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President's Message



Happy New Year fellow dancers!

Dancing in 2020 was curtailed in March, but kudos to those of you who continued to dance with social distancing, and to the callers and cuers who have been providing online and garage/outside opportunities!

We are hoping that you all kept well over Christmas and were able to celebrate safely with family and friends, whether it was in your living room, garage, backyard or by Zoom. We kept our gathering to 3, celebrating only with our sister. Although the house stayed relatively clean, we sure did miss the laughter and hugs from the kids! After the lockdown is over, we're hoping to be able to hold a belated Christmas celebration. We have had many visitors outside that we have fed very well! (see below)



With the arrival of the covid vaccines, great hope is on the horizon for dancing in 2021. Remember to send us any suggestions you have to help clubs plan for starting back up when the time arrives. Please stay positive, focus on your many blessings and stay safely in touch with your family and fellow dancers.

Sending you happy and healthy wishes for 2021!

Merv and Janice Reid
SWOSDA President Couple



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Remember When...

Looking Back – 2021 – 01 by Dorothy Dahm, SWOSDA Historian

We're at the beginning of another new year, hopeful that it will be much improved over this past year. As I looked through past Bugles, I found frequent mention of new beginnings.

*The **January 1971 Bugle** advertised a new publication in the new format of "Canadian Dancer News" to cover activities for the whole of Canada. The first issue was to be in January, with others to follow in April, July, and October.

I couldn't resist sharing from this same issue the following Square Dance Nursery Rhyme (originally from the Promenader, Indianapolis, Indiana). We may see quite a number of us, reluctant to get out on the floor before realizing that it may be the case that we just might be no rustier than the others.

**Little Jack Horner sat in a corner, afraid to get out on the floor.
He thought folks aloof, "till he saw them all goof...
He isn't afraid any more.**

*In the **January Bugle of 1981** Ed and Jean Christian related their attendance representing SWOSDA at a meeting for the purpose of forming the "Ontario Square and Round dance Federation.

Convention 82 Committee reported that as of the 5th of January approximately 1200 were registered for the upcoming 3rd National Convention to be held in July 1982 at the Metro Centre in Halifax.

*The **January 1991 Bugle** contained an update on BMI/ASCAP. Broadcast Music Inc. and American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers were the two major associations that administered copyright control of much of the music we use. In Oct. 1990 many callers and clubs had received a mailing from Broadcast Music Inc offering contracts for the use of copyright music. Their proposal was a fee of \$15 per dance. Responding to the resulting uproar of concern Callerlab & Roundalab entered into negotiation for a licensing agreement that would be reasonable in cost with the responsibility on the callers for making sure that the music they used

was licensed. (Currently, most SWOSDA dance leaders are licensed by **SOCAN** (Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada) which requires users of music to obtain a **SOCAN** licence to perform, or authorize others to perform, copyright music in public. The fee is dependant on the frequency of performance and membership status. DD)

Editors Jim & Eleanor Silcox finished off this issue with the Following Wishes for the New Year. – 1 year of happiness, 12 months of prosperity, 52 weeks of success, 365 days of good luck, 8760 hours of gladness, 525,600 minutes of good health.

As I progressed to the **2001 January Bugle**, I got stalled by an article, entitled How Does SWOSDA/Your Club Measure Up? It consisted of a collection of responses which evidently had been sparked by a comment “I resent dancing in a square where there are two female dancers dancing together”, by Ed Diotte in Square Time March 2000.

As a teaching club the Tillsonburg club always encouraged mixed partnering as needed. As a result I learned early on to dance the male part in order to make sure that all our beginning dancers were up on the floor . After my husband’s illness progressed and he could not dance as often, if I wanted to dance, then I was prepared to dance to fill in whatever role needed to be filled. There were also occasional times as membership dwindled that some of our gentlemen mastered the female role so we could fill up a square. We didn’t like to see anyone sitting out if there was another option.

