

REMEMBERING KATHY O'REILLY

Our dear friend Kathryn Fay O'Reilly, 54, of Huntsville passed away in her sleep December 20, 2009, after a battle with cancer. Kathy is survived by her daughters, Sarah Bernstein Drake, and Rachel Lackey; grandsons, Bryson and Rylan Drake, and River Panco; parents, Terry and Fay O'Reilly; brothers, Dan, Greg, Pat, David and Mike O'Reilly; sisters, Beth Morris and Mary Ann Blaxton; numerous nieces and nephews; and friend, Leigh Sanderson.

Kathy had worked with Montessori Schools for over 36 years. She authored "Cooking With Children Can Be Easy," a cookbook that is used by teachers worldwide.

We remember Kathy as a graceful dancer who lightened the hearts of all with her kind smile, generosity of spirit, and cheerful disposition toward dancers, children, and family. We will miss you dearly, Kathy.



BUY YOUR 5TH-SATURDAY DINNER/CONCERT TICKETS BEFORE JANUARY 23!

Steamshovel will be playing January 30, 2010, in a 5th Saturday Dinner Concert Event at Flying Monkey Arts Center, from 5-7 pm, then for our contra dance at Faith Presbyterian. It's a full evening of music, food, and dance!

Tickets for the Dinner Concert are \$25, and you can buy them online at RockTheHollow.com or at The Fret Shop/Kenny Mango's. *The last date to purchase tickets for the dinner/concert is January 23.* The caterer needs to know in advance how many people are attending in order to properly prepare. *No tickets to the dinner/concert will be available at the door.*

The Flying Monkey Arts Center is at Lowe Mill:
2211 Seminole Drive.

Dinner will be catered by Walter Thames. There's a link to the menu at RockTheHollow.com.

Contra Dance to Follow

Shortly following the dinner concert, Steamshovel will play for contra dancing to the calling of Gary Nelson at Faith Presbyterian Church, 5003 Whitesburg Dr., (corner of Whitesburg Dr. & Airport Rd.).

Tickets to the dance *will* be available at the door. Admission to the dance is \$10 for all adults and \$5 for students – but show your ticket stub from the dinner/concert, and get a \$2 discount on the adult price.

HUNTSVILLE CALENDAR

• Huntsville dances are the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month in the gym at Faith Presbyterian Church, 5003 Whitesburg Dr., (corner of Whitesburg Dr. & Airport Rd.). Beginners Workshop is at 7:00 PM, and then the regular dance is from 7:30 – 10:30 PM.

• Admission is \$7 (\$6 for members), \$4 for teens, free for ages 12 & under.

Remember to bring comfortable, **non-scuffing shoes** for dancing. Bring someone new to a dance this month!

• Gen'l info, bwalls@pobox.com or www.secontra.com;
Schedule info, Doug Roth: hdroth@pobox.com.

JANUARY 30 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLER — GARY NELSON

BAND — STEAM SHOVEL

FEBRUARY 6 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLER — VICKI HERNDON

BAND — KALEIDOSCOPE

FEBRUARY 20 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLER — JANE EWING

BAND — ED & ELSIE

AREA DANCE GYPSY CALENDAR

JANUARY 22 : NASHVILLE

WOODY LANE

NASHVILLE CEILI

JANUARY 23 : CHATTANOOGA

WOODY LANE (OREGON)

CROSTOWN TRAFFIC

JANUARY 26 : FLAT CREEK

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD WITH VARIOUS & SUNDRY

JANUARY 29 : NASHVILLE

SUSAN KEVRA

STEAM SHOVEL

JANUARY 30 : NASHVILLE

ENGLISH DANCE WORKSHOP WITH GINGER PYRON

WORKSHOP 2-4, \$6, POTLUCK 6:00. DANCE 7-10, \$6

JANUARY 31 : BIRMINGHAM

GARY NELSON

STEAM SHOVEL

FEBRUARY 5 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — CALLIOPE

FEBRUARY 9 : FLAT CREEK

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD WITH VARIOUS & SUNDRY

FEBRUARY 12 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — FRED PARK

BAND — THE CANTRELLS AND KENT MARTIN

FEBRUARY 13 : BIRMINGHAM

CALLER — ARCHIE FAULKNER

BAND — MEGAHURTZ

FEBRUARY 13 : CHATTANOOGA

CALLER — HARRY DELUGACH

BAND — GILBERT SEWELL AND FRIENDS

FEBRUARY 14 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — ED & MELISSA WILKINSON

BAND — GRETCHEN PRIEST-MAY, JEFF TAYLOR, AND SUSAN KEVRA

FEBRUARY 16 : BIRMINGHAM

FLYING JENNY KICKS OFF THE BIG READ OF TOM SAWYER AT THE BPL, PLAYING MUSIC FROM MARK TWAIN'S DAYS

FEBRUARY 19 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — SUSAN KEVRA

BAND — ED BAGGOTT & ELSIE PETERSON

FEBRUARY 23 : FLAT CREEK

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — JIM & INGE WOOD WITH VARIOUS & SUNDRY

FEBRUARY 26 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — ED & MELISSA WILKINSON

BAND — PLAIDGRASS

FEBRUARY 27 : CHATTANOOGA

CALLER — BOB DALSEMER

BAND — FLETCHER BRIGHT FIDDLE BAND

FEBRUARY 28 : BIRMINGHAM

CALLER — BECCA IMPELLO

BAND — VOGT FAMILY BAND

JANUARY 2, 2010 NACDS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting at Faith Presbyterian Church. Attendees: Doug Roth, Bryan Walls, Mark Mohan, Kevin Riggs, Erin Maguire Jane Ewing, Steve Nix, Trey Brakefield, Claire Davies. Erin called meeting to order.

