

# BUGLE

Square and Round Dancers of Southwestern Ontario Inc.

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## **President's Message**



As Avril and I sit by our cozy fire enjoying what this festive season has to offer, we reflect on this past year and look forward to the challenges of the new.

We hope you have noticed the workshops that were advertised last month on the SWOSDA website. These workshops are the brainchild of our Publicity and Bugle Correspondents Jean and Marcel Deschenes. A call went out for volunteers within our organization and four very energetic people jumped on board, Jeff & Andrea Priest and Pat & Giselle Lavigne. After a series of meetings they have collectively put together the first draft of a Club Leadership Program.

The budget and program description was outlined by Marcel & Jean at last month's executive meeting. This outline and the plans for the workshops can also be found on the website.

These individuals are working very hard to help educate and give club leaders a program designed to assist them in not only recruitment and retention of dancers for their club but also to give leaders the tools to keep their clubs sustainable.

Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the program. We invite and welcome all your comments, concerns and suggestions. All correspondence will be addressed at the next SWOSDA executive meeting in January. You will find our email link on the Executive page of the SWOSDA website but to make things a little easier I am including it in this message. [hayward.a@rogers.com](mailto:hayward.a@rogers.com)

The square and round dance community has been so wonderful to us. We could never have imagined the great dances, the people we have met and the sincere friendships we have generated through dance.

We thank everyone for being a part of our lives and we sincerely appreciate the respect and trust you have given us as your SWOSDA President couple.

Our prayer for you is that 2012 be healthy, happy and prosperous for each and every one of you and may square and round dancing touch all of you as it has us.

Please plan to attend the next SWOSDA Dance on January 28th at the Caradoc Community Centre, Mount Brydges, hosted by Strathroy Swinging Duos.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Austin & Avril

## 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

When Are Clubs Dancing >>>> Check the [Club Roster](#)



## Callers & Leaders

Don't forget to check the [Caller Web Page](#) for updates

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

Hope all had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and are looking forward to dancing in 2012--- Don't forget to check the web for all the dancing dates. Looking forward to seeing all the new dancers as well as everyone at the Callers Clinics Frosh Dances this Jan.. Feb., and March

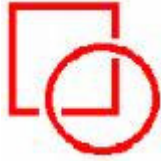
Just a reminder that all host callers should have their equipment as back up for Callers Clinic equipment, in case it fails or does not show up.

Again we are looking for new callers as well as new dancers. Please contact your club caller if you are interested in calling or cueing.

Looking forward to seeing you in the new year, some where, some time on the dance floor.

