

OUR NEWS

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TOM & MARION PETERSEN—EDITORS

MESSAGE FROM ONE OF THE PRESIDENTS

Looking at our club, during my last few days as co-president, I am aware of the success that has been achieved. With the work of a strong executive we are becoming the envy of many clubs. One has only to look at our special dances this year to have a positive outlook for the future. The club is in fine shape with solid attendance at most of our regular dances and often sell-out special dances. The emphasis has been on the fun side of dancing that has enhanced the learning nature of the club. The result has been a solid year financially. We were fortunate to have a great group of new dancers come onboard this year. It has been a pleasure to dance with them on Thursday evenings. The club is left in the hands of a strong team which can continue our growth and success. Thank you to all.

Gerry O'Halloran



Our fantastic Presidents

Gerry O'Halloran and Pat Coutts

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THANKS TO ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS

- Gerry Fuchs
- Bev Corsini
- Hanne Hansen
- Tom Petersen

MAINSTREAM DANCERS GRADUATING

Come on out to our Thursday evening dance on 16 April at 8:00pm to join our Mainstream dancers. We will be able to celebrate with those who are graduating this year.



They are an enthusiastic bunch and we hope they bring that energy level to Waterdown Village Squares next season.

Let's bring in a new group of beginners next season who can dance for free the first night.

WATERDOWN DANCERS GO TO PORTUGAL

When Jørgen and I saw that Jim Lee was going to join the Hay's groups trip to Portugal, we decided it would be the



perfect way to see a new place. It was a wonderful trip, from the scenery, cliffs, very steep hills and at the bottom, beautiful beaches, lovely clean sand. There were several places we could drive right to the beach, other places they had built staircases, there was even an escalator and elevator in

the city of Albufeira. Their umbrella trees, and cork trees, was something



special we had never seen before, evergreen. The old towns were so charming, with their very narrow streets, cobble



streets and sidewalk, many of the homes along the roads and street were

from the 18 hundreds. We drove all over, from the Spanish border to the furthest point in the west by the Atlantic Ocean took smaller trips, did take a bus tour to Lisbon. A beautiful city built on the seven hills, they still had



street cars in the very narrow hilly streets. It would take me forever to tell you about all our wonderful experiences, we took about 470 pictures, am sure we will spend many times remembering the trip looking at them.



The Hay's will be going to the same place again next spring, their 35 time, they had lots of advise, so helpful, and for us the perfect way to experience a new place, with such a different culture, language and ways of living.

Submitted by:
Jørgen and Hanne Hansen



WORDS FROM T&D DIRECTOR—ROSE MARIE ROBINSON

Swing and Whirl Square Dance Club hosted the T&D Joint Dance on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at First Grantham United Church, with Bob & Betty Beck cueing rounds and Wayne Hall and John Wrigglesworth calling plus & A-1 tips to more than six squares of dancers.

Representatives of the Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation were in attendance, having met

earlier in the day at the home of Sharon & Wayne Hall. Peter Graham, President of OS&RDF, introduced the representatives in attendance and spoke to us about the City of Ottawa designating one week in the fall as "Square and Round Dance Week". This designation gives the Square and Round Dance movement an opportunity to do demonstration dances in the malls and other public meeting areas, and

guarantees extensive media coverage - far more effective than paid advertising.

The Swing and Whirl club members provided a delicious lunch, which we all enjoyed. Over coffee and goodies, Ken and I spoke with Karen Remy and Peter Courbin, from the Ottawa area, who agreed that they are seeing renewed interest in square-dancing due to the free promotion they

receive from the "Square and Round Dance Week" designation. Hmmmmm...maybe we need to take a cue from Ottawa!

