



## February 2011

February Editors: Jack and Patti Marsh Cagle

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### SWEETHEARTS BALL, FEBRUARY 5, 2011

**Special thanks to dance committee members** Doug and Noelle Follen, convenors, Liz and Jay Kelly, Martin Mikus and Karen Boileau, and Curt and Betty Gumbrell (Executive Committee members who assisted) for their planning and staffing of the February Sweethearts Ball. The Valentine setting they created was extra festive. Catering was by Jim Wright and Barb Halverson of We Cook with a menu featuring choices of chicken, sea bass and Portobello mushroom dishes that were lavishly embellished with vegetables, fruits, nuts and other intriguing flavors. The Chris Kalogerson Band provided a variety of music that was well received by the dancers.

#### Guests

February guests:

John and Marilyn Kemme, invited by Eric and Pat Jaakola, who were unable to attend  
Chad and Vicki Bjorklund, hosted by Tom and Kellie Hurwitz  
Michael and Jan Jereczek hosted by Doug Barr and Janet Kramer  
Guests who attended based on referral from Monica Mohn and other publicity:  
Michael and Anne Depompolo  
Scott and Elizabeth Limpert  
Arthur Katzman and Judy Ottoson

#### New Members

Martin Mikus and Karen Boileau were introduced as new members. Martin, a Registered Piano Technician also plays the piano and sings in choirs. Karen is a DreamLife coach, writer, workshop facilitator and Director of "Dream Wisdom Coaching", a center that honors dreams, intuition and creative ideas. Floyd Otte and Mary Olberding are their sponsors.

### SCHEDULE OF REMAINING 2010-11 DANCES

March 5, 2011 – Rod Cerar  
April 16, 2011- Little Big Band  
May 21, 2011 (Annual Meeting) – Kico Rangel

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEWS

#### New Executive Committee Member Couple

**Lloyd Otte and Mary Olberding** have joined the Executive Committee, filling the unexpired term (through May 2013) of Jeff and Ann Lande, who resigned from the Executive Committee due to work commitments.

Ballots for the next election of Executive Committee member couples will be sent to all members by e-mail in April. Three couples will be elected for three-year terms to replace the three couples who will have completed their terms in May 2011.

Serving on the six-couple Executive Committee from time to time is not only an expectation for all members of LHDC but it is a rewarding experience as well. The work of Executive Committee couples has been streamlined and the number of meetings trimmed to four per year, two of which are held at the dance venue prior to a dance. Executive Committee experience not only gives couples a broader appreciation of the functioning of this unique dance club, it also provides a chance for additional friendships and opportunities to initiate changes that move the dance club forward toward its next 100 years. If you are called to serve, be sure to indicate your willingness to serve!

### **Suggestions/feedback:**

Please use the suggestion boxes that are available on each table at dances. A brief new form that prompts comment on bands, dance lessons and other topics is provided to facilitate your contributions. Also feedback may be sent to chaircouple Jack and Patti Marsh Cagle at any time ([jrpmc86@msn.com](mailto:jrpmc86@msn.com)). The next Executive Committee meeting will be on Saturday, March 6.

Executive Committee members review and discuss the comments they have received at each of their meetings. We encourage members to flesh out major suggestions for changes with details and to volunteer to research possibilities related to their suggestions.

Some ideas mentioned so far:

- Different venues
- Different menus, possibly appetizers or dessert only instead of dinner at some dances
- Disc jockey in lieu of live band for dancing at times
- Comments on dance instruction that highlighted different learning styles of couples
- Reinstigate distribution of a printed directory in pocket/purse-sized format

### **Next year's schedule**

The dates and band contracts for the 2011-12 season have been finalized. It is necessary to get commitments from bands about a year in advance in order to obtain the bands we want. A chart for committee sign up will be available at the April and May dances.

#### **2011-12 Dance Dates**

**September 17, 2011, October 15, 2011, December 3, 2011, February 4, 2012  
March 3, 2012, April 21, 2012, May 19, 2012**

### **OTHER DANCING OPPORTUNITIES/WEBSITE INFORMATION**

Some of our members, in particular McClanahans and Baileys, would like to draw your attention to a festive annual event, the Viennese Ball held this year on Friday, April 15 and Saturday, April 16, sponsored by the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Tickets are now available and may be ordered through the school's website, <http://www.uwec.edu/Activities/vball/index.htm>. This link is also on the LHDC website.

Find links to other dancing opportunities on the club website. This section does not require a login or password. Of particular note is the link to **Lynne's Dance News**, a very comprehensive up-to-date listing of Twin Cities dance events and venues, now found at [www.organizonduty.com/lmsdance@gmail.com](http://www.organizonduty.com/lmsdance@gmail.com).

The LHDC website can be accessed at [www.lindenhillsdancingclub.org](http://www.lindenhillsdancingclub.org). The Member Directory section is password protected for security. Contact a member or Executive Committee member for the login and password.

### **MEMBER NEWS HIGHLIGHTS**

Congratulations to Janet Kramer, club member with partner Doug Barr, who has fulfilled a long time pursuit by publishing her first novel, *The Sion Grail*. The story grew from Janet's experiences while traveling in France and her interest in research, religious history and spirituality. The book's website is [www.thesiongrail.com](http://www.thesiongrail.com). Contact Janet at 952-473-4710 or [janetkramer7@msn.com](mailto:janetkramer7@msn.com) to learn more.