



TOPICS NEWS

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President's Message

By Dave Williamson, Brampton, ON

Now where has the summer gone?? Happily, the square and round dance season is starting once again!

Most of you, like me, are probably old enough to remember the days of rotary dial phones, telephone operators and party lines. That's because we square and round dancers are an aging population. Perhaps we aren't attracting younger dancers to our activity because they want everything instantly (no time for weeks of lessons). They've probably always used E-mail instead of 'snail mail', cell phones instead of home phones and texting and twittering for instant communication. I, on the other hand, keep my cell phone in the console of the car in case of emergencies (like, "I'm at the grocery store, what do you need me to pick up?").

Although most of us have joined the 21st century, there's something to be said for a personal phone call or, better still, a visit from a friend. And what could be nicer than the face to face contact, the smiles and warm hugs that await you when you attend a dance. Now that sure beats a text message!

Have a great dance season and remember that T & D is running a series of dances starting on Saturday September 18. Why not E-mail, text or twitter those non dancing friends and get them to try the 'personal touch' of square and round dancing?

From the Editors' Desk

Bob & Betty Beck, Thorold, ON

This issue marks a change in TOPICS. One change is the number of issues. There will now be five issues of TOPICS annually instead of eight. We have reduced the number of issues simply because we are not receiving enough articles to fill eight issues. Hopefully, members and clubs will do their part by sending us articles and information. The issues will be September, October/November, December/January, February/March and April/May. Articles and information will be required by the middle of the month previous to printing i.e. September 15 for the October/November issue.

The biggest change will be the format. TOPICS will now be sent out as a newsletter. This will mean a lot less cost in printing. The cost of a mailed subscription is \$10.00 per year. You may deduct \$2.00 for any missed copies. TOPICS will be available free on T. and D.'s website www.td-dance.ca by the beginning of the subscription month (i.e. September 1st for September issue).

Another change is that there will be no ads in TOPICS. You may e-mail your flyers to Jerry Callen to put on the T. and D. Website. TOPICS will print, free of charge, a listing of all special dances being held by T. and D. Clubs, so continue to e-mail your special dance information to us.

As I write this, we don't know what the final product will look like and we're sure there will be some changes as we go along, so please bear with us. Until next time, Happy Dancing!!

CLUB NEWS

(Toronto and District Member Clubs)

ROYAL CITY SQUARES - Guelph, ON

Carole and Don Bates, Publicity - August 2010



We're happy to contribute to the Toronto & District Square Dance Association's Topics as it makes its debut 'on line'! News about this change is included in our September newsletter; having the publication of square dance news available to dancers on their 'screen' will be a great boon. For those few who do not have access this way, we'll print a copy for the flyer table.

Our new executive are ready to take on this coming season with lots of enthusiasm: Presidents Ruth Slavin and Marion Sharpe, supported by Vice presidents Linda Genereaux and Linda Greenhill, Secretary, Treasurer Jessica Garner ... and of course Yvonne Paterson and Louise Watson give continuity as Past Presidents. The team also includes Social Convenors Jim and Pat Neville.

Our first evening this fall is Tuesday, September 14 where we'll host the first of two 'open house' evenings ... we are always looking for new members! These first evenings are part of the Tuesday program and will be followed by a 'Mainstream Teach' series called by Dave Williamson. Club Mainstream dancers meet on the Tuesdays and share in the 'nurturing' of the new dancers!

The Wednesday program starts September 15; We're following up last season's successful 'Plus Teach' program; caller Jeff Priest plans on 'workshopping' the calls learned to gain Plus confidence. The evening starts at 7:30 with Rounds cued by Andrea Priest and the Plus dancing starts at 8:00 with Jeff; the evening will include full Plus tips and rounds as well as the workshop tips.

Again this year, both groups are at Guelph's Paisley Road School, address is 406 Paisley Road (East of the Hanlon Parkway/Hwy 6). Use either the front door or the gym door at the back ... lots of parking!

Bad news ... good news. First the bad: the traditional Royal City Squares feature dance, Harvest Hoedown, will not be held as a Saturday night event this year. The good news is that a feature '**Harvest Hoedown**' singing call celebration of harvest time is planned on the club's Wednesday evening on **September 29** ... as well as Jeff's *singing calls*, Andrea will cue rounds from 7:30 to 8:00 and the squares start at 8:00. Refreshment and 50/50 are planned ... so it's Paisley Road School in Guelph on September 29, \$6.00 per person. Ya'll come!

A highlight of our fall dance program will be a day of dancing in partnership with SWOSDA on November 27 ... details about it will follow as a flyer in the near future but put the date on your calendar now!

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)	

WATERDOWN VILLAGE SQUARES

By Rose Marie Robinson

They certainly have not been “lazy”, but the *hot, humid, hazy* days of summer are quickly drawing to a close. The fall dancing season will be starting soon, and it won't find the Waterdown Village Squares (“WVS”) asleep at the wheel!

Travel

Many of our members danced at the Toronto & District's annual **International Square & Round Dance Convention** in May, and some were able to attend the **Canadian National Convention** in July. We have heard very positive reports from both groups, and we look forward to seeing photos and hearing stories about Halifax and “down east” vacations!

TV Celebrities!

Thanks to the Waterdown Village Squares “publicity team”, who gathered a group of WVS dancers on August 18th to tape for a spot on **CH News**, which was televised August 19th. Congratulations to **Doug & Annabelle White, Bill & Carol Marsh, Jim Lee and Bev Barrowcliffe** for making the initial contact with CH TV, and for working against a very tight time-line to make it happen! We have it on good authority that the clip was viewed as far away as Espanola, ON!

