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Square and Round Dancers of Southwestern Ontario Inc.

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President's Message

As can be seen by reading the club activities in the “Bugle, most clubs have shifted into high gear and have begun their scheduled dancing activities.

It is exciting to see clubs scheduling “Theme” nights, “Bring a Friend” nights, interclub visits, banner stealing, banner retrievals and other functions designed to peak interest and make everyone’s dancing experiences more enjoyable.

By the time you first read this, we will already have our first SWOSDA square dance of the season behind us. (Lucknow October 22, hosted by Huron Bruce Swingers).

Avril and I have visited quite a number of clubs and have noticed many Main Stream dancers that we have never seen at a SWOSDA dance. We have to ask ourselves why? We remember our first SWOSDA dance and perhaps it can be a little intimidating for dancers attending for their first time. We need to welcome them and encourage them. Experienced dancers need to lead by example, giving encouragement, gentle direction and most of all show patience. We ask club leaders to stimulate interest in SWOSDA functions. We encourage these dancers to come out and experience the spirit of dance and fellowship that these SWOSDA dances provide. Remember the admission price for dancers attending a SWOSDA dance for the first time, is half price! Please talk to your club caller and make sure you receive your coupon.

Host clubs spend a lot of time in planning and arranging a SWOSDA Dance. It would be nice to see more dancers make an effort to support clubs hosting these functions outside of their own immediate areas.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on November 26th at the Royal Canadian Legion, Sarnia. Our hosts for the day will be Bluewater Squares.

On a more solemn note, Avril and I, are saddened by the passing of Lionel Bond on October 2, 2011. Lionel was a founding member of “Horseshoe Squares & Wheels” for over thirty years and also a member of “Checkmates Square Dance Club”. Our hearts reach out to Marilyn and their extended family during this time of sorrow.

Austin & Avril

Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation

Did we miss your special anniversary?
Unfortunately we know of at least one instance where a club did not receive a certificate at the appropriate time because we were not notified.

Please contact your Federation representatives
to request a certificate for your special event.
Peter & Bev Piazza, (519) 472-1596 Email: peterpiazza@sympatico.ca or
Nick and Dorothy Dahm, (519)842-9212 Email: dndahm@sympatico.ca

We would prefer at least ‘two weeks’ notice before the event in order to allow time to prepare it and arrange for its 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.

Similar certificates are also available from the Canadian Society.
Check with Bill & Bonnie Taylor, (519) 472-0899 E-mail: paperhanger1667@gmail.com

Check out the Federation NEWSLETTER - October 2011

Anatomy of a dancer

A dancer's heart beats in eight-count
A dancer's eyes always shine
A dancer's soul is filled with music
So their feet always fall in time

A dancer feels like no other
The vibrant rhythm of life
And it all goes into the performance
All the joy and all the strife

So remember that with dancers
A little patience is what you need
Because their minds are otherwise engaged
Dancers are truly a different breed

- Jessica Bondreaux

SWOSDA DANCE
October 22, 2011
Hosted by: Huron Bruce Swingers

The SWOSDA Square Dance season is off to another great start! This month's event was hosted by the Huron Bruce Swingers at Brookside Public School a few kilometres outside Lucknow, Ontario. Ever wondered how this attractive village of 1,200 people got its name? Does it have anything to do with good luck, in particular, in the immediate future? Does it relate to the Mennonite farmers who, as immigrants, were now luck(y) to be free from religious persecution in their homeland? No, Lucknow boasts a strong Scottish heritage reaching back to 1800's and gets its name from a battle in the *Indian Rebellion of 1857* fought against the British in Lucknow, India. So now you know!

Lucknow also has a few famous residents, including *Paul Henderson* whom everyone remembers, scored the winning goal for Team Canada against the USSR in 1972, and helped restore our pride in *Canada's game.*

The October SWOSDA dance attracted 13 squares of dancers from 20 clubs and had 6 callers/cuers in attendance. Neva McVittie, the host caller, started things off with a great warm-up square dance to get everyone in the dancing mood, and then followed it up with a beautiful round dance called "Side-by-Side". The two featured callers were Dave Paulen and Ed Dolson who graciously gave of their time to help make this a successful event. Dancing consisted of Mainstream interspersed with a few Plus dances. A Plus teach by Dave Paulen focused on an intricate variation of a "Thar Star". Dan and Rhetha Roy conducted a Round Dance Teach to 24 couples using the music from "Tiny Bubbles" and also hosted the Round Dance Hour. Nice work everyone!

We were extended a warm welcome by the members of the Huron Bruce Swingers, many of whom were in their club colours of white and burgundy.

The hall was exceptionally well decorated in the Hallowe'en theme, as per the photo. A few brave souls even dressed up in Hallowe'en costumes and were rewarded with prizes for their effort.

Thank you to all those who participated. Many dancers wore the traditional orange and black in their dance attire.

A BIG "Thank You" to the Huron Bruce Swingers for a wonderful day and evening of dancing and friendship. The **next SWOSDA Dance** is on **November 26th.** hosted by the **Bluewater Square Dancers in Sarnia, Ontario.** See the event flyer at your local club or in this edition of the Bugle for further information. Hope to see you there. If you have never been to a SWOSDA dance you don't know what you're missing.

