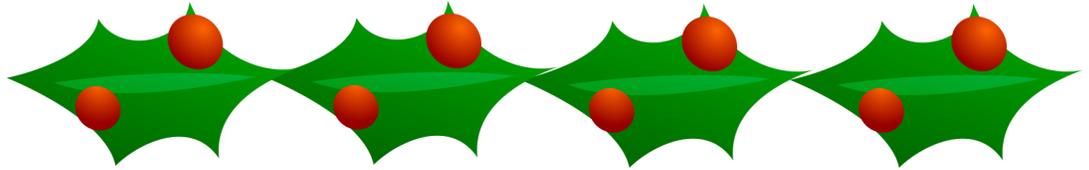




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## Holiday Dance & Potluck Dinner

**Sunday December 6th, 2015**

**The 519 Community Centre**

Square Dancing: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Caller: Joe Uebelacker

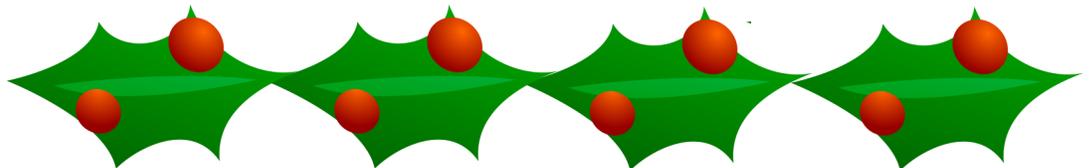
Potluck Dinner: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Bring a dish to share. [Sign-up here](#)

Members: \$10      Non-Members: \$12

Partners/Non-Dancers: FREE

**PRIZE FOR TACKIEST HOLIDAY WEAR!**



## STUNNING ELECTION RESULTS

Word is Thomas Mulcair should have won “because he’s a bear.” In other news...

The Triangle Squares’ **Annual General Meeting** was held at Jesse Ketchum School on November 25. In addition to the financial and activity reports, elections were held for Executive positions scheduled to become vacant for the 2015/2016 term. We wish to thank the out-going members for their effort in the past years:

Co-Secretaries: Colleen D. and Debra P.

Publicity and Fly-in Chair: Steve M.

Replacing them on the Steering Committee will be:

Secretary: Gaylene H.

Publicity: Niall O.

In addition, Peter B. will reprise his role as Club President for another two years. Huzzah, huzzah Peter! Mike M. continues as Treasurer and Dan G. as IAGSC Rep for one more year.

The next Fly-In is tentatively scheduled for May 2017. The position of Fly-in Chair is not yet filled, so everyone is invited to consider stepping up for that role. Steve McKeown has lots of documented material and is willing to mentor anyone for that role.

## TOURING CRAZY COW DANCERS



Last summer, **Urs Flick** (pictured centre) posted on the **Toronto & District** Facebook page that he was planning to visit Ontario this September, and wanted to know where he could square dance. It turns out that he is a caller from the **Crazy Cow Dancers**, in Sevenlen, Switzerland. It also turns out he didn’t quite realize how large Ontario actually was. After lots of back and forth, and invitations from different clubs, his itinerary took him mostly through Northern Ontario, where clubs aren’t thick on the ground. Happily, he persisted, and was able to drop in on the Sault Ste. Marie **Border Squares** and Flesherton **Denim ‘n Lace Squares**, one of Jimmie Lee’s home clubs. He got a chance to guest call at both clubs. Sadly, his trip was over just a week before the Triangle Squares Fly-in.

Some of you may remember past visitors to our club from **Germany** and the MIT Tech Squares (who did a square with six ghosts!). As a square dancer, you have an open invite to drop in and dance any time you visit a new city or town that has a club.



## SHOWIN' THE COLOURS AROUND TORONTO AND DISTRICT

Some of our members made the trip to Guelph for one of the Toronto & District joint dances. This is a series organized by the [T&D Association](#) in conjunction with local clubs. Susan was sporting her "Taking the Eh Train" promotional shirt.

Mike's been busy memorizing definitions, so that he was able to devil up to Plus, and even had Marion from Waterdown convinced to try her hand at lead.

At the break, Niall hosted a round-table session on using social media to promote square dance and reach potential new dancers. The session was well attended (the free pizza probably helped a lot). Susan and Mike sat in. Mike gave a lot of cred to statements that began with "Young people these days..." Much of the discussion turned to the issue of alternatives to the 8-month Basic/Mainstream programme, which is a major barrier to recruitment and retention.



The T&D joint dances are an excellent way to connect with dancers from our own vicinity, including dancers from the other Toronto clubs in North York (Willow Weavers) and Etobicoke (Arrowhead Squares). The schedule of dances for Spring 2016 is:

Sat Feb 12, [Etobicoke Arrowhead Squares](#),  
2:00-5:00, MS/Plus

Sat Mar 5, [Guelph Royal City Squares](#),  
2:00-9:30, MS/Plus

Sat Apr 2, [Waterdown Village Squares](#),  
2:00-9:00, Plus/A1 (pie night!)

Let Niall know if you're interested in attending any of these dances; we can usually arrange car-pooling.

More photos from Guelph, and the excellent, and well-attended, first annual "Fall Square Up" hosted in Baltimore Ontario by the Lakeshore Waves, can be found [here](#).



