

APRIL 2015

Paul Kivisto 1965-2015

Triangle Squares suffered a huge loss this month with the passing of Paul Kivisto.

Paul was generous and kind to everyone, always making people feel welcome at Intro nights, classes, club dances, and Fly-Ins. He loved square dancing and never took it too seriously. He had a keen ability of bringing a smile to the faces of each dancer in his square and inspired great laughter with his clever wit.

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During the Pan/
Para Am Games,
The 519 will
become

PrideHouseTO

to welcome and host publicly accessible programming that supports, highlights, and engages LGBTQ people in sport and Pan American culture during the three weeks of the games.

Triangle Squares applied for, and was accepted, to be a part of that programming.

On Thursday **July 16, 2015**, from 7-9pm, Triangle Squares will host an Introduction to Gay Square Dancing. All club members and

friends are invited to help us welcome the Pan Am visitors at The 519, Room 106. Please bring snacks to offer our guests.

To show a unified club look, we would appreciate if you would wear your club shirt and name tag (or white shirt and black slacks).

We will be dancing to Joe Ubelacker at the Basic/Mainstream level, so all can participate. During class time between now and then, club callers will be reviewing the demo dance (*Somewhere Over the Rainbow*) to prepare us for this event.

Any questions can be directed to Colleen Dodds: c.dodds@sympatico.ca



Paul Kivisto: Man of a Thousand Talents

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As a member of the Fly-In Committee since 2011, Paul worked tirelessly creating amazing décor, as well as chairing the committee for the last year and a half. He was also Publicity co-chair on the Triangle Squares Steering Committee, where he would consistently bring his cheery disposition to both committee meetings and the newsletter. He was always eager to apply his decorating talents for club dances and special events.

His creativity shone in his costumes for Fly-Ins and Pride Parades. Vesta Bule, the newest member of the Triangle Tarts, allowed his imagination to run free to produce costumes which were among the most photogenic moments of the various events. In fact, Paul's smiling face in his sparkling superhero costume appeared on the front page of the Toronto Star in 2013!

On April 18th, a memorial was held at The 519 to celebrate Paul's life. It was evident by the large number of family members and friends gathered, to honour him and pay their respects to his partner Dave, that Paul had touched so many lives. Numerous people paid tribute to him on Facebook, expressing sadness and admiration for his friendship and generosity.

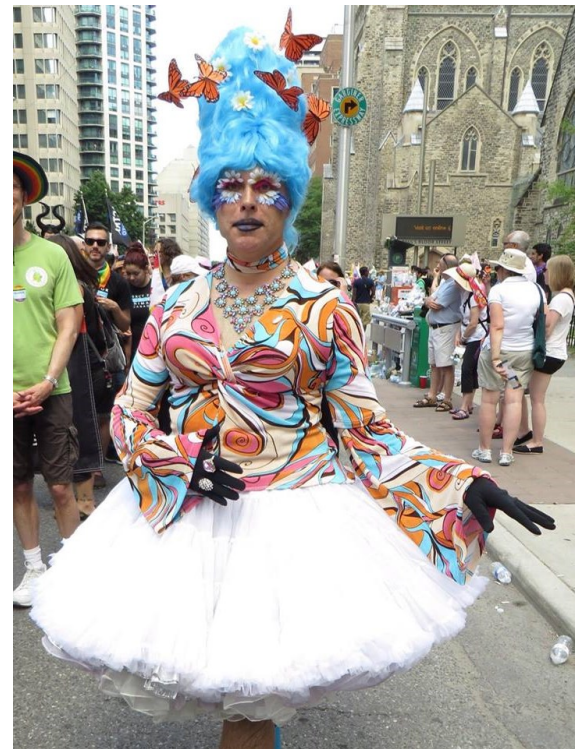
Paul was not just a fellow square dancer, he was a friend to many in the club, and his presence will be sorely missed by everyone.



