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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

October and November were busy months for the Orange Blossom Squares. We held the Past Presidents/Anniversary dance on October 3. We had one Charter Member and 10 Past Presidents attend this event. This was also a retirement celebration for our caller, Bob Wilson. The installation of our new officers was held on October 5 at Saddlebrook Rec. Center. Our annual picnic was held on Saturday, October 30 at Paradise Rec. Center.

Coming up in December we will have our Toys for Tots Dance on Sunday, December 5. So be sure when you are doing your Christmas shopping that you do not forget our unfortunate children. You can bring your unwrapped toys to the dance on December 5. If you cannot make it to that dance contact someone and make arrangements to get your toys to the dance before that date. The Philip C. DeLong Marine Corp League will pick up the toys on that date. Scotty Sharrer will be our caller for this dance.

On December 12, Tim Marriner, will be our caller. Tickets for this dance are on sale now; so be sure to get your tickets in advance. Prices go up for tickets purchased at the door.

December 19 is our annual Christmas Dance. There will be no dance on December 26.

On January 23, Billy Harrison, another national caller will do the calling.

Also, on January 30 we will recognize all couples that have been married 50 or more years. But only those couples that have been married to the same spouse.

This brings us up to Super Bowl Sunday, February 6. And for all our football fans we will not have a dance on this date.

Nancy and I wish each of you A Happy Thanksgiving, A Blessed Christmas, and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

See you all in a square real soon.

Yellow Rocks,
Hal Baumann and Nancy Van Rooy

CALLERS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER

- 5 SCOTTY SHARRER Toys for Tots
- 12 TIM MARRINER
- 19 RED BATES Christmas Dance
- 26 NO DANCE

JANUARY 2011

- 2 BOB STERN
- 9 RED BATES
- 16 DON HANHURST
- 23 BILLY HARRISON
- 30 KEN RITUCCI 50+ Anniversary Dance

FEBRUARY

- 6 NO DANCE Super Bowl
- 13 GARY SHOEMAKE Sweethearts Ball
- 20 GARY BROWN
- 27 SCOTTY SHARRER

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JOANNE & KEN HELTON

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PRESIDENTS' – ELECT REPORT

Hope everyone had a wonderful, blessed Thanksgiving. We all certainly have much to be thankful for this time of the year.

Our picnic on October 30 was a very well attended event. There was great food, good games and prizes, and many wonderful committee members. The committee was so efficient with our setup that we had time to spare and visit with each other. Bob & Liz handled the bingo games, and we had a large group of people who played this very frustrating game. Bob Wilson & Duane Rodgers provided a few square dance tips. We really appreciate all the wonderful volunteers who help to make this a fun filled day.



We have been promoting the Toys for Tots program that will be next Sunday, December 5. This event has been announced each Sunday and we have made up little flyers to remind all of you. So this is one last reminder. Please bring your "Toys" next Sunday so they can be presented to The Philip C. De Long

Detachment Marine Corps League of The Villages. We know they will be greatly appreciated by this wonderful organization and by the children who receive them.

During the month of December we will be planning a meeting for the Caller Committee to share their comments and thoughts about callers for the 2012 schedule. We will contact several people who have volunteered for this committee to decide on a date for some time in January.

Since we are in the holiday season mode, we would like to wish everyone a wonderful safe Holiday Season. Please remember all of those who are less fortunate, and especially all of our Military Personnel who will be away from their families.

May you all have a Blessed Holiday Season!
Bob & Jennie Courter

TRAINING DIRECTORS' REPORT

Due to a lack of students, the Monday morning class was cancelled. After 3 introductory weeks we had 2 student couples. We thank the Angels and Helping Hands that came out to support this class.

The Tuesday evening class at Saddlebrook Recreation Center has 7 ½ couples. The majority of the couples have danced in the past. It's good to see couples that have never danced come take an interest in square dancing along with past dancers that are so eager to get back to square dancing. We have a good group of Angels and Helping Hands, and we thank all of you. Due to elections we weren't able to use the hall Nov. 2nd. The following week was the 4th week of this class. Everyone was having fun, and doing a good job.

This class is closed to new dancers, but Duane will consider taking previous dancers. If you know of anyone that wants to come back to square dancing, tell them about the Tuesday evening class.

Ron and Sharon Paul
Training Directors

MEDIA REPORT

I had contacted Curt at the Daily Sun and he was going to change the telephone numbers etc. on the TV stations. Also, sent in the December article to Bow and Swing.

