



Single Spinners

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PRESIDENT'S TWO CENTS

Single Spinners has lost another club member. Frances Simpson passed away earlier this week with services on Thursday, October 4. She was very active with the San Diego Square Dance Association and California State Council along with Ross, her husband. After Ross passed away several years ago, she danced with us as well as Calico Twirlers. We will miss her.

We had a productive club board meeting on Sept. 26 where we laid out party themes and activities for the next year. The Fiesta is coming soon and we are putting a long range party night flyer for the next year in the Fiesta program. We use this list to create fliers as well as plan refreshments ideas.

We decided to forgo our annual picnic this year because of higher than normal temperature conditions. Many of our members simply can't handle high heat any more.

We did plan on a holiday party for the Christmas/New Years time frame. The date finally agreed upon is December 29, 2012. This will

include a potluck and BBQ.

This of course will include card games, tv & movies and maybe some dancing.

Back Country Association quarterly dance will be on October 13 at the La Mesa Senior center. Let's have a good turn out as this is much closer than some of their dance locations.

ALPINE ANNIVERSARY IS COMING SOON ON November 10 at the La Mesa Senior Center. Jimmy Akins & Carl M will be calling; Richard Cartright will be doing the rounds. Pre-rounds at 6:30 and squares at 7:30.

Membership renewal

We are still collecting next years club dues and insurance dues until the 15th. Insurance will be the same as last year \$5.00 and you only have to pay through one club. If you pay through Ruffles and Beaus or any other SDSDA club, you don't pay twice.

Our club gets its Public Liability and Public Damage (PL/PD) policy which allows our club to dance in both public and private buildings. Most of the facilities we use now

days require \$1,000,000 of insurance just to walk in the door. The USDA Insurance program provides this insurance via a blanket policy that extends nation wide. If you don't remember if you paid, see the treasurer.

Ghost Riders (live band) – Oct. 20 Round-up

The San Diego Square Dance Association is sponsoring a live band dance with the Ghost Riders ~ October 20, 2012 in the Balboa Park Club. This is our normal Third-Saturday Round-up.

Because of the cost of the band, the door fee will be \$15.00 per person, pre-purchase is requested. The tickets are available from Del and Abbie Birmingham. (They also are SDSDA V/P) Please plan on attending this dance if you can. We do have fliers available at club.

Fiesta de la Cuadrilla November 2-4, 2012

The Fiesta committee is NOT making travel trips to the clubs to pre-sell Fiesta tickets this year. But will be selling them at Round-up at a discount, as

if they were coming to your club's party night.

Happy Dancing
Dana

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2013 California State Convention

Next years state convention will be held in Victorville, California on April 12, 13, & 14. There will be a superb lineup of callers, cuers and line dance instructors. Start planning for next year's convention now.

As of last months State Council meeting, we have over 400 already registered. Flier for more information are on the back table.

CLUB TRAVELS AND VISITATIONS

TRAVEL DEFINITIONS

Some club members have asked about the difference between official travels and recommended travels. Here is a guide to square dance travels.

Official Travel: This is a dance that has been voted by the board as a dance that should be supported by our club. All anniversaries that have plus dancing and all round-ups are official travels. Our own club party nights are official travels too. We all need to support our club and other clubs in San Diego for the good of square dancing. These dances are usually bigger dances and fun to attend. As many club members as possible should go to these dances.

Upcoming Official Travels:

* Calico Twirlers Anniversary
October 6th War Memorial Building

* The Ghost Riders (Round Up) October 20th Balboa Park Club

Recommended Travel: This is a dance that is not voted on by the Spinners board as an official travel, but is a noteworthy dance recommended by the travel chair. It may have an extra special caller or theme, or may just be the best option for square dancing for the coming weekend. They have been recommended for your dancing pleasure!

Dennis Lynn & Freya Peterson
Travel Chair

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.backcountrysda.com
www.squaredance.org
www.61nsdc.com - Spokane
www.NSDCNEC.org
www.wheresthedance.com/
www.facebook.com/singlespinners

2013 additional forms & Information
www.squaredance.org/2013

2013 California State Convention.

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VICE-PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

October, the month of ghosts and spirits (both adult and ghostly) has descended upon us, and if the Myans are correct we have about two months left.

We are nearly through all of mainstream and will soon begin the plus portion of our class, as I said last month, if you know of anyone that needs some brush up on plus let them know so that they can get that rust knocked off and rejoin us.

On behalf of Frank Parker and Ken Shelby, I'd like to thank everyone who came out to support us last week at our callers graduation. We had a fun time calling, and hope that we didn't keep you standing around too long.

As you will soon read in John's column, we lost a long time friend of Spinners last week in Frances. We will be missing her dearly. Arrangements have been made for her funeral, it will be on Thursday (10/4). If you have any questions contact Dana and Lynn, my mom or myself.

Questions, comments, concerns, things you wouldn't dare tell your psychiatrist but would gladly share with us?

