



FREEWHEELERS' NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2012



PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Desk of the Prez ~ The Freewheelers are opening up the year looking for Students for the Classes beginning January 18, 2012. For this event to be successful requires everyone to help. Ask anyone a simple question "What can I do to help?" I was really excited to see our members and students helping to clean up the hall after our last Wednesday night class. We graduated two new students, Judy & Ernie Snyder, and they indicated they liked the club and would like to join. I am however very disappointed that I am not in each member's "In Box" to reply to the Membership Vote on the 501C 3 Status of our Council & Federation. When the Freewheelers call for a "Membership Vote"; this means YOU...we the board do not have the Quorum. You do! Please answer the email! Say yes when I ask for help at any of the dances, events, potlucks and passing out fliers to those we know who would enjoy square dancing; your Board can not do it all! Several positions on the Board will be vacant and need to be filled this Spring. PLEASE SIMPLY ASK TO HELP, THE COMMITMENT IS PAINLESS. THERE ARE A LOT OF VETERAN DANCERS WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP. I HOPE TO SEE ALL THE FREEWHEELERS AT ALL DANCES IN 2012. HAPPY DANCING IN 2012! Sally ~ e-mail: sally.buckingham2@gmx.com

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Anita Needham is having a partial knee replacement on December 22nd. Our wish for her is a very speedy recovery. We wish Prez Sally continued healing from her procedure. We send very special birthday wishes to Millie Hecht on December 20th! We hope it is a very happy one, with many more to come! Happy birthday to Carol (Robbie) Robbins as he is celebrating his 96th birthday on Christmas Day! We always enjoy seeing him and Irene on the dance floor. Our thanks to daughters, Carol Anne and Pat for bringing them! If you know of someone in need of some "Rays of Sunshine", contact Ken or Audrey Sharp at 425-673-0858 or kandasharp@comcast.net. We wish all of our members and guests, good health and lots of happiness in 2012! We do care!

WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

Cathy Hendrickson 206-383-2598
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ITEMS OF NOTE:

The Freewheelers' Election of Officers is at the March 18th dance. Please do think about running for an office or heading a committee this coming year. We need people to run for all of the Offices, as this is an "ELECTION", NOT A "LIFETIME COMMITMENT"! There will be lots of Committees positions available too! **YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!**

We had a lot of very nice "Toys for Tots" donations from our members and guests and also had some cash donations. Ken and I took the money and bought some more items for "Toys for Tots" and then we took everything for distribution. We thank everyone who donated and made it a big success! Square dancers are a great bunch - very giving.

See Anita Needham to sign up on the new 2012 calendar for kitchen duty and see Brenda Torrey if you would like to take a turn or two as a Greeter at a future 2012 dance.

COMING EVENTS:

Happy New Year 2012! There will not be a Freewheelers Dance on Jan. 1st. See you on the 15th!

The next board meeting will be at 7:30, Thursday, January 5th at Sally Buckingham's home, 21708 48th W., Mountlake Terrace. Her phone number is 425-293-4510. All members are urged to attend and bring their ideas to get the New Year of dancing off to a good start!

Friday, January 13th – caravan to Samena Squares' Dance (See caravans.)

Our first Freewheelers' dance of the New Year is on January 15th and is "Roger and Debbie's Snowflake" (All Singing Calls) Dance with of course, Roger Spiese and Debbie Taylor. Let's see if we can start the New Year off with a large turnout of our members. We haven't seen some of you for a looong time. The Fidalgo Fogcutters are coming in, so come greet our guests and bring extra treats, if you can. We hope it doesn't snow down here, just in the mountains!

CLASSES STARTING AGAIN: Our 2nd session of beginners' classes will start on Wed., Jan. 18th and will go through April 18th at Lake City Community Center from 7:30 - 9:00. Dennis will be doing the teaching again. We will need lots of students, so pick up some fliers and start passing them out to friends, neighbors and family who might be interested in learning to square dance and leave them at different places where you are allowed. There will be Plus classes the same nights from 6:30–7:30. The cost of the classes will be \$5/person/class night. We will need lots of angels, too!

We will have a 5th Sunday dance on January 29th. It will be our "Sadie Hawkins" (Ladies Choice) Dance with Guest Caller, Willie Sewell and Debbie Taylor. Bring extra treats if you can. This dance should fun! At this dance, as Martin Elder was known to say, "Third Tip is Men's Choice".

CARAVANS: Our next caravan out is on Fri., Jan. 13th to the Samena Squares Dance at the Juanita Community Center – 13027 100th NE, Kirkland from 8:00 – 10:30 (Pre-rounds at 7:30). Caravans really make the dances more fun. The more we support our caravans out to other clubs, the more response we can get in to our dances and they are a lot of fun! Caravan Chair, Joe Clein

***Ladies, if you come with a partner to our dances or caravans, share a square dance tip or two.

<p>3RD TIP AT ALL OF OUR DANCES IS LADIES CHOICE, SO LADIES CHOOSE YOUR PARTNER EARLY!</p>

PLAN AHEAD: 61st National Square Dance Convention is in Spokane from June 27 – 30.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Ken and I wish everyone a "Very Merry Christmas", "Happy Hanukkah" or "Happy Holidays" – whatever you celebrate! Let's start off the New Year by supporting YOUR club in all areas, such as the dances, caravans, board meetings and etc. Do think about running for an office or heading a committee this coming year. We need the help of ALL of our members! Thank you to all the people who helped in the running of the club and helped at the dances and I don't mean just coming to the dances. I could name a few who come early to help set up (tables, chairs, coffee, decorations, etc.) and then also stay after the dances to help clean up and take down everything. We really could use more help especially with the tables and chairs. Ron Mitrovich is there at 6:00 at all of the dances, usually by himself putting up the tables and chairs and he has been doing this for years and years. He has not missed very many dances or classes. One person should not have to do this all by himself. The kitchen and decorating committees also come early to make our dances more enjoyable! Please try to come early and help too! Sincerely, Audrey and Ken Sharp

THANKS TO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING WHO HELPED TO MAKE 2011 A FUN ONE!

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**OFFICERS:**

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| SALLY BUCKINGHAM     | PRESIDENT                                | 425-293-4510 |
| RON MITROVICH        | CO-VICE PRESIDENT                        | 425-514-0527 |
| JOE CLEIN            | CO-VICE PRESIDENT /<br>CLASS COORDINATOR | 425-774-6574 |
| TRISHA PORTER        | SECRETARY                                | 206-523-1769 |
| RANDY & JANICE LEWIS | TREASURER                                | 206-367-9219 |

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COMMITTEES:

Caravans:	Joe Clein
Council Delegates:	Carol Harris and Ella Simmons
Decorations:	Penny Schultz (She needs volunteers to come early to decorate the hall.)
Footnotes Editor:	Ruth Jester
Hospitality:	Brenda Torrey (Sign up with Brenda to be a greeter at some of our dances.)
Kitchen:	Anita Needham and Dick Nicholson (Sign up with Anita for kitchen duty.)
Membership:	Ken & Audrey Sharp
Newsletter:	Audrey & Ken Sharp
Publicity:	Karen Johnson & Audrey Sharp
Spotlight Editor:	Donna Franklin
Sunshine:	Ken and Audrey Sharp are subbing for Millie Hecht.
Telephone:	Dorothy McReynolds with Joe Clein, Donna Franklin, Trisha Porter, Ella Simmons & Jean Wilson

A special thank you to Karen Johnson for sending in the January ads, as my computer was down!

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***MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR FRIENDS!***