

Silver Shoes

The Silver Shoes were formed by Caller and Taw, Dick and Marty Walsh, in 1961. Classes were first held at the B-Bar-B Western Store on 40 Highway and later in the Walsh's basement. Most of the square dancers were members of a saddle club, hence the name Silver Shoes. In 1962, after the second class, the Lazy 8's, Silver Dollars, and the Tune Trippers sponsored the Silver Shoes membership into the Heart of America Federation.

For two years in 1964 and 1965, ten couples from the Silver Shoes put on exhibitions throughout the State as they square danced on roller skates. It was during this time the shoes reached an all-time high membership of 90 active couples, and the Club sponsored their first camp-out which became an annual event in June. Prior to the 1969 square dance season, Dick Walsh resigned. Guest callers filled the slot until February 1970, when Jim Jefferies became the permanent caller. In the fall of 1993, dances moved to the Santa Fe Trail Elementary School in Independence.

During the past few years, we have planned several summer events.-Shortly after our last dance, we have an appreciation dinner. In July we plan a caravan to some point of interest for a weekend trip, and in August we usually attend a play at a theater, or have some other activity. Mark your calendar when the dates are announced and join us in our summer fun!

We are now in our 40th Year, of dancing as a federated club. We have some members who have been with the club for twenty plus years.



Shoes Caravan 2005



Shoes Dancing on Roller Skates