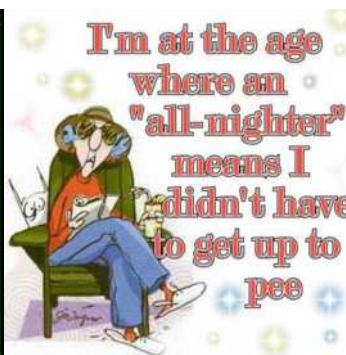
(I was diagnosed this Aug. with arthritis in both knees and am now on a list for possible surgery. It was almost a comfort that there were no dances to go to, when I was feeling my worst. I probably won’t be dancing for another year at least (if at all) but when you get back dancing you may see me out anyway. I do miss my square dance friends.)

The highlight for me in the **Jan. 11 Bugle** was Pat Lavigne’s account of his parents, Gerry & Cecilia Lavigne and their involvement in Square Dancing. I have a binder about SWOSDA callers. Wouldn’t it be great to have a personal write-up like that for each of the callers? All offerings are accepted. Send me a short note on your favourite caller.

I’m hoping you were able to make contact in a safe way with close friends and family over the Christmas season. I’m not expecting miracles from the vaccines but I do hope people follow rules so that this pandemic does not steal away any more of our lives.

Keep safe. Keep well. All the best to everyone in 2021!

Dorothy Dahm familypatchwork.dd@gmail.com





The year is now 2021

Time to get into a new mindset. If you write cheques, remember to change the year. That used to be the #1 way to pay bills; now with automatic payment it just happens, and you barely think about it. – Reminder – you should still be checking your statements! – computers don't make mistakes, but people inputting data do!

The vaccine is nearly here, and hopefully we can look forward to a brighter year ahead. Sometime in 2021, wouldn't it be nice to put on your dance clothes, and after a short drive, walk into a room of fellow dancers waiting with yellow rock greeters; wow, what a great thought! We just have to be patient. It WILL come!

New Year resolution – suggestions....

Read the Bugle once a month (I might be a little biased)

Call or contact a dancing friend once a week

Try some Virtual dancing

Think about maybe dieting in 2022

Hug the person closest to you anytime you can

Now, wave goodbye to the old and embrace the new with hope, dreams, and ambition. Wishing you all a Happy New Year full of happiness!

Dan & Rhetha

FEATURE

Positive Thinking

Nine months.

Nine months of isolation, keeping to ourselves and trying to do the right thing. Trying to cope with and understand the new "normal".

If things are not bad enough, winter is here with it's blowing snow and cold temperatures. The so-called "second wave" of Covid-19 is upon us. Dancing is at a stand still. I am wondering how my dancing friends are doing. Are they running the gauntlet of this brutal attack on what was our routine, our life before Covid-19? Will we ever dance again? Will we remember how?

Mental health issues related to our lockdown and this miserable pandemic affect us all in some way. Some people are more susceptible than others, not only affecting themselves, but also those around them. Those that suffer from depression, anxiety, PTSD and other psychiatric disorders can become suicidal, angry and frustrated. These people need help. And that help is available if they reach out. (24-hour CMHA help line 1-833 456-4566)

But here is some food for thought.

It saddens me to see people miserable, complaining, blaming and criticizing others for the way they themselves feel. It baffles me to why some people allow themselves to be mind manipulated and let others dictate their own state of mind. Why do we let other people's negativity affect us? Why do we let them bring us down and into their world?

News Flash! ! !

Only you can change this and manage where your mind goes. Only you can edit out the negative and keep the positive. The choice is, do we want to be happy? Do we want to enjoy life? Or do we want to be miserable and sad? Easy choice. right?

This is not “rocket science”. We have the ability to control what we think. We have the power and the mental capacity to make ourselves happy so why do we allow other perceptions of uncontrollable circumstances to affect us?

How do we make ourselves happy?

Happiness is a choice. You are not “stuck” where your mind is. Your mind can take you wherever you want. It is a wonderful thing that allows you freedom and can put you in wonderful places.