**The next Callers Clinic is on Sunday Jan. 8, 2012 at 2 pm**

**Frosh Dances - [January 21](#), [February 18](#), [March 17, 2012](#)**



SQUARE & ROUND DANCERS  
OF  
SOUTH WESTERN ONTARIO

# MOUNT BRYDGES

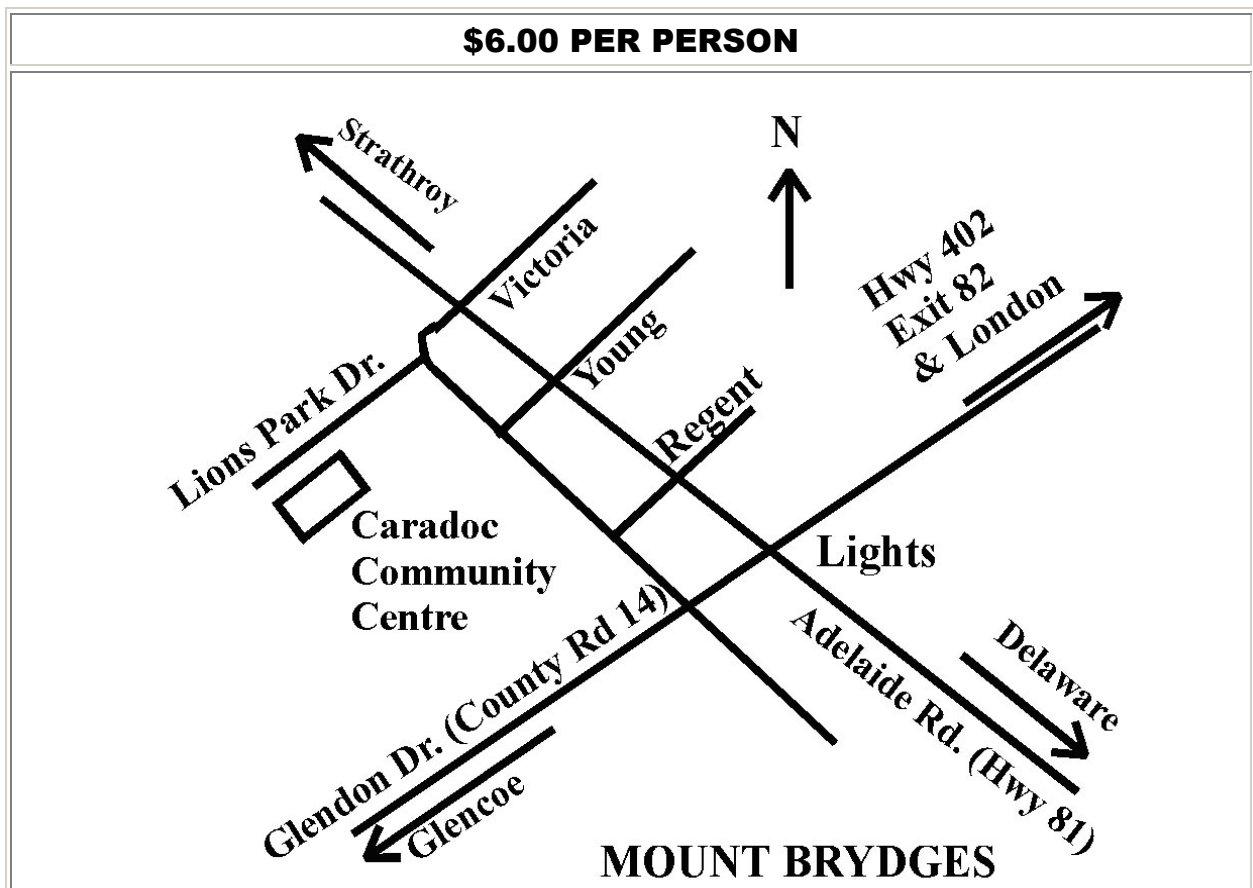
## January 28, 2012

HOSTED BY: STRATHROY SWINGING DUOS

LOCATION: CARADOC COMMUNITY CENTER  
565 Lions Park Drive, Mount Brydges, ON N0L 1W0

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

**\$6.00 PER PERSON**



# FEATURES

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*How are you doing on the resolution front?*

*Tri-County Squares have an idea for you.*



*Weed out your square dance closet.  
Empty some of those hangers.*

*Contact Nick & Dorothy Dahm at 519-842-9212 or [dndahm@sympatico.ca](mailto:dndahm@sympatico.ca) before Feb. 1 to donate items to our Gently Used Clothing Sale to be held on our regular dance night on Feb. 8, 6:30-7:30 pm. Come and buy, stay and dance.*

*Proceeds of the sale on Feb. 8 go to Camp Trillium-Rainbow Lake.*



Female Plus square dancer learning beginning Round Dancing is looking for a Male dance partner in the London area.  
Contact the [bugle@swosda.ca](mailto:bugle@swosda.ca) for more information



## FLASHBACK

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 Email your questions to [Bugle](mailto:Bugle) or call 519-396-9877

# ***CLUB NEWS***

Send Club News to [bugle@swosda.ca](mailto:bugle@swosda.ca)

## **Awaywego - St. Thomas**

The year is almost to an end.. Seems to me it went pretty fast...Just seems like we started dancing for the season and now its half over.

We would all like to send out our condolences to Bob and Estella Miller on the passing of Bob's Mother in November... Our thoughts and prayers go out to both of you as well as the rest of your family. .

We had our Christmas Party and Pot Luck Supper on the 14th of Dec. and as usual everything was very good... we had a small attendance but everyone enjoyed the evening. We ate then danced and finished the evening off with the goodies and coffee and some great conversation. It was a very nice evening.

The Frosh Dances start up again in Jan. the first one is held on January 21. The February one will be held February 18th and the one for March is March 17...Everyone get out and celebrate St. Patrick's Day and wear your green.

The SWOSDA Dance of January. is the 28th in Mount Bridges and the February one is the 25th and it will be hosted by Awaywego Club from St. Thomas and the Berkshire Beavers from London. Everyone get out and support the clubs its always a good day of dancing at these dances.