Cactus Festival Parade

Another great promotional and fun activity was our participation in the Dundas Cactus Festival Parade on August 19th. Members of WVS danced aboard our float for hundreds of spectators - young and old - along the parade route. **Jim Lee** did his usual great job of calling for the two squares on board, while “walkers” handed out flyers about our **new dancer** program. Special thanks to **Bienenstock Natural Playgrounds** for the loan of their truck and trailer, and to volunteer driver, **Steve Robinson**.



Back in the Swing of Things

Dancing for Fall, 2010 at Waterdown begins with Class & Mainstream dancing Thursday, September 9th (7:30 p.m. for beginners, class & MS alternating from 8:00 - 10:00); Plus on Monday, September 13th and A-1 on Tuesday, Sept. 14th (8:00 - 10:00 p.m.)

Waterdown Village Squares are hosting a special **Family Night** on September 23rd. **Bill Everett** will get our brothers & sisters, aunts & uncles, moms & dads, kids and grand-kids square dancing and having fun. Help your family members to understand why we love this activity!

Join us for our **Welcome Back Cornroast Dance** on Saturday, September 25th at St. James United Church, 306 Parkside Drive, Waterdown. Square-dancing Mainstream to A1 and rounds begin at 8:00 p.m., followed by local corn on the cob for everyone.

IDIOT SIGHTING:

I live in a semi rural area.

We recently had a new neighbour call the local township administrative office to request the removal of the DEER CROSSING sign on our road.

The reason: 'Too many deer are being hit by cars out here! I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore.'

Story from Collingwood , Ontario

Sent in by Audrey Bylaart, Cambridge, Ontario

SWING AND WHIRL SQUARE DANCE CLUB'S

50TH ANNIVERSARY

By Bob Beck, Thorold, ON

On **Saturday, November 13, 2010**, the **Swing and Whirl Square Dance Club** of St. Catharines will celebrate it's **50th Anniversary**. We will dance from 7:30 - 8:00 p.m. (Round Dance Party) and 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. (Squares with Rounds) at First Grantham United Church, 415 Linwell Road, St. Catharines, ON. Cost of the evening is \$15.00 per couple. The level of dancing is Plus with **Wayne Hall** and **Harry VanderGiessen**, our two club callers. **Bob Beck** and **Sharron Hall** will cue the rounds.

Fifty years is a long time for any organization and over that period of time there have been many changes. I have a very good history of the club from its inception to 1981. Betty and I started dancing with Swing and Whirl in 1988, so we have a pretty good idea of happenings since then.

This is a brief history of the club, with perhaps a few (or many) blanks.

In the late 1950's a number of the people who attended Grantham United Church were going to old time square dances in the Niagara area. They became aware of a new type of square dancing and approached Orphie Easson (Orphie Marcellus now) about starting a club. In September of 1960 a club was set up at Grantham United Church under the auspices of the church couples club. In January of the next year, an executive was formed to run the club. The president couple were Audrey and Earl Lampkin, the secretary-treasurers were Dora and Al MacDonald and the church contacts were Bill and Thelma Fargo. The club danced the second and fourth Saturdays. This is one thing that has remained constant over the past fifty years. The club is still associated with the church couples club (now the friendship group) and we still dance second and fourth Saturdays in the church hall - quite a record for any organization.

Over the years, the number of dance nights increased as classes were added and new dance levels developed. Special dances were added, trips were organized by Orphie. The club continued to expand over the years as the popularity of square dancing and round dancing continued to gain momentum.

Orphie called for the club until 1986 when she moved from the area after marrying Mac Marcellus. A number of callers have called for Swing and Whirl since then, starting with Geoff Ford (who taught Betty and I). He was followed by Mike Harris, Bea Foottit, Harry VanderGiessen, Doug Smith and currently Wayne Hall on Saturday nights. Wednesday night A-1 (now A-2) was called for many years by Tim Crawford and now by Harry VanderGiessen.

Like many clubs and the square dance movement in general, Swing and Whirl has seen a decline in membership and attendance over the last 20 - 25 years, but we have very dedicated dancers who want to continue dancing and we will do so as long as we can. Please join us on November 13 to help celebrate 50 years of dancing. For information contact Bob Beck at rbeck9@cogeco.ca or 905-227-7264

FASHION SHOW 2011

By Rose Marie Robinson, Hamilton, ON

T & D Convention Fashion Show 2010 was a great success - many thanks to Waterdown Village Squares, our Committee, our Sponsors and our Models! Hope you will join us for more fun and fashions at our **50th Anniversary Fashion Show in 2011!**

Flyers and registration forms will be available in future issues of Topics; we will be looking for planning committee members as well as models. In the meantime, if you are eager to be part of the celebration in 2011, please contact: Rose Marie Robinson at (905) 549-0489, or rwoodley000@sympatico.ca

GATEWAY GLIDERS - North Bay, ON

By Ken Brenner

The Gateway Gliders resume dancing the second week of September. Plus dancing commences Wednesday afternoon Sept 15th, A-1 on Thursday afternoon Sept 16th and Mainstream on Thursday evening Sept 16th. The club dances weekly until the end of April with a two week break at Christmas. We always welcome visiting dancers who may be visiting North Bay - call Ken at 705-474-0657 for information. Also, I am planning on starting another **Beginners group** in January, 2011.

The club has 3 Saturday dances which are open to visiting dancers.

Saturday, November 6, 2010, we have **Brian Crawford** from Carleton Place calling. This dance will feature a **Chilli Supper**.

