

Swinging Mates Square Dance Club



September/October 2013

WE HAVE LOST A SQUARE DANCE ICON



IN TRIBUTE TO OUR FOUNDER ROBERT W. BOLLING

Robert Bolling, 90, of Terre Haute, passed away at 11:23 a.m. in Union Hospital. He was a retired carrier for the US Postal Service at Terre Haute. He was born October 22, 1922, at Sheldon, Illinois, the son of Charles Munson Bolling and Sara Hazel Walls Bolling. He married Jeanne Eitel on September 1, 1943, in Oakland, California.

On this past Saturday, he and his wife celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary surrounded by their entire family. His family was his number one priority and he was so fortunate to have all of them together for this very special day.

Surviving are his wife, Jeanne; two daughters, Karen (Larry) Martin, and Melissa (Floyd) Shassere, all of Terre Haute; three grandchildren, Angela (Tim) Patterson, Amy (Nick) Phillips and Chad Andrews; three step grandchildren, David (Rachel) Shassere, Bradley Shassere and Christin (Robert) Higham; great-grandchildren, Andy Patterson, Katie Patterson, Kailynn Phillips, Chloe Phillips, Carsyn Phillips and Kyndall Phillips and step great-grandchildren, Andrew Shassere, Lauren Shassere, Jon Higham, Sara Higham, Emily Higham, Quinn Brown and Drew Brown.

Bob founded the Swinging Mates Square Dance Club in 1953 and was a Western Square Dance Caller for 49 years. He was a member of the Prime Timers Bowling League, Rea Park Senior Golf League, National Association of Letter Carriers, Clark County Post 90 of the American Legion, was a supporter of the Indiana State University men's and women's basketball teams and was a devout St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan since 1939.

He was a member of the United Methodist Temple in Terre Haute, and had served his nation in the U.S. Army during World War II in the 3787 Quarter Master Corps.

It is requested that memorial contributions may be made to the United Methodist Temple, Vigo County Public Library or to the Heart Association. Online condolences are being accepted at: pearcefuneralservices.com
(Copied from the obituary column of the Tribune Star Newspaper, Wednesday, September 4, 2013)

TRIBUTES TO BOB BOLLING FROM SWINGING MATES MEMBERS

Gene and Shanda Johnson—It was a pleasure to know Bob and Jeanne during our 15 years of Square Dancing. Bob was always a gentleman and Jeanne was his beautiful wife and partner. He shared the excitement of our Club being the oldest continuously dancing club in Indiana. He had so much to do with making us the strong and welcoming Club that we are. We will miss his wonderful smile and warm greetings. We send our love to his family.

Susy Phillips—Thanks for all the years of fun you gave to all of us! We will miss you!

Les and Peggy Winters—Bob and Jeanne are two very special people in our lives and will always be so. We have many wonderful (and fun) memories.

Jim and Cathy Albright—Bob will be missed by everyone. He was a wonderful guy. We can remember going to dancing lessons when our daughter and son-in-law took them. It must have been 26 years ago. Our hearts go out to Jeanne and family.

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Keith and Carolyn Diss—He always had a big smile and a yellow rock for everyone.

David (PJ) and Deanna Pettyjohn—Bob Bolling has been a positive influence on thousands of lives through his involvement in square dancing. He not only founded the Swinging Mates, one of the last surviving clubs in the Wabash Valley, but has been an avid supporter to the present. Bob was at the last dance looking as vibrant and bright as ever. He always brought a smile and warm greeting to everyone he met. The Swinging Mates and the Wabash Valley will greatly miss Bob.

C.R. and Carolyn Boyd—Bob Bolling, for me as a dancer and caller, is special in all ways. He made Square Dancing better through the years being himself and giving help as a most talented caller/teacher and dancer. When asked, he would share his valuable knowledge of calling to help understand the mysteries of calling. When he and Jeanne danced you could always rely on them for the correct timing of the calls while they were dancing. He set a benchmark for everyone for what Square Dancing and calling is about. No question Square Dancing would not be what it is today in this area if not for Bob and Jeanne. He will be missed in the future.

