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Newsletter for April 2008

Howdy!



Tonight we return to St. Thomas Aquinas Church for another in our series of "Too Cool for School" dances (sounds nicer than saying that the Sweeney people kicked us out for the month ☺). Today's birthday honorees include Lucrezia Borgia (well, her father was a pope and we're in church tonight); Clarence Darrow, Leopold Stokowski and Barbara Hale (AKA Della Street). Aside from being born on April 18, they don't have much in common, but I have to find some way of filling the space...

It's hard to believe that another year has almost passed as we get ready for next month's annual meeting. But before we get down to the business of electing next year's Board, it's time to for more important matters -- get in a square and dance!

Annual Meeting/Executive Board Elections

The Annual Meeting/Potluck Dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 14 beginning at 6 p.m. at Zoe & Jerry Leibowitz's home in Storrs, CT. (for directions contact Zoe or Jerry). The main purpose of the meeting is to elect next year's board. The nominating committee, consisting of Alma Derway and her trusty telephone, has submitted the following slate:

President: Alma Derway
Programmer: Burt & Jeanne Starkey
Treasurer: Al & Elaine Macke
Secretary: Fred Rick
Hospitality: Noreen & Chuck Morgan
Special Events: Gerald Leibowitz
CASDC Rep: Joan Weatherford

Joe Lusky

We are sad to report that Joe Lusky passed away on March 14. Joe and Ethel Lusky have been members of the Windham Whirlers since the early days of the club and remained active in the club's activities even after they stopped dancing. Ethel served as club Secretary for last year. Joe and Ethel had been married for 67 years; they were featured in an article in the February 2007 edition of *Hebron and Marlborough Life* as a prime example of a happily married couple. In their years together Joe and Ethel shared many interests and adventures in addition to square dancing. They traveled to all 50 states, Australia, New Zealand, Spain and Portugal, and last year traveled down to Charleston, S.C. and on a cruise through the Caribbean.

Joe and Ethel also enjoyed skiing in New England, Colorado and Utah; participated in sailboat racing - Joe won first place in his class at the 1975 Thames Yacht Club Regatta and was presented with a silver bowl by Governor Ella Grasso. Joe was one of the charter members of the Columbia Lions Club. Joe and Ethel continued to be involved in their community and after moving to Hebron became members of the St. Peter Episcopal Church.

In addition to Ethel, Joe is survived by their two daughters Carole Eller and Pamela Ciacaloni. We will miss Joe's gentle smile and his quiet sense of humor. Our prayers go out to Ethel and the entire Lusky family.

Potstickers instead of Potluck in March

Windham Whirlers gathered at the Royal Buffet in Willimantic on Wednesday, March 26 for our annual potluck get together. Over a dozen members attended choosing from a variety of offerings at the buffet-style restaurant. The food was good and the company was better.

Chuck & Noreen Morgan join the Les Jois De Quebec at ECSU

Chuck and Noreen Morgan will perform with the Les Jois De Quebec ensemble at their annual concert at Eastern Connecticut State University on Friday, April 25 from 7-8:30 p.m. The concert features French-Canadian music. For more information speak to Chuck or Noreen or check out their website at <http://www.geocities.com/chuckmrgn@att.net/music.html> (there is a link to the site on our own web page).

New England Convention

The 50th Annual New England Square and Round Dance Convention will be held in Sturbridge, MA Friday, April 25 through Sunday, April 27. A special Trail-in Dance will be held at the Host Hotel in Sturbridge on Thursday, April 24 from 8-11 p.m.

featuring a variety of callers and cuers. For more information see the website at <http://www.nesrdc.org/> or e-mail chairman@nesrdc.org

Travel Nights/Banner Raids for April/May

There are no official travel nights, but here are some dances of interest:

Sunday, April 20: Cheshire Cats : Dance starts at 7, no early rounds. Caller: Rusty McLean, Cuer: Sue Lucibello

Friday, April 25-Sunday, April 27: 50th New England Square Dance Convention (see above)

Saturday, May 3: Hayloft Steppers: Caller: Jay Silva; Cuer: Birgit Maguire; MS/PL, no early Rounds.

Friday, May 9: South Windsor at the Powder Mill Barn: Pizza Night. Caller: The Hardys; Cuer: Steve Garrett; MS/PL, Early Rounds (7:30)

Saturday, May 10: Glastonbury. Caller: Bill Mager, Cuer: Liz Becker; MS/Plus, Early Rounds (7:30)

Bev Mackay Round Dance Lessons

Bev is offering Round Dance lessons at the Farmington Community Center (where Central Valley Dances) on Tuesday evenings. Beginner two-step from 6:30-7:30; Jive and Rumba 7:30-8:00; 8-9:45: advanced Rumba, Cha and Bolero and other steps depending on who is there and what the dancers are interested in learning or working on. 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.

05/03/08 Bill Fischer calling with TBD playing

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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.

Back in Storrs for June

We conclude our season back at the St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Storrs on Friday, June 13. Caller: Bruce McCue; Cuer: Roy Williams. Birgit Maguire. Hosts: Morgans and Starkeys. Refreshments will be provided by the club.