Saturday, February 12, 2011, we have **Al Calhoun** calling for our annual **Pizza Party**

Saturday, April 30, 2011, **Dave Williamson** calls for our **Annual Spring Fling**.

All of Saturday dances run from 2:00 - 4:30 pm and 7 - 9 pm with alternating Mainstream and Plus tips.

OTANABEE SQUARES - Peterborough, ON

By Sharon Rae, President

On Sept 13, 2009, **Otonabee Squares** will begin their second year of dancing.

Last spring we graduated 14 new dancers and enjoyed a regular attendance of about 4 squares. Starting the year with a group of people who did not know each other that well, we finished with a cohesive, fun group who feel strongly about their club and the will to make it succeed in the future. On May 20 we finished the year with a great pot luck and fun dance.

With a new club there is no stereotype of member (i.e. mostly seniors) so people of all ages showed up, from 12 years up! We have members of all ages, singles and couples and hope this coming year to encourage parents or grandparents to bring their children and grandchildren. Our single ladies had no problem pairing up with another single lady; they just want to enjoy the fun of square dancing!

Feedback at this point indicates that we will be getting quite a few new members and our main concern (a good problem to have) is whether we will need a bigger hall! We are fortunate that Wayne Whatman will again be our caller this coming year. Wayne is an excellent teacher and our new dancers are very competent in their basic moves and even started some mainstream.

Last year we accepted new dancers both in September and in January and we plan on doing that again. We had no trouble recruiting volunteers for our executive and we look forward to a successful year. We will be dancing basic and mainstream levels every Monday from 7-9pm. Our location is the Knox United Church hall, 400 Wolfe St, Peterborough.

For information call Sharon Rae 705 743 8699 or email otonabeesquares@gmail.com

**“Never mistake knowledge for wisdom. One helps you make a living,
the other helps you make a life.”**

Sandra Carey

JUBILEE ROUNDS – St. Jacobs, ON

By Andrea Priest

WOW – Can't believe summer's almost done – hope your's was great. Whether you went to the T&D Convention, a camp & dance weekend, NSDCA Camporee, the National in Nova Scotia, your club's summer picnic, a teach or workshop, or just to a special open dance, we hope that you got some good summer dancing in somewhere.

Two sessions: an **"Intro to Rounds"** session and a **"Rumba Basics"** session ran in Guelph through May & June and brought out 20+ couples of interested dancers trying out their round dance feet. Very nicely, too. Many have expressed an interest in joining us at Jubilee this fall. We look forward to seeing them here!

OPEN HOUSE - YOU'RE INVITED!!! **September 30th** will be our next open house. Please feel free to come out & see what we're about at Jubilee Rounds. We will have some very basic dancing for anyone who has never round danced before and there will be info and goodies, too!

Jubilee Rounds will be starting back with our regular program on **September 16, 2010**. We will be starting with new dancers at 7:00 pm and moving to phase II and III between 8:00 and 10:00 pm. Except for the beginner's teach, which is progressive so every effort should be made to attend each week, Jubilee's phase II & III sessions are adaptable to the "drop-in" dancer. Those who can't commit to another weekly club or just want to visit occasionally are always welcome and this year's program will accommodate you just fine. Our emphasis this year is on floortime – we will have a lot more dancing with only one teach (sometimes phase II and sometimes phase III) throughout the 8 – 9:30pm timeslot. From 9:30 to 10:00 dancing will be mostly at a phase III level, giving those dancers some quality floortime as well.

Dancing is \$12.00 per couple for the evening so "Come Early – Stay Late, it's your choice". Over the course of the evening there is something to fit all skill sets, from new dancer to phase III.

Jubilee will once again host the SWOSDA round dance party in May 2011 so mark it on your calendar early.

Visit us online at www.jeffreypriest.com to keep posted on our Jubilee and ShadowLight sponsored rhythm clinics and special sessions.

Jubilee Rounds dances Thursday evenings 7:00 – 10:00pm at St. James Lutheran Church, 1407 King Street N, St. Jacobs, ON. Contact us at 519-752-2172 or andrea@jeffreypriest.com.

We look forward to seeing all our members and lots of guests & visitors again this year!

THANK YOU, DANCERS

Al & Renia Calhoun thank the 2 squares of the wonderful dancers who came out for the **"Relay For Life"** at Birchmount Stadium in Scarborough at 12:00 midnight and danced until 1:00 am on 25 June 2010. We had a ball and also had 3 squares of the Cancer survivors dancing with us. Thank you all again. You all show us the true meaning of **"Square Dancing Friendship"**

Yellow Rocks
Al & Renia

ROUND DANCES TAUGHT

Bob & Betty Beck - Thorold, Ontario

Dances taught at Halifax:

Cabaret - Phase II - Two-Step (Beck)

Charade - Phase IV - Waltz (Slater)

Les Beguinne Des Fleurs - Phase IV - Foxtrot (Kennedy)

Jerry & Bonnie Callen - Guelph, Ontario

Why Did It Have to be Me – Phase III - Jive (Callen)

Ventura Mas – Phase IV - Rumba (Molitoris)

Me and My Sister – Phase IV - Waltz (Read)

I'll Accept the Rose Tonight – Phase V - Foxtrot (Callen)

Dead Skunk – Phase II - Two Step (Gotta)

Cachito – Phase III - Rumba/Cha Cha (Molitoris)

Covent Garden Rose – Phase IV - Waltz (Hoffman)

ONTARIO FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP & DIRECTORY INFORMATION SHEET 2011

Peter Graham has e-mailed a copy of the Ontario Federation Membership and Directory Information Sheet to all of last year's club contacts. If you are a current club contact and have not received a copy of this form by e-mail, or have any questions about it, please contact me at rbeck9@cogeco.ca or 905-227-7264 and I will send you a copy either by e-mail or a printed copy if you wish to have one that way.

