



TOPICS NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ken & Rose Marie Robinson



Winter. It's here! In spite of the topsy-turvy winter weather - one day rain and clouds, the next snow and wind - there's no denying that winter has arrived. As we write this, we are envious of friends who are enjoying warmth and sunshine in Aruba! We hope they have a wonderful vacation, and come back refreshed and energized.

Because our weather in southern Ontario is so unpredictable, Ken & I plan to head to Haliburton for a weekend or two to try our new cross-country skis, purchased last year when we were certain that skiing from our back yard into the Brant countryside was our key to fitness during the winter months.

Canadian winters can be difficult for our square-dance organizations. Our climate can present formidable challenges - cancellations due to driving conditions make it necessary for some of our clubs to suspend dancing during the worst months of winter weather. And many of our dancers take extended vacations to Florida or other southern destinations, further reducing numbers at weekly dances. We encourage our readers to continue to support their clubs, and in return to benefit from the social interaction and exercise that is proven to help us cope with melancholy sometimes associated with short days and cold temperatures.

A quick look at the flyer table at your club or at the T&D website, www.td-dance.ca, reveals many opportunities to dance and enjoy the winter months. Ken & I are in the habit of attending some of these dances every year, dancing to our favourite callers and meeting folks who have become friends even though we may see them only once or twice each year. This year, we hope to take in a few new events - there are terrific callers we have yet to dance to, and new friendships to be made!

There are also celebrations to attend! Please plan to join us on March 3rd, as we celebrate with Royal City Squares on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary! Dave Williamson and Jeff Priest will be calling Mainstream and Plus tips, and Andrea Priest will cue Rounds at Trinity United Church, 400 Stephenson St. North, Guelph on March 3, 2012. Dancing: 2:00 - 4:30 and 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Cost: \$7.50 p.p.

The last joint dance of this season will be hosted by Happy Hoppers at the Lebovic Arts Centre, 19 Civic St. Stouffville, on April 7th, 2:00 - 4:30. Doug Holmes and Al Calhoun will call Plus and A1 tips; Bob & Betty Beck will cue Rounds. Cost is \$6.00 per person. We hope to see you there!

We hope you will get out and enjoy our Canadian winter. We may see you on some cross-country trails; but, failing that, we surely hope to meet you on a crowded dance floor!

"Yellow Rock"
Rose Marie & Ken Robinson

CONVENTION REPORT

Business Managers ~ Jeff & Andrea Priest
Brantford, Ontario

Greetings,

We do hope you have registered for our 51st Annual Convention to be held on May 4, 5 & 6, 2012. If not click this link ([Flyer](#)) to print the registration form and send it in!

This Convention marks a number of positive changes for T & D. I would like to highlight just a few:

First:

We have a new location! Guelph University in Guelph, Ontario!

For a number of years, many dancers have indicated they weren't completely comfortable with the beds at Brock and since local hotels were not easily accessible, some folks stopped coming for the weekend.

We have listened to you: There is no residence accommodation offered – only hotels – 4 within a few minutes walk. Also, the parking is free after 5:00 pm on Friday for the balance of the weekend, except RVs. They will be charged \$20.00 for the weekend to park in the lot next to the dance halls.

Remember, like Brock, this is an accommodation parking only – not a campground offering. No services are available and no awnings or lawn chairs will be permitted.

Second:

For the last few years our dancers have advised us they didn't enjoy the walk from one hall to another as the distance was more than they wished it to be. Also, sometimes they had to go outside to change dance halls and if the weather was inclement, this became an issue.

We have listened to you: This new venue offers all dance halls under one roof. Once you start dancing, you can stay in one building and move from one room to another without too much

trouble. Some rooms are up a flight of stairs but should not present serious issues for most people.

Plus, Mainstream, Rounds, Lines and the Vendor area are all on the main floor; A-1 and A-2 are up on the second floor.

Third:

For the last few years our dancers have told us they would prefer not to dance on Mother's Day Weekend and in fact, some folks told us they could never attend Convention because it was held on Mother's Day Weekend.

We have listened to you: We are not on Mother's Day Weekend this year. We hope to see all those who haven't attended before because of Mother's Day commitments.

Fourth:

Our dancers have indicated that the cost of meals and accommodations to attend for three days is more than they would like to spend.

Again, we have listened to you: Now you can attend the whole Convention and invest in only two night's accommodation, purchase some meals on campus as a package or choose your own places to eat. There are conveniently located restaurants and eateries in close proximity to the University – many within walking distance.

So..... now with a new venue, new accommodation options, new meal options and a new timeframe, as well as the best in dance offerings!, we are ready once more to still serve you with the best annual 3-day convention in Canada!!!

Pick up a flyer, check out the website or contact us to book your space!! We are looking very forward to this year's Convention and hope that you will come and join us and make this our best one yet!

