

# BUGLE

Square and Round Dancers of South Western Ontario Inc.

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President's Message



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

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April and May represent the end of another square dance season for all of us as the scheduled dance evenings slowly end before the summer break. For many clubs, there are plans unfolding to grow their clubs commencing in the Fall to avoid the other drastic alternative which might lead to folding.

Reflecting a solid foundation in our favourite activity, SWOSDA has enjoyed strong and consistent leadership on the Executive Committee and in our wide reaching clubs across SW Ontario. Underlying this foundation, are people like you who have 'stepped up' to ensure that they contribute their skills, whether small or large, to ensure that our favourite activity continues for all to enjoy. Many who have participated on their club's executive committee or SWOSDA have realized after they try their best that they learn and enhance their skills and have a lot of fun!

You are encouraged to 'circle' the last SWOSDA regional dance of the season on **April 29<sup>th</sup>** in Kitchener which promises to be a memorable time for all with our planned callers, cuers, square and round dancing. We also need you to attend our Annual General Meeting which will commence immediately after the dancing has finished and will last between 30 to 40 minutes, still allowing friends to meet for dinner before heading home. Most importantly, we want you to consider a small role that you could offer on the SWOSDA Executive Committee for the upcoming year ahead.

Our own Jeff Priest is running an important half day seminar in Woodstock for prospective new callers and cuers on **May 13<sup>th</sup>** from 12 noon until 5:00 pm. Should you or someone you know have an interest in calling or cuing, this session would be an excellent first step. Of course, you may wish to attend to gain more information about the process so that you can talk to others.

As you can see, ***We Want You!!*** This theme comes in many different forms – *volunteering your skills in your club, on the SWOSDA Executive, your interest in working with our Bugle Editor to ensure our club*

*messages continue to reach everyone, helping your club grow its membership, and many more needed functions.*

Ending our Presidents' Message on a personal note, we have thoroughly enjoyed working with others on the Executive Committee who have been our strong role models in offering their leadership and support throughout the year. Most importantly, we have enjoyed the opportunity to reach out and communicate with you through the Bugle and at SWOSDA dances. We now move on to another role as Past Presidents' at the same time as offering our talents on the executive of our own club in the coming year.

Have a great summer! We encourage you to check the SWOSDA.ca website under "Events" from time to time as there may be summer dances being planned by various clubs. Please stay in touch with your dance friends with a view to getting together in a square or round dance soon.

Tom and Jo Kahnert,  
SWOSDA Presidents



**Saturday March 25, 2023**  
**Hosted by Sound Steppers, Owen Sound**

What a great turnout for the March SWOSDA dance at Notre Dame Catholic School in Owen Sound! Seven squares, represented by seven clubs, danced the afternoon away, beginning with a round dance party expertly cued by Dan Roy, followed by mainstream and plus squares called by our energetic host caller Neva McVittie and other fun callers Tom Charlton and Merv Reid. Thanks to those callers and cuers for giving freely of their time!



The Sound Steppers Club provided a delicious array of goodies for dancers to munch on between rounds and squares. A lot of reconnecting with friends took place amongst dancers from the southern part of the region and those in the northern area, who haven't seen each other much since the pandemic.

In spite of the rainy and icy weather outside, there sure was a lot of sunshine inside the hall. The club members took a lot of time and effort to decorate the venue to make us all feel welcome. It was much appreciated! Recognition for a great afternoon was extended to the club and callers/cuers by SWOSDA presidents Tom and Jo Kahnert.

It is hard to believe that next month will be the last regional square dance for the season, followed by the Annual General Meeting. Be sure to come to Glencairn Church in Kitchener on Saturday, April 29 and make this our best turnout ever!

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## **SWOSDA NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

*Would you like to be part of the rejuvenation of Modern Square Dancing???*

We would all love to see our clubs with an abundance of dancers having fun and socializing each and every week like we used to. We can make that happen with some work.

Come and join us on Saturday May 13, 2023 - 1:00pm at Maranatha Church in Woodstock for an interest session. Each Club is encouraged to send two members.

Our activity has had a number of callers and leaders retire in the last decade and we need to figure out a way to compensate for the loss. We need some new callers. We need some new club leaders. We need the ability to get more dancers into our activity so we can once again flourish and have enough members to visit other clubs and get back to the real social aspect of our slogan from many years ago "Friendship Set To Music". Let's get back to "banner stealing" and "Fun Badges" and "Bus Trips" to visit another clubs. We can do all that again if everyone helps out.

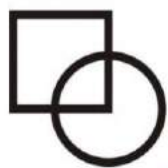
**This is an information session regarding what it takes to run a club, become more effective as a club angel, become the leader of a small CD or tape group or even learn how to become a caller. On this afternoon, you will be presented with ideas on how you can support the activity in many different ways. And for those interested in pursuing any of the options presented, there will be further sessions planned on each subject. Come out and explore how YOU can participate in guiding our activity to an Up-"Swing"!**

Every club should try to be represented at this special event on May 13<sup>th</sup>. If each club had two people in attendance, we can spread the word throughout the SWOSDA membership and be much more effective. We have room for 40 people – so sign up early.