Jean and Marcel Deschenes
Publicity Co-ordinators

SQUARE & ROUND DANCERS
OF
SOUTH WESTERN ONTARIO

SARNIA

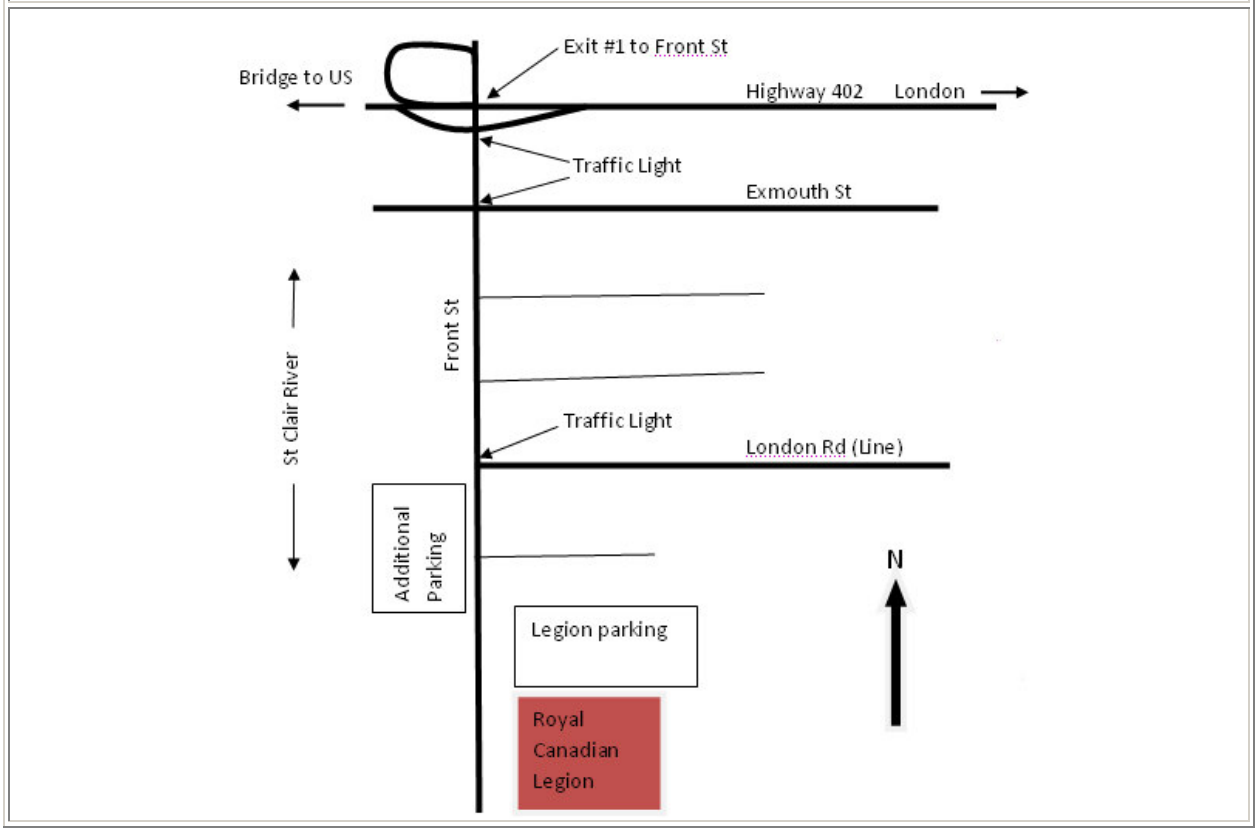
November 26, 2011

HOSTED BY: BLUEWATER SQUARES

LOCATION: Royal Canadian Legion
286 Front St. N.
Sarnia, ON N7T 5S7

2:30 - 5:00 PM & 6:30 - 10:00 PM

$6.00 PER PERSON



Callers & Leaders

Don't forget to check the Caller Web Page for updates

NOTE: New Meeting Location
Richards Memorial Church,
360 Edgeworth Ave, London

By the time this Bugle is printed, the October Swosda dance will have taken place. For all who attended I hope you had a good time.

Just a note that the next Callers Clinic meeting is November 13, 2011.
The first meeting for 2012 will be on January 8, 2012.

The Frosh Dances and Callers have been put in place, with dances on January 21, February 18, and March 17, all in the year 2012.
This year the dances will all be held at RICHARDS MEMORIAL CHURCH
360 EDGEWORTH AVE
LONDON
Watch the Bugle and Web Site for flyers.
Dave Paulen

DIRECTION - Sept/Oct (pdf)

This issue of DIRECTION includes an article from Chairman, Elmer Sheffield; Board of Governors Election Results; Caller Coaches article by Tim Marriner; Information on the 2012 CALLERLAB Convention; articles from the Partner Committee Chair, Janet Olivieri; History Committee Chair, Jerry Reed; square dancing in Russia by Eberhard Walz; and many more topics of interests. Also included are two Press Releases.

(Link to the Document located on the Caller Web Page)

Plan Ahead

Remember to Check the Dance Calendar for Future Events & Special Dances

Theme Nights & Dance Calendar...
Usually posted in the respective Club Web Pages
(Clicking a Club Heading under 'Club News' will take you there)

When Are Clubs Dancing >>>>> Check the Club Roster

Carol & Stan Down

FLASHBACK

The History of Forest City Festival 1964 - 2006 (Cont)

April 9th, 1994. The 31st annual Forest City Festival at Montcalm Secondary School in London featured callers: Al Calhoun, Hillsdale, Ont.; Denny Howlett, Oil Springs, Ont. & Dave Walker, Fenton, Michigan. Cuers: Chuck & Sandy Weiss, Howell, Michigan & Marlene Bayer, Fenton, Michigan. The Registrar was Joyce Mandziak, St. Thomas, Ont.

April 8th, 1995. The 32nd annual Forest City Festival was held at Fanshawe College in London. The featured callers were: Mike Rock, Flint, Michigan; Tim Crawford, Hamilton, Ont. & Doug Smith, Hagersville, Ont. Cuers: Peter & Chris Lawrence, Ottawa, Ont. & Lois & Ed Wise, Clinton, Ont. The Registrar was Joyce Mandziak, St. Thomas, Ont.

April 13th, 1996. The 33rd annual Forest City Festival at Fanshawe College, London, Ont. featured Callers: Sam Dunn, St. Paris, Ohio; Less Greenwood, Parkhill, Ont. & Lorne Lockrey, Sauble Beach, Ont. Cuers: Chuck & Sandi Weiss, Michigan & Cecille Lockrey, Sauble Beach, Ont. The Registrars were Les & Rita Buckrell, Burgessville, Ont.

April 12th, 1997. The 34th annual Forest City Festival at Fanshawe College in London featured Callers: Bill Peterson, Michigan; Les Greenwood, Parkhill, Ont. & Jimmy Lee, Stoney Creek, Ont. Cuers: Marilyn & Cliff Hicks, Michigan & Shelley Lee, Stoney Creek, Ont. The Registrars were Orton & Jean Williams, London, Ont.

April 4th, 1998. The 35th annual Forest City Festival was held at Carling Heights Community Centre, London and featured callers: Dave Hutchinson, Courtice, Ont.; Charlie Mc Clure, Owen Shound, Ont. & Les Greenwood, Parkhill, Ont. Cuers: Neale & Karen Brown, Toronto, Ont. & Lois Wise, Clinton, Ont. The Registrar was Walt Warner, London, Ont.

April 10th, 1999. The 36th annual Forest City Festival at Carling Heights Community Centre in London featured callers: Jeff Priest, Brantford, Ont.; Les Greenwood, Parkhill, Ont. & Tom Charlton, Springfield, Ont. Cuers: Peter & Beryl Barton, Hamilton, Ont. & Jim & Lerine Gillespie, Kitchener, Ont. Registrar: Walt Warner, London, Ont.

April 8th, 2000. The 37th annual Forest City Festival at Carling Heights Community Centre, London, Ont. featured callers: Norm Wilcox, Georgetown, Ont. & Harry Vander Giessen, Waterdown, Ont. Cuers: Neale & Karen Brown, Toronto, Ont. & Rita & Les Buckrell, Norwich, Ont. Registrar: Walt Warner, London, Ont.

