



TOPICS NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ken & Rose Marie Robinson



"Christmas is a-comin'!" Not only is the goose getting fat, but our list of "To Do's" is rapidly growing to unmanageable proportions! There are the traditional cookies & cake to bake, gifts to buy, parties to plan and attend - and somewhere amongst all these festivities, *we want to find time to dance!*

We recently received an email forwarded by a friend, with some excellent suggestions how to simplify our gift-giving, and at the same time support Canadian businesses. These suggestions included gift certificates for local ski slopes, theatre and restaurants; memberships at a gym; unique gifts from local artisans or garden centres - lots of great ideas!

Last year, we purchased gift certificates to a favourite restaurant for our combined

family of eight children and their "significant others". As it turned out, the most appreciated part was an offer to babysit our grandchildren while their parents went out to dinner! So add that to our list of suggestions: a certificate entitling the recipient to a service that you can provide at a future date!

And here's a good suggestion for your square-dancing friends! A gift of tickets to the next special dance at your club can make gift-giving easy, and benefit our activity at the same time! A New Year's Eve dance with friends is always fun! Or treat them to a T&D joint dance! (See the joint dance listing in this issue of Topics.)

Whatever your style of gift-giving, whether you choose to keep Christmas in grand style or celebrate quietly with close family or friends, we wish you a



Deadline for next TOPICS Newsletter

Saturday, January 14, 2012

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

FROM THE CONVENTION REGISTRARS:

Rose Marie & Ken Robinson, St. George, ON

You have until the end of November to register at the discounted price of \$40 per person for the A package or \$25 per person for the B package. After December 1st the price goes up. Why pay

more? The 51st convention promises to be terrific. Send your registration today. Save yourself some money and help us with planning at each level.

T & D JOINT DANCES:

T&D joint dances are off to a grand start this year, beginning on **October 1st** with a very successful dance hosted by **Otonabee Squares** at Westdale United Church in Peterborough. It was a fun afternoon, with Wayne Whatman and Jeff Priest calling, and Andrea Priest cueing rounds for close to ten squares of dancers. It was wonderful to see so many new dancers on the floor - square-dancing is certainly alive and well in Peterborough and area!

On **November 5th**, **Waterdown Village Squares** co-hosted an afternoon and evening dance, with Jim Lee and Wayne Hall calling Plus with A1 and A2 tips, and Sharron Hall cueing rounds. Sharron introduced a lovely waltz - "Famous Last Words of a Fool"; and we had great fun in the afternoon, as Wayne workshopped "Row, Row, Row your Boat". There were lots of laughs, and it was a challenge to keep ourselves sorted out! We hope you will take advantage of workshops planned for each of our T&D Joint dances.

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

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

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

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

CONVENTION CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Do you remember the first time you attended a square or round dance convention? I certainly do! Imagine a small town teenager attending his first convention at the Royal York Hotel in downtown Toronto. Yes, that was me, the kid with eyes like saucers and his mouth open. I had danced to most of the top notch recording callers of the day since our club only danced to records but what a thrill to dance to them live! Of course, square dancing was at its peak in the 60's so every dance hall was filled with enthusiastic dancers which only increased the excitement.

Well, if you've never attended a convention now is the time. You can attend the first ever Toronto and District Convention on the Guelph University campus. If you've been to lots of conventions, remember how much fun they are and how much you look forward to seeing those friends you see only once a year. Either way, 'first timer' or 'old hand', come and enjoy a great time and welcome all the friends you have yet to meet!

Come and join us for our 51st annual convention!

CLUB NEWS

(Toronto and District Member Clubs)

ROYAL CITY SQUARES - Guelph, ON

Yvonne Paterson, Publicity



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 Beattles. 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.

Tuesday caller:	Dave Williamson	
Wednesday Caller:	Jeff Priest	and our Cuer: Andrea Priest

LIFT LOCK SQUARES – Peterborough, ON

Caroline Charman, Secretary

On **Saturday, November 12th**, the **Lift Lock Square Dance Club** welcomed 10 enthusiastic squares of dancers to a **Pie Night**.

Club Caller, **Joe Uebelacker** called Basic, Full Basic and Mainstream tips throughout the evening and also taught a mixer which everyone enjoyed. He called a Plus tip while other dancers went for refreshments.