Wanda Heleine—Bob was a very fine and considerate teacher when I took lessons from him in the fall of 1985. He was very patient with me when I forgot which my left hand was and which my right hand was. We did not have as many lessons as there are today. As soon as the lessons were over we were going to dances and having a great time. I especially remember the eight young people, four boys and four girls (including my daughter, Misty, and Sarah McCammon's daughter) in the square. They enjoyed the lessons and going to the dances.

Brad and Karen Smith—I did not know Bob as a Caller. He had retired when I came on the scene. He told me when I talked to him about becoming a Caller to learn “patter” calls first and “singing” calls later. I goofed! Bob also told me anybody can read a piece of paper and sing and that the meat and potatoes of square dance calling is “patter” and he was so right. Some of us just take longer to figure it out. Bob influenced people in all levels of dance from Basic to A. My only regret is that I did not get to dance to him earlier in his life. I am sure that he is already trying to form a new club and waiting for the rest of us to catch up.

John and Leah Ramer—Bob Bolling was a class act whether he was teaching or calling at a Club Dance. He was, of course, knowledgeable and patient and expected quality dancing. He and Jeanne were bright spots in our lives. He did so much for square dancing in and around the Terre Haute area. We will always be thankful for his help. It was our pleasure to have known him.

Esther Rost—If everyone was honest like he was we would never have to lock our doors!

EVERYONE LOVED BOB BOLLING AND JEANNE. HE WILL BE MISSED BY EVERY SQUARE DANCER WHO KNEW HIM. IT IS OUR WISH TO JOIN YOU IN A SQUARE IN HEAVEN, MR. BOB. YOU WERE A TRUE GENTLEMAN.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

In the next two months we wish a Happy Birthday to:

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| September 1 | Cyd Hunter |
| 1 | Karen Larr |
| 6 | Diane Gaskins |
| 10 | Jeanne Bolling |
| 10 | C.R. Boyd |
| 11 | Patricia Hufford |
| 13 | Herman Steppe |
| 19 | Amy McHenry |
| 23 | Jim Huffman |
| 30 | Erin Dulin |
| October 1 | Sharen Miller |
| 4 | Robert Johnson |
| 5 | Jerry Gaskins |
| 16 | Autumn Staples |
| 19 | Karen Phillips Martin |
| 22 | Bob Bolling |
| 25 | Cathy Albright |
| 29 | Doug Hayes |
| 29 | Jay Scamihorn |



In the next two months we wish a Happy Anniversary to:

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| September 1 | Bob and Jeanne Bolling |
| 8 | David and Donna Jones |
| 15 | Les and Peggy Winters |
| 16 | Jim and Linda Brown |
| October 5 | Vern and Linda Tincher |
| 9 | Tim and Debbie Fischer |



THOUGHTS FROM PHYLLIS



Hello Folks,

I am happy to be the new Club President and I would like to introduce myself. I am Phyllis DeBord. Bart Smith has been President of the Swinging Mates for the past three years and he will be taking a well deserved break. I will be writing the President's column so you will be hearing from me and I will keep you up to date on the happenings within the Club.

I am a rusty hinge. I danced to Mr. Bob Bolling years ago but due to family and work, dancing had to come to an end. I remembered Rod Williams and Bob Bolling making square dancing so much fun. The love in their eyes and the smiles on their faces let me know I was welcome. Those fun days I never forgot.

Many years passed and my two boys grew up. I am blessed to have one granddaughter, one grandson, one great-granddaughter and one great-grandson. My greatest love used to be Master Gardening until I saw a class of square dancing across the street at the fairgrounds. Now gardening is my second love. It is so perfect for this time in my life.

I had worked with a friend a couple years earlier who said he needed some exercise. I called him and said "I have just the thing. There is a square dance class beginning and we can get in the first night". Five dollars and two hours a week wasn't bad. We started the classes in September.

A few weeks or months went by and one evening on the way home he said "I have a confession to make I want you to know I totally enjoy this dancing. My mind was made up if I didn't like this I was going to say my knee hurts so bad I can't do this". TRUE CONFESSION! Thus Jim Huffman (my friend and partner) and I became regulars at lessons and dances. Bill and Bev Curley Waymire were so kind and asked us to go to Robinson, Illinois with them as soon as our lessons were over. We went and were hooked on the traveling aspect. We have seldom missed a weekend of dancing.

