

Triangle Squares Toronto's LGBTQ Square Dance Club

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Costumes everywhere! Wow! ▲ ■ Halloween Dance, 519 Church, Oct 31.

Wackiest Costume: Mr. ▲ ■ (Bill Eadie), Best Costume: Ms. Clara Claus (Don Cheff) and Most Creative Costume: the BearBack Mountain Men (Bob and Nick).

Reg is Mr. Zombie Dancer 2013. More photos on Facebook.

For **up-to-the-minute** club news, check our <u>Facebook page</u> and the news section on our <u>homepage</u>.

What's New

- 1. Please **help setup for each class** (and for club dances). Come a few minutes early and/or stay a few minutes after class, to help with the following:
 - **Wed (Jesse Ketchum School)**: 4 tables are needed from the storage area beside the stage: 1 table for each caller, 2 tables for sign-in area. Setup tables before class; return tables to storage after class.
 - **Thurs (519 Church)**: chairs are needed at the side of the room; unstack/position chairs before class; stack chairs after class.

- 2. The season for yucky weather is coming up fast. Dancers: please bring **clean indoor shoes** or slippers to protect the floors at Jesse K. At the 519, it's not a "rule" to wear indoor shoes to protect the floor, but it's definitely a courtesy that's appreciated by the hard-working staff there. And let's face it: It's a lot easier to dance in shoes than in boots!
- 3. Nov 14 AGM: Although first-year dancers can't vote at the AGM, they're strongly encouraged to attend, to learn about the club, to mix-and-mingle, and to get in some fun dancing at the end of the meeting. A reminder to second-year dancers that they can now vote, and also, we will be presenting them with their permanent badges that evening. Plenty of interesting stuff at the AGM, including thrilling elections of next year's steering committee, and updates about the 2014 Fly-in and 2016 Convention. Tickets for the Dec 8 Holiday Dance & Feast will be sold at the AGM and in the dance classes. Please buy tickets in advance... and save! Tickets are \$10 members (\$13 non-members), or \$12 / \$15 at the door; exact change is appreciated! Non-dancing partners get in free, with a potluck contribution.
- 4. If you have something to sell, give away or advertise, bring it to the **Members' Table O' Stuff** on Nov 14, Dec 8 (and at future club events). Items have to be labelled, so that people can find owners and ask questions or make offers, etc. NB. it's your responsibility to take away or dispose of unclaimed items and the end of the event.

Upcoming

- Nov 14: ▲ AGM, 7-9pm, 519 Community Centre, election of new steering committee (not too late to submit your name), likely time for some dancing after the formal part of the meeting.
 - NB. Basic and C1 classes are cancelled for Nov 14.
- Nov 15: <u>Hogtown Hoedown</u> old-time square dance
- Dec 8: ▲■ Xmas party (see <u>above</u> for ticket info), 3-5:30pm dance (caller Don St. Jean), 6-7:30pm supper (potluck)
- May 9-10, 2014: Spring Magic, Burlington
- May 22-25: ▲ Fly-in Scoot Back to the 60's
- **July 1-4, 2016**: Maple Leafs Regroup (IAGSDC convention, in Toronto!), in the historic Fairmont Royal York Hotel.

Want more dance events?

- Check out Toronto & District event list as well as IAGSDC event list.
- <u>Contra dancing</u> (biweekly) or <u>old time</u> square dancing (monthly) both events feature live music, and do not require prior experience
- Click here for events in 2014 and beyond
- The Oct 2013 mailing from IAGSDC contains these flyers:
 2014: Jan 31-Feb 2 (Palm Springs), Feb 14-16 (Washington), Feb 14-16 (Phoenix),
 Feb 14-17 (St. Petersburg), Feb 28-Mar 2 (Austin), Mar 28-30 (Wilmington),

July 3-6 (Slt Lake City) Oct 3-5 (Albuquerque), Oct 23-26 (New York),

Another good source of info is our club's event calendar.

nuTunes

Modern western square dancing dates from the 1960s; some of our dance music even predates that! But our callers sometimes use **newish music** in their patter calls and singing calls; hearing a variety of modern music makes our dancing that much more enjoyable. If one of our callers plays something new, musical and fun, tell them you enjoyed it. Maybe they'll even take "requests"!



New tunes recently heard at ▲ ■:

- "Up Around The Bend", 1970, Creedence Clearwater Revival Barry, Oct 9
- "Higher Ground", 1973, Stevie Wonder Barry, Oct 23
- "Stuck in the Middle with You", 1972, Stealers Wheel Barry, Oct 23
- "Hallelujah", 2009, Jeff Buckley (cover of Leonard Cohen's 1984 song) Costa, Oct 30
- "Graceland", 1986, Paul Simon Joe, Oct 31
- "Don't Stop Believing", 1981, Journey Costa, Nov 6

Get Screened cancer awareness (written by Arti Mehta)

"Did you know that LGBTQ communities have higher risk factors for some cancers, but we are less likely to take the preventative measure of getting screened? **Get Screened: Promoting Cancer Screening in LGBTQ Communities** is seeking volunteer health ambassadors to help save lives. Health Ambassadors are trained in colon, breast and cervical cancer screening and spread the word to their own LGBTQ friends and families in their everyday lives. Visit www.cancer.ca/getscreened or www.facebook.com/lgbtqgetscreened or contact Arti Mehta at amehta@ontario.cancer.ca or 416-323-7071 for more information.

New editor ? (written by Bill Eadie)

I have produced the ▲ ■ monthly newsletter since January 2013; this is my last issue. A monthly newsletter was intended to reduce the flurry of individual emails sent to club members, to provide a permanent record of club activities, and to make it easy for club members to click on a link, to visit our website for additional details. If most members feel that a monthly club newsletter is worthwile, then hopefully someone will volunteer to take over.

Super geeky computer skills are not essential to produce the newsletter; our website makes it simple for anyone to format newsletter content to make it ok-looking. And I'm willing to help you create your first issue. If anyone wants to volunteer, please Let me know ASAP.



Next issue

Deadline for contributions to this newsletter could be the 10th of every month (depending whether we have a <u>new editor</u>). This newsletter is emailed monthly to all current $\blacktriangle \blacksquare$ members, and is posted on our <u>website</u>. Hope you enjoy reading it. All links are current at the time of newsletter publication.

