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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

October was a very busy month for "The Orange Blossom Squares." We started the month with our 25th Anniversary Celebration with Jack Lewis as our caller. The committee arranged a great program for this milestone. The attendance was great and a good time was had by all. Hal & Nancy did a great job as Master's of Ceremonies. The history of our club prepared by Ed & Fran was a great tribute to those who had the foresight to start the club. We provided all of our members with some special mementoes of this special event. If by chance you were not there, or have just recently joined the club see me for your special gifts.

Our Red, White & Blue Dance honoring all of our Veterans was held on Sunday November 13. We are proud to see that we have so many veterans dancing with us at Orange Blossom Squares. Jerry & Charlotte Strunk gave a beautiful tribute to all of the veterans. You could hear a pin drop as Jerry recited how Veterans Day was started and the events that led up to how it is celebrated. Duane had a beautiful array of Patriotic Songs. The sea of Red, White and Blue was certainly a powerful message. Thank you for all for honoring our Veterans.

Hope many of you have had the opportunity to attend the class on Tuesday evenings at Saddlebrook to encourage and support our new students. Duane Rodgers is the caller and the group is doing well. A Monday morning class recently started with RJ Hogan as the caller at the Odell Center. Please read Sharon & Ron's article about classes.

Upcoming Events:

December 4 - Toys for Tots Dance. Please remember to bring an unwrapped new toy.

December 11 - Tim Marriner - Special Ticket Dance. Please remember to buy your ticket in advance.

December 18 - Christmas Dance with Don Hanhurst.

Since many of you will be traveling for the Christmas and New Year holidays, please be safe, enjoy being with your families and friends and come back to us as soon as possible.

Please keep all of our members in your prayers and thoughts, especially those who are ill, those facing operations and special treatments, and those who have recently passed away.

Please remember to support our dances. The club needs you! We miss you when you are not with us.

Yellow Rocks, Jennie Courter

CALLERS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER

- 4 WHIT BROWN Toys for Tots
- 11 TIM MARRINER **
- 18 DON HANHURST Christmas Dance
- 25 NO DANCE

JANUARY 2012

- 1 NO DANCE
- 8 BOB STERN
- 15 BOBBY KEEFE
- 22 GARY SHOEMAKE **
- 29 RON LIBBY 50+ Anniversary Dance

FEBRUARY

- 5 NO DANCE Super Bowl
- 12 TBA Sweethearts Ball
- 19 WHIT BROWN
- 26 KEN RITUCCI

** SPECIAL TICKET DANCE

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JOANNE & KEN HELTON

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ORANGE BLOSSOM SQUARES 25TH ANNIVERSARY DANCE



Everyone had a great time.

Eating cake puts a smile on your face.

ORANGE BLOSSOM SQUARES 25TH ANNIVERSARY DANCE – CONT'D



Historian's book is presented to past-presidents Hal Baumann and Nancy Van Rooy by Shirley and Eldon Genschorck.

Thanks, Hal & Nancy for a job well done!

PRESIDENTS' – ELECT REPORT

The Club had its annual picnic on Saturday, October 29th. We started the picnic with the meal that consisted of fried chicken, baked ham, cole slaw, various salads, baked beans, stuffed shells, and a variety of potato dishes. Lemonade, coffee, and water were available to drink. Next were 45 minutes or so of games consisting of Bingo, Shuffleboard, and Bocce. Following the games, prizes were awarded to the winners.

The winners of the shuffleboard games were:

- 1st place: Jerry Strunk & Rita Heins - Each won Beef O'Brady's coupons for meals for \$15
- 2nd place: John Keith & Ethel Stead - Each got Mini Golf coupons for two
- 3rd place: Dale Heins & Charolette Strunk - Each received a Sunrise Café coupon for \$10

In Bocce the winners were:

- 1st place: Willie Amerson & Evelyn Eyermann
Willie won 2 Cici's Pizza coupons & Evelyn won 2 Chic-Fil-A meal coupons
- 2nd place: Robert Young & Jim Dunlop
Robert was given 2 Chic-Fil-A meal coupons & Jim got 2 Wendy's coupons for meals
- 3rd place: Bill Eyermann Peg Bailey
Bill received 2 Chic-Fil-A coupons for meals & Peg got a Pauley's Pizza coupon

PRESIDENTS' – ELECT REPORT – CONT'D

In Bingo there were various winners who received free meals at various restaurants. Some of the winners were: Judy Reborn, Sharon Young, Charlotte Strunk, Doris Mason, Marge Pearce and Buddy Johnson. If I missed someone I apologize.