April 21st, 2001. The 38th annual Forest City Festival at Carling Heights Community Centre in London featured callers: Les Greenwood, Parkhill, Ont.; Tom Charlton, Springfield, Ont. & Bob Miller, London, Ont.; Ed Dolson, London, Ont. & Colin Aram, Essex, Ont. Cuers: Marilyn & Cliff Hicks, Michigan & Peter & Sybil Chandler, Ilderton, Ont. Registrar: Walt Warner, London, Ont.

April 20th, 2002. The 39th annual Forest City Festival at Carling Heights Community Centre in London featured callers: Al & Renia Calhoun, Hillsdale, Ont. & Dave Hutchinson, Whitby, Ont. Cuers: Marlene & Max Vance, Michigan & Peter & Sybil Chandler, Ilderton, Ont. Registrar: Walt Warner, London, Ont.

April 12th, 2003. The 40th annual Forest City Festival at Carling Heights Community Centre in London featured callers: Lloyd (Sparky) Sparks, Kentucky & Charlie McClure, Owen Sound, Ont. Cuers: Peter & Beryl Barton, Port Rowan, Ont. & Grace & Currie Burchill, London, Ont. Registrar: Jim Likins, Woodstock, Ont. The Ontario Square & Round Dance Federation Trillium Merit Award was presented to Peter & Sybil Chandler for their dedication, excellence and outstanding achievement to the Round & Square Dance activity.

April 17th, 2004. The 41st annual Forest City Festival at Carling Heights Community Centre in London featured callers Les Greenwood, Parkhill, Ont. and Jim Lee, Hamilton, Ont. Cuers: Al & Carol Lillefield, Mooresville, Indiana & Dan & Rhetha Roy, Kincardine, Ont. Registrar: Jim Likins, Woodstock, Ont.

April 16th, 2005. The 42nd annual Forest City Festival was held at the downtown YMCA in London. Featured Callers: Charlie McClure, Owen Sound, Ont. & Doug Holmes, Queensville, Ont. Cuers: Bob & Betty Beck, Thorold, Ont. & Rita & Les Buckrell, Norwich, Ont. Registrar: Jim Likins, Woodstock, Ont.

April 8, 2006. The 43rd annual Forest City Festival at the downtown YMCA in London featured callers: Tim Crawford, Burlington, Ont. & Jeff Priest, Brantford, Ont. Cuers: Bob & Betty Beck, Thorold, Ont. & Andrea Priest, Brantford, Ont. Registrar: Grace Burchill, London, Ont.
The Ontario Square & Round Dance Federation Trillium Award was presented to Art Ferris & Shirley Craib and to Les & Rita Buckrell for their dedication, excellence and outstanding achievement to the Square & Round Dance activity.

Forest City Festival will be missed, but we do have a lot of wonderful memories.

Happy Dancing
Carol & Stan SWOSDA Historians

SWOSDA HISTORIAN REQUIRED

Our SWOSDA Historians, Carol and Stan Down have decided to pass this position on to some special person or couple that would enjoy and appreciate looking through the several albums of pictures and Bugles from past years and submitting a selection for the Bugle Flashback column.

If you are interested in this position please direct your questions to Carol Down 519-769-2964

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

CLUB NEWS

Send Club News to bugle@swosda.ca

Awaywego - St. Thomas

The fall days are getting shorter and shorter and nights a little cooler. Hopefully the rain has ended for awhile.

A few dancers from our club attended SWOSDA at Brookside School. on Oct. 22/11. A good time was had by all in attendance.

We will be holding out Annual Hallowe'en Party on Oct. 26./11.. We will fill you in next month on all the ghostly news from the party.

Awaywego's have been invited to join Berkshire Beavers for the Hallowe'en Party on Hallowe'en Night. Sounds like it will be a fun time with witches, and goblins all around and maybe a clown or two.

Due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to cancel two nights of dancing in Oct. Hopefully everyone is well again and have all their other meetings over that are on same night as dancing.

Congratulations go out to the School House Squares who are celebrating their 40th Anniversary on Nov. 2/11. Seems it will be a real fun time... It is always great to get together with old members and friends, talk about old times and how times have changed in the passed 40 years.. It would be great if someone could have an original dance outfit from back then.

Until next month have a safe Hallowe'en...

Beaux & Belles - Kitchener - Waterloo

The raiding and retrieving has begun. Beaux and Belles visited Galt Swinging Eights in September and "stole" their mascot after an awful performance (we were all mixed up) where some of the men had to do women moves and some of the women do men's steps. However, they were gracious and allowed us to take their mascot. They then visited our club Oct. 15th where our caller Claude Pelletier made them dance inside a rope square and they had to keep the rope up around their hips as they did the various calls and were not allowed to use their hands to keep the rope up. They did quite well and we then presented them with their mascot to take back "home". They also helped us eat up all those delicious pies the ladies had baked.

So . . . we are now planning on raiding another three clubs so we get to know them, and they know us. Isn't that a good part of square dancing? Fun and fellowship!

This year Christmas is coming early for our club. We were unable to get the church gym for a December Christmas dance because the church had other activities planned. So we are having our Christmas Dinner/Dance Saturday, Nov. 28th. The three turkeys have been purchased, as well as dessert, so all we members have to bring are the "fill-ins" such as coleslaw, salads, jello salads, etc. Come and join us at 6:30 for the festivities and food. Members get it all for free (as part of our club dues) and guests pay $15.00. Mainstream and Plus dances follow the meal.

We do have a special December dance, Saturday, Dec. 10, with guest callers Jeff and Andrea Priest. An evening of fun round dances and square dancing is assured to all who attend.

Hopefully, we will see YOU there.
Paul and Jean Rockel -- Publicity

Berkshire Beavers - London

The Berkshire Beavers had a few dances during the summer. We danced at Fanshawe twice, and on the street in St Thomas for their Iron Horse Festival. Some of us danced at Parkwood for their Birthday celebration, and now we are back to regular Monday night dancing.

We will have a Halloween Dance on October 31.
Hope to see you all.

Bluewater Square Dancers - Sarnia

Hanna Memorial School
369 Maria Street, Sarnia

Monday Evening Dances
Beginner Rounds 7:00 p.m.
Beginners Square Dancing - 7:30 to 9:00
Mainstream & Plus - 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

We are back in the regular swing of dancing. There have been three dances and we are pleased to announce that we have had a variety of new dancers attending. We haven't yet seen all the new dancers turn out on the same evening but hope to soon. Again, hats off to Janet Whitlock and Gary Dreibelbis for their terrific work on "membership". They are part of our executive which is headed up by our very capable new president Maxine Powell.

