



Buzz of the Bees—Blue Bell Square Dance Club Newsletter

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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)

February 14th — Donart & Ross

February 28th — Gill & Glover

March 14th — Davis & Leseth

March 28th — Lewis & Martin

April 11th — Pickering & Raby

April 25th — **Canceled Refinishing the Floor**

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!**

DUES ARE DUE — Just a little reminder that your dues are due. You can pay your dues every six months or for a full year.

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

Pat Davis had a surgery on her on of her hands to correct a stiff finger and will have the other hand done the last week of January. The first surgery was went very well and we expect the second to go well also. Please keep Charles and Pat in your thoughts and prayers.

Sonya and Fred Weiner are burning up the road between Las Cruces and Phoenix, but she is doing very good. The surgeon has given her a clean bill of health. She is still recovering from an infection in her leg but hopes to be able to see everyone soon. Please keep Sonya and Fred in your thoughts and prayers.

UPCOMING DANCES: Check at www.bluebellsquaredanceclub.com for flyers and the most current info!

FEBRUARY 14TH — BLUE BELL VALENTINES DAY DANCE — Join us for a special Valentines Dance. Jerry Gilbreath, from Albuquerque, will be calling. This is our Valentines gift to all of our “Callers”. Pleas join us for this special dance. Dancing will begin at 7:00 PM. \$10/couple—Members \$5.00/Couple. Come and have a special Valentine’s photo taken. **Members– We will decorate the hall at 10:00 AM.**

APRIL 18TH — SOUTHWEST DISTRICT DANCE— Blue Bell Club is hosting the Southwest District Dance. Join us for this afternoon event. Pre-rounds will begin at 1:30pm, Squares at 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Business Meeting will follow the dance. Rusty Wright, from Deming, will be calling and Jim and Linda Kline will be Cueing. Flyers for the dance will be sent out soon. **Refreshments will be provided by all Las Cruces Dancers.**

MARCH 14TH — ST. PATRICK’S DAY DANCE— Blue Bell Club is having a potluck dinner along with the dance. Dinner will start at 6:30. Join us for this St. Patrick’s Day Celebration, a great dance and good eats!

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. Caller: Ted Clements

1st Saturday Each Month — Crossfires Plus Square Dance Club at the Belton Bridge Center, 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 @ 575-546-6133

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 —

December and January were very hard months for our Square Dance community. Nell Edington, Jim Wooden, and Tom Stinnett all died during December and January.

Billie Edington's mother Nell died on December 30th. She was 99 years, 10 months, and 30 days young. She had been failing for the last few months. She and Billie had been traveling quite a bit since Fred's passing. It was a joy to visit with Nell and I know she will be missed by all. Please keep Billie and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Jim Wooden died January, 2nd. Jim and Sharon have been members of Blue Bell Square Dance Club since the early 1960's. I believe that they have been members longer than any couple in the club. They became life members in 2003 and had not been dancing due to problems with his legs. Jim was having surgery for a knee replacement and was at the rehab hospital when he had congestive heart failure. He died several days later in a nursing home. Jim requested no memorial service, but Sharon had a gathering of friends on January 25th. She is doing as well as can be expected. Please keep Sharon in your thoughts and prayers.

Tom Stinnett died December 6th, 2009 of lung cancer. He was a frequent visitor to Blue Bell and a member of Los Soltero's. He and Dora Spence were regular visitors and he will be greatly missed. Please keep Dora in your thoughts and prayers. His passing was extremely difficult for Dora.

Nell P. Edington

NELL P. EDINGTON

Nell P. Edington, 99, of Las Cruces, died at home on Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008.

She was born Feb. 3, 1909 in Nogal, NM to Albert H and Eva May Pfingsten. Nell earned her teaching certificate in 1927 and taught for eleven years in Arabella, Lincoln and Asperus Canyon, NM. She had been a lifelong member of the Baptist Community and presently a member of First Baptist Church here in Las Cruces. Nell's passion was for her family. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Her four daughters Billie Edington of Las Cruces, JoAnn Edington of Blanding, Utah, Linda Allen of Mayhill, NM and Sally Rivera of Silver City, NM, survive her. Also surviving her are her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Nell was preceded in death by her loving husband Fred J. Edington and by her two sons Albert H. Edington and Fred C. Edington. Memorial Services to celebrate her life will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2008 at Getz Funeral Home with Pastor John Mikul officiating. Nell's cremains will be laid to rest next to her husband Fred at the Angus Cemetery in Ruidoso, NM. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the New Mexico Baptist Children's Home, 2200 S. Avenue 1, Portales, NM 88130 (575) 359-1254.

Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home corner of Solano and Bowman Ave., Las Cruces, NM 526-2419.





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JAMES WILLIAM WOODEN

James William Wooden, 78 of Las Cruces, NM died January 2, 2009 at the Las Cruces Nursing Center. He was born March 1, 1930 in Medford, OR to Clifford and Erma Wooden. James worked with Civil Service at WSMR for the Plans and Programs Department. He retired after working for over 30 years with them.



James was a Square Dance Caller and a lifetime member of the Bluebell Square Dance Club. He was also the Exalted Ruler of the local Elks Lodge, member and officer of the Optimists, a member of the original group that brought the Boys and Girls Club to Las Cruces, a member of both Ducks Unlimited and Fly Fishers.

James graduated from the University of Oregon and was a loyal "Duck fan all his life as well as an enthusiastic Aggie fan. He loved to tie flies and speculate on which fly would work in a particular stream. He enjoyed hunting deer, ducks, and taking his dog Babe quail hunting. A gathering of friends and family to celebrate the life of James Wooden will take place January 25, 2009 from 2-5 PM at 4500 Bigsky Dr. (take the Mesa Grande exit off Hwy 70) In lieu of flowers the family would like donations to be made in the name of James Wooden to the Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary 144 Wyatt Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 or to Mesilla Valley Hospice 299 E. Montana Las Cruces, NM 88005.



Tom Stinnett

LOY THOMAS STINNETT

Loy Thomas Stinnett, 82, entered eternal life at 10:25 a.m. on Dec. 6, 2008, at the Mesilla Valley Hospice, La Posada. Tommie was born on May 11, 1926, in Chewey, Okla., to Laurence Thomas Stinnett and Juanita Jordan Stinnett, the eldest son of four children.

On Oct. 17, 1944, during World War II, Tommie was inducted into the U.S. Army as a private first class, serving in the 753rd Anti-aircraft Artillery Gun Battalion on Okinawa, and later in post-war Japan. His unit was part of the occupational army in Japan during the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign. He was honorably discharged on Nov. 24, 1946. After his service to his country, he married his wife, Ellen Marie Elgin, in Detroit, Mich. Tommie and Marie were happily married for 57 years. For 37 years, Tommie lived and worked in California as a pipefitter for the Texaco Refinery in Wilmington before retiring in 1988. Over the years, he continued to maintain friendships with his many co-workers, who respected him highly for his work ethic and for his skills in the field. In 1992, soon after his retirement, he and Marie moved to Las Cruces. Tommie was a quiet and reserved man, who held strong beliefs when it came to his family and country. As a young man, he showed great skill in hunting, carpentry and in being a "Mr. Fix-it" around the house. He is fondly remembered sitting on the back porch steps conversing in the Cherokee language with his own father. In the early quiet of a Sunday morning, he could be found gardening or feeding doughnuts to his beagle, Sam. After raising his family, he began taking guitar lessons and enjoying his time practicing with his guitar buddy, Gary Anderson. He was an active member in many of the local dance clubs, especially the Big Band Dance Club, the Blue Bells, and the Swingin' Seniors at the Munson Senior Center. He spent many joyful hours square dancing with his wife, Marie, and all of his friends, and he continued to "kick up his heels" to the very end of his life. Tommie was preceded in death by his wife, Ellen Marie, and his parents. He is survived by his daughter, Ellen Christine Stinnett-Martinez, and husband, Ruben; his son, Gary Thomas Stinnett; his granddaughter, Crystal Fire Martinez; his sister, Elva Marie Tyler and husband, D. A.; and other family members, all of Las Cruces. He also leaves behind his brother, Leo Stinnett, and wife, Virginia;



his sister, Zelda Scott; and numerous family members in Texas, Oklahoma and California. He will be missed by his many friends, including the staff of the Mesilla Valley Hospice, who provided him with such loving care. He enjoyed his life, and he valiantly "fought the good fight." He has now found the green pasture and dwells peacefully in the house of the Lord. Visitation for Tommie will begin at 9 a.m. on Dec. 12, 2008, at La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home Chapel, 555 W. Amador Ave., Las Cruces. Family and friends will join together to celebrate the funeral service at 10 a.m. on Dec. 12, 2008, in the funeral home chapel. Interment services will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, it is asked that memorial contributions be made in Tommie's name to the Mesilla Valley Hospice, La Posada, here in Las Cruces.