

# BUGLE

Square and Round Dancers of South Western Ontario Inc.

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President's Message



## Happy 2018

Happy New Year from England. We will be home by the time you read this. We are celebrating Christmas in England with family while we are writing this communication. We truly hope in this festive season that all of you have found peace and joy.

We probably all need to get back to dancing to work off all the goodies we ate and the cheer we drank. That's what the season is all about, celebrating the birth of Christ, and sharing with friends and family.

This year is Convention year. We're anticipating the numbers registering will increase. Remember you dancers from S.W.O.S.D.A., we all said yes to hosting the convention. We all need to make a commitment to make the event a big success.

The next S.W.O.S.D.A. is scheduled for Saturday, January 27th at the Chatham Active Life Centre. The hosts are the Chatham & District Square Dancers. We will be dancing just in the afternoon. There will be no workshop. So join us for an afternoon of fun and companionship.

We hope some new dancers have had a chance to experience the Frosh Dance in November. Watch for the date of the next dance, it will be listed in the Bugle. Over the next few weeks you will be working toward your graduation. We hope you feel that you are a member of the dancing community. We are thankful for newcomers and we thrill watching you progress.

Happy New Year. We wish you all health, happiness and many chances for dancing.

Your Presidents  
Fred & Dianne Joyner



## Hosting A SWOSDA Dance

Please consider hosting a SWOSDA dance for the 2017 - 18 season. The cost is little and the reward great! Duties of a host club are basically two fold: recommend a location and provide the refreshments. Hall costs and caller arrangements are covered by SWOSDA. Without clubs who are stepping forward to host, these dances cannot occur. Smaller clubs might consider co hosting with another club. Contact Syd or Jane Fletcher at [sydfletch1@gmail.com](mailto:sydfletch1@gmail.com) or any member of the SWOSDA executive if you are willing to host.

**Still needing a host club for November 24, 2018**

## New Year's Humour

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

On New Year's Eve, Marilyn stood up in the local pub and said that it was time to get ready. At the stroke of midnight, she wanted every husband to be standing next to the one person who made his life worth living. Well, it was kind of embarrassing. As the clock struck, the bartender was almost crushed to death.

A Senator in the USA was once asked about his attitude toward whisky.

'If you mean the demon drink that poisons the mind, pollutes the body, desecrates family life, and inflames sinners, then I'm against it. But if you mean the elixir of a New Year toast, the shield against winter chill, the taxable potion that puts needed funds into public coffers to comfort little crippled children, then I'm for it. This is my position, and I will not compromise.'

Peter, at a New Year's party, turns to his friend, Ken, and asks for a cigarette.

'I thought you made a New Year's resolution to quit smoking,' Ken responds.

'I'm in the process of quitting,' replies Peter with a grin. 'Right now, I am in the middle of phase one.' 'Phase one?' wonders Ken.

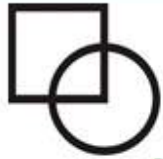
'Yeah,' laughs Peter, 'I've quit buying.'

As in many homes on New Year's Day, Janet and Nigel, a happily married couple, faced the annual conflict of which was more important: the football match on television, or the lunch itself.

Hoping to keep the peace Nigel ate lunch with the rest of the family, and even lingered for some pleasant after-lunch chat before retiring to the lounge to turn on the television.

Some minutes later, Janet looked in to see how he was and graciously even bought a cold beer for Nigel. She smiled, kissed him on the cheek and asked what the score was. Nigel told her it was half time and that the score was still 0-0.

'See?' Janet said happily, 'You didn't miss a thing.'



