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A News Letter For and About Our Members

Jan 2012

Meet the NW Western Swing Music Society's President for 2012 Butch Gibson

I was recently asked the question, "How did you and Western Swing meet?" Considering all the folks in the Western Swing Society who were performing on stage with their families by the time they could crawl up to a mic, my story is going to sound a bit less dramatic. Simply put, I just always loved music!

Although, I didn't learn to play an instrument with a group until rather late in life . . . 35, it was worth the wait! After all that hesitation, my first job was a dream come true - I played with Hoot Gibson (*my father*) as part of his band, *Pardners*. Dad had said, "Son, all you needed to do was ask." But that was dad's guitar and I never even considered touching it. It was a brand new 1963 Fender Stratocaster.

Just before I picked up the bass guitar, a new club was forming, the Seattle Western Swing Society (SWSS). One of their first venues was

the Sherwood Hotel in Tacoma. It was there that I first met Paul Anastasio and Bill Garner. Although I didn't play music, the SWSS was using Tommy Pries as their sound man since he had the best sound system at the time. I was his tech and assistant. It was a few years later that they moved north to the Everett Eagles. There I met Dana Wills. She gave me (and I still have) a signed copy of her then latest release, *Bob's Sister Helen's Kid*. I told Dana at that time my goal was to get good enough to back someone of her caliber. I hope I have done that.

Time passes and I continue to play music and try to learn. My current venture is the fiddle; and, with the aid of one of the fiddle players in my band, Jeanne Yearian, it's coming along quicker than I thought it would.

Then, in 2009, Lloyd Hooper nominated me to the Board and I was elected. In 2011, I accepted the position of Vice-President in the Society. Now here I am: President of



Butch Gibson

the Northwest Western Swing Music Society. Take it from me, it's never too late to start, whether you dance, play or sing or wish you could!

Showcase: Sunday, Jan. 8 at Lynnwood Eagles

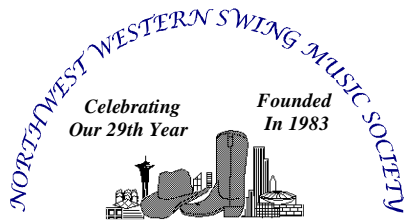
19223 Hwy 99 – Three Blocks North of 196th Street on Hwy 99

Wood Dance Floor – Nice Seating – Families Welcome – Food Available

Dancing: 1:00 – 5:00

Featuring "Dave DuChene and Friends"

Join us for the first Showcase of 2012



Northwest Western Swing Music Society

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FORMED IN NOVEMBER 1983 BY A GROUP OF MUSICIANS AND ENTHUSIASTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESERVING, PROMOTING & PERFORMING WESTERN SWING MUSIC.

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\$20.00 Couple

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Minutes from the Board December 6, 2011



President Beryl Shawley called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, December 6, 2011.

Present: LeRoy King, Alice Striegel, Beryl Shawley, Dave Wheeler, Butch Gibson, Darrell Anderson, and Vi Anderson. New Board members: Darrell Haddock, Lou Bischoff, Jerry Seitz, and Ramon Selby.

Excused: Ray Shawley, Lloyd Hooper

Treasurer: Dave Wheeler presented budget information. This was accepted as presented.

Bills: Accepted to pay.

Showcases: The January 8, 2012, Showcase will be hosted by Dave DuChane and Friends. The February 12, 2012, Showcase will be hosted by Sharyn Lee and The Sundowners. Lou Bischoff will continue as Music Committee Chair for 2012.

Old Business: None

New Business: The bank account signature forms will need to be updated as there will be new officers for 2012, as will our post office box authorization card.

A formal "Indemnity Agreement" has been signed by NWWSMS and the Lynnwood Eagles to "indemnify and hold harmless" the Lynnwood Eagles due to the fact that NWWSMS parks our storage trailer on their property.

In January 2012, contact will need to be made with the Auburn Eagles regarding holding the NWWSMS Hall of Fame at that facility August 9-12, 2012.

The annual audit of NWWSMS books for 2011 will be scheduled in January 2012.

Beryl Shawley updated the Board on Ray Shawley's health issues. "Thank You" was extended to outgoing President, Beryl Shawley, and outgoing Newsletter Editor, Ray Shawley, as well as to outgoing Treasurer, Dave Wheeler.