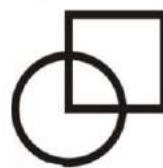
This activity has had many highs and lows in membership over the last 5 decades. At this time, many folks are using Covid as the excuse to stay home but that is not so relevant now. Let's explore some different options, from budding callers to SWOSDA's "Growing Your Club" program to get our activity back on track. Now is the time to make plans to rejuvenate MODERN SQUARE DANCING!

See the flyer in this issue of the Bugle...

To show your support for SWOSDA and Square Dancing, please register [HERE](#)



# SWOSDA



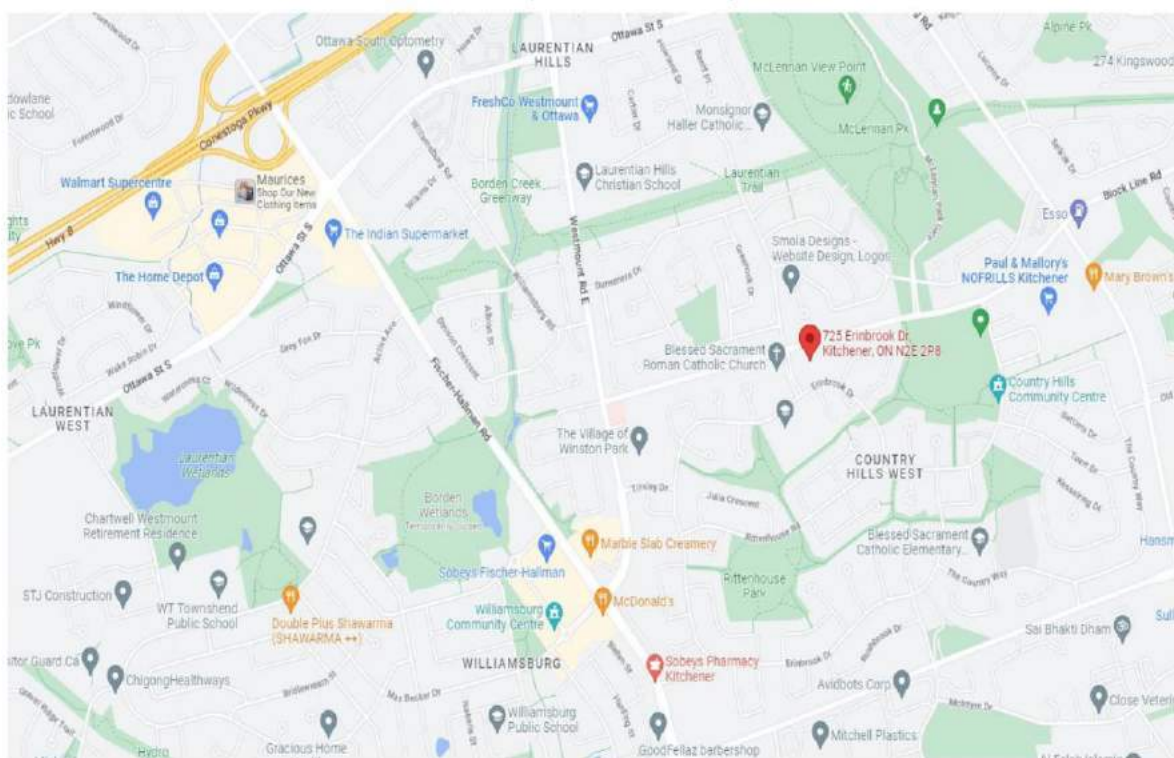
Square & Round Dancers Of South Western Ontario  
**MONTHLY SPECIAL IN KITCHENER  
& ANNUAL MEETING  
APRIL 29, 2023**

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

Hosted by – Guys 'n Dolls

Location – Glencairn Church

**725 Erinbrook Dr, Kitchener, ON N2E 3E3**



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

Or Contact:

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**SWOSDA Contact:** Jeff & Andrea Priest ~ [jeff@jeffreypriest.com](mailto:jeff@jeffreypriest.com)

**SWOSDA is a member run organization!**



# ***SWOSDA Executive News, April 2023***

## **Upcoming Dance and AGM**

The final regional dance of the season will take place next month at Glencairn Church in Kitchener, hosted by Guys 'n Dolls. Don't miss your chance to dance to a slate of excellent callers and to square up with friends you've made while attending the monthly dances throughout the year. Plan to stay at the end of the dance for a short-and-sweet annual general meeting. Remember, if you are a club dancer, you are a stakeholder in the SWOSDA organization. At the AGM we will bid farewell to executive members who have given their all to push our clubs through the pandemic and out the other side. We will welcome the next contingent who will put their shoulder to the wheel and help build up SWOSDA for a strong and resilient future. Stand together with your fellow members as we acknowledge those who have made outstanding contributions to our dance community. See you on the 29<sup>th</sup> for the dance (1-4:30) and the AGM (4:30-5:10).