Remember that the forms must be completed (one for each dance venue) and returned to me along with your cheque for Ontario Federation Membership fees, by October 31, 2010.

PLEASE DO NOT DELAY!!

Thank you,
Bob Beck

How I learned to mind my own business

I was walking past the mental hospital the other day, I could hear the patients behind the fence shouting, '13....13....13.'

The fence was too high to see over, but I saw a little gap in the planks, so I looked through to see what was going on.....

Someone poked me in the eye with a stick!

And they all started shouting '14....14....14'..

Sent in by Audry Knapp, Vancouver, B.C.

TRIP TO HALIFAX CONVENTION

By Bob Beck, Thorold, ON

Betty & I attended the 17th Canadian National Square and Round Dance Convention held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, July 29 - 30 - 31, 2010. As this was our first trip to the Maritimes since we attended the 13th National Convention in St. John, New Brunswick in 2002, we decided to take a bit of extra time to see some areas we hadn't been to before. On our trip in 2002, we spent two weeks touring Newfoundland and spent a couple of days in Halifax, seeing the sights. This time around, about the only part of Halifax we saw was the inside of the Convention Centre.

We left Thorold on Friday, July 23. We decided to travel through the U.S. since it's a shorter trip and we avoid Toronto traffic. Travelling along the New York State Thruway, it was as if the monsoon season had come, with torrential rain at times. We finally managed to pull off a at a service centre, but had to sit in the car for about five minutes before making a rush for the inside. By the time we left, the rain was much less intense, although it rained much of the rest of the day. We had originally planned to drive on the Thruway to Albany and then through the mountains of Vermont and New Hampshire to Maine. Due to the rain and low clouds, we opted for the Massachusetts Turnpike. It was better driving until we ran into weekend traffic (I think it was all heading to Maine) around Worcester, Massachusetts. From there on it was slow going. We finally stopped for the night just inside the Maine border from New Hampshire.

The next day, I thought we would take the scenic route to New Brunswick. Everyone else had the same idea. After travelling about 25 miles in the next hour, we got back on the I-90 and headed for Bangor. After crossing into New Brunswick, we decided to go to St. Andrews. There are some lovely gardens there, but they were closed by the time we arrived so we decided to stay the night. We spent some time walking around St. Andrews and through the Algonquin Hotel. We would have stayed there, but we didn't want to have to mortgage the house. Sunday morning the skies opened up again with another torrential downpour, so we passed on the gardens and travelled to Moncton with a brief stop in St. John and at the Flower Pots in the Bay of Fundy (which we hadn't seen since 1973). Our hotel in Moncton (the Chateau Moncton) was right beside the river with a walking path along the river. Before we got back to the hotel – you guessed it – more rain. However, we had a covered bridge to stand under and with the sun also shining, saw a beautiful rainbow.

Monday dawned clear, and though it clouded up at times, we had no more rain until our trip home. We stopped at the Anne Murray Centre in Springhill (where we met some dancers heading to Halifax) before travelling along the south shore of the Bay of Fundy to Annapolis Royal where we stayed at the Bread and Roses Bed and Breakfast. A very large and lovely old house with a canopied bed in our room. We wandered around outside Fort Anne and the village until dark.

On Tuesday we explored the interior of Fort Anne and then went across the river to Port Royal, the first European settlement in Canada. From there we continued around Nova Scotia to Digby and Yarmouth and finally to Lunenburg where we stayed at another B. and B. The streets in Lunenburg seem to go straight up from the harbour – much like in St. John's, Newfoundland. You would want good brakes to drive around there. Betty and I like to do our exploring on foot. Walking is the best way to see anyplace and once we've seen the business section we like to walk through the residential section. Lunenburg is full of lovely old houses painted in bright shades of red, green, blue and yellow.

On Wednesday, we did the short drive to Halifax (after Betty did some laundry so we'd have some clean clothes to wear) arriving at Scotia Square about noon. After some lunch, we were able to pick up our convention package, met some more dancers, and then went to our B. And B. - the Welcome Inn, Halifax, where we were booked for the next four nights. It was quite warm Wednesday, and with no air-conditioning, I thought it might be warm to sleep, but Halifax cooled down at night and we were very comfortable while we were there. Wednesday evening we went out to eat with the son of a friend from Edmonton. He plays trombone in the Stadacona (Canadian Navy) Band. After supper he took us to both his house and the base where the band practices.

On Thursday, the convention started. It was about a ten minute drive from our B and B to Scotia Square where we parked in the underground parking. From there we had to take the elevator down to the Scotia Square Mall, walk the length of the Mall, then through the Convention Centre and finally up three levels to the Arena where the Callers/Cuers room was located. After checking in, we could decide which teaches we were going to take. This Convention was different than past conventions since the Showcase of Rounds was held at 12:15 p.m. in the Arena instead of first thing in the morning. If you were teaching a dance in the morning, you would demo it the previous day.

We had volunteered to teach three dances – a Phase II - Two-Step, a Phase IV - Waltz and a Phase IV - Foxtrot. All of our demos went well as did all of our teaches except for a problem with the remote microphone, which kept cutting out, during our Phase II teach. As well as our teaches, we cued rounds each evening. There were two halls, the larger one with a wooden floor laid over carpet, for Phase II - III, was usually very crowded, especially in the evening. The Phase IV - VI dancing and teaching was held in a hallway in the Arena complex. We thought the floor would not be good to dance on, but it turned out to be very good. The one problem was that it was fairly narrow and you did not have the room we have at Brock to do the Waltzes and Foxtrots properly. There were quite a few dancers there on Thursday night but not nearly as many on Friday and Saturday.