See you in Guelph,
Jeff & Andrea

FROM THE CONVENTION REGISTRARS:

Rose Marie & Ken Robinson, St. George, ON

Christmas and New Years have past. Often January and February are our most bitter winter months. Some of you are thinking about a trip to warmer climates but I'm wondering if I'll even need to start the snow blower this winter. There seems no chance that we'll get to use our new cross country skis this year. Looking at the 14 day forecast I see Sunday will have a high of 8° C. Our exercise will have to come from dancing.

We hope that square and round dancing remains high on everyone's list of favourite forms of exercise. That being the case lets go a step further and register for the T& D Convention held this year for the first time at Guelph University. Your

registration helps our programmers do their excellent job of scheduling dancing at appropriate levels for all the dancers attending our convention. It is a complicated process - they need numbers to work with!

You'll find extra information about this years convention at Chater found at : <http://www.jerrycallen.ca/td/ChatterSep11.pdf> If you have any questions or concerns that we can help you with, please contact us at (519) 448-3842 or via email to k.j.robinson@sympatico.ca. We're looking forward to seeing you on May 4th, 5th and 6th at Guelph!

T & D JOINT DANCES:

Don't forget to put these dances on your calendar for the New Year:

Royal City Squares invite you to join them on **March 3rd, 2012**, to celebrate their **50th Anniversary** at an afternoon and evening dance - Mainstream with Plus tips with Dave Williamson and Jeff Priest calling and Andrea Priest cueing rounds.

Newmarket Happy Hoppers will co-host a joint dance on **April 7, 2012**, at the Lebovic Arts Centre in Stouffville. This will be an afternoon dance, with Doug Holmes and Al Calhoun calling Plus with A1 tips, and Bob & Betty Beck cueing rounds.

Blue Mountain Promenaders will host the first joint dance of the 2012-2013 dancing season on **October 13, 2012**.

*Good friends are like stars.....
.....You don't always see them, but you know they are always there.'*

Deadline for next TOPICS Newsletter

Saturday, March 10, 2012

The next issue will cover April & May. 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

CLUB NEWS

(Toronto and District Member Clubs)

ROYAL CITY SQUARES - Guelph, ON

Yvonne Paterson, Publicity



Royal City Squares dancers have finally lost that 'stuffed turkey' feeling we all had after too much feasting during the festive season. And a good thing too, as we have a lot to kick up our heels about during 2012. It's our 50th anniversary year! We have special dances planned, a dinner for all former and long-term members, and are hoping to have an event to involve the community at large. We kick off with a T&D joint dance on March 3, followed by our annual Freshman Frolic on March 31, so mark these dates on your calendar.

This session, we again enrolled the Tuesday Basic and Mainstream Teach through Continuing Education and have started new dancers in January. We welcome all other clubs to come join in the fun, dancing to the calling of Dave Williamson. At the time of writing this article, we don't know yet how many new dancers just started, but with 8 of those who signed up in September coming back, we should have a good class.

We are aware that we don't stand alone, but are supported by the umbrella groups of Toronto and District and SWOSDA. Thanks to all who put so

much time and effort into the continued operation and growth of Square and Round dancing.

Our Wednesday Plus group continues to have singing call nights the last Wednesday of every month. I can't report yet on our Aloha dance on January 25th, but it's bound to be a bash, because we have two clubs visiting that night. We're curious about what songs Jeff and Andrea Priest will come up with for our Sadie Hawkins night on February 29. Our November Beatles night was great fun, and you can expect some good dancing and lots of laughs from our upcoming singing call nights.

Was fitness and laughing more one of your New Year's resolutions? Come to Guelph and dance, dance, dance with us. We'd love to have you Tuesday or Wednesday nights starting at 7:30 at Paisley Road School, 406 Paisley Rd.

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WATERDOWN VILLAGE SQUARES CHRISTMAS 2011 POT LUCK DANCE

Everyone had a great time at the **Christmas Pot Luck** Dance. Many thanks to our Vice-Presidents, **Sue Gaetan** and **Jamie Whitewood** for organizing the event. Of course, they couldn't have done it without the help of the many volunteers who arrived early to decorate the hall and set up tables and chairs. A special thank you to **Bev Barrowcliffe** and **Myrna Patton** who managed the kitchen duties and ensured the food was out on time and hot, to all those hungry square dancers.

After dinner, **Don Woods** accompanied by his wife, **Diane** (on piano) got all of us in the Christmas spirit singing Christmas Carols. Thank you so much Don and Diane for helping to make the evening special.

Of course, the evening would be nothing without our callers, **Bill Everett** and **Jimmy Lee**. Thank you, not only for making the Pot Luck a great event, but also for being there for us every week.

WATERDOWN VILLAGE SQUARES

SNOW BUNNY DANCE

By Ken Robinson

At this years **Snow Bunny** dance 38 dancers enjoyed the traditional meat pie and peas prepared by Mark and Laura Proctor. Another 4 joined us after the meal for the superb calling of **Bill Everett**.

Elvis even made a cameo appearance. Two women

swooned on the spot. Although the numbers were down the enthusiasm was not.

Several members of the Guelph Royal City Squares drove down to join in the fun. If you weren't there you missed a great dance.

