



HAPPY TIME SQUARES

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Wonderful Talents In Our Midst

We have just seen the OUTSTANDING wedding pictures of **Gene Broers** and **Judy Haas'** wedding on Sunday, February 25, 2007. **Jerry Henley** has taken a wonderful portfolio of Judy & Gene's twinkling eyes and beaming faces. Each picture will give Gene & Judy a lifetime of memories of their special day, with approximately 30 family and



friends. When I saw Jerry Henley's close-in, bright pictures, I was struck with the realization that "Here again, the Happy Time Squares is Blessed by another with very special talent stepping forward!" In times to come, undoubtedly Judy and Gene will bring their yet-unseen wonderful portfolio of wedding pictures so that each may also enjoy Jerry's excellent work. The Broers' wedding pix album may be one of the most-viewed, as they had approximately 30 wedding guests, 45 Guest Square Dancing Friends, and 73 Fellow Happy Time Squares who shared their event. A more witnessed-wedding is improbable!!

Other striking talents within the Happy Time Squares:

- ✓ Arguably HTS has the best-square-dance-calling-in-Kansas talent of **Vic Perry**. His

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- ✓ wonderful talent is the attracting "ingredient in our HTS mix," which gathers each of us together.
- ✓ Wonderful conceptual artistic ability **Rosalee Rainbolt** and **Toni Nelson**, who then obtained help from their husbands, **Bob & Vernon**, with the flower-&-light encompassed trellis within which Gene & Judy were married. (Toni also said that she had many plans for different usefulness of the trellis in future dances.)
- ✓ The artistic selections by **Judy Broers** of her beautiful dress, as well as her Matron of Honor, Toni Nelson, her attendants, and all of the flower arrangements throughout the area. Too, Judy knows how to make folks feel special & how to have fun and good times, all of which are important in life.
- ✓ All of us quickly noted the *fabulous* wedding cake which was designed, baked, decorated, and then assembled on site by **Tonya Ketchum**. (Husband **Dave** asked her to drive her own car to the wedding with the cake, for fear he might have an incident with the cake's transport!)

Other recent special talents which also come to mind are as follows:

- ✓ A recent internal audit of our HTS books resulted in Treasurer **Barbara Neff's** books balancing to the penny. Barbara and **Dave** have excellently kept records which are vital to HTS. Barbara has also shared her knowledge with other area clubs.
- ✓ **Frank & Betty Alexander**, who know 80% of the people and organizations in Douglas County, have been very resourceful in finding lesson locations for HTS. Both Square and Round lessons were possible this past year, as they located appropriate sites.
- ✓ **Bob Rainbolt** has created and maintained our excellent HTS website at www.HappyTimeSquares.com. His work has kept all of us informed with maps, links to other sources, and entertained with pictures of HTS and related events. His has been used as a model by other SD clubs.
- ✓ **Judy Broers'** line dance effort has brought new dimensions to our Happy Time Squares' dances. Everyone is able to share in her instructions and cuing. She is now a licensed cuer.
- ✓ **Vernon Nelson** first taught HTS how to Round dance, and now leads our Round Dances at the HTS. Due to his talent, he is now in demand throughout NE Kansas. He is now a licensed cuer.
- ✓ **Stan & Lois Zaremba, Frank & Betty Alexander** headed a flawless barbecue to a host of satisfied "customers". That was both a wonderful party & meal, and financially was important to HTS.

The above are just a sampling of some amazing talents discovered in the past eighteen months within the Happy Time Squares!

In addition, there have been many others who have very willingly and very ably helped countless ways to contribute to the Happy Time Squares' successful effort, from the tasty snacks to clean-up, and beyond.

All of the above causes me to wonder --- How many other talents do we have "out there" in our club? **Please bring them forth as it is always a thrill to be amazed, to make way for you, and to be appreciative of your talent. As with the recent discovery of Jerry Henley's artistry with a camera, sharing your own talents can be FUN!! Please let us know of your interests and abilities.**

-- Lloyd & Connie,
HTS President

"Happy Times' Come From Square Dancing In 2007!"