## TRIANGLE SQUARES FLY-IN OR FAN EXPO?

Triangle Squares' annual Fly-In, traditionally held in May, was bumped to October this year, putting it into competition with New York's Peel the Pumpkin. Despite that, we had a good turnout, including contingents from the Ottawa Date Squares, Philadelphia Independence Squares, the Montreal area, and visitors from clubs around Toronto.



Club caller, Joe Uebelacker, started us off with a trail-in dance Thursday night at The 519, which included some of our newest dancers who bravely made an appearance after only three classes in Basic.

Friday night we were off to Jesse Ketchum School, where more than a year's planning came together. The callers, Don Moger and Dave Hutchinson kept the room humming, from class-level Basic through



C2, with music ranging from the Carter Family to Pitch Perfect.

The theme **Star Track: An Alien Encounter** presented a great opportunity for costumes Saturday night, including the always-anticipated grand entrance of the Triangle Tarts.



Colleen tells me this is the closest you'll ever get to seeing her in a dress.



Don never fails to keep the dancers challenged, including a Mainstream workshop on “as couples.” and a class-level Basic workshop on right- and left-turning stars. Again kudos to our new dancers for coming back out on Sunday, immersing themselves into full-tilt square dancing.



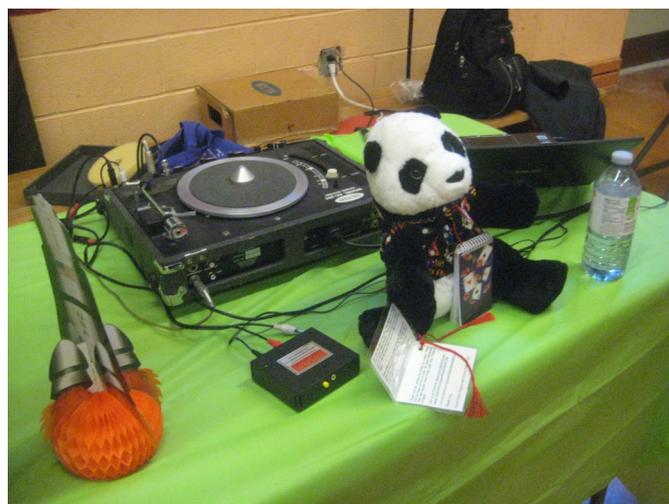
As always, bravo to the main organizer, Steve McKeown, with assistance from Terri Rothman, Steve Sterritt, and a host of volunteers. And a fond thought to Paul who came up with the original concept and worked on the Fly-In Committee for several years.

Note to future committees: Don't use a fog machine, as that sets off the fire alarm, so we found out.



## JIM BEAR: JUST PASSIN' THROUGH

Jim Bear, one of the travelling bears from the **Good Time Square and Round Dance Club** in Las Vegas, made a brief appearance in Toronto during the club's recent Fly-In. Las Vegas has had a travelling bear programme for over 20 years. A dancer visits a new club, brings a bear with them, and passes it on. Hopefully the locations of the bears are reported back. Don Moger brought this one from a recent convention in Las Vegas, and it is now on its way to Philadelphia with the Independence Squares. The latest installment of the programme involves six distinct travelling bears, whose progress can be tracked on the club **website**. The bears carry an invitation to dance with the Good Times Squares if ever you're in Las Vegas. "I hope to visit many clubs, make friends, and take part in their activities."



## HALLOWEEN DANCE ATTRACTS WIDE VARIETY OF CHARACTERS

“Best Zombie Tip Ever!” The social media reviews are in. This year’s Halloween dance was a success, with lots of colourful costumes. It was held on the Thursday night before Halloween, pre-empting the normal Basic class. That brought many new faces, creative costumes, and increased confidence on the dance floor. Jorge had us guessing with his brilliant costume as the Golden-Horned Man. Colleen and Don Cheff shared runner-up prize for their creativity. Joe, as always, had us fired up with holiday-themed singing calls. A flurry of colourful posts followed on the club’s Facebook page, showing ourselves in an excellent light. No doubt about it, we had lots of fun, which is what it’s all about.



**NEW DANCER OPEN HOUSE IN JANUARY**

# Check us out!



**Triangle Squares is having an Open House  
Thursday, January 28, 2016  
7:00–9:00 pm  
The 519 at Church & Wellesley  
Drop in, say Hello  
and bust a few moves  
(plaid optional)**

**[www.trianglesquares.com](http://www.trianglesquares.com)**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Holiday Dance & Potluck**,  
Sunday Dec 6, 2015, 2:00-8:00 pm  
Dance followed by Potluck dinner  
The 519 Community Centre
- **New Year's Eve Dance & Roast Beef Dinner** Etobicoke Arrowhead Squares  
Thursday Dec 31, 2015 [details here](#)
- **Oshawa Squares January Blast**, Jan 17  
2016, 1:30-4:00pm. Caller: Barry Clasper  
[Details here](#)
- **New Dancer Open House**  
Thursday, January 28, 2016  
7:00-9:00pm  
*Invite your friends, relatives, and acquaintances*  
The 519 Community Centre
- **Grand Rapids Fly-In** Apr 15-17 2016,  
*Dancing With The Thars*. Callers: Tim  
Marriner & Gary Monday [details here](#)
- **Spring Spree**, Peterborough  
April 16, 2016. Basic—A2 dancing all day  
Callers: Joe Uebelacker, Don Moger, Dave  
Hutchinson, and Jack Pladdys  
Details [here](#)

Click [here](#) for more upcoming IAGSDC Events.

## Contact Us

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