

Ramblings:

Gary Ewell & DeeDee Sadler negotiated a merger on Oct. 1, getting married before a small family group. They are just back from a delayed honeymoon trip to Egypt in November.



Larry Rhyne drove from coast to coast this fall, through America's heartland, for a photo odyssey through small towns off the interstates. *Carol* joined him in Boston for a tour of New England. He came back with some beautiful fall color photographs, and did a display of his work again on a Wednesday Night.



Also the road recently: *Pat Wong* did a Thanksgiving nature cruise to Costa Rica with two of her sisters, including *Rita*. *Ken & Eva Zieg* toured Eastern Europe for three weeks. *Jim & Marty Morgan* did an Alaska cruise. *Harold Peyton* went back to Kentucky for a family reunion at his brother's thoroughbred farm. *Louise Pewsey* will be headed for the East Coast the day after Christmas on a cross-country drive with one of her daughters (and five cats) who is relocating back there. *Paul & Betty Stottlemeyer* went back East for a month or so to help her sister, *Peggy*, recover from shoulder surgery. They visited family and friends from Pennsylvania to North Carolina, took in a ball game at Duke (Paul's alma mater) and toured Civil War battlefields, museums and of course the Hershey chocolate factory. *David Moorhouse* toured Japan in September with a friend, hitting the shrines in Nikko and getting tickets to a sumo wrestling competition during the final month of the season. (Must be like getting tickets to a Super Bowl!) He was home for awhile getting back into the swing of cuing again, and he and *Elaine Viescas* were off the Branson, Mo., for a vacation with *Jerry & Darlene Miller*.



Visiting with us on a Tuesday Night were *Frank Wyse & Bobbie Trojan* of Mesa, who were dancing their way north to a high school reunion in Northern California. *Russ & Stella LaRose* meandered their way from the Mesa Fiesta in Arizona in October, up through the Redwoods and on to Exeter, for the Shibatas' Autumn Ball. They fortunately checked their email en route and got the word that the Exeter weekend was cancelled this year because *Kenji* was in bed with the shingles.



A group of 26 of you went to a dinner and professional exhibition at the Regency Ballroom in September. *Cheryl Sullivan* was the big winner in the prize drawing that night--she won a two-night stay at the Universal hotel where *Tom Hicks* was putting on his annual amateur dance competition.



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The 5th Wednesday Letter

From Sandi & Dan Finch

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Who's Who In School? It Was Anybody's Guess

If you've ever been to a class reunion, you've said at least once: "Who is that person?"

In our family of round dancers, some of us have known each other for what seems like a lifetime, but we probably never knew each other in school.

All three of our classes "returned to school" for a brief period this fall for our "Who's Who In School" contest.

About 50 of you offered pictures of yourselves at various school ages--from pre-school up to high school graduation--for the contest.

The goal was simple: The person who identified the most pictures correctly got the grand prize (admission for two to the "Start Your Holidays"



Katrina's Wide Impact

Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast; that's not news. But it affected so many lives here.

Robert Watson, who sells 45s and CDs to the round dance community, offered his collections to help replace--at no cost--the record libraries lost by round dance teachers in the hurricane-ravaged areas.

Jean Miller was on a business trip to Biloxi, MS, and got out two days before the town had to be evacuated.

Ed Gaines' son, Ed, lost his house in Gautier, MS. The master bedroom was torn away from the house and the car in the garage was washed out into the street.



Guessing who's who on Wednesday

at the jive clinic, November 27) and smaller prizes were awarded to those who got the most right in each class.

Grand prize winner (and the Wednesday Night winner) was *Dianne Gaines*, who identified correctly 27 of the "students" in the photographs.

Tuesday Night's winner was *Harold Peyton*, who guessed 26 correctly, and on Thursday Night, the winner was *Eileen Wade*.

Sally Davis was a close finisher, guessing 25 of the correct matches.

Some of the pictures were more easily identifiable than others.

Among the easiest to pick out were *Don Miller* (above) and *Brian Scanlon*. One of the hardest to pick out was *Eileen Wade* (left).



Days of Our Lives

Happy Birthday:

Sylvia Lantz	Dec. 3
Jean Beckstead	Dec. 5
Camie Bolduc	Dec. 7
Marty Morgan	Dec. 26
Bud Hanson	Dec. 27
Dianne Gaines	Dec. 28
Bill Fryxell	Jan. 4
Brian Scanlon	Jan. 9
Malcolm Pecor	Jan. 18
Aiko Nabata	Jan. 21
Colette Weiss	Jan. 27
Margie Moeller	Jan. 30
Linda Lin	Feb. 3
Millie Murff	Feb. 4
Marion Scholtz	Feb. 9
Shirley Blair	Feb. 10
Larry Rhyne	Feb. 12
David Hoover	Feb. 15
Sheba Faust	Feb. 21
Cheryl Sullivan	Feb. 21
Gloria Sedore	Feb. 22
Bill Lantz	Feb. 25
Sandi	Feb. 25

Anniversaries:

Pat & Anne Lane	Dec. 11
Paul & Betty Stottlemeyer	Dec. 23
Russ & Stella LaRose	Dec. 26
Larry & Ellie Miquelon	Jan. 15
Malcolm & Pat Wong	Jan. 16
Ken & Eva Zieg	Feb. 2
Joe & Dee Myers	Feb. 6
Ed & Dianne Gaines	Feb. 25

On The Road To Better

We are happy to report that our friends with health issues are on the mend. Recovering from surgeries are *Margie Moeller* (foot), *Carol Mattern* (knee replacement), *Robert Watson* (hip), and *Dee Myers*. *Margaret Shirley* has had shingles. *Sheba Faust* is finishing her treatments.