Dancing is one of my “happy” places; a place to forget about all the negativity that surrounds, a place to dwell into the positive. I feel the friendships around me, the closeness of my dance partner. I feel the desire to listen to and move to music. I feel the satisfaction that I can dance, that I have learned steps that have been taught me. I feel good about myself. I am meeting new people and expanding my friendship circle. A sense of accomplishment envelops me. I have involved myself in a healthy lifestyle that pleases me, and I know I can accomplish all the above every time I dance.

Until this pandemic is over, Avril and I will involve ourselves in virtual dances and dance wherever we can find room because this is what makes us happy. How good is that?

Be happy. Dance.

Austin Hayward
(Thames Valley Dance Club, Woodstock, Ontario)

CLUB NEWS

Send Club News to bugle@swosda.ca

[Centennial Beavers - London](#)

So very happy to see 2021 and praying it will be a better year than last year. We have all learned how precious it is to have our dance community. So many are alone and others are just depressed from the lockdown status. I was able to touch base with some of our dancers and find out what they had been up to.

Marie and Robert kept busy with stained glass Christmas ornaments. Robert thinks his back is out because of bending over to do the sanding and grinding. He is on the mend.

John and Linda are moving in the New Year to some new digs not far from London. They did a bit of driving around in their little van. They went up north and met some pretty incredible people. They stayed safe by just being with each other.

Ruth Beresten went to her son's for Christmas Day but is in the process of de-cluttering her house. Gawd, I hate that job. She is hoping to move in 2021.

Jean Rook goes for a daily walk in the park, just to keep in shape. They were able to see their kids over Christmas, but all separately, which was strange, but they were happy to get what they got. Many, didn't get to see their kin.

Gail Prout has had a busy down time. Her 6-month-old grandson was in Toronto Hospital to have gallstones removed from his bile duct to the liver. He is home now and doing better. She was able to go to her daughter's house for Christmas day with all the family. She says she is also quilting to keep her sanity and cannot wait to get back to dancing.

Jim McKillop facetimed with family on Christmas day. He is always on the computer so he was given a wood craft for Christmas and now he will have to do crafting instead of IPading.

Karen Dingle has never stopped working throughout the pandemic. She works for Border Services so she is essential. She says she misses being with her friends at dancing and especially the laughs and all the hugs. Can't wait to get back.

Carmen Lamond spent Christmas with her son. She didn't know if they were going to be able to have services Christmas eve, as she was doing the solo "Oh Holy Night". But she was able to do it and was happy to have the chance to go to church. Carmen does a lot of volunteering and continues throughout the pandemic. What would we do without our volunteers.

Sherry has been busy sewing as she had a great grandson born on November 13th and she has another baby due in February. She looks forward to getting back to dancing and misses everyone.

Audrey and Monte Black headed out to Mesa on Christmas Day. They are in the sun and fun place they love. They are doing virtual dancing in their driveway because they have no room in their dining room there. They will stay safe and will see us all in the spring following a 14-day isolation.

Joe and Joanne Huybers go for lots of walks. They keep fit doing that and line dancing once a week in a distanced room with 10 people. They have been getting small projects done and will soon, have nothing to do.

Bobbie Vanstone's son and granddaughters came and picked her up and brought her to their home in Brantford. She stayed for 4 days enjoying the kids and the dog.

Dan and Cheryl Frederick have been giving their attention to their new "rescue dog". He looks like a border collie mix. He came from Europe and they were thrilled to be able to help this dog get a new life. It's not all roses now but with time they know that the dog will trust them and be happy.

Doug and Pat Stanlake have been keeping safe. Doug has been working from home and Pat has been doing lots of volunteering. They joined the Thames Valley Dance Club for their "Zoom" Christmas party and they had a great time. Judy Johnson McGuire was also at the "Zoom" Christmas party and she shared that she has been working hard and was happy to say that her daughter was staying with her so they had their own Christmas together safely.