We hope everyone has a great holiday and see you all in the new year.

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## **Beaux & Belles - Kitchener - Waterloo**

Yes, we had our Christmas Turkey dinner and dance early this past year, November 26<sup>th</sup> to be exact (we couldn't get the kitchen at the church on the December date for our dance). We had 76 people attending and I'm sure everyone went home following the evening being "stuffed". The turkey was delicious and all the extras that go with it were also delicious. And . . . Claude Pelletier called an excellent dance for all to enjoy. We also hope you enjoy the pictures of that dance and can see all the decorations that adorned the church gym for this special occasion.



Getting closer to Christmas, we had guest caller Jeff Priest call an excellent dance for us on December 10<sup>th</sup>, with over five squares participating. We welcomed guests from Elora , Kitchener/Waterloo, Cambridge, Brantford and Woodstock. Apparently Andrea Priest was all dressed and ready to come and call some round dances when she broke out with the flu symptoms and had to remain at home in bed.. We all wish her a speedy and full recovery. However, Jeff did an excellent job in calling both the square dances and the round dances which everyone enjoyed.

By the time you read this we will be in 2012, which means about half of our regular season has passed. How time flies when you are having a good time. We hope everyone had a Blessed Christmas and will have a healthy and happy New Year.

Get out your blue jean pants and blue jean shirts and join us for our Western Night, Saturday, Jan 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Don't forget the cowboy hats and come and enjoy a "hi-ho" square dance evening. Plus teach starts at 7:30 p.m. with alternating plus and mainstream dances from 8:00 p.m. to 9:45-10:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

Our regular bi-weekly dance will be January 28<sup>th</sup> with the same format as mentioned above. If you have your Saturday night free, come and join us.

Paul and Jean Rockel  
Publicity

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### [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 finished our year 2011 with two major events in the last two months.

On Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> we hosted SWOSDA at the Royal Canadian Legion in Sarnia. About one hundred were present at this well attended event. Forty four couples took part as well as some singles. Eighteen Clubs were represented and nine members of the SWOSDA executive were present. Nine callers/cuers kept the dancing lively as well as instructive. Many thanks go to Sandra and Ardell Patterson for being the main organizers.



This job started at least one year before the event and required a lot of work looking after many details on their part. Also thanks to Janet Whitlock and Gary Dreibelbis for gathering a list of names of restaurants in the area and drawing up maps for our guests. Finally we need to thank Joyce and Ron Forbes for the help that they offered as well. Below are some pictures of the event.



Our second large event was our annual Potluck Dinner held on Dec. 12th. Maxine and Jim Powell were the first to arrive and decorate the gym with wall hangings as well as a decorated tree and lots of musical Christmas animals. Then the gym was turned into a large banquet hall by those who arrived early to help. Finally (almost as magically as the food appeared in Harry Potter) the food arrived- right from the turkeys, to the potatoes, to the salads and then the desserts. We had a decent turn out including two visiting couples whom we were glad to welcome as well as Evelyn and John Quaid who have been retired from our club for some time; therefore, we were able to form 3 squares for most of the evening. There were several door prizes won by various people present. What a way to finish off a year!!

We return to dancing on January 9th with a regular dance followed on January 16th by our Country and Western Jamboree. We were also notified by our caller Dave Alway that after Christmas he will be taking some time off to go south, so there will be some rearranging in the new year.

Hope that you had a Merry Christmas and will have a Happy New Year.  
Carolyn and Wayne Minielly

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### [Berkshire Beavers - London](#)

Berkshire Beavers have had a good Christmas season. We have had a few more out for the festive weeks. Our Christmas Pot Luck was great and the Dancing kept us busy until Dessert. We start again January 9 2012. Come and join us

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### [Chatterbox Rounds - Windsor](#)

Lincoln Rd Church Hall, Windsor.

December had lots of parties - so much fun!

Windsor Singles Started things rolling. Collin & Joy know how to keep things moving.. The Executive did a great planning job, all went smooth. George & I thank you for your generous gift; I must say, Santa looked a lot like Colin, thanks for the pen, you must have heard that every pen I pick up is empty.