Guest caller **Grant Logan** and his wife Ann

attended the dance, and Grant called a tip which added variety to the dancing. Dancers came from **Otonabee Squares** in Peterborough, **Willow Weavers** in Thornhill, Oshawa, Lindsay, Baltimore, Belleville, Trenton, Napanee and Orillia.

Members of the Lift Lock Squares provided a fabulous variety of pies for refreshments with coffee and tea which made a tasty end to a great evening.

Lift Lock Squares and T & D Joint Dance

By Sandy Martin, Peterborough, Ontario

There was a wonderful fun time had by all in a lovely, large, bright & airy room of Westdale United Church. There was Basic, Mainstream, and Plus dancing offered, with callers **Jeff Priest** and **Wayne Whatman**. Round dancing started off the day with several couples enjoying the cuing of **Andrea Priest**. Thank you to all of our callers who generously donate their time for these T & D dances.

Jeff and Andrea Priest live in Brantford, and call/cue at Elora and St. Jacobs. **Wayne Whatman** lives in Peterborough, and in addition to calling for Otonabee Squares, also calls in Belleville and Lindsay.

There were 76 people there – almost 10 squares for most sets. Guest Clubs represented: Lift Lock of Peterborough, Quinte Twirlers of Belleville, Haliburton Highlanders, Oshawa, Triangle Squares of Toronto, Lakeshore Waves of Cobourg, Pioneer Squares of Napanee, Willow Weavers of Willowdale, Village Squares of Waterdown.

This dance season will be my third, and I am so enjoying square dancing, endeavoring to attend as many “Other Club” dances as my work schedule allows. Presently, I am learning the Mainstream level and, therefore, appreciate and enjoy the dances catering to basics and mainstream level dancers.

Oshawa Squares

By Pam Clasper, Toronto, Ontario

The **Oshawa Squares** dance at the Oshawa Senior Citizens Centre, and they have two squares dancing **Mainstream** on Tuesday afternoons and another two squares of **beginners** on Thursday afternoons with **Barry Clasper** calling. They’re both enthusiastic groups and he’s having a lot of fun with them. All dancers have to be members of the Oshawa Senior Citizens Centre to participate, but membership is only \$10 per year and people do not have to be residents of Oshawa. They do have to be 55 or older though.

The Tuesday group was started first – Barry was just going to do a series of “one nighters” or party dances with them – circle and Sicilian circle

figures, etc. but some of them got on the web and found out about Modern Western Square Dancing and pushed him to teach them. They finished Basics last season and have just finished Mainstream in the past few weeks. Once some of the members of the group attended other beginner dances, they took it upon themselves to come up with a name (Oshawa Squares) and one of them even made badges for the whole group.

Otonabee Squares, Doug Holmes, Grant Logan and Barry are putting on Basics dances this winter and they’re being well-attended. **There is hope for square dancing!**

Dave’s Easy Tips

Reducing Static Cling Pin a small safety pin to the seam of your slip and you will not have a clingy skirt or dress. Same thing works with slacks that cling when wearing panty hose. Place pin in seam of slacks and - voila - static is gone. Pam, Maple Rapids, NH

Measuring Cups Before you pour sticky substances into a measuring cup, fill it with hot water. Dump out the hot water, but don’t dry the cup. Next, add your ingredient, such as peanut butter, and watch how easily it comes right out. Kim, Goldsboro, NC

Foggy Windshield? Hate foggy windshields? Buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove box of your car. When the windows fog, rub with the eraser! Works better than a cloth! Alicia, Tampa, FL

WATERDOWN VILLAGE SQUARES

We have had a wonderful fall. More than two squares of new dancers are progressing nicely under the tutelage of **Bill Everett**. It is encouraging to see the enjoyment on their faces and the sense of satisfaction as they progress. Having numerous “angels” in attendance, as always, has been a great benefit.

Our “experienced clothing” sale has once again proven to be very popular. This has allowed new dancers to get well togged out and has made some money for the club as well. Where else could you find a crinoline for \$3 or a dress for \$5? There was also a selection of hard to find dance shoes. The week after the sale, there was quite a display of colour and swirls.

On a trial basis, **Jim Lee** is starting a half hour early with an **introduction to A1** on our Monday Plus night and an **introduction to A2** on our Tuesday A1 night. These are proving to be very popular. Jim feels it allows dancers who may have been at a level for several years to sample the next level in a comfortable fashion. Based on the reaction of our dancers we’d have to say he’s right!