## **Secrets Revealed...New Caller Information Session**

If you ever wondered how it is that your caller works his/her/their magic, seamlessly resolving squares on the fly, then come out to the New Caller Information Session at Maranatha Church in Woodstock on Saturday May 13. The trade secrets will be revealed and you can give calling a try yourself.

Register at [www.shadowlightdance.com](http://www.shadowlightdance.com)

## **Annual Club Fees**

Don't forget to get your \$20 club fee in to the SWOSDA treasurer by the end of the April SWOSDA dance. You can either send a cheque in the mail or deliver it, in-person, to Stephen Kilbridge at the dance. He'll be the good-looking one, wearing the "SWOSDA Treasurer" nametag.

## **Return of Club Corner**

Perhaps you remember the tradition of gathering club reps together for a 5-10 minute huddle with

a SWOSDA executive member at the regional dances for a quick exchange of information. *Club Corner* provides the opportunity for your club to share information with other clubs, raise issues of concern and receive clarification of regional plans. Each club can send two representatives to this quick meeting. It will happen in a flash so make sure you have your club reps designated. Club Corner will return next dance season so be ready to hop to it at some point during the October regional dance.

## **Club Anniversaries**

If your club is celebrating a significant anniversary, let us join in the fun! We all want to congratulate your club on its milestone and would like to acknowledge your club's accomplishment with a presentation from SWOSDA. Let us know about your anniversary plans at [secretary@swosda.ca](mailto:secretary@swosda.ca). (A little birdie told me that there may be something in the works for Thames Valley's 25th. Can't wait!)

## **Time is Running Out**

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**. For award criteria and nomination forms, visit [swosda.ca](http://swosda.ca), click on "About," then on "Awards".

## **Special Dances**

The Spring Spree, afternoon/evening dance is on the horizon (April 22). We'll banish winter with a shindig!

Check [swosda.ca](http://swosda.ca) for the details. Also, plan to join the fun at the International Convention in Ottawa (July 5-8). Check [ottawa2023.com](http://ottawa2023.com) for details.



# SWOSDA

## *Remember When...*

### Looking Back at April Bugles -23/04

1973 – The first item which caught my eye was the following: “Denny and Judy Howlett would like to thank the Shiloh Buckles and Bows for being such a wonderful club. They are a bunch of schemers, plotters and thieves, but you couldn’t ask for better people or a better club. Thanks for putting up with us these last few years.” What wonderful memories these folk must share with the Howletts and the rest of the club!

When Nick and I were just beginner dancers at Simcoe, Denny was guest caller at the club. Although we knew that we would not be dancing that evening we went out to support the club, share the work of a special dance and see in action this great caller we had been told about. It wasn’t long before Denny sought us out to find out why we weren’t dancing. He shot down the idea that we didn’t know enough to participate yet and told us to get up in the next tip and he would show us how to have fun. Needless to say from then on, with a little more experience under our belt we didn’t hesitate if there was an opportunity to dance to Denny’s calling. Club reports mentioned great opportunities for dancing, Forest City Festival in London, the “Big Four” dance in Cambridge, and Spring Fling in Sarnia to name just a few. Sixteen couples from Brantford Square-A-Naders ended off their season with a mystery bus tour which ended up at Princess Elizabeth SD Club in London for an evening of dancing.

1983 – Callers Clinic celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in ‘83 with visits from former members, Perry Stuart and Egbert Jacobs calling for dancing with figures from the past, and a display of memorabilia and scrapbooks. Lois Wise led the round dancing with some of the older dances from the past while Hilda Hibbert sang the calls to Fraulein to her partner, explaining later to the group that when she started round dancing they had to learn to do them by memory and the only way she could memorize them was to sing the cues to the music.

This issue also included a report from the Nominating Committee. They had included a possible slate of officers to be chosen at the annual meeting. The nominees had been asked to submit a short account of their dancing experience plus any other information which would help the clubs decide how to direct their delegates how to vote.

Most of the clubs were very busy with a variety of activities which provided fun, fitness, friendship and food. Banner-stealing and retrieval was very popular way that interaction between clubs was promoted. Many of the clubs also included an outline of planned summer activities including Strawberry Socials and Corn Roasts which of course had dancing as part of said activities.

1993 - “It is better to cause happiness where you go than to cause happiness when you go.” This accompanied a memoriam to Perry Stuart, a London caller who had been very active in the square dance community in London and the SWOSDA district. He would be greatly missed.