LIFT LOCK SQUARES – Peterborough, ON

Doug Watt, Treasurer

The Peterborough Lift Lock Square Dance Club held their Christmas dance on Saturday December 3rd. We were fortunate to have excellent driving weather for our out-of-town members and guests. Thanks to those dancers who came from other areas to add to the good time, enjoying the calling of our club caller, Joe Uebelacker. Joe called interesting Plus tips alternating with Advanced tips – all levels had fun!. He showed us a formation that he called *Decorate the Tree*, which had a square evolve into two separate stars, then blend together again to a square. It was kind of like gears meshing! There were many colourful outfits and a variety of Santa hats.

Share The Wealth prizes were won by Tony

McFadden and Howard Lander. There were additional draws for two Christmas (Cyclamen) plants, won by Caroline Charman and Julia Parker.

At 9:30, we ended the evening by enjoying conversation and the delicious variety of food provided by club dancers. Thanks to the kitchen helpers for punch, coffee and tea.

In keeping with the season, the evening's net proceeds of \$61.00 were donated to the Peterborough Salvation Army Community Christmas Hamper Fund.

God bless everyone.

DON'T QUIT!!

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
When the funds are low, and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As everyone of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about,
When he might have won had he stuck it out,

Don't give up though the pace seems slow,
You may succeed with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out,
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are.
It may be near when it seems so far;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,
It's when things seem worse,
That you must not quit.

OTONABEE SQUARES OFF TO A GOOD START

By Jean Lander, Peterborough, Ontario

Our club has welcomed 29 new dancers this September. A few of these are returning dancers but most are new. This past Monday night we had 10 squares on the floor. There is much laughter as Wayne teaches the first moves and people realize they need to know their left from their right!

In mid-October the local CTV station will be taping our club for airing on October 19th. We will issue an invitation to any new people to join us for a free introductory workshop on Sunday afternoon, Oct 23rd. We hope if we get new people we can catch them up to our September new people.

Our club has a casual dress policy but anyone who

wishes to wear square dance attire is welcome to do so.

On Sunday, October 30th we will be holding a Halloween Party from 2-4:40pm and hope dancers from other clubs will join us.

This Saturday we are looking forward to co-hosting the T&D dance and will enjoy introducing our dancers to Jeff and Andrea Priest. Their son Mike Wood is our Vice-president and his partner Jackie Deschenes is our web page manager. See otonabeessquare.org

We look forward to another successful year of dancing.

NOW'S THE TIME TO CONSIDER JOINING THE EXECUTIVE

Now is the time to start thinking about putting your name forward to run for a position on the **Toronto and District Square and Round Dance Association** Executive. Talk to anyone on the current executive (information on back page) for more information.

It is a great opportunity to put your ideas into action, so step up and join in the fun. All positions come available and are voted on at the Annual General Meeting on **April 7, 2012** at our **Joint Dance with Newmarket Happy Hoppers** at the Lebovic Arts Centre in Stouffville, ON. from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Come out and enjoy a wonderful Plus dance and support your Toronto and District Square and Round Dance Association. We look forward to hearing your ideas and thoughts on how your Association is doing.

Your T. & D. Executive

Irish Dreaming

Paddy was waiting at the bus stop with his mate when a lorry went by loaded up with rolls of turf. Paddy said, 'I gonna do that when I win the lottery.' 'What's dat?' says his mate. 'Send me lawn away to be cut.' says Paddy

Happy St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2012

OTONABEE SQUARES OFF TO A FLYING START IN 2012!

Our club kicked off the New Year with a fantastic pizza party. This was a first time "Pizza Night" held for our club with the main thrust being "give back to the Club" and to celebrate a great year in 2011! Of the 25 pizzas we ordered by far the favourite was bacon and pepperoni! We also enjoyed veggie platters and our members brought desserts. The 80+ people who attended all commented what a great evening it was and hoped it would become an annual tradition. Our caller Wayne Whatman provided an evening of dancing and entertainment. Our original plan was to have a potluck but all members thought this a much better idea as this was a night away from cooking after the busy holiday season. Dancers from Oshawa and Lindsay joined us for this event.

On Saturday, Jan 6th, we gathered at the largest shopping mall in Peterborough to present a square dance demo. Four squares kept the shoppers entertained and we invited spectators to join in. Most of the willing were under 10! However they had fun while their parents looked on.

On Jan 10th we started a new dancer class and welcomed 17 new dancers. We are trying something new this time around by having four weeks of lessons on a different night than our club night. Some angels from both Otonabee Squares and Lift Lock joined in to help. It is hoped that by the time we introduce these newbies to our club that they will have been taught at least 30 moves. If this method works we might repeat it in September.

The weekend of Jan 14/15 was another busy one for our club. We hosted a Mainstream Blitz weekend in which we covered all 17 moves in the mainstream program. Seven squares were on the floor which included about 9 angels. Members of other clubs including Oshawa, Lindsay, Belleville and Napanee joined us for this workshop. Our club

included lunch on the Saturday so no one had to go out into the very cold weather. Fortunately the driving on both Saturday and Sunday did not deter anyone from attending. According to all the feedback, a great time was had by all. Our caller is certainly getting a workout this month!