See you dancing. Linda Lashley

BANNER RAID REPORT

December 19th, Friendly Squares will come to retrieve their banner.

January 16th, Royal Squares will come to steal our banner.

Congratulations to Barbara & Larry Harding for receiving an award for attending 50 banner raids.



Respectfully submitted,
Ron and Judy Reborn

ORANGE BLOSSOM SPECIALS

DEC. 03-----Lake Port Square.

DEC. 08-----Lake Harris Health Center & Mayfield Retirement Center in Leesburg.

DEC. 20-----Homewood of Freedom Pointe--Clare Bridge & Homewood Assisted Living.

JAN. 06-----French Club at La Hacienda Recreation Center.

JAN.10-----Arbor Village Nursing Center in Wildwood.

Jan. 14-----Lake Port Square.

JAN.26 -----Brookdale Senior Liiving, Clare Bridge Cottage & Brookdale Sterling House.

We are still giving away afghans at each Nursing home we go to and can use yarn for making them.

Thanks
Bruce & Roberta Troop



OB Specials Celebrate 20 Years – December 7, 2010

(From Orange Blossom Squares News January-February 1991 Issue)

“The newly formed Orange Blossom Specials Exhibition Dance Team held its first practice session on 7 December 1990. This team is made up of 18 volunteer couple members of our Square Dance Club. The practice schedule is in place for each Friday afternoon through April. We thank Sam & Betty Mitchell for their willingness to advise and put us through our paces, as well as devising routines, preparing tapes, etc.

“The Specials will represent the Orange Blossom Squares at all demonstration dances and other performances that are increasingly being requested of our club. Our first practice showed that we have an enthusiastic team that is willing to take directions, provide the necessary dedication to practice and to have lots of fun!! We look forward to performing for the club some Sunday evening early in 1991. John and Jonnie Stewart are coordinating this special activity.”

(From Orange Blossom Squares News May-June 1991 Issue)

“...As of 15 April 1991, they had practiced for a combined total of 1052 hours. The Specials have performed eight times, providing entertainment and introduction to square dancing to 650 people at various clubs, nursing homes and other organizations...”

“...after much sewing, the multi-colored costumes were completed and ready to wear for the Leesburg Art Festival. The Specials were ready to perform for an expected large crowd—but it RAINED!”

NOTE: These multi-colored costumes are still being used today 20 years later.

In September 1991, Singing Sam Mitchell passed away. After Sam’s death, the Specials mainly danced to tapes made by Sam and other callers. Walt & Judie Ishmael became the instructors in 1992. Duane and Donna Rodgers took over in 1998 and faithfully lead this group today. Duane continues to present new routines, which keeps the group interested and challenged.

Since July 1999, the Specials have danced at 486 assisted living/nursing home/retirement centers; performed at 191 clubs/including Katie Belles/festivals/malls/churches/schools/fairs; and participated in 18 parades.

Beginning in November 2003, they have been giving away an afghan at each facility (assisted living/nursing homes/retirement centers) which will total 270 at the end of 2010. Also, they have presented over 8,000 small American flags to the residents.

Thanks to all the dedicated couples who, over the years, have volunteered and who continue to volunteer to make the desires of the Club in 1990 continue.

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SHIRTS - CAPS - SOCKS

SHIRTS FOR SALE

Shirts come in white and orange, with or without your name and OBS logo.
Sample shirts will be available to try on. We also have golf caps and orange socks.

Payment is due at the time of your order with cash or a check
made out to *Orange Blossom Squares*.

You may order by calling Muriel and Roy Trulson, 259-2422.

ROUND DANCE CLASSES

Round Dances, Lessons, etc.!

Ken & Joanne Helton, Instructors
Phone: 352-343-4282 or 352-455-5759

Email: joanne@joannehelton.com

Schedule: <http://www.joannehelton.com/schedule.htm>



Recycle Your Square Dance Clothes

FOR SALE: Matching outfits for couples with blouses, skirts, crinolines, ruffled panties, shirts and ties that are color coordinated. Some are brand new with the tags still on that were purchased in Gatlinburg. Women's sizes are small and medium. Men's sizes are large and extra-large.

Women's dance shoe size 7.

Also, basic and plus dance lessons on videos and CD's.

Everything at very good prices.