In “Ken’s Korner” Ken Brennan stated. “There are dancers out there that enjoy the mainstream and some that enjoy much more challenging and demanding dancing. I think that there is room in our activity for all and we should realize that each of us has a different need and attempt to satisfy as many as possible... we all need to recognize that our activity is designed to be fun, good exercise and entertaining for all of us. There will always be a variety of capabilities both on the part of the dancers and the callers. This is a good thing in that it tells me that EVERYONE IS WELCOME.!” *I quite agree and noticed in this issue especially that the callers were providing lots of summer workshops to allow dances to brush up on their desired level. DD*

2003 – Callers Clinic Chair Tom Charlton posted the dates for Caller’s Clinic events for the season and provided notice that they had decided to have a Callers School this summer, with details to follow. A guest speaker, Mr. Lloyd Sparks from Kentucky was scheduled for the April meeting.

Simcoe Star-A-Naders advertised their first annual Trillium Dance for Camp Trillium – Rainbow Lake. The Trillium Childhood Cancer Support Centre offered and promoted recreational experiences to bring children with cancer and their families together. After the Star-A-Naders club closed in 2005, the Trillium Dance was revived by Tillsonburg’s Tri-County Squares and repeated for quite a number of years. Over the history of these benefits, over \$20,000 was raised in support of the camp.

2013 – Lots of plans for summer dancing were in the works. Strathroy started out in March with family and friends night. In order to expose more folk to our healthy and enjoyable activity another one would be held in September to be followed by a series of four ABC dances. Then a class for new dancers would then begin in October. This proved to be a successful way of bringing in new folks.

**WHETHER THE WEATHER BE COLD OR  
WHETHER THE WEATHER BE HOT.  
WE’LL WEATHER THE WEATHER,  
NO MATTER THE WEATHER,  
WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT**

We certainly have experienced a big share of weather this year. Lots of the time it could be described as NOT what we like. Even today when it looks like a beautiful sunny spring day, the breeze is really cold. However the crocuses have pushed their way through the piles of snow and large groups of tulips of plumping out so we can be assured spring is nearly here. Thank goodness.

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful Easter weekend,  
Dorothy Dahm, SWOSDA Historian



**The Ontario Square and  
Round Dance Federation**



Please Note: The Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Federation is taking place on Saturday, April 22, 2023. The location is the Crestwood Secondary School in Peterborough (Same location as the Spring Spree Dance)

Come to enjoy a day of dancing, and also attend the AGM at 1 pm. All are welcome.

# ***FEATURE***

## **Leadership**

The definition of leadership aspires to the ability to lead people, having leadership qualities, is said to be one of the best attributes any person can possess.

SWOSDA as we know it, has maintained its identity and leadership of its member clubs due to having many committed, dedicated, and responsible people holding executive leadership positions. SWOSDA has survived and flourished for that very reason. No company, no group, no organization, and no project can succeed without good leadership.

However, successful completion of any given project is dependent upon effective leadership qualities that not everyone possesses. There are many that have believed they had the ability to lead and ended failing because they either did not understand the logistics or logic of a given project or situation, did not have a vision leading to a successful completion or did not have the ability to lead or manage people. A good leader must possess certain qualities. The more of these qualities one may have dictates just how great he/she is as a leader. Let's examine these qualities a little more closely.

A leader must have a strong sense of self confidence.

It is said that a person that is not confident in their decisions could never be a good leader. How could you expect others to follow you and support you if you yourself are not confident in what you are planning.

A good leader must be inspired and excited about success. If you are not, then how could you inspire others?

Honesty and integrity is essential in earning the respect of your followers. Would you be inclined to follow an immoral leader?

Good communication skills are imperative and a necessary tool in directing your followers in a strong, meaningful yet supportive manner. Being able to motivate your followers ensures a meaningful, positive effort is sustained.

Good decision making is a key to success. What does it matter if a leader has all other qualities of a good leader if he makes poor decisions? All the efforts by a leader's followers become wasted if they are pouring their energies into a poor decision.

And finally, creative thinking is a guarantee of survival of a group. Progress is not possible if a leader is not a good innovator. He/she must create a positive attitude in their work which will in turn inspire others to do the same.

Good leadership is an avenue to success. Poor leadership is a guarantee of failure. Consequently, good leaders make the world go round and, in our case, guarantee the survival of our dancing activities long into the future.

SWOSDA needs and is looking for new executive members that may possess some of the above-mentioned qualities. Your input would be beneficial to the future success of our organization. You need not possess all the qualities of a good leader as mentioned above, but sharing the attributes you do have in combination with others is called a team.

Join us. We look forward to working with you on behalf of dancers everywhere.

Austin Hayward  
Thames Valley Dance Club





## 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

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## Fun First Frosh Dance

The first Frosh Dance since the pandemic was held on Saturday, March 18 at Richards Memorial United Church in London. A great time was had by dancers from Woodstock, London and Strathroy. It was hosted by Ed and Nancy Dolson, of Caller's Clinic.

