



The 5th Wednesday Letter

From Sandi & Dan Finch

Wednesday, September 29, 2004

Audrey's 94th Birthday

94 candles were set ablaze in Long Beach on July 28 to honor Audrey Palmquist on her birthday. That Wednesday Night was her actual 94th birthday, and she chose to spend it with the Wednesday Night dancers.

On the program that night was a teach of the Palmquist dance, "Tico Samba," and the first half of the evening's program consisted entirely of Palmquist dances. Audrey danced the first ("Wyoming Lullaby") and the last dance ("Answer Me") of the night.

It was an eventful night for anyone new to round dancing since Audrey & Eddie Palmquist retired a decade ago.



In the middle of the Samba clinic, Audrey, in her inimitable fashion, had to comment about some mis-steps she was seeing.

She came onto the floor to tell Dan and Sandi her concern, and instead she got to voice her comments aloud to the group.

That was a good thing. As one person commented later, "I can now say I've had a Palmquist teach."

Guests that evening were Fred & Keiko Migliorini and Bev and Ed Patrick.

Audrey is already planning a big party for her 95th birthday next year. Watch for news.

URDC in Our Backyard

More than 500 dancers from 30 states and five countries came to San Jose, California, this summer for the annual URDC convention.

Southern Californians made themselves known there—we counted 35 dancers who come to our Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday classes!

Dan cued at the Friday night party dance, the first time he has

been asked to cue for URDC, and he and Sandi were MCs for the Vogt teach.

"Smoke Gets In Your Eyes" written in 1990 by Ron and Ree Rumble was named the Hall of Fame Dance for 2004. Ballots are out now for selection of the 2005 Hall of Fame dance. You have to be a member to vote. See Dan or Sandi for membership applications or a ballot.



When we weren't dancing, we were eating! Some of the group at URDC.



Days of Our Lives Birthdays:

October:

Louise Pewsey
Dan Finch
Clara Marshall
Russ LaRose
Marv Blair
Jim Morgan

Jean de la Torre
Penny Sherwin
Ed Gaines
Elaine Viescas
Mas Nabata

December:

Camie Bolduc
Marty Morgan
Bud Hanson
Dianne Gaines

November:

Lu Perdue
Richard Wu

Anniversaries:

Howard & Sally Davis
Jim & Marty Morgan
Brian & Alice Scanlon
Ken & Marion Scholtz
Pat & Ann Lane
Paul & Betty Stottlemeyer
Russ & Stella LaRose

More Ramblings

Lynn Brewer was recognized at the Round-A-Rama Institute in Indiana this August for having been at every institute since it was started 30 years ago by the Easterdays and the Palmquists. Ed & Dianne Gaines also went back for the institute this year.



Patricia Michaud and Carol Rhyne took the honors in our third annual County Fair Bake-off. Patricia won the sweets category for her gooey butter cake. Carol got the award for best non-dessert, a chicken-broccoli casserole, put together in spite of having to work around the kitchen remodeling that was underway at her house.

Ramblings:

Brian & Alice Scanlon missed a Wednesday night dance because their home was being used for the making of a Ray Romano movie. The house next door will be seen in the movie; their house was the “green room” where the crew rested and ate during the filming. Ask them how glad they are that their house wasn’t used as the actual set!



Howard & Sally Davis are off on a six-week junket through the Midwest researching their ancestors are part of their genealogy projects. Before they left, Sally made contact with a third cousin she didn’t know existed—a Cincinnati librarian who realized that two people were researching the same ancestor put them in contact with each other.



David Moorhouse & Elaine Viescas debuted as round dance cuers in August at the Millers’ second Sunday dance. They have been working with Jerry Miller to learn to cue, along with Linda Ashby and Zena Beaulieu. David wasn’t able to do much cueing after the debut—he was off to conferences in Nigeria and Mexico for his school district.



Knees were the major health issue this summer. *Alice Nackard* is home recuperating from having one knee replaced. *Madeline Ruge* is back dancing after her knee surgery, and *Dee Myers*, who had both knees replaced at one time, got back on the dance floor for a rumba on July 21, three months after her surgery. *Stella LaRose* missed a couple of weeks of dancing due to a pulled ligament. It cut short her URDC trip when she heard (and felt) a snap while getting onto her motorcycle to travel from the civic auditorium back to their motor home.



Robert Hornsby went back to the Midwest with Ann Rice to attend her 55th high school reunion. *Rick & Jeannie de la Torre* were off to Hawaii for their annual family vacation. *Bob & Nancy Dufault*, *Ed & Dianne Gaines*, *Gary Ewell & DeeDee Sadler* and *Bill & Sylvia Lantz* when to Las Vegas for the first Goss-Vogt-Worlock spectacular there.



Larry & Ellie Miquelon celebrated the birth of their ninth grandchild this month. Thank you, *Sara D’Aquila* for offering your breakdown of Lady’s footwork for “Till” to Wednesday Night dancers.



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