We took lessons three years ago. This September we will begin our fourth year. Once we were hooked we were hooked. I hope you feel the same excitement and you are hooked, too. I dedicate myself to you, the members and the Club. You are a great group of people. Let's make 2014 the best year yet ----- OK?

I hope to see everyone at our first Club Dance of the fall season on Friday, Sept 13, at the Girl Scout Building. Brad Smith will be calling and Carol Anderson will be cueing from 7:30 to 10:00 P.M.

KEEP SMILING, KEEP DANCING, AND I HOPE TO SEE YOU SOMEWHERE IN A SQUARE,
Phyllis DeBord

HELP BY HOSTING

Sarah McCammon is looking for host couples and singles to be in charge of the food table for each of our Club Dances. Every member should sign to host one if not two times during our dance year. We have approximately 25 Club Dances a year and we have approximately 44 couples or singles who should be hosting. Some of us will be needed twice, but those persons usually step up and volunteer. Talk to Sarah and see when the vacancies are for the coming year and SIGN YOUR NAME IN HER BOOK! THANKS!

DUES TIME AGAIN

Time to remind the members September and October are the months we pay our \$7.50 per person dues. They are delinquent on November 1, 2013.

Many members support the Indiana Dancers Association (IDA). To join IDA the dues are \$3.00 per person.

We hope everyone will join and support the Swinging Mates Club with your dues, your time and your talents. Debbie Deckard is the Club Treasurer and will be receiving our payment.

MEMBERS WORKED TRACKSIDE FOR IDA



O u r
C l u b
Members
answered
I D A ' s
call for
helpers at
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cession and souvenir stands during the Indianapolis 500, Brickyard and the Red Bull Motorcycle competitions. Thanks go to Bart Smith, Brad Smith, Phyllis DeBord, and Sharon Fuller for representing us.

SUMMER WORKSHOPS AT MEMORIAL UM CHURCH

We were able to keep dancing this summer during our workshops held the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of June, July and August at Memorial United Methodist Church. We thank C. R. Boyd and Brad Smith for participating. We had two squares each evening.

The Swinging Mates Club will again provide altar flowers on a Sunday in September to show its appreciation for the use of the church.

MEDICAL ISSUES

During the last four months many of us have had health issues that required doctors' visits and hospitalizations for ourselves and our loved ones. We hope everyone is on the mend now. We offer our love to those who lost loved ones and are going through the healing process. Some of us continue to need the strength we get through the love of friends who care. Please continue to pray for:

- Jeanne Bolling
 - Karen Bolling Phillips Martin
 - Oral Deckard
 - Richard Effner
 - Herman Steppe
 - Jean Brasier
 - Rita Sneed
 - Paula Huey
 - Wanda Heleine's granddaughter,
 - Candice
 - Floyd Carpenter
- We are sorry if we missed anyone.



GET-ACQUAINTED CHILI DINNER

President's note: The new year of dancing will begin Tues. Sept. 10 at the Vigo County Fairgrounds Horticulture Building, 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Tues. Sept. 17 will be the Kick-off and Get-Acquainted Chili Dinner, 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. in the Horticulture Building. This is a pitch-in dinner. The chili and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a covered dish. The following Tuesday, Sept. 24th, New Dancer Workshops will begin at the Horticulture Building 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. This first session is free to everyone. Brad Smith will be teaching and learning as well as the students so we must all have patience.

SEPTEMBER HOST FOR CLUB OF THE MONTH

September 27th we are the Club of the Month host. Dancers from many clubs in Central Indiana will join us and earn points for their local clubs. Calling our dance will be Mike Corns from the St. Louis, Missouri area.

We know Mike will call a good dance and our guests will have a great time. Plan to attend and show our visitors our Swinging Mates hospitality.

Our Club's traveling squad is always ready for the Club of the Month Dances. Think about making the next trips with them. Let's all go to the dances at the Do Si Squares in Noblesville on Saturday, October 5th and the Plainfield Shaker Town Quakers on Friday, November 1st.

