



## Buzz of the Bees—Blue Bell Square Dance Club Newsletter

**DECEMBER, 2008**

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**VIPS— Please come at 6:30 pm to help the President set up-make coffee etc. (If U can't make it, switch with someone)**

December 13th — Sallach & Sewell

January 10th — Carroll & Clements

February 14th — Donart & Ross

December 27th — NO DANCE

January 24th — Davis & Terry

February 28th — Gill & Glover

**BLUE BELL DANCE HOURS — Our dance hours have been changed. We now dance from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm. PLEASE UPDATE YOUR SOCIAL CALENDERS—WE HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU IN A SQUARE SOON!**

**LESSONS** — Thanks to Mary Ann and all of our Angels for tutoring two couples during October. We had two couples who had been square dancers several years back who wanted to get back into dancing. Mary Ann was able to gather a group of Angels for four nights and they are now dancing with us. We would like to Welcome Bill & Paulette Terry and Ron & Jo Ann Ross as new members to Blue Bell Square Dance Club.

**SICKLIST** — The following is a list of Square Dancers that we need to keep in our thoughts and prayers.

Sonya Weiner will have a heart surgery on the 10th of December at the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix. She and Fred will be in Phoenix for several weeks and they will return home for an extended rehabilitation. Please keep Sonya and Fred in your thoughts and prayers.

Pat Gill has had a rough 6 weeks. First she had Pneumonia and then Bronchitis. She is finally doing better. Please keep Pat and Bob in your thoughts and prayers.

Charles Davis had a heart attack October 10. He and Pat were on their way to spend the three day weekend with their Daughter and her family in Oklahoma. He is home and back at work now. Please keep Charles and Pat in your thoughts and prayers.

Jeanie Groves has spent most of September and October with her Dad, Don Taylor. He was hospitalized in Alamogordo with a severe bladder infection for 20 days. When he was released she spent a great deal more time nursing him back to health. He is 91 and still lives, by himself, at the ranch south of Alamogordo.

Billie Edington's mother, Nell, is not doing well. She is 99 and they have hospice care helping Billie with her care. The past year has been very hard on Billie. Please keep her and Nell in your thoughts and prayers.

**UPCOMING DANCES:** Check at [www.bluebellsquaredanceclub.com](http://www.bluebellsquaredanceclub.com) for flyers and the most current info!

**DECEMBER 31st — BLUE BELL NEW YEARS EVE DINNER/DANCE** — Join us for the our 57th Annual New Years Eve Dance. Dinner will be start at 6:30pm Dancing will start at 7:30pm. The terrific menu will include Brisket, turkey, veggies, and great deserts. For reservations please call Billie @ (575) 382-8094 or Jeanie @ (575) 524-1018 or email to [silknthings@msn.com](mailto:silknthings@msn.com). We celebrate the new year at 10:00pm (12:00 pm EST)

### **AREA DANCES:**

1st & 3rd Sunday's — Circle 8's will host their regular dance 6:00pm at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., Las Cruces, NM. Callers: Art Harvey & Ted Clements

1st Saturday Each Month — Crossfires Plus Square Dance Club at the Belton Bridge Center, Nov. 15th Free Dance. Caller: Ted Clements. Info: 575-521-3112

Every Tuesday — Good Time Squares, Deming. 7:00 pm Senior Citizen Center 800 Granite St. Caller Rusty Wright. For info call Lu Chestnut @ 505-546-6133

2nd & 4th Fridays — See Saws, El Paso Squares 7:00 – 9:30 Grace Lutheran Church, 9301 Diana, El Paso, TX. Caller Ted Clements. Out of town guests now dance for Free.

2nd & 4th Sundays — Sierra Twirlers Square Dance, Truth or Consequences, NM, MS/+, 3:00pm—5:30pm, Lessons from 3-4:30, 710 Elm Street (Corner of 7th and Elm) Contact Molly @ 575-740-1506. Caller: Fred Beam



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### — Passing's —

It is with a heavy heart that I have to inform you that Alma Lewis died of a heart attack October 11th, 2008. She had previously suffered another heart attack in July of this year and was just beginning to dance with us again. I believe that it was just 2007 when she had bypass surgery and we were so hopeful that it would be the end of her heart problems.

Alma and Mike Lewis have been members since 2001. She will be deeply missed. It was a pleasure to dance with Alma and Mike. They were active members and had previously served as members of the board. I know that I will miss dancing with Alma. I hope that Mike will continue dancing with all of us, I know how hard it is to continue dancing when you have lost your life's partner. Please keep Mike and his daughter in your thoughts and prayers. We have lost too many of our square dance friends in the past several years.

## Alma Sanchez Lewis

Alma Sanchez Lewis, 61, passed away on Saturday, October 11, 2008 at Mountain View Medical Center. She was born January 22, 1947 in Las Cruces to Jesus and Luz Sanchez. She was a 1965 graduate of Las Cruces High School and attended New Mexico State University. Alma was retired from White Sands Missile Range. She was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church, the Belton Bridge Club, was the treasurer for the Dona Ana Peppers (Good Sams RV Club), and the Blu Bells and Crossfires square dancing groups.

In addition to playing bridge and square dancing, she enjoyed spending time with her family and friends whether it be at the local movie theatre or in the great outdoors, camping.

She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Thurman Michael Lewis; one daughter, Laurie Anderson and husband Sammy of Alamogordo; her parents, Jesus and Luz Sanchez of Las Cruces; three brothers, Armando Sanchez and wife Inez of Las Cruces; Alfonso Sanchez of Las Cruces; and Robert Ortega and wife Alice of Santa Fe. Also surviving are two sisters, Susie Saiz and Ruth Sanchez of Las Cruces, and two grandchildren, Samantha and Ilene Anderson; her mother-in-law, Mary K. Lewis of Louisa, VA; three brothers-in-law, Larry Lewis of Williamsburg, VA, Carl Lewis of Orlando, FL and Tony Lewis of Louisa, VA.

At Alma's request, cremation has taken place and a memorial mass will be held on Thursday, October 16, 2008, at 4 pm, at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 1327 N. Miranda in Las Cruces. Officiating will be Msgr. John Anderson. A reception to celebrate her life will follow at The Belton Bridge Center of Las Cruces, 1214 E. Madrid. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Holy Cross Catholic Church in her name.



**Blue Bell's**



**Join the Blue Bell Square Dance Club  
For Our 57th Annual  
New Year's Eve Dinner Dance**

**Where:** Belton Bridge Center

1214 E. Madrid, Las Cruces, NM

**When:** Wednesday — December 31st, 2008

**Time:** Dinner 6:30 PM (MST) to 7:30 PM (MST)

Dance 7:30 PM (MST) to 10:00 PM (MST)

**Cost:** \$15 / Couple

Dance only \$5 / Couple

**Reservations:** Call Billie @ (575) 382-8074 or email  
edgi@comcast.net (Last Min. OK)