# SWOSDA



Square & Round Dancers Of South Western Ontario

## MONTHLY SPECIAL IN CHATHAM

### JANUARY 27, 2018

**Afternoon Dance ONLY: 1:00 – 5:00 ~ \$6.00 per dancer**

Hosted by – Chatham & District Square Dancers

Location - Active Life Styles Centre

20 Merritt Ave. – Chatham, ON - N7M 6G9



For further information or program details Please visit: [www.swosda.ca](http://www.swosda.ca)

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**SWOSDA is a member run organization!**



# Convention 2018

## July 19, 20,21, 2018

Well we are now into 2018. I was glad to see that we passed the 500 count for Registrations before year-end, in fact we got to 526. The convention is now only 6 months away. It's time to get to the finer details of planning.

The Committee will be ramping up activities to work out fine details. Clubs will be contacted for assistance.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

A request was sent outlining the requirements for volunteers. None of these tasks are difficult, and no special training is required. All we need is 1-2 hours of your time during, before, or after the convention. To volunteer go to the [Convention Web](#) site, select Volunteer from the side menu, and fill in the blanks on the displayed page. You can also contact Volunteer Coordinator Mary McKeen directly by email at [smckeen@execulink.com](mailto:smckeen@execulink.com).

### **CLUB ASSISTANCE - ROOM DECORATING**

Clubs will be contacted soon about decorating dance halls. Not much is needed; just a bit of embellishment around the stage area. The decorating task of each room has been distributed among member clubs. Rooms should be setup just prior to convention, then items used will need to be picked up after the convention.

### **DANCING**

We plan to have Square Dancing to include Basic, Mainstream, Plus, A1, A2, C1-2

There will be 2 Round Dance Rooms – Phase 2-3 and Phase 4-6

There will be a room for Contra Dancing. Clogging is very much in doubt because of low registration numbers. **Don't forget the Trail-In dance on Wednesday evening from 7:00-9:30 pm.**

### **CALLERS & LEADERS**

To date, we have over 55 Callers and/or Cuers that have registered, and have volunteered to work during their Convention to provide you with dancer enjoyment.

In order to give a bit more time for staff to register, the deadline for Caller & Cuers has been extended till February 15, 2018. From this point on, programming work will begin with the aim of providing a well rounded and enjoyable 3-days of workshops, and dancing.

### **FLOORING**

Flooring has to be ordered to cover all the dance halls. Like we did in 2008, Snap-Lock flooring had to be ordered from the U.S, transported through Customs and returned at the end of the convention.

### **OTHER STUFF**

Details have to be worked out with the Camping sites, Banner Parade details, Permits with city of London, Parking Passes, Bus Passes, check Hotels, Airport - Train Welcome, etc.

As I have said many times, think of planning a dance, but plan on 1000 attending. There's lots to do.

**The time to Register is NOW - SHOW YOUR Support**

Dan & Rhetha Roy  
Convention 2018  
Chair Couple

Convention Web Site: <http://www.squaredance.ca/2018/>

# FEATURE

## Dancing can reverse the signs of aging in the brain

Physical exercise has an anti-aging effect on the hippocampus region of the brain -- an area that controls memory, learning and balance. A new study, comparing different forms of exercise -- dancing and endurance training -- undertaken by elderly volunteers for eighteen months, shows that both can have an anti-aging effect on the brain, but only dancing corresponded to a noticeable difference in behaviour. This difference is attributed to the extra challenge of learning dancing routines.



As we grow older we suffer a decline in mental and physical fitness, which can be made worse by conditions like Alzheimer's disease. A new study, published in the open-access journal *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*, shows that older people who routinely partake in physical exercise can reverse the signs of aging in the brain, and dancing has the most profound effect.

"Exercise has the beneficial effect of slowing down or even counteracting age-related decline in mental and physical capacity," says Dr Kathrin Rehfeld, lead author of the study, based at the German center for Neurodegenerative Diseases, Magdeburg, Germany. "In this study, we show that two different types of physical exercise (dancing and endurance training) both increase the area of the brain that declines with age. In comparison, it was only dancing that led to noticeable behavioral changes in terms of improved balance."