Evolution of a Triangle Tart



"As I recall, [at the 2011 Fly-In] he bought a lavender crinoline. I did not know him well, but he was enjoying the crin so much I suggested he do Pride as a Tart. It was the Canada theme we did. I think it was his first time."
~ Steve Sterritt



Pam's New Hip

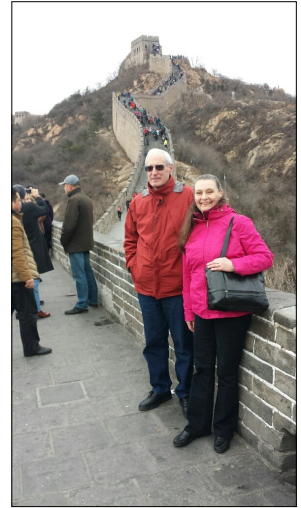
Many of you have seen me limping around for quite a while. I'm happy to report that I had my hip replaced on Thursday, April 9, and all is looking good. When my surgeon saw the post-op x-ray, he proclaimed everything "Perfect". Exactly what I wanted to hear. I came home on Sunday, April 12, and am getting around with a walker for now. The doctors prefer that I use the walker for support rather than switch to a cane too early. This way my gait will get back to normal sooner. I have exercises to do several times a day and I'm walking around the house quite a bit. Keeping active

without overdoing it is the best way to a fast and complete recovery – and that's definitely my goal!

Barry has been fantastic about doing all the laundry, cooking, shopping, etc., but I doubt I can expect that to continue forever. I'm actually looking forward to getting back to a normal life – even including the chores.

I hope to be back at the club soon and dancing again in good time. Thank you all for your thoughts and the card. Those things really do help.

Pam Clasper



Pam and Barry at the Great Wall of China – the last time she danced.

Let's Celebrate
MOM

Join us at The 519 for this very special Mother's Day Club Dance, with your Mom!

CALLER: Jimmy Lee

LEVELS: Basic thru A2

WHERE: The 519 Community Centre TIME: 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

COST: \$5.00 members; \$7.00 non-members.

No charge for non-dancers and Moms.

Please invite your mother or children to spend the afternoon with us.

We plan to include them in a tip or two and serve tea and goodies.

FIRST-YEAR DANCERS: You are encouraged to attend for a day of great dancing!

CALLERLAB Convention 2015

Andy Chong

Callerlab is the organization that determines the lists of calls for our various square dance programs. It holds its annual convention the week before Easter, with some pre-convention events the weekend before. I attended this year's convention in Springfield, MO, with the theme, **Talk It Up: #squaredancing**.

I specifically went to this convention, because I wanted to receive in person my certificate for 25 years of calling. When I first picked up a microphone at caller school in Vancouver (before the IAGSDC convention back in 1990), getting to 25 years of calling was not on my mind.

At the evening banquets, various awards and certificates were handed out. Only three callers were actually present for the 25-year certificate presentation, with 29 others getting their certificates in the mail. That was Monday night. I was feeling good until Tuesday night, when they gave out or announced the milestone certificates for 50 years of calling. Not as many, but still a significant number of names. Present to accept his certificate was Ed Foote from Pittsburgh, who served as chairman of the Challenge Committee for some 30 years. A couple of other names announced that I recognized were Ray Brendzy of Vancouver and Jeff Priest of the Toronto area.

One Japanese caller was given a Small World Award for being a first-time attendee at the convention from outside North America/Hawaii. There were approximately a dozen such overseas callers in attendance, who were not first-timers.

As Chairman of Callerlab, **Barry Clasper** gave out a Chairman's Award to Dottie

Welch of Nova Scotia. She has been very active in her local square dance community, and she also is active on many Callerlab committees.

Other evening activities included an auction to benefit the Callerlab Foundation, a Contra dance, and a Country-Western dance. There was also an unofficial demonstration of overlapped squares by Clark Baker (16 dancers in two squares at right angles to each other).

One group of daytime sessions consisted of various presentations that would be useful to callers and were recorded. I purchased the MP3s on CD and would be happy to loan them to anyone interested. Topics for these presentations included calling, publicity/marketing, and organization skills. I only managed to go to a couple of these. One was Appealing to a Younger Crowd, moderated by Youth Committee chair Justin Russell (who calls for the Memphis IAGSDC club Cotton Pickin' Squares).

