

# PERKY POST

PERKY PROMENADERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

MARCH 2009

## NEW PERKY MEMBERS

Let's welcome these new Perky members:  
Chuck Antell & Kathleen Craig  
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*Square Dancing is friendship set to music.*

## MID-EAST PENN DATES

8-Mar MEP District Meeting, 2:00 pm  
First State Bank, Perkasio  
21-Mar Three-Quarter Dance; 7:30—10:00 pm  
Harleysville Senior Center,  
312 Alumni Avenue, Harleysville, PA 19438  
17-May New Grads Dance  
Harleysville Senior Center, 2:00—4:30 pm  
Various Callers and Cuers  
District Meeting to follow at 4:30 pm.

*Information; Bob Tibbits; 1-215-368-7359*

## PERKYS DANCE SCHEDULE

4 - Mar PR	Dan Koft	Russ Booz
18-Mar DBD	Roy Leber	Russ Booz
1 - Apr PR	Ginnie Reaske	Russ Booz
15-Apr DBD	Betsy Gotta	Russ Booz
29-Apr PR	Elmo Troiani	Russ Booz

Pre-Rounds (PR) are scheduled for the 1st and 5th Wednesdays of the month;  
Dance By Definition (DBD) the 3rd Wednesdays of each month. All pre-dances are at 7:30 PM.

## KING SQUARES DANCE SCHEDULE

11-Mar	Jim Snyder	Russ Booz
25-Mar	Ginny Reaske	Russ Booz
8 - Apr	Dave Kreiter	Russ Booz
22-Apr	Dan Koft	Russ Booz

## REMINDER

DUES; There's a big change in the Perkys dues structure. 2009's annual membership dues will be \$10.00 per member. Perkys will pay \$5.00 per dance; guests will pay \$7.00 per dance.

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*Keep the perky Post updated:*

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Visit Perkys website at: [www.perkyprom.org](http://www.perkyprom.org)

## PERKYS ON MONDAY NIGHTS

Plus Lessons 7:00—8:30 Bob Clark CD's  
Plus Workshop 8:30—10:00 Ted Rotwit  
Mix of live and Pre-recorded

Angels are needed, especially at 7 PM.  
*Contact: Ted and Glays Rotwit; 1-215-542-8374*

## ROUNDS

Phase 3 & 4 Rounds 7:00—8:30 Russ Booz  
Phase 2 & 3 Rounds 8:30—10:00 Russ Booz

*Rounds Contact: Bill Rice and Sandy Burcham;  
1-610-539-6574*

All Clases: Christ United Methodist Church  
1029 Valley Forge Road (Rt. 363), Lansdale, PA

## ABC SQUARE DANCING

"Fun Night" Square Dances twice a month.  
New dancers welcome at every dance.  
Second and Fourth Mondays of each month.  
7:30 pm until 9:30 pm. No experience necessary.  
Jay Haines, Caller  
First dance is free for new dancers;  
Following dances: \$5.00 each person.

*ABC Dances Contact: Jay and Pat Haines;  
1-215-855-7130*

All Dances at: Christ United Methodist Church.  
1029 Valley Forge Road (Rt. 363), Lansdale, PA

## "PERKYS ON SATURDAYS"

Come out and enjoy easy dancing and support new dancers. Two fun callers will call to the level of the floor.

March 8	Dennis Reardon
April 4	Jim Snyder
April 18	Jim Snyder

7:30 - 8:00 pm Caller's Workshop  
8:00 - 10:00 pm Dance  
Casual dress; Square Dance dress - optional  
Dance Fee: \$6 per person  
*No rounds at these Saturday night dances.*

Harleysville Senior Center,  
312 Alumni Avenue, Harleysville, PA 19438  
*Contact: Steve and Anita Imms: 610-287-8959*

## NOTABLE NOTES

*There's a history student who's a TV addict—  
he wrote a paper about the Battle on Archie Bunker Hill.*

*Delilah had the dubious distinction of operating  
the first clip joint.*



A Different Way To Square Dance  
**TRACTOR DANCING**

Tractor square dancing brought humor and fascination to the big arena at the Pennsylvania Farm show at Harrisburg. Swing your partner round and round...on tractor wheels.

The *Roof Garden Tractor Buddies* of Somerset County and the *Middlecreek Swingers* of the Mount Pleasant/Selinsgove areas demonstrated dancing in the style of “down on the farm”. But the dancers are not your typical couples with western shirts and gingham skirts. They are big tractors— red Farmalls and green John Deeres.

The group consists of two callers, 14 drivers and devoted spouses. The drivers, callers and an assistant keep the group moving. It takes a lot of practice, coordination, timing and patience. (Sound familiar.) The tractors have different wheel sizes and diffeent gear ratios so what looks like seamless movements to spectators is actually quite an effort of coordination and skill on the part of the dancers/drivers.

This year, they’ve added some interesting new calls that include *Teacup Chain*, *Spin The Top*, and a few surprises to make it more interesting. (Hey, if tractors can do it so can you.) The tractors are all older, dating from 1939 to 1953 and all have names, gents and ladies, including Kenny, the only one with power steering. There were no eclectic starters in ‘39, so there are some crankers, and Daisy is a yellow Farmall. (Never heard of a yellow a Farmall.)

*Article courtesy of Russ Buxton*

**PERKY NEWS**

On Feb 12th, 20 Perky members danced with about 240 (maybe more) 4th graders of the Upper Perkiomen School District at their annual Square Dance Hoedown.

This dance was a culmination of a month of square dancing practice during their physical education classes. In January, they had watched the Perkys demonstrate the calls that they would be learning.

Perky members participating in the January demo were the Deckers, Falters, Haines, Bill Rice, Rotwitts, Tibbits, and Whalings.

Perky members at the February Hoedown were Ken Degan, Faircloughs, Falters, Haines, Murphy Hunsberger, Kaas, Monahans, Rotwitts, Slifers, Tibbits, and Whalings.

Jay Haines was the caller at both events.

**CALORIE SQUARES last dance** will be held on Sunday, March 29, 2009; 2:00 to 4:00 PM. It will be all Singing Calls with Kenny Farris calling; Tim Pilachowski will be cueing.

Joe Burns Beverages (Upstairs)  
1200 Horseshoe Pike, Downingtown, Pa  
*Info: Dick and theresa Humphrys*  
610-83-6218

Let’s all join Calorie Squares for their final dance; and it’s a Free Dance. See you all there.

**PERKY ANNIVERSARIES—MARCH**

Williams - 7  
Cohen - 23

**PERKY BIRTHDAYS—MARCH**

Joan Boytim - 8  
Gary McWilliams - 10  
Mary Alice Williams - 12  
June Loken - 19  
Janet Whaling - 19  
Lillian Parris - 31

St Patricks Day: March 17, Every Year  
*Sharing a Wee Bit of Leprechaun Wisdom.*

may those who love us,  
love us,  
and of those who don’t,  
may god turn their hearts;  
and,  
if he doesn’t turn their hearts,  
let god turn their ankles,  
so that we may know them  
by their limping.

*Square Dance Wisely!*

*For information regarding Banner Steals and Demos contact:  
Harold and Janet Whaling: 215-943-9747*

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Copies of the Perky Post Newsletter will be made available to members, students, and guests by e-mail, or by snail mail on request.

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