



Single Spinners

HOMESPUN NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S TWO CENTS

Single Spinners will be co-hosts at the October Round-up on October 15, 2011 in the Balboa Park Club. Our Job will be decorations. The theme is Halloween which is right up our alley. We have lots of Halloween.

If you have not noticed, the holiday season is approaching at a rapid pace. The last three month of the year will vaporize before you know it.

Our class is now into the plus and is having a great time. If you know of any one that needs to brush up on plus, please invite them to our class.

NEW CLASS 2012

Our new class square dance is scheduled to start on February 7, 2012. We need to really promote this class well to get better turnout than we usually get. Does anyone have internet knowledge and experience at promoting a class on the Internet?

**CLUB/CLASS PICKNIC
/PARTY
@ The McCrary's**

We had a good turnout of club and class including some of our "retired dancers who for medical reasons are unable to dance any more. We had plenty to eat and drink. The hand and foot card game proved to be loud and fun.

John brought his square dance callers beginner class over and we made up squares to give the new-bee callers some real dancers to practice on. It was fun to be part of the teaching process.

The weather was much nicer this year, unlike the 100 degree temps of the past 3 years. Every one at the party liked the house location better.

NEW YEARS PARTY 2011

Our New Years dance this year will be held at College Center Covenant Church located a few blocks south of El Cajon Blvd. (There will be another New Years dance in north county but is sold out already). With this in mind, we should have a very good dance.

PLEASE PROMOTE THIS DANCE.

Our caller will be our very own John Marus and Bill Hale will cue the rounds.

See you on the square dance floor

Dana

FIESTA DE LA CUADRILLA ~ FIESTA COMMITTEE VISITATION

The Fiesta committee will be visiting Spinners to sell Fiesta ribbons at a very good discount. Plan on getting your early bird ribbon at Spinners or the Third Saturday Round-up.

The last two dates you will be able to purchase Fiesta ribbons at the discounted price of \$29.00 are:

Tuesday, Oct. 11 SINGLE SPINNERS (This is also our Craft Faire night.

Saturday, Oct. 15 3rd Saturday Round-Up, (We have decorating duty!)

Happy Dancing
Dana

NEW YEARS PARTY 2011

We have been asked for several months by lots of dancers, if we were going to have a dance this year? Initially we said yes then found out that we didn't have a hall. Our Saviors' Lutheran Church will be using the hall we normally use for a church function and the church comes first.

We started looking for another site within our budget range and large enough for our needs. Thanks to Jane Marus offering the church she

attends (which I might add, is John and Linda Marus home church also).

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CLUB TRAVELS AND VISITATIONS

Please remember to attend Alpine Squares 33rd Anniversary Dance on Saturday October 8th. At the La Mesa Enrichment Center. This dance is dedicated to the

Memory of long time danced Letty Boyer.

3rd Saturday Night Round-Up

Caller: Pat Carnathan
Cuer: Richard Cartwright
October 15th

Afternoon program Advanced Theme Halloween

Afternoon 3:15 - 5:15 P.M.

Pre-rounds 7:00 PM

Squares/Rounds 7:30-9:45pm

Balboa Park Club

Websites

INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES:

Most of the websites have links to dancing in other local tins, including overseas, and is available via our website's "links" feature.

singlespinners.sdsda.org/

www.sdsda.org

www.PalomarSDA.org

www.squaredance.org

www.61nsdc.org/

www.NSDCNEC.org

www.wheresthedance.com/

www.facebook.com/singlespinners

VICE-PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Welcome to fall. I hope that you will be dancing a lot at Spinners these next few months, we have MANY fun fall themed dances planned for your dancing pleasure, and it is always more fun with LOTS of dancers.

See you on the dance floor

Lynn Davis

P.S. For your informatioun, we will be dark from December 27 till January 10, 2012. Then we start the dancing year at Spinners all over again ☺

CALLER'S CORNER

John didn't get a column to me, so go talk to him if you have any questions (Ed)

Take care everyone. Have a great month! Until next time...

John

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN HOW TO ROUND DANCE?

