

# BUGLE

Square and Round Dancers of South Western Ontario Inc.

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President's Message



## *'Keeping in Touch' - PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE*

Hello Fellow Dancers:

We welcome the month of March with open arms and in less than three weeks, the first day of **Spring!** As you know, this has been a poor winter for those who love snow and winter activities but has been a great season for driving to dances and not worrying about road conditions.

On a personal note, I too have embraced the last number of weeks without snow or ice, as I broke my left ankle at the end of January and will be on crutches for a few more weeks. However, I miss square dancing very much. Now I sit back and enjoy watching Jo and other dancers in squares and having fun! My goal is to be dancing before the end of the season! Hopefully the specialist agrees!!

The good news over the last part of 2022 and continuing in 2023 is that the SWOSDA Executive Committee has hosted a number of SWOSDA Dances and many Clubs are back dancing again. Also three Clubs have stepped forward to host dances in Strathroy, Owen Sound (March) and Kitchener (April).

Viruses and other issues have taken their toll on many Clubs, reflected by lower members coming back to dancing. Perhaps we need to do more brainstorming to find a way to ensure that dancers can continue with their favourite activity. As we all know, if ideas and strategies of the past no longer appear to be working, we need to change the way we do things. New ideas will centre around meeting the needs of Club members, attracting and keeping new dancers, negotiating longer term agreements and inexpensive dance locations, and many more. The fun will then continue!

September represents a good target month for Clubs wishing to grow their membership through the start of an *Introduction to Modern Square Dancing program*, as long as you have a willing Caller and small Committee to assist in marketing. If past marketing efforts have not borne fruit, perhaps your approach needs tweaking since the market is full of opportunities. Call SWOSDA for help too!

As we move toward the end of April and summer break, many Clubs are planning dances with fun themes, such as *St. Patrick's* and *Spring themes* and others, along with lunches and end of year pot luck meals! It pays to square dance as you can get fed from time to time too!

Our key theme for the remainder of the dance year is ***We Want You!!*** Volunteering your talents with our SWOSDA Executive Committee gives great personal satisfaction and allows SWOSDA to thrive for all square and round dancers. Call us at any time.

Stay in touch with your dance friends, especially those who have not been able to dance.

Tom and Jo Kahnert,  
SWOSDA Presidents



## Saturday February 25, 2023

Hosted by Swinging Duos, Strathroy

What a great turnout for our regional dance, hosted by the Strathroy Swinging Duos club this month! Over 60 dancers, callers and cuers participated on Saturday, February 25 at the Strathroy East Christian Reform Church. Ten clubs from across our SWOSDA region attended- the largest number since before the pandemic! Tom and Jo Kahnert, club presidents, warmly welcomed all the dance attendees and encouraged them to consider joining the SWOSDA executive next year.

The afternoon's festivities began with a round dance party expertly cued by Andrea Priest. Throughout the afternoon, other round dances were cued by Andrea, Ed Dolson and Ian Hulley. Thank you to these wonderful cuers for the great selection of dances!



Special recognition also goes to the many square dance callers – Tom Charlton, host caller, Jeff Priest, Ed Dolson and Merv Reid, for giving freely of their time to call Mainstream and Plus dances that were such fun to dance to throughout the afternoon.

The Swinging Duos club provided us with a delicious array of refreshments throughout the afternoon. It was so nice to again have a dance that was in the format of those before the pandemic! We saw a lot of renewing of friendships while folks were munching and chatting between dances. There sure was a lot of smiling and laughing going on throughout the dance!



Kudos go to the Swinging Duos club for arranging for the lovely hall, setting up the chairs, greeting the dancers and providing the fantastic lunch!



We hope to see you all out for the next SWOSDA dance on March 25, hosted by the Sound Steppers at Notre Dame Catholic School in Owen Sound.



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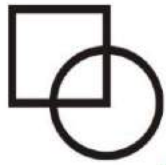
One Easter a priest and a taxi driver both died and went to heaven. St. Peter was at the Pearly gates waiting for them. 'Come with me,' said St. Peter to the taxi driver. The taxi driver did as he was told and followed St Peter to a mansion. It had everything you could imagine from a bowling alley to an Olympic size pool. 'Oh my word, thank you,' said the taxi driver.

Next, St. Peter led the priest to a rough old shack with a bunk bed and a little old television set.

