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Newsletter for October 2005

Howdy!



We hope you all managed to get through our monsoon season dry and intact. Now that the rain has stopped for the time being - Wilma is heading our way sometime this weekend -- we're enjoying a fairly warm October - not good for the foliage, but a relief after almost two weeks of gray skies. And what better way is there to celebrate nice weather (or anything else) than to get in a square and dance!

Travel Nights

Our next official Travel Night will be on Saturday November 5 to the Ledyard Squares. The dance is from 7:30-10:30; Caller: Lori Morin (RI); Cuer: Liz Becker. The dance is located at the Ledyard Senior Center on Van Tassel Drive, off Route 12 in Gales Ferry. The dance theme is the Annual food drive; donations of nonperishable foods will be collected for a local food bank.

Our December Travel Night will be on Saturday December 17 to Manchester. The dance begins at 8 with early rounds at 7:30. Caller: Matt Auger, Cuer: Liz Becker. The dance is located at the 2nd Congregational Church at 385 North Main St. in Manchester. The dance theme is Happy Holidays.

Time to nag: if we want guests we have to be guests. And we need guests to keep our dances going. Also, a reminder of the benefits of being a guest: all you have to do is show up and dance. You don't have to bring refreshments; you don't have to

setup or clean up, and you don't have to wait for the guests to pass through the refreshment line. Isn't that enough of an incentive?

Cha Cha with Bev

Bev MacKay is teaching beginner Cha for Rounds dancers on Thursday evenings, lessons began last week. The lessons are held at the South Congregational Church located at 45 Maple Street in Springfield, MA from 6:15 - 7:15 PM. Admission is \$5.00 per person. For additional information please contact Beverly & Robert MacKay - 413-572-3051 or by e-mail at bnbrounds@mysquaredance.com

Contra Dances at the Chaplin Grange

The Quiet Corner Contra Dance Club holds Contra Dances on the first Saturday of the month from September thru June. The dances are from 8-11 p.m. with a teach at 7:30. Contra Dances feature live music; admission is \$6, guests are welcome to bring a refreshment to share with other dancers. The next dance is on November 5 featuring caller Chris Weiler, music by the Killer Bees.

Contra Dances at the Powder Mill Barn

Ralph Sweet will be calling Contra Dances with live music at the Powder Mill Barn, located in Hazardville, CT on the 4th Sunday of each month beginning on Sunday, October 23. The dances are held from 7-10 p.m. with a beginner workshop beginning at 6:30. Admission is \$8. For directions, schedule and more information, visit the website at <http://www.sweetheartflute.com/Barn/> or contact Ralph Sweet by e-mail at Ralphsweet@aol.com or phone: 860-749-4494.

Hoedowns for Humanity

We received the following e-mail from another worth charity:

"A group of square dancers and callers has founded a national program called Hoedowns for Humanity to sponsor events across the United States. These community events will raise funds and friends for local affiliates of Habitat for Humanity while at the same time bringing a wholesome family activity back into the American mainstream.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that builds homes side by side with deserving families (who will be the future homeowners) and a host of volunteers. The most well-known Habitat volunteer is former President Jimmy Carter. In the early years of our nation, neighbors regularly joined together to help each other build houses and barns, and they often gathered afterwards with their families to enjoy an

evening of food and square dancing. We think the combination is still powerful: Habitat house-raising supported by square dancing and a community meal!

Hoedowns for Humanity friend- and fund-raising events will bring neighbors together in a spirit of energetic community fun with homebuilding being the ultimate goal. In addition to a good meal and square dancing for beginners, Hoedowns may feature country/western dancing, live bands, song, children's entertainment such as magicians or clowns, chair massages, raffles, door prizes, and so on.

More information on Habitat for Humanity can be found at www.habitat.org. To arrange a Hoedown for Humanity, please e-mail Johnny Preston at johnpresto@yahoo.com Coming soon: Hoedowns for Humanity website!:
www.hoedownsforhumanity.com

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Square Dancers for Katrina

The *Square Dancers for Katrina* fund is still accepting donations. All funds collected will go directly to hurricane victims. For more information, visit the website at <http://www.squaredancers4katrina.org/>. You can also send contributions directly by sending a check to: **GSI**

Dancers for Hurricane Katrina Fund
1100 East Morehead Street, Suite 100
Charlotte, NC 28204

In November, Don't be a Turkey, Have Some Pie, then Get up and Dance!

Our November dance will be on Friday, November 18 at the Sweeney School. The dance begins at 8 p.m. (7:30 Rounds) and ends at 10:15. Caller: Everett Mackin; cuer: Kathy Bryant. Plus level dance. This will be our Pie Night. The club will supply pies for the dance, the Morgans will make the arrangements; the hosts will be Zoe & Jerry Leibowitz.

In December We'll Yellow Rock Under the Mistletoe

Our next dance will be on Friday, December 16 at the Sweeney School. The dance begins at 8 p.m. (7:30 Rounds) and ends at 10:15. Caller: Jim Pulaski; cuer: Liz Becker. Plus level dance. **Hosts:** Jeanne & Burt Starkey **Refreshments:** Pot Luck -- All members bring anything they desire.