Rose Marie Robinson



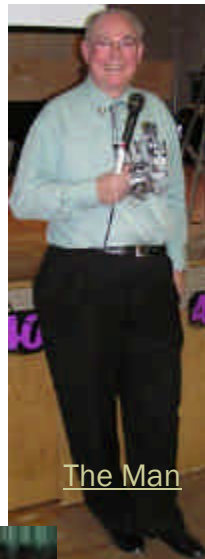
GERRY'S CHICKEN

Well wasn't that a dance. There was a great build up of anticipation for the 40th Anniversary / Reunion Dance. So much so, that we even had people coming on the night of the dance hoping to buy their way in. The feedback from the guests has been nothing but praise. I would like to thank the members of the committee who put the dance together, the volunteers who helped with the setup and execution and the three

callers for the job well done in keeping us going for four hours. We unfortunately have created a monster. Well actually Gerry has. Our dance committee wanted to make the 40th a catered affair. Gerry did some research and found that for a reasonable price his local Sobey's was willing to cook 45 chickens for the dance. They also gave us a deal on the salads. Sobey's cooked and quartered the chickens and then placed them in large foil

trays. The trays were covered in foil ready for Gerry to pick up and deliver to the hall. At the hall the ovens were on and ready to keep the food warm until we served it. Tradition has been that we serve chicken at the Hoedown dance. We have already been asked if we are going to serve Gerry's chicken.

*Submitted by:
Tom Petersen*



The Man



REUNION & 40TH AT WATERDOWN VILLAGE SQUARES

Our 2 club callers Bill Everett and Jim Lee and guest caller Norm Wilcox did an amazing job that kept the dance floor busy from the start at 7:30 all the way through to 11:30 pm.

Norm sent us an email as follows:

Good Afternoon Tom and Marion

I would like to thank you for inviting me to call with Jim and Bill for the Village Squares 40th Anniversary Reunion Dance. I consider it a great honour that you would ask me to come and be part of the celebrations. The only unfortunate part was that Wendy couldn't be there.

I had a really good time and I think that the three of us gave the dancers a

good dance. Please pass on my congratulations to the club for a well organized party and my thanks to all who "toiled in the trenches" to make sure it was a success.

I also enjoyed filling in for Jim while he was away and I look forward to returning and calling for the club again in the future.

Cheers

Norm Wilcox



*****40th Anniversary Celebration*****

Congratulations to the 40th Anniversary Dance committee: Gerry & Chris O'Halloran, Pat & Ralph Coutts, Tom & Marion Petersen, Bill & Corinne Turnbull. Kudos, too, to all the volunteers who helped decorate, serve, clean-up, photograph, etc - the list goes on.

What a wonderful party! Thank you for all your planning and hard work. Our top-notch callers, Jim Lee, Bill Everett and Norm Wilcox kept us all hopping! What a thrill to have a packed house! We enjoyed the food, the opportunity to greet people we hadn't seen in ages, and a variety of dancing - squares from Mainstream to A-1, rounds, and social dancing. The highlight for me was over 1400 photos (40 years' worth) displayed over the course of the evening -

thanks to Tom & Marion, who spent hours pouring over old photos and scanning them to disk. I hope that everyone took the time to read the lists of executive members over the years, or to browse through the scrapbooks displayed in the parlour - and I hope those lists and those pictures inspired us all to share our enthusiasm for the wonderful activity that brings us together.

We are a very fortunate club.

We have a history of talented callers and committed executives and members. We are fortunate to have an excellent relationship with the Church where we are able to host our weekly dances and special events. We have fun!

I propose a toast: To the next 40 years of dancing in Waterdown - Long live the Waterdown Village Squares!

Submitted by:

Rose Marie Robinson

9 WATERDOWN DANCERS HEAD SOUTH TO WASCA

To many, March Break means a trip to Disneyworld, a Caribbean Cruise or laying in the sun on a tropical beach. This year, to some of our dancers, March Break meant "WASCA".

This year, the Washington DC Area Square Dancers Cooperative Association held their 50th Annual Square and Round Dance Convention in Alexandria, Virginia, and nine members from Waterdown

made the journey south (well, perhaps south-east) to the sunshine (it actually did shine for a few hours) and danced our fool heads off for 3 days.

