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Newsletter for October 2008

Howdy!



Sharing a birthday with Rita: 1: Mae Jemison, American's first African-American female astronaut, 2: actress Jean Arthur; 3: actress, singer, comedienne Spring Byington; English author Elinor Glyn; and, 5: singer Alan Jackson singing one of his two-step favorites.

It's time for our October dance. Today is Rita Hayworth's 90th birthday (that's her in the middle as Gilda, with other October 17 birthday celebrants). Though Rita was an accomplished dancer (Fred Astaire said she was his favorite partner, sorry Ginger) we're not sure if she ever square danced - but she did plenty of rumbas and chas - so we can count her as an honorary Round dancer. And even if Rita didn't do a lot of dos-sa-do-ing, there's no reason why we can't - so let's get this party started - get into a square and dance!

Teacup Auction Seeks Donors

We are planning on holding a teacup auction at our December dance. If you have small items to donate (or previous door prizes to regift :->) Please speak to Noreen Morgan.

Windham Whirlers Getting Around

We don't travel in large groups, but some of our members do get around. Here are some recent visits:

Three WW's twirled around at the **Mayflower Round Dance Festival** in Sturbridge on Sunday, October 5. Nearly 100 Round Dancers from New England and beyond traveled to the Hayloft Barn to dance rounds all afternoon led by six of New England's best cuers.

Four WWs attended the **Cheshire Cats** dance with Ed Ruddy and Sue Lucibello on October 12, there ere about six squares in attendance.

Four WWs made the trek to the **Powder Mill Barn** on October 10 to see Patti Greene make a rare Connecticut appearance joined by Birgit Maguire on Rounds. Eight squares were in attendance.

Travel Suggestions/Special Events

Time again to nag - if we want guests we have to be guests, that means traveling. And remember, being a guest means not having to clean up or bring food and you don't have to wait for Refreshments - just show up and dance. Here are our two official Travel Nights:

CASDC New England Convention Kickoff Dance

CASDC will sponsor a New England Square & Round Dance Convention 'Kickoff Dance' n Sunday, October 26 from 2-5 PM at New Horizons Village located at 37 Bliss Road in Farmington, CT. For more information, check the CASDC website at <http://www.casdc.net/>.

South Windsor SDC 45th anniversary dance:

Friday, November 28: Caller: Charlie Trapp; Cuer: Roy Williams. **Club of the Month (East)**. The theme is South Windsor's Annual Canned Food Drive; 7:30 PM early rounds, square dancing starting at 8:00. Location: Powder Mill Barn, Hazardville section of Enfield, CT.

Other Dances of Interest in the Area:

Friday, October 24: South Windsor; Caller: Matt Auger; Cuer: Jo Yakimowski 7:30 Rounds, 8 p.m. dance at the Powder Mill Barn in Hazardville.

Saturday, October 25: Manchester; Caller: Ken Ritucci, Cuer: Bev Mackay. 7:30 Rounds, 8 p.m. 2nd Congregational Church on North Main Street in Manchester.

Friday, October 31: South Windsor; National Caller Kevin Bersing; Cuer: Harriett Clarke - South Winsdor Community Center --- Early Rounds 7-7:30; dance 7:30, ends at 10 p.m.

Saturday, November 1: Hayloft Seppers; Caller: Randy Longobucco; Cuer: Phil Gatchell; No Early Rounds, dance begins at 8 p.m.

Sunday, November 16: Cheshire Cats; Caller: Todd Fellegy; Cuer: Sue Lucibello. Dance starts at 7, no Early Rounds.

Bev Mackay Round Dance Lessons

Bev is offering Round Dance lessons at the Farmington Community Center on Tuesday evenings. Bev will be starting Waltz lessons from the beginning later this month. Beginner class runs from 6:30 - 7:15; other rhythms from 7:15-9:30. For more information contact Bev at bnbrounds@comcast.net

Quiet Corner Contra Dances

The next Quiet Corner Contra Dance is scheduled for Saturday, November 1. Bill Fischer calling; the Neo Contras providing live music. Instruction starts at 7:30 p.m., the dances begin at 8:00pm. Dances are held at the Hampton Congregational Church located at 256 Main St, (Route 97) in Hampton CT. Beginner dancers are always welcome; no partner is necessary. All dances are taught. Bring soft-soled shoes and water for drinking and, if you can, bring something to share for our FAMOUS dessert potluck at the break. The QCCD dance schedule for 2008-09 (always subject to change, we'll update as needed) is below:

12-6-08 (Caller TBD) with 1st Time String Band playing

1-03-09 Jim Gregory calling with (Band TBD)

2-7-09 Tom Roby calling with Matching Orange playing

3-7-09 Ralph Sweet calling with White Squall playing

4-04-09 Steve Holland calling with Thread City String Band playing

5-02-09 (Caller TBD) with Neo-Contras playing

6-06-09 (Caller TBD) with 1st Time String Band playing

For more information contact Susan at 860-933-3586 for more info, or check on the web site at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/QuietCornerContraDance>

Shindigs at the Powder Mill Barn

The Powder Mill Barn Contra Dances are held on the fourth Sunday of the month at the Powder Mill Barn in Hazardville from 7-10 p.m. Admission \$8.00; light refreshments available; guests are encouraged to bring some goodies to share! The first dance of this season is set for October 26 with the Barn Band (Sue Hill, fiddle, and Linda Thomas, piano) and Ralph Sweet calling contras and some squares. More details will follow as the date gets closer. Directions: from I-91 take Exit 47E, go about 2.5 miles; in the center of Hazardville, (Valero Station on left) take a RIGHT onto South Maple Street; go down hill, look for the Red Barn on right just before narrow bridge. For more information contact Ralph Sweet at 860-749-4494; e-mail Ralphsweet@aol.com; or go to the website at www.powdermillbarn.com.

CASDC News

By Frank Lussier

If you change your E-Mail address and wish to continue receiving my 'messages, monthly notes & dance listings', please send me your new E-mail address.

Anyone wishing to up-date items on the CASDC WebSite please contact Fred Rick at: fhrick@yahoo.com or at 860-454-4262. For 'last minute dance cancellations', please contact Fred prior to 5 PM for 'same day cancellations'.

Direct Link to CASDC Round Dance Lessons at: <http://www.casdc.net/Rounds.html>.

Coggin-Chuggers Friday, October 31, dance is Club of the Month East.

Coggin-Chuggers has a new WebSite at <http://www.cogginchuggers.net>.

At present, **Grand Squares** is not dancing.

Surfside 8 now dances on the 1st & 3rd Fridays

Don't be a Turkey, Come Dance and have some Pie with us in November!

Our November dance will be on Friday, November 21 at the Sweeney School. Caller: Jim DeNigris; Cuer: Kathy Bryant. The theme is Pie Night so expect to have some pie and dance with at least 3.14 squares. Refreshment assignments: Hosts: Jeanne & Burt Starkey; the club will provide the pies and crackers; Veggies: Warren Bliss

End the Year with Cheer, at Sweeney (we think)

Our December dance is scheduled for Friday, December 19 at the Sweeney School (but there is a possibility that the location may change). Caller: John Hendron; Cuer: Steve Garrett. Refreshment assignments: Hosts: Bernie & Ernie Brisson; all members bring finger foods; chips will be provided by the club.