Motion passed to adjourn at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Striegel, Secretary

NOMINATIONS for Inductees into the 2012 NW WSMS Hall of Fame *Now Being Accepted!*

– Those nominated to be inducted into the 2012 NW WSMS Hall of Fame must have had at least 25 years of Performing, Promoting or Preserving Western Swing Music, but do not have to be members of this or any other Western Swing Society.

– Those making nominations must be current members of the NW WSMS or have been previously inducted into the NW WSMS POWS/ Hall of Fame.

– Include a complete profile of the nominee along with your cover letter, to:

NW WSMS, Nominations Chairman
PO Box 14003
Mill Creek, WA 98082

– Deadline for receipt by the Society is April 15, 2012. Those selected will be notified by early May. A picture suitable for framing will be requested at that time.

– This year's Hall of Fame will be held again at the Eagles Club in Auburn, WA, August 9-12, 2012.

You won't want to miss
**Celebrating Valentine's Day
at the February 12, 2012
Showcase
at the Lynnwood Eagles**
19223 Hwy 99
(Three Blocks North of 196th Street)
featuring
**"Sharyn Lee
and the Sundowners"**

PHOTO CREDITS December Showcase photos by Lou Bischoff.

Thanks to all of our newsletter contributors!

Prez Sez-

By Butch Gibson



Happy New Year!!!!

First off, I'd like to say 'thanks' to the previous board and the society in general for what I feel was another successful year. We had a great Hall of Fame and some terrific bands showcased throughout the year. Now we have the opportunity to do it again.

In the next few months we are going to start the process of reviewing nominations to select the inductees for the 2012 Hall of Fame. So, please begin thinking of those we need to recognize and submit your nominees. (See Page 2 of this newsletter for additional information).

We have an interested, involved board in place and I know they will be listening to the membership's suggestions and concerns. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any one of us. If we don't know the answer, I'm sure we can find out who does. (You will find names, phone numbers, and, usually, e-mail addresses on Page 2 of the newsletter each month.)

A FEW THINGS TO REMEMBER:

BAND LEADERS: If you want your upcoming appearances to be included in the newsletter, contact the editor.

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP: If you are not seeing your birthday or anniversary in the newsletter, it means we are missing information. Give us a call and we'll get it fixed.

Thanks for your faith in me and the Board.

*Keep Swingin'
Butch*

Sunshine and Rain

BIRTHDAYS

Jan 2 Judy Collender
Jan 2 Dave Oppelt
Jan 2 Fred Yearian
Jan 4 Gene Albright
Jan 4 Decon Anderson
Jan 4 Gene Carter
Jan 5 Dee Heil
Jan 6 Dennis Combs
Jan 6 Al DeLeon
Jan 8 Jetta Riley
Jan 10 Rod Rodriguez
Jan 11 Lana Proskurnik
Jan 11 Tony Zammataro
Jan 12 Ray Price
Jan 13 Leigha Howe
Jan 14 Jack Wohl
Jan 14 Roy Lee Ferguson
Jan 16 Lori Hanson
Jan 16 Virginia Dolle
Jan 17 Tony Grasso
Jan 18 Jerry Emery
Jan 19 Mike Faast
Jan 19 Clyde Brewer
Jan 19 LeRoy King
Jan 19 Bryant Flowers
Jan 20 Billy Briggs
Jan 21 Norma Gilbert
Jan 21 Elmer Tippe
Jan 23 Ted Scanlon
Jan 24 Roy Rubin

ANNIVERSARIES

Jan 2 Lew and Sharyn Packwood
Jan. 22 Kenny and Pat Lowrey
Jan 26 Joe and Ida Bruseth
Jan 28 Les and Peggy Tucker
Jan 31 Jody and Maida Meridith

BIRTHDAYS

Jan 25 Eddie McAlvain
Jan 25 Lou Bischoff
Jan 26 Linda Hoffman
Jan 26 Hubert Brown
Jan 27 Johnny Jansen
Jan 28 Sid Barnes
Jan 29 Carmen Champion

WITH BEST WISHES

And PRAYERS

Ray and Beryl Shawley
Julie Martin (Mrs. Bob)
Dave Holter
Pat Goodbla
Chris Pate
Dianne Meeks
Ethel Rankin
Topsy Brigge
Tippe Latham
Truitt Cunningham
Jeannie Poe
Alton Simpson
Cathy Anson (Lou's daughter)
Cal Smith (Fronted w/E.T.)

