



Buzz of the Bees—Blue Bell Square Dance Club Newsletter

OCTOBER 2007

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VIPS— Please come at 7 pm to help the President set up-make coffee etc. (If U can't make it, switch with someone)
October 13th — Gill & Kilmer
November 10th — Raby & Richie
October 27th — Lewis & Pickering
November 24th — Sallach & Sewell

HALLOWEEN DANCE — Blue Bell Square Dance Club will be having its Halloween Dance on October 27th, 2007. This year we are trying something NEW! **Wear a wild and Wacky Hat!** Don't be the only person to fink out! If you would like to wear a Costume, More Power To You, but costumes are optional.

DEC. 22nd DANCE CANCELED — As usual Blue Bell Square Dance Club will NOT have a dance on Saturday December 22nd. I recommend you use the extra weekend to get ready for Christmas.

NEW YEAR'S EVE — It's not too early to start thinking about your plans for New Year's Eve. We hope that everyone will join use for our annual bash. Members, be thinking about how you can help us make this another roaring success.

ANNIVERSARY — Tom and Jackie Pickering had a wonderful 50th Wedding celebration. It was just a bit late, but all of their family was able to be there. They were even able to have a copy of the wedding cake. Congratulations Jackie and Tom, and may you share many more years together.

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

Fred Edgington died suddenly from a stroke on October 6th. He and Billie were in Winston-Salem, NC for a wedding. Please keep Billie, Nell, and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Dora Stence is still recovering from her surgery. Still doing some physical therapy, and visits from the home nurse. She hopes to see us soon. Please keep her and Tom in your thoughts and prayers.

I haven't heard about Roger Hallie since the last part of August. I am hoping that he has had all of his surgeries and is well on his way to recovery. Please keep Roger and Cathy in your thoughts and prayers.

Tom Pickering had his pacemaker replaced on the 10th of October. Tom would say that it wasn't a big deal, but keep him and Jackie in your thoughts and prayers anyway.

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

October 30th, 2007—Jerry Junck — Circle 8's is hosting a special dance featuring Caller Jerry Junck. Jerry is a great caller. This will be a great dance. 6:30 pm—9:45 Cost is \$10.00/Couple at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., Las Cruces, NM.

December 31st, 2007 — Blue Bell 56th Annual New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance. Join us for some Dinner and Square Dancing. Dinner @ 6:30 Dancing from 7:30-10:00 PM Where: Belton Bridge Center, 1214 East Madrid St., Las Cruces, NM

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 — Art Harvey's Cross-fire's Plus Club dance at Belton Bridge Center, 7:00-9:30pm.

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 Rounds @7:00 Squares 7:30 -10 Grace Lutheran Church, 9301 Diana, El Paso, TX. Caller Ted Clements, Rounds Jonny Kopecky. Out of town guests now dance for Free.



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— PASSINGS —

The Southern New Mexico Square Dance Community has lost too many of its members this year. In addition to Wilson Purcella and Gerald Tibbs, we lost Fred Edgington to a stroke on October 6th, 2007. He and Billie were in Winston-Salem, NC to attend the wedding of her niece.

Fred will be greatly missed by Blue Bell Square Dance Club. Both he and Billie gave a great deal of support to the club. If we needed someone to serve as an officer, an Angel for lessons, help to decorate for a special dance, someone to help refinish the floor at the Bridge Center, they were always there.

Fred, along with many others, was instrumental in installing the floating wood floor at the Bridge Center where we currently dance.

We may have been able to do the job without Fred (not so sure), but it would **definitely not** have been as much fun. Fred was something of a workaholic, and I enjoyed talking to him about the latest project. It could be a rock wall or clearing a pad on his land, or one of a thousand other things. I don't think that there was anything that he hadn't tried. I'm sorry that he won't have the opportunity to build that house up on the hill. I know that it would have been a very special house.

I think that everyone who ever danced in a square with Fred will agree that there was definitely no square dancer that had more fun or enjoyment dancing than Fred. It will be especially hard when a dance includes "Sides Face, Grand Square".

Fred started square dancing when he was in College and became a member of the exhibition team at the University of Colorado. After graduation he came to Las Cruces in the late 1950's to work at White Sands Proving Grounds. It was there that he met some co-workers that were members of Blue Bell Square Dance Club. He and Billie have been club members since the late 1960's. There are only three couples that have been members longer than Fred and Billie.

I know that his passing will leave a great void in the hearts of all who knew him. But, I for one know, that when the Good Lord says, "Square'em Up!", Fred will be the first one there. Thank You Fred, for sharing your life with us. - Jim Groves

Fred Marion Edgington - (December 5, 1932 - October 6, 2007)

Mr. Fred Marion Edgington, 74, of Las Cruces died Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007 in Winston-Salem, NC unexpectedly. Mr. Edgington was born Dec. 1932 in Longmont, CO, son of the late Fred Marion and Mildred Payne Edgington. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the 1950's in Germany and received an honorable discharge. After graduating as a Mechanical Engineer from University of Colorado, he came to Las Cruces to work for White Sands Missile range where he worked until he retired for the first time. He greatly enjoyed working with all the people at his current job at EMI. He was an avid duplicate bridge player, and a square dancer from college until the present. He was a member of the Optimist Club for many years. He was genuinely loved by all his family and friends. A son, Scott David Edgington, preceded Mr. Edgington in death. Surviving is his wife, Billie Anne Edgington and mother-in-law Nell Edgington of the family home, his children: Cammie Howard and her husband Mark, Andreas Boesel and wife Shari, daughter-in-law Carol Edgington. His grandchildren: Kevin Edgington, Alex and Ian Howard, Charles Edgington and wife Paige, and Taryn McNeely and husband Patrick. Sisters-in-law: Greta Edgington, JoAnn Edgington, Sally Rivera and Linda Allen. Nieces and Nephews Donna, Deb, Dot, Creighton, Charles, Dyan, David, Kris, Dale, Charles, Kitty, Helen, Lonnie, Tammy, Bonnie Jean and their families. Memorial Services to celebrate his life will be held on Friday, Oct. 12, 2007 at 2 PM, Getz Funeral Home with Pastor John Mikul officiating. The family requests memorials/contributions be made to the Dona Ana Humane Society, 3551 Bataan Memorial W., Las Cruces, NM (575) 382-0018.