After the awards for the game winners, Door Prizes were awarded. Hand painted placemats were won by the Strunks & Amersons. A hand painted flower pot & watering can were won by the Troops. An Olive Garden certificate was won by the Steads. IHOP \$25 gift cards were won by the Metzgers and the Pearces. Cracker Barrel coupons for meals were won by the Hostetlers. The Curtis' received an Outback \$25 gift card. A Peachwave certificate was won by Mary Hall, while Relax & Renew Massage coupons were won the Johnsons & also the Davids. A cooler was won by the Eyermanns. A soap dispenser was won by the Genschorcks.
Please be sure to thank the above merchants when you visit them.

A special Thank You goes out to Robert Young who collected all of the prizes and Judy Orazio for the hand painting on various prizes.

Following the Door Prizes, we sampled a variety of desserts which consisted of peaches, cookies, cake, apple slices, and other offerings. We finished off the picnic with 45 minutes of square dancing with Duane Rodgers calling. That ended the picnic for this year.

We also need to thank the Picnic Committee for doing an excellent job of organizing everything.
Submitted by Bruce Troop

Bruce did a wonderful write-up.

Mike & I would like to thank our committee, who stepped up to help us with all the pre-planning, as we had been out of state 10 days prior to the picnic.



PRESIDENTS' – ELECT REPORT – CONT'D

Toys for Tots Dance – Sunday, December 4, 2011



What: We are asking each dancer to please bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to the Marines to give to needy children.

Why: *BECAUSE WE CARE*

What will happen: A Marine Honor Guard will be present to conduct our Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag Ceremony before our dance starts, and to collect the tables full of toys we will be bringing.



Mike & Wanda David
Presidents'- Elect

TRAINING DIRECTORS' REPORT

Our Tuesday evening class is off to a good start. We only have 8 couples, however they are very eager to learn our fun activity. We have 3 ½ couples that previously danced. We can always use more Angels. This is a good way to get to know the students prior to them joining our club. Hope to see you on Tuesday evenings at Saddlebrook 7:00 PM.

November 7th was the first day of the Monday morning class. Remember this class is not for new students. The students in this class are those that either took RJ's class the first of this year, and completed Mainstream, or someone that has danced recently, and needs to reinforce the calls. We had 3 ½ couple for the week. Two additional couples are to join us. Do you know anyone that hasn't danced in a few years? If so, this may be the class for them. Classes are at the Odell Recreation Center at 9:30. We need Angels.

Sharon and Ron Paul

BANNER RAID REPORT

December 2nd We will retrieve our Banner from Sunshine Promenaders. We currently have 19 dances signed up (11-14).

December 4th Friendly Squares will be here to retrieve their banner.

December 18th Circle Squares will be here to retrieve their banner.

Awards earned 11-4-11: Dave and Glenda BARONE 5th raid.
Bill & Evelyn EYERMANN 5th raid.
Jerry & Charlotte 75th Raid Emerald for Raiders Orange.

1st time Raiders: Dick & Elaine Harris, Mike & Caroline Mickelson, Jim Snyder and Betty Willoughby.

Raid Awards: 25 diamond; 35 Pearl; 50 Ruby; 60 Sapphire; 75 Emerald; 100 bar and plaque.
New bars every + 25 raids.

Thanks to all of you that have supported this year's Banner Raids,
Jerry & Charlotte Strunk

ORANGE BLOSSOM SPECIALS

Dec. 03----Wildwood Historical Society Parade.

Dec. 07----The Springs of Lady Lake & Lady Lake Specialty Care.

Dec. 16----Specials Christmas Party in the afternoon & then we go to The Orange Blossom Opry in the evening.

Jan. 11----Hampton Manor Garden & Hampton Manor West in Dunnellon.

Jan. 25----Florida Club at Chatham Rec. center.

Thanks
Bruce & Roberta Troop

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

The following couples recently received "VOLUNTEER DANGLES" for participating in five or more activities such as dancing at assisted living and nursing homes facilities, marching in parades or other activities supporting square dancing.

Jack & Mary Ann Hostetler, George & Pat Jacobs, Ron & Sharon Paul and Ron & Judy Reborn

Everyone is invited to participate. Please stop by the front table to check out the schedule for the next several months. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Orange Blossom Specials



SHIRTS - CAPS - SOCKS

SHIRTS FOR SALE



If you ordered shirts in Sept/Oct, the shirts are in.

Please contact Muriel and Roy Trulson (352-259-2422) to arrange pickup. Unfortunately, the paper listing names and phone numbers was misplaced. Thank you.

