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Newsletter for December 2008-January 2009

Howdy!



December 19 Birthday boys Jake Gyllenhaal and Leonid Brezhnev live *La Vie en Rose* as birthday girl Édith Piaf sings.



January 16: more music in the air as singers Ronnie Milsap and Marilyn Horne watch Ethel Merman try out a costume for *Call Me Madam*.

Old Man Winter is starting off fast and furiously this year - we had more snow in December and early January than all of last winter. Our December dance was a casualty of the first major snowstorm of the year and although we're dancing tonight it is bitterly cold with temperatures in the single digits. BRRRR!

We include birthday celebrants from December 19 and January 16 - it seems that December and January were good months for singers - four of the six people pictured to the left are singers. But good music is nothing without good dancing and we all know the best way to warm up and keep warm - get in a square and dance!

Teacup Auction Rescheduled for April, Still Looking for Donors

The teacup auction has been rescheduled for our April dance, when we will be Club of the Month. If you have small items to donate (or previous door prizes to regift :-)) Please speak to Noreen Morgan.

We Answered the Challenge

Six members of the Windham Whirlers were among the eight squares of dancers attending the South Windsor Four-Star Dance on Friday, December 5 featuring callers Bob Smith, Steve Garrett and Bill Mager and cuer Jo Yakimowski. The event

lived up to its name as the callers and cuer all joined in at different times with tuneful harmonies and fun choreography. South Windsor challenged all clubs in Connecticut to bring a square to a dance and although we fell a bit shy of the goal, we thank Zoe & Jerry Leibowitz, Alice Leibowitz, Joan Weatherford, Kathy Hexter and Fred Rick for showing Windham's colors at this event.

Julie Ceccarelli

We are sad to report that Julie Ceccarelli passed away on January 2. Julie and Art Ceccarelli were former members of the Windham Whirlers and have not been active dancers for a long time. Arthur Ceccarelli's address is 260 Pleasant St., Willimantic-06226. Our condolences to the Ceccarelli family, our prayers are with you.

Benefit concert for the Mansfield Senior Center

A benefit concert for the Mansfield Senior Center will be held on Sunday, January 25 at 3 p.m. The event will feature the a cappella group Take Note! Suggested donation is \$5; the Mansfield Senior Center is located at 303 Maple Road, just off South Eagleville Road near the UConn campus.

Official Travel Night for February

Saturday, February 21: Manchester Square Dance Club is CASDC's Club of the Month East for February 2009. Caller John Hendron; cuer Kathy Bryant. Dance starts at 8 with 7:30 Rounds.

Other Dances of Interest in the Area:

Saturday, January 17: Central Valley, Farmington Community Center: Caller: Lenny Stratton; Cuer: Bev Mackay 7:30 Rounds, dance begins at 8. Plus with one A1 tip.

Friday, January 23: South Windsor at the Powder Mill Barn. Caller: Ken Ritucci; Cuer: Birgit Maguire. Dance begins at 8, 7:30 Rounds.

Saturday, January 24: Manchester, Beginners Ball: Caller: Rich Sbardella; Cuer: Kathy Bryant. 7:30 Rounds, 8 p.m.

Saturday, February 14: Glastonbury: Caller: Bill Mager, Cuer: Steve Garrett; 7:30 Rounds, 8 p.m. dance, MS/Plus.

Quiet Corner Contra Dances

The next Quiet Corner Contra Dance is scheduled for Saturday, February 7. The caller is Tom Roby with live music provided by Matching Orange. Everyone is invited to a Potluck Dinner/Meeting set to begin at 5 p.m. at the church (see below for directions). 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 the rest of 2008-09 (always subject to change, we'll update as needed) is below:

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 next dance of this season is set for January 25 with Shirley White on fiddle and Linda Henry on piano with Ralph Sweet calling contras and some squares. 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.

Come Join us for Pizza in February

Our next dance will be on Friday, February 20 at the Sweeney School. Caller: Bob Smith; Cuer: Steve Garrett. This is our Pizza Night Dance; the club will provide pizza and refreshments. Hosts: Noreen & Chuck Morgan.

March into Spring

Our March dance will be on Friday, March 20 at the Sweeney School. Caller: Jim DeNigris; Cuer: Kathy Bryant. Refreshment assignments: Hosts: Alma Derway & Alice Leibowitz; **Sandwiches:** Elaine Macke & Noreen Morgan; **Desserts:** Dale Dyer & Kathy Hexter; **Veggies or Fruit:** Fred Rick. Chips provided by club.