mates NEW DANCER CLASS continues to plow forward with new steps and new confidence!

Our student attendance remains a fairly steady 16 dancers. All of them have been busy accumulating wardrobes, attending dances (both IN and OUT of town), and signing up for the New Dancer Roundup on March 30th. Of course, the class graduation is heavy on their minds, too! On March 25th, each student will be inducted into the Swinging Mates Square Dance Club and will receive a certificate as well as the official Club badge. What a special night for this hard working class!

As coordinators for the New Dancer Workshops, Roger and I have enjoyed being a small part of their progress and wish them well as "Angels" next year! They prove to us weekly what a dedicated group of men and women they are; no longer a group of individuals sharing the same interest, but they are now a close-knit family of friends! AMAZING! After all, isn't that what square dancing is all about?

Submitted by Roger & Erin Dulin, New Dancer Coordinators

## Hello From The Rio Grande Valley



Leah has agreed to let me do the writing about our winter experience in Texas. It certainly was nice to miss most of the very cold weather in Terre Haute that occurred this year. She is doing laundry, mail, etc.

We left early for the Rio Grande Valley (in December) since one of our favorite Round Dance teachers/cuers was scheduled for major surgery about January 22nd. Kay did a great job teaching rounds before that time and really pushed us. Fortunately, a very nice and enjoyable couple from Wisconsin, John & Ruth, were successfully recruited for the rest of the dance season. They are both cuers. Needless to say, Leah and her John did a lot of dancing. We did square dancing with Jerry Story on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The other days were spent in round lessons and dancing and usually twice a day, i.e., morning, afternoon and/or evening. We really appreciated the apparent emphasis

on the Jive this year. Some dances we knew such as the classics, "Sunflower" and "Tampa Jive." However, we really enjoyed the new Gloodt dance, "Black Satin" and Randy Preskitt's "How Lucky Can One Guy Be?" The Tango was also getting some special attention with John and Ruth offering lessons as well as Jo Yakimowski who started right from the basics. We now dance a little Tango as another ballroom rhythm. Some of the round dance music is really quite pretty, e.g., Antichi Waltz, First Snowfall, Forrest Gump, Come By The Hills, etc., and we enjoy dancing to the music. Other music and their choreography's seemed to provide mainly exercise which may mean we struggled doing the dance. ha! We liked the dance, "Anticipation" which was totally new to us and demanding. John feels he danced so much that he bruised his left heel and male dancers do a lot of heel leads. Leah developed some foot issues also. Apparently we did do a lot of dancing, but we still expect to go to Noblesville and hope to see many of our friends there.

This isn't much, but I am the quiet type.....john ramer





## FROM THE MIC OF BRAD SMITH



Hi!

Karen and I are doing just fine. We would like to thank C.R. Boyd for stepping in and teaching on January 28<sup>th</sup> so we could go to Hawaii to meet our son, Joel, coming in off patrol. We have never been able to do this in his 14 years in the United States Navy.

Lessons are going very well. We are just about through with mainstream. We have not quite made them dancers yet, but given time, they will become square dancers. We will continue lessons until the New Dancer Roundup on March 30 where we will strut our stuff and show what we know. I am asking all the members of our Club to come to the Roundup and support our soon to be new Club Members.

I would like to thank the Star Promenaders Club members for their "outstanding decorations" at their January Dance when I called. I really did not need it that fancy. (They shared the space with a fully decorated wedding reception set up.)

I would also like to thank our Club for the fine turnout for our Recycle Dance. We all had a great time. I was glad to fill in for Richard Fear when the weather kept him from coming in from Illinois. He will take my October Dance on the Club schedule.

To our new dancers who will soon be new Club Members after graduation a special word of concern--just because our lessons are about to be over that does not mean that school is over. Now you practice and practice and practice. You need to dance every chance you get. Continue to come to our lessons this summer and attend our dances and other clubs' dances. **TO OUR OLD (longstanding) MEMBERS—MAKE IT SO!!!!**

See you in a square soon,  
Brad and Karen Smith

## WINTER DANCES REVIEWED



Attending our New Years Day Dance with Fred Walker and Linda Brown were 31 members, 10 New Dancer Workshop participants and 31 visitors from Yellow Rockin' Squares, Laughing Squares, Sun City, Swinging Singles and Star Promenaders.

Our January 10 Club Dance was cancelled due to weather conditions.

On January 24 Sheila Terhune and Don Brown took the mic. Thirty-five Club members—including nine students—and nine visitors attended from Riley Wranglers, Star Prowlers and Stone City.

We thank Brad Smith for stepping up to the mic on February 14 for our Recycle Dance. Weather conditions kept Richard Fear from coming in from Illinois. We were pleased six of our New Dancer Class members were present along with 27 Club members. It was a snowy night for travelers. Our round dancers were cued by Bonnie Lawrence.

A special "Trail-In Dance" with Tony Oxendine will be Thursday, February 27.

## A SECOND NOTE FROM OKALOOSA ISLAND, FL



We are enjoying ourselves down here although the weather has been colder than it has been since the 1980's. We cannot complain—it is warmer than in Indiana and we only had two days of ice—no snow.

In February we went to the graduation for eight new dancers at the Dancing Dolphins Club in Ft. Walton Beach. Two weeks ago Bob Poynter brought his Canoe Squares from Milton, Florida to dance with our "home club" the Agape Squares in Niceville. He sends his regards to our Club members and hopes to see some of us in November when he calls for Robinson. He also hopes sometime soon we can work him in to our schedule for a dance.

