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COWTOWN SINGLES NEWSLETTER

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Square Dance Club for Singles and Couples

Surprise! You can't keep a good president down. I am a little late in getting my article done but here goes. By now I suppose you all know I got quite a shock. I went to the doctor on Friday January 21st because my feet had stayed swollen for three day, I was very tired and I had pressure in my chest. I thought they were going to tell me I had walking pneumonia but instead the doctor told me my heart was in atrial fibrillation. She said can't you feel you heart beating that fast. Needless to say I felt nothing. They put me in a wheel chair and sent me to ER. I spent 6 hours there until I was stable and then on to ICU for two days then on to the regular hospital until Tuesday evening. This was all so crazy because I didn't feel any different. I just want to thank all of you who came to the hospital to see me, called and sent cards.

Caller Bookings: Dottie Bowers
Don Hendrickson
Visitations: Charlie Ladd
Telephone: Elaine Ladd

Now on to better things. Didn't Phil Wicker do a good job as vice president covering for me at our last dance. As usual my husband Dan, Dottie and Aunt Pauline were at the door. Thanks to all of you who helped in so many ways. Lorraine who came with Howard even pitched in and helped in the kitchen. What a great bunch we have.

Wednesday January 26th
Workshop
Aunt Pauline & Dottie
Sitting at the desk

From what I have heard from people who attended our New Years Dance it was a great party. Our callers and cuer did a wonderful job of making it a fun place to be. So many people came up and told me they really had a wonderful time and the food was such a surprise. I was so worried when we had so many people call and come at the last minute. This is the first year we sold so many ribbons at the door. We had over 100 in attendance. I hope everyone enjoyed coming and not having to bring anything. I would not be afraid to use these caters again. They did a super job.



Our next party will be at Bonnie and Richard's home. They have invited us to a potluck Valentine Bunko Party at 3 PM on Feb. 12. There will be directions & sign up sheets at Cowtown. Let's make this a fun party. Our membership is going good and most of our members have renewed at this time. The next meeting for our club will be at Carrow's on February 7th at 6 PM. Hope to see you there..

Betty

HISTORY OF COWTOWN SINGLES

B's, Riverside B & B's were part of an international organization. This required a formal withdrawal process to Region South B & B's.

The parent organization of Cowtown Singles was Riverside B & B's. Riverside B & B's was formed in June of 1978. As part of the B &

In a letter to Region South B & B's, it was stated that our reasons for withdrawing were as follows:

1. International practice of taking 100% of the Membership Dues plus 5% of the gross income at all club chapter events. This coupled with severe financial losses suffered with last years class, makes it financially necessary that we become an independent club.

2. Regional duties were a burden upon the officers and resources of the chapter for which there was no compensating benefits to the chapter.

Sometime in late 1990 discussions began between board members and various other members regarding the pros and cons of remaining a part of the B & B's. Most members were astonished to learn that 100% of their dues were turned over to Regional and International levels.

At the clubs request on July 16th 1991, regional officers Nancy Blum and Carmon Glass met with our membership at the regularly scheduled membership meeting to explain to us the advantages of remaining in the B & B's. Following that meeting all club members were mailed a list of the pros and cons of remaining in the club.

On September 6th 1991 a special meeting was held to vote on the issue of remaining in the B & B's. The results of that vote were 36 for withdrawal, and 3 for remaining. A few of those present abstained. Effective the first dance in November a new club would be started. A transition committee was formed.

On October 15th 1991 the name of Cowtown Singles was selected. At the time of this meeting there was 50 members. A class which started in September had 75 members. The startup dance for the new club was to be November 17th 1991 at Cowtown Square Dance Center and the caller was Jim Hayes from Texas.

Written by: Don & Robin Hendrickson

Past Presidents:

Julie Prater — 1991

Elsie Liles —1994

Phil Wicker —2000

Ed Stone —2000

Dave Dunn —?

Phil Wicker —2001

Don Hendrickson —2001

C. W. Folmer —2003

Chuck Bell —2004

Rollin Blossey —2005

The above dates are by the charter members as to what they remember. If anyone has any information please let us know.



Past President:

Phil Wicker



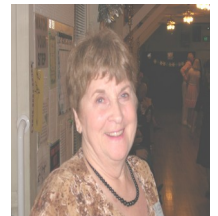
Past President:

Rollin Blossey



Past President:

Don Hendrickson



**Betty Cowley
Lawyer**

President:

**Sept. 06 to the
present.**



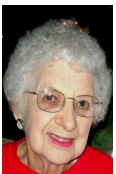
Social

Our New Years Eve dance was a great success. There were over 100 people and the food was great. The dinner was catered so everyone was able to really enjoy the evening. There is a full page of pictures from the evening in this newsletter.