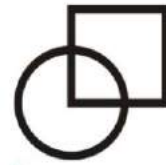
'Wait, I think you are a little mixed up,' said the priest. 'Shouldn't I be the one who gets the mansion? After all I was a priest, went to church every day, and preached God's word.'

'Yes, that's true.' St Peter rejoined, 'But during your Easter sermons people slept. When the taxi driver drove, everyone prayed!'





# SWOSDA



Square & Round Dancers Of South Western Ontario

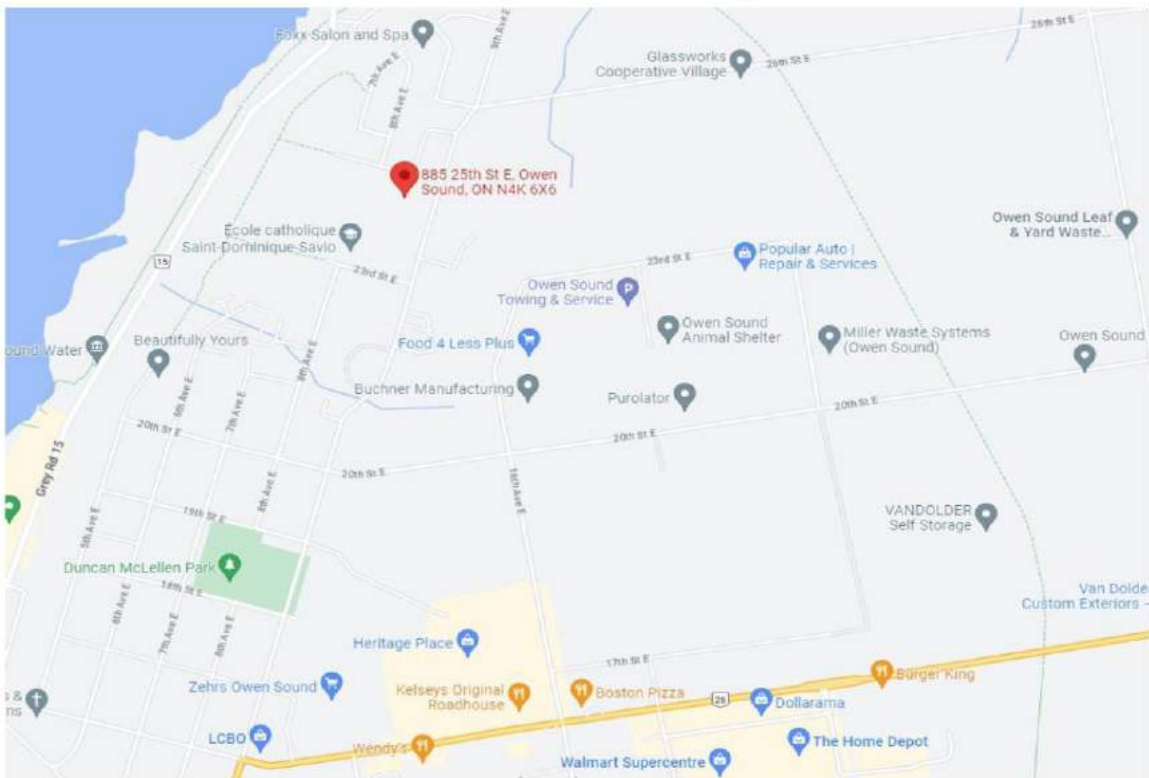
## MONTHLY SPECIAL IN OWEN SOUND MARCH 25, 2023

Afternoon Dance 1:00 – 4:30 ~ \$7.00 per dancer

Hosted by – Sound Steppers

Location – Notre Dame Catholic School

885 25th Street East, Owen Sound, ON - N4K 6X6



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!**

## SWOSDA Executive News, March 2023

### Learn to Call

It's the time of year to start thinking about Caller School. If you have a passion for square dancing, enjoy puzzle-solving and have a taste for the limelight, square dance calling may just be right for you. Earn the adulation of the floor! Challenge your mind by creatively arranging choreography! Enjoy the satisfaction of resolving a recalcitrant square! All these rewards and more are yours, once you learn to call.

Don't worry- you do not have to build your skills on your own. Caller School will get you started and local callers will mentor you toward confident calling. Dancers will love and support you as you travel the learning curve. Be brave- seize the day! Talk to your local caller. Contact [secretary@swosda.ca](mailto:secretary@swosda.ca) for flyers for the three Caller Schools taking place in Canada this summer and for a bursary application package. SWOSDA, the Ontario Federation and the Canadian Society all have funds to assist with the expense of you enrolling in Caller School. We are all eager to invest in your development as a caller. Never have we needed you more!