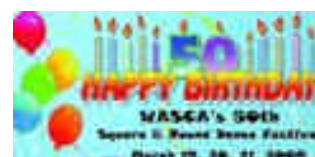
With some of the best callers and cuers from all over the United States, and all levels of dancing starting at sunrise and ending well into the night, it was hard not to learn (did you know that you can "Zoom" from a least six different positions??) and

thoroughly enjoy oneself. There are also plenty of tourist and sightseeing venues in the area, and with continuous dancing from check-in time Thursday (some of us fools even went a day early) until departure on Sunday, it was a fun time for all.

While some of you came home with sunburns, or sore throats from hollering at your children (in most of our cases, I guess that

would be grand-children or great-grand-children), we returned with sore feet and tired muscles, proof positive that the WASCA folks sure know how to party.

And yes, that big house on Pennsylvania Ave. is still white.....



YOUR EXECUTIVE FOR 2008-2009

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Plus-[Monday]:
Pat & Ralph Coutts
Lucy & Jim Fratoni

A1- [Tuesday]:

Volunteers required

Class/Mainstream-[Thursday]:

Kieth Evans

*Nominations still
being accepted for
positions for the
2009- 2010
Executive..*

ROSE MARIE'S REVISED COLE SLAW RECIPE

Shred 1 head of cabbage into a large bowl, and sprinkle with 1 chopped onion, 1/4 C white sugar, and 1 tsp salt. Add a couple of shredded carrots and some red cabbage (optional)

DRESSING:

1 tsp dry mustard
1 cup white vinegar
1/4 cup white sugar
2 tsp celery seed*

Boil ingredients together; add 3/4 cup salad oil and return to boil

Pour hot dressing over cabbage. Cover and refrigerate for 1 day before using. This salad will store in the refrigerator for a good week.

*Revision is the celery seed instead of salt in the dressing

We are on the web!
www.waterdownvillagesquares.ca

WATERDOWN VILLAGE SQUARES

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Forget your cares, dance with the Waterdown Village Squares

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPECIAL DANCES

WATERDOWN GRADUATION

Thurs 16 April 2009

47TH ANNUAL SPRING SPREE WITH LIFTLOCK SQUARES

Sat. 18 April 2009

Squares with Don Moger,
Charlie McClure and Norm
Wilcox

Rounds with Jerry and
Bonnie Callen

Call Wayne Hare for info at
705-743-3077

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & HOEDOWN

Thurs April 23, 2009
Dinner, meeting, MS—A1
dance

Very Important

50TH ANNIVERSARY DANCE FOR BEAUX & BELLES

Sun. 3 May, 2009

1:30 to 4:30pm
Mainstream, Plus &
Rounds

1:00 to 1:30 pm

Round Dance Party
Egbert Jacobs, Jeff Priest
and Andrea Priest

Call the Fletchers for info
at 519-208-0435

48TH T&D CONVENTION

May 7, 8 & 9, 2009

Mainstream to C-1
Phase II-V & Contras

T & D JOINT DANCE WITH WATER- DOWN VILLAGE SQUARES

Saturday Nov 7, 2009

Rounds, Plus & A1 Tips called
by Jim Lee

Afternoon and Evening

FINAL ISSUE FOR THE SEASON

As a final note I want to thank all the contributors to this and the previous issues that we have published this season. It has been a great learning experience creating this newsletter.

I would also like to thank all those people who over the last 40 years have taken the time to contribute to our club's albums. The 4 big binders that we drag out on special occasions were the source of most of the photos I displayed at the Reunion dance last month. I found that I learned a great deal about this wonderful club and its membership by scanning through the books. It is unfortunate that we cannot acknowledge each individual contributor as they were never specifically listed but I want them to know that their work is appreciated. It was such a joy to watch people's reactions to the slide show we did of these pictures.

A big yellow rock to you all.

Submitted by Tom Petersen