We are now gearing up for our big event of our dance season – our “FROSTY FLING”! This will take place on Sunday, Jan 29th from 2-4:30pm at Westdale United Church hall, 1509 Sherbrooke St. W, Peterborough. Our guest caller, Dave Willianson will share the stage with club caller Wayne Whatman. With the co-operation of the weatherman we hope to repeat the very successful dance of 2011. The dance levels will be basic and mainstream and a great spread is served following the dancing.

If anyone is interested in a proposed bus trip to attend the 51st International Square and Round Dance Convention in Guelph in May 4-6th, please contact me at hjlander@gmail.com or 905 342 5450 for more information. This will only go ahead if there is sufficient interest and we need to know as soon as possible. Pick up points would be Peterborough, Port Hope and Oshawa. Trip would depart Saturday morning, returning Sunday afternoon.

Our website at www.otonabeesquare.org is an excellent resource to see what we are up to and all the contact information on our club. We dance every Monday night so if you find yourself in Peterborough on that night, join us!

Happy Dancing in 2012!

Jointly submitted by
Sandy Martin and Jean Lander

REMEMBER, GROWING OLDER IS MANDATORY. GROWING UP IS OPTIONAL. We make a **Living** by what we get. We make a **Life** by what we give.

WATERDOWN VILLAGE SQUARES
FROM THE PRESIDENTS' DESK:

As we write this article, we are only two weeks into 2012, and already we seem to have swung from the high point that was our celebration of the New Year to the sudden depths of devastating losses.

Beverley Barrowcliffe, partner of **Jim Lee** and a valued friend and member of the executive at Waterdown Village Squares, passed away on January 6th. **Harry Langston**, a long-time dancer at Waterdown, who we remember in particular for his kind encouragement of new dancers, died on January 3rd. We are reminded how fragile life can be and how we must treasure and nurture our relationships. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jim, to Doreen and to their families.

A Presidents' message should be optimistic and offer encouragement; and after some personal reflection, we find that there are indeed positive thoughts to be taken from this sad time:

It is comforting to know that Bev and Harry derived a great deal of pleasure from square-dancing and from membership in Waterdown

Village Squares. Beverley's brother told us that square-dancing "kept her going". And we are heartened, knowing that while Doreen and Jim grieve they will be supported by the circle of friends they have grown over the years – our "extended family" of square-dancers.

We have learned something from each of these people: From Harry, we learned the value of patiently, consistently being an "angel" for new dancers. And no one would deny that Bev ran a "tight ship" in the kitchen! We learned the tricks of running an efficient "potluck" from her – a lot of credit goes to Bev for Waterdown's reputation of knowing how to host a great dinner!

Going forward in 2012, we hope to use these lessons, apply them and build on them. Square-dancing meant a great deal to both of these friends; in tribute to their memory, we continue in the tradition of Waterdown Village Squares - a welcoming and caring club.

Rose Marie & Ken Robinson

WORDS OF WISDOM

1. You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity, by legislating the wealth out of prosperity.
2. What one person receives without working for...another person must work for without receiving.
3. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else.
4. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it.
5. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work, because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work, because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that is the beginning of the end of any nation!


Via the internet sent by Audrey Knapp

LONDON HARMONY ROUNDS

London Harmony Rounds enjoyed our first night with a new format on Tuesday January 17th, 2012. We began the evening at 7:00 with Jerry & Bonnie Callen taking a few minutes to workshop Phase V figures for those dancers interested in moving forward. Our regular dance program began at 7:30 dancing Phase III and IV until 9:30 including a teach of a beautiful Phase III Rumba with Jerry & Bonnie.

We want to thank Dan & Rhetha Roy for working with our first group and helping them progress into the next level. We are now looking forward to both groups dancing together every Tuesday 7:00 to 9:30 with Jerry & Bonnie Callen.

We will be celebrating **Valentine's Day** on Tuesday February 14th, 2012, 7:00 to 9:30, with our first party night of the 2012 season. Jerry & Bonnie will have an excellent program planned for all the dancers to enjoy during the evening and afterwards we will share the delicious treats brought in by all the dancers.

Guests are always welcome as it is a wonderful fun evening for everyone. Don't forget to wear **Valentine's Red!!!** 

On February 21st, 2012 Jerry & Bonnie Callen will be away and we are pleased that Dan & Rhetha Roy will be providing the dance program for the evening. There will be no Phase V workshop at 7:00 that evening so our dancing will begin at 7:30 with Dan & Rhetha.

Please note on Tuesday March 13th, 2012 we will not be dancing as the Legion is unavailable

We welcome you on the dance floor every Tuesday, 7:00 to 9:30 with Jerry & Bonnie Callen, at The Royal Canadian Legion, 7097 Kilbourne Road, Lambeth.