Elderly volunteers, with an average age of 68, were recruited to the study and assigned either an eighteen-month weekly course of learning dance routines, or endurance and flexibility training. Both groups showed an increase in the hippocampus region of the brain. This is important because this area can be prone to age-related decline and is affected by diseases like Alzheimer's. It also plays a key role in memory and learning, as well as keeping one's balance.

While previous research has shown that physical exercise can combat age-related brain decline, it is not known if one type of exercise can be better than another. To assess this, the exercise routines given to the volunteers differed. The traditional fitness training program conducted mainly repetitive exercises, such as cycling or Nordic walking, but the dance group were challenged with something new each week.

Dr Rehfeld explains, "We tried to provide our seniors in the dance group with constantly changing dance routines of different genres (Jazz, Square, Latin-American and Line Dance). Steps, arm-patterns, formations, speed and rhythms were changed every second week to keep them in a constant learning process. The most challenging aspect for them was to recall the routines under the pressure of time and without any cues from the instructor."

These extra challenges are thought to account for the noticeable difference in balance displayed by those participants in dancing group. Dr Rehfeld and her colleagues are building on this research to trial new fitness programs that have the potential of maximizing anti-aging effects on the brain.

"Right now, we are evaluating a new system called "Jymmin" (jamming and gymnastic). This is a sensor-based system which generates sounds (melodies, rhythm) based on physical activity. We know that dementia

patients react strongly when listening to music. We want to combine the promising aspects of physical activity and active music making in a feasibility study with dementia patients."

Dr Rehfeld concludes with advice that could get us up out of our seats and dancing to our favorite beat.

"I believe that everybody would like to live an independent and healthy life, for as long as possible. Physical activity is one of the lifestyle factors that can contribute to this, counteracting several risk factors and slowing down age-related decline. I think dancing is a powerful tool to set new challenges for body and mind, especially in older age."

This study falls into a broader collection of research investigating the cognitive and neural effects of physical and cognitive activity across the lifespan.

*Source: Frontiers. "Dancing can reverse the signs of aging in the brain." ScienceDaily. ScienceDaily, 25 August 2017.*

## **CLUB NEWS**

Send Club News to [bugle@swosda.ca](mailto:bugle@swosda.ca)

### [Clinton Wheel 'N' Dealers](#)

27 Percival Street, Clinton

Presidents – Mary and Paul Eisler- 519-345-2500

Caller – Dave and Blanche Paulen – 519-348-8335

Dancing Wednesdays 8-10 pm Mainstream with announced Plus Tips

Traditional and Casual Attire welcome at our regular club dances

Regular Dances - January 5 to May 2, 2018 8-10 pm

Clinton Wheel n Dealers wish everyone a Happy New Year. Our regular dancing has started again for 2018. We hope the weather will cooperate for our winter dancing.

We will be looking forward to many great nights of dancing fun with Dave and Blanche. We will not be having any round dances during January and February with Ian and Debbie away south. He will be practiced up when they return after cueing some in Yuma in February.

A reminder for everyone that our theme dance in January is Winter Wonderland on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Dress for the weather.

Please remember that we dance in a fragrance and nut free environment.

Ian and Debbie Hulley

Publicity Contacts

519-482-7972

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### [Country Squares – Rostock](#)

Country Squares celebrated Christmas with a delicious potluck dinner on December 18 - two bountiful tables of main meal items and desserts. Santa and Mrs. Claus (Jim & Twyla Waddell) paid a jolly visit. Along with lovely wall decorations by Rose Dankewitz, member Karen Mills hung her Angel-themed quilt. There was a bagpiper (Don Martin), a trio choir (Kate Tormey, Yvonne Martin and Diane Williams), a couple (Karen Mills and Elaine Cook) singing an original composition called Holy River and some Christmas favourites

accompanied on a Elaine's ukele, a story of disaster and generosity (Gord Richards), a sit-down skit about Santa preparing (Shirley Bannerman, Sylvia Soeder, Jim & Twyla Waddell, and Ron Soeder) and a special "stress" kit (Betty Rose and Rose Dankewitz). Guests Dave and Blanche Paulen joined us and Dave gave us some fun calling - Blanche was there for moral support! Our caller Neva and husband Dunc brought along fruit (plus a turnip if you've been bad), candy canes, and gave lovely poinsettia door prizes.