SUMMER CLUB DANCE FEATURED OZZIE PEARL

Ozzie was in the house and everyone attending the August 9th Club Dance had a great time dancing to Caller Ozzie Pearl and Cuer Bonnie Lawrence. The Dance was attended by 34 members and 57 guests including 4 callers and 2 cuers.

GOOD CALLERS ARE COMING THIS FALL



BRAD & KAREN SMITH



FRED WALKER

Our own Brad Smith will get our Club started this fall by calling our first Club Dance on September 13th. He will also be teaching our New Dancer Workshops this year. The Cuer for our first Dance will be Carol Anderson.

On September 27th we will host the "Club of the Month Dance for Central Indiana". We will welcome recording artist and Caller Mike Corns to the mic. Mike is from St. Peters, Missouri. He works for the Dept. of Interior and is assigned to the Arch in St. Louis. Cueing the Round Dancers will be Linda Brown.

Returning to call for the Swinging Mates on October 11th will be Fred Walker. We have asked him to do his Gospel Songs. Fred is from Salem, Illinois, has been calling since 1989 and is a member of Callerlab. Cueing our Round Dancers will be Pam Stultz.

Our Club Dance on October 25th will be called by youngster Sam Mestel. Our Club Members always know when Sam is in the house we will have an enjoyable evening. The Round Dancers will be cued by Sherree Fewkes.



MIKE CORNS

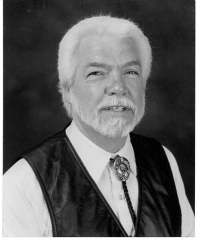


SAMUEL MESTEL

REST OF THE YEAR CLUB DANCES

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| September 13 | Brad Smith Carol Anderson |
| September 27 | Club of the Month Dance Mike Corns Linda Brown |
| October 11 | Fred Walker Pam Stultz |
| October 25 | Samuel Mestel Sherree Fewkes |
| November 8 | Tom Davis Bonnie Lawrence |
| December 13 | Bob Jones Linda Brown |

FROM THE MIC OF C.R. BOYD



Hi Swinging Mates,

I have always struggled while writing articles for the Swinging Mates Newsletter. I would never have thought I would be writing this one in particular at this time. The dancers that have known me for a period of time know my wife and our past dancing history. She has wanted me to stop calling for several years as it wasn't something she was interested in doing any more. (burn out) After 21 years of calling and teaching I am stopping my square dance activities.

Swinging Mates is the oldest continuous Club in Indiana. I am confident it will continue and grow with Brad and Karen Smith as your Club Caller/Teacher. Be patient and support him and Karen as they will be good for the Club in the future.

I have truly enjoyed the years working with the Swinging Mates. Making friends through teaching square dancing is "SPECIAL" and I will always remember the good times we have shared together. THANKS for your support of me and God Bless.

Keep Smiling & Dancing,
C.R. & Carolyn Boyd

President's note: C.R. Boyd, who has been the New Dancer Workshop teacher for the Swinging Mates, will be taking some time off from teaching and calling. Between working on his house and camping we are sure he will be a very busy fellow. He will be missed by all.

BART SMITH STEPS DOWN



Hello Swinging Mates and Friends.

For the past three years I have been your Club President. I want to "Thank you" for all the support you have given me. We have seen the Club grow a lot in members. I wish Phyllis DeBord all the best as the new President. I am sure the Club Members will support her.

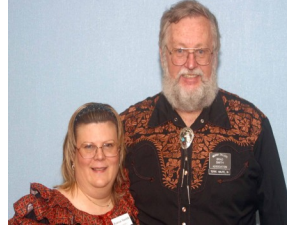
I want to thank all the members who went out to other clubs and obtained their traveling banners. I will still be dancing with the Swinging Mates Club and I want to travel with you.

Again, thanks to you all for your support and participation.
Bart Smith

President's note: Bart Smith has been a terrific President. I don't know if I can fill his shoes. He found the Horticulture Building at the Vigo County Fairgrounds where we have lessons and the Girl Scout Building where the Swinging Mates Dances are held. A planter representing the Club is in downtown Terre Haute at the corner of 6th and Wabash, just to mention a few things he has done. He always had the best smile and attitude. He tells me he won't be too far away if I have questions.