CONDOLENCES

To Pat Rowe and family on the loss of his wife, Lupe.
To Betty Miller and family on the loss of her loving brother
To Bob Cobb, Val Stane and family on the loss of Val's son.
To Norma-Lee and family on the loss of her husband, Donald E. 'Rocky' Kennedy.
To Harry Kaufman and family on the loss of his son, Paul.

*Did we miss someone or
do you know of someone who should be included in the next newsletter?
Please let us know.*

*Contact a member of the Board (see page 2) or
the editor of the newsletter (see page 7).*

In Passing . . .



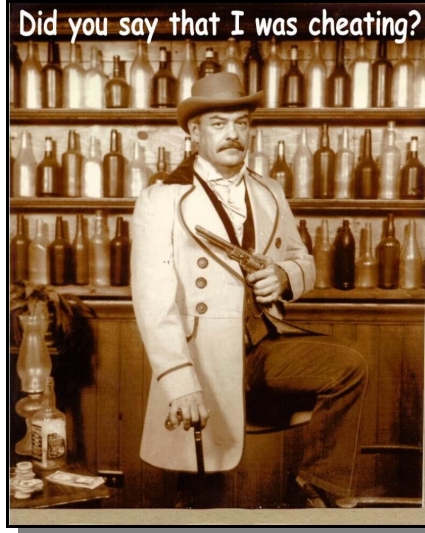
Lupe Teresa Rowe
1953-2011

Lupe Teresa Rowe, 58, passed away November 13, 2011 in Edmonds, WA. She was born April 30, 1953 in Torrance, CA to Joe and Ofelia Silva. Lupe lived in the Meadowdale area most of her life, graduating from Meadowdale High School and attending Everett Community College.

She married Patrick Rowe in Seattle, WA on December 18, 1976. Lupe was an artistic person by nature. She enjoyed working with leather, making jewelry and scrapbooking. Lupe worked in the home health care field the past ten years and was actively involved in helping low income seniors.

She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Patrick Rowe. children; parents; and siblings.

Lupe touched everyone she met. She was truly as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside. She will be missed by countless friends and family members.



Donald "Rocky" Kennedy
1941-2011

Donald E. Kennedy (Rocky) was born on August 31, 1941, near Erie, Pennsylvania. He came to California when he was eight. He joined the Navy at 17, after which he married and raised his three adopted sons.

Rocky settled in the Rio Linda area about 35 years ago. He led a very interesting life. He was everything from a Navy Swimmer to a Las Vegas card dealer, to a quick-draw competitor, and a shoe chain store owner, to name just a few of his endeavors.

Rocky leaves behind his loving wife, Norma-Lee, three sons and several nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was well respected in the community and even served one year as the Honorary Mayor of Rio Linda/Elverta. He will be missed by his many, many friends.

(Editor's Note: Rocky's wife, Norma-Lee was inducted into the NWSMS Hall of Fame in 2010 and is a member of the Sacramento Chapter of the Nashville Songwriters Assn. She has been inducted into the Lincoln County Music Roundup Hall of Honor and the Western Swing Society Hall of Fame, Sacramento. She is the current editor of their newsletter.)

Here and There

If you would like your band's upcoming appearances to be included in the newsletter, contact the editor. A list of play dates / times / locations must be received by the first of the month to be included in the next newsletter.

Patty McConnell and the *Travelin' Four*, wish everyone a Happy New Year. Patty will be on vacation until mid-February. Watch for the *Travelin' Four's* updated schedule on her return!
Patty 360-886-1998 / LeRoy 253-845-8359.

Butch Gibson, *Pardners*, Jam Session, every 3rd Sunday, Buckley Eagles, 3:00.

Wally Giffin, *Black River Falls Band*, Visit their website: blackriverfallsband.com for information on their upcoming play dates.

Nick Dumas, *Northern Departure*, Jan. 6-7, River City Music Festival; Jan. 21, 8:00 pm, The Old Foundry; Jan. 28, 7:30 pm, Cashmere Coffee House 10th Anniversary Concert.
Visit their website: northerndeparture.com

Music Scholarships Available

Financial assistance is available to those endeavoring to further develop their musical/vocal talents, preferably leading toward their performance of Western Swing Music.

Typically, past assistance has been to send younger musicians to summer music camps, but other directions of study will also be welcomed.