Chris

CALLER'S CORNER

Greetings to you all! Now that October is here, square dancing is in full swing. There are major dances every Saturday night this month. On the 6th, there is Calico Twirlers Anniversary (their last one, - sigh-), on the 13th, there is Back Country's quarterly dance, on the 20th, there is the Round up with live music provided by the Ghost Riders, and on the 27th, there is the Callers Association's Fun Dance. I hope you will put all of these dances on your calendar and come to as many of them as you are able. I'm sure you will have a great time!

Since last month, a couple of very dear friends of many of us have passed away, namely Pat Canet and Frances Simpson. Pat was one of a generation of callers where there are not too many of them left. I was privileged to know many of them through my early years as a caller. They had an influence on me in my development to who I am today, and the way I think about our activity. There are times when I miss them very much. My faith tells me that I will see them again, but there are times when I miss their counsel in the present. Frances, with her late husband, Ross, were active members of the Calico Twirlers and went on to volunteer for offices in the San Diego Association and on the State Council. After Ross passed

away, Frances came to our club for a period of time and learned to dance the boy's part.

While I do get nostalgic for the past and the people in my past, I am reminded that we are on a journey in life. We let go of some people and meet new ones. We memorialize our grandparents, and welcome new youngsters into our lives. I am reminded of a movie released a few years ago called "Up!" It was an animated story about an old man who just lost his wife of many years. She called life a big adventure. The man was seen thumbing through an old photo album which tracked their life together. The last page of the album, so he thought, was written, "Thanks for the adventure!" He was very depressed over losing his wife and he just wanted to live his days out in solitude. Well, without going into great detail, circumstances led to him having to take extreme measures to keep his possessions and ended up going on this new, big adventure. However, through it all, he was still carrying this emotional baggage with him, not being able to let go. Towards the end of the movie, near its climax, he, once again, was thumbing through that old photo album. He discovered that there was actually another page left to the book. On the page after the one that said, "Thanks for the Adventure!" it said, "... now go have another one!" His late wife wanted him to be able to move on and enjoy whatever

new adventures were in her husband's future. To remember their life together, but also to move on.

I think this is what we need to think about when we get into these periods of time. While we should rightly honor and remember those in our past who we lost, and reflect on what influence they have had on our lives, we should not forget that they, I'm sure, would want us to move on and have other adventures. While I do miss the people in my past, I am very thankful to all of the new people I have met since then. We should all do the same. There are many new adventures to have, and many more people to meet and share our activity with. Take Frank's advice and personally invite them in to our activity. New adventures mean that our activity is alive and well!

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 2nd we celebrate our Callers birthday with cake and ice cream. It is our Teddy Bear Party. So, please bring a Teddy Bear with you and be sure to take him home when the party is over. But, of course, we have our own Halloween Party. Come in costume and win a prize on October 30th.

I hope to see you in a square at all of these dances. Just be sure to wear your Spinner Smile!!

So... mark them on your calendars and enjoy the dancing

See You in a square
Jane Marus

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From Frank (as was mentinoed in John's column).
. . Thoughts on our next class...

Success is in Your Hands

Wheather it is Single Spinners, or any other organization, the success and growth of that organization is in the hands of it's members. No matter how strong, or weak, the leadership, it is the individual support of each and every member that decides the fate of that organization. We all want Single Spinners to grow and once again become the vibrant club that it once was. With your help this dream can become a reality.

There are three months left in this year. It is now time to start speaking to others about our next New Dancer class that will start in early 2013. The date has not yet been set, but probably early Febru-

ary. If each member can find just one new student for this class we will be able to double in size by the end of this next year. If each member can find two (one couple) our size could triple. With everyone's help we can grow Single Spinners. Please help us fill the next class. Do not stop with one person that says they will come. Last year I had a commitment from 4 people that wanted to learn Square Dancing, but none of them showed up. I failed to follow-up with them prior to and after the first class meeting. I hope I have learned my lesson.

This time I will not only get a commitment, but I will get their phone number and let them know that I will call them one week before the first class. During that call I will let them know that I will call again the day before the class to make sure they are still able to attend. During that call I will let them know that I will call the day after the class to get their feedback on their experience. I will let them know that I am genuinely interested in their having a wonderful experience.

We all know the positive benefits of Square Dancing, the enjoyment, good exercise, social interaction, etc., so let us all do our part in spreading the joy. It may be a store clerk that is waiting on you, or a bank teller, maybe someone you meet on the street, or one of your neighbors. We all have someone we can invite to our next class. Start think-

ing about it now, and start inviting. Let's make this next class the most successful in many years. Start talking now. Soon the new class flyer will be available at the club and will be emailed to every member who has their email on file. Use these flyers, and do not forget to write down their name and phone number, then let them know you will be calling to follow-up. Life happens and every one of them may find other priorities on class night. By staying in contact, this class then becomes their highest priority. Success is in your hands.