BRAD'S COLUMN



Hello Dancers,

Karen and I are glad to be with the Swinging Mates Club as your new Caller/Instructor! We are looking forward to an exciting future for the Club.

We have one more experienced dancer workshop on September 10th before we start our New Dancer Workshops on September 24th. I would like to see everyone who wants to help as "Angels" this fall to be there so we can talk about procedures and expectations.

I look forward to calling the first Club Dance of the new dance year on September 13th. Do not let Friday the 13th scare you off. If you want to bring black cats and/or broken mirrors you are welcome!!! We will have a great dance as always.

In the near future we have our Indiana State Convention on October 18, 19, 20. I always push our dancers to attend our State Convention. As of this letter we only have about 200 dancers in the state signed up. This is a shame. This convention is put on for every dancer. Where else can you dance with so many callers? Our Club has a reputation of being a traveling club. Let us give the state organization maximum support.

To last year's graduates, you found out how much fun Square Dancing is. I challenge each of you to bring one person to lessons and show them how much fun it can be.

Karen and I thank you for the love you have shown us over the years and I plan to do my best for the Club in the future.

See YOU in a square soon,
Brad and Karen Smith

President's note: We, the Club Members and dancers, are looking forward to working with Brad our new instructor (can't wait for the Pink Cadillac). We thank him for assuming the new instructor role and pledge to support him as Angels.

Indiana Square

Dance Convention

Marriott East Convention Center

7012 E 21st Street, Indianapolis Indiana

Friday Saturday, Sunday, October 18, 19, 20, 2013

Featured Caller for the

"President's Ball"

on Friday October 18th 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM

Tom Miller



BLOCK PARTY ON WABASH AVENUE 2013



President's note: We did a demonstration dance at the Terre Haute Downtown Block Party on August 24th. We thank Richard Fear from Robinson, Illinois for calling the squares. It was hot, but it was still a success. The longer the demonstration lasted, the bigger the crowd became. We thank the three-plus squares of dancers for their participation. Every time we do a demonstration we are showing the public the fun and fellowship we have square dancing. We hope some of the spectators join us.



SPECIAL BENEFIT DANCE FOR 14TH AND CHESTNUT



Linda Brown Bart Smith Bill Felts Wes Dyer

Our Swinging Mates Club Members did it again! The June 9th Club Dance was a Benefit Dance for the 14th and Chestnut Youth Center. Thanks to Caller Wes Dyer and Cuer Linda Brown for providing a fun filled evening of dancing for our members and guests. We presented Pastor Bill Felts, the Director of the Center, with \$660 collected that evening. We thank everyone who attended and everyone who contributed to the total collected. The Caller and Cuer donated their fees.

There were 43 members, 25 guests, 2 callers and 3 cuers present.

DEMONSTRATION AT VIGO COUNTY FAIR



Attendees to the Vigo County 4-H Fair were provided a demonstration of square dancing by 20 members of the Swinging Mates Square Dance Club on July 11th.

We thank Brad Smith for taking the mic and calling for the group of dancers assembled. Information was passed out about our upcoming New Dancer Workshops and visitors were encouraged to attend our Free Get-Acquainted Chili Supper.

DANCING IN BRANSON 2013



Presidents note: Branson, again, was great. Not as many members were able to go as last year. Seeing shows, shopping and topping it off with dancing to Bob Jones and Fred Trujillo was just what the doctor would order. Every night before the After Dance Party the motel served hot peach and blackberry cobbler with ice cream. I am not so sure the doctor would order that!