Stan & Mary McKeen
smckeen@execulink.com

WATCH WHERE YOU SIT NEXT TIME ON THE BUS

ACTUAL AUSTRALIAN COURT DOCKET 12659 —

A lady about 8 months pregnant got on a bus. She noticed the man opposite her was smiling at her. She immediately moved to another seat. This time the smile turned into a grin, so she moved again. The man seemed more amused. When on the fourth move, the man burst out laughing, she complained to the driver and he had the man arrested.

The case came up in court. The judge asked the man (about 20 years old) what he had to say for himself.

The man replied, 'Well your Honor, it was like this:

When the lady got on the bus, I couldn't help but notice her condition. She sat down under a sign that said, '**The Double Mint Twins are coming**' and I grinned. Then she moved and sat under a sign that said, '**Logan 's Liniment will reduce the swelling,**' and I had to smile. Then she placed herself under a deodorant sign that said, '**William's Big Stick Did the Trick,**' and I could hardly contain myself. But, Your Honour, when she moved the fourth time and sat under a sign that said, '**Goodyear Rubber could have prevented this Accident!**' ... I just lost it.'

'CASE DISMISSED!!'

via the internet

GREETINGS FROM JUBILEE ROUNDS.....

We were so busy last month we didn't even get our article into Topics! So let's start by saying that we very much appreciate the support of all the dancers but especially the members of Jubilee Rounds. During Andrea's recovery, the dancers continued to attend and dance to her "virtual" rounds as well as experience a couple of squares and some "Ballroom Style" line dancing with Jeff each night.

Jubilee Rounds ended 2011 with a wonderful Christmas party that saw almost all of our members attend plus a couple of visitors. Everyone brought festive goodies and snacks so we had great food and Andrea cued some very festive rounds; several she choreographed herself. Jeff also called two Christmas singing calls. (Just to give her a bit more of a break)



The dancers had a great time and smiles continued throughout the evening. The club was very appreciative of the work that Andrea has done with them this year and presented her with a marvelous gift during the refreshment break. She was very pleased as the look on her face and her words of thanks indicated.

As many of you know, the last 7 months have been a challenge for us with Andrea's health, however things are much improved. She is still cueing with only one eye and that will most likely be the case from now on. We are very thankful the surgery went as well as it did and the recovery stayed on schedule. Andrea was given the OK to travel out of the country so we went to Florida for a couple of weeks of R&R. Just what the doctor ordered!!

Jubilee Rounds resumed on January 12, 2012 with

a well rested and refreshed Andrea at the mic.

We hope that you all had a very enjoyable holiday season and we wish you a happy and prosperous 2012.

Watch our website for our Cha and Tango clinics this spring. We will have the flyers out soon! Although some of our clinics are intense learning sessions on a dance or rhythm, many are designed only as an afternoon of fun. No experience needed – just come out and enjoy a pleasurable time of simply moving to music! If in doubt, contact Jeff or Andrea.

Remember... Visitors are always welcome at Jubilee so come out and join in St. Jacobs.

Happy Dancing, Jeff (& Andrea)

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

2012 CONVENTION ROUND DANCE LEADERS

STEVE & IRENE BRADT



Steve has been dancing since the age of ten. In his teens, his love of dance led him to Philadelphia where he appeared on numerous TV dance shows. He began round dancing with his parents' (Tom and Lillian) dance group in 1970 and started teaching rounds when his father became ill. He took over the teaching responsibilities in 1973.

Irene's passion for dancing began with country western line dancing. She took lessons four nights a week and took up the challenge of amateur competition. She then began assisting her dance instructor with beginner level classes. In 1995 she moved into the world of ballroom dancing.

Steve and Irene met while ballroom dancing in 1998. He quickly introduced her to Round Dancing and asked her to assist him in teaching his weekly round dance classes. In addition to round dancing, Steve and Irene continue to ballroom dance at least once a week and take private dance/technique lessons to continuously enhance their dancing and teaching skills.

Steve and Irene have been featured leaders at many dance Festivals and weekends in the U.S. and in Canada. They are members of ROUNDALAB and ICBDA. They currently serve on the RAL Phase 5 ROQ committee they have previously taught at ICBDA (URDC's) Annual Conventions in Montreal, Denver, Grand Rapids, Detroit, Winston-Salem, San Jose and Joplin. In 2002, at Joplin, they presented an Educational Seminar on Tango technique. They have served on URDC's Technical Advisory Committee; also Steve served as President of the Delaware Valley Round Dance Teachers Association and was a member of National Carousels, with three active clubs.

Choreography includes: You're My World, Super Trouper Cha, Vilja, Fur Elise, Tango Tornado, Dornroschen Rumba, Schneewittchen Waltz, The Sun, The Sea and The Sky, I Talk To The Trees Rumba, Rotkappchen's Traum, Cuban Pete, Just A Little Lovin' Las Clases Cha, La Li Lu, To Love, Pais Tropical La Botella, Sensation Tango, Super Trouper Cha 6, The Majestic.

They currently teach weekly round dance classes (phases III – VI) and cue for many Square Dance Clubs in the Pennsylvania and New Jersey area.

SQUARE DANCE HANDBOOKS

Basic/Mainstream – \$2.60

Plus – \$2.00

Mailing costs are extra. Please contact Bob Beck if you wish to order books.

