



TOPICS NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dave Williamson, Brampton, ON

Square Dancing is about community.

I often think that today's adults are too busy commuting to build a community and perhaps that helps explain the decline of square dancing (as well as many other organized activities). But the dance community certainly came together Saturday, November 6th to honour **Norm Wilcox** on the occasion of his retirement from calling.

Norm, in his long career of almost 50 years of calling, touched many lives. Some people knew him only as a great caller who worked hard to make his choreography smooth but interesting. Others would relate to Norm as a teacher whether they were new dancers, seasoned dancers learning a higher level, or round dancers. As well, many callers got their start by attending a caller's school where Norm was one of the instructors.

So I salute the dancing community that paid their respects to Norm at the **"Thanks for the Memories"** dance. The large number of dancers and the willingness of callers and cuers to participate enhanced the experience.

Small venue + lots of dancers = noise + fun + energy!

I would also like to thank **Aaron Goodman** who approached T & D with the request that we change our regularly scheduled dance to a celebration.

Thanks for the memories, Norm.

joy
to the
world



May Christmas find you with a friend by your side,
and leave you with a song in your heart.

**Merry Christmas &
a Happy, Healthy New Year**

From the Executive, Toronto & District
Square & Round Dance Association Inc.

**Happy
New Year**

CLUB NEWS

(Toronto and District Member Clubs)

ROYAL CITY SQUARES - Guelph, ON

Carole and Don Bates, Publicity



It would be impossible to let Hallowe'en pass without joining in the spirit of the day! These special nights generate so much fun ... great opportunity to socialize with peers in the club! Royal City Squares dancers got right into the spirit of the event, with decorations for both evenings and our dancers turning out in a range of creative costumes. The Tuesday night dancers with Dave included the challenge of a couple of games, i.e. 'pennies into a glass of water' and 'spider on a string' ... these turned out to be a highlight! Wednesday night with Jeff and Andrea happened on the usual 'end of the month singing call night', so lots of spooky music to dance to! As well as setting the mood with costumes and decorations, there were lots of goodies both evenings!

There's ongoing rivalry in the area with lots of banner stealing! Recently we've had raids from *Beaux and Belles* and *Galt's Swinging Eights* and at times we've found our banner inventory reduced to next to nothing! *Royal City Squares* dancers have taken the offensive with raiding parties to *Grand Squares* in Elora as well as planning a return to *Beaux and Belles* in Kitchener later in the month. What a great way to share the fun and social aspects of our square dance hobby! It's great to get to know dancers from other clubs.

Again this year, we're really looking forward to taking part in Guelph's Christmas toy drive to help make the season brighter for those families that are struggling with our annual 'Toy Dance'. Dancers will bring a new toy, unwrapped, as part of their admission to dance! These are collected and taken to the agency coordinating Christmas support for families. In Guelph this happens to be the Salvation Army. The Club's efforts have been great in the past ... and there's always the challenge to outdo our contributions of previous years!

By the time this note is published, our hosting of the November SWOSDA dance will be over. We expect it will have been a highlight of our 2010-11 season!

Of course the last night for our dancing will be a chance to socialize and extend holiday wishes as we recess for the Christmas season; the dates are December 7th and 8th. That about wraps up our news until next year ... when dancing starts again on January 4 and 5, 2011.

Tuesday caller:	Dave Williamson	
Wednesday Caller:	Jeff Priest	and our Cuer: Andrea Priest
Location both nights: Paisley Road School, 406 Paisley Rd (E. of Hanlon Pkwy/Hwy 6)		

It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent that survives. It is the one that is the most adaptable to change.. Charles Darwin

GREETINGS FROM JUBILEE ROUNDS IN ST. JACOBS:

Jeff & Andrea Priest, Brantford, ON

Jubilee Rounds is well underway this season! We have added 3 new dancer couples to our original 5, thanks to our Open House on September 30th. The Open House was a great night where we had a very quick look at three different rhythms and lots of time for cake and socializing. Jeff & I would like to say a big "Thanks!" to our club members for making our guests feel welcome. Our new dancers are working on their twostep basics and will be adding a couple of dances to their repertoire in the next week or two. Visit our website www.jeffreypriest.com for some pics of our Open House night!

We are looking forward to our Spooky Hallowe'en Party on October 28. We will be dancing the whole night long so if you round dance, and are looking for some floor time, please join us for the evening. We encourage you to wear your black & orange or your spookiest outfit.

