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Newsletter for February 2008

Howdy!



Tonight we celebrate Susan B. Anthony's birthday with our Pizza Night dance! Judging from the picture, it's clear that Susan B. knew how to party and we're sure she did her fair share of square dancing. So even though it's the dead of winter and that overgrown rat in Pennsylvania tells us that we have to go through six more weeks of winter, there's no need to despair. Don't suffrage the winter blues, just follow Susan's example and march on down to the dance floor and get into a square!

March Dance Cancelled

Our normal dance night in March falls on Good Friday (March 21). Due to the lack of a hall (the Sweeney School is closed on that date) and the likelihood that we would not get a good turnout on that day, the Executive Board decided to cancel the March dance. Our next dance after tonight will be on Friday, April 18 at the St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Storrs on the UConn campus (see below).

April and June Dances at St. Thomas Aquinas

Due to scheduling conflicts we will not be able to dance at the Sweeney School in April and June. Thanks to club president Alice Kolega we are once again able to dance at the St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Storrs on the UConn campus on North Eagleville Road, the third church in from Rte. 195. Directions are available on the club website at <http://fhrick.net/windhamwhirlers.html> and in the back of this newsletter.

Possible Potluck in March

Some members have suggested that we hold our annual pot luck in March. We skipped the potluck last year. Among the possible choices are the buffet in Willimantic - we went there several years ago; or someone might volunteer to host (hint, hint). We will get together at some point and make a decision on this. When we do, we'll contact everyone and try to set a time and date.

Gary Roberts

We are sad to report that Gary Roberts, long-time square dancer and past president of the South Windsor Square Dance Club passed away on Tuesday, February 12. It was Gary Roberts who first proposed that Windham and South Windsor sponsor dances together back in 2004; since then we have sponsored several very successful dances with South Windsor. Gary was also very good at recruiting students for South Windsor's lessons and laid the groundwork for South Windsor's continuing success in attracting new dancers. Gary was a good friend of Square Dancing in Connecticut and a kind and decent man who was always ready to help a friend or even strangers in need. I spoke to several dancers over the past few days who recall how kind he was to them when they were first starting out. He will be missed.

Gary Roberts' wake will be held at the Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St, Manchester Ct on Sunday Feb 17, 2008 between 2-6 PM. The funeral services will be Monday, Feb 18 at the same location at 10 AM. Gary will be cremated and buried next to his mother with full military honors at the Center Street Cemetary in Manchester on Tuesday, February 19.

If you would like to contact Jack Roberts, his father, his address is
86 Carter St, Manchester CT 06040
Phone: 643-0895

If you would like to contact Renee Taylor, her address is
12 Custer Dr., Windsor CT 06095
Phone: 796-6558

Travel Nights/Banner Raids for February/March/April

There is no Official Travel Night, but here are several dances of interest in the area (unless otherwise noted dances begin at 8 p.m. with Early Rounds at 7:30):

Saturday, February 16, 2008: Manchester. Beginners Ball. Caller: Rich Sbardella;
Cuer: Jo Yakimowski

Sunday, February 18: Cheshire Cats; 7-9:30, no early Rounds. Caller: Todd Fellegly;
Cuer: Bev Mackay

Friday, February 22 South Windsor at the Powder Mill Barn: Sweetheart's Ball.
Caller: Jay Silva; Cuer: Phil Gatchell

Saturday, February 23: Manchester. Causal dress. Caller: Mike Iavarone; Cuer: Kathy Bryant. Manchester is changing its format with this dance to alternating MS/Plus tips

Saturday, March 8: Glastonbury. Caller: Ed Ruddy; Cuer: Steve Garrett

Friday, March 14: South Windsor at the Powder Mill Barn: St. Pat's Dance. Caller: Chris Pinkham; Cuer: Roy Williams

Saturday, March 15: Manchester. Irish Night. Caller: Ken Ritucci; Cuer: Steve Garrett

Bev Mackay Round Dance Lessons

Bev is offering Round Dance lessons at the Farmington Community Center (where Central Valley Dances) on Tuesday evenings beginning on February 19. Experienced dancers interested in learning advanced steps in Waltz, Fox-trot, Rumba and Jive can attend classes from 7:30-10 p.m. For more information contact Bev at bnbrounds@comcast.net

2007-2008 Quiet Corner Contra Dance season

Dances are held at the Hampton Congregational Church at 256 Main St in Hampton, CT (on Rte. 97). Dances begin at 8 p.m. wit beginners' lessons from 7:30-8.

03/01/08 Christine Hale calling with Becky Miller and Norb Spencer playing

04/05/08 Steve Holland calling with Polymorphous String Band playing

05/03/08 Bill Fischer calling with TBD playing

06/07/08 Dan Pearl calling with TBD playing

March on Straight Thru to April

We will not have a dance in March. Our April dance is scheduled for Friday, April 18 at the St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Storrs on the UConn campus (see blow for directions). Caller: John Hendron; Cuer: Bev Mackay. The hosts are Bob & Gloria Lee. Sandwiches: Zoe Leibowitz & Noreen Morgan; Desserts: Alice Kolega and Elaine Macke; Fruit OR Veggies: Fred Rick

In May We're back at Sweeney

Our May dance is scheduled for Friday, May 16 at the Sweeney School. Caller: Bill Mager; Cuer: Birgit Maguire. Hosts: Zoe & Jerry Leibowitz . Ice Cream Night dance; the club will provide Ice Cream and crackers. Veggies: Jeanne Starkey;



Revised Location for April 18 Dance

Join us for another in our series of "Too Cool for School" dances on Friday, April 18 at the St. Thomas Aquinas Church located at 46 North Eagleville Road on the UConn campus in Storrs.

Caller: John Hendron Cuer: Bev Mackay

From Rte. 84: EXIT 68 (Tolland/University of Connecticut) to Rte. 195 South (RIGHT from US 84 East towards Boston, LEFT from US 84 West towards Hartford) approximately 7.1 miles to the UConn campus. RIGHT on to North Eagleville Road (second traffic light AFTER Rte. 44, the Storrs Congregational Church is on the corner) St. Thomas Aquinas Church will be on the RIGHT, approximately 1/10 mile from the intersection. Parking is available in the lot in FRONT of the church or on the street.

From Rte. 384: US Rte. 384 East to end of highway; bear LEFT on to Rte.44 to Coventry/Mansfield. Continue on Rte. 44 approximately 8 miles to Rte. 195. RIGHT on to Rte. 195 approximately 1.5 miles to North Eagleville Road (second traffic light, the Storrs Congregational Church is on the corner) RIGHT on to North Eagleville Road, St. Thomas Aquinas Church will be on the RIGHT, approximately 1/10 mile from the intersection. Parking is available in the lot in FRONT of the church or on the street.

From Willimantic and points South: CT Rte. 32 to Willimantic. Cross the "Frog Bridge" continue straight onto Jackson Street. Jackson Street becomes Rte. 195. Continue on Rte. 195 for approximately 8 miles onto the UConn campus beginning at South Eagleville Road. After South Eagleville Road continue on to the third traffic light - this is North Eagleville Road (the Storrs Congregational Church is on the corner) LEFT on to North Eagleville Road, St. Thomas Aquinas Church will be on the RIGHT, approximately 1/10 mile from the intersection. Parking is available in the lot in FRONT of the church or on the street.

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Directions are also available on our website at <http://fhrick.net/windhamwhirlers.html>