

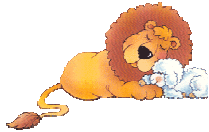
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Newsletter for March 2004

Howdy!



We're back at Sweeney School tonight - welcome home! As the saying goes, March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb - and the weather has been beastly for the past few days. However, we all know that this is Old Man Winter's last gasp - Spring arrives tomorrow morning at 1:49 a.m.! Until then, we'll just have to keep warm the best way we know how. So don't be sheepish (stop me before I pun again) - put on your dancing shoes and get in a square!

CASDC Festival 2004

The 36th Annual Connecticut Square & Round Dance Festival is this Sunday, March 21, at Cheshire High School, Rt-10 in Cheshire. The dance theme is "Swinging with a Smile" (there is no restriction on smiling during other calls - feel free to dos a dos and left allemande with a smile as well). For more information call 203-733-1088 or e-mail CTFestival@casdc.org. If you haven't bought a ribbon in advance, the admission price is \$10 at the door. For directions, see below:

Directions to the CASDC Festival in Cheshire From U.S. Rte 84 West:

U.S. Route 84 West to Exit 27 (Rte 691).

Rte. 691 to exit 3 (Route 10). At the end of the ramp, turn RIGHT onto Route 10. Continue on Route 10 for five miles, the High School/Community Center complex is on the right. Note: Route 10 is Highland Avenue for the first three miles, and then becomes South Main Street.

April Dance on Fifth Friday (April 30), not Third Friday

Our April Dance will be held on Friday, April 30, the FIFTH Friday of the month. We are moving our dance to a different Friday because the schools will be closed for

Easter vacation during the week of April 12. The school will not be available for a dance on the 16th, the third Friday of the month (our normal schedule). We will return to our normal schedule in May.

Grace Grenon

We are saddened to report that Grace Grennon passed away on March 5 in Florida. Grace had been stricken with cancer and has been battling the disease since last summer. Grace and her husband Bill had been active in the club for many years before they moved to Florida. Just two summers ago Grace and her husband Bill joined several other Windham Whirlers for a demonstration dance at one of the Willimantic Third Thursday summer festivals.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Bill Grennon and the Grennon family. Our prayers are with you.

Proposed By-Law Revisions Scheduled for a Vote at the Annual Meeting

The By-Laws Review Committee (Alice Leibowitz, Gerald Leibowitz, Zoe Leibowitz and Fred Rick) has prepared its final report. The proposed By-laws were printed in the February newsletter and are available online at <http://www.fhrick.net/By-lawsRevisionFinalReport2004.pdf>. The club will vote on the by-law changes at the annual meeting in May.

Proposed amendments include a list of Executive Committee duties, a new Executive position - Association Representative (CASDC Rep.), a separate section on Amendments and a change in the requirements for quorum and term limits for Executive Office positions. Fred Rick has a several copies of the current By-Laws for those who wish to compare the two documents.

Many Thanks to Clay Pellett

The Windham Whirlers thank Clay Pellett for helping us get the Canterbury Community Center for our February dance. The Canterbury Community Center is a brand-new state of the art facility with excellent accommodations including a dance hall complete with built-in kitchen and convenient parking. Many of our guests were impressed by the facility.

In addition to helping us secure the Canterbury Community Center for the evening, Clay, a former member of the Woodstock Country Dancers, also helped us set up for the dance and clean up afterwards, leaving the place just as we found it - spotless and a wonderful place to dance. Again, thanks to Clay Pellett for helping us find and use this great facility.

Volunteers Needed for 40th Anniversary Dance

We're still looking for someone to volunteer to serve as Chairperson of the Windham Whirlers 40th anniversary dance scheduled for Friday, May 20, 2005. We have booked Red Bates to call and Birgit Maguire to cue. This will be the regularly scheduled May dance (third Friday of the month) at the Sweeney School. Since the caller, cuer and hall are already booked, the main job will be to help organize the refreshments and decorations. If you're interested, or want more information, please speak to John Kolega or Burt Starkey.

CASDC News (by Frank Lussier)

B'n'B Rounds March Dance Party will be on Tuesday, March 23. B'n'B Rounds will also hold a Dance Party at 8 PM on Friday, March 26, in the K of C Hall in West Springfield, MA.

Valley Squares Friday, March 26 Calico Ball is changed to a MS/Plus dance with Al Brozek calling and Peg Millar cueing.

Cogin-Chuggers Graduation Dance: Sunday, April 18, Graduation Ball with Ed Rutty calling will start at 6 PM.

Nutmeg Squares Graduation Dance: Tuesday, March 23rd from 7:30 - 9:30 at Judson School on Hamilton Lane in Watertown. All new dancers and club members are invited to come. For information call Rich Burns at 860-274-6876 or e-mail RichEllenB@msn.com

Sound Steppers are sponsoring square dance lessons at 7 PM on Wednesdays at Goodwin School in Old Saybrook with Ed Rutty calling. Info: Steve Maseau 860-399-2282.

In April We're Dancing on the FIFTH Friday

The April dance is scheduled for Friday, April 30 (the fifth Friday of the month, not the third) at the Sweeney School. The dance begins at 8 p.m. (7:30 Rounds). Caller: Everett Mackin; cuer: Bev Boudreau. This is a Plus-level dance. The hosts are Alma Derway and Dale Dyer with Jeanne & Burt Starkey assisting; refreshment assignments below:

Sandwiches	Sweets	Fruit	Chips & Dip	Vegetables
E. Macke	G. Lee	G. Lee	A. Kolega	G. Lee
A. Derway	A. Leibowitz			

In May We're Dancing at our Regular Location on our Regular Night! Wow!

The May dance is scheduled for Friday, May 21 at the Sweeney School. The dance begins at 8 p.m. (7:30 Rounds). Caller: John Hendron; cuer: Bev Boudreau. This is a Plus-level dance. The hosts are Jeanne & Burt Starkey with Bernie & Ernie Brisson assisting; refreshment assignments are below:

Sandwiches	Sweets	Fruit	Chips & Dip	Vegetables
J. Starkey	N. Morgan	Z&J Leibowitz	D. Dyer	P. Powers
B. Brisson	F. Rick			