HALLOWEEN 2005

To the strains of "Monster Mash," the 2005 costume parade circled the hall in Long Beach on the Wednesday Night before Halloween. Dan Finch led the pack, dressed as Zorro, while the judges (selected from those not in costume) made their annual selections.

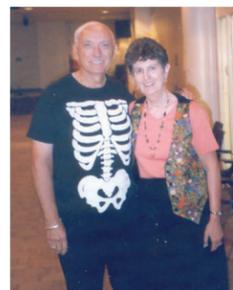
Grand prize winners as best couple were *Tim Todd & Patricia Michaud*, dressed as Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf in Grandma's nightgown.

Best Lady's Costume went to *Alice Scanlon*, who had made the elaborate Elizabethan outfits worn by her and *Brian*.

Best Man's Costume was won by *Ken Fratto* as the Wizard of Oz straw man. (See winners, right.)

No less adorable were other entries: *Jim Throgmorton & Margie Moeller* in their red curly wigs; *Harold Peyton & Cheryl Sullivan*, as Dolly Parton and the cowboy, and *Bob & Nancy Dufault* (see photos, right).

Even the food got into the act. *Alice Scanlon* brought a canapé tray of spiders and snakes and *Sandi* made a cat face out of a cheese dip.



The 5th Wednesday Letter
"The Fifth Wednesday Letter" is published quarterly, on fifth Wednesdays throughout the year. We welcome contributions of material; it is often hard to find time to chat during a dance, so this format allows all of us to keep up with each other. We apologize for any inaccuracies that may creep in.
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Mark Your Calendars: 12/26 = Boxing Day



In Old England, the custom arose to collect presents for the less fortunate during the holiday season and deposit the gifts into alms boxes at the church. The boxes would be opened on the Feast of St. Stephen (Dec. 26) and the gifts distributed to anyone who gathered at the church. This event became known as "boxing day."

It was one of the rare times when everyone from all over the medieval estates would get together, and today in many countries once part of the

British empire, December 26 is still a recognized holiday.

Now that you know what it is, all of you who have danced with us throughout the year are invited to an afternoon buffet at our house on Boxing Day. It is our way to say thank you for your support.

Come as early or late as you wish. We have planned it for 1 to 5 p.m. so those who want to dance Monday night can get away. Flyers and maps will give more details.

No More 3rd Saturday Dance; Quarterly Clinics Start

Our last 3rd Saturday Night Dance Party at The Regency Ballroom in Lomita was October 15.

We have decided to replace it with a 4th Sunday afternoon clinic and dance, which we will schedule quarterly.

The clinic dances will be at the Cypress Senior Center, Orange and Grindlay, Cypress, California, from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

We decided to make this change

in response to your suggestions.

The new format will include an hour or 90 minutes of clinic work, sometimes coupled with a dance teach.

The new format debuted November 27 at our second annual "Start Your Holidays" Dance in Cypress. We combined a jive clinic with the teach of "Sugarfoot Stomp," an Easterday classic from 1978, updated with current jive cues.

Those of you who dance with us on Tuesday know what a wonderful facility the Cypress Senior Center is. It has a professional sound system, with speakers overhead throughout the room; air-conditioning, large wood floor, and ample parking in a lighted lot in a safe neighborhood.

We hope you all like the new format. Look for announcements about dates for the planned clinics to come in 2006.

More Ramblings:

Cheryl Sullivan hosted a pool party for dancers at her home after *Cindy Mower's* August luau dance.

Marv Blair recently finished teaching an AARP safe driving class. He took on the job six years ago.

A fun group from all three classes went to the Fiesta de la Caudrilla in November where *Dan* cued the Saturday night program with *Bill Goss*.

Sally & Howard Davis spent Thanksgiving in the mountains at Big Bear, where they entertained two of her grandsons and their wives. *Marion & Ken Scholtz* spent Thanksgiving with family in Washington State, setting a table for 18. *Tae & Sun Bae* celebrated the holidays in Dallas, Texas, at the annual Harvest Festival with *Ron & Ree Rumble*.

The weekly classes enjoyed the fruits of labor of *John Hooton*, *Kris Millard* and *Cheryl Sullivan* this summer and long into fall. They had bountiful gardens that gave us lots of tomatoes and zucchini for break time. *Kris* also brought in home-grown watermelon. *Cheryl* kept us fed with zucchini with meatballs, zucchini with beans, even zucchini with zucchini.