

## The Phantom Number 4, October 2011



Left: Edna Myers, the Penny Lady gives Feed Nova Scotia \$1850 at St. Vincent's Nursing Home. Who said pennies aren't worth anything? For at least the past ten years Edna has collected pennies all year from anyone who will oblige, then rolls and deposits them into a special bank account.



Right: Clyde & Gwen Cantelope of Strathmore Strutters receive their 20 Year Certificate at the club's Valentine Party, Feb 14, 2011; Bob & Phyllis Fiddes in photo as well.



Apple Crisp 2011: Don Scott recorded the Fun Squares' Special Dance with Mark & Bruce Savage calling.





The West Kings Twirlers had a busy fall and started the New Year off in Style. New members began classes in early October. Fortunately, they were not frightened away by the scary sights at the club dance on October 29th, when more than four spooky squares invaded the hall.

November 19th was “Club Colours” night and this year we outgrew the camera lens as evidenced by our photo.



November 26th was our annual “Goofers” night. Laurie Illsley patiently guided numerous fledgling callers through their numbers. We had songs from the gorgeous and not-so-gorgeous and enjoyed them all.



The lunch that evening was our famous “Moose Soup” made by our Newfoundland contingent. Yummy!! It’s wonderful having Nelson Labor back sharing mike duties with Laurie and he called a lively Christmas dance for almost seven squares on December 17th. Interest in a New Year’s Eve gathering was expressed and as plans evolved; the crowd grew, until 50 dancers gathered to ring in the New Year. Rather than a dance, it was a “square dancers party” and included skits, sing-songs and square, round and spot dances.

Laurie Illsley kept the activities flowing and Father Time arrived (below) with Baby New Year at the stroke of twelve. The West Kings Twirlers look forward to a Happy New Year and wish the same for all of you.



Left: Annapolis Valley Heart Dance, Al Worthen (Fundy Squares), at the mike and Heart & Stroke Foundation Rep. Right: Metro Heart Fund Dance – Dancers arrive with goodies



# **Your Federation at Work: A Summary of the Executive Meeting of 24 July 2011**

Submitted by Fundy Region Reps Gerry and Marion McLellan

## **Japanese Tsunami Recovery Fund**

In 2005, the US was hit with the most damaging hurricane in history. Katrina left thousands of residents along the Gulf Coast homeless. Square dancers worldwide delivered food & supplies and donated over \$100,000 to help the needy; one of the first donations came from dancers in Japan.

Now the Japanese Square Dance Association, with about 15,000 members from 490 clubs, needs our help as it deals with the devastation of the March 2011 earthquake & tsunami. American square dancers were among the first to be actively involved in fund raising to support this worthy cause.

The Canadian Square and Round Dance Society has launched an appeal to support victims who are members of the Japanese Square Dance Association; a national target has been set at \$40,000. The SRDFNS has earmarked \$1,000 for the cause, along with \$300 from one club and a \$75 private donation.

For those clubs/dancers wondering what would be a reasonable donation amount, it has been suggested that \$3/dancer would be a good start; of course, larger amounts are also welcomed. This could be accomplished by, for example, individual donations, fund raising, and special dances.

Please present this appeal to your clubs & report back before the October 15 AGM.

## **Committee Reports**

The search continues for a new Historical Archivist to replace Clara & Harold Redden.

## **Regional Reports**

Most clubs close mid May to early September. A few continue to have regularly scheduled club dances during summer months. After 37 years, Cumberland Twirlers are holding their Blueberry Finalé Sept 10; attendance continues to drop – expenses far exceed revenue. [Ed. note: see club reports below.]

## **Liaison Reports**

CSRDS (Canadian Square & Round Dance Society)

The Society has approved Bursaries for 15 leaders this year. Maritimers account for three of them: Ralph MacDonald, Réal Caron & Faye Germon, each for \$500.

ANSSRDT (Association of Nova Scotia Square and Round Dance Teachers)

The next workshop will be held during May in Amherst. Callers School is scheduled for Aug 21 - 26, Elm River Campground. Fall workshop to occur on Sept 24.

DANS (Dance Nova Scotia): Cathy Langille, Greenfield, is the new Dance Nova Scotia rep.

## **Current Business**

SRDFNS Festival, July 2011 – Old Orchard Inn. Total attendance was 80 dancers, 17 leaders & partners. The event incurred a net loss of approx \$150.

A few videos, cookbooks & canvas bags remain from National Festival 2010; please ensure club members are advised. Each Regional rep carries a small inventory available for sale.

## **New Business**

Allocation of profit from Halifax National Festival 2010

Following the wishes of Nova Scotia dancers the funds are being used for three projects:

Flooring: \$6,000 has been turned over to MCCA to assist with purchase of an initial supply of click flooring. Storage and transportation are the responsibility of MCCA. The flooring was used at Festival 2011, Old Orchard Inn; comments were cautiously favourable.

Promotion: A representative from LaHave River Ramblers presented a business plan in support of a request for promotional funding (an allocation within National 2010 surplus). They were awarded the \$250 maximum. Clubs wishing to apply for their share are requested to submit a plan for their proposed promotion expenditure. Proposals will be discussed by Federation Executive before funding is approved. This Promo Bursary is only available for 2011, 2012 & 2013.

Bursary for Leaders: Requests approved for upcoming callers school (see ANSSRDT liaison report): \$500 to Don Scott's new leader application; \$200 to Faye Germon, an existing leader.

## **Next Meeting**

Annual General Meeting, Oct 15, 2011, North Woodside Community Centre (1:30 for 2:00 start) All club members welcome & invited to attend.