An exciting new endeavour awaits you and you're ready for it...

Watch for details of an upcoming square dance caller information session where you can find out what is involved in getting started.



### PLANNING AHEAD

#### Let Us Be Your Guest

Wouldn't you love to see all our friendly faces coming through your door? Host a SWOSDA regional dance and we will come to you! Take a look at your club calendar for the 2023-2024 dance season and let the SWOSDA executive know when you might like to invite the gang to your place. There's money in the pot for the expenses, a to-do list to help your club prepare and signs to point the way, the day of the dance.

### Member- Run?

You have, perhaps, noticed that SWOSDA dance flyers and dance programmes include the footer "**SWOSDA is a member run organization!**" I am sorry to say that I never paused to wonder what this phrase means. At our recent executive meeting, in the context of discussing what information should be passed on to clubs during visitations, Andrea Priest suggested that the fact that SWOSDA is a member run organization rather than a caller run organization should be highlighted. SWOSDA is simply its members; dancers, callers and cuers are all equally responsible for getting the job done- and what is the job? Seeing to it that square and round dance thrive in our communities. We're all doing the work at every club dance and every regional dance we attend. Like the Japanese business philosophy, *keizen*, a member run organization achieves continuous improvement through the involvement of all its members. At my recent visit to Country Squares I was touched by their parting ritual of linking crossed-arm hands together and singing the friendship song- what a powerful symbol of solidarity!

### Nomination Deadlines

If you're thinking about nominating a candidate for the Trillium Merit Award or Trillium Long Service Award, don't delay; the deadline is fast approaching. The Ontario Federation must receive the nomination forms no later than **April 30**. If you plan to nominate a candidate for the SWOSDA Recognition Merit Award, you'll have to move even more quickly- get your forms in by **March 15**. "It is greater to give than receive"- make yourself feel good and nominate that outstanding club member whom you admire. For award criteria and nomination forms, visit [swosda.ca](http://swosda.ca), click on "About," then on "Awards".



### Dance and Dine- Owen Sound

Believe me, you will have an appetite after the SWOSDA dance and it's a long drive home. Let me know if you would like me ([secretary@swosda.ca](mailto:secretary@swosda.ca)) to reserve you a seat at supper.

**You're  
invited**



# **SWOSDA**

## ***Remember When...***

### **Looking Back – 2023 – 03 by Dorothy Dahm – SWOSDA Historian**

As you probably are aware, I have spent a lot of time during the last few months looking back at square dance stuff and lots of items that I collected through my last 40 years living in this home. The reason for this was the decision by my daughter to move home to live with me throughout my advanced years. The original thought had been that we would both sell our current homes and buy a suitable spot in London but financially it works out better to move to Tillsonburg where there is no mortgage to be paid.

She has now sold her condo and has moved into the basement level of my home. There had been no bathroom on that level and no egress window in the bedroom, so there was some major reno work which also included painting and new flooring in the living area before she could settle in. Preceding that, everything from that area had to find a new home.

Square Dance related items were the first to move. Archive shelves now take up a corner of my bedroom. Display boards will be stored in my sewing/spare room. Tom Charlton finally came and relieved me of some books, records and other equipment which could probably be of use to other dancers and prospective new callers.

Some household items replaced others in what had been a household storage room in the basement while the garage soon filled with boxes that would be dealt with later. Second hand stores fell heir to unneeded furniture and one of my neighbours generously hauled away multiple loads of garbage to the transfer station. My dining area and much of my living room continually had boxes in corners and under tables that I was working on. The kitchen is a work in progress as we sort and figure out which of our tools and supplies. I'm not finished yet but it's looking up.

We cleared away the garage halfway so that Lisa's vehicle could get inside in time to make it easy for her just before the last couple of storms but mine has been sitting outside since reno started. Yesterday I took nearly an hour to chip away the snow and ice so I could get away for the afternoon. I have to get busy clearing away the other half of the garage or start hoping there are no more ice storms like that.

In the hours that I allot to the square dance archives I have been trying to organize the information that I do have and fill in the gaps where I don't. I would appreciate your help. Especially in the last ten years, the albums are pretty sparse because I don't get out to the clubs to take pictures or find out what is going on around the area. So please if you have pictures or write-ups of what has gone on, I would really really appreciate you sending a few to me.

