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**JANUARY 2010**

**OKC SWING CLUB NEWSLETTER**

***THE D'AMICOS ARE COMING.....THE D'AMICOS ARE COMING!!!! GET YOUR  
DANCING SHOES AND BOOTS READY 'CAUSE  
THE DAMICOS ARE COMING!!!***

***DAMON AND LISA D'AMICO will be at the OKC Swing Club January 29 & 30 doing workshops in both West Coast Swing and Country Western. It will be a fun-filled, exciting, informative weekend. See the flier in the entry for all the details. There are also times available for privates. See Gail, Lindsay, or Mickey to reserve your spot.***

**\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\*\*\*\***

***LESSON TIMES for JANUARY REMAIN THE SAME AS DECEMBER  
DISREGARD THE MONDAY CLASS CHANGES ON THE CALENDAR***

ALL class times this month will be the same as the December class times.

There were some planned changes for Monday classes, but due to Paul's health and the need to arrange for teachers ALL classes will remain the same as the December schedule.

On Mondays, **PUPRLE, YELLOW, and GREEN** classes will meet at 7 followed by **PINK, and RED** at 8. The **PRACTICE PARTY** will begin at 8 in the main hall. We hope many of our class members will stay to dance at the Practice Party. After all, you will only improve your dancing if you practice what you have learned.

### **SPECIAL LESSON RATES FOR JANUARY**

The Swing Club is offering a 2-for-1 rate on group lessons this month. If you have NEVER taken lessons at the Swing Club, two people can sign up for the price of one, or 2 people for \$40 instead of \$80. And if Club members bring in people to take advantage of this special, that Club member will still get his/her free month of lessons the following month. Spread the word.

### **NOTICE TO CLUB MEMBERS REGARDING REFRIGERATOR**

Please label all food and drinks that you put into the refrigerator. Please do not leave two-liter bottles or larger overnight; they take up too much space and will be thrown out if left. Thank you.

### **YAHOO GROUP**

Please **sign up on the Yahoo Group** so you can receive up-to-the-minute changes and notifications from the school, i.e., a last minute cancellation of classes or dance due to weather, or reminders of special dances. To get registered, go to the club website,

<http://www.okcswingdanceclub.com/>. Mickey does a great job of keeping us posted on last minute changes as well as reminding us of things on the calendar. Many dancers have also joined FaceBook and post information about competitions and dances there.

## **BIRTHDAYS & BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Happy **January** Birthday to Club members: **Martha Gates, Ruth Hammontree, Dottie Jett, Rafael Lorenzo, Chris Martin, Brenda Nixon, Mary Palen, Nancy Pellow, Jackie Smith, John Taylor, Renae Teague, Sharon Vaughan, Nina Winterstein, and Jim Womack.** Come on out to the Swing Club Birthday Party on **January 16th** and celebrate your special day. We will also be having a **COBBLER CONTEST.** Bring your tastiest cobbler and enter the competition. Yummy!!!!

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

January 14-17, America's Classic Swing Dance Championships, Houston, Texas  
<http://www.americasclassic.com/> *At last count there were about 16 club members going to this festival.*

January 29-30, **Damon & Lisa D'Amico** coming to our Swing Club  
*Look for fliers in the foyer and plan a mini-vacation*

## **CLUB DECORATIONS**

Many thanks to those who came to help decorate on December 27th for the New Year's Eve Dance: **Karen Bauman, Paul Ramirez, Mickey & Al O'Dell, Danny Tollison, Richard Daniel, Bob Laymon, Randy Keller, Roger Hoskins, Laura Ulmer, LaTresa Wright, Lindsay Shaw, Pete Quinones, Kathie Loffi, Sue Ogle, Eli Whitney, Linda Jones, Gail Moore, Carl Wilson, and Dottie Jett.** **THANK YOU ALL!!**

## **December REVIEW – Were YOU There?**

With so many things going on in December, it was not surprising that we had a lighter-than-usual turnout for most of our dances. However, those who did participate had ample dance partners and plenty of room to dance.

Food was in abundance at our Annual Christmas Dinner/Dance and there was plenty of dancing to melt away the calories we packed on that night. Many dancers dressed up for the occasion and it was a beautiful sight to see. There were LOTS of birthday people celebrating their birthdays with us.

Our New Year's Eve Bash was tons of fun with everything from West Coast to Country Western to Line Dancing and even some Rock and Roll. How wonderful it was to celebrate the New Year with our favorite people doing our favorite dances!

Be sure to visit the picture gallery on our website to see all the pics.

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are needed to see this picture.

Happy December Birthday to: **Danny Tollison, Mike Smith, Bob Laymon, Carl Wilson, Alison Derrick, James Livingston, Andrea Anfuso, Young Burns, Darlene Neufeld, Al O'Dell, and Amanda Thompson.** Thanks for celebrating your day with us.

### **THANKS TO OUR DOOR VOLUNTEERS**

It is so nice to have so many dependable volunteers to help work the door. If you haven't done it yet, you can sign up on the easel by the front desk. Your help is greatly appreciated. Many thanks to the following dancers who signed up and worked the door in November: **Joanie Cobb, Linda Fryer, Suzanne Grimes, Ben Clemons, Jane Kelly, Chris Martin, Neil Craig, Margaret Tambini, Danny Tollison, Rebecca Biorato, Al & Mickey O'Dell, Linda Jones, Alison Derrick, Rick Kiser, Ashley Hough, Candace Daniels, Beverly Quick, Bill Ward, Rhonda Craig, Carl Wilson & Dottie Jett.** Thank you, thank you, thank you. You make the club run.