Our teaches last month included Sweet Lips Waltz (ph 2+2 waltz by Aoyama), San Francisco Bay (ph 2+2 twostep by Speidel) and Monterey Waltz (ph 2+2 waltz by Barnes). It is our intent to have one night a month in which we just dance – no teach – in order to give you more practise on your figures. Our next "just dance" night will be November 18th. It's at "Hat Night" so wear a hat. Hopefully it won't be cold enough for a toque although you're welcome to wear one if you like, but any kind of hat will do; from a ballcap to a top hat, it's your choice!

Jubilee Rounds will be hosting some **Clinic Sessions** in the near future. These are times when we take a 3-4 hour session and work on a specific rhythm, introducing you to the basics for newer dancers and working on styling for those who feel they need a refresher. These clinics are designed to give you a more in-depth look at selected rhythms or figures and more specific floor time than you would get in our club atmosphere, enabling you to learn more in a concentrated time frame and take your knowledge to the dancefloor faster. Watch for our flyers in the coming weeks.

Visitors are always welcome; just come on out & dance.

Remember: For Round Dance fun, we're # 1 – the place to be is Jubilee!

Thursday nights 7-10pm. St James Lutheran Church, 1407 King St. N., St Jacobs.

An older, tired-looking dog wandered into my yard. I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home and was well taken care of. He calmly came over to me, I gave him a few pats on his head; he then followed me into my house, slowly walked down the hall, curled up in the corner and fell asleep. An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out.

The next day he was back, greeted me in my yard, walked inside and resumed his spot in the hall and again slept for about an hour. This continued off and on for several weeks.

Curious I pinned a note to his collar: 'I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful sweet dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap.'

The next day he arrived for his nap, with a different note pinned to his collar:

'He lives in a home with 6 children, 2 under the age of 3 - he's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?'

OTONABEE SQUARES, PETERBOROUGH

By Wayne & Anne Hare, Peterborough, ON

Otonabee Squares in Peterborough entered into their second year of dancing on September 13th with returning dancers at the mainstream level and new class dancers. Wayne Whatman is providing the club instruction in his capable manner to the enjoyment of all dancers. This year the club has shifted their dance night to Mondays as feedback last year suggested that a number of prospective dancers were unable to join the club on Thursday nights. We have 33 new dancers as new members of the club and 29 dancers who returned from last year. Each night has 5 to 6 angel dancers from Lift Lock Squares who come along to assist with the squares.

The Otonabee Club has a large percentage of single dancers and a significant number of the female dancers who started out learning to dance on the beau side of the couple. These dancers will likely never be without a partner to dance with and the fun and comradeship continues just the same.

Members of Otonabee Squares have been invited to be guests of the Lift Lock Square Dance Club on 20th of November for their annual Pie Night, where basic and mainstream levels of dancing will be the focus of the evening and to share the dancing evening with all new dancers.

Otonabee Squares are planning a Welcome Back Party dance and pot-luck dinner on 3 January 2011 at 6:30 PM and on January 10th 2011 the club will be starting a new class of beginning dancers. Unlike in September, when the club took in new dancers over a three week span any interested new dancers must begin on January 10th. Also on January 10th the club will be joined by a Girl Gude group who are working towards their dancer badge.

Otonabee Squares are grateful to Jackie Deschenes who has developed a website for the club at otonabeesquares.wordpress.com. The site is a great way for members to keep up to date with what is happening in the club and for the general public to find out what is happening in the square dance world in Peterborough and elsewhere. The club is striving to do less photocopying of notices by encouraging members to check the website for newsletter information and notices of club activities.

On January 23 2011 Otonabee Squares is hosting an invitational dance with their Frosty Fling which is being held at Westdale United Church Hall, 1509 Sherbrooke St West in Peterborough. Wayne Whatman and Doug Holmes will be callers for the afternoon with lunch served at the end of the dance. Check the website at otonabeesquare.wordpress.com for a flyer or the flyer is also available on the T & D website.

The club members wish Brenda Whatman a speedy recovery from her recently broken ankle and hope to see her back joining us on the dance nights.

The executive members of Otonabee Squares are delighted to see that their efforts in organizing a new club have attracted so many new people to the world of modern square dancing in Peterborough.