I ran out of time to do my usual overview of the March Bugles for years ending in 3, so I apologize. I'll guess there will be lots of related Irish and green events. So I'll close with an...

**Irish Blessing:**

**May the road rise to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face.  
The rains fall soft upon your fields  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his hands/**



**\*\*\* Out for Adoption! \*\*\***



***Dixie and Scooter*** - They were adopted by Tri-County Squares from "Mom" Jean Allen of Brantford Village Squares. She created them and made all their costumes. They were named by TCS members Bob & Pat Cook.

*They attended all of Tri-County Squares' Trillium Benefit dances along with other special events by the club.*

*Along with 3 other couples, also created by Jean, formed a square in their green outfits, spun around on a carousel at Festival 2008.*

***Andy & Ann*** - were created by Ed & Jean Christian.

*Ann and Andy were part of the stage décor for the first SWOSDA dance hosted by a round dance club, BYRON ROUND-A-BOUTS in the early 80's.*

It is time that these two couples moved on to new homes where they can serve a better purpose. They have had a lot of experience welcoming dancers to special occasions, and advertising and attending special occasions.

If you and/or your club would like to have one or more of these couples, please contact Dorothy Dahm at 519-842-9212 or [familypatchwork.dd@gmail.com](mailto:familypatchwork.dd@gmail.com) and we can make arrangements to transfer them to their new home.





# ***FEATURE***

## **Volunteering**

“A person who does something, especially helping other people, willingly and without being forced or paid to do it.” (Cambridge Dictionary)

Were you aware that many organizations and support groups would not exist if not for volunteers? Children’s camps, seniors’ programs, educational programs, and many “Not for profit” and “Non-profit” organizations are dependent on volunteers to survive. Six in ten Canadians volunteer in some point in their lives. These people coached and/or mentored children and youth; visited seniors in nursing homes; advocated for social, environmental and wildlife causes; raised funds; prepared and delivered food and essentials for the needy; and provided other sources of support on behalf of an organization or group.

**BE THE  
CHANGE**  
**VOLUNTEER &  
MAKE THE DIFFERENCE**



For organizations like SWOSDA and its member clubs, volunteers are a requisite in their survival.

Let’s take a quick look at the core values and the structure of volunteering. Were you aware that volunteering is much more than giving your time to a cause? Volunteering can also contribute to better health, happiness and social skills. Meeting new people who share your interests, passions and

values turn into new friends. Leadership skills, communication skills, teamwork and problem solving experiences are great attributes to add to your resume.

Need a reason to feel good about yourself? Volunteer! Contributing to square and round dance activities instills a sense of purpose, gratitude and fulfillment by helping to keep our activity alive. Simply volunteering by giving a small portion of your time and sharing your thoughts and ideas are beneficial to your club and the organization that oversees its activities. The rewards are many as you become a part of a team that share support and guidance in their efforts to make everyone’s dancing experiences the best that it can be.

You have something to offer. Step up and join the executive of your club or of SWOSDA (Southwestern Ontario Square and Round Dance Association). We need you. We need your ideas, your friendship, your enthusiasm and your passion for getting things changed or for getting things done. You have it in you to be a leader so what is stopping you?

Contact any leader within your club and let them know that you have something to offer and that you are willing to join the leadership team.

Contact any current executive member of SWOSDA and tell them you are interested in joining their team. If you are asked by a SWOSDA executive member to consider joining the executive committee, know that they have seen qualities in you that would be beneficial to the survival and existence of square and round dancing in this, our community.

The SWOSDA annual general meeting is held in April at the scheduled monthly dance. Raise your hand when asked if there are any others that are interested and any given position. It’s time. Avril and I have been there and the rewards are endless.

Austin Hayward  
Thames Valley Dance Club



*Caller's Clinic Presents....* **March**

# **FROSH DANCE**



**Tom Charlton**  
**Ed Dolson**  
**Merv Reid**

**Saturday, March 18, 2023**

**2:00 - 4:00 pm**

**\$5.00 per person**



**RICHARD'S MEMORIAL CHURCH**  
**360 Edgeworth Ave.**  
**London, Ontario**

# ***CLUB NEWS***

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

## Centennial Beavers – London

We had a very busy month in February. The weather here in London played havoc with a couple of our Friday nights. Our Valentines Dance on Feb 10<sup>th</sup> was a huge success and our "Grazing Table" was overloaded with Valentine goodies. Everyone wore their Red and Whites and the dancing was non-stop happiness. We took an awesome "family" photo for our dance.

