

# OUR NEWS

FEBRUARY 2010

TOM & MARION PETERSEN—EDITORS

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

WHAT A NIGHT!	2
WORDS FROM T&D	2
TIME TO HELP OUT	2
CHRISTMAS POT LUCK	3
DANCE CANCELLATIONS	3
NEW YEAR'S EVE AT WATERDOWN	4
SNOW BUNNY DANCE 2010	5
EXECUTIVE 2009-2010	5
WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU MESS UP	6
UPCOMING EVENTS	6

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Here we are all ready a month into 2010

Where has 2009 gone? Now some members are taking there winter breaks to hopefully enjoy warmer weather. We would like to thank our Executive and volunteers for helping make 2009 a success.

Since you heard from us last we have had our Christmas Pot Luck where lots of great food, friendship and of course dancing was had by all.

Then came New Year's Eve and again lots of great food.

Of course eating and square dancing seem to go together. It was a great evening and everyone had a grand time dancing all levels of squares as well rounds, Gay Gordons and waltzes. After midnight there was lots of yellow rocks and then cake and coffee. Having just returned from our Snow Bunny dance where we had an increase in attendance and new dancers from other clubs as well as our own. Of course there were lots of advance dancers to join in the fun which helped make it a great success for all. We are looking forward to

seeing Plus and A1 dancers at our Beef à la King February 20<sup>th</sup> and our Ice Cream Social for A1 and A2 dancers March 27<sup>th</sup>.

We hope everyone has a healthy and prosperous 2010

Yellow Rock to you all.



Ralph & Pat Coutts

## FEBRUARY SPECIAL DANCE

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Fashion Show models needed
- Ice Cream Social March 27<sup>th</sup>
- Run for an Executive position
- Pictures and more pictures



**V**ALENTINE'S DAY is fast approaching! If you are looking for just the right gift for your Sweetheart, what could be better than tickets for a dinner and dance you can both enjoy!?!?

For many dancers, Waterdown Village Squares'

### Beef à la King Dance

is an event not to be missed! The date is coming up fast - Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>!

Reserve your tickets now Contact Ken Robinson, at [k.j.robinson@sympatico.ca](mailto:k.j.robinson@sympatico.ca) or (905) 549-0489;

Visit our website

[www.waterdownvillagesquares.ca](http://www.waterdownvillagesquares.ca)

or pick up a flyer at our club dances.

## O WHAT A NIGHT!

Members of Waterdown Village Squares - Ken & Rose Marie Robinson, Bill & Delaine Everett, Doug & Annabelle White, Jamie Whitewood & Sue Gaetan, Bob Wilkins and Arthurlynn Seager - travelled to Guelph on Tuesday, January 12th to steal the Guelph

banner - and to publicize our Snow Bunny Dance. The Royal City Squares and Jeff Priest as caller gave us a "Royal" welcome. If there is one thing you can count on from square dancers, it's that they are a friendly group!

Jeff said we had to work for the banner. He had

us dance a tip with no hands - if you think this is easy, just try dancing with your hands behind your back some time! We apparently did pretty well - 'cause we came home with the banner!

We took the opportunity to make an announcement about our Snow Bunny dance -

Ken looked very cute as a bunny, but he accidentally put the costume on backwards, so the bunny's pink tail was in a most conspicuous place...

*Submitted by:  
Rose Marie Robinson*



## T & D DISTRICT SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION NEWS

### FASHION SHOW

We are delighted to report that our Fashion Show planning meeting held on January 26<sup>th</sup> was well attended and very productive. We have a great resource of talent in our Club, and I know that our Fashion Show will be a great success! There are still opportunities to help - in particular, we are on the lookout for prospective models and escorts. Don't be

shy! You needn't be a Linda Evangelista to show off your favourite square or round dance outfit; and you don't have to be an Alfred Sung - the dress or skirt may be purchased or your own creation. Registration forms will be available shortly; in the meantime, please talk to me if you have any questions about the show.

