

CURLI Q'S
(FORMERLY ENGLEWOOD CURLI Q'S)

This club was founded in 1973. During the summer of 1973 the Nortmont Band held an ice cream social. The Band was to play a street concert and some area Square Dancers thought, "Why not promote Square Dancing at the same time". After all, didn't Englewood need a Square Dance Club? The proper "authorities" were contacted and Glen Rarick was asked to call for an exhibition in the street. Dancers participating in the exhibition were from the following Square Dance clubs: LEWISBURG PROMENADERS, DAYTON Y.W.C.A. SQUARES, and the BROOKVILLE JUST-A-MERE-SQUARES. Promotion material telling of a Western Style Square Dance Club starting in Englewood and that lessons would begin in October was printed ahead of time and passed out to the spectators. This was the birth of the Englewood Curli-Q's.

The following Curli-Q's club members were in that exhibition group: Don and Ruth Summers, who chaired all pre-planning meetings and directed the publicity strategy, made numerous phone calls, and secured a place for lessons to start; the Raricks, Glen, Jeannie, Don, Jill and Jon who printed all promotion material, advised the planning committee or group, and called the exhibition dance. Other members who helped in many various capacities are John and Kathryn Oren, Paul Hull, Shirley Clair, S.E. Richard, Emery Wheat, Mary Thoroman, Dorothy Hollingsworth, Jim, Therese and Cathy Crowe and Lewis Robinett.

In October the first beginner class was started. It contained the following members: Rick Brumbaugh, Noel and Winnie Clark, Dorothy and Kurt Cramer, Dick, Barbara and Della Deal, Wil and Ginny Eckel, Leroy and Connie Ford, Richard and Wilda Steiner, Lou Ann Thomas, and Bill, Lou Ann and Judy Wagner.

At the same time the 1973 beginner's class was underway at the Central Y.W.C.A. in Dayton. This class also was being taught by Glen Rarick. Some of those students were Betty Brandt, Bob Helwig, Helen Fowler and Virginia Love. They are now members of the Englewood Curli-Q's.

In November, a third Saturday night dance at Englewood and a fourth Saturday night dance at Lewisbrug was started. The purpose of these dances was to provide a dance that was on class level, thus providing added dancing experience opportunities for the students. Most people in the classes said they knew of people who wanted to take square dance lessons but didn't know of any club providing them at this time of the year. Since there was no club giving square dance lessons starting in January the existing classes were polled and it was decided that the Curli-Q's would go to the first and third Saturday nights from 8 to 11 o'clock with an hour workshop (lesson) preceding each session. Lewisburg would continue with the fourth Saturday night and the Y.W.C.A. Squares would alter the level of their Thursday dances to absorb the newer student dancers. All three clubs were invited to mingle and mix to help each other and to gain new friends and more dancing experience. This provided two evenings for new beginner lessons.

In January 1974, the second session of beginner lessons were started in Englewood and at the Y.W.C.A. Curli-Q's members that were in that class are: Harold and Lillian Amos, Joe and Willedene Argast, Dennis and Mabel Biser, Dale Brohas, Ray and Linda Broyles, Glenn and Dottie Campbell, Betty Chadd, Dawn Clark, Bill, Lois and Carol Dawson, Robert and Sandra Hinch, Jim and Jan Jackson, Ernest and Clarice Miller, Don and Flo Sayre, Carl and Kitty Schirtzinger, Sandra, Sherry and Douglas Thomas, Robert and Martha Tollefson, Bill and Doug Wagner.

The Y.W.C.A. Squares decided not to give more than 10 lessons so those students were invited to take the intermediate lessons with the Curli-Q's. Those joining the Curli-Q's were Don Lewis and Catherine Schaurer.

Dancers who had taken beginner lessons from the other clubs and were looking for more experience in the intermediate level, or who hadn't danced much lately and felt "rusty" were accepted in the intermediate lessons. These included: Stanley and Mildred Bussey, Louie Mitchell, Velma Holloway and Dwight and Lucille Garber. Charles and Adelaide Leech, Ken and Dottie Graham, and Walt and Dottie Wilson have recently joined the club. Other area dancers that have decided to make the Englewood Curli-Q's their home are Floyd Johns, Flossie Collier, Paul and Doris Greenwood, John and Kathern Oren, Gene Rarick, Beulah Kerr, Scott Rein, Rhonda Rein, Larry, Carol and Sheryll Ritz and A. Lee and Imogen Yarnall.

It has taken the WHOLE club, working together to get us where we are today - MORE THAN 100 MEMBERS STRONG - and it will continue to take the WHOLE club, working together to get us where we are going -PROVIDING OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS THE FUN, RELAXATION, AND FELLOWSHIP THAT ONLY A FRIENDLY CLUB CAN PROVIDE---THE ENGLEWOOD CURLI-Q'S.