

PERKY POST

PERKY PROMENADERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

JUNE 2009

FUN NIGHT IN OCTOBER

PERKY PROMENADERS and KING SQUARES Square Dance Clubs will be holding their annual Fun Night on October 5, 2009. There Will be both Square Dancing and Round Dancing in separate halls. Dancing will be from 7:30 - 10:00 pm. Everyone is welcome: Club members, new dancers, and especially people who would like to try Square Dancing, and to experience Round Dancing for the first time. (Round Dancing is Ballroom Dancing with steps cued to music.) No experience is necessary. Bring a friend, bring a partner, bring a neighbor. Refreshments, party atmosphere, and dress is casual.

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

For more information:
Call: 215-542-8374; 610-539-6574
Web: www.perkyprom.org

PERKYS DANCE SCHEDULE

3 - JuneDBD	Dayle Hodge	Russ Booz
17-JunePR	Roy Leber	Russ Booz
1 - July DBD	Joe Landi	Russ Booz
15-July PR	Larry Kanniard	Russ Booz
29-July DBD	Joe Landi	Russ Booz

Dance By Definition (DBD) Pre-Rounds (PR)
All pre-dances are at 7:30 PM.

KING SQUARES DANCE SCHEDULE

8 - June	Betsy Gotta	Russ Booz
24-June	Dave Kreiter	Russ Booz
8 - July	TBA	Russ Booz
22-July	Dennis Rardon	Russ Booz

PERKYS ON SATURDAYS

6 - June	Dennis Reardon
18-July	Ginnie Reske
1 - August	Jim Snyder
5 - Sept.	Dennis Reardon

7:30 to 10:00 pm

Callers call to the level of the floor. No Rounds.
Casual or Square Dance clothes —your choice.

Dance Fee: \$5.00 Perkys; \$7.00 Guests

Information:

Steve and Anita Imms 610-287-8959
Chuck and Donna Beishl 610-650-0238

SCHWENKSVILLE COMMUNITY DAY DEMO

On Saturday, May 9th, the Perky Promenaders went to the park for Schwenksville Community Day. Jay Haines called, and two squares of Perkys danced a demo tip, then invited the audience to join in. Three squares of non-dancers and angels enjoyed some easy dancing.

One of the non-dancers had so much fun, that he brought his wife to the ABC dance the next Monday, choosing to celebrate his birthday by dancing with us!

Perkys also participated in some games and activities during the afternoon and enjoyed the food. The participating Perkys included the Buxton's, Fairclough's, Falter's, Haines', Imms', Kaas', Rotwitt's, Wilson's, Sandy & Bill, Liz and Dan, Joann Bean Butcher, Rochelle Nordmann, and our friends Sue and Ray Toppi.

LEHIGH VALLEY B&B'S BANNER RETRIEVAL

Saturday evening, May 16th, 14 Perky Promenaders couples danced at the Emmaus Fire House for the Lehigh Valley B&B's special event dance with Bill Harrison, and Mary and Pete McGee. We went to retrieve our banner, and stayed to enjoy the dancing.

Participating Perkys included the Beishl's, Decker's, Fairclough's, Fryer's, Haines', Hartenstine's, Rotwitt's, Tibbits', Whaling's, Wilson's, Sandy and Bill, Pam and George, Sally and Dan, and Trina Zwicker and Tim Kovacs. While there, the Decker's celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

Pat & Jay Haines

Note: There will be no Square or Round Dance Classes during the summer. New schedules will be in the Perky Post and flyers.

Keep the perky Post updated:

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ALL THINGS CONSIDERED

By Ed Foote,

The Greatest Dancer I Ever Saw

At first I didn't notice him at all. I was on a stage calling for about eight squares at a Plus dance in a Philadelphia suburb. Then I saw that he moved slightly differently from everyone else, always doing the calls, but maybe a second or so late. Finally I understood. He was blind.

He was fascinating to watch, because he never made a mistake. His wife would guide him slightly on occasion, and the dancers would be sure to always take his hand. But he didn't really need help, certainly not the way we tend to think of help in assisting weak or new dancers.

I talked to him between tips. He was very cheerful and upbeat and truly happy to be dancing. Some people who are legally blind have some limited sight, but not him. He was totally blind.

Because he danced so well, I didn't have to worry about his square. Yet I found myself being drawn to watch him, fascinated that he was so good.

I decided to test him. The most difficult thing for blind dancers is to do calls where they are touching no one, such as Cloverleaf or Chase Right. He did them perfectly.

The ultimate test for a blind person is to do the outside part of Load the Boat, because this involves walking about 3/4 around the outside of the square without touching anyone. I told him during a break that he had passed the other tests, so I was going to put him on the outside for Load the Boat. He laughed and said something to the effect that all callers are mean. When I put him in that position the next tip, he did it almost perfectly. And while he was doing it, he turned his head toward the stage, laughed, and shook his fist at me.

It became our standard ritual. Whenever he attended one of my dances, I always put him on the outside for Load the Boat. He would always turn his head toward me, shake his fist and laugh. In fact, one night he decided to back up around the outside on Load the Boat. He got there fine, but everyone else was so shocked that they broke down. Oh, by the way, he also danced Advanced.

I haven't seen him for over 10 years, but he is still dancing. Found his phone number and called him recently. Lost his first wife due to illness and has remarried. He's now doing rounds along with squares, and has been to the last two National Conventions.

He will be at the National in 2010 in Louisville. If you're there, look for him. John Falter.

The greatest dancer I ever saw.

American Square Dance, May 2009

WHAT A WONDERFUL TRIBUTE —EDITOR.

MID-EAST PENN DATES

20 June, 2009, 7:30 pm.
Summer Dance with Ginny Reaske calling and Mary and Pete Magee cueing.
Senior Center, Harleysville, PA.

25 July, 2009, 7:30 pm.
Summer Dance with Roy Leber calling and Dave Roberts cueing.
Senior Center, Harleysville, PA.

13 September, 2:00 pm.
Mid-East Penn District Board Meeting at the First State Bank, Perkasio, Pa.

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

PERKY ANNIVERSARIES — JUNE

6 Muschett
6 Decker
7 Finn
20 Toppi
22 Gould
23 Gluckman
25 Boytim
28 Whaling
30 Miller

PERKY ANNIVERSARIES — JULY

6 Slifer

PERKY BIRTHDAYS — JUNE

6 Pat Haines
7 Susan Gisseer
15 Jay Haines
16 Doug Vollmer
21 Bob Decker
24 Barb Tibbits

PERKY BIRTHDAYS — JULY

1 Sam Wilson
4 Bob Tibbits
7 Pam Lambert
7 Elaine Potts
7 Paul Kass
11 Esther Siegle
13 Les Cohen

INNER PEACE

I read an article that said the way to achieve Inner Peace is to finish things you've started. It is definitely working for me.

I am now making a point of always finishing what I start. Today I finished two bags of potato chips; a strawberry cheesecake; a package of Oreos; a Coke Classic; and a small box of chocolates. I feel better already. You should try it.