Our joint **T&D/Waterdown dance** on **November 5th** was a great success with more than seven squares for the afternoon and evening. You’d expect a good turnout, with **Jim Lee** and **Wayne Hall** teamed together for squares. The two of them obviously enjoy working together. **Sharron Hall & Jim Lee** cued rounds. Sharron did a waltz to the George Strait tune of “**Famous last Words of a Fool**” for the first time at this dance. She did a beautiful job and it was well received. Wayne workshopped “**Row Row Row your boat**” At first it seemed impossible but Wayne got us through it with great success.

We have our **Christmas potluck dinner** coming up on **Dec 12th**. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. We eat at 6:30, start our **sing-along** with **Diane & Don Woods** at 7:30, and dancing for all levels starts at 8:00 with both **Jim Lee** and **Bill Everett** calling. It is always a great evening.

New Years dance tickets are selling well, with more than 8 squares already sold. If you would like tickets please phone **Bill Turnbull** at (905) 878-9573 or email at turnbullwt@yahoo.com

ODE TO A VOLUNTEER

Many will be shocked to find
When the day of judgement nears
That there’s a special place in Heaven
Set aside for volunteers,
Satin couches and footstools,
Where there’s no committee chairperson
No group leaders or carpools.
No eager team that needs a coach
No bazaar with a bake sale
There will be nothing to staple
Not one thing to fold or mail,
Telephone lists will be outlawed,
But a finger snap will bring
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners
And rare treats fit for a king.
You’ll ask, who’ll serve these privileged few
And work for all they’re worth?
Why all those who reaped benefits,
And not once volunteered on earth.

Author Unknown

ATTITUDES

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life.

Attitude, to me, is more important than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. It will make or break a company ... a church ... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we embrace for that day.

We cannot change our past ... we cannot change the fact that people act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable.

The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.

And so it is with you ... **we are in charge of our ATTITUDES.**

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Square Dancing Dolls Carousel



Swing and Whirl Square Dance Club of St. Catharines has a Square Dancing Dolls Carousel which they would like to donate to any square dance club that would like to use it as part of their decorations.

This was built many years ago by one of our former square dance couples, Tom & Peggy Cutler. As our club has no further need of it, we would like it to go to a good home (before it goes to square dance heaven or wherever old square dance paraphernalia goes).

The carousel is approximately 16" in diameter and rotates on a platform operated by a small electric motor. There are eight dolls (4 male and 4 female) approximately 12" in height that fit on metal spikes set in the platform. There is even a 12 foot extension cord that comes with it. Any club or individual dancer that might be interested in this item should contact Bob Beck at 905-227-7264 or rbeck9@cogeco.ca.

SQUARE DANCE HANDBOOKS

Basic/Mainstream – \$2.60

Plus – \$2.00

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

905-227-7264

or e-mail: rbeck9@cogeco.ca

Callers, Cuers, Clubs and Dancers!

Thank you all for your support in putting this news together. Bob & I would like to wish all of you a **Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.** We hope to hear from you in the new year with reports of your dances and special occasions over the holidays.

*God Bless You
at Christmas*

All the Best in 2012
Betty & Bob



2012 CONVENTION CALLER

Don Moger

Don started dancing in 1975, and began his career as a caller by teaching a group of teens to square dance in the same year. About a year later a well known caller relocated to the U.S... This changed Don's calling workload from one night a week to five nights a week.

Don has held executive positions on MASDA, CVCA, and MACA and is a member of CALLERLAB. He has also appeared on 4 different television shows to promote Square Dancing.

In 1988 a dream became a reality when Don opened the doors of a full time Square Dance hall. Don operated and called at the hall seven nights a week for many years. A different level was danced each night.

As of June 2004, after 36 years, Don retired from his job of Technical Advisor in a lithography company. He now has more time to spend traveling and calling square dances, an activity he loves so much.

Don has two sons, both of whom share a passion for sports with him. Don and Avena live in Montreal and call for clubs that dance Mainstream thru C2. The summer schedule is also very busy with regular workshops at all levels.

In addition to his club activities, calling engagements have taken him throughout Canada, many states in the U.S, as well as England, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, France, Austria, and the Czech Republic.