The next night we had the Chatterbox Party, full attendance. Lots of Christmas rounds and a mixer to scatter the new dancers for a new partner next time around. Someone later told me that was a good idea. I always did that years ago when we had good crowds. Keith & Cora are wonderful Leaders and do good with the new dancers.

I must thank our members for their gifts. George & I will be going to the movies and out for dinner, plus a glass of wine & chocolates, doesn't that sound super.

We are off to Keith & Freds' dance tonight, hope to see you all there.

Chatter box Rounds will be back January 11th same time same place with lots of reviews at the start. All dancers are welcome.

Happy New Year to all.

Jean Clark publicity & info: 519-252-0672

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### [Egbert's Scramblers - Rostock](#)

We all hope that everyone has had a wonderful Christmas and a fantastic New Year.

I do need to make a correction. Last month I mentioned that Egbert was having a new hip. He had a new knee instead. Surgery went well, and he is at home recovering. He still won't be back to calling until the 16th of January. Neva McVittie will call on his behalf until then.

At our Christmas dance they collected a whole huge box of books to give to the House of Blessing in Stratford. This was the first night that Neva called for us. She doesn't sound anything like Egbert. Its great for us to listen to someone different for a change. She also doesn't look much like him either. Neva and Her husband Duncan dressed up like Mr. & Mrs. Claus during intermission and handed everyone a piece of fruit. They had a bushel basket full of apples/oranges/ pears/ and bananas. The light lunch afterwards sure was full of delicious goodies and sandwiches.



Our next special night will be on the 16th of January with a Amateur Night. Anyone willing to give calling a try?

Egbert will give you some pointers if you need them.

See your yellow rock in the new year.

Helma Luyten

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## Elora Grand Squares - Elora

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

Thank you to all who joined us for our big Quistmas Quaker dinner/dance the first Saturday in December! It's always a good time and the weather was wonderful! So, book the calendar for December 1, 2012 and we'll do it all over again!!

We followed Quistmas Quakers with a club Christmas dance two days later and you'll see all our smiling faces on the club photo!



We wish each of you a healthy and happy New Year with lots of dancing opportunities and good friendships being made and continued.

Our caller, Jeff Priest and his pretty wife Andrea, spent Christmas in Florida. So in keeping with their holiday, Jeff will treat us to a Disney Night on Monday, January 16. Come and join us in Elora for an evening of great tunes and good friendship!

Joan Klapwyk, Publicity

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## Galt Swinging Eights - Cambridge

The Galt Swinging Eights Dance Club is moving effective January 16, 2012



**Our new location: KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
132 Argyle Street,  
Cambridge, Ontario.**

Phone at church: 519 653 6691.

Please contact [Dan Weatherby](#) 519-658-2164  
our caller, for further information should that be required.

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Galt Swinging Eights is MOVING. January 16 we will be dancing just down the street from our regular hall at Knox Presbyterian Church, 132 Argyle Street, Cambridge. This church is just beside the armories park on the main street. Please feel free to call Jim and Cheryl Graham at 519 650 4400 or Dan Weatherby at 519 658 2164 for further directions of information.

Our December Christmas Dance was held on December 12 and was well attended. A large assortment of sandwiches and sweets were enjoyed and our club members were pleased to see Ray and Lorraine Utrig visit with Lorraine's daughter and husband. A sincere get well wish goes out to all those who are not well enough to join us but they are in our thoughts and wishing all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Presidents Cheryl and Jim will be leaving on December 19 to visit family in Ethiopia. Quite the adventure for 3 weeks and we wish them a very happy and safe trip over there, and we are all looking forward to seeing some amazing photos when they return.

Some upcoming dates to keep in mind include:

January 2 NO DANCE However many are going to Woodstock to do some banner stealing.

January 16 Western Soup Night

January 23 Robbie Burns Night (Scones - Ex only)

February 6 Men's Lunch

FEBRUARY 12 HEART AND STROKE DANCE AND FUNDRAISER. This is held on a Sunday and we are all hoping for a very large turnout to help support this worthwhile cause.

Till we dance in your square,

Donna Reed, Bugle Gal,  
Galt Swinging Eights.

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### [Hanover Happy Twirlers - Hanover](#)



A bountiful pot luck dinner at the beginning of December marked the end of the fall season for the Hanover club. After a break of several weeks, everyone is eager to get back to dancing, on Jan 3.