905-227-7264

or e-mail: rbeck9@cogeco.ca

ROUND DANCES TAUGHT

Bob & Betty Beck - Thorold, Ontario

I Talk to the Trees - Phase III + 2 Rumba (Gloodt)

Jerry & Bonnie Callen - Guelph, Ontario

Blue Christmas – Phase IV Bolero (Seurer)

An Old Christmas Card - Phase IV Foxtrot (Callen)

Little Saint Nick – Phase III Jive (Chico)

Eager Beaver – Phase V Foxtrot (Moore)

Unchained – Phase VI Waltz (Worlock)

The Singing Piano – Phase V Waltz (Marx)

Forever Bolero – Phase III Bolero (Seurer)

Now or Never – Phase III Rumba (Kincaid)

Chewin' Gum – Phase IV Quickstep (Moore)

Eso Besso – Phase V Samba (Shibata)

Fortuosity – Phase V Quickstep (Rother)

Black Tie Tango – Phase IV Tango (Moore)

Mary Hinkle - Grand Island, N.Y.

Candlelight Carol - Phase IV - Waltz (Woolcock)

Except for Monday - Phase II+1 - T/S (Healea)

Let It Snow - Phase III - Foxtrot (Koozer)

Reviewed:

Love Melody - Phase III+2 - Waltz (Buck)

A. K. O. E. - Phase III+2 - Waltz (Molitoris)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, January 29, 2012: **FROSTY FLING** dance from 2-4:30 p.m. presented by **Otonabee Squares**. Callers will be **Dave Williamson** and **Wayne Whatman**. Basic and mainstream with plus tip. Refreshments at 4:30pm. Westdale United Church, 1509 Sherbrooke St. W, Peterborough. \$6.00 per person. For more info: call Sharon Rae 705-743-8699 or see www.otonabeesquares.org

Wednesday, February 8, 2012: **Lift Lock Squares** invite you to their **Valentine's Dance** at St. Anne's Church Hall, 859 Barnardo Street, Peterborough. Dance Plus with A-1 Tips with caller, **Joe Uebelacker** from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Cost \$6.00 per person. For Info call Anne & Wayne 705-743-3077 or e-mail wayne.hare@sympatico.ca

Monday, February 13, 2012: **Otonabee Squares** invite you to join them for their **Valentine Party** Ice Cream Sundae Special Dance at George Street United Church, corner of George and McDonnell Streets in Peterborough. Dance Basic and Mainstream from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Cost: \$5.00 per person. For info call 705-743-8699 or visit our web site at: www.otonabeesquares.org

February 17-19, 2012: **Round Dance Weekend** dancing Phase III-V with **Jerry & Bonnie Callen**, and **Birgit & Richard Maguire** at **The Barn, Podunk Road, Sturbridge, MA**. The dance includes four new teaches, refreshments, a pizza party and lots more. For more information, see the flyer on the T. & D. Web site or call Richard Maguire at 508-584-0584

Sunday, February 19, 2012: Otonabee Squares invite you to join them for their **Mainstream Dances** at George Street United Church (corner of George & McDonnell Streets), Peterborough, ON from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. Caller **Barry Chumbley**. Cost \$5.00 per person. Refreshments included. For information call 705-743-8699 or visit our website at www.otonabeesquares.org

Saturday, February 25, 2012: Waterdown Village Squares invite you to “Forget Your Cares, dance with the Waterdown Village Squares” at **Beef A La King Dance** at St. James United Church, 306 Parkside Drive, Waterdown, ON. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Dance Plus, A-1 and Rounds with **Jim Lee** from 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. **Advance ticket sales only!** Cost: \$12.00 per person (Members) or \$14.00 per person (Non-Members). For information call Bill Turnbull at 905-878-9573 or e-mail turnbullwt@yahoo.com.

February 26, 2012: February Fantasy – for new **Basic and Mainstream dancers**, presented by **Oshawa Squares** Dance from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. at Oshawa Seniors Citizens Centre, Conant Branch, 115 Grassmere, Oshawa. Cost \$5.00 per person. For more information call Barry & Pam Clasper at 416-498-0007 or e-mail barry@clasper.ca, or pam@clasper.ca

Wednesday, February 29, 2012: Guelph Royal City Squares invite you to their **Sadie Hawkins Dance** at Paisley Road School, 406 Paisley Road, Guelph from 7:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Rounds with **Andrea Priest** and from 8:00 - ? Dance Plus squares with **Jeff Priest**. For information call Jim Neville at jneville@sympatico.ca.

Saturday, March 3, 2012: Toronto & District Square & Round Dance Association Inc. and Royal City Squares celebrate **Royal City Squares 50th Anniversary** at Trinity United Church, 400 Stephenson Street North, Guelph. Dance **Mainstream with Plus Tips** from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. with Host Callers, **Dave Williamson** and **Jeff Priest** with **Andrea Priest** doing the Rounds. Cost for the dance is \$7.50 per person. For information e-mail Jim Neville at jneville@sympatico.ca or call Rose Marie & Ken Robinson at 519-448-3842 or e-mail rwoodley000@sympatico.ca or k.j.robinson@sympatico.ca or call Pam & Barry Clasper at 416-498-0007 or e-mail pam@clasper.ca or barry@clasper.ca.