Don strives very hard to structure the choreography so that it is interesting and creative. Don also spends many hours in his selection of music, which is always appreciated by the dancers His ability to challenge and bring out the best in dancers at all levels is attested to by the zealous enthusiasm displayed by all who attend his dances.

THOUGHTS ABOUT THE NEW YEAR

I have a brand-new calendar
That very soon will be
Hanging on my kitchen wall
So I can plainly see —

Each little square is empty
And it's strictly up to me
How I will use those untouched days
That lie ahead of me.

A whole new year of days untouched
By failure or defeat,
Each little square a symbol
Of new challenges I'll Meet.

But before I turn my back upon
The year that's almost through,
I'd better take myself in hand
And see what I can do —

New promises to honour
And new resolves to make...
New projects in the offing ...
New jobs to undertake.

To bolster my defenses
Against failure or defeat
And gear myself to tackle
The challenges I'll meet.

New friendships to establish...
New Dreams to entertain...
New fields I hope to conquer...
New heights I may attain.

For only by correcting
The errors of the past
Can I hope to make the coming year
Better than the last!

CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE WITH GRANDMA

I remember my first Christmas Adventure with Grandma I was just a kid.

I remember tearing across town on my bike to visit her on the day my big sister dropped the bomb: "There is no Santa Claus," she jeered. "Even dummies know that!"

My Grandma was not the gushy kind, never had been.

I fled to her that day because I knew she would be straight with me. I knew Grandma always told the truth, and I knew that the truth always went down a whole lot easier when swallowed with one of her 'world-famous' cinnamon buns.

I knew they were world-famous, because Grandma said so. It had to be true!!!!

Grandma was home, and the buns were still warm. Between bites, I told her everything.

She was ready for me. "No Santa Claus?" She snorted.... "Ridiculous! Don't believe it. That rumour has been going around for years, and it makes me mad, plain mad!! Now, put on your coat, and let's go."

"Go? Go where, Grandma?" I asked. I hadn't even finished my second 'world-famous cinnamon bun.

"Where" turned out to be Kerby's General Store, the one store in town that had a little bit of just about everything. As we walked through its doors, Grandma handed me ten dollars.

That was a bundle in those days. "Take this money," she said, "and buy something for someone who needs it. I'll wait for you in the car."

Then she turned and walked out of Kerby's.

I was only eight years old. I'd often gone shopping with my mother, but **NEVER** had I shopped for anything all by myself.

The store seemed big and crowded, full of people scrambling to finish their Christmas shopping. For a few moments, I just stood there, confused, clutching that ten-dollar bill, wondering what to

buy, and who on earth to buy it for.

I thought of everybody I knew: my family, my friends, my neighbours, the kids at school, and the people who went to my church. I was just about thought out, when I suddenly thought of Bobby Dekker. He was a kid with bad breath and messy hair, and he sat right behind me in Mrs. Pollock's grade-two class.

Bobby Dekker didn't have a coat.

I knew because he never went out to recess during the winter. His mother always wrote a note, telling the teacher that he had a cough, but all we kids knew that Bobby Decker didn't have a cough; he just didn't have a good warm coat.

I fingered the ten-dollar bill with growing excitement. I would buy Bobby Decker a coat!

I settled on a red corduroy one that had a hood to it. It looked real warm, and he would like that.

"Is this a Christmas present for someone?" the lady behind the counter asked kindly, as I laid my ten dollars down.

"Yes, ma'am," I replied shyly. "It's for Bobby."

The nice lady smiled at me, as I told her about how Bobby really needed a good warm winter coat.

I didn't get any change, but she put the coat in a bag, smiled again, and wished me a Merry Christmas.

That evening, Grandma helped wrap the coat (a little tag fell out of the coat, and Grandma tucked it in her Bible) in Christmas paper and ribbons and wrote, "To Bobby, From Santa Claus" on it.

Grandma said that Santa **ALWAYS** insisted on secrecy!

Then she drove me over to Bobby Decker's house, explaining as we went that I was now and forever officially, one of Santa's helpers.

Grandma parked down the street from Bobby's house, and she and I crept noiselessly and hid in the bushes by his front walk.

Then Grandma gave me a nudge. "All right, Santa Claus," she whispered, "get going."

I took a deep breath, dashed for his front door, threw the present down on his step, pounded his door and flew back to the safety of the bushes and Grandma.