Please send information on the applicant's qualifications and need to:

NW WSMS, Attn: Scholarship
P.O. Box 14003
Mill Creek, WA 98082

(Or contact any board member of the Northwest WSMS.)

Album Reviews:

By **Mike Gross**
www.swinginwest.com

KSEY – FM
 Seymour, TX

Album: Man In The Moon

Artist: Garry Ash

Here is a brand new CD of ten tunes by a fine vocalist that is backed by some of the best musicians in the business. It has an assortment of mostly Western Swing and Texas dance hall music with Garry in the vocal spotlight. This CD has all the appearances of hitting the charts very quickly.

The album also features some very enjoyable steel and electric guitar by Robby Springfield and acoustic guitar, fiddle and mandolin by Tim Crouch. Tim's brother, Dennis Crouch plays acoustic bass and Mike Kennedy is heard playing the drums. Dennis Wage is the pianist. Jimmie Lou and Robby Springfield are the background vocalists. The album opens with one of the Texas dance hall shuffles, *I Came Here to Drink*.

Other tunes in this styling are *Possum and Price*, *Peace of Mind*, *Merle*

Mike's Top 10 for January 2012
 Top 10 Songs

- High Country- Billy Mata & Texas Tradition
- Easier to Know- The Stardust Cowboys
- Man in the Moon- Chuck Cusimano (Cusimusco)
- Everything is Bigger in Texas- Garry Ash
- It's a Good Day- Leon Rausch & Asleep at the Wheel (Bismeaux)
- Look What Thoughts Will Do- Bobby Flores (Yellow Rose)
- Christmas Time in Texas- Shoot Low Sheriff
- How the Cowboys Swung the West- The Stardust Cowboys
- Texas Swing/Sun Bonnet Sue/Sweet Jenny Lee- Ricky Boen & Texas Mud (Westex)
- September Rain- Paul Moore

Top 10 Albums:

- This is Tommy Duncan- Volume Two- Billy Mata & Texas Tradition
- The Western Swing Authority- The Western Swing Authority (Canadian Import)
- Bright Lights & Country Music- Jody Nix (Hillside)
- How the Cowboys Swung the West- The Stardust Cowboys
- I Wrote This- Chuck Cusimano (Cusimusco)
- It's a Good Day- Leon Rausch & Asleep at the Wheel (Bismeaux)
- 3 Trails West- 3 Trails West
- I Dreamed Count Basie Was a Cowboy- Don Burnham (Redoubtable)
- Swing Big- Tony Harrison & Hot Texas
- Have You Ever Even Heard of Milton Brown?- Great Recession Orchestra of Ft. Worth, TX

Kilgore's *She Went a Little Bit Farther* and Garry's own composition, *Carol's Daughter*. Then there are the four western swing tunes, all with huge hit potential. Three of these were penned by Garry, *Two Step*, *Everything is Bigger in Texas* and *Rookie of the Year*. There is also the swinging *Mr. Lonely Me*. The final tune is

the country oriented album title tune *Man in the Moon*.

The CD can be ordered from Garry Ash, PO Box 391, Flippin, Arkansas 72634. The price is \$15 which includes S&H. He can also be reached on face book at Garry Ash or Garry Ash and the wildfire band.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

— (Yearly Dues) —

- Individual, \$15.00 Couple, \$20.00
 Newsletter Only, \$10.00

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State / Zip _____
 Phone _____
 E-mail Address _____