HALIBURTON HIGHLAND TWIRLERS, Haliburton, ON

By Al & Renia Calhoun, Hillsdale, ON

Haliburton Highland Twirlers held a **Halloween dance** on October 27, 2010. Three squares and 1/2 square of new dancers, All were dressed and prizes were given for the best Man/Lady/ & couple in costume.

The dance was from 7:30 to 9:30p.m. followed by a quiet get together for Halloween treats with tea/coffee.

A wonderful time was had by all and now we look forward to Christmas.

SWING AND WHIRL SQUARE DANCE CLUB. St. Catharines, ON

50TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

By Bob Beck, Thorold, ON

On Saturday, November 13, 2010, the Swing and Whirl Square Dance Club of St. Catharines celebrated their **50th Anniversary** at First Grantham United Church (where the club has danced for all 50 years) on Linwell Road. Red and White (the Club colours) were the predominate colours in the balloon and streamers decorating the hall. The dancing started at 7:30 p.m. with **Sharron Hall** and **Bob Beck** sharing the cueing for a half-hour round dance party. At 8:00 p.m., **Wayne Hall** and **Harry Vander Giessen** called the first tip of the evening and then alternated calling for the rest of the evening until the last tip at 10:00 p.m. which they did together. Bob and Sharron alternated doing the rounds between tips.

Many former members came out to socialize and share memories of the good times they had at Swing and Whirl. Among them was our former president, Margaret Wadge who is now 97 years young. Margaret lives at the Ina Grafton Gage Village right next to the church.

Part way through the evening, President couple Bert and Marie McAlinden welcomed all of the dancers and former members. Orphie Marcellus (formerly Orphie Eaason) was asked to come up and speak about the formation of the club. Orphie said that she buys lottery tickets but never wins anything, but she really won when dancers at the church asked her to start a square dance club 50 years ago. Orphie called for the club for the first 25 years before marrying Mac Marcellus and moving out of the area. We have had a number of callers since then including Geoff Ford, Tim Crawford, Doug Smith, Bea Foottit and Mike Harris with Wayne Hall (Sharron), our current Saturday night Plus caller, and Harry Vander Giessen (Sharon Rowat), our current Wednesday night A1/A2 caller.

The club presented a lovely poinsettia plant to Orphie in appreciation for her many years leading the club.

Dave and Karen Williamson, President couple of Toronto and District Square and Round Dance Association, presented a framed certificate of congratulations, and Wayne and Sharron Hall representing Ontario Federation and the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society presented certificates from each group.

Orphie was asked to cut the anniversary cake and then took the stage to do a singing call. Even though she has not called in many years, she did a great job and still has a lovely singing voice.

Dancing continued until 10:00 p.m., at which time tables were set up. Club members provided sandwiches to go with the cake, and tea and coffee were served by the members of the First Grantham United Church Friendship group. It was this group - formerly the couples club - that has sponsored Swing and Whirl at the church since its inception.

I'd like to mention other leaders present at the dance and thank them for helping us celebrate this historic occasion: Dave and Karen Williamson, Grant (Ann) Logan, Jim Lee (Bev Barrowcliffe), Greg (Rita) Masur, Brian (Joan) O'Gram as well as former callers Mac Marcellus (and Orphie) and former round dance leaders Dot Blackley and Jackie (Bob) Mallette. If I missed anyone, I apologize.

This was a terrific evening. It was wonderful to see so many former dancers who we hadn't seen in a long time.

Like many clubs, our numbers are getting fewer as our dancers get older, but we will carry on as long as we can. We always welcome visitors. We normally dance the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month (Plus) and every Wednesday from September through April You can contact us for info at 905-227-7264 or e-mail rbeck9@cogeco.ca or bettytop@aol.com. Our next big celebration will be our 100th anniversary in 2060. Mark your calendars.

Chatter...

*For our 50th Annual
Convention*

May 12, 13, 14 2011

Chatter, our internet Newsletter, is On-line!

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"**Chatter**" in the Subject line.

**Keeping in touch is your key to
knowing what is going on!**



60th Anniversary Congratulations to Bob and Joan Hobbs.

We extend our sincere good wishes to **Bob and Joan** at this milestone in their lives. They have been dancing modern square dancing in Peterborough for over 42 years and before that enjoyed old time square dancing.