Please call Janet at 352 (must dial area code) 222-3939



TO DONATE: Women's skirts, blouses and petticoats, size 12-14

OBS Shirts – Logo No Name: Women's White, Size M

Men's White, Size L and Orange, Size M

Call Mary Childs at 430-1028



CFA DIRECTORS' REPORT



Shamrock Swing 2011

March will be here before we know it. It's not too early to get your ribbons for a fun time March 18th and 19th. Our callers are Dee Dee Dougherty and Bob Stern. Joanne and Ken Helton will be doing the Rounds. The Saturday workshops are a good way to brush up on the calls/steps we're not quite sure of.

If you haven't signed up to be a BOOSTER in our PROGRAM BOOK, please come see us. Just \$1.00 per person puts your name in our book, and helps defray the cost of us providing the program book for our attendees.

We need kitchen help for Friday evening, and Saturday. If you can help just one hour, see Janet and Roger Dyke, or let us know. We will certainly appreciate all the help we can get.

Ron and Sharon Paul
Chairpersons

STAR AWARD

The STAR AWARD is presented in recognition of three or more years of service to the Dancer Membership of the Orange Blossom Square Dance Club.

Bob & Jennie Courter were recently presented the STAR AWARD by Ron and Sharon Paul. Bob & Jennie have been dancing for 20 years. They have been active in each of the clubs where they have been members especially Orange Blossom Squares. They also play an important role in the Central Florida Association and the Florida Square and Round Dance Convention. The STAR AWARD is to show appreciation for their commitment and dedication in promoting square dancing during these many years.

Left to Right:

***Ron Paul,
Jennie Courter,
Bob Courter,
Sharon Paul***



Other recipients of the STAR AWARD are: Ron & Sharon Paul, John & Jean Smith, Bruce & Roberta Troop, Eldon & Shirley Genschorck, Bill & Sandy Yakel, Robert & Sharon Young.

SPECIAL MOMENTS FOR OUR CALLERS



Liz & Bob Wilson retire from calling after 38 years



Joanie & RJ Hogan celebrate 60 years of Marriage

OBS MASCOTS

These mascots attend our dances every Sunday night. They were recently located by Jennie Courter and beautifully dressed by Nancy Van Rooy. They have been placed in a lovely display case made especially for them by Bill Yakel. The mascots proudly wear the name badges of Lou and Minnie Domingos who are charter members of the Orange Blossom Squares. Each of these individual's efforts are greatly appreciated and we are blessed to have such talent available in our club. Thank you!



ORANGE BLOSSOM SPECIALS DEMO

The OB Specials did a demo for a new routine at our dance on 14 November 2010. They did a great job. Thank You.





Connolly, Millie	12/01
Godlin, Ted	12/01
Bardsley, Lee	12/02
Colton, Pearl	12/02
Hubert, Faith	12/05
Marchioni, Ann	12/06
Martin, Karen	12/07
Williams, Marian	12/13
Jones, Joan	12/17
Moldovan, Fred	12/17
Yaeger, Tom	12/20
Meyer, Elaine	12/23
Dunlop, Jim	01/01
Johnson, Buddy	01/01
Mason, Doris	01/01
Orndorff, Don	01/01
Marchioni, Ron	01/02
Stackhouse, Arlene	01/04
Allison, Gene	01/05
Medeiros, Jaclyn	01/05
Varec, Phyllis	01/05
Baumann, Hal	01/06
Keith, Shirley	01/06
Armstrong, Sue	01/07
Trulson, Roy	01/08
Bradshaw, Alice	01/09
Reborn, Ron	01/09
Stackhouse, Bill	01/09
Gargiula, Fran	01/12
Allison, Phyllis	01/13
Metzger, Norb	01/13
Dyke, Roger	01/16
Buch, Linda	01/17
Kaufman, Jarold	01/17
Walker, Earlene	01/18

Genschorck, Eldon	01/20
Genschorck, Shirley	01/20
Wilson, Liz	01/21
Godish, Doris	01/22
Hostetler, Jack	01/22
Rouze, Joan	01/24
Courter, Jennie	01/25

Happy Anniversary

Mason, Doris & Sam	12/04
Bradshaw, Alice & Charles	12/10
Underwood, Murt & Bob	12/15
Strunk, Charlotte & Jerry	12/17
Biddinger, Jean & Bob	12/19
Whetstone, Becky & Karl	12/19
Smith, Sandra & David	12/25
Lyons, Barbara & Jack	12/28
Perlman, Alan & Kinder, Ruth	01/20