Performing Member Supporting Member

Instruments _____

Vocalist Band Leader

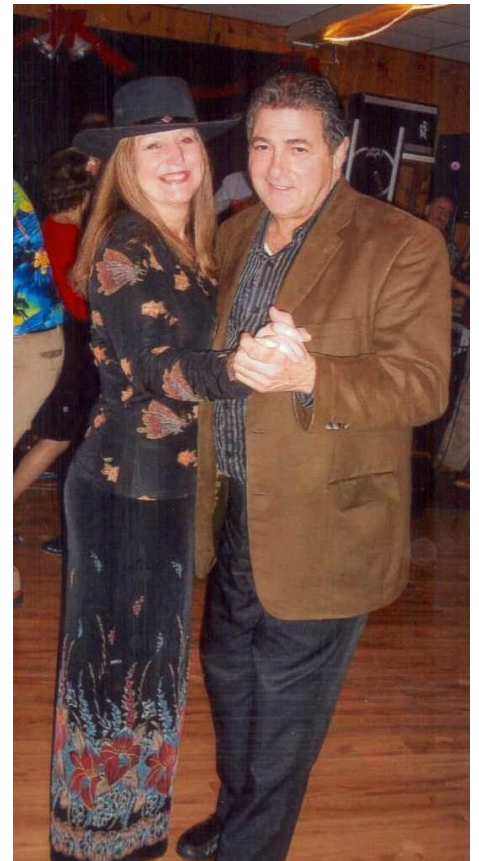
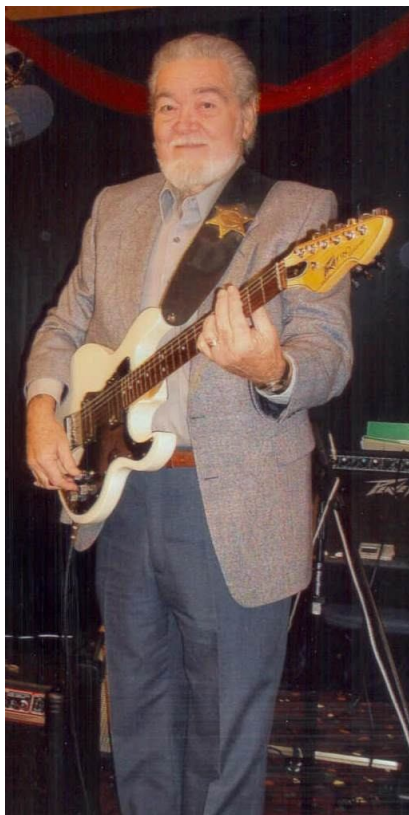
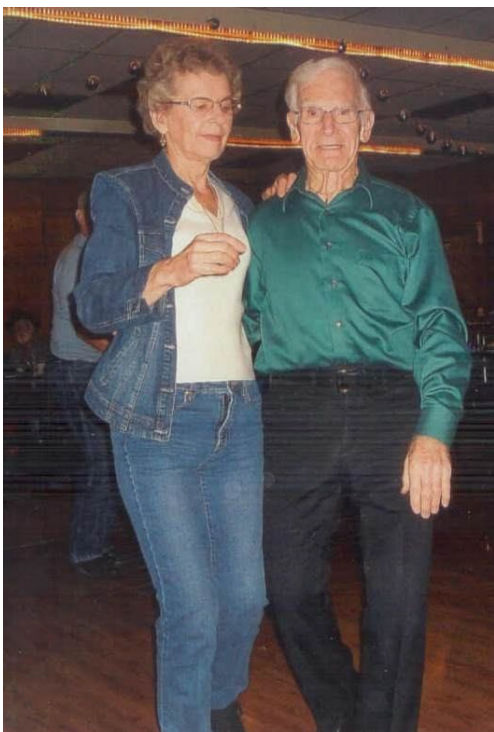
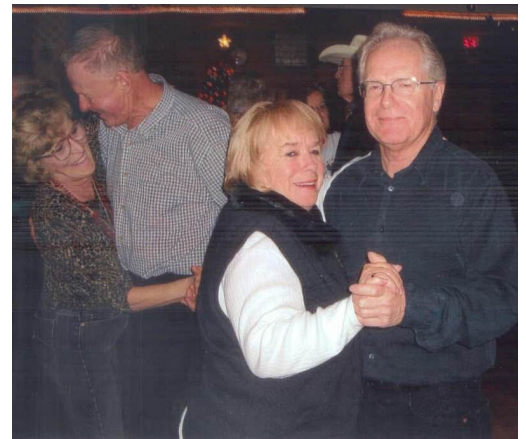
His Birthday _____ Her Birthday _____ Couple's Anniversary _____



Join the Fun!!

"To really experience Western swing in it's full glory, one must hear it being performed by a live band - and most assuredly - you must dance!"

A quote from Paula Evone Jungmann, author of: *An introduction to Western Swing.*



DECEMBER 11 SHOWCASE

By Lou Bischoff

A Merry Christmas event it was. Butch Gibson and Partners performed some standard Christmas tunes plus some hot Western Swing. *Jingle Bell Rock* took the dancers quickly to the dance floor. Darrell Anderson on fiddle and vocals with lovely Jeanne Yearian assisting made a great combo with Larry Broad on lead and Jim Hollinger on the drums.