Wednesday, March 14, 2012: Lift Lock Squares invite you to their **St. Patrick's Dance** at St. Anne's Church Hall, 859 Barnardo Street, Peterborough, ON. Cost \$6.00 per person. Lunch provided. Dance Plus with Advance Tips with **Joe Uebelacker** from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. . For Info call Anne & Wayne 705-743-3077 or e-mail wayne.hare@sympatico.ca

Sunday, March 18, 2012: Otonabee Squares invite you to join them for their **Mainstream Dance** at George Street United Church (corner of George & McDonnell Streets), Peterborough, ON from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.. Caller **Joe Uebelacker**. Cost \$5.00 per person. Refreshments included. For information call 705-743-8699 or visit our website at www.otonabeesquares.org

Saturday, March 24, 2012: Waterdown Village Squares invite you to their **Ice Cream Social - A-1 Dance** at St. James United Church, 306 Parkside Drive, Waterdown, ON. Dancing from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. with **Jim Lee & Tim Crawford** calling **A-1** with A-2 tips and Rounds. **Advance Ticket Sales Only!** For information call Bill Turnbull at 905-878-9573 or e-mail turnbullwt@yahoo.com or call Evelyn Scott at 905-820-3349.

Sunday, March 25, 2012: Happy Hoppers of Newmarket invite you come out to their **New Dancers Spring Uprising** at Lebovic Arts & Entertainment Centre at 19 Civic Street, Stouffville, ON. (Directly behind the clock tower. Entrance is from the rear parking lot. Dance full BASIC squares program from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.. Cost is \$15.00 per couple or \$8.00 solo. Pre-registration is not required, but we do appreciate you call or e-mail letting us know of you plans. Contact Doug & Heather Holmes at 905-478-2200 or e-mail drholmes@xplornet.com

Saturday, April 7, 2012: Toronto & District Square & Round Dance Association Inc. and Happy Hoppers present a **Special Dance** at Lebovic Arts Centre, 19 Civic Street, Stouffville, ON. Dance Plus with A-1 tips and Rounds from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. with Host Caller, Doug Holmes and Guest Caller, Al Calhoun and Rounds

with Bob & Betty Beck.. Cost is \$6.00 per person. For information call Bob & Jean Dalziel at 905-727-4193 or Rose Marie & Ken Robinson at 519-448-3842 or e-mail rwoodley000@sympatico.ca or k.j.robinson@sympatico.ca or call Pam & Barry Clasper at 416-498-0007 or e-mail pam@clasper.ca or barry@clasper.ca

Sunday, April 15, 2012: Otonabee Squares invite you to join them for their **Mainstream Dance** at Geroge Street United Church (corner of George & McDonnell Streets), Peterborough, ON from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.. Caller **to be announced**. Cost \$5.00 per person. Refreshments included. For information call 705-743-8699 or visit our website at www.otonabeesquares.org

Saturday, April 21, 2012: Lift Lock Squares, of Peterborough, ON, present their **50th Annual Spring Spree** at Crestwood Secondary School, 1885 Sherbrooke Street West. Dance Basic, Mainstream, Plus & A-1 with Rounds from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 - 10:30 p.m. with **Don Moger, Jeff Priest, Joe Uebelacker & Barry Clasper** doing Squares and **Andrea Priest** doing rounds. Cost \$25.00 all day or \$13.00 Afternoon or Evening per couple (pre-registration by April 7) \$30.00 all day or \$15.00 per couple (after April 7) Send registrations to Anne & Wayne Hare, 644 Walkerfield Ave., Peterborough, ON K9J 4W2, phone 705-743-3077 or e-mail wayne.hare@sympatico.ca. Flyer is available on the T & D website: td-dance.ca

Friday - Sunday, May 4, 5, & 6, 2012: Toronto & District Square and Round Dance Association Inc. is proud to present **The 51st International Square & Round Dance Convention** at the University of Guelph, 50 Stone Road East, Guelph, Ontario, Canada. Dance Mainstream to A-2 Squares and Phase II - V Rounds on hardwood floors. Dance from Friday at 2:00 p.m. until Sunday at 11:30 a.m. Dance Squares with **Jim Lee, John Marshall, & Don Moger** and Rounds with **Steve & Irene Bradt**. Cost: **All sessions** \$45.00 per person (advanced registration) or \$50.00 per person (at the door). **Saturday only** \$28.00 per person (advanced registration) or \$32.00 (at the door). Buffet Meal Cards are available for \$50.00 per person. (Includes Friday dinner, Saturday lunch & dinner) Register early and be sure to have a place on the dance floor for comfortable dancing. The host hotel is **The Best Western - Across the street** at 716 Gordon Street, Guelph 519-836-1240 (book in T. & D. Block). See the Convention Flyer for other options. For flyers or further information on our New & Improved Convention, call **Ken & Rose Marie Robinson** at 519-448-3842 or e-mail k.j.robinson@sympatico.ca. Also, check out Chatter on the T. and D. Web site: www.td-dance.ca Looking forward to seeing you at the convention.