Our caller Dave Alway is recently retired and showing lots of energy in leading us around the floor with his calling. We wish him the best in his retirement. He is also conducting round dance classes starting at 7:00 each Monday evening. Good luck to these dancers in their new endeavor.

On Sept. 26th we had to move our venue for dancing to Central Baptist Church since Hanna Memorial School was closed because of Professional Development Day. Bob Johnson (one of our presidents from last year) attends this church and was our contact as well as a great helper for the evening.

This must have been very difficult for Bob since his wife and dearest friend, Rosalie, passed away early last summer after a brief illness. She and Bob shared the presidency with Sandy and Dell Paterson. She was a very responsible, hard worker who could always be counted on to help with any task at square dancing. We will miss her greatly. Bob and Rosalie had been married 51 years and were high school sweethearts. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bob at this time.

Rosalie Johnson ->

Carolyn and Wayne Minielly

Centennial Beavers - London

Centennial Beavers is back to dancing on Friday nights at the Hamilton Road Seniors center. We have danced to Charlie McClure, Harry Vander Giessen and Jeff and Andrea Priest. Upcoming are Wayne & Sharron Hall Oct 28, Halloween Dance & Pie Night. Costumes are optional. Jeff & Andrea Nov 4, Les Greenwood Nov 11, Jeff and Andrea Nov 18, 44th Anniversary and Dave and Blanche Paulen Nov 25. Come join us for an evening of dancing.

Peter & Bev Piazza
Publicity

Chatterbox Rounds - Windsor

Chatterbox Rounds
Lincoln Rd Church Hall
Windsor

The month goes by in a hurry.
Our beginners are progressing through the basics.
The others are mastering "Raggae Cowboy "should have it with one more lesson.
By the time this is printed we will have had our Halloween Fun.
We miss Brian and wish him a speedy recovery,
Our programme remains the same:
7pm progressing with basics.
8pm reveiws , classics, current dances.
Keith & Cora continue on our programme.

Jean Clark
Cuer & Director info 519-252-0672

Conestogo Diamond Squares - St Jacobs

Caller: Marie & Ernie Fretz
Location: St James Lutheran Church

Our 2011/12 Season is well underway and we have now enjoyed a month and a half of great dancing and socializing. Since Thanksgiving was a holiday from dancing as well, we are all looking forward to getting together again on the 17th.

Our new dancers are learning very quickly and as always Marie is doing a terrific job of teaching. Our new schedule seems to be working well for everyone.

Since we just celebrated Thanksgiving we take this opportunity to thank all those involved in helping out – those setting up and taking down chairs, those coming early to be sure that there is hot coffee/tea etc and those making the announcements.....we especially enjoy those amusing stories that are shared. Also thanks to those helping carry equipment in and out and those looking after sign ups & sale of 50/50 tickets. A very special thank you to Marie & Ernie for all their hard work and dedication in making this club work.
This year our Monday night dance begins at 7:15 with Basic and Plus teach – alternate tips. We have a short break at 8:30 for refreshments and announcements and then continue to dance until 9:30.
As always we welcome guests and look forward to new dancers.

As we look ahead the special dances include a Halloween Dance on October 31st and a Country Hoedown featuring Western Dress on November 21st. Our Christmas Dance will be held on December 19th this year and everyone is welcome.

Happy Dancing, partners!!

Katherine Watson
Publicity.

Denim'n Lace - Flesherton

Our club has had a very successful start of the square dancing season, with visitors from other clubs as well as our own members returning for another fun season.

Pumpkinfest night was well attended and we welcomed visitors from Mississauga and Wiarton. We all enjoyed the many different pies as well as dancing to Jimmy Lee.

On October 19th we will have our first beginner's class and we are all hoping that there will be many new dancers hoping to learn square dancing.

On Friday October 14th many of our members attended an old time country dance in Glenelg township, Grey Co. We all enjoyed dancing to an old-time caller as well as many other country dances. It was different than modern Square dancing but very enjoyable.

Hanover Happy Twirlers visited us to steal our banner and we are planning to return to Hanover soon to get it back. As the cold weather approaches Denim 'N Lace will be keeping warm dancing to Jimmy as well as socializing with our square dancing friends.

Jane Scea
SWOSDA rep - Denim 'n Lace

Egbert's Scramblers - Rostock

Fall has arrived. The trees are all kinds of colours right now. In keeping with the theme, our Hallowe'en dance is 'Black & Orange' night on the 24th of October. That way we can all enjoy it when the little ghosts come knocking on the 31rst. Everyone is more than welcome to come and enjoy with us. We will have pies after the work out Egbert puts us through.

Please keep in mind that November 21 is our next special dance night, with the "wearing of the plaid".

So far we have been doing a good job of holding onto Lucy & Ducy, but we haven't had time to retrieve anything either. Let the fun begin.

Keep you eyes open for some good children books. We are donating books for Christmas toys this year.
Books for any age might not be a bad idea. Reading is always a great pass time.

See you soon.
Greg & Helma Luyten

Elora Grand Squares - Elora

Elora Grand Squares
251 Irvine Street
Elora, ON
caller: Jeff Priest

Already November and time to order your tickets for our big **Quistmas Quacker Dinner Dance** on Dec.3. Jim Lee is calling as usual and it promises to be another great evening. We start with a turkey and duck dinner with all the trimmings and enough mouth watering salads to melt your tummy. Then it's a 2 hour workout on the dance floor with Jimmy, followed by a wide assortment of yummy pies. The weather has always been great for driving so we're counting on that again! So, get your tickets from our charming Connie at 519-843-1986 or webers@sympatico.ca. See you all on the floor in Arthur on Dec. 3!!

Joan Klapwyk, Publicity

Galt Swinging Eights - Cambridge

Time is flying by so fast it seems we just started dancing in September and now I am writing details about Christmas. We have had a good turn out and some folks came out to our Open House to learn how to dance under Dan Weatherby's direction. We hope they will continue to enjoy this fun activity. The class continues from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm each Monday night with Mainstream, Plus and some Rounds called from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm by Harry Vander Giessen. Some evenings we will have treats and coffee throughout the dance and on other dances we will enjoy a sit down snack after the dance.

Last August our club hosted our annual corn roast and with the theme of Hawaiian Style, it was truly enjoyed by all. The corn was mouth-watering and the salads and sausage on a bun were delicious as well. Most saved room for the dessert table before going out to play baseball. Doesn't really matter who won cause we all had such a great time, and looking forward to next August.

Some of our dancers have had some medical concerns and at this time we want to wish Audrey Schmidt a speedy recovery from her ailment. Also wishing Laura Penny a speedy recovery as well. There are probably more people in need of special thoughts as cold and damp weather is upon us so hopefully it won't keep too many down too long and they will be soon back enjoying the dancing.