### T & D DANCES

Many dancers who have fond memories of the T&D "Fun Plus" dances, will be happy to note that Toronto & District Square and Round Dance Association is hosting two special dances this spring:

**March 6th, 2010 -  
Plus & Rounds with  
A1 tips  
and  
April 3rd, 2010 - "Fun  
Plus" and Rounds**

Both are afternoon dances, to be held at St. Bartholomew's United Church, 22 Abbey Rd., Brampton. Check the flyer table for more information.

*Submitted by:  
Rose Marie Robinson*

## TIME TO CONSIDER HELPING OUT

It is that time of year to start thinking about putting your name forward for a position of the Waterdown Village Squares Executive. All positions come available and are voted on at the Annual

General Meeting in April.



If you are a budding

accountant or a flourishing word smith or even feeling a bit dictatorial now is your chance to step up and use your talents to the benefit of our club. Anyone on the current Executive can give you a brief outline of their job.

It is a great opportunity to put your ideas in to action. So, step up and join in the fun.



## CHRISTMAS POT LUCK

Our Christmas Pot Luck was held on Monday 14 December at our club location—St James United Church in Waterdown.

The setup took place from 3:00pm to 5:30pm with the men setting up tables and chairs and the ladies setting the tables and decorating with poinsettias. Strings of Christmas lights complimented the tree that was already there.

Guests started to arrive around 6:00pm with their salads and deserts with the conveners organizing the food in the right spots. Past President Gerry O'Halloran, said grace and guests self-served Salads and Entrees from the tables

(seconds were even available). Deserts were then brought out and everyone enjoyed these with tea and coffee.

Once everyone put away tables and rearranged the chairs the Carol singing began about 7:30pm. Diane Woods played the piano and Don Woods led the singing. Bill Everett, our Class and Mainstream caller, also played and sang solos.

The dancing commenced shortly after 8:00pm with Jim Lee and Bill Everett calling the squares and Jim cueing the rounds. There were always 11 squares dancing and occasionally 12 for a full hall.

Halfway through the



dancing the 12 poinsettias were given away by draw to 12 lucky ladies.

Many hands helped the Presidents and Conveners put away chairs, decorations and clean up the kitchen with all being done by 10:30pm.

A good time was had by all.

*Submitted by:  
Evelyn Scott & Dennis Foster*

## DANCE CANCELLATIONS

The executive have set up a process to inform members of dance cancellations.

For those dancers who have provided the club with their email address, they will receive an email indicating the dance has been cancelled. In addition the club web site

[www.waterdownvillages.ca](http://www.waterdownvillages.ca) will have a banner indicating the dance is cancelled.



For those dancers that have not yet had the pleasure of surfing the

web or who do not understand even what that means we have an old fashioned telephone calling list and they will be contacted by a member of the Executive.



So if the weather looks iffy please check your email or check our web site before you venture out.



NEW YEAR'S EVE @ WATERDOWN



A day to remember started with the decorating group.



I arrived determined to avoid the table set-up and instead work on the balloons. For the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row Matt got there first. Next year we won't tell him when the thing starts.

As usual in short order the room was set-up and looked great. Somewhere above eighty people arrived for the dinner and dance. The Grace by Evelyn set the tone for one of the best evenings in recent

memory. A fine selection of foods for dinner, but wow the desserts. I avoided the urge to have a nap and instead decided to dance. It was fantastic- Have you ever danced the "Neutron"? The

energy was atomic. We all had fun. Great thanks to all who put it together. I'm ready for next year.

*Submitted by:  
Gerry O'Halloran*



**SNOW BUNNY DANCE 2010**

The turnout for 2010 edition of the Snow Bunny dance was tremendous as we had more than 80 dancers pack the hall for a evening of camaraderie, good food and good dancing. Jamie Whitewood and Shirley



Cave greeted guests with the traditional carrots while Susan Gaetan and her hard working crew prepared dinner.



With rabbits hanging from the ceiling, and hung



along the wall, dancers enjoyed the traditional meat pies, peas and gravy on tables covered with red linen tablecloths and bunny centerpieces.