Jean Landers for
Lift Lock Square Dance Club

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905-227-7264

or e-mail: rbeck9@cogeco.ca

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES DANCE - November 6, 2010

By Aaron Goodman, Mississauga, ON

What a Wonderful Tribute to **Norm Wilcox**. The **"Thanks for the Memories" Dance** on November 6, 2010 was Unbelievably Fantastic.



From a small idea, presenting Such a Blessed Tribute was made possible by the teamwork of the Toronto & District Square and Round Dance Association. These people should be proud of what they put together.

The Callers who took part in this Tribute All did a magnificent job and should be proud of their efforts.

Above all, the Dancers, past and present ,who came out to Show Their Best Wishes and Appreciation to Norm, did that with Class and Style

To Tom Peterson a Special Tribute and thank you for Making a Disastrous Day Turn into a Magnificent Party by Setting up Skype for Us to Use.

A Fundamental Day for a Fundamental Man. What More Can We Say?

CONDOLENCES

We would like to send our sincerest sympathies and friendship to the family and friends of Norm Wilcox in Norm's passing on Wednesday November 10.

We are grateful for the **"Thanks for the Memories"** dance this past Saturday in Brampton in that Norm, Wendy and all the family were a part of a celebration from all the square dancers and leaders for Norm.

Norm began calling in 1962. His records, choreography, Callers Notes, and legacy for smooth dancing are all part of Norm's gift to our dancer leaders and dancers.

Tom & Linda Charlton

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IN MEMORIAM
NORMAN KEITH (Norm) WILCOX



National Square Dance Caller and Round Dance Cuer, in his 75th year. Passed away peacefully with all of his family with him, on Wednesday November 10, 2010 at the Credit Valley Hospital , Mississauga . Norm will be greatly missed by his wife Wendy and his children Dianne Adams (Dale), Carol Carr (Jim), Elizabeth Houston, David Wilcox (Aimee), Jeff Forsyth (Leslie) and Kelly Whaling (Shawn). He was the dear granddad of Kendra, Melinda and Henry Adams; Alannah, Jordan and Olivia Carr; Shannon Knight (Steven); Lorraine Houston (Neil), Dorothy Houston (Mike); Norma, and Matthew Leveille; Garret Wilcox; Alex Forsyth and James and Katey Whaling. Great-grandad of Steven, Hannah and Abby Knight. Loving brother to Mike Wilcox (Mary) and Jennifer Wilcox (George). Special uncle of Colin (Janet), Ken (Lauren), Chrissie (Mark) and Maddie. He will be sadly missed by his good friend Aaron Goodman. Norm will be dearly remembered for

his great Square Dance calling both locally and right across Canada . Thanks for the memories.

Friends will be received at the J.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home, 11582 Trafalgar Rd., north of Maple Ave. , Georgetown (905) 877-3631 on Friday from 7-9pm and on Saturday from 3-5 & 7-9 pm. Funeral service will be held at St. Alban's Anglican Church, 537 Main Street , Glen Williams on Sunday November 14th, 2010 at 2:00 pm. Interment Union Church Cemetery , Glen Williams.

In memory, contributions to Prostate Cancer Research or the Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills would be appreciated. To send expressions of sympathy visit www.jsjonesandsonfuneralhome.com

CALLER READY FOR ACTION AGAIN

By Aaron Goodman

How I enjoy square dance calling! Given the opportunity to fill in now and then has reminded me how much fun I used to have Calling. Ten years have passed since I retired from calling Basic to A-1. I would love to get into the swing of things again. Give me a call if you are looking for a caller.

905- 896-4217 or e-mail me at agvmg@rogers.com

“The starting point for all achievement is desire. Keep this constantly in mind.”

Napoleon Hill

ROUND DANCES TAUGHT

Bob & Betty Beck - Thorold, Ontario

Covent Garden Rose - Phase IV - Waltz (Hoffman)
Sounds of Silence - Phase III + 1 - Rumba (Buckmaster/Reigel)

Reviewed:

Doolittle Cha - Phase IV - Cha (Goss)