Some of the upcoming events to mark you calendars for:

October 31: Guest Caller - Dan Weatherby.....special treat of Pie Night.

November 7: Men's Lunch

November 21: Cheese and Fruit Night.

December 5: **DANCING AT; KING STREET BAPTIST CHURCH. Cambridge.**

December 12: Cambridge Christmas Dance: details next edition

December 31: New Years Eve Dance (Friday). Details next edition.

Till we dance together,

Donna Reed, Bugle Gal,
Galt Swinging Eights.

"To laugh often and much;

to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children;

to earn the appreciation of honest critics and to endure the betrayal of false friends;

to appreciate beauty;

to find the best in others;

to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition;

to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.

This is to have succeeded. "

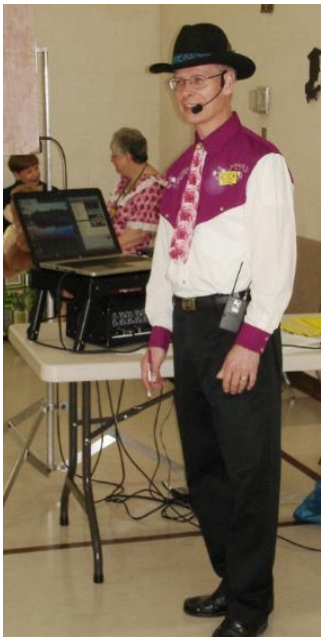
~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Guys 'n' Dolls - Kitchener

On September 23, we celebrated our 2010/2011 class' successful completion of the Mainstream lessons. Wow, you new Guys' n Dolls did a fantastic job. We look forward to dancing with you for many years to come.

Left to right: George Wells, Pat Luckhart, Mike Richardson, Lynn Ledlow, Chris Brown, Ray Morphy, Faith Morphy, Hope Richardson, John Ledlow

More photos of that fun night



Guys 'n Dolls danced on October 7 this year. The weather was amazing and we had a very good turn out even though it was the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. We had a fun time and we hope that all those who travelled had a safe enjoyable get-away and we look forward to dancing with you when you get back.
As I write this note we are expecting guests from Thames Valley Squares and Beaux & Belles tomorrow at our October 21 dance with the goal of stealing our banners. These visits are excellent times to renew friendships.

By the time you read this, our Harvest Dance, October 28, will be history. If you didn't come, you missed some excellent harvest pies and maybe some crazy costumes for Halloween.
Our next special dance is our Christmas Dance on December 2. Please mark that one on your calendar. Hope to celebrate the season with you then.

Mark Ackersviller

Hanover Happy Twirlers - Hanover

The dance season in Hanover has begun well. As with many other clubs in the area, we have been focused on introducing new people to square dancing. Some of our newest members, pictured here, are on their way to becoming enthusiastic, experienced dancers. Lorne has used the A-B-C method to teach them several basic steps each week, and has introduced a couple of plus steps to the mainstream dancers.

As we have done several times before, we presented a demo in October at the Hanover Hospital Day Away Program. The program participants enjoyed watching the dancing, and several eagerly joined a square to try it out themselves.

You may have seen several Happy Twirlers at your club already this fall, as we have been busy stealing banners. Hanover's Banner Retrieval and Pie Night will be Nov. 15, from 7:30 to 10:00. Lorne and Cecille Lockrey will keep us all busy with basic and mainstream dancing, announced plus tips, and rounds. And then. . . PIE for everyone! We hope to see you there.

Huron Bruce Swingers - Lucknow

We are back! Yes, the Huron Bruce Swingers are back in the swing and after two start up dances, the Club hosted the October SWOSDA dance on October 22, 2011 at Brockside School (Lucknow, ON). The day turned out to be a good driving day with 20 clubs being represented. There were 47 couples, 11 singles, and 6 callers and cuers present. An executive of 9 couples from SWOSDA were present. From all reports, the day went off well, and the Huron Bruce Swingers, with thanks to presidents Elsie and Gerald Schuler and caller Neva McVittie and hubby Dunc, have called it a success. Hope everyone else agreed.

To catch you up on some news, the summer saw the club celebrate members anniversaries' namely Elaine and Ross Errington's 60th, and Donelda and Robert Charter's 50th. We held our "birthday dance" to celebrate the birthdays of those who have a summer birthday - like Stan's - who tries to get a birthday celebration in whenever he can. Loves those "yellow rocks".

So now the club is in the "full" swing of things again and looks forward to a great season. This correspondent hopes to be in the "swing" again by the new year, having just had hip replacement surgery, so has missed out on all this fun.

Yellow Rocks to everyone,
Sharon McDonald,

Huron Bruce Swingers

PS. Have you noticed our new club name tags?

Huron Happy Hearts - Clinton

The "Beginners Night" planned for Friday, Oct 14th was quite interesting with the new dancers learning enough basics to complete the Citadel Stomp (modified 2-step). If anyone else is interested please make your intentions known. A Beginners Class will be formed with sufficient participants.

Plan for "Wearing of the Black" with Pies for Oct 28. Be proud to be Canadian on Nov 11th and enjoy the Sundaes. Bring some "Toys for Christmas on Nov 18 or 25 .

Christmas Dinner & Dance is planned for Dec 2 at the Dinner Bell Restaurant in Clinton, followed by dancing back at the school.

Bob & Eleanor Clarke : Bugle Correspondents

London Harmony Rounds - Lambeth (London)

London Harmony Rounds has had a busy start to our 2011/2012 dance season. Dan & Rhetha have been working on Rumba figures with our first group as well as teaching two new dances. Jerry & Bonnie have taught two beautiful waltzes in our second group and they are now working on a Slow Two Step with several new interesting figures.

We enjoyed our first party night on October 25th, 2011 with our Halloween themed dance. Everyone enjoyed a great evening of dancing with Jerry & Bonnie and Dan & Rhetha putting together a fun program with Phase II to IV dances. We danced from 7:00 until 9:30 and then everyone enjoyed treats and goodies from 9:30 until 10:00. We were pleased to welcome Tom McGovern from Wisconsin back as a visitor to our club.
He enjoys visiting Canadian clubs and has attended the London and Halifax Conventions. Tom thoroughly enjoyed the evening and looks forward to visiting again.

Everyone is looking forward to our next party night on December 13th, 2011 celebrating Christmas.
We welcome you on the dance floor every Tuesday at The Royal Canadian Legion, 7097 Kilbourne Road, Lambeth.