The first dance of 2012 will be at The Village, in Hanover. The following week, Jan. 10, we will return to Holy Family School for our Western Night. Looking forward to seeing some of you there:

Happy New Year!

Linda McCulloch  
Bugle correspondent

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### [Huron Bruce Swingers - Lucknow](#)

Happy New Year for 2012 and hope that everyone was able to enjoy the holiday season.

The Huron Bruce Swingers ended the year 2011 with a Hawaiian night - rather cold night to be in grass skirts, but we managed.



The year 2012 will start off with "the Formal" dance on Thursday, January 12 ( note we are dancing on Thursday, not Wednesday). Come join us in your formal attire to bring in the new year!

Dances will continue on Wednesday nights in January with a Robbie Burns dance on the 25th. All you Scotsman show us your "tartan".

Drive safe during the winter months ( and always for that matter).

Sharon McDonald

correspondent - still recovering from hip replacement surgery, but should be back in 2012.

Jemima was taking an afternoon nap on New Year's Eve before the festivities. After she woke up, she confided to Max, her husband, 'I just dreamed that you gave me a diamond ring for a New Year's present. What do you think it all means?'

'Aha, you'll know tonight,' answered Max smiling broadly.

At midnight , as the New Year was chiming, Max approached Jemima and handed her small package. Delighted and excited she opened it quickly. There in her hand rested a book entitled: 'The meaning of dreams'.

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### [Huron Happy Hearts - Clinton](#)

Our final event for 2011 was the Christmas Dinner/Dance on Dec 2 at the Dinner Bell. It was well attended and was a memorable event with several associated members attending.

After enjoying a fine meal we returned to the School for a fun evening of dancing to burn off the calories we had consumed. Dan and Lois provided the cueing using lots of Christmas tunes as well as some mixers.

Dancing resumes on Jan 6 in the New Year. Just a reminder that casual attire is optional for January and February but plan to wear your grass skirts and sandals on Jan 20 for our "Hawaiian Night" and enjoy the fruit at snack time. Lunch will be provided by the B-team for January.

Bob & Eleanor Clarke: Bugle Correspondents

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### **Jubilee Rounds - St. Jacobs**

Greetings from Jubilee Rounds.....

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

Jubilee Rounds ended 2011 with a wonderful Christmas party that saw almost all of our members attend plus a few visitors. Everyone brought some festive goodies and snacks so we had some great food and Andrea cued some very festive (musically) rounds, several she choreographed herself. Jeff also called two Christmas singing calls just to give Andrea a bit of an extended break. The dancers had a great time and smiles continued throughout the evening. The club was very appreciative of the work that Andrea has done with them this year and presented her with a marvelous gift during the refreshment break. She was very pleased as the look on her face and her words of thanks indicated.

As many of you know, the last 7 months have been a challenge for us with Andrea's health, however things are much improved. She is still cueing with only one eye and that will most likely be the case from now on. We are very thankful the surgery went as well as it did and the recovery stayed on schedule.

Andrea has been given the OK to travel out of the country so we are off to Florida for a couple of weeks of R&R.

By the time you read this the holidays will be over. We hope that yours were enjoyable and we wish you a happy and prosperous 2012.

Jubilee Rounds resumes on January 12, 2012 with a well rested and refreshed Andrea at the mic.

Watch our website for our clinics this spring. We will have the schedule out soon after we get back from the holidays.

Remember... Visitors are always welcome so come out and join us one evening in St. Jacobs.

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### **London Harmony Rounds - Lambeth (London)**

London Harmony Rounds enjoyed a festive Christmas Party on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Jerry & Bonnie Callen put together a great program with a variety of Christmas songs. We were pleased to welcome Min Gibson back on the dance floor and look forward to seeing her again in 2012. Everyone then gathered around the delicious treats brought in by all the dancers finishing the wonderful evening with a lively social.



We are looking forward to our first dance of the 2012 season on Tuesday **January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012**. Our Leaders Jerry & Bonnie Callen and Dan & Rhetha Roy always provide interesting teaches and excellent dancing each week.

We look forward to seeing you on the dance floor every Tuesday night at the Lambeth Legion, 7097 Kilbourne Road, Lambeth.

Stan & Mary McKeen  
519-670-8266  
[smckeen@exceulink.com](mailto:smckeen@exceulink.com)

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### [School House Squares - London](#)

Now that we are all feeling like the over-stuffed bird, it's time to start thinking of getting out on the dance floor for some good wholesome exercise.