Together we waited breathlessly in the darkness for the front door to open!!!

Finally it did, and there stood Bobby.

Well.... Fifty years haven't dimmed the thrill of those moments spent shivering, beside my Grandma, in Bobby Decker's bushes.

That night, I realized that those awful rumours about Santa Claus were just what Grandma said they were: 'ridiculous'!

Santa **WAS** alive and well, and **WE** were on **HIS** team!!!

I **STILL** have Grandma's Bible, with the coat tag tucked inside: \$29.95.

**May you always have LOVE to share,
HEALTH to spare
And FRIENDS that care ...
And may you always believe in the magic of
Santa Claus!**

ROUND DANCES TAUGHT

Bob & Betty Beck - Thorold, Ontario

Tips of My Fingers - Phase II - Waltz (Palmquist)
Mission Bell Waltz - Phase II - Waltz (Metzger)
Hitchhike - Phase III + 1 - Cha (Norris)
What A Difference A Day Makes - Phase IV + 2 - Rumba (Slater)
The Whispering Wind - Phase IV - Rumba (Speranzo)
It's My Party - Phase IV - Cha (Seurer)
King of the Road - Phase III - Foxtrot/Jive (Koozer)
Igloos and Castles - Phase III + 2 - Rumba (Gatchell)

Jerry & Bonnie Callen - Guelph, Ontario

On Days Like These – Phase VI Bolero (Preskitt)
St Elmo's Fire – Phase IV Slow Two Step (Gloodt)
Little White Gardenia – Phase IV Foxtrot (Callen)
Candle on the Water – Phase V Waltz (Callen)
Hello Dolly – Phase III Two Step/Quickstep (Pearson)
Rabbit Tango – Phase V Tango (Davis)

Jean & Don Clingin - South Mountain, Ontario

Brown Eyes Blue - Phase IV + 1 (change of sway)- Slow Two Step (Maguire)
When Shadows Are Deep - Phase III + 2 (diamond turn & weave)- Waltz(Tucker)

Mary Hinkle - Grand Island, N.Y.

Burgers & Fries - Phase IV+1 - RB (Wolff)
Footloose - Phases II+1 - T/S (Baldwin)
Love Me Do - Phase II - T/S (Garza)
Irish Washer Woman - Phase III - Cha (Buckmaster& Reigel)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, December 31, 2011: New Year's Eve Round Dance Party at Amherst Community Church, 77 Washington Hwy., Amherst, NY 14226. Cost \$15.00 per couple in advance. Bring your favourite finger foods to share at 11:30 p.m. and your favourite pop. Coffee & Tea supplied. **Dance Phase II, III & IV** rounds from 8:30 - 12:15 a.m.??? For information call **Mary Hinkle** at 716-773-1938 or e-mail hickdinkle@aol.com

Saturday December 31, 2011: New Year's Eve Dance presented by the **Willowdale Willow Weavers** with **Grant Logan** calling **Basics, Plus, A1, rounds & more**. \$25/cpl - \$12.50/sgle. 8 pm to-midnight, with light refreshments at 10. Thornhill Presbyterian Church 271 Centre St. Thornhill. For more info call Ann Logan 905-709-9241 or email grant.logan@3web.com.

Saturday, December 31, 2011: New Year's Eve Party presented by **Waterdown Village Squares** at St. James United Church, 306 Parkside Drive, Waterdown, ON. Dinner at 7:30 p.m. followed by Mainstream, Plus and A-1 Squares and Rounds, Waltzes & Polkas with **Jim Lee** 9:00 p.m. - Midnight. Everyone is asked to bring a salad or dessert for the dinner. Cost: Members - \$20.00 per person and Non-Members \$22.50 per person. **Advance ticket sales only**. For tickets and information call Bill Turnbull at 905-878-9573 or e-mail turnbullwt@yahoo.com.

Saturday January 14, 2011: Winter Interlude presented by the **Willowdale Willow Weavers** with caller **Grant Logan**. **Plus with A1 tips**. 7:30 to 10 followed by light refreshments. \$6/per. Thornhill Presbyterian Church, 271 Centre St., Thornhill. For more info call Ann Logan 905-709-9241 or email grant.logan@3web.com.