Jerry & Bonnie Callen - Guelph, Ontario

I'm So Lucky to Sing – Phase IV Foxtrot (Speranzo)
Some People – Phase IV Rumba (Kennedy)
I'm Waiting for You – Phase III Rumba (Nelson)
Moonlight and Roses – Phase IV Foxtrot (Crapo)
O Du Frohlicke – Phase IV Foxtrot (Callen)
Too Many Rivers – Phase IV Slow Two Step (Hooper)
The More I See You – Phase VI Cha Cha (Preskitt)
Pink Cadillac – Phase V Jive (Lawson)
St Michael's Quickstep – Phase VI Quickstep (Casey) – Review
Euro Tango – Phase V Tango (Ito)
I Can't Believe – Phase V Foxtrot (Slater)

Mary & Dick Hinkle - Grand Island, NY

Beautiful Dreamer - Phase III+2+1 - Waltz (Gloodt) RAL rd of qtr

Reviewed:

The Poet & I - Phase II - Waltz (Brown)
Ding Dong Mambo - Phase IV - Mambo (Collipi)

Andrea & Jeff Priest - Brantford, ON

Sweet Lips Waltz - Phase II + 2 - Waltz (Aoyama)
San Francisco Bay - Phase II + 2 - o-Step (Speidel)
Monterey Waltz - Phase II + 2 - Waltz (Barnes)

Christmas waves a magic wand over
this world, and behold, everything is
softer and more beautiful.

Norman Vincent Peale
(1898 - 1993)

The future belongs to those who
believe in the beauty of their dreams.

Eleanor Roosevelt
(1884 - 1962)

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WE REMEMBER

Reprinted from Roundalab Journal Fall 2010

Audrey Palmquist, 1910 - 2010, Audrey Palmquist, the remaining half of the incomparable round dance team of Eddie & Audrey Palmquist, died September 11, 2010, at her home in Laguna Woods, California. She had just celebrated her 100th birthday with family, friends and many who had enjoyed her choreography and teaching over the years, including Brent Moore, Bill & Carol Goss and Jim & Bobbie Childers. Eddie died in 1999.

A native of Hamilton, Canada, Audrey was born into a family where no dancing was allowed. She discovered dancing when, as a school teacher, she was required to take a YMCA recreation class to oversee playground activities at the school. Folk dance was part of the YMCA curriculum, and she fell in love with dancing. She also met her first husband, Perc Van Sickle in the YMCA program. Together they started folk dance classes in local churches, were sought out by McMaster University to teach a dance class, and became charter members of the Toronto and District Square Dance Association. They organized the Cross Trails Square Dance Club and she formed two round dance clubs, Carousel and Style Around.

She met Eddie Palmquist when she organized two groups of dancers – one from Chicago and one from Niagara Falls – to go to the 1964 National Square Dance Convention in Long Beach, California. He had been widowed earlier that year and was a last minute substitute to teach a basic tango clinic. Audrey was the moderator scheduled for that clinic. She asked him to come to Toronto twice after that to put on clinics for her classes. She moved to California in 1966 to teach with him and they were married in 1968. Each has an extensive list of choreography to their credit, and together they wrote nearly 200 round dances and put on dance improvement clinics throughout the United States before retiring in 1996. Ten of their dances have been named to the ICBDA Hall of Fame, more than any other choreographer. They received the highest honours given by any of the international round dance organizations, including ROUNDALAB's Silver Halo Award and URDC (ICBDA)' Golden Torch Award.

Audrey and Eddie were among the organizers of ROUNDALAB in 1977, being named to its first Standardization Committee, and in 1979 they put on the first Convention education seminar with a clinic on telemarks, heel turns, impetus, and fallaway and semi-closed positions.

Audrey remained active in her community after retiring from dancing, becoming president of the Laguna Woods Garden Club and working on Ebell Club projects. She continued to put on a New Year's Day brunch started for their dancers more than 30 years ago, even after Eddie died and after discovering she had cancer. She is survived by her son, Paul Van Sickle and Eddie's five children. She and Eddie are also survived by 20 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. Funeral services were held Thursday, September 16, 2010, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Laguna Woods, CA.

Deadline for next TOPICS Newsletter

Saturday, January 15, 2011

The next issue will cover February and March. Please be sure to get your events in the newsletter. Thank you to all the Clubs and members who contributed to this newsletter. Remember, I hope to get all of your flyers and club reports. Please watch for your events on the web site, www.td-dance.ca

Register NOW!

For:

Toronto & District Square & Round Dance Association Inc.'s

50th Anniversary Convention

May 12, 13, & 14, 2011

You can register for **accommodation and dancing**

now for 1 day: either Friday or Saturday;

2 days: Friday and Saturday; or

3 days: Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Please refer to the on-line registration form in *Chatter* for the complete range of package choices.