We continue to learn new moves every week and maintain our 3 squares even with the snow birds gone.

We had a real adventure last Friday. The weather was windy blowing snow and freezing cold. Half way through our evening we heard a huge thunderous sound. Some thought it was an earthquake, some

said ice fell from the roof. However, what happened was the soffits which are about 80ft long and 10ft wide, fell off the edge of the building. This community centre has only been open about 18 months. It took 5 years and 3 different construction companies to complete it. It was a nightmare for the city and looks like the nightmare continues to haunt them. They came into our dance hall and said everyone needs to leave for their own safety. So we only got ½ of our Friday night dance in. We went for coffee and talked about who was going to be in trouble tonight. It was actually an exciting event and no one was hurt.



Never a dull moment at the CB square dance club!

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## Clinton Wheel 'N' Dealers

Clinton Public School 27 Percival Street Clinton  
Presidents Fred and Deb Hakkers 5195258640/5199557277  
Caller Dave and Blanche Paulen 5199498336

Remarkably, tundra swans have already been spotted in our area. Spring may really come early.

Clinton Wheel n Dealers celebrated Valentine's Day with our potluck and dance on February 8th. We were very fortunate to have mother nature cooperate with a lovely night for travelling. The tables were covered with tablecloths and decorations to make it feel special. The walls carried hearts and cherubs and added to the atmosphere. Our potlucks never disappoint with lots of variety and delicious favourites for everyone.

Dave and Blanche carried the night with lively dancing for 3 squares. Ian and Debbie provided 2 rounds with love songs.





We were well represented with a square of dancers at this month's SWOSDA dance in Strathroy.

**NOTE. We remind everyone that there will be NO DANCE on March 15th during March Break as the school is not available.**

We dance in a fragrance and peanut free facility.

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### Good afternoon.

This is to inform all members of SWOSDA that I will be retiring from calling on a full time basis at the end of this dance season. This is mainly due to health reasons. I don't know what the rest of the future will bring. I have enjoyed my time with the Clinton Wheel & Dealers; I am not disappearing! I will still try and visit, or maybe do a tip.

I want to thank the club members for their on-going support over the years, and SWOSDA for all their guidance and patience.

Thanks,  
Dave & Blanche.



PS: will see you at SWOSDA in Owen Sound

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### Country Square – Rostock

Greetings from Rostock Country Squares...

They say the show must go on... so on it went! We were in the middle of square dancing one evening when all of a sudden the hydro went off.... We waited a few minutes to see if it would come back on. A quick check on our phones told us that the hydro was out and would not be on till almost 11 pm. So, after some quick thinking our President, Jim Waddell, remembered he had a spot in the box of his truck to plug in an extension cord!





After moving the sound system around we able to get back to our business of dancing! Some of us had trouble finding our own partners; It was an experience that none of us will forget for a long time. So, a big thank you goes out to Jim for the use of his truck and for our caller to continue as well.

As a final note Happy Valentine's Day to everybody!!

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

Denim 'n Lace had two special dances in February; our Western Night scheduled for January 25th was "snowed out" but held on February 1st with good attendance. The dance was convened by Joan & Ellison Boyce and Shirley & Mel Chamberlain. Dancers wore their western duds; the western theme was enhanced by a collection of horse exhibits and equipment along with a rug hooking of a country ranch in the foothills. Thank you to dancers for providing tasty lunch treats and to Jim Lee for his special western calls.

Our Valentine's Dance was convened by Sue King on February 15th another very successful special dance. Of course, a lot of red attire and valentine décor brightened the dance hall. Tasty treats on the Valentine theme were provided for a lunch break. A great dance well attended and enjoyed by all. Our February 22nd dance was cancelled due to another winter ice/snowstorm.



The March special dance will be a St. Patrick's Dance on March 15, 2023. Time to bring out the green, Irish hats, short pants maybe, who can come up with the best Irish joke or song and I am sure Jim will have some Irish tunes and calls. Treats – Yes, with an Irish touch. Denim 'n Lace is happy to welcome members of the Blue Mountain Promenaders, Collingwood to our dances as their caller is ill. They are great dancers and we enjoy their friendship.

Spring is in the air and it's hard to keep up with the Brier Curling and the Blue Jays at Spring training. Live Lively! – Square Dance!

Mel Chamberlain,  
Bugle Correspondent

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

Well, February has been quite the month for Snow and Ice. It can only get better this month ... we hope!