We at School House Squares are looking forward to 2012 with lots of fun dancing at Lambeth Public School.

We have some very interesting dances scheduled for the new year starting with our regular dance on January 11th , followed by Western Night on January 18th .

In February we will celebrate Groundhog Day on the 1st, and Cupid? will make an appearance at our Valentine's Dance on the 8th.

So do plan to join us for some great dancing, fun and fellowship.

Barry & Doris Montgomery  
Presidents - School House Squares

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### [Swinging Duo's - Strathroy](#)

On November 21 our club had the honour of having Tom and Linda Charlton presented with the Trillium Merit Award. We had 10 squares present and what a great night it was. We are so proud of Tom and Linda and their many accomplishments and very happy to call them our callers.



Tom and Linda have danced for 28 years. Tom began calling in 1984. He began calling for Swinging Duos in 1998.

They have been very supportive of square dancing, teaching and promoting it in many ways. They have given many volunteer hours at schools, nursing homes, ABC dances, fairs, and community functions. They have 4 children who are very accomplished as well. Both Tom and Linda do multiple volunteer works in the community and church. Linda has been most supportive of Tom-filling in at the farm when Tom has had to leave to call.

"In 1985 at the January SWOSDA dance Tom performed to the delight of the crowd and it was predicted that he would develop into a fine new caller. This prediction became reality." Tom and Linda truly deserve the Trillium Merit Award - Congratulations!

We have been busy again stealing another banner. We took 2 squares and stole the banner from School House Squares. Our hall is looking great with all the stolen banners that we have but alas I fear that they will be taken back in the new year. We look forward to having the owners dance with us and to retrieve them.

Our pot luck supper on Dec 12 was a great success and as we left for another calendar year we left feeling very full from all the great food that was available. We look forward to a great Christmas and New Year and coming back on January 2, 2012 for more great dancing.

Submitted by  
Bonnie and Dan Joynt

### [Thames Valley Squares - Woodstock](#)

The weather outside is frightful but inside it's so delightful....let it snow, let it snow, let it snow, well that is how the song goes. Another winter is upon us and another wonderful Christmas gathering took place with a beautifully catered meal, followed by a lovely dance; now that's contentment isn't it.

### [Thames Valley Squares - Web Page](#)



Even jolly ole Saint Nick made his annual appearance to everyone's delight. Did anyone notice how trim he was – Mrs. Clause must be keeping an eye on him so that all those to-be Christmas snacks don't show too much in the New Year.

We welcome in the New Year "2012" with great anticipation for continued good health for the Thames Valley Squares dancers and look forward to happy toe tapping music with our caller Ed....JANUARY 2nd – is our start up date .. with guests from the Galt Swinging Eights and the Black Hats from Cambridge.

We wish to remind everyone that the next Frosh Dance takes place January 21st (London) and the next SWOSDA dance will be January 28th at Mount Bridges – details available on website or club binder. Lets make these dances a success with our presence. Speak to the executive should you require a ride – some car pooling available.

Jean Orton - Secretary

[Tri-County Squares - Tillsonburg](#)

[Tri-County Squares - Web Page](#)

We hope everyone had a great holiday and didn't pack on too many pounds because of all those feast through the holiday season. We wish everyone a healthy happy 2012.



To wind out our dancing season, a good number of dancers and friends turned out to share the fun in our Christmas Celebration Potluck and Dance on Dec. 14. As usual for potlucks there was plenty of delicious food and a \*specially decorated cake was contributed by Linda, one of our newer dancers, to supplement the goodies which had been saved from our earlier Bake-off. Tom kept us dancing at a good pace to wear off some of those calories. Hard as we tried, we couldn't convince Pat to model \*the skirt (complete with crinoline) and created by our own Airabella and Alice that he won in the raffle. We think he'll probably share with Louise instead. Once again, we have Past President Cyril to thank for delivering our contributions to the toy drive to the Salvation Army.

We'll be starting off our 2012 season with our traditional Warm Welcome Back where we pretend we are still on a tropical island, many of us dancing the part. Tom does a good job of keeping us dancing to a Caribbean beat and warming up the atmosphere in spite of winter temperatures outside.. We hope you will consider cruising to Tillsonburg to join us.