Current business: Blue Moon weekend in May is approaching and we are trying to finalize to agenda. Lift Ticket is the main band. They will perform for Friday and Saturday night as well as the Sunday waltz and contra. We have Kathy Anderson for the primary caller for the major dancers and the morning workshop at a fee of \$ 500. She is planning to do a square dance workshop. Ed and Elsie were her suggestion as the second band and Chrissy Davis-Camp was proposed as the second caller at the cost of \$ 150.. Lift Ticket is contracted at \$500 per person plus travel and housing. Trey is to contact E&E about playing at \$100 for the workshop and contact Chrissy about calling at \$150 - \$200.

Steve would like for Pat Camp to work the sound board for the dance again this year. We generally pay Pat \$300 each for the weekend and agreed to do that again this year.. We will comp Pat and his family a room for the weekend and lunch on Saturday. There are some requests for equipment by the band: a piano (keyboard) and a marimba. Erin will check with UAH on the availability of a marimba. No extra sound equipment should be needed. Erin is trying to confirm with the band if they would like to do a short pre-dance concert before the Saturday night dance. There was some discussion as to whether to charge a concert only admission. She will try to get this information soon.

Mark presented a rough draft of the flyer. It looks good. Dates and times were checked. Jane presented the prices for other upcoming dances in the area. Last year we charged a bit higher because of having Wild Asparagus. Estimated costs for the dance is \$ 7000: \$3500 for bands, \$650 for callers, \$1950 for the hall, and \$1000 for organizational costs. Generally attendance for past Blue Moon has been slightly over 100 people. Prices were discussed and set for the weekend at \$70 for early registration, \$80 at the door, and \$35 for students. The possibility for a la carte prices was tabled for now.

Scholarship for dance workers was not real successful last year. If we have them this year someone needs to be in charge and be sure that times and responsibilities are clearly stated and supervised. Jerry has been our contact with the hall and might be willing to fill this position. Yon might be interested in this. No one else has requested these positions at this time and the subject was tabled for now.

Housing registration will be handled by Natasha again. We need to see if John Barnum is available to coordinate the guest home housing again this year.

Other business: Trey would like to organize a video recording of a partial dance to use as promotional material on web sites. He is pursuing this with connects he knows that have the required A/V recording equipment. This would be good for attracting new dancers.

Jane presented the recent financial position of the group. We have \$16,266: \$8,812 in checking, \$5,074 in savings, and \$2,379 in a CD maturing in Sept. 2010. Attendance has been down recently which is typical for this time of year. We have lost \$800 since May on total of income minus expenses. We have lost \$157 on the basic dance income minus dance income figures. We need to continue to recruit new dancers, make newcomers welcome and try to get current members to come to more dances. More social interactions should be pursued. Jane offered to plan a pre-dance workshop on February 20th. We could combine this with a pizza party in the fellowship hall. Donna Deaton had offered to possible host a game night at her house. These ideas are to be checked on and agreed to soon so that they can be advertised to the membership. Responses to the new comer surveys are generally good. The most consistent complaint is "too much time spent on walk thru."

We need to promote the fifth Saturday dance series. Some publicity is already going out in flyers and radio spots. The radio spots state that the dance begins at 8:00 pm instead of the usual 7:30 pm.

Jane made a motion that we donate \$1000 to the church for the purpose of buying a rack and folding chairs for the gym. Her research has found that a rack runs around \$271 plus shipping, and chairs run \$21 each in groups of 4. It would be easier for the church to coordinate the purchase and the shipping. Storage at the chairs was brought up as a problem. This idea needs to be presented to the church before we proceed. Several people mentioned building a storage area for the sound equipment and chairs in the closet of the gym. We have to have permission from the church. Carol is the contact with the church. She will need to get their input. The motion was tabled for now.

Steve Jester, a caller from, is currently making frequent trips to the area for personal reasons. It was suggested to Doug that we try to coordinate for him to call a dance later in the summer.

Jane bought up dates for future meetings in the coming months. Saturday, February 6, before the dance, was set for the next meeting Blue Moon meeting. March 27 was set for the next steering committee meeting to select a nominating committee. Another meeting will be need in late April for general meeting and Blue Moon preparations.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Davies, Secretary

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Visit the NACDS web site:

<http://secontra.com/NACDS.html>

There is an announcement list for everyone and a Yahoo Group discussion list for those more involved. E-mail nacds@pobox.com if you'd like to be on either.

Yahoo group:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NACDScontraCommunity/>



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