Our "In Person" Round Dance Club on Thursday mornings in Cambridge had to cancel a number of events this month due to bad weather.

Fortunately, our Zoom Group has been able to continue despite the snow and ice! We still enjoy seeing folks from around the globe at weekly Jubilee dances. If you would like to join us, go to our website and register so we can send you the code.

In February, ShadowLight Rounds held a Beat the Winter Blahs dance that was both well attended and fun! Many folk are looking forward to our next in person special on March 19th – see below.



### ShadowLight Rounds:

If you are attending **In Person dances**, we are having a new teach for Rumba and Cha Cha in Cambridge starting Thursday April 6th at 10:00 am. If you have never Round Danced before, come and join us! These classes are designed for anyone who has never danced as well as folks who have some Round Dancing Background. We will teach all the basics of Rumba and Cha Cha over 8 weeks and for those with some knowledge of Rumba or Cha, please know we will also be reinforcing styling and timing of all the figures. To join us, sign up on our website [HERE](#)

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Once again we have also arranged for Summer Sound Rounds to be held on Monday nights in Woodstock from May 8 to June 26. If you would like to join us, please register [HERE](#)

See our flyers on our website and on SWOSDA.

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Stay safe & healthy....

Check out our website and sign up for Virtual Dancing: [www.shadowlightdance.com](http://www.shadowlightdance.com)

Happy Dancing,  
Jeff Priest

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### [Rhythm Rounds - London](#)

Our beginner class of 11 couples is progressing nicely. They are doing good by practicing at home, and it shows. Rhythm Rounds is doing well also. We are still in the process of going over some older dances with some quirky cues. It really gets us thinking and remembering the moves that we have not attempted over the last couple of years. Min and Ed dance on the breaks so we can see some of the dances we have not attempted as of yet. The goal for us is to just get caught up and enjoy dancing once again.

On **March 15<sup>th</sup>** the school will be closed for March Break so Ed has booked **Richards Memorial Church** for that evening so we will still have 4 classes in for the month.

Ed & Nancy will be on another river cruise on March 28 and will return on Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> (Easter Sunday) so we will **not be dancing** on the **29<sup>th</sup> of March** nor on the **April 5<sup>th</sup>**. They are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary along with Dan & Rhetha (50th) and also Ray & Vivien Stanfield are joining them. Last and not least Ed's dance partner Min & her husband, Dave are going along also.

Hope we can get some Round Dancing in on the ship.



Anyway, we at Rhythm Rounds extend a Happy Easter to all our fellow dancers.

#### Two Little Boys

After a hardy rainstorm filled all the potholes in the streets and alleys, a young mother watched her two little boys playing in the puddles through her kitchen window. The older of the two, a five year old lad, grabbed his sibling by the back of his head and shoved his face into the water hole.

As the boy recovered and stood laughing and dripping, the mother ran to the yard in a panic. 'Why on earth did you do that to your little brother?!' she asked as she shook the older boy in anger.

'We were just playing 'church' mommy,' he said.

'I was just baptizing him...in the name of the Father, the Son and in...the hole-he-goes..'

### Royal City Squares - Guelph

In the dark days of winter, Royal City has been offering a short, 6-week Tuesday evening Learn to Square Dance class that has attracted a small but enthusiastic group of dancers. Good news as we try to rebuild Club attendance!

In addition, the regular Wednesday night Mainstream and Plus sessions continue at Paisley Road School. Everyone welcome to drop by for a visit, of course!

We know of more than one square from Guelph that has signed up to attend the 40th annual [IAGSDC convention](#) in Ottawa this

summer, July 5 - 8. And we're excited that a Canadian Barn Dance experience has been added to the program, as well as Contra (with a live band) and a session on Country 2-step and Line Dancing. Bill Hands will be calling at the Barn Dance - anyone who's attended his popular olde tyme square dances south of Guelph will know to expect a fun and fast-paced dance that will no doubt include a few big circle dances, lines, and easy to learn traditional social dances sprinkled among the seriously fun squares.



We also hear rumours that a few avid snowbirds from our Club and neighbouring Clubs are dancing in Atlanta, Myrtle Beach, Summerville or Charleston. Square dancing truly is friendship set to music.

Submitted by Lorna Irwin, Royal City Squares' Dancing Bee Girl

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### ShadowLight Dance Club - SW Ontario

We hope you all had a Wonderful Valentine's Day.