Saturday, January 14 & Sunday, January 15, 2012: Otonabee Squares invites you to their **Mainstream Blitz** at George Street United Church, George at McDonnell Street in Peterborough. Learn all 17 Mainstream moves on Saturday, January 14 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon & 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. and Sunday, Cost is \$17.00 per person. Pre-Registration required. Saturday lunch is available (pre-arranged) for \$3.00 per person. For information call Jean Lander at 905-342-5450 or see otonabeesquares.org or e-mail otonabeesquares@gmail.com

Saturday, January 21, 2012: Waterdown Village Squares invite you to their Annual Snow Bunny Dance at St. James United Church, 306 Parkside Drive, Waterdown. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. followed by Class & Mainstream Square Dancing with **Bill Everett** from 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. **Advance ticket sales only**. Cost \$9.00 per person (members) \$10.00 per person (non-members) For information contact Bill Turner at 905-878-9573 or e-mail turnbullwt@yahoo.com

Wednesday, January 25, 2012: Guelph's **Royal City Squares** invite you to join them for a night of fun Singing Calls ... dance to a theme of **Aloha!** Dance rounds from 7:30 p.m. with **Andrea Priest** and Squares with **Jeff Priest** from 8:00 p.m. -? At Paisley Road School, 406 Paisley Road (East of Hwy. 6/Hanlon Parkway).

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday, April 7, 2012: Toronto & District Square & Round Dance Association Inc. and Happy Hoppers present a **Special Dance** at Lebovic Arts Centre, 19 Civic Street, Stouffville, ON. Dance Plus with A-1 tips and Rounds from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. with Host Caller, Doug Holmes and Guest Caller, Al Calhoun and Rounds with Bob & Betty Beck.. Cost is \$6.00 per person. For information call Bob & Jean Dalziel at 905-727-4193 or Rose Marie & Ken Robinson at 519-448-3842 or e-mail rwoodley000@sympatico.ca or k.j.robinson@sympatico.ca or call Pam & Barry Clasper at 416-498-0007 or e-mail pam@clasper.ca or barry@clasper.ca

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

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



A Tribute to Lionel H. Bond

Founding Member of Horseshoe Squares'N'Wheels
Chapter C-112 of National Square Dance Campers
Association

Square Dancer and Friend to All
November 28, 1936 – October 2, 2011
Square Dancer and
Round Dance Leader with his wife Marilyn
1976 – 2011

Recipient of Long Service Trillium Award in 2010

Lionel's Hobbies included Camping, Square & Round Dancing, Golf, Fishing and enjoying numerous family vacations & Caravans anywhere the camping wheels would go.

Square Dancing, actually any kind of dancing was one of Lionel's favourite pastimes. He and Marilyn have twirled their way around many a dance floor, from their courting years and throughout their married lives.

In 1978 Lionel and Marilyn, along with Reid & Jean Cook, Alf & Mary Deserud, founded Horseshoe Squares'n'Wheels with 14 of 15 required families attending a September Campout at Pittock Park in Woodstock Ontario. The

fifteenth couple joined in the Spring of 1979, allowing us to become Chartered as Chapter C-112 of National Square Dance Campers Assoc. Marilyn refers to this club as their extended family and she remains an active member.

Lionel touched many people's lives throughout his life. He was committed to any task he set his hand to doing. If there was a job to be done he would do it, most times without having to be asked.

Lionel loved to laugh, with his wife, his sons & daughter-in-laws, his friends and of course with his six grandchildren. He loved being in the presence of his family and friends.

IN MEMORIAM **COLLIS FRANCES WOOD**

Peacefully at the Niagara Garden Retirement Manor in St. Catharines on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 in his 93rd year.

Collis Frances Wood, beloved husband of Mary E. Wood (nee Disher). Loved father of David Wood (Eleanor). Loving grandfather of Bradley (Jill) and Jeffrey (Sheila) Great grandfather of Garrett, Daniel, Joel, Leesha and Emma.

Fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by a brother, Jack and a sister, Hazel.

Collis and Mary ran and called for the **Junior Pioneers** and the **Pioneer Squares** for 55 years. Collis retired as operational manager of Canadian Bearings.

Memorial donations to either the Canadian Cancer Society (Prostate Cancer) or the Red Cross Society would be appreciated by the family

IN MEMORIAM
DONALD WILLIAM DUNCAN
June 11, 1922 – November 5, 2011

Vet W.W. II, Member Royal Canadian Legion Br #43 Oshawa, Member Burma Star, Kingston.