Thanks for all the food and gifts donated for the food bank.

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### [Denim'N Lace - Flesherton](#)

Hello fellow dancers, hope you all had a wonderful and safe Christmas and holiday season with those you love.

The Denim and Lace club did not dance for December but will resume regular dancing on Wed. January 10th at 7pm. Everyone welcome.

**The Denim 'n Lace Club holds dances every Wed night from September through May at the South East Grey Support Services Pavilion 774292 Hwy 10 North in Flesherton from 7pm - 915pm.**

Our next specialty dance is our Scottish Night on Wed, January 24th at 7pm. Come out in your favorite plaid outfit and share some of your Scottish background stories.

For more info on our club and coming events check out our website at [www.fleshertondenimandlace.ca](http://www.fleshertondenimandlace.ca) for all the details.

The Denim and Lace club is hoping your club has a fun new winter/spring season. Hope to see you all on the dance floor.

Linda Wedow  
Bugle Rep/Website Designer

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### [Elora Grand Squares - Elora](#)

Hope you all had a good Christmas and we wish all of you a healthy and Happy New Year!

Thank you to everyone who supported Quistmas Quackers in December. It was fun, eh? We'll do it again next December! Hopefully then we'll be able to introduce you to our new beginner class who should be able to dance Mainstream by then. We are very grateful for the new class, who have bumped up our club numbers by 2 squares.

Looking ahead, we are starting up again on Monday, January 15 with a Basic Teach from 7 to 8:30 with most of us being angels. We have a Plus review and dance from 8:30 to 10 with food available throughout the whole evening.

On January 22 we'll have our annual Disney Night, while Jeff is still in Disney mode after their holiday in Florida. Come and join us!!  
Joan Klapwyk, Publicity

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### [Huron Bruce Swingers - Lucknow](#)

Happy New Year and wishes for a healthy, safe 2018.

The Huron-Bruce Swingers held their final 2017 dance on December 5th. So far the weather has been good and dancers were able to get out, although some said this night was not the best driving in some areas. Our Christmas potluck dinner was wonderful as usual and we even had some entertainment with Harvey K. and Murray S. playing some familiar tunes. Also Santa visited - he was a rather "thin" Santa this year - must have been on a diet!



The year 2018 will begin on January 10th with our annual "formal" dance - a belated New Year's Eve dance. Dances will continue on Wednesday nights. However, it is winter in Bruce and Huron counties so be prepared for cancellations. If the schools are closed on dance Wednesdays, the dance will be cancelled (school board regulations). So if you are uncertain, please call and check.

So the New Year has begun. What will it hold for us?  
Yellow Rocks to all,  
Sharon McDonald,  
Bugle Correspondent

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### [Huron Happy Hearts - Clinton](#)

Huron Happy Hearts take an extended break during the Holiday season. We look forward to getting back into the swing of things on January 5. After the holidays the school is sometimes cool, so we are starting out with a "keep warm night". Wear your favorite sweater, and bring a can of non-cream soup to add to the pot for a hot lunch.

We continue to dance at the Clinton Public School on Percival St., in Clinton. We dance every Friday from 7:30 till 9:30 pm.

Remember with winter being upon us, we could have cancellations. It's always a good idea to check the Website before heading out, or call Dan Roy 519-396-9877 to check the dance status for the evening.

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## [Jubilee Rounds - St. Jacobs](#)

Greetings from Jubilee Rounds in St. Jacobs:

Happy New Year!!

We hope your 2017 was all that you hoped for and 2018 will be even better than you hope for!