BRANSON BLOWOUT



National callers--Ken Bower, Marshall Flippo, Gary Shoemaker (The Chaparral Brothers) and Curt Braffet hosted the Branson Blowout over Memorial Day weekend in Missouri. Adrienne and Larry Nelson were the cuers. Twenty-two squares of dancers took the floor. Swinging Mates members--Larry and Karen (Phillips) Martin along with Kevin and Cyd Hunter participated in this fun event. The weekend highlighted daily workshops on squares and rounds with dancing Friday and Saturday evening plus Sunday morning. After-parties were filled with food and skits. Submitted by Cyd and Kevin Hunter

MYSTERY BUS TRIP

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Second Annual

MYSTERY SQUARE DANCE BUS TRIP

November 10, 2013

Pick up point(s) and time(s) to be announced

With the Swinging Mates Square Dance Club

Price: \$62.00 per person

Payable by check to Bill or Pat Green

Includes:

Transportation, Dance, and Dinner

Minimum of 40 - 50 maximum

Contact: Bill and Pat Green

765-653-5430

plgreen49@localnet.com

Deadline is September 27, 2013

Cancellation Policy: A cancellation fee of \$40.00 per person after October 1, 2013

President's note: Last year we tried something different, a mystery trip. Much thought went into it by Swinging Mates members Jim Brown and Pat Green. The trip was a great success with 45 dancers finally going to Litchfield, Illinois. We were all totally surprised (except one) as to where we were going. We did not know if the driver was trying to confuse us or if he was confused himself. Anyway, we danced the afternoon away to OZZIE PEARL and THE MOUNTAINEERS, a real live band. It was great fun and a wonderful meal. Some had not danced to a live band. The games on the bus were fun and kept everyone alert. We never did find the blue VW. We will sponsor another mystery Trip on November 10th. Try to join us.

CLUB OFFICERS NAMED AND BOARD ELECTED

Serving as Club President is Phyllis DeBord. Vice President in charge of securing Callers and Cuers is Jim Brown. Serving as Coordinators for the Tuesday Night New Dancer Workshops are Erin and Roger Dulin. Secretary is Susy Phillips. Treasurer is Debbie Deckard. Board Members are Phyllis DeBord, Linda and Jim Brown, Jim Huffman and Cyd and Kevin Hunter.



Phyllis DeBord
President
Board Member



Linda and Jim Brown
Vice President
Board Members



Erin and Roger Dulin
New Dancer Workshop
Coordinators



Debbie and Oral Deckard
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Susy Phillips
Secretary



Cyd and Kevin Hunter
Board Members

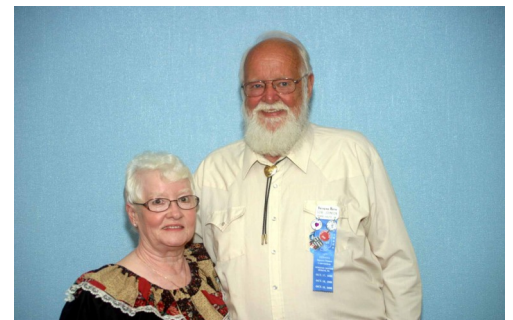


Jim Huffman
Board Member

THANKS TO RETIRING OFFICERS BART AND PAULA

Our THANKS go to Bart Smith and Paula Huey, who are retiring as Swinging Mates Club Officers. Bart has been our President and Paula has been our Treasurer for the past three years. They have done a remarkable job and we thank them for all they did. Bart attended every dance and presided at our Quarterly Meetings while Paula collected the fees and dues from our members, kept our books and reported to the Club Members quarterly. Thanks to two very dedicated members.

President Phyllis DeBord and Treasurer Debbie Deckard have big shoes to fill.



Gene & Shanda Johnson
Newsletter Editors

VICE PRESIDENT DOES GOOD JOB

It is the job of the Vice President to secure Callers and Cuers for each of our Club Dances. (President's Note: We thank Jim Brown for the hours he spends doing this job. He does all the phoning and negotiating with them. Thanks Jim for all you do. We are a thriving Club with good Callers and Cuers on the roster for our future Club Dances.



THOUGHT FOR TODAY

You can always tell when two people are best friends because they are having more fun than it makes sense for them to be having! (Isn't that the way square dancers are?)



HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Plant three rows of peas:

Peace of mind
Peace of heart
Peace of soul

Plant three rows of squash:

Squash indifference
Squash selfishness
Squash hate

Plant three rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be kind
Lettuce love one another
Lettuce grow our own food

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.
There is so much fruit in your garden because you reap what you have sown.

By Hippie Peace Freak

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