



HAPPY TIME SQUARES November 11, 2006

Speech Following 2007 Elections

1. Thank you for your continued confidence. We pledge that we will continue to do our very best in your behalf for 2007. First, I must mention that Connie & I are Presidents again simply because others were not quite ready to move into the Presidents' office. We are pleased to share that we now have pledges that your future candidate for Presidents in 2008 will be Frank & Betty Alexander and in 2009 will be Bob & Rosalee Rainbolt, -- all very capable to lead this club.

2. By a show of hands, how many of you would like to hear one of my TRAIN STORIES?

Thank you! (For those of you who must go at this time, I will see these words are put onto our website. For those who will stay, these words will take just over five minutes.)

First, I also have stories of PICKUPS and DOGS, but those are other stories.

-- When Connie & I were married, we had gone to school our entire lives. I had just completed a graduate school program, had my credentials and was ready for work and some FUN IN LIFE.

-- We both enjoyed traveling and among other amusements, I took up model railroading. I made a model railroad layout and, as I had a brother-in-law in the hobby business, over time I bought a collection of little jewel-like Japanese hand-crafted brass model rail road engines modeling the Santa Fe Railway.

-- As time went on, we had two sons, and we wanted to focus our effort on raising boys. I sold the brass model railroad engines for what is now equivalent to five or six thousand dollars. Several fellows came up to Kansas City to the modelers' show from Tulsa, were wealthy Tulsa Oilmen and they had cash and bid up the auction.

--- We had never had that much cash altogether at one time!! And all that money came from simply having FUN!!

-- So what is the parallel message for this evening? Simply that **HAVING FUN PAYS!!** Let's discuss the Happy Time Squares:

The present amount in the club treasury comes from your work at having FUN!! This has also occurred from a great amount of start-up contributions which you donated back in January, being generous with in-kind donations, working diligently on projects we have had, and by knowing how to have FUN - HOW TO BE A FRIEND, HOW TO BE FRIENDLY, MIXING WITH OUR GUESTS, AND ENTERTAINING OUR GUESTS.

The amount the club has in reserve is the Happy Time Squares "**FUN MONEY**". Thanks to each and every one of you for practicing friendship and being good hosts!! By continuing our hosting, funds will continue to be there.

Your Officers will be prudent with the club balance. We pledge there will be no sense of a "Payday-Rich-Binge".

The "**Good News**" is there will be no dues increase.

However, we do need to **maintain** the **operating balance**, because:

- 1. We have funds committed for unlisted expenses, which includes the Fan Fund Reserve,
- 2. Our expenses for the dance hall has almost doubled for 2007,
- 3. We have additional caller expense for 2007,
- 4. We have added insurance & KSDA costs,
and
- 5. When we come right down to it, the balance is NOT a lot of money. However, your Board of Officers will, as I said, be careful with our club's money.

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Last year, Connie & I had a goal of leaving the next administration (which turns out to be us) with enough money to be able to operate the club the next year. We continue that goal in 2007 for the next administration.

3. What can you, as a member of the Happy Time Squares do, to help your club in 2007: It is simple:

- Come to have fun with our guests, and continue to be the great hosts you have been, by continuing to show them a good time. Many have said in the past, "I'll be back because I had fun with your friendly dancers."
- Deborah Carol Jones, a Texas square dance caller, told Connie & me in a square dance club management training class, that "**effective square dancing is entertainment---Be good hosts, keep it light, and have a good time.**" Vic Perry has known for years that good square dance programs are entertaining, & that is one reason why he is one of Kansas' premier callers.
- Always be on the watch for friends, neighbors & others to share the story of what fun we have in square dancing. Let them know square dance lessons will be forming.
- Come to help our new square dance classes - students are the future of our club.
- Volunteer for Committees & otherwise continue to step up to help manage of your club.
- With club growth, and the number of guests we do enjoy, HTS does need more hands to help in the committees.
- Involvement in HTS committees & with management really is FUN!!
- See you in a **Happy Time Square** and in an **HTS committee** in 2007!!
- If you choose not to do any of the above, **please simply come to have fun with your club!!**
- **Let us have a wonderful 2007 in the Happy Time Squares!**

-- Lloyd & Connie,
HTS President

"Let the 'Happy Times' Begin!"