Jubilee Rounds resumes dancing on Thursday January 18, 2018. If you would like to join us, our program is Phase 2/3 dancing with a teach! We will dance straight Phase 3 from 7:00 – 7:30 and then Phase 2/3 from 7:30 – 9:30. Again this year, in each month we will strive to include 3 new teaches and one evening of just “dancing”. This program will give you lots of new dances to learn and also provide some quality dance floor time.

On December 14th we hosted our annual Christmas Party. Lots of smiling faces, lots of good food and some great Christmas Rounds, many choreographed by Andrea!

February 10, 2018 we will be hosting a special afternoon clinic.

Rhythm Concepts: Brush Up On Bolero and Waltz & Foxtrot - be sure to look up our flyer on our website.

Jubilee Rounds is still at St. James Lutheran Church in St. Jacobs - dancing on Thursday evenings. Visitors are always welcome! If you wish to join us, please feel free to come out Thursdays at 7:00pm. In the event of bad weather check our website after 4:00pm for cancellations. - [www.shadowlightdance.com](http://www.shadowlightdance.com).

For info: Andrea or Jeff at: 1.519.752.2172 or [andrea@jeffreypriest.com](mailto:andrea@jeffreypriest.com)

Printable flyers are on our website: [www.jeffreypriest.com](http://www.jeffreypriest.com)

Happy Dancing,  
Jeff Priest

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## [Kincardine Tartan Twirlers](#)

Taking a break during the winter months...

We are looking forward to hosting the SWOSDA dance in Underwood on March 24th, 2018.

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## [London Harmony Rounds - Lambeth \(London\)](#)

Leaders: [Jerry and Bonnie Callen](#)

London Harmony Rounds will return for their 2018 winter season on Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. We will be dancing 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Lambeth Public School, 6820 Duffield Street, Lambeth (London). Ed Dolson will be putting together great programs of Phase III and IV dances as well as reviewing and dancing dances Jerry and Bonnie have taught. Ed will also include teaches and workshops on figures and styling.

With the possibility of bad weather during the winter months as well as the school being unavailable please contact us at [smckeen@execulink.com](mailto:smckeen@execulink.com) or 519-670-8266 for information on our dance schedule.

We look forward to another great season of dancing in the New Year.

Stan & Mary McKeen

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## [Royal City Squares - Guelph](#)

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year We are looking forward to seeing everyone on the dance floor

Our annual Christmas toy dances both Tuesday and Wednesday were a great success. Toys were taken to Salvation Army for distribution along with cash donations.

Our last singing call of the year was a Christmas theme and was enjoyed by all especially the goodies.

SEE FLYER ATTACHED FOR OUR “BLAST” FOR NEW DANCER bringing newcomers up to speed and enabling them to join in the continuation of Basic teach starting January 16<sup>th</sup>

**2018 Singing Call Nights** See you There  
January 31 Something Old, Something New  
February 28 Birds & the Bees  
March 28 Disney  
April 25 What a Wonderful World  
May 16 It's our Party

**SPECIAL DANCES**

T & D Dance March 3<sup>th</sup>  
Freshman Frolic April 21<sup>th</sup>

Classes begin Jan 16<sup>h</sup> for Basic /Mainstream Plus teach Begins Jan 18<sup>th</sup>  
Looking forward to seeing all our New Dancers join in a fun filled year.

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[ShadowLight Dance Club - SW Ontario](#)

Greetings! Happy New Year – we wish you all the best for 2018 and look forward to seeing you on the dance floor whenever you are able to join us.

We are away on vacation right now so all of our clubs are closed down until January 15th.

**Visit our website Calendar page for ALL our flyers [www.shadowlightdance.com](http://www.shadowlightdance.com)**

**Squares:**

Monday Afternoon: A-2 Dance followed by A-1 Review in Cambridge  
Wednesday Afternoon: A-2 Dance in Brampton – NOTE: Will resume on February 7, 2018  
Friday Afternoon: A-2 Dance followed by A-1 Review in Lobo

We are involved in four evening groups as well...