With the holidays behind us it is time to start the New Year off with our first social. Bonnie and Richard Cameron have offered their home for a Valentines Bunko party. The party will start at 3pm on February 12th. This will be a potluck so bring something yummy to share. We are starting it while it is still light outside so it will be easier to find their house. There will be a sign up sheet and a map to their house at the dance and our workshop. Please sign up so we know how many will be attending. For those of you that have attended previous social's know how much fun we have and those who have not attended before come and find out We are looking forward to seeing a lot of our friends.

Since Sherry is out of town I am writing this article for her. Hope we see her back in the near future so she can take over our social activities again, as she does a great job planning things. Miss you Sherry.

Shirley



Membership

Members of Cowtown Singles who have paid their dues for 2011.

Thanks to all of you who paid their dues so I could get the membership list on it's way. It takes about 3 months before our Insurance Certificate gets back to us, (National Square Dance Insurance).

Hope you enjoy your membership with Cowtown Singles.

Hani Pauline



Sunshine

Dear Friends, Hope you all have been enjoying the beautiful spring-like weather. We have had several people needing cards this month.

Carol Allen has had surgery and is recovering. Cliff Mattson is home recovering, also. Jerry and Diane Johnson had the flu bug visit them, Helen Crum had some problems with her eyes and Sherry Stanke had pneumonia. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Elery Albertson who lost his wife Elaine Laab Albertson. Each of you are in our thoughts and prayers for better days ahead. Please let me know if you hear of anyone who is ill.

Lois Roberts



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S

Estella Payne ———2nd

Lois Bryant ———6th

Sharon Scott ———6th

Helen Wagner ———6th

Dan Lawyer ———7th

Diane Manning —26th

Marianne Reich —26th

Dottie Bowers —28th

Recipe of the month

Worlds Easiest Peach Cobbler

Submitted by: Mickey Manning

Preheat oven 350 degrees

Remove crust from 5 slices of white bread. Cut each slice into 5 equal strips. Pour a large can of peaches (drained) in bottom of 8x8 baking dish. Lay strips of bread on top of peaches.

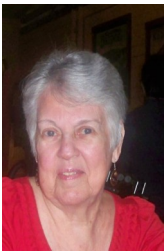
In the microwave, melt one stick of margarine. Add 1 1/2 cups sugar, 2 tbsp flour, and 1 egg. Beat until well blended.

(If using Splenda, allow margarine to cool but not re-harden.)

Pour mixture over bread and peaches coating each piece of bread (that will be the crispy crust.)

Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown, 30-35 minutes.

Note: Can use other fruits, just make sure you drain any canned fruit. May also use fresh fruit. Just make sure you have enough to thoroughly cover the bottom of the baking dish.



Editors Corner

Articles for the next newsletter are due by the 20th of February.

I need everyone to send me their favorite Recipe. I have some on hand but I would like more to choose from. Also if you have taken pictures that I could use in the newsletter please send them to me.

We had our first workshop on Wednesday January 26th and had three squares. Steve Woodard did a good job working different calls. This workshop will benefit all plus dancers so I hope to see more on February 9th.

Shirley

FEBRUARY CALLERS



February 4th Rod Shuping

Rod, co-owner of Fine Tune and Gold Wing Records is well known as one of Southern California's premier Square Dance Callers, Teachers and Recording Artists. He is a member of Callerlab, The International Association of Square Dance Callers. Rod's style will surely guarantee you a truly memorable Square Dance Event, Cruise, Hoedown, Festival, Square Dance Party, YOU NAME IT!



February 18th Hunter Keller

Hunter had been around square dancing all of his life, having been dragged from dance to dance by his grandparents and parents. He met and become friends with many national caller's with whom he is still friends today. After the death of his grandfather his hero, in 2002 Hunter decided that he wanted to do something that would always remind him of his grandfather, and decided to start taking square dance lessons in 2004. A mere four months later he picked up a microphone and began calling. He called his first festival in July of 2007 in California. Hunter resides in Billings with his mother, father, brother and grandmother.

Club Meeting February 7th

All Members Welcome

Carrows (Magnolia—La Sierra)

6pm for Dinner 7:30pm for meeting

NEW YEARS 2010