Gene attended an all day workshop on Computer technologies in February. We both took another course on genealogy—how to write in book form the information we have collected over the years so we can share with family members. Gene has to live to be 200 to get it all written down. My findings are less and I have already started writing. So I should be done by age 80 or so if I do not get sidetracked by the grandchildren and great-grandchildren! The class membership contained several other snowbirds—Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Illinois and transplanted members from all over the U.S. who have settled in the Panhandle.

Again we are enjoying the activities at Niceville United Methodist Church. I am teaching in one of the three kindergarten classrooms each Sunday. Gene enjoys the adult Sunday school class. We eat dinner each Wednesday at church with friends.

We met up with and enjoyed lunch with Deanna and David Pettyjohn when they passed through (rather out of their way) on their way back from time spent in southern Florida. It was good to see friends from home.

We missed being at the birth of our 8<sup>th</sup> great-grandchild, Camden Anthony Ogg in Evansville on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to face book and a smart phone we were able to see him minutes after birth and in new pictures almost every day since. He is healthy and happy. First time mom and dad (Megan and Ryan Ogg), first time grandma (Gene's daughter Debbi Guenzel) and first time grandpa (Mark Guenzel) and first time uncle (Anthony Guenzel) and first time aunt (Nikki King) are taking very good care of Camden in our absence. We made it clear to everyone we get rocking privileges when we get home. We are a happy family with another blessing! Oh, and I should mention #9 great arrives in September!!!!

It has been a good winter for us—lots of dancing, church involvement, renewed friendships, rest and watching the sun set over the Gulf.

We will see you at the April Club Dances.

Gene and Shanda Johnson

**Please wish the following members congratulations on their birthdays**

- March 2 Bill Green
- 3 Connie Bowman
- 12 Floyd Carpenter
- 19 Shanda Johnson
- Linda Tincher
- April 4 Linda Brown
- 8 Jim Albright
- 17 John Ramer
- 20 Priscilla Shaw
- 23 Roger Fletcher
- 28 Brad Smith
- 30 Karen Smith

**Please wish the following members congratulations on their anniversaries**

- March 12 Hal and Priscilla Shaw
- 21 Gene and Shanda Johnson
- 24 Kevin and Cyd Hunter
- April 8 C.R. and Carolyn Boyd
- 22 Brian and Amy Meister
- 30 Jim and Cathy Albright

**GENERAL BUTLER BASH**



Back row from L to R, Cuer Elaine Wintrow and Callers Tom Davis, Nick Hartley and Wes Dyer  
 Front row from L to R, Connie Bowman, Richard Phillips, Pat Green, Bill Green, Cyd Hunter and Kevin Hunter

Three couples from Swinging Mates braved inclement weather to enjoy a great winter square dance weekend in Carrollton, Kentucky. Connie Bowman and Richard Phillips, Bill and Pat Green, along with Kevin and Cyd Hunter attended the General Butler Bash held January 24 and 25. Everyone had a great time with callers Wes Dyer, Nick Hartley and Tom Davis. Elaine Wintrow from Covington, Ohio, was the round dance cuer.

There were two halls for dancing which included mainstream, plus and advanced levels on Friday and Saturday nights. Round dance workshops were held Saturday morning with regular square dancing throughout the day.

Among the many activities were a wedding and a divorce. Saturday afternoon dancers were invited to Tom Davis and Bernice's wedding which was held in the beautiful state park lodge where several dancers were staying. The ceremony will be a treasured memory for the couple as many square dance friends assisted with the wedding.

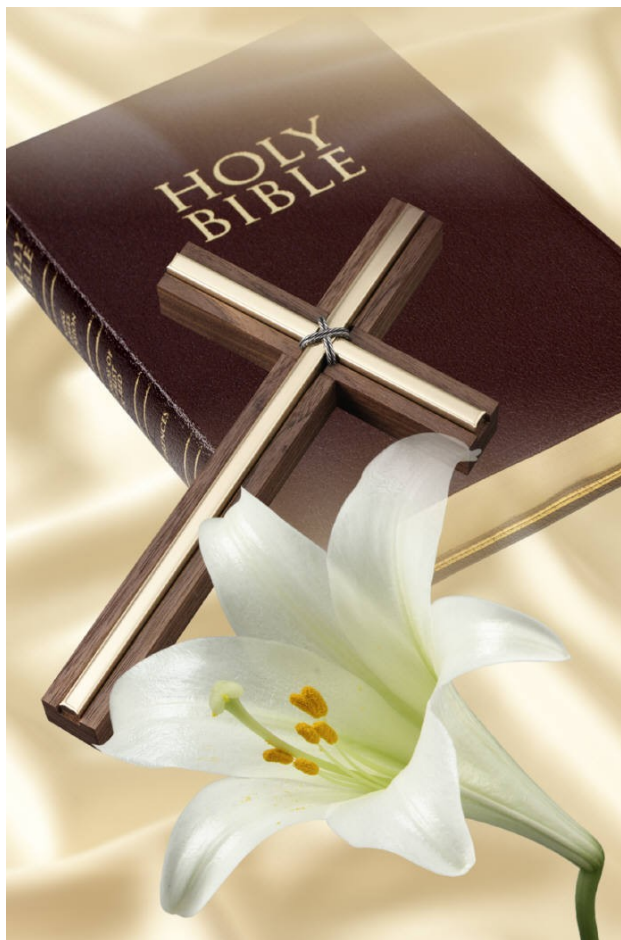
Saturday evening's skit was a divorce between Wes and Nick who were married last year at this dance. Nick (the bride) was so emotionally upset that he has decided not to come back next year. Of course, it might also have something to do with him being in Texas for the winter and the warmer weather. Anyway, next year Mark Patterson will be the third caller at General Butler.

Submitted by Cyd and Kevin Hunter





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