And when you send in your Registration Form, tell Ken and Rose Marie how you would like to give them a hand at this very special event!

You can also register to **dance only**. Why not make it a group activity with other dancers from your club? Get your group together and sort out your times and dates so that you can all be there together.

Cancellation Policy

If you find it necessary to cancel, refunds for **dance registration** and **meals** are available until April 15, 2011 and for **accommodation** only are available until noon on May 6, 2011.

Contact our Convention Registrars:

Ken & Rose Marie Robinson

96 Windsor Drive

P.O. Box 53, St. George, ON N0E 1N0

Phone: 519 448 3842

PLEASE NOTE: 2011 RIBBONS MUST BE WORN WITH YOUR CLUB BADGES AT ALL DANCE SESSIONS DURING THE CONVENTION

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, December 4, 2010 - Your WOW Committee presents the **Jingle Bell Ball** Dinner and Dance at The Hungarian Self Culture Society Hall, 361 Hellems Avenue, Welland, ON. Dance Phase III, IV & V Rounds with **Jerry & Bonnie Callen, Mary & Dick Hinkle** and **Bob & Betty Beck** from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.. Cost \$65.00 per couple includes a Turkey and Beef dinner at 5:00 p.m. For information see flyer on T. and D. Website or call 905-227-7264 or e-mail bettytop@aol.com Host hotel, Best Western Rose City Suites, offering preferred rate to dancers.

Saturday, December 11, 2010 - **Lift Lock Squares** invite you to a **CHRISTMAS DANCE** at St. Anne's Parish Hall, 859 Barnardo Ave, Peterborough. Dance Plus with A1 and 2 tips from 7:00 -10:00p.m. with refreshments to follow. Caller **Joe Uebelacker**. Cost: \$8.00 per person. For information call 905-342-5450 or email hjlander@gmail.com . Profit will be donated to Salvation Army Christmas Hamper Fund.

Monday, December 13, 2010 - **Waterdown Village Squares** invite you to their **CHRISTMAS POT LUCK** at St. James United Church, 306 Parkside Drive, Waterdown at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. (Bring a salad, main course or dessert for 8 and your own eating utensils – cups, plates & cutlery) followed by a Sing-song at 7:30 p.m. and Square Dancing from 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. Cost \$8.00 per person. **Jim Lee** will be calling Class, Mainstream, Plus and A-1. For information call Evelyn Scott - 905-820-3349 or Dennis Foster 416-621-3897

Friday, December 31, 2010 - **NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE Lift Lock Squares** invite you to join us to bring in **2011!** 7:30 p.m. Dinner and Dance \$25 per person OR 8:30 p.m. Dance only \$12.50 per person at St Anne's Parish hall, 859 Barnardo, Peterborough. Caller and Cuer: **Al Calhoun**. Plus with A1 tips and rounds. Pre-registration required. Door prizes. Midnight snack. Special hotel rate of \$59.99+tax. . Call 905 342 5450 for more information.

Friday, December 31, 2010 - **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY Waterdown Village Squares** invite you to join them at St. James United Church, 306 Parkside Drive, Waterdown, with **Jim Lee** calling Squares and Rounds, to ring in the New Year. Doors Open at 7:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:30 p.m. followed by dancing from 9:00 p.m. into the New Year. Get your tickets early, maximum of 12 squares. Cost: Members \$20.00 /person and Non-Members \$22.50 / person. For infor call Bill Turnbull at 905-878-9573, e-mail turnbullwt@yahoo.com or Pat & Ralph Coutts at 905-822-8045 or Bev Barrowcliffe at 905-628-9061.