Every three years, the program committees have to review the programs. Members get to propose calls to add or drop, and eventually vote on them. At the convention, I went to all of these meetings. The Mainstream Committee, with 209 members and many suggestions, basically avoided the topic, with the chairman opting to use electronic means. Once again, the call most likely to be dropped is Dive Thru. At the Plus, Advanced, and Challenge committees, suggestions (previously submitted by email) were discussed, and straw polls conducted from those present (who did not have to be committee members). The polls would be included in the final ballots as a

guide to voters who could not be part of the discussion.

I was also at the Definitions Committee meeting. Beyond a report on committee status, there was some general discussion. One was on definitions being prescriptive or descriptive. Prescriptive definitions include the shoulder-passing rules in various "Cross" calls (e.g. Cross Run when both dancers are facing the same direction).

Descriptive definitions deal with calls as called/danced. From reading the definitions, you cannot Sweep 1/4 after Recycle, but that is called and danced successfully. Also, the current definition does not allow Follow Your Neighbor from a 1/4 Tag formation, and there is even a ruling from the Applications Review Committee that says so. But since callers are doing it, there is movement to change the definition to allow such use.

One theme that many are struggling with is the entry level program. In some areas, Plus clubs dominate, and insist that Plus be the entry level. Meanwhile, other areas try to build their own shortened entry program that can be taught in 12 weeks, which may be a subset of Mainstream or a weak subset of Plus. A subcommittee of the Mainstream Committee is trying to build a 35-call FUNDamental program (approx. half of the full Mainstream program). I have also heard of an A-B-C system that allows new dancers to join any time.

Next year, the convention will be in the Washington, D.C. (Dulles Airport) area.



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Meetup is Revitalizing Local Communities

Did you know that Triangle Squares has a Meetup Group on meetup.com? Meetup is an online social network where people with common interests can meet. We have set up a group to spread the word about square dancing to anyone who is interested. We hope to target the dance community that is still not aware that there is square dancing happening in the downtown core. Why not join the group and encourage your friends to join, too? Our Meetup page is www.meetup.com/Toronto-Triangle-Squares-learn-modern-square-dancing.

So far over 80 people have joined the group. This means that, although they may not have come out to one of the introduction nights, they have signed up to receive any event notifications we send out. This year, we are planning to have Introduction Nights in June, July and August, in addition to the regular two nights in September.

We are pleased with the success of our past events posted on Meetup. This initiative will continue to spread the word and help grow our club.

Club News

Congratulations, Dancers!

Congratulations to all dancers who were taking lessons this year (Basic/Mainstream/Plus/A1). You have completed all the calls of that level. Now the hard part: Continue dancing through the summer, experience the calls from different positions, as well as master those calls, before you progress to the next level. Keep up the good work!

Congratulations, Mike Moores!

Mike Moores won the Spring Bonnet contest at the last club dance in April. Amazing what you can do with treasures from the Dollar Store! Join the fun at our next club dance on May 10th. See page 4 for details.





Triangle Squares presents

STAR TRACK: AN ALIEN ENCOUNTER

Toronto: October 16-18, 2015

Free Trail-In Dance October 15, 2015

Featuring Callers: Don Moger and Dave Hutchinson

Last Name	First Name
Last Name	First Name
City	Province/State
Phone number	
E-mail	
Club Affiliation	Dance Level
Pricing: Before Aug 1, 2015 \$90.00 After Aug 1, 2015 \$100.00	Total Amount:
Make cheque payable to: Scoot Across the Border	CASH CHEQUE CREDIT
Mail to: 2015 Fly-In c/o Steven McKeown 1-98 Follis Avenue, Toronto ON CANADA M6G 1S6	

NOTE: If paying by credit card, submit your registration and you will be emailed an electronic invoice with instructions to pay on a secure server.