Ed and I have also been trying to keep busy. He does a lot of stained-glass art and is getting better and better. We spent the early hours of Christmas morning doing facetime with our Son and family in Scotland. Then about 25 minutes after we got off, grabbed a coffee and we were doing facetime with Barrie. Our daughter and family shared the whole morning with us. Our granddaughter Scarlett is such an "old spirit" I had said to her the day before, "I am going to be so sad not to be with you tomorrow" and she said to me.... Gramma, just think about this for a minute. When you get older you will be sitting around with your friends and telling stories about the year we had a Covid Christmas. Not everyone is going to be able to say that." As I thought about it and she is right...we are living proof that we will get through this and come out stronger and wiser.

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy 2021!!!

[Clinton Wheel 'N' Dealers](#)

Happy New Year to all. So long to 2020!

We hope everyone was able to stay safe and healthy over the holidays. There is a lockdown in place and we are all hibernating for the winter it seems. We hope some of you are able to check out the virtual dancing going on.

In Memoriam Kathy Procter



It is with deep sadness that Clinton Wheel n Dealers announces the loss of our fellow member Kathy Procter. Our club extends our heartfelt sympathy to Don and his family.

Kathy will be remembered for her enthusiasm and joy of square dancing. She welcomed us all with her smile that lit up the square; always there to extend an invitation to dance with anyone that might need a partner.

Kathy and Don held the position of President several times and were also members of the SWOSDA executive, having held multiple positions over the years. They also served on the 2018 Canadian National Convention held in London, Ontario.

Kathy was also a valued member of her community and was involved in many areas of service outside of square dancing. Most recently she was training to volunteer with Victims Services. Kathy will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

[Huron Bruce Swingers - Lucknow.](#)

"Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it". Helen Keller

Happy New Year.

As this article is being written, it the first day of winter, which mean the days will begin to have longer daylight hours - which means spring is coming. Hurrah! But Ontario is being told it will be in a lock down situation for 28 days. This pandemic must be stopped. Helen Keller says it well, the world is full of overcoming suffering. The lock down also means, the chances of getting back to square dancing is still a ways off as physical distancing must be practiced. It is hoped that everyone is following regulations and staying healthy and safe.



At this time, the Huron-Bruce Swingers send their condolences to the Clinton Wheel "N" Dealers Square Dance Club on the passing of their member Kathy Procter. Kathy and her husband Don were always a welcoming couple at their club's square dances and attended many of Huron-Bruce Swingers dances. Kathy was also a wonderful cook as many Huron-Bruce Swingers also got to know her as a cook for the Seniors' Diners a short time ago. Kathy provided Huron-Bruce Swingers with their Christmas dinner in 2016. It was tasty and delicious. Rest in peace Kathy. Condolences to Don and family.

And so, the year 2021 begins - a little different. A quote by C.S. Lewis states, *"There are far better things ahead than ones we leave behind"*. Let's look for those better "things".

Happy New Year everyone- wishing you all the best.

Yellow rocks,
Sharon McDonald,
Bugle correspondent

Huron Happy Hearts - Clinton



Dancing ? - Like everyone, we are patiently waiting to see what we can do, and when & where we might do it.

We were not able to get together and gather gifts this year.

(Picture from a previous year)

Many just did it on their own, or provided donations to the Huron Christmas bureau. Whatever the contribution, we hope it made someone's Christmas a bit better.

With the most recent lock-down, looks like a lot of visiting will be done by phone, Zoom, Face time, etc. What would we do without the electronic gadgets in these days of need? If you can't be there in person, this is the next best thing.

The 'Huron Happy Hearts' wish you warmest thoughts and best wishes for a Happy New Year. May peace, love, and prosperity follow you always.

The Bugle Guy

Jubilee Rounds - St. Jacobs

Greetings from Jubilee Rounds in St. Jacobs:

Happy New Year.... We hope you had a very happy holiday season.

