

Cowtown Singles

For Singles and Couples

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President

Betty Lawyer

We hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Can you believe that this is the first time I have completely forgotten to send in my article for the newsletter? Linda had to call and remind me. Maybe it's because I don't have much to write about. I am going to have a hard time getting back to the way we were. I must say I am beginning to like knowing I can always do it tomorrow.

I like getting my Christmas decorating done as soon as Thanksgiving is over. Well this year I don't have any Christmas up yet. I think if I get something up maybe I will get in the mood. I think knowing we won't be having family here is why we can't get in the mood. Maybe writing this article will help get me going.

We are still watching church on line on Sundays. I told Dan it is really nice getting to drink my coffee and hold Lady, my dog, at church. We did have a very good time last Saturday. Our new church at Cowtown, Compass Church, invited us to come to a Thanksgiving get together. It was Janice & Kerry Decker. They did a super get together. We all backed our cars in so they formed a circle in the parking lot so we could have distance between. We brought our chairs from home and sat behind our cars. It was really fun. We sang songs, played Bingo and ate pie. We wore our masks and it was so good to get out and be safe.

It really seems strange not to be planning a Christmas party for our club. I wish we could think of a way but the way it is going we may be in lock down by Christmas.

For now just know we really miss all of you very much and we are doing our best to keep everything going at Cowtown so it is ready when we can dance again.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Years. We also pray for you all to stay healthy.

Dan and Betty



Merry Christmas



Class Coordinator

Janet & Phil Vinokur

Hello club! I am writing this just before Thanksgiving and I wanted to share a photo of what I am thankful for. That little girl is my oldest granddaughter, Aria, and she just lost her first tooth. She was so happy about it all and especially when the tooth fairy came. Such a sweet and simple pleasure. There sure is some inflation going on! It brought back a memory of my tooth fairy time which is too sweet not to tell you about. My big brother Doug, six years older than me, was a fabulous brother to me. When I was about three, he lost many teeth in a row and I had never lost one yet. He actually gave me one for me to put under my pillow. That is grace in action!

And that leads into my new motto for me: Endure with grace. I am working on this idea now to get through these very hard and boring times. I am thankful that I only have to be bored these days, with no serious problems. I am thankful some friends are recovering from Covid. But it is tough to just sit around and wait for others to fix this world. I used to think I was in charge of things and could "power through" to get something done. These months have taught me that all I can do is endure and try to be gracious while waiting. Yikes! Big challenge!

How does this apply to this newsletter you may ask? Well, personally I am trying to stay in some sort of physical health and fitness so that I can dance again full tips when we start again. Sitting around all day, day after day, is not going to do that after many months. So, I walk at least 30 minutes daily. I don't say I love it, but I do it. I would like to tell you that I am losing weight to be lighter when we dance again. That is the idea, but really I go up and down, pretty much the same as before quarantine. I am glad to say no gain, but I could do better in this area for sure. I don't know what your goals are, but I hope they include staying in good health and fitness so we can enjoy dancing together again.

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Phil and I wish you the best holidays possible. We will be spending them without the big family gatherings we are used to. Even turkey is missing this year because it seems too much trouble for just two. So we will eat ribs instead (which I like better anyway). Keep your chin up and we will get through this together. We miss you. We send love and hugs,

Janet and Phil



Thanks to all of you who are keeping me up to date on what's going on with our members and friends and sharing your pictures and adventures. Hoping there are a lot more adventures going on among our group. If so, please share.

I also appreciate the positive feedback I've received regarding Groupmails and the newsletter. Miss all of our square dance friends and hope we can get back to it soon.

Linda Wicker
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Betty's Sunset at Cowtown on Halloween



Janet's Puzzle of Puppies



Teryl's Metal Garden-No Water necessary



Social Distancing in the Swim Spa

Christmas Corner



Shawn's Christmas Masks



Home Made Ornaments by Shawn and her neighbors



Teryl's Horseshoe Snowman



Membership

Gene Stauffer



Thank you to the 24 members that have mailed in their 2021 dues. This represents a 39% renewal rate and is better than I expected!

I know it's a bit of hassle this year, writing a check, addressing an envelope and finding a stamp. Then you've still got a go to the post office. I know I hate doing all that and I do almost 100% electronic payments. So, if anyone would prefer to Venmo or Zelle your dues to me I'll forward the funds to the club. I don't have ApplePay but will set it up if need be.

Remember, in consideration of the disruption the pandemic has caused, dues for the calendar year 2021 are being reduced to \$10.00 per member.

Please mail your membership renewal check, made out to Cowtown Single Square Dance, in an amount equal to \$10.00 for each member to:

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Thank you. Susan and I hope everyone has a safe, healthy and wonderful Holiday.

Gene

Wow, we are on our way to the end of 2020 and hopefully 2021 will be an easier year. But in the meantime, Carolyn is feeling much better and well on her way to recovery. She wants to thank all of our members and friends that sent cards and well wishes and how much she appreciates the kind thoughts and prayers. We're so glad that she is feeling better and expect to hear from her in the next newsletter.

A card was sent to Bob Hall whose partner, Darlene Collier passed away while visiting family in Wisconsin. A card was sent to Betsy Hurt with condolences for Gerry's passing and of course a card was sent to Carolyn wishing her a speedy recovery.

Here's hoping everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and has a good December holiday season. But please stay safe.

If you know of anyone that needs some encouragement, please let me know and we'll be happy to send our thoughts and best wishes.

Hugs to all

Linda Wicker for Carolyn



Shawn Tudor	Dec 13
Dudley Taylor	Dec 17
Carolyn Griswold	Dec 20
Phil Wicker	Dec 27