February has presented some interesting weather challenges.... Looking forward to Spring!

**New Round Dance Session in Cambridge.** Learn Rumba and Cha Cha in this 8-week session Thursday mornings from 10:00 – 11:30am. For more information or to Register on line visit our website at [www.shadowlightdance.com](http://www.shadowlightdance.com)

### **Private Parties!**

Jeff called at a private Valentine's Party this month for NON dancers- what a great time!!! There were 170 people from age 4 – 90. It was a “family night” event at a local church and everyone had a great time. Remember, if you or someone you know wishes to arrange a square dance party for any reason, (with Square dancers or NON Square Dancers), please get in touch with us – it is what we do!!

### **Regular Clubs we call/cue for:**

Monday Evenings: Mainstream and PLUS Grand Squares Elora is back dancing Elora Public School

Wednesday Afternoons: A-2 1:00pm – 3:00pm in Cambridge. Sign up on our website [HERE](#)

Wednesday Evenings: Mainstream and PLUS dancing in Guelph. Royal City Squares 7:00pm - 9:30pm

Thursday Mornings: Round Dance Classes – Cambridge. 10:00am to 11:30am Sign up on our website. [HERE](#)

### **Zoom Dancing Continues:**

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

Sign up on our website [HERE](#) for the Zoom code.

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Hope to see you on a dancefloor soon!  
Stay Healthy and Safe!  
Happy Dancing and More – Much More!

Andrea & Jeff Priest  
ShadowLight Dance Club  
Check out our website for all our events. [www.shadowlightdance.com](http://www.shadowlightdance.com)

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

Hello fellow dancers and friends.

Since mother nature has played havoc with our attendance levels for our dances, I'm sure it has been for all clubs; there is better weather coming and we are one day closer to spring everyday.

Our Valentines dance was a huge success. We all enjoyed a great night with themed dances and games and of course Valentines treats.



We are having our St Patrick's dance on Thursday March 16th at 7pm. Everyone welcome, wear your green and white and join in the fun.

We are hosting this month's Swosda dance on March 25th from 1pm- 4:30pm at Notre Dame school in Owen Sound. Everyone welcome.

Check out any updates and information about our club on our Facebook page.

Hope to see you on the dance floor. Take care of each other.

Linda Wedow  
Bugle Rep



### Strathroy Swinging Duo's

We had our Valentine dance on February 14 and the dance floor was a sea of red and white swirling around. SWOSDA presidents, Tom and Jo Kahnert sends us greetings from and updated us about SWOSDA. After an enjoyable evening we had fellowship over a lunch of valentine sweets which everyone loved!



Many of our club members supported the Anglican church Youth Group's Pancake supper prior to our dance on Shrove Tuesday. I'm sure our support was greatly appreciated by the Youth Group.

We were privileged to host SWOSDA on February 25 and enjoyed an afternoon of square and round dancing. Thank you to our club members for warmly welcoming everyone and for contributing to our delicious lunch. Special thank you to our social committee for serving the refreshments and lunch. We all headed for home well fed.

Merv Reid was our guest caller on Tuesday, February 28. With our Introduction to Modern Square dance canceled on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup>, our caller Tom Charlton had a week of rest.

At this time of the year, we are missing some of our members due to illness or a trip to the warmer climate. Our numbers are down, but we continue to have a wonderful time with our caller Tom Charlton. We will not be dancing Tuesday, March 14 as it is March Break. Join us on Tuesday March 21 for our Cowboy Cowgirl dance, St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, 34 Head St., Strathroy, 7:30 – 9:30 pm. Stay for lunch following the dance.

Happy St. Patrick's Day,

Jake and Jean,

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### Thames Valley Dance Club – Woodstock

February has come and gone. We heard the groundhogs' predictions and are anxiously awaiting the early spring/6 more weeks of winter deadline (which by my calculations is coming up in just a week!).

We celebrated Valentine's Day - everyone enjoyed themselves! Lots of red on the floor, and lots of smiles and laughter!





We celebrated Family Day with our square dance family. And we had hopes of holding our Annual General Meeting. We had to postpone it, though, to Mar 6 due to weather. Hopefully the winter storms will not interrupt us again!

We look forward to spring, when we can be out and about with a little less worry. Until that happens, keep smiling, enjoy the sun whenever it shines, and think about all that square-dancing gives us: fitness, fun and friends! We have lots of room in the hall for another square or two, and lots of room in our hearts for more friends, so feel free to join us! We are at College Ave Church, 22 Wilson St. Woodstock, from 7:00-9:00pm on Monday nights.