As we didn't go to Florida this year, dancing for us included a number of sessions that we normally don't do. We actually danced up to the week before Christmas and then only took Christmas Eve off and then back on New Year's Eve.

Our Virtual Jubilee Rounds will start up again on Thursday January 7, 2021.

Many of our regular members are joining us, as well as folks from Kincardine, Ottawa, New York, Vancouver, London and Toronto! So nice to see all those smiling faces and dancing feet!

If you haven't joined us yet, please do so soon! And remember you can always turn your video off or point it at the ceiling if you don't want folks to watch you dance.

Very Special Event!! Thursday December 31st - New Year's Eve

Our Virtual New Year's Eve Dance with Dan Roy, at time of writing this has over 50 dancers signed up. We will let you know next month how it went and include a picture or two. We have folks signed up from London, New York, New Jersey, Chicago, Vancouver, Ottawa, Picton, Kincardine, and of course all around our regular area of Brantford, Guelph, Waterloo, Kitchener and St. Jacobs. It will be great to see so many folks join in.

Virtual Round Dances:

Our current program is:

Thursday Evenings: 7:00pm – 8:00pm – Phase 2/3 with the occasional phase 4

These dances are by invitation ONLY! But an invitation is easy to get...

Please visit our website www.shadowlightdance.com "Contact Us" page, click on "Zoom Invitation" and complete the form.

Wishing you all the very best for 2021 - In the meantime – Stay safe & healthy....

For info: Andrea or Jeff at: 1-519-752-2172 or andrea@jeffreypriest.com

Check out our website and sign up for Virtual Dancing: www.jeffreypriest.com

Happy Dancing,
Jeff Priest ☺

[Rhythm Rounds - London](#)

All of us at Rhythm Rounds wish you a 2021 filled with love of family, health, good friends and above all a 2021 filled with dance and music.

Happy New Year

[ShadowLight Dance Club - SW Ontario](#)

Wow.... Happy New Year!! We hope that 2021 will be good to you all!!

As we didn't go to Florida this year we did a few extra dances we wouldn't normally have done.

We did our weekly clubs up to the 23rd of December normally we would have stopped on the 10th. We did a special Christmas dance on December 12 and a New Year's Eve dance as well. 2005 was the last New Year's Eve dance we hosted. The Zoom dancing has been great! If you haven't Zoom danced yet, you really should try it!! For those dancers who are familiar with computers, the internet and Zoom, there are lots of opportunities to dance. We are offering a FREE Introduction to 2 couple dancing when you only have one couple or even just one person for that matter. We will demonstrate how to dance with phantoms (imaginary people). Yes, it is in your own home with imaginary people, some folks are inviting another couple to join them and participating in the 2 Couple dancing that is going on all over the world. Others are learning how to dance with "phantoms". Since phantoms aren't perfect you can always blame them for any mistakes that happen.

Special FREE Virtual Dance Introduction! No Partner Necessary!!

Wednesday January 6th 7:00pm the flyer is on our website and also on the SWOSDA website.

These sessions are designed for anyone who has learned BASIC and would like to do some Virtual Zoom dancing. Even though this is called 2 Couple Dancing, be aware that a single dancer can dance by themselves in their own home utilizing phantom dancers so if you don't have a partner, or another couple, this dancing is STILL FOR YOU!! Join us! You will be glad you did. ***

Virtual Square and Round Dances:

Our Virtual dance clubs resume the week of January 5, 2021. There is always room for more as we can host up to 100 Zoom boxes at each dance, join us! Sign up [HERE](#)

*****Remember you can turn off your video (or point your camera to the ceiling) if you don't want people to watch you dance. Also it is totally acceptable to join in just to watch or listen to the calls and music! Your choice!**

Tuesday Evenings: PLUS 7:00pm – 8:00pm 2 couple dancing

Wednesday Afternoons: Advanced 1:00pm – 2:00pm 2 couple dancing

Wednesday Evenings: Introduction to Virtual "Square" Dancing – 7:00pm

Thursday Evenings: 7:00pm – 8:00pm – Phase 2/3 with the occasional phase 4

These dances are by invitation ONLY! You must have an invitation to join in but it is easy to get. Please visit our website www.shadowlightdance.com "Contact Us" page, click on "Zoom Invitation" and complete the form.