I can't comment on the Square Dancing, since all of our time was spent in the round dance rooms. We did attend both the opening and closing ceremonies. Overall, I thought the Convention was well run. Attendance was around 1200. There were a number of T. and D. Square Dance Callers and Round Dance Cuers/Leaders who contributed to the program. They included: Jerry & Bonnie Callen, John Charman, Andy Chong, Barry & Pam Clasper, Wayne & Sharron Hall, Bryan Henry, Doug & Heather Holmes, Charlie & Betty McClure, Dan & Rhetha Roy, and Don & Jean Clingin. Other T. and D. Members that we saw at convention were: Peter & Norma Flemming, Wayne & Anne Hare, Rick McKey & Caroline Charman and Arthurlyn Seager. Our apologies to anyone that we missed.

One of the special events of Convention 2010 was the introduction of Marjorie Kaiser, a former square dancer from Detroit, Michigan, who was attending the convention with her daughter. Marjorie is 107 years young and was a survivor of the Halifax explosion in 1917. She was introduced during the opening ceremonies and also modelled one of her own square dance dresses during the fashion show. The former president of our Square Dance Club in St. Catharines (Swing and Whirl) is also a survivor of the Halifax explosion, but much younger – she is only 97.

Sunday morning, we left Halifax and drove to Charlottetown, P.E.I. where we stayed for two nights. This was our first trip to Charlottetown since 1973 and our first drive across the Confederation Bridge. Charlottetown is another lovely place to walk around. The first night we watched a sound and light performance on the front of Province House. This is the home of the P.E.I. Legislature and is where the Charlottetown Conference took place in 1864 – eventually leading to Confederation in 1867. We also took in a performance of the musical, Anne of Green Gables at the Confederation Centre.

On Tuesday morning we started back, staying overnight in Marlborough, Massachusetts (just outside Worcester) and arrived home on Wednesday afternoon. Except for a bit of rain in New Brunswick, our trip home was uneventful. Overall, it was a good vacation. Nice to go away, but also so nice to come home.

Deadline for next TOPICS Newsletter
Saturday, September 18, 2010

The next issue will cover October and November. 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

WHAT CAUSES ARTHRITIS?

A drunk man who smelled like beer sat down on a subway next to a priest. The man's tie was stained, his face was plastered with red lipstick, and a half-empty bottle of gin was sticking out of his torn coat pocket. He opened his newspaper and began reading.

After a few minutes the man turned to the priest and asked, "Say Father, what causes arthritis?"

The priest replies, "My Son, it's caused by loose living, being with cheap, wicked women, too much alcohol, contempt for your fellow man, sleeping around with prostitutes and lack of a bath."

The drunk muttered in response, "Well, I'll be damned," Then returned to his paper.

The priest, thinking about what he had said, nudged the man and apologized. "I'm very sorry. I didn't mean to come on so strong. How long have you had arthritis?"

The drunk answered, "I don't have it, Father. I was just reading here that the Pope does."

Sent in by Ken Earle - Cambridge, ON

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving."

Albert Einstein

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or e-mail: rbeck9@cogeco.ca

"Kindness is the noblest weapon to conquer with."

Author Unknown

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WE'RE BACK!! An update on us..... as many of you have asked.

By Andrea & Jeff Priest

For close to a 4-year period, SQUARE & ROUND DANCING sat at a simmer on the back burner of our Stove of Life while our business venture, EmbroidMe was at a full rolling boil on the front element. In March of this year, Jeff & I made a business decision to close our EmbroidMe store and move forward to new and better things. (or actually in our case – old & better things!)

For those of you who know us well, you probably realized long before we did that a retail store was not an exact fit with Jeff's personality and the decision to close the store, although long overdue, was a good and right one. Jeff & I have both recently returned to not only what we love, but also what we're better at – The Dance Movement.

I say it like that because for us it entails more than calling and cueing. We also love to dance – no, really. Although we rarely get to dance with each other, we both love to move to music and thoroughly enjoy the floortime we do get.

But it's more than just dancing, too. Jeff is a natural teacher and makes learning easy with his clear and concise style. He has taught dancing to Brownies and their fathers, primary grade school classes, instructors at daycamps, entertainers at Wonderland, corporate team building groups, guests at weddings, family picnics & Christmas parties, neighbourhood block parties and, well, the list goes on and on and on and on. He has also taught calling skills to many callers in both Canada & the U.S. who were either getting started or just looking for added skills. He has been a panelist on numerous Callerlab Convention sessions, organized Caller's Schools, Clinics and Workshops for Callerlab, T&D, EOSARDA and SWOSDA areas and worked on many others internationally. And, there have not been too many years go by when Jeff has not taught a "Basics" class. With our affiliation with clubs in Toronto, Peterborough, Kingston and, now Elora, there have been many, many basic classes through the years. So, teaching is not only a big part of The Dance Movement but something that is very close to Jeff's heart.

As is Singing. Jeff has just released his latest CD and this one is great!! (As they all are, honey). But this one holds something special. It is part square dancing and part concert. Over the years, he has been asked so many times when he was going to put out a CD of just singing. So here it is, at last. Although neither Jeff or I are "music snobs" (meaning that we both like all sorts of music – just some more than others), Jeff's music of choice to both sing and listen to is the "Crooners" style so that's what this CD contains. For him, it was truly a labour of love. He had a ball producing it and it's well worth a listen. (even if I do say so myself!)