Stan & Mary McKeen
smckeen@execulink.com
519-670-8266

Royal City Squares - Guelph

Guelph's Royal City Squares Falls Prey to Marauders

Royal City Squares is being over-run with marauders. By the time you read this, we'll have had both our official banner and our backup banner stolen so if anyone comes a-thieving before we get our standards back, they'll be leaving with Acey Ducey, our duck. One good thing about Acey Ducey's going visiting though, is that she sometimes comes back carrying a baby, (we don't ask about the parentage) which means we have a third backup, namely, a duckling. Beaux and Belles stole our banner on Wednesday October 12 after Jeff put them through their paces (square dancers are such good sports!), and Galt Swinging Eights come a-raiding on Tuesday, November 8 – our Basic dancers' introduction to this tradition. By the time you read this, we'll have stolen Elora's banner, and be wearing some of their always-scrumptious, after-dance buffet around our middles.

We have fourteen new dancers, mainly brought in through our having Continuing Education run the course this session, and they're learning quickly thanks to Dave Williamson's humour, good teaching, and downright amazing patience. Usually our banner stealing has involved more experienced dancers, but we're trying to involve new members so they'll meet dancers and callers from other clubs and feel part of the larger organization. There's no need to wait for a raid – come dance with us any Tuesday at 7:30 at Paisley Rd School. We'll welcome you and feed you cookies, and you'll be helping keep square dancing going by encouraging our new members.

For those dancing at the Plus level, do come to our next singing call night, Wednesday, November 23, when our theme will be the Beatles. Jeff Priest will do this one up right, as usual. We have rounds with Andrea from 7:30 to 8:00 and a few rounds sprinkled through the evening so come dance with us at Paisley Road School, 406 Paisley Road.

Yvonne Paterson

School House Squares - London

The new season of dancing got off to a good start at Lambeth Public School with members of School House Squares happy to be back on the dance floor after the summer break.

The new class for Rounds is well under way, with some new dancers and most of last years students. Ed assisted by Nancy has added the Cha-Cha to his repertoire, much to the enjoyment of many of his dance students.

Pie night on October 12 was a huge success, with not very many pieces of pie left over to take home. How many did you have Ed? We are looking forward to seeing all the ghosts and goblins at our Halloween Party on October 26th.

Our annual Anniversary dance will be on Wednesday, November 02. The rumour was out that it was our 40th but when the history was checked it was found that next year would be our big one. Nevertheless 39 years of dancing is well worth celebrating, with lots of cake and ice cream and special guest caller Lorne Lockrey, so please join us for a fun evening of dancing.

November 16 will be a hobo night when our male members will be challenged to provide the lunch. We'll let you know if they pass as decent cooks.

So do plan to join us at the Lambeth School for great dancing, fun and fellowship.

Barry & Doris Montgomery
Secretaries - School House Squares

Sunset Rounds - Kincardine

Last Spring we managed to get 5 new couples for a beginner class. They were very keen at first, and even wanted to dance all summer. We obliged them, and pretty well completed phase 2 Waltz and Two-step basics. As September rolled around (the regular dance season), other commitments came into play resulting in a few dropouts.

So far we have been working with the beginners, as well as reviewing dances taught last season. We have also added a new dance called Feed The Birds (Choreo – Bill & Martha Buck). It's a lovely phase 3+2+1 Waltz with an interrupted box. The music is "Celtic Melody" Star 234.

It seems like we've just started dancing, but checking the calendar, there only 5 dances left till the Christmas season. We just finished one turkey, and I'm looking forward to the next!

We continue to dance at St. Anthony's school; drop by for a visit on Wednesday evenings – 7 till 9:30 pm.

Dan & Rhetha Roy

Swinging Duo's - Strathroy

Our Swinging Duos Club has had a very busy fall with fewer than normal couples dancing. We have had many people away enjoying autumn holidays and several dancers staying off the dance floor because of health problems.

Our club performed two demos at the Glencoe Fair in Sept. and on Oct. 1st danced at Steve Plunkett's Estate to help raise money for London Hospice. It was great to have an audience of between three and four hundred people and audience participation made it a fun demo. Our caller Tom Charlton did a great job.

The following day on Oct. 2nd, Swinging Duos celebrated our club's 20th Anniversary with a Sunday afternoon dance and catered dinner. We enjoyed dancing to guest caller, Denny Howlett who attended with wife Judi. It was so nice to see our regular caller, Tom, enjoy the day with his wife Linda. Other special guests included Bill & Bonnie Taylor from the Canadian Square & Round Dance Society, Avril & Austin Hayward, SWOSDA presidents and Dorothy & Nick Dahm who are members of Swinging Duos, but also represented the Ontario Square & Round Dance Federation. The founding members of our club, Shirley & Andre Aerts, who have just recently retired from square dancing, also attended our party and were given the honour of cutting the anniversary cake.

Pictured with the anniversary cake - left to right - Joan Jacques, Shirley Aerts, Andre Aerts and Earl Jacques.

Swinging Duos also hosted a very successful ABC program this fall with over twenty people attending over the four evenings. As a result, we had five new couples start our beginner program on Oct. 17th with more expected at our 2nd beginner class. Now, to make it interesting and fun to keep them with us.

Oct. 31st is our Hallowe'en dance with prizes and lunch following. Of course, costumes are optional.

Nov. 21st will be an important dance at our club with the Trillium Award of Merit being presented to our caller Tom Charlton and wife Linda. They are certainly a most deserving couple. We are hoping for a good turn out to see Tom and Linda honoured in this way. Dave Paulen will give Tom a break by being the guest caller for the evening. Lunch will follow the dance.

Just a reminder - Strathroy Swinging Duos dance on Mondays at the Senior's Centre, 137 Frank St. with beginners from 7:30 - 8:30, mainstream and plus from 8:30 - 10:00. We love to have visitors.

Joan & Earl Jacques

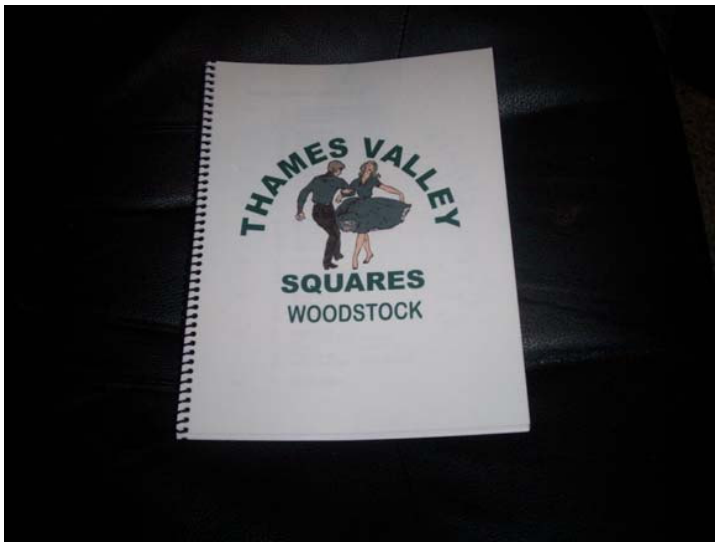
Thames Valley Squares - Woodstock

Autumn what a wonderful time of year

The beautiful month of October brought with it many warm sunny days to lift our spirits and provide enjoyable traveling for the families to get together for Thanksgiving. One could actually square dance outdoors if they had the urge to do so. Families actually held BBQ's out in the city parks this year.

