



TRIANGLE SQUARES

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RECENT HAPPENINGS

In early December, we hosted our annual Christmas dance, which is one of the more popular events on the club's calendar. Costumes are part of the fun, and Brian, Van and Karen were write-in favourites. Barry was caller for the afternoon, and kept things humming with a good mix of holiday tunes. We asked him to call both class-level Basic and class-level Plus, which put quite a demand on a caller's choreographic abilities. Barry rose to the challenge, but certainly looked ready to enjoy the sit-down dinner. Last year's main course was catered by Fabarnak, which proved so popular we decided to do it again in honour of the club's 30th anniversary celebrations. Club members complemented the traditional turkey and fixings by providing tasty appetizers and desserts.



Representatives (l-r) from the [Toronto & District Square Dance Association](#) (Bob

and Betty Beck), the [Canadian Square Dance Society](#) (Peter and Bev Piazza) and the [Ontario Square Dance Federation](#) (Wayne and Sharron Hall) joined the festivities and presented the club with certificates marking the anniversary. It also gave us a chance to, once again, acknowledge Pam and Barry Clasper's Trillium award.



And to end 2017 off on a dancable note, a good-sized contingent trekked, on a very cold night, to the New Year's Eve dance in Etobicoke, hosted by Aaron Goodman and the Arrowhead Squares. Watch for Aaron to guest teach for the Basic class in January (11, 18, 25), and for Marge to call at the Joint T&D Dance in Etobicoke on Feb 3.



Lots more photos of these and other happenings in our [Flickr group](#). Feel free to add your own photos, or send them to me and I'll add them. Social media publicity lives on photos.

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Before our last class for 2017, we said a teary farewell to Veronica, long-time custodian at Jesse Ketchum Public School.

VERONICA RETIRES

by Colleen Dodds

Veronica came to Jesse Ketchum as a custodian about 15 years ago. Originally from Guyana, she and her husband had worked in Western Canada before moving to Ontario where he taught and she worked as a school caretaker, first in Scarborough, where she met Pam and Barry Clasper who held square dance classes in a school, and then moved to Jesse Ketchum School, where once again she met up with Barry and Pam.

Veronica was always the friendly face greeting us on cold winter nights with towels outside the gym so our wet boots could be left in the hall. She usually would snatch a few moments to watch us dance and then wave a friendly goodbye until the next week. The Fly-Ins were her special time. She would book to work that weekend



and make sure it all went smoothly for us. The decorations and costumes always drew great interest and praise from Veronica.

In 2016, some serious knee trouble encouraged her to consider retirement, and although her knee recovered, she decided to join her husband who had retired several years before. We'll miss Veronica's warm welcomes at Jesse Ketchum School, and for many of us, we'll also miss her as a friend.

We wish her a happy retirement.

WHAT'S AHEAD

Here's what's on the calendar in the coming months:

- **Classes resume:**
 - Basic: **Jan 4** at The 519
 - C1: **Jan 4** at 15 Maitland Pl.
 - Plus, A1, A2: **Jan 10** at JK
- Oshawa Squares **January Blast**, Sun, **Jan 14**, 1:30-4:00pm, Basic & Mainstream, including new dancers [flyer](#)
- **Joint T&D dance**, Etobicoke, Mainstream & Plus, Sat, **Feb 3**, 2:00-5:00pm, our rising-star caller Marge will be there with Toronto callers Aaron Goodman and Grant Logan, [flyer](#)
- **Open House/Intro Dance**, Thur **Feb 8**, 7:00-9:00pm at The 519 [flyer](#)
- **Valentine's Day Dance**, featuring Jeff Priest, Sun, **Feb 11**, 2:30-5:00pm [flyer](#)
- **St. Patrick's Day Dance**, featuring Tim Crawford, Sun, **Mar 11**, 2:30-5:00pm [flyer](#)
- **Pearl Promenade**, a Fly-in in celebration of the club's 30th anniversary. Callers: Vic Ceder and Don St. Jean. **May 25-27**, Jesse Ketchum School.

Stay tuned to our [Events](#) page as updates are added. Our [Calendar](#) cross-lists select IAGSDC Fly-ins and regional Toronto & District dances.

Help us make our Basic/Mainstream class a happenin' place. Our new dancers would love to meet with you, and feel part of the club. Please choose one or two dates from our **Angel sign up sheet**, come down to The Village, and make an evening of it.

Last year we presented the very first **Silver Triangle Awards**. We are accepting nominations for this year. If you wish to nominate someone, please **contact us** before **Jan 31**.

Thanks to Colleen Dodds and Niall O'Reilly for writing articles in this issue, and Terri Rothman for being editor-in-chief.

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We welcome contributions of photos or a feature article. Send them to the club

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