Did you notice their new fiddle player? It was Butch, in case you weren't present. Great job, Butch, on *Westphalia Waltz!* You may be on your way to show business, right? Darrell singing *I Can't Give You*



Anything But Love brought smiles from his wife, Vi. The group we are so proud of filled the floor with a medley of *12th Street Rag* and *Hold That Tiger*. Butch offers so much talent with his bass.

Jam time began with newcomer Dave Davis on lead, belting out *Home in San Antone*. Jim Neel added his special touch on lead, as well as darling Judy Collander on keyboard and vocals. Newly elected treasurer,



Ramon Selby was on fiddle along with new board member Jerry Seitz. Jerry's vocal on *Along the Navajo Trail* made you feel as though you were right at home . . . in the Southwest.

Also, Dave Wheeler, our out-going treasurer showed some fine bass playing. To top it off, Paul Anastasio added his professional touch on the fiddle. With Russ Davis, Jerry Seitz, Paul Anastasio, Ramon Selby, Darrell Anderson and Jeanne Yearian, we had another unusually grand fiddling time.

Vi Anderson was thanked for her time organizing the jam as Butch cut the Seasons Greetings cake with



lovely wife, Kelly, serving us all.

On to more jam news: Sharyn Packwood stirred up the gang with *Bill Bailey*, as Dave Davis followed with *Careless Hands*. Judy sang *White Christmas* as well. Next up was JC Smith, singing *You Can't Hold a Candle to Me*, as sweet Sharon hummed from the sidelines. So good to see them after JC's serious health issues — his *Scotch and Soda* is always refreshing.

Loads of door prizes were given away between the jam bands.

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It's Your Newsletter

Contributions of your news items, letters, pictures and advertisements to the *Western Swing Music Society News* are needed and encouraged. (Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for return of materials.)

Deadline for consideration is the 15th of the month, but sooner is better. Send to or e-mail:

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Email: jeanneyearian@yahoo.com

DECEMBER 11 SHOWCASE
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Up next was Lloyd Hooper with *Bubbles in My Beer*. The beer drinkers don't like too many bubbles, right?

Lloyd went on to sing his new song, *I'll Be Here*, and got the lovers out on the dance floor. It's a lovely song and he's hoping for some additional promotion. As Dave Davis sang *Together Again*, Vi and Darrell Anderson were seen dancing cheek to cheek on the dance floor as if he was singing it just for them.

Jimmy Hollinger had great opportunity to play drums and we wore him out. Dave Carlson sang *Cherokee Maiden* as only he can do, followed by LeRoy King's *Four in the Morning*, a real favorite. LeRoy was also seen on the keyboard. Cindy De Leon and her *Satin Sheets* again got the lovers on the floor. Darrell Haddock spilled out *The Other Woman*, each couple glancing at their partners. Darrell had his own band for nearly 40 years and now we are blessed with his talent in our Western Swing Society.

Butch took a moment to thank all of our donors for their generous donations to assist with the operation of the society. He finished off with *Santa's on His Way* as Darrell



(pictured top left to right: Jeanne Yearian and Darrell Anderson on fiddles, Jim Hollinger on drums, Butch Gibson on bass and Larry Broad on lead guitar)

Anderson crooned *It's a Sin to Tell a Lie*. *Corrine Corrina* came out strong as Darrell Anderson gave it his all, dedicating it to us, Lou and Ed. It is one of our favorite Western Swing songs.

Now it's time to thank Fred Yearian for running sound, the Split-the-Pot people: Al and Cindy, Fern, and Lloyd too. Thanks to Alice for managing the desk job, Ray and Beryl for all they've done for the past three years and the Lynnwood Eagles for taking such good care of our needs, especially Tony and Cathy. We appreciate you all.

I wish to remind our members, these volunteers do their best to accommodate us, so please reward them as you see fit. I must also mention, when ordering meals, *please*

hang on to your order ticket so we don't miss anyone. Again, we thank you for your support.

Now comes the sad part. Please submit words of sympathy to steel player, Pat Rowe, on the loss of his wife, Lupe; Betty Miller on the loss of her loving brother, and to Bob Cobb and Val Stane on the loss of Val's son.

On a brighter note, please remember we will have Dave DuChane and Friends here on January 8th to spruce up the New Year. Special guests will be present as well – surprise! Come check it out. You'll love it.

Thanks so much, all of you,
Lou Bischoff