We had another exciting celebration this October …a surprise 60th Birthday for our caller Ed Dolson… welcome to your next decade Ed…….yeah!

Happy Birthday Ed



We have yet another celebration to announce at Thames Valley Squares and that is our brand new, first of it's kind, MEMBERSHIP BOOKLET. This guideline to our world of square dancing is a welcomed addition to the club and will provide valuable insight and information to not only the beginner members but to all our membership. Thanks Avril for your vision, your continuous enthusiasm, and your hard work involved in preparing this material for our club.

The club remains active and we have enjoyed having Tri County Squares over to steal our banner and then our retrieval back from them has been successfully achieved with two squares present – thanks everyone for your participation. Guys and Dolls are targeted for a visit from the Thames Valley Squares family and we look forward to their time of retrieval with good fellowship to follow. Who has more fun than Square Dancers I ask you!

Again this year we will be visiting local schools to introduce square dancing to the younger generation. Our first visitation this year was Oct. 18th at the East Zorra Highland Park P.S (Embro) and the children's excitement was beyond belief. I'm sure they will remember this day for some time to come. The teacher's also participated along with the students and seemed equally enthusiastic by the end of our morning activities with them Oct. 25th we will have been to Winchester Public School Woodstock (previously known as D.M.Sutherland. Other elementary schools are awaiting our visitations and we have high expectations of an enjoyable time with these students also. This is a most rewarding experience for our club. These children's energetic participation has to be seen to be believed and we thank all those angels helping and particularly Ed for giving his time so generously to this outreach in our community.

Remember to check our website to keep up to date on our activities. We continue to enjoy our fellowship within our club and thank you for your support throughout the year hopefully our new member become active at their frosh dances and we will look forward to seeing you there.

Until we meet again – happy dancing.!
Richard and Jean Orton

Tri-County Squares - Tillsonburg

Tri-County Squares are certainly BACK IN THE SWING!. We started off the season by celebrating, not only being back in the swing but also Tom and Linda Charlton's 37th anniversary. Big hearted as we are, we gave Tom the big gift of about 20 minutes exemption from calling time, so that we could all eat the congratulatory cake. Busy guy that he is, spending his days this week working at the Outdoor Farm Show, he still came through with a fun dance for all even though following a couple of months of little dancing, our rustiness on a few of the most basic moves would have been enough to try his patience sorely. We promise, Tom, we'll do better next week.

Tri-County Squares feel honoured that two recipients from our club are to receive Trillium Merit Awards from the Federation of Square and Round Dancers of Ontario. Tom and Linda Charlton & Nick and Dorothy Dahm will be presented with their awards at a later date. Stay tuned for news!

Personally, Nick and I were “gobsmacked” on receiving the news of our award. We thank those who felt we deserved it. We also suggest that there are some equally or more deserving individuals in the dance community who just haven’t been nominated yet. See the SWOSDA website – Links for information on how you or your club can nominate deserving individuals/couples.

Crinoline

Anyone?

I recently came across a tongue in cheek description of a square dancer on the TSASTDC, INC website. It finished off by stating “this disease is not at all harmful, and most square dancers have a strong desire to infect other members of the community.” So I challenged our dancers as they left Wednesday’s dance to go out and infect the community with our enthusiasm for modern square dance. We’ll find out how well they stood up to the challenge at our two open houses.

Last year at our HARVEST DANCE we collected over 200 pounds of items for our local Helping Hands Food Bank. We hope to increase our giving this year on Oct. 5 as we give thanks in a

tangible way for our many blessings. We hope some of you will come join us at our HALLOWEEN HOWL, whether in costume or just black and/or orange. Whatever the event, we welcome visitors at our club at any time. We hope to see you in a square soon.

We will be holding our gently used clothing sale this year on Feb. 8 to allow dancers to get some new finery for Valentines and the last two Frosh Dances. Since all proceeds go to our pet project, Camp Trillium – Rainbow Lake, we appreciate your donation of suitable items, as well as your support at the sale.
We'll try to keep you up to date on our website. To find out what we're up to, please check out http://tri-countysquares.webstarts.com

Nick and Dorothy Dahm
Publicity, Tri-County Squares

Village Squares - Brantford

What a terrific way to start off the new dance season 2011 - 2012 with the opening dance being our 33rd Anniversary Celebration. Three squares were on hand to enjoy the calling of Dan Weatherby for another season and the delicious cake at the end of the evening.

Our club has a class this year starting on October 29th at 7:00 pm with Dan teaching all those who show an interest in learning this fun activity. If you know someone who is bored, encourage them to come out and give it a try. The class will run for one full hour. The regular dance will be from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm and for treats it will be a cheese and fruit night.

On a sad note we bid farewell to Audrey Byllaardt. She danced with our club for many years and by her smiles I am sure she enjoyed every season to the fullest. Our club expresses our deepest sympathies to Audrey's family and friends.

Please keep Gerry Thorton in your thoughts as he recovers from his surgery a short while ago. Wishing him a speedy recovery and hope he is back to dancing real soon.

Some upcoming dances to keep in mind:

November 5: Cookie and Muffin Night

November l9: Pie Night

December 3: Men's Lunch Night

December 17: Christmas Pot Luck. More details to follow.

THINK GREEN: Please bring your own cup or mug each evening for tea, coffee or water. Thanks.

Donna Reed, Bugle Gal,
Brantford Village Squares

Wiarton Steppers - Wiarton

Wiarton Personal Stepper Web Page

Caller - Lorne Lockrey
Cuer - Cecille Lockrey
Location - The Meeting Place, Edward St., Wiarton
Time - 7 p.m. Monday nights

We now have 1 square of new dancers coming out each week. They are learning quickly and we enjoy dancing with them.

Our 30th Anniversary Dance on Oct. 1st was a great success. The upstairs room at the Arena was beautifully decorated by Mary Garcia and her hardworking crew. Pots of mums adorned the tables and were door prizes won by some of the dancers. Over 13 squares of dancers were welcomed to our dance by the members at the registration table. Former Wiarton Stepper dancers were also there and it was good to chat and dance with them again. Our pres. Dave McKinnon gave a big welcome to Jim Lee our caller for the evening. Dave also presented a gift and flowers to Lorne and Cecille from the Club. Former member Cheryl Playford read a short memory of her dance years with us and an amusing story about Lorne being wrapped up with toilet paper. Certificates of congratulations were received by the Club from Larry Miller, Bill Murdoch, The Town of South Bruce Peninsula, County of Bruce, County of Grey, Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation, and the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society, and SWOSDA.