We wish you all the very best for 2021!.

Hope to see you soon as you "Zoom into Dancing"!

Stay Healthy and Safe!

Happy Dancing and More – Much More!

Andrea & Jeff Priest

ShadowLight Dance Club

Check out our website to sign up for Virtual Dancing - www.shadowlightdance.com

[Sound Steppers - Owen Sound](#)

Hello fellow dancers.

After such a challenging 2020 for all of us we are hoping everyone had as good as can be expected Christmas season and the start of 2021.

With no in-person dancing season in site for the near future a few clubs have been taking part in Virtual Square Dancing and Round Dancing with Jeff and Andrea Priest. They will be sending out an invitation to all the clubs "An Introduction To Virtual Square Dancing" so we are all able to start at "square" one for basic beginners and mainstream and learn how to do this style of dancing which may be a part of our future for quite some time. We have been involved in some zoom meeting dances and we very much enjoy it so we are hoping a lot of other members join in. It's a great way to be able to see everyone again from other clubs as well as a great refresher of the calls.

Our club is hoping everyone has a healthier and safer 2021 and that we are able to be together again soon. Stay safe and take care of each other.

Linda Wedow

Bugle Rep

[Strathroy Swinging Duo's](#)

Memories, memories, square and round dancing is just becoming a memory.

Our executive met via Zoom on December 7. It was great to connect and discuss what the future may hold for our club. We are hoping to be able to resume dancing in September 2021. Our current executive will continue to carry on their roles for the 2021/2022 dance season.

As our area is currently in the Red Zone, Christmas has become a quiet celebration for everyone. There is no party time on New Year's Eve. Since we seldom burn the midnight oil, we are planning to go to bed this year and wake up next year.

Now it's time for you to relax and dream of warm sunshine and sandy beaches as we take you back in time when we had our Tropical Night dances in January 2017 and January 2020. Enjoy the following photos from 2017 and we hope you have a pleasant memory trip.

Happy New Year!

Jake & Jean Hamstra



[Thames Valley Dance Club - Woodstock](#)

We sincerely hope that everyone has had a wonderful, safe and joyous holiday season and that 2021 brings us all back to the dance floors that we all so miss.

The Thames Valley Dance Club has been active on a lot of fronts including virtual dances, a trivia night, and an executive meeting.

The executive meeting was held on December 7 where it was decided that the TVDC would not be dancing until September 2021 due to Covid-19 restrictions and protocol. Discussions ensued regarding ways to stay connected with all our membership including our monthly trivia night and monthly phone calls encouraging dancers to stay active, read the Bugle and keep in touch.

Our monthly trivia night, hosted by our President couple Doug and Lois Turvey, was held on December 14 and prizes of unbelievable value were won by Cheryl and Dan Frederick (a block of Christmas cake) and Norn and Elain Northmore (4 Mint Smoothies). We had great attendance via "Zoom" and lots and lots of laughs.

We invite anyone reading this that would like to join us for our trivia night, regardless of which club you belong, to simply send an email to zoringtowncrier@xplornet.com and a link will be provided with explanation on how to join us. Keep in mind, we have prizes of unbelievable value to present to winners. Our next trivia night is scheduled for January 4, 2021 so come and join the fun.

Until then, stay safe, stay positive and remember, after 2020, things can only get better.

TVDC Bugle Correspondent

FEEL A GOOD STORY - A Man and a Fork

There was a young man has been diagnosed with a terminal illness and has been given three months to live.

So, as he was getting his things 'in order,' he contacted his priest and had him come to his house to discuss certain aspects of his final wishes.