San Diego Round Dance Instructors – brand new website: rounddance.org

AROUND SPIDEY'S WEB

If you have anything you want in this fine publication, just give it to Lynn Davis at a dance (deadline is the last dance of each month, and IF SPACE PERMITS, it will be included in the next issue) or you can e-mail it to:

lynndavis542@cox.net

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Party Central

☆ October 4th we celebrate John's Birthday (and everyone else's) this month. Don't forget to bring your **Teddy Bears** to the party too!!! October 11th will be our 2nd Annual Craft Sale and this year we will be visited that night by the Fiesta Committee – so bring LOTS of money so you can buy lots of early holiday presents,

and save money on your Fiesta ribbons. What a deal!!! Than we will have our "Skeleton's Crew" Dance. Be sure to wear a costume, because there will be prizes!! What a good time we will be having the next few months.

See You in a square
Jane Marus

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2012

Membership renewal / newsletter renewal cards are included with this newsletter. If you plan on paying your square dance insurance for 2012 with another club, please indicate on the card which club. The insurance we are collecting is for 2012, not this current year. We guess on what the USDA will be charging for insurance, this year again, we are not increasing our rate. We really do not obtain the figure from The State insurance chairman until September, with it to be

turned in by October 1.
(Membership = \$5.00, Insurance = \$5.00, and Newsletter \$7.00)

A LITTLE LONG BUT I TRULY MISS MY OLD FRIEND!

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense,

who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth

records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as: -Knowing when to come in out of the rain; - Why the early bird gets the worm;- Life isn't always fair; - And maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies, don't spend more than you can earn and adults, not children, are in charge. His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place.

Reports of:

- **a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate;**
- **teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and**
- **a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.**

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform

parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death, by his parents, Truth and Trust, by his wife Discretion, his daughter Responsibility, and his son, Reason. He is survived by his 4 step-brothers; I Know My Rights, I Want It Now, Someone Else Is To Blame, I'm A Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, do nothing...as too many sadly do.

Thanks Lynn McCrary for this thought provoking article.

Hello Fellow Dancers,

Have you ever noticed how much fun a dance is when there are several people attending and everyone is having a great time? There are several factors that contribute to a successful dance.

The primary one is the attraction factor. What is the reason that people want to come to the dance? It can be the unique theme chosen for the dance. It can be that the caller is known as an enjoyable one to dance to. It can be due to good promotion of the dance. This can be fostered by establishing a favorable reputation of your group or club.

Establishing a good reputation usually takes a little time and effort. Think about the image that your club projects out. Are you a friendly club? Do you support other clubs' dances? Do you go dance to other callers? Do you try as a group to dance as well as you can? Do you try to mingle and dance with the visitors? When you travel do you mix with the other dancers instead of grouping all together? Do you plan banner raids to other clubs to attempt to get them to return to get their banners? If there are disagreements within your club, do you keep them as invisible to the visitors as possible? Do

you provide some kind of light refreshments on all your dance nights, not just party night? When out of town visitors attend your dance, do you get to know them and introduce them to other members of your club? Think about the reputation that your group wants to have and work on it.

One way that dances can be larger is by doing our best to bring more people into the hobby. That is why we have classes. The next class for the Single Spinners begins on Tuesday February 7, 2012. Probably the best way to get new dancers into the class is by personal invitation. There are some exhibitions planned by the Association. This is the perfect opportunity for the Single Spinners to promote their new class. There should be times that we get people out of the audience up to do beginners dancing. Who knows, maybe some people might think that learning to dance might just be the activity that they have been looking for.

Have you ever thought about walking through a busy mall or grocery store in your square dance clothes? You might be surprised how many people walk up to you and say that they used to square dance and/or they are interested in learning or coming to watch the

dancing. Then you can pull a flyer out of your purse or pocket and invite them to come. The most common question that Freya and I get asked is "Where do you dance?" The answer is that there is dancing several places around town. We tell them about our club, the club nearest where they live and about the dances in Balboa Park. What are you doing to promote the Single Spinners' new class and square dancing in general?

An additional way to attract dancers to your club is by supporting your caller when he calls for other clubs. I am quite sure that he would like it if we as a group came out to support him because this is the perfect opportunity to attract other dancers to come visit the Single Spinners. Will you come?

Happy dancing,

Dennis Lynn