We look forward to the [Frosh Dance](#) in London on the Jan. 21. We're encouraging our new dancers to attend and get a taste of making new friends and dancing to different callers.

We hope we'll have a good number of friends and family celebrate with us too when Nick and I receive our Trillium Merit Award. on January 28 at the SWOSDA dance. We feel honoured to be receiving this award because being involved in the square dance movement has already given us so much.

We invite you to come to our Gently Used Clothing Sale at Tillsonburg Senior Centre this year on Feb. 8 to allow dancers to get some new finery for Valentines, the last two Frosh Dances and the rest of the season. We've already collected some fabulous crinolines and outfits so be sure to mark this date on your calendar. All proceeds go to Our Pet Project, Camp Trillium – Rainbow Lake, so we appreciate your donations of suitable, clean gently used square dance items, as well as your support at the sale. We would like to have received all donations before Feb. 1, so they can be prepared for the sale. Contact the Dahms at 519-842-9212 or [dndahm@sympatico.ca](mailto:dndahm@sympatico.ca) for more information or to arrange for pickup or delivery of your donations

Plans are also underway for our Trillium Benefit Dance. This year it will be held on Sunday April 22 in the Activity Hall at Camp Trillium – Rainbow Lake followed by dinner in the Camp Dining Hall. Watch for the flyers and dinner tickets early in the New Year. Admission to the dance only will be paid at the door. 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>

See you in a square soon,  
Nick and Dorothy Dahm

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### **Village Squares - Brantford**

Our region has been super blessed with great weather allowing many members of the club and our most welcomed guests to drive to our dances in perfect road conditions. I am sure that will not continue for the entire winter season of dance but it would be nice.

On December 17 all of our tables and chairs were filled with dancers and guests as they sat down to a delicious potluck dinner followed by a wonderful array of sweet treats. Many thanks to the social club for setting up the hall and for all the people who prepared the amazing foods. Dan Weatherby continued the holiday theme with carol singing and we enjoyed a special visitor from Australia who performed a famous Aussie Christmas song. Four squares danced to all the familiar Christmas songs and the gals looked really nice all dressed up in their Christmas outfits. What a great evening of fun for all.

Our Presidents Ross and Shirley Lehman will be visiting family during their 4 week trip to Florida. They were planning on leaving shortly after the night of the Christmas party so we wish them a happy and safe

holiday and hope to see them end of January. During their visit Ross said they will be dancing two to three times a week so they are not likely to forget many dance steps.

Upcoming events to look forward to:

January 7 Sandwich night  
January 21 Ice Cream Sundae Night

February 12 (Sunday afternoon) We will be going to join in the Cambridge Heart and Stroke Dance - Fundraiser.

Looking forward a few months we will be having our Special Guest Caller: Jimmy Lee and Pie Night. Please mark your calendars for this fun night.

Hoping to dance with you in Brantford soon,

Donna Reed, Bugle Reporter  
Brantford Village Squares.

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### [Wiarion Steppers - Wiarion](#)

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

### [Wiarion Personal Stepper Web Page](#)

Our Toy Drive Square Dance was a big success as the dancers filled two very large boxes overflowing with toys and someone brought a tricycle as well. Well done dancers.

We are still getting between 3 and 4 squares of dancers out every week and the new dancers are doing a remarkable job of square dancing. They even have helped some of our older?? dancers with the moves.

Our Christmas Dinner and Dance was held on the 19th and over 40 people came out for the dinner and 4 squares of dancers enjoyed the calling of Lorne after the dinner. The turkey dinner catered by the Wiarion Propellerettes was simply delicious and it is a wonder anyone of us could get up and dance after the meal. Most of the dancers wore Christmassy outfits and some of the fellows wore their Santa hats. One of our dancers wore her traditional festive costume from her home country which was very nice indeed.

There is a New Year's Eve Square Dance Party hosted by Duncan and Neva McVittie in Southampton. They serve up a scrumptious Roast Beef Dinner and then a fun evening with square dancing, round dancing, games and snacks. I know many of our dancers are looking forward to this event.

We resume dancing on Monday Jan. 9th. It is our 30th Anniversary in January but we celebrated this happy event back in October when the weather was still good for driving.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday. So far we are not expecting any great amount of snow if any. Good travelling weather. Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year and keep dancing. Please drive safely this winter.