EMAIL: SATB@TRIANGLESQUARES.COM

WEBSITE: <http://trianglesquares.com/pages/fly-in>

Upcoming Events

- Mother's Day Dance**
 Sunday, **May 10, 2015**, 2:30 to 5:00 pm, Caller Jimmy Lee from Hamilton. Location: The 519 Community Centre. All class levels welcome.
- All-Level Funshop**
 Last chance to practise before the St. Louis Convention, presented by Susan Cox. Sunday, **May 17, 2015**. Sign up [here](#) before May 3rd to ensure that the workshops have enough dancers. Mainstream/Plus 1:00-3:00pm; A1, A2, C1 3:00-5:00pm. Location: 15 Maitland Place, Party room, B2 level.
- Swing Me In St. Louis**,
 IAGSDC Convention, **May 22-25, 2015**. St. Louis, Missouri
- Kingston Magic**,
May 22-23, 2015, Don Moger, A2 with C1 tips
- PrideHouseTO**
 Thursday, **July 16, 2015**, 7:00 to 9:00pm. Location: The 519. See page 1 for details.
- Introduction Nights** are planned for June, July, and August. Bring your friends!
- Star Track: An Alien Encounter**, our club Fly-In: October 16-18, 2015.

Click [here](#) for more upcoming IAGSDC Events.

Can you help in St. Louis? If so, please contact Lee Godfrey as soon as possible!

MAPLE LEAFS REGROUP



SWING ME IN ST. LOUIS: Are you going to the convention in St. Louis, May 22-25? Please let the [planning committee](#) know that you would like to help promote our convention by encouraging registrations or selling 50/50 tickets.

VOLUNTEERS: The volunteer rate is good only until June 1, 2015. Pay the **Volunteer Rate of US\$160** using a [special registration form](#). This is a significant discount from the current registration rate of US\$210. To discuss volunteer opportunities, contact the [planning committee](#).

With your help, [Maple Leafs Regroup](#) will be a great convention!

The Gateway Squares club folded back in December, so Aaron Wells, Chair of [Swing Me in St. Louis](#), has sent a plea for volunteers:

"We need your help! We're looking for volunteers to help lay the floor on Thursday May 21st, along with staffing the booth, telling people where to go (in a nice way of course), etcetera." **Please contact [Lee Godfrey](#)** before you leave, so she can let them know that you are willing to lend a hand!

Aside from promoting Maple Leafs Regroup in 2016, and dancing (of course), any support you can lend to the people in St. Louis will be reciprocated next year when we put on *our* convention.

Thank you very much!



TORONTO TRIANGLE SQUARES

Contact Us

Do you have anything you wish to share with the club?

If you want to write an article for the newsletter, advertise your community event, or share ideas on how to get the word out about square dancing and our club, please feel free to contact us:

[Newsletter](#)

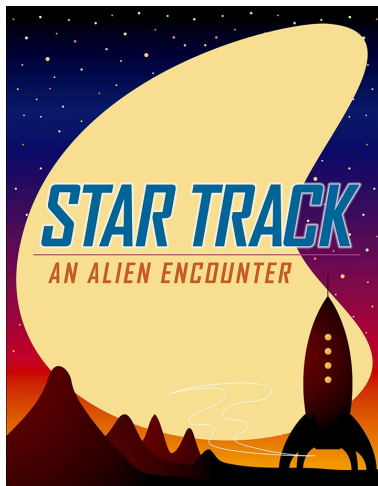
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Our Fly-In will be October 16-18, 2015.

Be An Intergalactic Ambassador!

Please download a registration form to help spread the word!

Full Weekend Registration

Sessional Registration

Registration Fees for Star Track:

Before August 1, 2015 — \$90.00; After August 1, 2015 — \$100.00

Special offer for Mainstream dancers:

You pay only \$80.00, no matter when you register.

See Registration Form on page 7

Billeting for STAR TRACK: An Alien Encounter

Would you be willing to open your home to an out-of-town visitor?

In order to encourage and enable out-of-towners to attend our Fly-In, please put your name forward for billeting.

If you are willing to host a visiting dancer or two, or volunteer as the billeting coordinator, please fill in the [Host form](#) and submit to Steve M. or send a note to satb@trianglesquares.com.

Thanks in advance!