Monday Evening: Grand Squares, Elora – Class followed by Plus Review and Plus Dance  
Tuesday Evening: Royal City Squares – Guelph - Class and Mainstream programs  
Wednesday Evening: Royal City Squares – Guelph - PLUS Teach followed by Full PLUS Dance  
Thursday Evening: Jubilee Rounds – St. Jacobs – Phase 2/3 Rounds

**Dance Parties:**

December was a particularly busy month for us this year doing dance parties right up to December 22nd. We had the pleasure of calling for several more church groups, some private parties and we even do a Home School group each year that brings out folks from age 4 to 90. They have a blast and we have done this group for 7 years now. We have had the pleasure of working with more than 45 church groups this year, in addition to more than a dozen youth groups and summer camps. Keep us in mind if you know of a group that might be interested in a “Square Dance Party”. We do many private parties for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Weddings, Pre-wedding parties, as well as “just because parties”

**Camp & Dances:** It's not too early to start thinking about camp and dance weekends. Our May weekend (The Puddle Jumper) for PLUS dancers, at The Rock Glen Family Resort in Arkona, is filling up!! Rock Glen has cabins too, so not just for campers. This is a great facility and we will also be hosting our “Advanced Extravaganza” for Advanced dancers next September – it too is filling up, get your registrations in. If you would like to join us for either of these weekends, the flyers are on our website or contact us and we will get you registered.

### Special Dances:

January 20, 2018. For those dancing Advanced, we will hold an “Evening of Advanced” dance in St. Jacobs. See our Website for the flyer.

Saturday February 10, 2018. We will be hosting our Annual Sweetheart Swirl.

Join us for a fun evening of love songs and solid PLUS dancing. “This is a FunTime Event”

\*See Below for Funtime Event Description.

\*\*\*\* **Funtime Events:** Periodically, ShadowLight Dance Club will hold “Funtime Events”. These are regular Plus program dance events that will include a specific aspect to make them even more FUN, whether it’s a theme, or a location, or just that little something extra. Each attendee couple at a Funtime Event will receive a punch card and, when they have attended so many Funtime Events, there will be a reward! A little something for just coming out and having fun! Join us on February 10, 2018 for the Sweetheart Swirl - you won’t want to miss it!

Andrea and I would like to wish you all the very best that 2018 has to offer and more!

We look forward to seeing you on the dance floor in 2018.

Happy Dancing and More – Much More!

Andrea & Jeff Priest

ShadowLight Dance Club

Check out our website for flyers - [www.shadowlightdance.com](http://www.shadowlightdance.com)

519-752-2172

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### [Sound Steppers - Owen Sound](#)

Hello fellow dancers, hope you all had a wonderful and safe Christmas and holiday season with those you love.

We will be resuming dancing on Thurs. January 4th at 7pm.

The Owen Sound Steppers club had a very busy December and holiday season, with lots of visitors and our special Christmas Pot Luck and Dance.



Our next specialty night is our All Square Dance Attire on Thurs. January 11th at 7pm.

For more info and updates on our club's upcoming events and dances check out our website at [www.owensoundsteppers.ca](http://www.owensoundsteppers.ca) and our facebook page at

[www.facebook.com/owensoundsteppersquaredanceclub](https://www.facebook.com/owensoundsteppersquaredanceclub)

The Owen Sound Steppers club is hoping your club has a fun new winter/spring season. Hope to see you all on the dance floor.

Linda Wedow - Bugle Rep/Website Designer

### Strathroy Swinging Duo's

The Strathroy Swinging Duos completed the season on December 11<sup>th</sup> with a very festive potluck dinner and dance. We were happy to have many of our beginning dancers join us for the evening. Basic, mainstream, and plus calls were mixed with some round dances as well and sometimes there were 8 squares on the floor. Everyone was dressed in Christmas attire and the dance floor was a glittering sea of red and green.