Marg Fletcher  
Correspondent

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## 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)

Square dance friends, delicious food & calls by Colin/Joy & cues by Dorothy to themed Christmas music-what a great present! Thanks to all for making it a special event. President Betty & David played Santa handing out festive card gifts. THANK YOU!

2012

Come out and shed those few extra pounds gained over the holidays...dance with us on Jan. 5/12-Dave calling/cueing. It's also casual attire month.

Jan. 12th-Western Night with Colin/Dorothy. Please bring a non-cream soup to share and bowls & spoons. Western attire is optional. Rolls 'n crackers supplied by Club.

Stay warm...chat with you next month.

Linda and Gerald Armstrong for Wheatley Grand Squares

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## 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

January Lunch Group A

January 4<sup>th</sup> – Regular Dance

January 11<sup>th</sup> – Regular Dance

January 18<sup>th</sup> – Western Night

January 15<sup>th</sup> – Regular Dance

It is always strange composing this club report in one year and knowing you will be reading it in the next year. We trust you were able to spend time in the Christmas season with those near and dear to you. We send our wishes for the very best in 2012. May you have fun in every square you are part of.

The most important news we are reporting on this month is that of Les' retirement from calling at Clinton as of June 16, 2012. Les announced this to the club in late November. We know Les loves his Square Dancing Life and the friendships he has made over the years. It had to be a terribly difficult decision for him and Shirley to make. Those winter-time drives from Parkhill to Clinton were at times very scary and their dedication to our club probably had them on the road at times when they should have been warm and safe at home. It would be hard to find an equal to Les' expert calling and his excellent singing voice. Our club has been so fortunate to be the recipient of these talents for 25 seasons.

We are planning a special event to honour Les' 25 years of calling at Clinton and 45 years as a caller and would like all to join us in celebrating these milestones along with wishing Les and Shirley all the best in their retirement from the Clinton Club. Please reserve Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 on your calendar to attend this celebration in Clinton. A flyer will soon be on the SWOSDA website with all the particulars. Please pass the word around to anyone you know would enjoy attending and honouring Les and Shirley.

We had a great time at our Christmas Dinner/Dance. Les and Shirley kept us in stitches putting on a skit with the aid of a few willing?? volunteers.



Kevin Kale

Dave Paulen

Del Nixon



Stage hands left to right – Debbie Hulley, Murray Rutherford, Nancy Kale, Blanche Paulen, Carol Ducharme, Don Procter, Dorothy Bogie

Thank you Les and Shirley for giving us our chuckle for the day!

Our dancing resumes on January 4<sup>th</sup>. January 18<sup>th</sup> is Western night, so dig out your cowboy duds and mosey up to Clinton.

You don't have to wait for a special dance night. Come up any Wednesday night to Clinton and enjoy Main Stream with announced Plus Tips from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.. We always fill your tummy for that journey home.

Until the month of the Groundhog,  
Cole & Barb Currie 519-524-2250

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### [Windsor Single Squares - Windsor](#)

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

Greetings everyone; we had our Christmas Dance last week and it was really great. The food was delicious, the dancing was a lot of fun. There was a super crowd including guests from Essex and Tilbury. Jean Clark along with Keith Bertram did the cueing for our rounds which we always enjoy. Of course Mr. & Mrs. Santa Clause were there to add to the fun. Last night many of us enjoyed a wonderful night of rounds at Keith & Cora Bertram's round Christmas Party in Essex. There was a very large group, which made for a great night of dancing. Since this is the last newsletter of 2011, thought I would take the moment to say thank you to all of you out there that helped our club to have such a wonderful fun filled year. We all wish you a very healthy and safe new year.

Enjoy your holidays & see you on the dance floor in 2012.

Publicity  
Josie Pastorious  
519-974-6351



## **The Last Laugh**

### **NEW YEAR'S PRAYER**

Dear Lord,  
So far this year I've done well.  
I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper, I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent. I'm very thankful for that. But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help.  
Amen

### **THE STOCKBROKER**

The stockbroker's secretary answered his phone one morning. "I'm sorry," she said, "Mr. Bradford's on another line."  
"This is Mr. Ingram's office," the caller said. "We'd like to know if he's bullish or bearish right now."  
"He's talking to his wife," the secretary replied. "Right now I'd say he's sheepish."