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Newsletter for February 2007

Howdy!

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Happy (Chinese) New Year to all. Year 4706, the Year of the Boar (also known as the Year of the Pig) begins on February 18 according to the Chinese astrological calendar. Also known as the Spring Festival, the celebration lasts for two weeks and includes fireworks, feasts and, of course, dancing. So, let's get this party started! Get into a square and dance!

It's No Tale; We're Going to Canterbury

In what has become an annual event, our April dance will be held at the Canterbury Community Center in Canterbury, CT, located on Route 14. We began dancing at Canterbury in April back in 2004; our April dance usually falls when the schools are closed during spring vacation week. Thanks to help from Clay Pellet, we were able to book the Canterbury Community Center. We made a second trip to Canterbury last year. We had such a good time, and the attendance was so good that we have decided to try to make this an annual event. The dance is scheduled for Friday, April 20. Everett Mackin is calling and Bev Mackay is cuing. A flyer with directions and more information is attached to this month's newsletter. The flyer is available online at <http://fhrick.net/Canterbury2007.pdf> or contact Fred Rick at fhrick@yahoo.com or by phone: (860) 454-4262.

Round Dance Lessons by Bev Mackay

Bev Mackay is teaching Rounds on Monday evenings at the South Congregational Church in Springfield, MA. Phase II from 6:30-7; Phase III & IV 7:30-10:00. For more information contact Bev at 413-572-3051.

Travel Nights/Banner Raids

We don't have an official travel night for February/March, but here are a few nearby dances; unless otherwise noted dances start at 8, 7:30 Rounds:

Saturday, February 17: Manchester Mardi Gras Dance. Caller: John Hendron; Cuer: Jo Yakimowski. Plus Level

Sunday, February 18: Cheshire Cats Mardi Gras Dance. Caller: Todd Felleggy; Cuer: Bev MacKay. Dance begins at 7, no early Rounds, Plus Level

Friday, February 23: South Windsor Hawaiian Nite at the Powder Mill Barn, Hazardville. Caller: Bill Mager; Cuer: Jo Yakimowski. MS/Plus alternating tips.

Friday, March 9: South Windsor Mardi Gras at the Powder Mill Barn, Hazardville. Caller: Paul Roy; Cuer: Jo Yakimowski. MS/Plus alternating tips.

Saturday, March 10: Glastonbury South of the Border dance at the Glastonbury River Front Community Ctr. Caller: Lenny Stratton; Cuer: Steve Garrett. MS/PL

Saturday, March 24: Manchester Country-Western dance. Caller: Ken Rittuci; Cuer: Bev MacKay. Plus Level.

CASDC Mini Festival

CASDC will host a Mini festival in October 2007 at New Horizons in Farmington CT on Sunday October 14, 2007. We'll provide details as soon as they are available.

CASDC News

By Frank Lussier

Cheri (Stetson) Bean's husband, Allan Charles, died Saturday, January 27. Memorials: CJD Foundation, PO Box 5312, Akron, OH 44344.

Lori Morin's husband, Dave, is doing well recovering from a stroke. PO Box-9, Chepachet, RI, 02814

Is there another word for synonym ?

The Club-of-the-Month East for February is **Surfside 8** on Friday, February 23.

What was the best thing before sliced bread ?

New England Convention

The 49th New England Convention will be in Springfield MA, April 26, 27, 28 & 29, 2007. We have been told that the problems with the floors have been resolved; there will be wood floors in all the halls.

National Square Dance Convention

The 56th National Square Dance Convention will be in Charlotte, NC, June 27-30, 2007. We'll provide more details as soon as they are available.

Quiet Corner Contra Dance Season

The next dance of the 2006-2007 Quiet Corner Contra Dance (QCCD) season will be Saturday, March 3 at 8 p.m. (lesson at 7:30). The caller is Christine Hale; live music provided by Rambling Pitchfork. The dance is at the Hampton Congregational Church at 256 Main Street (on Rte. 97) in Hampton, CT. They are also asking for contributions to their dessert potluck at the break. Contact Richard Donovan at donovr@yahoo.com or call 860 208 5819 (cell) or 860 455 1385 (home) more information.

Shindigs and Hoedowns at the Powder Mill Barn

Ralph Sweet is calling Contra Dances at the Powder Mill Barn in Hazardville on the 4th Sunday of each month through June. Ralph is also calling and hosting a series of "Hoedowns at the Barn" on the 2nd Sunday afternoon from 2-5 p.m. thru June. The series will take place featuring mostly square dancing to live music with the Barn Band. This is a good chance to introduce some new beginners to both square and contra dancing. For contact information: phone 860-749-4494, e-mail Ralphsweet@aol.com or check the website at www.powdermillbarn.com.

In March, the Ides Have It!

Our March dance is scheduled for Friday, March 16 at the Sweeney School. Caller: Jim DeNigris; Cuer: Bev Mackay. Hosts: Alice Leibowitz & Fred Rick. Refreshments: **Sandwiches** - Zoe Leibowitz & Fred Rick; **Desert**: Alma Derway; **Veggies**: Alice Leibowitz. Cookies and chips provided by the club.

In April We Make our Annual Pilgrimage to Canterbury

Our April dance is scheduled for Friday, April 20 at the Canterbury Community Center in Canterbury off Route 14. Caller: Everett Mackin Cuer: Bev Mackay. Hosts: Alice Leibowitz & Fred Rick. Refreshments: **Sandwiches**: Zoe Leibowitz & Fred Rick; **Dessert**: Alma Derway; **Veggies**: Alice Leibowitz; cookies & chips provided by the club.