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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Ah yes January. The problem with Square Dancing is the rapid passage of time. We go from regular club dances to special events in the blink of an eye. And what have we accomplished? We have used up an entire year doing nothing but enjoying life and for some of us staying fit. Most square dancers have permanent smile lines etched on their faces. To make matters worse from time to time a strange caller arrives, makes strange calls and squares break down. The dancers, instead of fixing the problem and forming lines, laugh and cover the mistake. I fear that Square Dancing will never become a recognized artistic expression while dancers insist on enjoying themselves.

That leaves nothing to do but wish you all the best in the new year. With special thanks to all who have helped out in 2008 including the busy executive members. Thanks hardly cover the efforts of Jim and Bill who make every dance a party.

Yellow Rock to all
Gerry and Pat



Our fantastic Presidents

Gerry O'Halloran and Pat Coutts

CLASS AND MAINSTREAM DANCERS COME ON OUT

To our annual Snow Bunny Dance at St James United Church in Waterdown on Saturday 31 January. Dance to Bill Everett from 8:00—10:00 pm

Of course, those more advanced dancers are welcome to come also and

enjoy the fun of the Snow Bunny. Tickets are \$8.50 each and there will be the traditional meat pies and peas served before the dance. So, get your tickets from Lucy Fratoni as soon as possible, preferably before 20 January to allow the convenors to arrange the right amount of food.

Marion Petersen



THE TIM & JIM SING-A-LONG HELD 27 DECEMBER 2008

December the 27th was a mild Florida like day (+14 degrees Celsius), so my dance partner and I set out to visit the Waterdown Village Squares for their Plus



dance. We gladly made the 350 km round trip to enjoy the hospitality of the club. Tim Crawford and Jim Lee called very ably and there was quite a bit of creative dancing as we danced the night away in up to seven squares. Altogether we had five callers in

attendance. We liked the visit so much that we will be back for the New Years



dance. Thank you from Marianne Else in Hawkestone, Ontario



Far Left: Glen and the Marcello's
Left: Harry & Ruth enjoying cake
Above: Jim Lee and Wayne Hall

WORDS FROM T&D DIRECTOR—ROSE MARIE ROBINSON

Happy New Year! We hope that you have made a New Year's resolution to attend the T&D Convention in 2009! Pick up a registration form from the flyer table, or get it electronically from the T&D website. Remember, our convention is unique, as you can register for

Thursday through Saturday, Friday & Saturday, Friday only, or Saturday only - as much or as little dancing as your schedule and energy will allow! By registering early, you help the square and round dance programmers in their efforts to schedule

the optimal dance program for all dancers.

And, while you're planning activities for the New Year, be sure to include the next T&D Joint Dance, hosted by Royal City Squares, at Trinity United Church, 400 Stevenson St. N.,

Guelph on February 7th, 2009 Callers: Jeff Priest and Dave Williamson; Cuer: Andrea Priest.

Let's get "motivated" - we have so much great dancing ahead of us!

Rose Marie Robinson

REUNION DANCE TO CELEBRATE 40TH ANNIVERSARY



This picture was in the November 24, 1999

edition of the Flamborough review accompanying an article written by Paul Banks titled "Club celebrates 30 years of squaring 'em up".

The caption is "I'll Lead—Alan Boothroyd, a 10-year member of

Village Squares takes his partner by the hand.

Next piece of trivia

Who was the club caller when the Village Squares started in 1969?

We are looking for stories and pictures to put together for this

dance. If you have something you would like to share please contact Rose Marie Robinson at 905-549-0489



CHRISTMAS POT LUCK WAS HELD ON MONDAY DECEMBER 15

Gerry O'Halloran, Pat Coutts, Dawn Ragg & Al Berry



Diane & Don Woods



Approximately 110 dancers attended the Waterdown Village Squares Pot Luck Dinner on December 15th.

It was a fun filled evening with delicious food, lovely sing song led by Don and Diane Woods, a solo by Bill Everett, square dancing with Jim Lee, Bill Everett and Wayne Hall.

The hall was beautifully decorated with twinkling lights, streamers, tinsel and red poinsettias which served as door prizes.

Christine O'Halloran donated additional items as door prizes.

The winner of the green fees for a foursome at Carlisle Golf and Country Club was Joe Toth; our

thanks to Ron and Carmella Chiasson for obtaining this prize for the club.

The convenors of this evening were Bev Barrowcliffe, Dawn Ragg, Doug Irwin and Faye Evenden.