After a dessert of cake and ice cream, stuffed dancers enjoyed the melodic calling of Bill Everett, as he filled the air, getting the squares "a-movin' and a-groovin'". At one point, an appearance by his "special guest",



Elvis, made the ladies swoon to such a degree that the squares all broke down.

People from all over Ontario attended, including guests from as far away as Haliburton and members from other clubs. By the time the party was over, everyone had enjoyed a full evening of food, fun and dance. Two lucky people even went home as winners of the evening's two 50/50

draws.



Many thanks, from Jamie and Sue, to all who helped with the set-up, tear-down, decorating and especially in the kitchen. We couldn't have done it without you! A big yellow rock to all of you.

*Submitted by:  
Jamie Whitewood*



**YOUR EXECUTIVE FOR 2009-2010**

**Presidents:**

Ralph Coutts & 905.822.8045  
Pat Coutts

**Past President:**

Gerry O'Halloran 905.469.3134

**Vice Presidents:**

Ken Robinson & 905.549.0489  
Rose Marie Robinson

**Treasurer:**

Bev Barrowcliffe 905.628.9061

**Secretary :**

Dennis Foster 416.621.3897  
Evelyn Scott 905.820.3349

**Publicity**

Tom Petersen & 905.824.4647  
Marion Petersen

**Membership:**

Bill Turnbull & 905.878.9573  
Corinne Turnbull

**Conveners:**

**Plus-[Monday]:**  
Volunteers required

**A1- [Tuesday]:**  
Volunteers required

**Class/Mainstream-[Thursday]:**

Richard & Susan Klement  
Joe & Barb Winer

**Now is the time to start putting your name forward to ... Volunteer to run for a position on the Executive**  
Talk to anyone on the current Executive for more information

We are on the web!  
www.waterdownvillagesquares.ca

## WATERDOWN VILLAGE SQUARES

Dances held at:  
St James United Church  
306 Parkside Drive,  
Waterdown, ON  
Phone: 905-824-4647  
Fax: 905-824-5663  
E-mail: info@waterdownvillagesquares.ca  
Canada Post: Box 910, Waterdown, ON LOR 2H0



*Forget your cares, dance with the  
Waterdown Village Squares*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**2010**

**Beef à la King**

Saturday February 20

*Plus & A1*

**A-1 Dance**

Saturday March 27

*A1 with A2 tips*

**GRADUATION**

Thursday April 15

All levels welcome

**Hoedown & AGM**

Thursday April 22

*All levels*

**T & D Convention**

May 6, 7, 8 2010

*All levels*

**Halifax National Festival**

July 29, 30 & 31 2010

*All levels*

**Summer Magic**

Aug 27, 28, 29 2010

*All levels Mainstream  
thru C-1 and Rounds*

**GUEST CALLER TEACH NIGHTS**

**Plus Teach—Mondays**

March 1, 8

– Dave Williamson

**A1 Teach—Tuesdays**

March 2, 9

– Tim Crawford

## WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU MESS UP

**W**e were returning from a dance the other day and we got into a discussion on how we had enjoyed the dancing despite the fact that our square had missed out on a call or two. We realized that the squares that we were in where there was a problem with the call the men each grabbed a lady (in the nicest possible way) and then formed lines. The caller saw we were ready and when it was convenient he called “lines go forward and back” and we were back in business.

I know that as a teaching club we focus on what to do when things are moving along correctly. It is not in the caller’s best interest to force a square to break down so recovering is not something we practice. So if your square breaks down, head men, take a lady in your right hand, get her to take a side man in her right hand and finally the side man should have a lady in his right hand. You should then have two lines of four facing and ready to move as soon as the caller catches up to you. One thing to note; the lady you take hold of in your right hand does not have to be the partner you came to the dance with. It takes longer to get your original partner back than if you just take the lady nearest you. I am certain that “old grumpy” as Bill Everett calls her, will understand you were not playing favourites; you were just being efficient and trying to quickly get back into the game.

*Submitted by: Tom Petersen*



Let’s see a good turnout from Waterdown Village Squares at the Convention May 6, 7, & 8

Get your tickets from  
Ken Robinson