And people, yes, people are probably the biggest part of The Dance Movement that we are happy to be back to. You, the dancer. You, the fellow caller/cuer. You, the club contact. You, the fellow camp & dancer. Again the list goes on. We have missed you in our lives and are glad to be part of your very social world again.

I know this sounds like it's all about Jeff (as he says, "EmbroidMe was my mid-life crisis... should have bought a sports car, it would have been cheaper and more fun!"), so the biggest impact of this change has been for him. But to update me anyway... I have returned to a much loved job as an accounts payable administrator with a small company in Brantford (8 minutes from my house door – yeah, no long drive). I held this same position with this same company 10 years ago and it feels great to be back, just like coming home. And, without the time spent doing EmbroidMe work, I have more time to pursue my love of dancing & cueing as well.

So you can see that our return to The Dance Movement is a VERY exciting thing for us. We didn't realize how much we missed all the wonderful things The Dance Movement holds until we were away from them. Even though it didn't look like we went anywhere, we're so glad to be back!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, September 18, 2010 - **Toronto & District Square & Round Dance Association Inc.** presents a **“Special Dance”** Fun Plus with **Jim Lee & Bryan Henry** and Rounds with **Bob & Betty Beck** at St. Bartholomew’s United Church, 22 Abbey Road, Brampton, ON. Dance from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$12.00 per couple. For Information: Dave Williamson - 905-451-5059 or drwcaller@gmail.com; Rose Marie & Ken Robinson - 905-549-0489 or rwoodley000@sympatico.ca or k.j.robinson@sympatico.ca

Saturday, October 16, 2010 - **Swing & Whirl Square Dance Club, Rainbow Squares and Niagara Round Dance Club** invite you to their **Autumn Frolic Dance** at Coronation Centre, 5925 Summer Street, Niagara Falls, ON. Dance Mainstream & Plus with A-1 tips from 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. with **Harry Vander Giessen & Wayne Hall** and Round Dance Party 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. with **Bob & Betty Beck**. Cost \$6.00 per person in advance and \$7.00 per person at the door. For information and to register call Betty Schwenker at 905-688-3710.

Saturday, October 23, 2010 - **Happy Hoppers** present their **35th Anniversary** and **15th Annual Fall Fantasy** at Sacred Heart High School, Crusader Way, Newmarket, ON. Dance Basic, Mainstream, Plus and A-1 with **Doug Holmes, Al Calhoun** and **Charlie McClure** from 2:00 - 4:45p.m., Square & Round Dance Parties 7:00 - 7:45 p.m. and 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Cost: Advance \$25.00 full day/\$13.00 -half day. At door - \$30.00 full day and \$15.00 half day. For info call Ron & Judith Williams at 705-426-3000.

Saturday, November 6, 2010 - **Toronto & District Square & Round Dance Association Inc.** presents a **“Special Dance”**. Fun Plus with **Tim Crawford & Dave Williamson** and Rounds by **Dave Williamson** at St. Bartholomew’s United Church, 22 Abbey Road, Brampton, ON. Dance from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.. Cost: \$12.00 per couple. For information: Dave Williamson - 905-451-5059 or drwcaller@gmail.com or Pam & Barry Clasper - 416-498-0007 or pam@clasper.ca or barry@clasper.ca

Saturday, November 13, 2010 - **Swing & Whirl Square Dance Club** invites you to celebrate their **50th Anniversary** at First Grantham United Church, 415 Linwell Road, St. Catharines, ON. Round Dance party 7:30 - 8:00 p.m. with **Bob Beck & Sharron Hall** and Plus Squares from 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. with **Wayne Hall & Harry VanderGiessen**. Cost \$15.00 per couple. For information: Bob & Betty Beck 905-227-7264 or bettytop@aol.com or rbeck9@cogeco.ca

Saturday, November 20, 2010 - **Lift Lock Squares** invite Basic and Mainstream dancers to join us for our **PIE NIGHT - FRESHMAN FROLIC** dance at St. Anne's Parish Hall, 859 Barnardo Ave, Peterborough. **7-10:30pm**. There will be some Plus tips. Dancing 7-10 followed by refreshments. Caller **Joe Uebelacker**.. Cost \$7.00 per person. For information call 905 342 5450 or email hjlander@gmail.com ..

Saturday, November 27, 2010 - **Doug & Heather Holmes & the Newmarket Happy Hoppers** invite all new dancers to the **Party Dance for New Dancers Autumn Hoedown** at the Lebovic Arts Centre, Souffville, ON. Dancing from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.. Callers will use the calls that new dancers have learned to date. Dress is “evening casual”. Please wear soft soled shoes for dancing on wooden floor. Cost \$15.00 per couple or \$8.00 solo. For info call 905-478-2200 or e-mail drholmes@xplornet.com

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 II, III, IV 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.

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.

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

NEW DANCER CLASSES

Thursday, September 9, 2010 - **Waterdown Village Squares** is hosting a **New Dancer** class at St. James United Church, 306 Parkside Drive, Waterdown, ON at 7:30 p.m. For information call Patricia Coutts at 905-822-8045.