So many volunteers contributed to the success of this evening. Their enthusiastic willingness was truly appreciated.



Joe Toth



Doug Irwin and Faye Evenden

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT WATERDOWN VILLAGE SQUARES

New Year's Eve-- The words conjure up an image of party goers in funny hats and weird noise makers, having a great time. On behalf of our club I plead GUILTY. What a night, too much food, a bottomless punch bowl, and an out of control caller giving hockey scores. The

feed back was overwhelmingly positive. The credit goes to the volunteers who helped make the evening magical..

Gerry O'Halloran



SQUARE DANCER'S PRAYER—BY CHET LOWE

While we were researching memorabilia for the Reunion dance we came across this poem which was read at the memorial service for Shelley Lee in December 2002. It touched our hearts and we would like to share it again with all of you.

O, greatest caller, who knoweth all moves from basic through challenge and beyond,

We are thankful for the opportunity to weave a ring of friends; To circle to rhythms reflecting the order of Thy universe; For ears to hear music and laughter; For eyes to see Thy rainbow of colours shining here; For love in its myriad of forms Extend to us Thy blessings –

May all our turns be courteous As we pass through Thy way; May we bend our line to your will May we see Thy star through our troubles And cast off three quarters of these to Thee, Keep us square through life As we wheel and deal with our neighbour

Bless those who lead right As we cross trail through this world And when we walk around the corner And our last trip is over, As we roll away to Promenade Home May it be with Thee Amen

YOUR EXECUTIVE FOR 2008–2009

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Plus—[Monday]:
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Lucy & Jim Fratoni

A1- [Tuesday]:

Volunteers required

Class/Mainstream-[Thursday]:

Kieth Evans

Volunteers needed for Snow Bunny and Beef à la King

Looking for Memorabilia for our Reunion Dance for 40 years of Waterdown Village Squares—see Rose Marie Robinson with pictures and stories .

2 WATERDOWN VILLAGE SQUARES REPRESENTATIVES

This photo of our banner just came to light after a lot of e-mails back & forth looking for a current photo. The occasion was the Canadian National Square & Rounds Festival held in London, Ontario in July 2008.

It shows our Waterdown Village Squares Club's banner being carried into the Convention Centre along with many other banners from across Canada where the opening ceremonies were about to commence. Two current club members are happily displaying our

club's colours to all 1700 plus dancers who attended the festival. Pictured are Marg Crooks who dances on Tuesday nights and Jack Vanstone who dances on Monday nights.

Submitted by Jack Vanstone



Marg Crooks and Jack Vanstone

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

SNOW BUNNY DANCE

Sat. 31 January 2009

Class & Mainstream

T& D JOINT DANCE WITH ROYAL CITY SQUARES

Sat. February 7, 2009

Afternoon & Evening
Mainstream, Rounds &
Plus Tips

BEEF À LA KING

Sat. 28 February 2009

Plus, A1 and Rounds

T& D SPECIAL DANCE

Sat. March 7, 2009

Plus with A1 tips &
Rounds

47TH ANNUAL SPRING SPREE

Sat. 18 April 2009

Liftlock Squares

Squares with Don Moger,
Charlie McClure and Norm
Wilcox

Rounds with Jerry and
Bonnie Callen

Call Wayne Hare for info at
705-743-3077

GUEST CALLER TEACH NIGHTS

Plus Teach—Mondays

February 23—Wayne Hall

March 2— John
Wrigglesworth

March 9— Wayne Hall

A1 Teach—Tuesdays

February 24— Norm Wilcox

March 3— Norm Wilcox

March 10— Norm Wilcox

March 31—Tim Crawford

HOW TO PLANT A SQUARE DANCE GARDEN

First plant four rows of peas:

- ◆ Preparedness
- ◆ Promptness
- ◆ Perseverance
- ◆ Politeness

Next plant three rows of squash:

- ◆ Squash gossip
- ◆ Squash criticism
- ◆ Squash indifference

Then plant four rows of lettuce:

- ◆ Let us be truthful
- ◆ Let us be unselfish
- ◆ Let us be loyal
- ◆ Let us be thankful

No garden is complete without
turnips:

- ◆ Turn up to volunteer
- ◆ Turn up with a smile
- ◆ Turn up with determination

Let's all get to work on our
garden.

Submitted by Doug Irwin



Our decorators for the
Christmas Pot Luck did a
fantastic job this year—
thanks to all those who
helped out