Friday, December 31, 2010 - **Poor Man's Inflation Fighter NEW YEAR'S EVE Round Dance Party** at Amherst Community Church, 77 Washington Hwy., Amherst, New York, 14226. **Dick & Mary Hinkle** invite you to dance in the New Year with them. 8:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. dance & socialize, 11:30 - 12:00 midnight - finger foods & celebration and 12:15 a.m. - the first dance of the New Year. Cost \$15.00 per couple in advance. No tickets at Door. Please bring your favourite finger food to share at 11:30 p.m. and your favourite pop. Coffee and Tea will be supplied. Dance Phase II, III & IV Rounds. For information, please call Dick & Mary at 716-773-1938 or e-mail hickdinkle@aol.com

Sunday, January 23, 2011. **Otonabee Squares** invite you to our 2nd Frosty Fling which will be held at Westdale United Church hall, 1509 Sherbrooke St. W., Peterborough. Time 2-4:30pm followed by refreshments. Callers will be Doug Holmes and Wayne Whatman. First year dancers especially welcome - Dancing level will be **basic** with some mainstream/plus tips. Cost \$6pp. See flyer For info. call Sharon Rae 705- 743-8699; email otonabeesquares@gmail.com. See also: otonabeesquares.wordpress.com

Saturday February 12, 2011 - **New Dancers Valentine's Dance** presented by the **Willowdale Willow Weavers**. A party dance for new dancers at Thornhill Presbyterian Church, 271 Centre Street, Thornhill. 2:30-5:00 and 6:30-9:30. Afternoon or evening \$12/cpl. Full day \$25 includes chilli supper. Singles half price. Attending callers are invited to participate and will use calls most new dancers have learned this season. More info see flyer or email Grant Logan at grant.logan@3web.net.

Saturday February 26, 2011 - A day of **PLUS with A1 tips & rounds** - presented by the **Willowdale Willow Weavers** at Thornhill Presbyterian Church, 271 Centre Street, Thornhill. 2:30-5:00 and 6:30-9:30. Afternoon or evening \$12/cpl. Full day \$25 includes chilli supper. Singles half price. Squares & rounds with Jim Lee & Grant Logan. More info see flyer or email grant.logan@3web.net.

Saturday, April 16, 2011 - **Lift Lock Squares** of Peterborough invite you to their **49th Annual Spring Spree** at Crestwood Secondary School, 1885 Sherbrooke Street West, Peterborough. Dance Basic, Mainstream, Plus & A-1 with **Don Moger, Paul Adams, Norm Wilcox & Joe Uebelacker** and Rounds with **Bob & Betty Beck**. Afternoon dance from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m., Round dance Party from 7:00 - 7:45 p.m. and Evening dance from 8:00 - 10:30 p.m. Refreshments to follow. For information contact Anne & Wayne Hare at 705-743-3077 or e-mail wayne.hare@sympatico.ca Advance Registration cost \$25.00 per couple all day if registered before April 2, 2011.

May 12, 13, & 14, 2011 - **Toronto and District Square & Round Dance Association Inc.** invite you to their **50th Anniversary International Square & Round Dance Convention** at Brock University, 500 Glenridge Avenue, St. Catharines, ON. Dance MS to C-1 Squares with **Tim Crawford, Jim Lee, Charlie McClure, Tom Miller, PA, & Jeff Priest** and Rounds with **Jerry & Bonnie Callen and Curt & Tammy Worlock, FL**. Dance registration for the 3-day convention is \$50.00 per person. For information contact Ken and Rose Marie Robinson, at k.j.robinson@sympatico.ca . See the flyer on the T. and D. Website: www.td-dance.ca Hope to see you there.

June 3, 4, & 5, 2011 - **WOW!** - The WOW Weekend Committee invite you to join them for their **16th Western Ontario Round Dance Weekend** featuring **Barbara & Wayne Blackford**, from Jacksonville, FL at John Paul Secondary School, Oxford and Highbury Avenue, London, ON. Teaching and dancing Phase III, IV and V dances from Friday 8:00 p.m. to Sunday Noon. Cost \$160.00 per couple includes dancing, Saturday lunch and dinner with coffee breaks. For Information contact Bob & Betty Beck at 905-227-7264 or e-mail bettytop@aol.com or rbeck9@cogeco.ca

The Joy of Living

If nobody smiled, and nobody cheered, and nobody helped us along;
If each one only looked after himself; and the good things all went to the strong;
If nobody cared just a little for you, and nobody cared for me;
And we all stood alone in the battle of life – what a dreary world it would be!

Life is sweet because of the friends we have made and the things which in common we share.

We want to live on, not because of ourselves, but because of the people who care,
It's giving and doing for somebody else – it's on that all life's splendour depends.
The joy of this world when we've summed it all up is found in the making of friends.

Editor's Note: Friends, to all of you, we wish the **Merriest Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year.**

Betty & Bob

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