



Single Spinners

HOMESPUN NEWS

December 2013

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PRESIDENT'S TWO CENTS

ALPINE SQUARES 29th SOCK HOP BENEFIT DANCE

Plan on attending this dance to be held at Toyota of Santee on December 14th. Location – 8871 Fanita Dr. Santee CA. All proceeds go to Rady Children's Hospital. Rds- 6:30 PM. SQs- 7-10 PM. Variety of callers and cuers.

DECEMBER THIRD SATURDAY ROUND UP

Will be held on December 21 in the Balboa Park Club. This is the TOYS FOR TOTS DANCE BENEFITING THE USMC (RESERVE) CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. Afternoon program is round dancing 3:15 – 5:15 PM with Mary Townsend Manning. Pre-Rounds – 7:00 – 7:30 PM. Square Dancing 7:30 – 9:45 PM with John Marus and Steve Woodard calling the squares

GERMANY TRIP

Lynn and I are flying to Germany to visit our son and his family on November 21 through December 12. This will be our 2nd trip to Germany to visit him while he is stationed in Europe with the US Army.

The club needs 'all hands' (all members) assisting with the dancing activities - including kitchen, floor swept up, (get the sand off BEFORE dancing), making sure all chairs are put away, doors and windows are secure at the end of the dance.

HAPPY DANCING

DANA

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CLUB TRAVELS AND VISITATIONS

Recommended Travel
Alpine Squares Sock Hop December 14
RoundUp Toys 4 Tots Dec.21
Single Spinners New Years Eve Dance Dec. 31
Finest City Squares Anniversary January 11

Upcoming Official Travels:
Round-Up December 21
Toys For Tots
Calling: Steve Woodard & John Marus
Cueing: Mary Townsend-Manning
Afternoon: Rounds 3:15 – 5:15 pm
Pre Rounds: 7 – 7:30pm
Squares & Rounds 7:30– 9:45 PM

Dennis Lynn & Freya Peterson
Travel Chair

Websites

INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES:

Most of the websites have links to dancing in other locations, 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.NSDCNEC.org
- www.wheresthedance.com/
- www.facebook.com/singlespinners

NEW WEB SITES /EMAIL INFO
San Diego County Square Dance Callers Assoc. Chart of monthly San Diego dances.
dickneumann@gmail.com

NEW YEARS EVE DANCE -

YES there WILL be a New Years Eve Dance this year, right here, at our regular dance location. John will be calling, along with Bill Hale as the cuer.

Watch for more information closer to the night. We know there is a dance in the North County – but it is PRE-SALE only. (AND costs more than ours does).

VICE-PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Greetings to the final month of 2013. It is December and that means it is time to celebrate and enjoy family. Speaking of enjoying family, I sincerely hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving.

Our dancing nights this month are Tonight (Duh!), 10th, 17th and New Year's Eve.

With it being December, square dancers look towards the 3rd Saturday Round-up. The December Round-Up is very special. Instead of the traditional monetary donation, it is requested that everyone bring a new, unwrapped toy for the US Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program. As you make your toy purchases, may I remind you that the program is for all ages, including the kids in the mid-teens. So please think about those that are in the 12-16 year old range. We will be collecting toys at the dances all month for those that are not able to make it to the dance on the 21st.

As I already mentioned we will once again be holding a New Year's Eve dance... conveniently on New Year's Eve! John Marus will be calling with Bill Hale handing the cueing duties. Pre-Rounds at 8:00 PM and squares at 9:00 PM here at Our Saviors Lutheran Church. We will have our traditional Subway sandwiches and sparkling cider at Midnight to toast 2014.

Finally, as some of you have noticed I'm going around and asking folks if they would like

to run for club office. It is that time of year for us to start thinking of having elections (as stated by our club bylaws the second week in January). From the folks that I have asked, no one is willing to run for a position. I'm not trying to put pressure on anyone, but we would love to have some "new blood" on the board to get some different viewpoints on the issues the board has to deal with.

So, until next time...

As always, if you have any questions, comments, concerns things you wouldn't dare tell your psychiatrist but would gladly share with me... I'm at 99% of the dances! Chris Davis

CALLER'S CORNER

Greetings to you all! Well, here we are at the final month of 2013. I hope it has been a good year for you. For me, while it has had its ups and downs, it has been a much better year than 2012. While we lost two cats this year, by the time you read this, we should (hopefully) have a couple of kittens terrorizing our house! Hee hee.