During announcements Presidents Tom and Jo Kahnert thanked our caller, Tom Charlton and cuer, Stan McKeen and presented them each with a token of our appreciation. They also recognized the social committee for organizing a wonderful evening. Pictures of the event are shown above.

We are pleased to be able to offer a second session of 8 weeks for beginning dancers to continue learning the basic calls and hope that many will come out again. After this session they will be ready to join our club and dance as full members.

On behalf of the Swinging Duos we wish you a Happy New Year and we look forward to reconvening on January 8<sup>th</sup>. We are having a country and western night on January 15 and hosting the SWOSDA dance on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome to dance with us on Monday evenings in Strathroy.

Submitted by Syd and Jane Fletcher

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### Thames Valley Dance Club – Woodstock

Thames Valley Squares is glad to report on our Christmas celebration held on Mon. Dec. 11. We had about 46 people for our catered dinner of traditional turkey and ham with all the trimmings including homemade desserts.....second to none!!

Our decorated hall rang out 'CHRISTMAS'...thanks to a few 'elves' who were busy earlier in the day! Bright red, brocade table cloths, accented with poinsettias, Christmas tree, lights (including on Nancy's fancy head wear), Rheo Thompson's mint smoothies, and much more, made the event very special. Several often present guests, including some 'old/long timers', graced us with their presence.

Ladies and gents dressed in their finest of reds and greens, black and white, added to the festive occasion. We are ever grateful for the organization, phone calling, and faithful hard work done by our 'lone' president, Pauline, along with her several 'sidekicks'! Thank you to Jack and Aurelia who have stepped up and offered themselves to take on our VP responsibilities, (left vacant due to illness). And a hearty thanks to our 'forever' treasurers, photographers, Fred and Dianne! Always a great big thanks for the faithful and great effort of caller, Ed and wife, Nancy.



We were also treated to wonderful renditions of several Christmas tunes, by Jack and Aurelia! Fun! You are multi talented....singers, song writers, square dance callers! We are blessed by you!

We remember in our prayers, those who are receiving/recovering from treatments at this time.

See you in January....the 8th for round and square dance, same time, same place.  
For TVS...Agnes

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### [Tri-County Squares – Tillsonburg](#)

December turned out to be a very short month at our club consisting of only one dance since our last dance was cancelled due to safety concerns and bad driving conditions. We had planned to support the Salvation Army Toy Drive. Some of the dancers brought their donations to our place later in the week and we delivered them to the Salvation Army. It is to be hoped that the other donations were made directly to local Salvation Army donation spots.

After the Christmas break, on Jan.10, 2018 we will offer a Warm Welcome Back to the new dance season. The evening will have a tropical theme and each dancer is asked to bring a cup of fruit, cut up for our surprise fruit salad which will wind up the festivities. Dancers may wish to dress in tropical fashion.

We extend best wishes for health and happiness in 2018 to everyone and extend sincere wishes of heart's ease to those dealing with personal loss or illness as we lead into the New Year.

We hope to see you in a square soon.  
Nick and Dorothy Dahm,  
TCS Contacts & Presidents.

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## Art Ferris



SWOSDA caller Art Ferris passed away peacefully at the age of 97 on November 28, 2017. We can still visualize 90 year old Art on his Honda Goldwing delivering meals on wheels. Art was one of those people, that once you met him, you would not forget. He always had a friendly word to say. He loved square dancing and calling. For many years he serviced the calling equipment for the callers. He will be missed by many of us for his friendliness and outgoing personality.



It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of Linda Charlton's parents. Linda has been SWOSDA Secretary for many years, and is the backbone of the Association.

Linda's mother passed away on December 17 and her father passed on December 25. They had never missed being together on Christmas.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to Linda and her family



# SWOSDA Remember When...

More words from the archives will appear again next month.

Dorothy & Nick Dahm wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

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