Three lively squares danced to three energetic callers- Ed Dolson, Tom Charlton and Merv Reid, who gave freely of their time and expertise. Much hooting, hollering and laughing could be heard throughout the afternoon while the new dancers reviewed their dance calls and learned to dance to a variety of calling styles and with angels from different clubs. There was also a lot of socializing going on at breaks while the dancers munched on goodies and chatted with dancers from other clubs.



It was a wonderful opportunity for these new dancers to enjoy dancing at a different venue from their home club. They all rose to the occasion, demonstrating their sound knowledge of the skills they had been taught by their callers. We sure hope that they and many more new dancers will come out to the next frosh dance to be held in the same location on Saturday, April 15 from 7-9p.m.



Kudos to all the new dancers, angels and callers for a very enjoyable afternoon!  
Submitted by Caller's Clinic

*Caller's Clinic Presents....* **April**

# FROSH DANCE

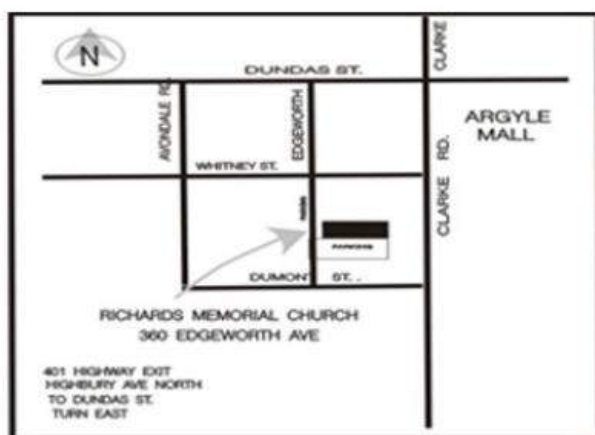


**Neva McVittie**  
**Ed Dolson**

**Saturday, April 15, 2023**

**7:30 - 9:30 p.m.**

**\$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)

## Clinton Wheel 'N' Dealers

Dave & Blanche Paulen are Retiring from Calling - A dinner / Dance / Celebration is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3 - See FLYER included in Bugle for More Information / Registration

## Country Square – Rostock

Greetings from Rostock Country Squares!

Recently our dance group has been learning some round dancing moves as well as continuing with square dancing.

As you can see in the pictures, it sometimes takes a team effort to read the cue sheet and hold back the skirt so we can see the steps! What else are friends for?



We all like to have fun in our group. I recently found this great quote describing a friend. I think this quote suits our group. **“A friend is one of the best things you can be, and the greatest thing you can have”.**  
~ Sarah Valdez

Joanne Foster

## Denim'N Lace - Flesherton

Denim 'n Lace celebrated St. Patrick's Day at our special dance on March 15th with a record attendance, dancers in green attire, some Irish jokes, our caller Jim Lee brightened the evening with several Irish songs and calls for the enjoyment of all dancers. A photo of the dancers attending our St, Patrick's Dance is attached below.

Dean Fisher, Caller for the Blue Mountain Promenaders passed away in March and we extend our condolences to their members. He was a Square Dance Caller over 50 years, most of that time with the Promenaders.

Several members of the Promenaders have been coming to our dances for the past few weeks and we enjoy having them.





Our Club attended the March SWOSDA Dance hosted by Owen Sound Steppers on March 25. Several members of the Blue Mountain Promenaders also attended. It was an excellent dance and we congratulate the Owen Sound Steppers for planning, organizing and hosting the event.



Our Special Dance for April will be our Graduation Dance on April 19th. We will be graduating five new dancers from our Introduction to Modern Square Dancing group.

Mel Chamberlain  
Bugle Correspondent

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### [Guys n' Dolls Square Dance Club - Kitchener](#)

While it was quite white outside on St. Patrick's Day, inside was warm, welcoming. No pot of gold, or leprechauns, but members and visitors dressed for the occasion in close to forty shades of green.

Caller Dan Weatherby caused many a chuckle with his sharing of Irish jokes. Treasurer John Ledlow did the announcements in lieu of President Mark Ackersviller. Unfortunately Mark wrenched his back nearly a month ago whilst helping a friend with bags of salt. We understand the agony he's going through, and wish him a speedy recovery.



Mrs. President Heather, reminded us of hosting SWOSDA AGM and Dance on April 29th. here in Kitchener. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces at that time for the round up of the winter season of squares!

Safe travels and happy dancing!

Fond regards,  
Dot

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

## *Greetings from Jubilee Rounds:*

Well, Spring here! The grass is visible again and the gardens are going to need work soon. We do hope you all had an enjoyable St. Patrick's Day and a Happy Easter!

Our “In Person” Round Dance Club on Thursday mornings has started our Rumba / Cha Cha session and will continue until the end of May. Then in June we will just enjoy dancing the four rhythms we have learned. To join us, sign up on our website [HERE](#)

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Our Zoom Group continues no matter what the weather does!! 😊 We really enjoy seeing folks from around the globe at our weekly Jubilee dances. If you would like to join us, go to our website and register so we can send you the code.