First off, I want to thank all of you who have helped out this year. Whether it is something to do with the club: helping at dances, outside club events, dancing with the class, etc., or helping with activities that I am involved with outside of our club: such as helping with our monthly callers association's Fun Dances or, most recently, with our anniversary dance – THANK

YOU very much! You have been a great help to me and it means a lot. It would have been difficult to do all of this without you. I am very fortunate to be involved with a group of people such as you. Thanks again!

It has been mentioned before, but our new dancer group is going through the Plus Program right now. If you, or someone you know, would like a review on the Plus moves, you are most welcome to join us. If all goes according to plan, we will be finishing up this group somewhere around the end of February 2014, just before we go on our two week break.

The date has been set for our next new dancer group to start. It will be on March 11, 2014. It is NEVER too early to spread the word around. Think about different ways to reach out to people. All ideas are welcome. Please share them. We all need to be involved in this. More to come!

There are many holiday themed dances going on this month. Of course, the two main benefit dances this month are Alpine Squares' Sock Hop, raising money for Rady Children's Hospital, and the Third Saturday Round-up this month where all of the proceeds will go to the Marine Corps Reserve "Toys for Tots" program – so bring either an unwrapped toy for donation or a monetary donation. Don't forget the big kids as well when choosing a toy. I love this time of year when we get together as a square dance family and celebrate the sea

son while helping a good cause.

I want to end by wishing you and yours a very blessed, joyous, and peaceful holiday season. I hope to see many of you at the various parties and dances happening this month. Don't forget our New Year's Eve dance! Take care. 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

Spinner's December 10 Party is called "My Favorite Christmas Wish". My wish is that everyone will have fun and enjoy the music and food.

I also wish that everyone will support t Alpine Squares "Sock Hop" on December 14th starting 6:30 pm at Toyota of Santee. That is a benefit dance for Rady's Children's Hospital; **And** that everyone will support SDSDA "Toys 4 Tots" RoundUp on December 21st starting at 7 pm at the Balboa Park Club with Steve Woodard and John Marus.

We shall be dark on December 24th, and have our "New Years Eve" Party from 8 pm December 31 to 12:30 January 1, 2014!

Spinners will celebrate the December Birthdays on the 17th.

On to the New Year, January 7th Party is called "Don't Cry Over Spilt Milk" We will be serving hot cookies with our milk and in our squares.

You see we have Finest City Squares Anniversary January 11th on our travel calendars along with RoundUp The Blue & White Ball on January 18th.

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

So... Mark these dates on your calendars as you mark all the Round Ups and party nights for the other clubs. And enjoy the dancing

See You in a square
Jane Marus

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Jokes

Here is a joke comparing men and women going to the ATM.

MEN:

1. Pull up to ATM
2. Insert card
3. Enter PIN number and account
4. Take cash, card and receipt

WOMEN:

1. Pull up to ATM
2. Check makeup in rearview mirror
3. Shut off engine
4. Put keys in purse
5. Get out of car because you're too far from machine
6. Hunt for card in purse
7. Insert card

8. Hunt in purse for gum wrapper with PIN number written on it.
9. Enter PIN number
10. Study instructions for at least 2 minutes.
11. Hit "cancel"
12. Re-enter correct PIN number
13. Check balance
14. Look for envelope
15. Look in purse for pen
16. Make out deposit slip
17. Endorse checks
18. Make deposit
19. Study instructions
20. Make cash withdrawal
21. Get in car
22. Check makeup
23. Look for keys
24. Start car
25. Check makeup
26. Start pulling away
27. STOP
28. Back up to machine
29. Get out of car
30. Take card and receipt
31. Get back in car
32. Put card in wallet
33. Put receipt in checkbook
34. Enter deposits and withdrawals in checkbook
35. Clear area in purse for wallet and checkbook
36. Check makeup
37. Put car in reverse gear
38. Put car in drive
39. Drive away from machine
40. Travel 3 miles
41. Release parking brake

From various church bulletins throughout our great Country.

1. Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
2. Announcement in a church bulletin for a national PRAYER & FASTING Conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

3. The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water."

The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

4. Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 PM in the recreation hall - Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.

5. Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.

6. The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.

7. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "Hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.

8. Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

9. Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

10. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

11. Next Thursday there will be try outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

12. Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.

13. The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing: " Break Forth Into Joy."

14. Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

15. A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

16. At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

17. Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

18. Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

19. Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

20. Attend and you will hear an excellent speaker and have a healthy lunch.

21. The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.

22. Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

23. The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

24. This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn sing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

25. Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.

26. The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

27. Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

28. The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

29. Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

30. The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday:

"I Upped My Pledge! - Up Yours!"