

# **Linden Hills Newsletter**

**November 2011**

## **October Outing**

The October 29th outing of the LHDC was a wonderful success. Seven couples danced away the night at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bloomington, while listening to the big band sound of Tim Patrick and His Blue Eyes Band. Joining the get together were former club members Martin Mikus and Karen Boileau. The band played a wide variety of music, and Bob Cargill thinks we should consider them for the 100 Anniversary Celebration. Everyone enjoyed themselves so much that there was talk of another outing.

## **Business**

The executive committee met just prior to the dance on October 15th. With the addition of Cindy and Dave Bailey to the committee, there was a slight change in assignments. The Baileys are now in charge of the dance committees with Joni Blomquist and Brian Stromquist in charge of the newsletter and supplies.

LHDC lost 13 couples from the active list this year, leaving 23 couples as active members. Because of the decreased membership, there was a loss of about \$400. The committee decided to use reserve funds to cover this years cost rather than decrease the number of dances, cut live music or the dance instructor. Should membership remain low next year, all changes and/or cuts will be considered. It was decided that updating the website, having more social gatherings outside the club venue and increasing publicity need to be made in order to attract new membership.

As members of the club, we must all make an effort to promote LHDC to friends, family members and colleagues. Be proactive. Take and distribute brochures!

The dance arrangement committee reported that couples are still needed to fill out the year. February has only two couples and March has only one. Check your calendars and sign up. Part of membership requires that all active members take their turn on a committee. The executive board is discussing ways to make the evening more enjoyable for the committees that serve. Any suggestions

would be greatly appreciated.

The next meeting of the Executive committee will be prior to the dance on December 3.

The theme for the dance that night is "Season of Light".

## **October Dance**

The October dance theme "Get Your Kicks on Route 66" was a hit, as well as the cherry phosphates and Ben Porter's authentic "60's" dinner and dessert. The centerpieces were a "kick" and the "Little Big Band" kept everyone spinning the light fantastic until the end of the night. Susan's spot highlighted Ray and Nancy Seeger and Jim and Marjean McGuire, and the trivia prize of John Sandgren's warm apple pie ala mode was a sinful delight thoroughly enjoyed by the winning team. Even though the turn out was lighter than the September dance, the evening was wonderful and enjoyed by all.