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Our “Welcome Spring” Round Dance on **Sunday Afternoon March 19<sup>th</sup>** was a great dance with a sold out group. Lots of fun and laughs and even a special treat for some - two of our grandsons were there with their bracelet booth and several folks took advantage of buying a custom made bracelet from the boys. It was a great afternoon. Thanks to all those who attended and to those who supported our grandsons too!

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### **Up-Coming Specials!**

**Saturday Afternoon April 15<sup>th</sup>** ... Summer Serenade - We are hosting another phase II/III/IV afternoon in Cambridge. At this time, we are sold out, but there is a waiting list and if you would like to join us, please sign up [HERE](#)

**Saturday Afternoon May 6<sup>th</sup>** ... Introduction to Jive. Join us for this fun afternoon of learning Jive. If you have never dance Jive before, this is for you. We will teach some Jive figures and get you dancing for the afternoon. If you have done some Jive, this is for you too! It's a great time to work on styling and execution of figures or just simply enjoy the afternoon of a dedicated time in one rhythm! Please Register [HERE](#)

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**May 8<sup>th</sup> – June 26<sup>th</sup>** Once again we have arranged for Summer Sound Rounds to be held on Monday nights in Woodstock for 8 weeks. Summer Sounds is a great opportunity to have some “in person” quality floor time – no teaches, just dancing! If you would like to join us, please register [HERE](#)

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

A square and a half of enthusiastic dancers from Guelph attended the joint T&D and Waterdown Village Squares well-attended dance on April 1, followed by the Toronto & District Square and Round Dance Association Annual General Meeting. We joined almost 50 dancers for a lively Mainstream and Plus dance called by Jim Lee and Wayne Hall.

Three of our teenage dancers - Mark, Autumn and Wes - competed with their 4H Club at the olde tyme square dance competition held during [College Royal](#) at the University of Guelph in March and did well. Hats off to them. They are also Plus dancers at our Club.

Lots of Club dancers also attend the popular monthly Olde Tyme square dance at Duff's Church, south of Guelph. Super fun and easy to learn. Next dance is Saturday, April 15 at 7 pm. The caller, Bill Hands, has been invited to call an Olde Tyme Canadian Barn Dance at the [IAGSDC Square Dance Convention](#) in Ottawa on July 8th! With almost 700 dancers registered and more than a dozen Callers (Basic to C2), it is sure to be an awesome dance experience. There's still time to register.



Our short program (6-week) Basic classes have been successful in attracting new dancers (about 18) and we're hopeful they'll sign up again for another six weeks.



Wednesday Plus nights attract one or two squares. And our first Annual General Meeting since Covid is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19 at 7 pm at Paisley Road School gym.

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 St. Patrick's Day with a green beverage of your choice!  
Spring is here... finally. We look forward to some warmer weather and time in the garden.

### **Private Parties!**

Jeff has a number of private parties booked over the next few months. 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 dances at Elora Public School 7:00-9:15pm

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

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

Thursday Mornings: Round Dance Classes – Cambridge. 10:00-11:30am 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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**Saturday May 13 ... Special SWOSDA Interest Session ...** Are you interested in keeping Square Dancing alive??? We need you to attend this interest session to find out how we can keep our beloved activity vibrant. We have space for 40 people. To register click [HERE](#)

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**June 7<sup>th</sup> - August 30<sup>th</sup> Summer Daytime PLUS DBD ...** sessions start on Wednesday June 7<sup>th</sup> in Cambridge. If you wish to join in the fun please register [HERE](#)

See our flyers on our website and on SWOSDA.

If any of the above links don't connect you to the form, visit our website at [www.shadowlightdance.com](http://www.shadowlightdance.com) and select "Register Here" on the menu.

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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

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

Hi fellow dancers and friends. Mother nature has not made up her mind about what kind of weather she wants to dish out to us. But March sure went out like a lion so we are on to clearer skies, warmer days and longer daylight hours.



It was a busy month for the club, with our St Patrick's dance. Lots of fun themed dancing and "green" treats, was a great night.



The Owen Sound Steppers club held the March swosda dance. It was a huge success with seven squares with over seven clubs in attendance. With 3 callers and 1 cuer and a wide variety of sweets and treats it was a great afternoon for everyone. We also sang happy birthday to 3 March birthdays.

Our next specialty dance is Easter Bonnets on Thursday April 6th at 7pm. Everyone welcome.



For more information and updates about our club follow us on our Facebook page.

