

Otonabee Squares Newsletter - November 2010

Many thanks to Jackie Deschenes who has developed the website otonabeesquares.wordpress.com for us. It is a great way for all our members to keep up to date with what is happening and also for the general public to find out what is happening in the square dance world in Peterborough and elsewhere. Have a look and please give some feedback. Bookmark it and check it for notices. In the future all news letters, notices, etc. will be posted here. A few will be printed up for people without computer access. However we strive to do less photocopying and use less paper.

We have received an anonymous donation to cover two week's hall rental. Many thanks to this person for their generosity.

Pie Night will be Saturday, 20th November from 7-10:30pm. This dance is hosted by Lift Lock Square Dance club and will be held at St. Anne's Parish Hall, 859 Barnardo Ave. For Otonabee Squares members, admission will be free. Please make every effort to attend this dance. For those not familiar with Lift Lock Squares, it is a club which dance plus and advanced square dance levels. However for Pie Night the dance levels will be basic and mainstream as they wished to host this dance for us.

Note about dress. When visiting other clubs (and for our special dances) the dress code is that men should wear long sleeved shirts and ladies should wear a skirt if you are dancing on the ladies' side. If you dance on the men's side, you can wear pants or skirt! See there are advantages of dancing the man's side!! Please make sure to wear your club name badge.

Speaking of name badges, please think about getting a permanent name badge, especially all the second+ year dancers. Speak to Sharon. Cost \$8 with pin or \$10 with a magnet.

Our Welcome Back Party dance and pot-luck will be Monday, January 3, 2011 from 6:30 to 9:30pm. Bring a main course or dessert. Now that the holiday season will be over everyone can relax and have lots of fun. Please remember to bring plates, mugs, and utensils. (Please try to "lug a mug" every week to cut down on styrofoam use).

We will be starting a new class of beginner dancers on January 10, 2011. Please bring friends and family to join us. Please note that unlike September, when we took in new dancers over a three week span, in January they must begin on January 10th. Also on this date we will be joined by a Girl Guide group who are working towards their dancer badge.

An important change! Beginning on the 10th, the dance evening will be extended by 1/2 hour each week. The beginners will have their teach session from 7-7:30pm each week. From 7:30 until 9:30pm we will continue with the program we have now, alternating the levels, except that we now will have three levels, new basics, Sept basics and mainstream.

Each year all clubs have an invitational dance to which members from other clubs are invited to join us. This is what our Frosty Fling dance is! The date is January 23, 2011 which is a Sunday afternoon and the location will be Westdale United Church hall, 1509 Sherbrooke St.

W, Peterborough. Dancing 2-4:30pm, followed by refreshments. This is our "big" dance of the year and we go all out to make it a special event. We have invited another caller to share the stage with Wayne. We make up 3 or 4 gift baskets (for which we sell tickets) and also have some door prizes. For these baskets and door prizes we ask that if anyone has any item/s they would like to donate, we would be glad to receive them. (After Christmas you may have some gifts you would like to recycle). They must be new or nearly new. In January we will be putting out sign-up sheets. We need volunteers for jobs that need doing on the day of the dance and for food for the dance. As we have many singles in our club it would be a good idea if you could get together with others for the food. For instance two or three people could put together a fruit tray, or veggies or even sandwich ingredients!

On November 27th there is a dance in Stouffville for new dancers and we are hoping some of our members will attend this dance. Jean and Howard Lander plan on going so if you want a ride, speak to them or phone 905 342 5450. Not only is it fun to hear other callers, it is also fun to meet other square dancers! When we have our "big" dance we hope other clubs will join us. Likewise they hope we will support their invitational dances.

Upcoming dates for other dances (not already mentioned above) : (Please check the stage every week for flyers.)

Feb 12 - Saturday afternoon and evening dance in Thornhill - for new dancers. We hope to have a bus to this dance. In the new year we will have sign-up sheet for the bus.

Mar 29 - Tuesday 8-10pm. Dance in Baltimore - levels basic to plus. More info. later.

April 16 - Saturday afternoon and evening dance hosted by Lift Lock Squares in Peterborough. Pre-registration forms now available. Separate halls for all four dance levels.

May 12-14 - Toronto and District Square Dance Association Annual Convention. For basic dancers - only Saturday May 14 afternoon and evening.

From your executive members.

Sharon Rae; Alan Bigelow; Ingrid Fallaise; Orren and Eileen Day; Sandy Martin; Bunny Laing and Jean and Howard Lander.