He told him which songs he wanted sung at the service, what scriptures he would like to read, and what outfit he wanted to be buried in.

Everything was in order and the priest was preparing to leave when the young man suddenly remembered something very important to him.

There's one more thing,' he said excitedly.
'What's that?' came the priest's reply.
This is very important,' the young man continued.

I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand.'
The priest stood looking at the young man, not knowing quite what to say.
That surprises you, doesn't it?' the young man asked.
Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request,' said the priest.

The young man explained. 'My grandmother once told me this story, and from that time on I have always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement.

In all my years of attending socials and dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say "Keep your fork."
It was my favourite part because I knew that something better was coming ... like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance!"

I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder 'What's with the fork?'
I want you to tell them: keep your fork ... the best is yet to come.'

The priest's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young man good-bye.
He knew this would be one of the last times he would see him before his death.

But he also knew that the young man had a better grasp of heaven than he did.
He had a better grasp of what heaven would be like than many people twice his age, with twice as much experience and knowledge.
He KNEW that something better was coming.

At the funeral people were walking by the young man's casket and they saw the suit he was wearing and the fork placed in his right hand.
Over and over, the priest heard the question, 'What's with the fork?'
And over and over he smiled.

During his eulogy, priest told the people of the conversation he had with the young man shortly before he died.
He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to him.
He told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either. He was right....



So, the next time you reach down for your fork, let it remind you, ever so gently, that the best is yet to come.

Friends are a very rare **jewel**, indeed.

They make you smile and encourage you to succeed.

Cherish the time you have, and the memories you share.

Being friends with someone is not an opportunity, but a sweet responsibility.

Submitted by Al Boyce



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MAMA'S BIBLE

Four brothers left home for college, and they became successful doctors and lawyers.

One evening, they chatted after having dinner together. They discussed the 75th birthday gifts they were able to give their elderly mother who moved to Florida.

The first said, "You know I had a big house built for Mama."

The second said, "And I had a large theater built in the house."

The third said, "And I had my Mercedes dealer deliver an SL600 to her."

The fourth said, "You know how Mama loved reading the Bible and you know she can't read anymore because she can't see very well. I met this preacher who told me about a parrot who could recite the entire Bible. It took ten preachers almost 8 years to teach him. I had to pledge to contribute \$50,000 a year for five years to the church, but it was worth it. Mama only has to name the chapter and verse, and the parrot will recite it."

The other brothers were impressed. After the celebration Mama sent out her "Thank You" notes.

She wrote: "Milton, the house you built is so huge that I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house. Thanks anyway."

"Marvin, I am too old to travel. I stay home; I have my groceries delivered, so I never use the Mercedes. The thought was good. Thanks."

"Michael, you gave me an expensive theater with Dolby sound and it can hold 50 people, but all of my friends are dead, I've lost my hearing, and I'm nearly blind. I'll never use it. Thank you for the gesture just the same."

"Dearest Melvin, you were the only son to have the good sense to give a little thought to your gift. The chicken was delicious. Thank you so much."

Love, Mama

VIRTUAL SQUARE DANCING

Enjoy a Relaxed, Uncomplicated Introduction



**Virtual 2 Couple Dancing.
Including working with Phantoms
Singles welcome – partner not required**



FREE...Progressive Introduction

For ALL Dancers who have completed the BASIC program
Wednesday - January 6, 13 & 20, 2021 - 7:00pm EST

Weekly Dance event to start on January 27, 2021

(Using just the calls covered in the Introduction sessions)

Connect to Zoom From Your Home Computer or Tablet!



Join ***Jeff Priest***

For these "Fun" Sessions!



Due to Zoom protocols these dances are by invitation ONLY!
Please visit our website Calendar www.shadowlightdance.com
click on "Invitation" and complete the form.

"Tip Jar" for those who wish!

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E-Transfer: jeff@shadowlightdance.com

If your bank requires a password use "virtualdance"

ZOOM into Dancing!