Monday, September 13, 2010 - **Social Dance Classes** at Richmond Street School, Thorold, ON from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Learn basic steps in Cha Cha, Rumba, Jive and Foxtrot. Cost \$50.00 per couple for 4 weeks. For information call Bob & Betty Beck at 905-227-7264 or e-mail rbeck9@cogeco.ca

Tuesday September 14, 2010 - **Royal City Squares** is hosting a **New Dancer OPEN HOUSE** at Paisley Road School, 406 Paisley Road, Guelph, ON. For information call Ruth Slavin at 9519-822-9637

Thursday, September 23, 2010 - **Willowdale Weavers** of Willowdale, ON have their "New Dancer" OPEN HOUSE at 7:30 p.m. at Cummer Valley Middle School, 70 Maxome, North York, ON For information call Ann or Grant Logan at 905-709-9241.

Thursday, September 30, 2010 - Jubilee Rounds is hosting an **OPEN HOUSE** for guests at their New Dancer class at St. James Lutheran Church, 1407 King Street N., St. Jacobs, ON. For information call Andrea & Jeff at 519-752-2172 or e-mail Andrea at andrea@jeffreypriest.com

Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation Newsletter - July 2010



The Ontario Federation is the all-volunteer coordinating body for Square, Round, Clog, and Line Dancing in Ontario. The Federation is governed by a Board of Directors made up of representatives from Ontario Associations and members at large from Northern Ontario Clubs. The Federation is incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in the Province of Ontario.

President's Message

It has been a busy year on Federation. We have given our support to Ottawa's bid for the 2014 Canadian National convention. We have reviewed and approved a Trillium Merit Award for John & Roberta Wigglesworth with several more to be reviewed in August.

We are in the process of ordering 50,000 book marks for promotional purposes with 200 to be sent to each club in September. We will be handing out some 20,000 at the International Ploughing Match in St Thomas in September.

Our numbers continue to decline as the average age of our dancers continues to climb and more dancers retire. We need to reverse this trend and we are looking for new and innovative ideas to recruit new dancers. Remember Federation membership includes liability insurance from Society. Benefits include liability insurance should you inadvertently cause an accident. Your club and club executive are also covered. More and more halls, churches and community centers are requiring proof of insurance before allowing dancers to rent the hall.

Peter & Bev Piazza

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE C S R D S AND OSRDF.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION - Many are celebrating major anniversaries this coming year. Society has appropriate certificates available to honour these events. It is very easy to miss your event. Please help out by notifying us by Email or phone so that we can arrange a suitable presentation. Certificates are available in the following categories.

- ◆ Clubs/Callers/Cuers/Associations/Federations-20 year and 5 year increments thereafter.
- ◆ Couple Anniversaries- 50 years and 10 year increments thereafter.

CALLER/CUER BURSARIES - It is never too early to investigate upcoming caller/cuer schools for new or established leaders. Some areas are holding schools this year. Watch our websites or publications for dates and locations. Bursaries are available through both the Society and Federation. Applications and requirements are available on their websites.

- i. Society Bursary - Allow plenty of time to forward documents to Society. Mail application directly to president of Ontario Federation as soon as possible. Society bursary must be approved by Ontario Federation president and then forwarded to Society Director of Bursaries before June 15.
- ii. Federation Bursary - Allow plenty of time to forward documents to Federation. Mail application directly to president of your Association (example SWOSDA, EOSARDA, T&D, THE LAKEHEAD), or your club if there is no Association, as soon as possible. Federation bursary must be approved by Association president and then forwarded to Federation Director of Bursaries before September 15, 2010.

Read the rules carefully. Follow instructions. Do not miss deadlines.

Good luck! Monies are available. Take the time to apply.

OF COURSE THERE IS **LIABILITY INSURANCE** PROVIDED TO ALL MEMBERS.

By Bonnie and Bill Taylor, Ontario Directors to CSRDS, contact 519-472-0899 or paperhanger1667@go.com

Working for you - Directors of Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation

April 17, 2010 at Peterborough



Back Row – Peter Graham, Peter Courdin, Andy Himberg-Larsen, Nick Dahm, Dorothy Dahm,

Middle Row – Karen Remy, Jean Ruest, Wayne Hall, Al Calhoun, Bev Piazza,

Front Row – Bonnie Taylor, Bill Taylor, Yolande Gervais, Sharron Hall, Renia Calhoun, Peter Piazza,

Missing - Sandy & Bea Ligate

Meeting Summaries - Since the last newsletter the board of directors have the following meetings:

a. April 17, 2010 at Peterborough

Amended Guidelines for Professional Development

- Revised Trillium Award Guidelines
- Noted decrease in membership. Discussed possible methods of promotion
- Reviewed Trillium nominations. John & Roberta Wrigglesworth approved for Trillium Merit Award presentation at Brock Convention. All others are to be recorded at the August meeting.
- Approved Recruitment Grants to Grand Squares Elora for \$200.00 the maximum available and Sunshine Squares in Ottawa for the amount submitted, \$90.09
- Received report on International Plowing Match plans– Elgin Square & Round Dancers will be manning a booth in the Community Tent of the Plowing Match being held in Sept near St. Thomas. Several demos will be held, and promotional materials handed out at the booth. All associations will have the opportunity to provide information regarding their clubs. Bookmarks are being provided by Federation for distribution – They will be generic with Federation information and the 800 number on the front and a place to personalize on the back. 20,000 would be allocated for distribution at the plowing match with 200 to be sent to each of the approximately 130 clubs in Federation.
- Next meeting will be Halifax at the Convention

b. Annual General Meeting Held At Brock University St. Catharines On May 7 2010.