Lois Turvey  
The Bugle Correspondent for Thames Valley Dance Club

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### Waterdown Village Squares – Waterdown

Greeting from Waterdown Village Squares

Our monthly special dance in February was a Valentine Day Dance with the usual Red and White Attire. The dancers also enjoyed a treat/snack table loaded with commercial treats in ready-to-eat format. We are now going to continue to have members volunteering to bring treats every week for future dances.



### \*\*\* HERE ARE THE TRIVIA QUESTION FROM VALENTINES DAY

Can you answer these questions?

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#### VALENTINES DAY TRIVIA

1. In Roman mythology, Cupid is the son of whom?
2. Who was Saint Valentine?
3. Who invented Valentine's Day?
4. What flowers symbolize Love?
5. What is widely regarded as 'the most beautiful monument to love ever made'?
6. Who invented the first Valentine's Day candy box?

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See bottom of next page for Trivia Answers...

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## Want to Do A Little Web Work ?

Just wondering if anyone out there would like to assist the SWOSDA webmaster?

There have been a few instances where I was unable to complete a request due to being away from home, or not having adequate (reliable) Internet access. If YOU are able to assist, I would gladly offer the required training.... And it's all FREE!

The Website is developed in WordPress with the DIVI Theme. If you don't know what that is, don't worry about it; I didn't either, when I started. It would be an asset if you were fairly comfortable with various computer skills – email, copy & paste, editing functions. Even if you're not, but willing to learn, then let's hear for you.

If you think you might be interested...

Send me an email [dan.roy1950@gmail.com](mailto:dan.roy1950@gmail.com), and / or give me a call 519-396-9877



### Well it's now official!

The next Canadian National Square and Round Dance Convention will be taking place in Calgary, Alberta in 2024.

For those who like planning ahead, be sure to note this special event on your calendars.

Look for more information as it becomes available.

Check out their Information Website at

<https://squaredance.ab.ca/festival-2024-canadian-square-and-round-dance-society/>

Links are also available under SWOSDA events

## ANSWERS TO VALENTINES TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. Venus
2. **Saint Valentine** was a clergyman – either a priest or a bishop – in the Roman Empire who ministered to persecuted Christians. He was martyred and his body buried on the Via Flaminia on February 14, which has been observed as the Feast of Saint Valentine (Saint Valentine's Day) since at least the eighth century.
3. **English poet Geoffrey Chaucer** may have invented Valentine's Day. In his work "Parliament of Fowles," he links a tradition of courtly love with the celebration of St. Valentine's feast day—an association that didn't exist until after his poem received widespread attention. The poem refers to February 14 as the day birds (and humans) come together to find a mate.
4. The red rose symbolizes love.
- 5 The Taj Mahal
6. Richard Cadbury

## SQUARE & ROUND DANCERS OF SOUTH WESTERN ONTARIO INC.

### Suggested Banner Stealing Guidelines

*When applying the banner stealing guidelines, please remember that there are no hard and fast rules when we are out for fun. Common sense and friendliness should take precedence.*

1. The purpose of Banner Stealing is to aid and assist clubs financially and socially, and to preserve and promote harmony between dancers and clubs.
2. The Club should decide if they are going to participate in Banner trading. If any Club should decide not to participate, they would need only to make their wishes known.
3. Contact the club ahead of time to arrange a date suitable to both clubs.
4. In order to steal a Banner, one or more squares shall attend the club dance for the evening. If more than one club arrives for the intended thievery, the first club to register a full square shall get the banner. Some other token of appreciation could be presented to the unsuccessful club(s). This token of appreciation would be up to the discretion of the host club.
5. Take only the Banner belonging to the club being visited.
6. In order to retrieve the Banner (or token) one or more squares shall attend your club dance.
7. Any dancers belonging to both clubs may participate by wearing the stealing or retrieving club's badge and paying the visitor's fee.
8. A banner may be stolen or retrieved only when the host club is dancing on their regular night in their usual hall with their own caller.
9. You cannot retrieve your Banner and steal theirs at the same dance.
10. Do not steal a banner from a Club that dances on the same night as your Club, unless arrangements can be made for its retrieval without causing dancers to abandon their own club's dance.
11. Stolen banners are the responsibility of the Club and should be displayed at Monthly Dances of the Square & Round Dancers of South Western Ontario Inc.

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