Don was a Radar Technician in the Air Force and served in Halifax, England, India and Burma.

Passed way suddenly at Lakeridge Health Oshawa on Saturday, November 5th 2011 in his 90th year. Dearly loved husband for nearly 62 years of Beula (nee Hamilton) Duncan of Courtice.

Shortly after they were married, Don and Beula started square dancing with caller Bill Robinson in Brooklin, Ontario and attended all the T & D Conventions except two.

Survived by his brother George Duncan and his wife Barbara of Willowdale and his sister-in-law Dorothy Duncan of Orillia. Predeceased by his brother Gordon Duncan. Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews and their families.

They loved to travel and went on over 30 trips with square dancers with Hay's Travel Tours.

They were active church members at Kingsview United Church in Oshawa.

Canadian Square & Round Dance Society Appeal

To Support Japanese Square Dancer Earthquake and Tsunami Victims

As has been previously reported, the Canadian Square & Round Dance Society launched an appeal to help the Japanese Square Dancers who were impacted by the devastating earthquake and tsunamis earlier this year. The intent is to collect the monies and forward them to the Japan Square Dance Association, to distribute to needy square dancers, as they see fit.

It is suggested that if every Canadian dancer donated \$3, the funds would be a very significant amount. The idea of sending funds directly to fellow square dancers who have suffered from this natural disaster means that there are no intermediaries or expenses for this appeal. Each donor will receive an acknowledgment of their kind donation.

Canadian Square Dancers across Canada have been asked to join together to support the appeal which ends on 31 December this year.

Some fund raising ideas: Special fund raising dances; Donate the proceeds of a regular club dance; collect money at all of your club dances; or Sponsor a club Yard Sale. **The Appeal ends 31 December, 2011.**

Over the years, Canadian square dancers have shown themselves to be some of the most caring people in the world. Canadian Conventions have enjoyed the company of many Japanese dancers and Leaders in the past and there are some Canadians who have traveled to Japan to dance.

Send cheques or Postal Money Orders made out to: "Square&Round Dance Federation of Nova Scotia", marked: "Japanese Square Dancer Appeal". Mail to:

There has been a positive response from some members of the Nova Scotia Square dance community and this note asks those dancers and clubs that have not yet made a donation to respond before the end of this year. To the end of October, 3 groups and 2 individual Nova Scotia dancers have donated \$1675.

**CSRDS Japanese Sq. Dancer Appeal,
c/o Dance Nova Scotia,
1113 Marginal Road,
Halifax, NS B3H 4P7**



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MONTHLY DANCE TEACHES & DANCES

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

Thanks

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

THE CRACKED WATER POT

A water bearer in India had two large pots. Each hung on the end of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, and while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream to the master's house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water to his master's house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments – perfect to the end for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do. After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you." "Why" asked the bearer. "What are you ashamed of?" "I have been able for the past two years, to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your master's house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work and you don't get full value from your efforts." the pot said.

The water bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot, and in his compassion he said, "As we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path." Indeed, as they went up the hill, the old cracked pot took notice of the sun warming the beautiful wild flowers on the side of the path, and this cheered it some. But at the end of the trail, it still felt bad because it had leaked out half its load, and so again, it apologized to the bearer for its failure. The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day, while we walk back from the stream you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have this beauty to grace his house."

MORAL – Each of us has our own unique flaws. We're all "cracked pots", but it's the cracks and flaws we have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. There is a lot of good out there and a lot of good in us too! Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape.. Remember to appreciate all the different people in your Life! Or, as we like to think of it, it it hadn't been for the crackpots in our lives, it would have been pretty boring and not nearly so interesting!

A HUG A DAY

Hugging is nothing less than a miracle drug. It helps the body's immune system, cures depression, reduces stress and induces sleep. It's rejuvenating and invigorating – yet has no unpleasant side effects. It's all natural, organic and is naturally sweet. It contains no pesticides, no preservatives, no artificial ingredients, and is 100% wholesome. There are no batteries to wear out, no periodic checkups, low energy consumption and high energy yield. It's inflation-proof, non-taxable, non-fattening, non-polluting, and of course, fully refundable. In fact, hugging is practically perfect. Maybe that is why we all like a big yellow rock.



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