- Although attendance was light all associations were represented.
- The reserve for promotion is to be increased by an additional \$5,000.00 to cover the cost of bookmarks.
- Allowance for callers & cuers bursaries is increased to \$2,000.00.
- Society Representative Bill Taylor reminded the group that certificates for anniversaries for callers, clubs & couples are available and they need to be notified of any that may be coming up. He confirmed that there is no planned Festival for 2012. No rate change is anticipated in Society fees. Ontario needs to show up at AGM in Halifax to make their voice heard.
- It was noted that suggestions for new innovative promotion ideas are welcomed as well as the need to share methods that work.
- Articles are welcomed for the newsletter from all associations.
- It was noted that the directory is now published on the web.
- Yolande Gervais and Jean Ruest were appointed as Members at Large for year 2010-2011.
- Al and Renia Calhoun, Bonnie and Bill Taylor, Peter Courdin, Karen Remy, Peter Graham, Jean Ruest, Yolande Gervais, Peter and Bev Piazza, Wayne and Sharron Hall, Nick & Dorothy Dahm, Sandy and Bea Ligate and Andy Himberg-Larson were nominated as Directors of the corporation with other nominations from the floor.
- Next Annual General meeting will be held at Brock University on May 13, 2010 at 9.00 a.m.

T& D convention in Brock.



Congratulations to the Committee for putting on such a great convention! Here we witnessed the presentation of the well-deserved Wrigglesworth Trillium Award mentioned above. It was a fun-packed weekend with a topnotch staff and a great group of dancers. A big highlight was meeting an enthusiastic youngster, Alyssa Welch from New York state, attending the convention with her grandmother Janet Edwards . The smile on her face and the swirl of her skirts pronounced her delight as she matched the skills of those around her in the plus hall.

Wouldn't it be great to recruit an abundance of youngsters like this? Any suggestions?

Congratulations to these worthy recipients of the 2010 Trillium Awards!

John & Roberta Wrigglesworth, 2010 Trillium Merit Award



John and Roberta have danced for more than 30 years with John calling for 23 years. He called for the Milton Steamers until it closed and now calls for the Georgetown seniors as well as assisting other clubs with demonstrations and calling for other social groups to introduce them to square dancing. Even when they can't dance they often attend dances to support others. They can always be counted upon to do more than their share to help any group with which they are affiliated to be productive and successful. They have acted as T& D Presidents, Convention Chairs and continue to work on the Convention Committee as vendor convenors. Fittingly, John and Roberta received their award at Brock University at the 2010 Convention.

John & Roberta, Thank you for a job well done.

How to Stop Church Gossip

Mildred, the church gossip, and self-appointed monitor of the church's morals, kept sticking her nose into other people's business. Several members did not approve of her extracurricular activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence.

She made a mistake, however, when she accused Frank, a new member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his old pickup parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon.

She emphatically told Frank (and several others) that every one seeing it there WOULD KNOW WHAT HE WAS DOING !

Frank, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just turned and walked away. He didn't explain, defend, or deny. He said nothing.

Later that evening, Frank quietly parked his pickup in front of Mildred's house... walked home... and left it there all night..

(You gotta love Frank!)
Sent in by Anne Petro

“Leadership is based on inspiration, not domination; on cooperation, not intimidation.”

William Arthur Ward



IN MEMORIAM
MARVIN CALVERLY LANE
 (November 1, 1930 - August 27, 2010)

At Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto on Friday, August 27, 2010, Marvin Lane, of Waterdown, at the age of 79 years. Beloved husband of Wanda for 54 years. Loved father of Linda, Paul (Jocelyn), and Wendy. Dear Grandpa of Nicole (Brent), and Jacqueline. Survived by his sister-in-law Mary Bradshaw and predeceased by siblings Marg (Jack) Yack, Stan Bradshaw, and Aileen Bradshaw. Loved brother-in-law of Reby Millar, Marjorie Strongman (Earl, predeceased), Kay MacCaull (Patterson, predeceased), Eva (Bill) Ogg, Chester (Judy) MacCaull, Helen (Elmer) Hutchinson, and Glenn (David) Noye. Uncle Marvin will also be missed by

26 nieces and nephews. He was a member of the Village Squares, Waterdown for over 40 years. Friends may visit with the family at KITCHING, STEEPE & LUDWIG FUNERAL HOME, 146 Mill Street North, Waterdown on Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. where the Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, September 1, 2010 at 11 a.m., Rev. Dr. John Allsop officiating. Interment to follow at Burlington Memorial Gardens, then a reception will be held in the Funeral Home Family Centre. If so desired, donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be greatly appreciated by the family as expressions of sympathy. Please sign the Book of Condolence.

IN MEMORIAM
JAMES MCKINLEY

McKINLEY, James "Jim" – Veteran WWII, 11th Field Ambulance Unit

Jim died comfortably at Milton District Hospital with family by his side on Sunday, July 4, 2010 after a lengthy battle with cancer. Husband of Hilda for 67 very happy years. Lovingly remembered by Diana Lyle and her brother David; as well as by cousins Bill Nichols and Colin McKenzie. Jim will also be missed by his many friends. The family received visitors at the J. SCOTT EARLY FUNERAL HOME, 21 James St., Milton on Thursday July 8, 2010 from 11 a.m. with a memorial service following at 12:00 noon from the funeral home chapel. If desired, memorial donations to the Salvation Army would be appreciated.

Bill Faichnie on behalf of the Probus Club of Milton



IN MEMORIAM
TOM OFNER

Tom Ofner, husband of Janet Cummer, died at home in London, on Saturday, June 26, 2010. Tom danced with Calico Cats Square Dance Group in London, and with Greenwood Squares (A1-A2). Tom loved Round Dancing and was a member of Rhythm Rounds, Wow Weekend, Brock and many other special Round Dances. He will be missed.

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