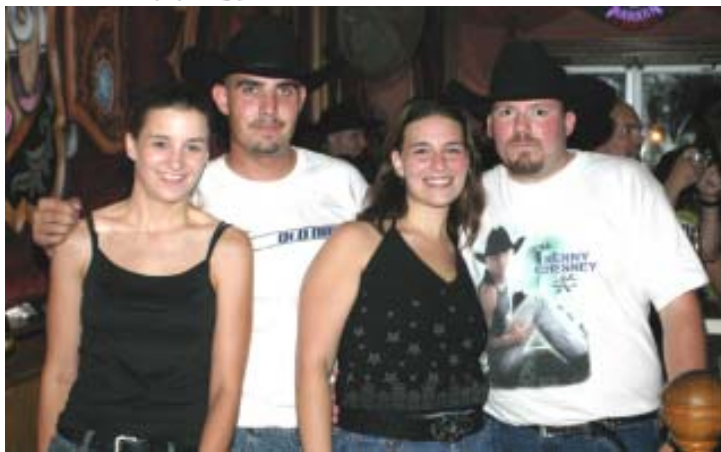




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Pete's Birthday Party



Wednesday-Line Dance Lessons at 7:00 with Gail McKenna
 Friday - Line Dance Lessons at 7:00 with Gail McKenna
 Cat Country Dance Party Night Every Friday
 Saturday - Line Dance Lessons at 7:00 with Gail McKenna



Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays
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HORSE-GIRL GLORIA



Gloria Tetu

My horse. Country music. Country dancing. Cowboy boots, lacers and hats. Hmmmm....do you see a trend here? Add to that a real nice, honest-to-goodness cowboy who has dubbed me "Horsegirl Gloria" and what do you have? Me. It just evolved that way, it just happened when I wasn't lookin'. In 1994 my friend Pam said, "Let's go country line dancing". I almost fell out of the chair laughing. Little by little, the country style has inched its way into my life to make me who I am today. The tattoo that many people have noticed was the ultimate symbol of my devotion to country. It's etched in my



Gloria's Horse

back, a cowboy boot with a rose and vines. It's also etched in my heart, as it was done by the very talented and late Skott Greene who died in the Station fire that horrible February night. How do you like me now? I can't get enough of the music or the dancing. I even wear my boots when I'm just out and about, shopping or whatever. Cowboy hat, too. People give me all kinds of funny looks. There was a time when I'd care what they'd be thinking, but suffice to say, I no longer give a spotted rat's butt.

I might have been born in Providence, but my heart lies west of here. Who says you need to be born in Texas to be a horsegirl? And what, you may ask, is with the "horsegirl" thing, anyway? Well, that amazing cowboy I was talkin' about earlier figured that since I don't own a cow, but I have a horse, and I can't be a "boy" for obvious reasons, so "cowboy" or "cowgirl" didn't fit. I'm fixin' to write to the Webster's dictionary people to see if they'd

like to work it into the language. Did I say "fixin'?" I look forward every time to dancing in the Diamond Rodeo. I'm hooked on country. I try to listen to the music in the rest of Mardi Gras (which is awesome if one likes that kind of music), but I can't take any of it for more than ten minutes before I'm racing back into the "cowboy bar", as some people refer to it. I want to say "thank you" to my cowboy, to my horse, to Skott (wherever you are now), and to the Diamond Rodeo for making my life so much richer.

Gloria Tetu



"Hey, didn't I just see you in Walmart?"



Regina At Her Birthday Party

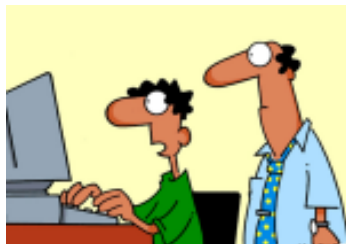
A Tribute to a Special Lady

I had the honor of being invited to Regina's 85th birthday celebration. I attended her 80th birthday party at the Diamond Rodeo and I knew this party would be as nice so I was anxious to go. The party was held at Regina's daughter's house. It was a pleasure to meet Joyce, Regina's daughter, who by the way looks very much like her mother. As usual Regina was dressed country with her signature hat and boots and a very stylish outfit. Regina is very style conscious. She has an outfit for every holiday and I look forward to seeing her in them.

I met Regina's husband Rene who looks in amazement when his wife kicks up her heels to the dance music but you can tell he is proud of her. Regina was anxious to introduce me to her grandsons, Gillie, Scott, and Nickie. Gillie is married to a very nice girl named Caroline. They were celebrating their 2nd anniversary. They have a beautiful little daughter Veronica who is Regina's great granddaughter. Regina is just so proud of the baby. Well now to the dancing part. We were so happy to have Joe Shutt as the DJ. Joe has a way of livening up a party with his humor and his 5, 6, 7, 8 call. As usual I was on the improvised dance floor

along with my friend Ilda dancing to the beat of country music. Joining us was Carolyn, and Nori and I could never forget Laura Regina's close friend. For a time there I felt like I was at the Diamond Rodeo. Our newsletter editor Mike was there with his wife Sue. As you can imagine many pictures were taken by Mike to be viewed in the newsletter. Food was in abundance with many deserts and a special cake with Regina's picture on it. Regina gave out favors to show her appreciation for us attending her party. It was just a fun night honoring Regina's 85th birthday. We were all so happy to be celebrating with Regina and her wonderful family. I hope Regina invites me to her 90th party because that will really be a blast.

Rita Polce



"Mom says I can only use the computer three hours a day. It takes longer than that just to delete my spam!"

A Fun Night

Dave and I have been fans of the Washington County Fair so on Saturday Aug. 16 we called our friends Carmen and Bob to join us for a fun day at the Fair. We got there early enough to get good seats in front of the stage. Everyone should make it a point to attend the Fair because it is filled with many interesting exhibits. We were looking forward to seeing and hearing Pam Tillis who was performing two



Dave Norcross on stage with Pam Tillis

shows that day.

As we walked through the grounds we saw the usual farm animals, tractors, and the many vendors selling their wares. The price to get into the Fair is only \$7.00 and where can you go today to be entertained by big names in the country music industry for that price. The food is very good but I must admit the strawberry shortcake ran a close second to the entertainment.

The show was scheduled to go on at 2PM so we made sure we were in our seats well before the start of the show. During the show, Carmen was taking a lot of pictures with her digital camera and she asked Dave if he would try to

get a close up of Pam Tillis. To Dave's astonishment Pam actually posed for him but I'm afraid it was too much of a shock and he moved the camera and actually got a pretty good shot of her feet. Carmen gave Dave a few more instructions on how to operate the camera and we sent him on his way for a second try at capturing her image. Pam again noticed Dave with his camera and motioned to him to come to the stage area so he could take a good picture. Well Mr.



Lynn Norcross



Welcome Back

The Diamond Rodeo was just not the same with our old friend Joe Macera missing from the club. Joe is a very important part of our famous Newsletter with all it's articles about what's happening at the club. He has been coming to the Mardi Gras for quite a few years and also teaches the Two Step to willing beginners.

Rita Polce





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