We are now obtaining shirts from a new manufacturer. These shirts are a 65/35 poly/cotton blend and come in both men's (S-XXL, \$28; XXXL, \$31) and women's (XS-XL, \$28) sizes in both orange and white.

We still have the cotton pique shirts in men's sizes (S-XXL, \$30; XXXL, \$33.50). These prices include ALL embroidery. This would be a great time to update your wardrobe with a new shirt.

We also have 4 sample shirts in orange with no embroidery for sale. These are 50/50 poly cotton, one each in sizes M, L, XL, and XXL. They are priced to sell at only \$10 each.

Contact Muriel and Roy Trulson 352-259-2422.

CFA DIRECTORS' REPORT

Central Florida Association (CFA) Memberships.
CFA is like our parent company, please support the Association.

If you haven't renewed your membership, and I passed you by with the renewal applications, or if you're not a member and would like to join, come see me.

Sharon Paul

Shamrock Swing 2012

CENTRAL FLORIDA'S SHAMROCK SWING

MARCH 16 & 17, 2012

Even though this dance has been held in The Villages the past 3 years, and will be here again, it's not an Orange Blossom function. It's hard to convey this, since so many of our Orange Blossom people are on the committee, and others help in other capacities. We solicit all Central Florida clubs to ask for help, but very few outside of our club volunteer.

Watch for our Shamrock Swing table in the corner in front of the stage on Sunday evenings. We'll be there to give you several opportunities. 1. You can purchase Ribbons in advance, 2. You can sign up to be a Booster - \$1.00 per name, one name per line gets your name listed as a Booster in our Program Book. While having your name in our Program Book you're also helping to defray our cost of printing the book. 3. You can place an AD in our Program Book, look at the book from last year, notice the Personal Ads. Last we're still looking for workers for the kitchen, and Hospitality/Greeters. We only ask for 1 hour either Friday, or Saturday. Come talk with us.

Sharon & Ron Paul and Jennie Courter
Co-chairpersons Shamrock Swing 2012

ROUND DANCE CLASSES

ROUND DANCE SCHEDULE FOR CLASSES AND DANCES
with
Ken & Joanne Helton - Instructors/Cuer
CHECK OUR WEB SITE @ www.joannehelton.com/schedule.htm
or
Call 352-343-4282 or cell 352-455-5759

300th Afghan / Lap Robe

The Orange Blossom Squares square dancers of The Villages recently gave out their 300th afghan/lap robe at the SummerField Suites Assisted Living facility. Al Meyer was the lucky recipient. Pictured with Al are Eldon & Shirley Genschorck, Gary & Margie Pearce, Hal Baumann & Nancy Van Rooy (Past Presidents of Orange Blossom Squares), Allen & Judy Orazio, Jim & Helen Dunlop, Karl & Becky Whetstone, Ron & Judy Rebhorn, Ed & Fran Gargiula and Norb & Patt Metzger. Right behind Al are Bruce and Roberta Troop, directors of the Orange Blossom Specials exhibition group. Roberta has made close to 90% of the afghan/lap robes given out since November 2003. The square dancers visit over 40 facilities each year in Lake, Sumter and Marion Counties.



Thanks! Shirley Genschorck



Happy Anniversary

Godlin, Ted	12/01	Mason, Doris & Sam	12/04
Colton, Pearl	12/02	Bradshaw, Alice & Charles	12/10
Hubert, Faith	12/05	Strunk, Charlotte & Jerry	12/17
Marchioni, Ann	12/06	Biddinger, Jean & Bob	12/19
Jones, Joan	12/17	Whetstone, Becky & Karl	12/19
Moldovan, Fred	12/17	Smith, Sandra & David	12/25
Yaeger, Tom	12/20	Jacobs, Pat & George	12/29
Dunlop, Jim	01/01	Davis, Pat & Walt	01/14
Johnson, Buddy	01/01	Perlman, Alan & Kinder, Ruth	01/20
Mason, Doris	01/01		
Orndorff, Don	01/01		
Marchioni, Ron	01/02		
Stackhouse, Arlene	01/04		
Allison, Gene	01/05		
Varec, Phyllis	01/05		
Baumann, Hal	01/06		
Keith, Shirley	01/06		
Armstrong, Sue	01/07		
Mickelson, Caroline	01/07		
Trulson, Roy	01/08		
Bradshaw, Alice	01/09		
Rebhorn, 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		
Genschorck, Eldon	01/20		
Genschorck, Shirley	01/20		
Sokol-Wood, Phyllis	01/20		
Wilson, Liz	01/21		
Godish, Doris	01/22		
Hostetler, Jack	01/22		
Rouze, Joan	01/24		
Courter, Jennie	01/25		