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

Linda Wedow  
Bugle Rep

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#### Strathroy Swinging Duo's

Spring is in the air! Soon our snow birds will return and we look forward to meeting them in a square again. Our Introduction to modern square dance program ended on March 19. The last two weeks of the program we held family and friends' night and had many guests enjoy an evening of dance, fellowship, and laughter. Our new dancers are now invited to join our club and Tom Charlton will lead a ½ hour teach at 7pm prior to our regular dance. Our entire club is encouraged to come and dance at that time as well.

Everyone rode in their "horse powered" cars to our Cowboy Cowgirl dance on March 20<sup>th</sup>. We had a fun evening of Cowboy; Cowgirl talk and dancing. Cowboy Tom brought his lovely Cowgirl wife, Linda. We also warmly welcomed retired, founder club member, Shirley Aarts who stopped by for a brief visit. We ended the evening gathered together and enjoyed a delicious lunch of muffins and fruit bread.



We welcomed Arnold and Carroll Reicheld back after being home for four months recuperating from shingles and a broken arm. We were also pleased that Tom Kahnert was able to shed his boot brace and dance a few tips.

Our last dance for the season will be Tuesday April 25 at St. John the Evangelist Church, 34 Head ST. N. Strathroy. We invite you to come to our pot luck supper prior to the dance. We will eat at 6:30 sharp and request you arrive a few minutes before that. Please bring a main dish or salad and your own plates and cutlery. We look forward to dinning and dancing with you.

Have a Blessed Easter,  
Jake and Jean Hamstra

### Thames Valley Dance Club – Woodstock

Here we are at the beginning of April already! Thames Valley Dance Club has been dancing since September and we are now in the home stretch. May 1<sup>st</sup> will be our final dance night of the 2022-23 season.



March was a busy month for us! Not only did we hold our AGM, but we also had the chance to enjoy the first Frosh Dance of the year. Most of our new dancers were there - our club had more than 2 full squares taking part! Have a look at some of the pictures – everyone had a blast!



And, what would March be without a party for St. Patrick's Day? Who knew so many of our club members are Irish? Irish or not, we all had a great time!

As the days grow longer and warmer, we look forward to spring. April will keep us busy with an Easter dance, another Frosh dance, and Bring a Friend night. Before we know it, May 1 will roll around when we will celebrate the achievements of our new dancers with Graduation Night.

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

## The Town Squares – La Salette

The Town Squares has gone Round!

We are a small but enthusiastic group and have been learning and dancing several Round Dance Rhythms since October.

On the first full day of Spring we celebrated the season and our achievements with a special dance, a slant to St. Patrick's Day, we kicked the fun up a notch with some high energy Irish tunes. The group would like to extend our gratitude to Gail for her hard work and dedication. Step in time.

Wayne Beard



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## News from Lift Lock Squares, Peterborough

### Spring Spree Dance, Saturday, April 22.

Countdown to Spring Spree in Peterborough! It is very exciting to be getting together once again, after a three year break!



Many thanks to many of you who have already registered for this year. We hope those who have not yet done so will take advantage of the pre-registration price. All day \$20pp in advance but \$25 at the door. Half day \$10 in advance but \$15 at the door. For those pre-registered, you will be eligible for a draw for free ribbons for 2024. Registration can be done online and the fee can be paid by e-transfer. Our flyer is attached with the information to do this. The flyer also has the mailing address. Pre-registering also helps us plan the best usage of the halls. If you have any questions please email: [springspreedance@gmail.com](mailto:springspreedance@gmail.com) or phone 905 342 5450.

Great news! **Basic dancers are welcome to attend** so please encourage those in your clubs to come. It is a great introduction for new dancers to see what a big dance is all about, to meet new dance friends and have a great time.

We have a staff of four great callers; **Brian Crawford, Dave Hutchinson, Don Moger and Jeff Priest.**

The school has a scent-free policy and also they stress the necessity to wear clean shoes to protect the gym floors. Please lug a mug to help the environment.

In past years some of you have enjoyed the church supper put on by Grace United Church. This year it will be a roast beef dinner and the cost is \$25. If you are interested you must contact Anne Hare at [annewayne644@gmail.com](mailto:annewayne644@gmail.com) to prebook.

If you plan on staying overnight, to get the Spring Spree rate, please book directly with the hotel.

Super 8. \$94 plus tax 705 876 8898; Comfort Inn \$115 plus tax 705 740 7000; Motel 6 \$101 plus tax 705 748 0550.

The AGM for the Ontario Square and Round Dance Federation will take place at the same venue as the dance, ([see flyer](#)). Everyone is welcome to attend at 1pm.

Many thanks and we hope to see you all soon!