### REPORTERS NEEDED

DID YOU GO TO A DANCE EVENT? Your help is needed. PLEASE  
Email your comments or thoughts about the dance event for  
publication in the newsletter. Contact

[DottieJett@gmail.com](mailto:DottieJett@gmail.com)

### AND MORE

Would love to include some of your yummy recipes in our  
newsletter. Email them to the address above. Thanks!!

## **COMPETITORS**

Be sure to let us know if you go to a dance event and compete. We would like to recognize you in our newsletter.

## **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY**

### **FRIDAY LUNCH BUNCH**

Are you free for lunch on Fridays? A few of us have been meeting for lunch on Fridays at 11:45 at various places around town. We may also go to a movie afterward. If you're interested, call or email Bob Laymon or Dottie Jett. We also post where we are going on FaceBook.

## **CLUB CALENDAR**

The club calendar is available online and in the entry. Thanks to Al for doing such a great job of keeping us informed.

## **ZUMBA**

ZUMBA classes on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. (NEW TIME) and Saturdays at 11 a.m. Classes are \$5 each or \$35 per month.

## **PRACTICE PARTY @ FRIENDS on Wednesdays**

Come on out and enjoy the West Coast Swing dance music played by Ken Bryant every Wednesday night from 7 pm until 9 pm at Friends. Friends is located in the Northeast corner of the shopping center located on the Northwest corner of Memorial and Portland or better known as the intersection of Lake Hefner Parkway and Kilpatrick Turnpike. At 9 pm, Friends will start their regular music by Speedy and his crew, The Clique.

## **PRACTICE PARTY @ CHISHOLM'S ON THURSDAY NIGHTS**

Stuart Phelps continues to play great West Coast Swing dance music every Thursday night from 7 pm until 9 p.m. at Chisholm's. Chisholm's is located in the NW corner of the Biltmore Hotel located on the NW corner of I-40 and Meridian.

## **APPARREL**

**Ladies jackets can be ordered at the front desk. Our minimum order is 12.** With three styles to choose from there is something for everyone and every size. The cost is \$45; for an additional \$5 you can have your first name embroidered on the front. We do

have a few jackets left from the first order. Ask at the front desk. The shiny black jackets with the pink logo are also available @ \$50 each and we do have several on hand.

### **MICKEY O'DELL'S REUBEN DIP**

3 (2.5 oz.) Pkgs Buddig shaved corned beef

8 oz shredded Swiss Cheese

8 oz shredded Cheddar & Monterey Jack (pkg is 12/ & ½; if available, use 4 oz. of each)

16 oz chopped sauerkraut drained

½ cup Miracle Whip

Chop corned beef into bite size pieces. Mix all ingredients and bake covered at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Serve with rye or crackers.

THANKS, MICKEY, FOR SHARING!!!

#### MEMBER/NON-MEMBER NOTES

Your membership supports the Club and keeps it running. And YOU save money! We have 2 new members: **Diana Elrod** and **Jaya Periasamy**. Some of our members have been away a while and are now back and some are paying their renewal dues: **Martha Gates, Cathy Gilbert, and Sally Shupack**. Welcome to everyone. We're happy to have you.

If you are already a Club member and bring two people who sign up for lessons, you get one free month of lessons the next month. So be sure to let the person at the desk know when you bring in a new student. And tell the person you invite to let us know, as well. In order to receive your free month you must be current on your yearly dues (\$50/year) the month when your student enrolls.

Members, if you are not able to come for the full month of lessons & parties @ \$40/month, you can pay just \$10 for one single group class and \$5 for Practice Parties. No need to miss the whole month! The best deal is still the \$40/month plan because it allows you to participate in ALL classes where you are qualified to dance, plus all Practice Parties. You must pay the \$40 fee for the month the first time you come dance that month. You cannot come and pay the Single Lesson fee and then add it up until you get to \$40. The Single Lesson fee is categorized differently. The Single Lesson price applies ONLY to the one lesson. (So if you pay to come to Green, you cannot come to

the other classes or practice party that night. The Practice Party would be an additional \$5 for members.) Best deal = monthly fee.

Club members who have attained the dance level where they are happy may pay maintenance dues of \$20/month and that entitles you to all Monday and Friday Practice Parties. Non-members and visitors are always welcome to dance with us and participate in classes for \$10/class or party. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask at the desk. Don't miss out!

#### LOST & FOUND

Are you missing something? Check the lost & found for shoes, cell phones, car keys (how can you leave without car keys???), makeup bags, coats. It's amazing what we leave behind. Please don't take something that does not belong to you.

DVDs are available each month for your dance level @ \$10/each. Many hours go into creating the videos each month. If you are **Green**, or **Blue**, please put your name on the list to let us know that you want a DVD. There are now some DVDs that show a summary of all the lessons taught for several months. Order yours at the front desk. **Thanks, Al, for all your hard work.**

New **Purple**, **Red**, and **Yellow** DVDs are available. You can see the steps and get a leg up on the monthly instruction. Purchase them now at the front desk.

#### SCHOOL POLICY

You may bring snacks and drinks to the Practice and Birthday Parties. No popcorn, please. Please label what you put into the refrigerator. No two-liter drinks or larger may be left in the refrigerator overnight; they take up too much room and will be thrown out. Please take care of the area where you sit. Please dispose of your trash in the trash containers, not in the decorations, and don't put liquids in the trash; push in your chairs; don't tear up the tablecloths, keep your shoes off the tables. Remember to leave the hall the way it was when you got here. Thanks for your cooperation. Let's keep our Club clean.

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