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KK Duties Reminder

February 1

KPs

Good Shepherd Catholic Church Sunday School Class **Honey Pot**

John & Shirley Currie

Host/Hostess

Bill & Jeanne Dunn

February 15

KPs

Chris & Kimberly Brow Winston & Mary Jane Hoskins Paul and Quida Bellows **Honey Pot**

Bill & Jeanne Dunn

Host/Hostess

Gene Newman & Kitty Starling



BIRTHDAYS

February 2 Ken Hoffman

- 11 Glenda Stewart
- 21 Peggy Patterson
- 24 Bill Dunn
- 28 Virginia McGrew

ANNIVERSARIES

February 8

16

- Al & Nancy Naylor
- 8 Billy & Brenda Merriman
 - Gene & Bettye Crawford
- 16 Jimmy & Glenda Stewart



Mark Your Calendars:

• March 15 – St. Patrick and "Everything Green" Dance.



• March 21-24, 2013 Mystery Bus Trip. It's getting closer and we are getting a little worried about the trip. We have 25 people at this time signed up and need at least 15 more to make this trip happen. We really think everybody will enjoy the trip and it is all inclusive so no other expenses will be needed

unless you want alcohol with meals. The walking is not long or hard for anyone in fear of long hikes. Most of our evenings are relaxing, so we will not tire you out. Please help us get the other 15 so we can enjoy our trip and fellowship. Remember to get your deposit of \$300.00 paid; the total will be due on March 1st. At this time we will have a total. (The number of people will change the price of the bus.) We will give you all the info you need to know in the March newsletter. We are really looking for to the trip and hope you will too.

Jerry & Sally Malone

• April 19 – 40th Anniversary Dance – "Kentucky Donkey Derby". Don't forget your prettiest or funniest or oddest hat – You might win a prize.



ATTENTION Round Dancers: In February, you can dance with JL and Linda as follows:

- Friday February 8: Early Rounds 7:00pm / Squares at 8:00pm TriCity Promenaders Anniversary Dance (<u>different location</u>) Swingtime Center, Ft. Worth
- Sunday Fun Dance -February 10: Harvest Holiday Rounds Phase 3-6 2:00-5:00pm. Swingtime Center, Fort Worth
- Friday Saturday February 22 23: TRDTA Festival Phase 2 4.
 - ➤ Friday 7:30 10pm
 - > Saturday all day teaches morning and afternoon with a dance that evening 7-10pm
 - ➤ The Pelton's will be teaching a **new beginning round dance** class starting March 19 for 11 weeks. Tuesdays 7- 9pm. They will start with Basic Rumba and Cha. Carpenter Recreation Center, 6701 Coit Road, Plano Texas 75023

Check their website (www.peltondances.com) for flyer and details to sign up.



The Kuzzins recently said goodbye to a lovely lady and good friend. Melba Withrow passed away just a few weeks after Fred. Newer Kuzzins didn't have the privilege of knowing the Withrow's, but we long-time members remember Fred and Melba's delightful personalities and Melba's style and grace. We know there's a heaven and believe it's a place where everyone is happy and free from pain; and we believe that Fred and Melba are finally able to get back into square dancing.

"Getting to Know You, Getting to Know all about You...." Sometimes you think you know someone, but there's always more to learn. That's the case with our favorite caller and Jodie:

Wayne Baldwin began calling in 1967 with his first clubs in Kermit, Texas and Jal, New Mexico. It didn't take like before he was calling square dances all over the Southwest. Wayne was also store manager at Continental Emsco Oilfield Supply at that time. Jodie took square dance lessons in Kermit; it was there she met Wayne, but then moved to Conroe. A few years later Continental Emsco's store in Kermit closed and Wayne took a job with Wilson Supply in Houston. Soon he had four square dance clubs in Houston where he met Jodie again, and in 1971 they were married. In 1975 they moved to Plano and Wayne went to work for Placid Oil Company.

During these past 42 years Wayne and Jodie have enjoyed traveling in Alaska, Saudi Arabia, Holland, within Alberta and British Columbia Provinces in Canada, most of the United States west of the Mississippi, and in all of 'The Deep South,' where he was the featured festival caller. Wayne has always felt that the greatest contribution he could make for square dancing was to bring new people into the activity and teach new dancers. He was inducted into the Texas Callers Hall of Fame in 2009.

Some of the greatest memories were during the 31 years Wayne was on the staff at Fun Valley, Colorado, and five years on staff at the Banff Institute where they made many friends. He has recorded on Blue Star, Bogan, Roadrunner, Circle "D" and Global records. Currently, Wayne teaches and calls for the Kissin' Kuzzins in Garland, as well as calling for the Swinging Stars in Plano (for 34) years and Model A's in Dallas. He is a long time member of Callerlab, Texas State Callers Association and North Texas Callers Association. Wayne is a 20 year retiree of Placid Oil Co. and Jodie is a 20 year retiree of a predecessor of Bank of America. Her love of art has kept her involved, and in 1990 she became an owner in the Garret Art Gallery on the downtown square in McKinney. Jodie is a signature member of Southwestern Watercolor Society.

These later years have been filled with many fun times with 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. They are looking forward to the wedding of youngest grandson, Tyler and his lovely fiancé Lydia in March. Wayne and Jodie live in Fairview.

The Kuzzins are so fortunate to have Wayne and Jodie as part of their club – not only for the fantastic dances we are treated to, but for their friendliness and good humor, not only to our club but to our guests. We look forward to years of dancing with the Baldwin's.

N.B. In addition to Wayne's regular gigs (KK, Swinging Stars, and Model A's (A Level dancing, every Thursday at Churchill Way Recreation Center), Wayne will be guest calling at North Star 8 (Paris, TX) on February 23.