From your Spring Spree Committee: Wayne, Anne, Jean and Howard



Join Clinton Wheel 'n Dealers As we Celebrate  
The Retirement of  
**Dave & Blanche Paulen**  
As full time Callers



Wednesday, May 3, 2023

At

Clinton United Church  
105 Ontario St., Clinton

Dinner 6:30 pm. - Dancing 7:30 pm

To join us for dinner

Please contact Ian & Debbie Hulley at 519-482-7972  
by Friday April 21

Dinner & Dance. \$25.00 / per person

Dance only. \$7.50 per person





Square & Round Dancers Of South Western Ontario

## Round Dance Party

May 27, 2023

London, ON

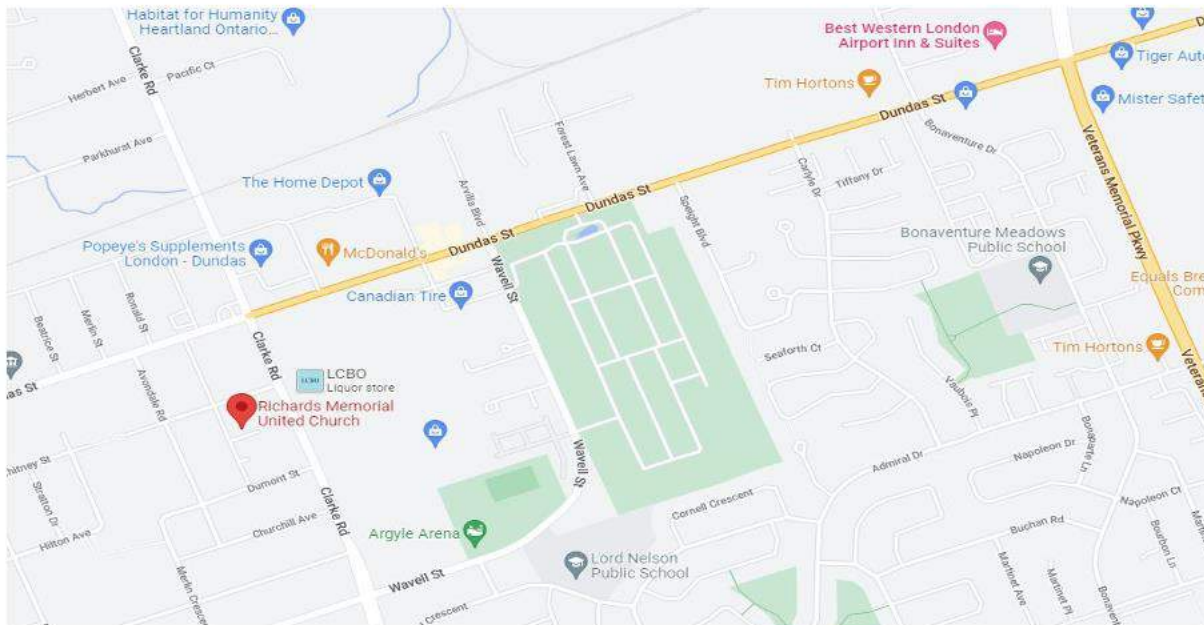
2:00pm – 4:30pm - Phase II – IV

Cost: \$ 7.00 per person

Hosted by: Rhythm Rounds

Location: Richards Memorial Church

360 Edgeworth Ave., London, ON



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

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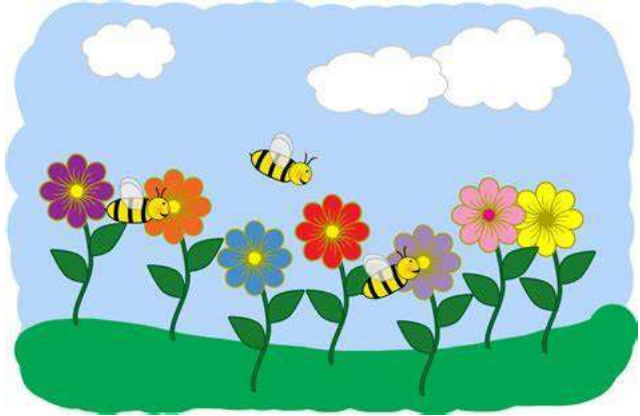
## Rhythm Rounds - London

Happy Spring! Buds are coming out, the sun is shining and we get to dance. Life is good!

Rhythm Rounds is proud to host the May SWOSDA round dance party. It will be an afternoon dance on May 27<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 at Richards Memorial Church. We hope everyone will support the Round Dance Party and come out and enjoy the afternoon with all of us.

You can see or print the flyer on the SWOSDA website.

Hope to see you all there!



## Centennial Beavers – London

After 2 weeks off ( one for Ed's holiday and one for Good Friday) we are ready to get back at the learning and the dancing. We are advancing quite a bit and looking forward to the Frosh Dance on Sat April 15th.

Our attendance has been "WILLY NILLY" the past few weeks due to holidays, colds and other forces. We are looking to be the best we can be! We have only a few weeks left and we are off for our planting and summer season.

We have a bring a friend night coming up on May the 5<sup>th</sup> for our Spring Hop Dance. We are hoping to get our friends, family and neighbors out to join in the fun. It will be so nice to dance with people loving it as much as we do.

See you in a square and at the Frosh Dance.

