



ROOSTER NEWSLETTER

February/March

***Annual Meeting of Members**

Our **annual meeting** of the Rocking Roosters was Tuesday, **January 10, 2012**, at the Masonic Hall in Sandy Hook. Prior to the meeting there was a POT LUCK SUPPER and then an ELECTION OF OFFICERS. All Rooster Members were invited to participate in this less formal but cheerful potluck supper and election. We had just a handful of members attend and we'd like to extend the welcome to more members for next year! (Was the starting time of 5:30 pm too early? Was the fear of more involvement too heavy? Let us know.) The slate of officers was voted in, and they are as follows:

President-Martha Millett

Vice President-Geoff Knees

Secretary-Natalie Krotzer

Treasurers-Diane and Charlie Schirmer

FYO: Other unelected but very important Board Members include:

Membership: Ellie Sturges, Laura Vochis

Student Co-coordinators: Martha Millet, Carol/Dave Webster, and Sue Ruscitto

Refreshment Committee: Ellie Sturges, Diane Schirmer, and Laura Vochis

Publicity: Jim Galloway

CASRDC Reps: Norene & Dan Foley

Also, please note that Dave Beardsley is "taking the upright position" this year. ☺

***Snowflake Dance January 15, 2012**

Over 40 people came to the Stony Hill Inn on Rt. 6 in Bethel to enjoy square dancing to the calls of Allan Brozek and round dancing to the cues of Sue Lucibello for our spirited winter dance. Many people participated in the Silent Auction, which is organized by our own Laura Vochis, and went home with "new to them" gifts. The afternoon was truly enjoyed in a lovely atmosphere where we could socialize with club members. The buffet style dinner was a delicious meal with ample choices of food that served everyone's tastes. We hope even more members will participate next year as this is our one special dinner-dance for the club members! Come on out and visit with other square dancers in our own club, see some folks who do not always make it to our regular dances, and have a good time.

***CASRDC Convention April 27-28, 2012 in in Hartford**

The **Connecticut Association of Square & Round Dance Clubs** is sponsoring the New England Convention in 2012 & 2013. We are very proud as a current active square dance club to help in any way possible for our state to accomplish a delightful Convention. Martha & Marty are hospitality chair-people for the convention. We need well over 200 hours of volunteers to man the various locations which provide help and information to attendees. So, please try to attend for the weekend or come for a day & also sign up to volunteer. There will be a sign-up list on our entry table or please speak to Martha Millett. (203-426-4817 or mjmilllett@aol.com)

WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE!

***February/March Refreshment Schedule**

If your name is first on the list, please contact your committee to remind them when they are scheduled.

Feb.3 Sandy Corey & Sue Lucibello
Cowell/Burroughs: 1 dessert & fruit
Knees: 1 dessert & cheese
Krotzer: veggies & 1 dessert
Beardsley: 1 dessert & Chips & dip
Sturges: 1 dessert & sandwiches

Feb. 17 Bill Mager & Jo Yakimowski
Foley: 1 dessert & chips
Humiston: veggies & 1 dessert
Carson 1 dessert & chips
Millet/Maciag: 1 dessert & fruit
Meehan: sandwiches & 1 dessert

March 2 Bob Smith & Jo Yakimowski
Schirmer: sandwiches & chips
Galloway: veggies & 1 dessert
Dojny: 1 dessert & cheese
Severn: fruit & 1 dessert
Horton: 2 desserts

March 16 Derek Page & Sue Lucibello
Meehan: sandwiches & 1 dessert
Lipofsky: fruit & cheese & crackers
VanValkenburg: 1 dessert & chips
Hamlin: 2 desserts
Perkins: veggies & dip

***Membership**

Reminder: Dues are due. Please send your check to Diane Schirmer or catch up with her at the next dance.

***rockingroosters.org**

What is on our website managed by Jim Galloway? Why don't you stop by and check it out! Jim is always updating information. Do you have suggestions of what you'd like to see there? Contact Jim through the website with ideas.

***Board Meetings:**

The December and January board meetings were busy with organization for the elections, our general pot luck supper meeting, and the Snowflake Dinner Dance.

The next executive board meeting will be held at Marty and Martha's house in Newtown at 7PM. Sunday, February 8, 2012.

***Travel Committee**

Carol and Dave Webster have been sending out emails with the travel opportunities each week. Please remember to call or email them ASAP for rides and so they can coordinate carpools. {203-264-9300; {drwtt@charter.net}

***Looking Ahead**

April 20th will be our Calico Ball with Allan Brozek calling for our graduates!

Let's try to get a GREAT turnout on MAY 4, 2012 as Roosters are "Club of the Month" with Darrell Sprague calling and Sue Lucibello cueing.

THANK YOU LAURA VOCHIS and ELLIE STURGES for finalizing the Rooster Membership List!!