On Sun. Oct. 2nd, a square of Wiarton dancers did a demo dance at Pumpkinfest in Port Elgin. In September, the dancers also did a demo dance at the Tara Fall Fair.

At our Oct. 17th dance, a square of dancers from Hanover came to retrieve their banner but not before they danced a special tip for us.

Our Halloween dance is on Mon. Oct. 31st at The Meeting Place, and if you are up our way please join us for a fun evening. Don't forget to wear a costume or just come as you are.

Take care everyone, and keep dancing!

Marg Fletcher
Correspondent

Wheatley Grand Squares - Tilbury

WHEATLEY GRAND SQUARES
Tilbury Leisure Centre,
10 Canal St. W., Tilbury
7:30 - 10:00 p.m.

CALLER: COLIN & JOY ARAM 519-733-3580
CUER: DOROTHY MALOTT 519-326-2585
(2nd, 4th 5th of month)
CALLER/CUER: DAVE & BRENDA ALWAY 519-336-0183
(1st,3rd of month)

First night back at dancing with Colin/Joy & Dorothy was a great night. A square of beginners among our regular dancer members & friends proved to be a fun time for all. Cookie monsters were as plentiful as were the cookies. So many choices >couldn't eat any more!

Our 47th Club Anniversary celebration is on Nov. 10th. Cake provided by executive ladies & ice cream by the club.

Canned goods donation will be Nov. 24th & Dec. 1st. We are thankful that we can help those less fortunate than ourselves. Christmas will be here before we know it.

C U soon,

Linda & Gerald Armstrong
Secretary/Bugle Cor.

Wheel 'N' Dealers - Clinton

Clinton Public School, 27 Percival Street, Clinton
Presidents Kevin and Nancy Kale 519-565-4018
Callers Les and Shirley Greenwood – 519-294-6145
Assisted by Dave and Blanche Paulen – 519-348-8335

Dance Program – Traditional and Casual Attire Welcome

November Lunch Group B

November 2nd – Regular Dance
November 5th – PUMPKINFEST
November 9th – Regular Dance
November 16th – Regular Dance
November 23rd – Regular Dance
November 30th – CHRISTMAS DINNER/DANCE

It is good to be back dancing. The first week back we are sure Les witnessed some very original moves. We probably couldn't repeat them if we tried. The second week was somewhat better and next week we'll be right in form – we hope. Our attendance is growing with each week and it is so nice to renew acquaintances.

At the time of writing this, we are still looking forward to our HALLOWEEN DANCE. We hope more than a few are brave enough to pull out something from that "dress-up trunk" and join in some fun. It's not every day we get away with acting like a kid.

Get out your calendar. We have some important dates to mark on. Hopefully you already have PUMPKINFEST marked on for November 5th. Go to the Special Dance Calendar on the SWOSDA site for our flyer that has the directions to Holmesville and all the particulars. It will be a great night in the pumpkin patch with Tom Charlton keeping us on our toes with some fun calling.

Another date to mark on is November 30th – our CHRISTMAS DINNER/DANCE. The dinner and dance will be held at Clinton United Church. Make sure you arrange with Joyce & Norman to reserve a meal for you. By the time you read this, the cost for the night will have been decided upon and announced at Square Dancing.

Don't forget about paying your membership fee $7.50 per couple. We will have to remit insurance fees to SWOSDA shortly and don't want the treasury to run short. Norman and Joyce will be glad to help you out and while you are at it, please check your mailing address and telephone number to see they are correct. If you have an email address that you use please let us know. We may be able to reduce our mailing costs if we can do it by email.

That seems to be all for now. If you have anything you would like to see in our Bugle report please give Barb & Cole a call. Contributions are welcomed.

Until next time, hope to see you around the square,
Cole & Barb Currie 519-524-2250

Windsor Single Squares - Windsor
Caller: Colin & joy Aram
Location: Ecole L'Envolee (school)
1779 Ottawa St.
Entrance on Winderemere

Our first month into the new season is now behind us. It has been a fun time for us. There has been a good turn out with our members, along with guests from Essex, and of course that's where the fun and friendship comes together.

This coming Saturday (Oct 22nd), our travelling Squares will be entertaining the residents at Sunrise Senior Living of Windsor. That is where our dear friend Mary Tarcia is living, and maybe we may be able to have a dance with her.

On Oct. 25 we have our crazy Halloween Dance with costumes, finger food, and many scary, and interesting people around. Be sure to join us. We promise to make it interesting.

George Levesque, one of our founding fathers, has moved to Grandview Senior Residents recently and we wish him well.

Publicity
Josie Pastorious
519-974-6351

The Last Laugh

A Pastor goes to the dentist for a set of new dentures.

The first Sunday after he gets his teeth, he talks for only eight minutes.
The second Sunday, he talks for only ten minutes.
The following Sunday, he talks for 2 hours and 48 minutes.
The congregation had to mob him to get him down from the pulpit and they asked him what happened?

The Pastor explains the first Sunday his gums hurt so bad he couldn't talk for more than 8 minutes.
The second Sunday his gums hurt too much to talk for more than 10 minutes.

But, the third Sunday, by mistake he put his wife's teeth in and..... couldn't shut up...

FAMILY TREES
A little girl asked her mother, "How did the human race appear?' The mother answered, 'God made Adam and Eve and they had children and so was all mankind made."

Two days later the girl asked her father the same question. The father answered, "Many years ago there were monkeys from which the human race evolved."

The confused girl returned to her mother and said, "Mom, how is it possible that you told me the human race was created by God, and Dad said they developed from monkeys?"
The mother answered, "Well, dear, it is very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your father told you about his."

An Umbrella Story:

In these recent rainy days when we often needed the protection of umbrellas you may know that square dancers in Canada are just as well protected, even more so because we actually have a series of organizations working on their behalf. **Watch for information next month on what these organization do for you.**

Canadian Square and Round Dance Society

Ontario Square & Round Dance Federation

Square & Round Dancers of South Western Ontario, Inc.

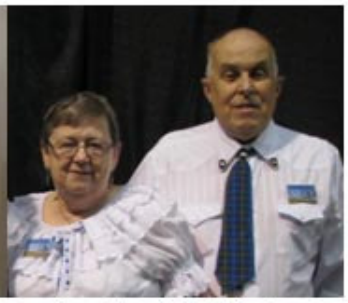
District Clubs

You, the Dancers

Do you recognize these faces representing you?

Bonnie & Bill Taylor
Ontario Directors to CSRDS

Bev & Peter Piazza
Federation Presidents



Dorothy & Nick Dahm
Federation Directors - SWOSDA