Saturday May 12, 2011: New Dancer s Windup. A full Basic program for all graduates with MS tips. Callers invited to share the stage. Hosted by **Grant & Ann Logan** and the **Willowdale Willow Weavers**. 7:30 to 10 followed by light refreshments. \$6/per. Thornhill Presbyterian Church, 271 Centre St., Thornhill. For more info call Ann Logan 905-709-9241 or email grant.logan@3web.com.

IN MEMORIAM
DAVE MOSS

Peacefully, surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, December 20, 2011, **David Samuel Moss** passed away in his 94th year. Beloved husband of Joyce. Cherished father of Rosemary and Wayne O'Neill, David, Valerie & Ron Arnold, Joanne and Lerry Lewis, Joyce and David Chapman, Kathleen and David Evans,, Sharon and Jim Sabzali, Lorie and Ted Kyle, Michael and Sybil...

A Funeral Mass took place at St. Augustine's Catholic Church, 58 Sydenham Street, Dundas on Friday, December 23, 2011 at 10 a.m.

Our hearts go out to Dave's family.

IN MEMORIAM
BRIAN JAMES O'GRAM

Brian James O'GRAM passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, at McNally House Hospice, Grimsby , Thursday, December 15, 2011 in his 82nd year.

Beloved husband of the late June (nee Brough), (2007) for 54 years, and dear husband of Joan (nee Cousins). Loving father to Peter of Parry Sound, and Susan (Robin) Williamson of Welland. Also sadly missed by grandchildren Leslie (Jordan), Erin (Niall), Lauren, Christopher, and great-grandchildren Sydney and Kieran; sister Elsie (John) Lipscombe; step-son Tony (Mary) Haigh and their children Heather, Rebecca and Suzanna; and step-son Robert (Laurie) Haigh and their children Tara, Brittainy and Kyle. Predeceased by sister Marjorie O'Gram.

Special thanks to the nurses, staff, and volunteers at McNally House for their kindness and compassionate care. Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Brian's Life Service was held at Trinity United Church , 100 Main Street West , Grimsby on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 7 p.m. If desired, in lieu of flowers, donations to McNally House Hospice would be sincerely appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Stonehouse-Whitcomb Funeral Home, GRIMSBY (905-945-2755).

IN MEMORIAM
BEVERLEY BARROWCLIFFE



It is with extreme sadness we announce the sudden passing of our wonderful mother, sister, grandmother, aunt and friend, Beverley Barrowcliffe, one day shy of her 70th birthday.

She suffered a heart attack and left in her wake a heartbroken daughter, Robyn Barrowcliffe Sheppard (Tod), grand-children Tanner and Ben, and step-grandchildren Cody, Kyle, and Tyler Sheppard. Also, deeply saddened is her partner Jim Lee.

Beverley will be forever remembered with love by her sisters Carolyn Moss and Trudy McKinnon, and brothers Jim Jr., Ronald (Cathy) and Peter; and nieces and nephews Chris and Leeann (Iain), Erin, Sean (Sara) and Meagan (Ryan) and Kelly and Mandy.

Beverley always kept herself busy with the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the West Island and square dancing in Montreal, and later after moving to Dundas, volunteering with the Liberal Party of Dundas and square dancing with the Waterdown Village Squares. Visitation took place on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. at the Marlatt Funeral Home, 195 King Street West, Dundas. The funeral service was held in the Marlatt Chapel on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 11 a.m. Please make donations to the Heart and Stroke Society. On-line condolences may be offered at: www.marlattfhdundas.com Rest in Peace Our Special Mom and Friend.



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If you would like the listing of your club teaches and dances listed on the monthly e-mail, please send me a flyer or a list of dances - level---starting date --time-- and location as well as a contact and phone number. I will include this in my blurb. This monthly list of dancing will only work, with your co-operation.

Thanks

Aaron Godman- Director Toronto & District Square & Round Dance Association

BENEFIT FUND FOR JOHN MARSHALL

To all our square dance family,

As you may or may not know, caller John Marshall has recently undergone several surgeries for his back. What had seemed like a routine procedure has turned into a nightmare recovery. He ended up with a staph infection and was in terrible pain. He has undergone other surgeries to try and remove as much of the infection as possible and to relieve the pain. He has lost a significant amount of weight and is very weak. As such, it will be a very long recovery and it will be some time before he is able to return to calling.

A bank account has been set up in his name so that dancers will be able to make donations to help John financially through this tough time.

It takes something like this to make us appreciate how fragile life can be and how it can change in a matter of seconds. Let's pull together as a square dance family and help John through this time of recovery.

Two ways you can help:

1. Spread the word by forwarding this and posting it on square dance listservs.
2. Make a donation.

Thank you, one and all, for your love and support.

Donations can be made from anywhere in the world;
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