

HAPPY NEW YEAR

All of us here in the NACDS newsroom hope each of you enjoyed the winter holidays, and we wish you an agile, high stepping, music filled new year.

OUR READERS WRITE

Francis de Sales wrote from his villa on the Mediteranean:

"Grace and I flew to our winter retreat early last month and missed the holiday dance. How was it?"

It was a wonderful dance, Francis. Cis Hinkle called and Plaidgrass played. There were first-time dancers, many of our regulars, and folks we hadn't seen in a long time. Folks brought delicious snacks



Judy Burkett of Hazel Green wrote:

"On November 25 the response to saying good-bye to Bob Bennet, a fellow contra dancer, was overwhelming. The North Alabama Country Dance Society really helped make the open house memorial a success. I want to thank all of you who attended, shared stories, and supplied food. You all have been so wonderful during this difficult time and I have felt much love. Thanks again with all my heart.

"Peace, Judy Burkett"

Linda McAllister felt moved to forward this unattributed quote to all of you:

Life isn't about waiting for the Storm to Pass,

It's about learning to Dance in the Rain.

I Hope You Dance

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, 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!

• For more info Contact Bryan Walls (256) 837-0656 or email: bwalls@pobox.com or visit <http://secontra.com.NACDS.html>

JANUARY 5 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLER — JEF HODGE
BAND — KALEIDOSCOPE

JANUARY 19 : HUNTSVILLE

CALLER — JANE EWING
BAND — MAPLE HILL

AREA DANCE GYPSY CALENDAR

JANUARY 4 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — ED WILKINSON
BAND — CALLIOPE

JANUARY 11 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — SUSAN KEVRA
BAND — OWEN MORRISON & DAVID COE

JANUARY 12 : BIRMINGHAM

CALLER — JANET SHEPHERD
BAND — THE MEGAHURTS

JANUARY 12 : CHATTANOOGA

CALLER — NICK BOULET
BAND — CONTRAINDICATED

JANUARY 18 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — JOHN SHARLET
BAND — NASHVILLE WEATHER

JANUARY 26 : CHATTANOOGA

CALLER — DOUG SINGLETON
BAND — PEAVINE CREEK

JANUARY 25 : NASHVILLE

CALLER — EDDIE DOSS
BAND — THE CONTRARIAN ENSEMBLE

JANUARY 27 : BIRMINGHAM

CALLER — VICKI HERNDON
BAND — HERB TROTMAN BAND

JANUARY 27 : SEWANE

CALLER — JANE EWING
BAND — ED BAGGOTT AND ELSIE PETERSON

FoOTMaD (Birmingham) dances 2nd Saturdays at the YMCA, 3rd Ave & 23rd St, 7:30 PM.
<http://www.bamalong.com/bcdis.htm>.

CTDS (Chattanooga) dances 2nd & 4th Saturdays at All Saints Academy, 310 E. 8th St., downtown, 8:00 PM.

Contact Steve at (706) 937-4991, Claire & Bryant at (423)876-7359 or <http://contranooga.org>

Misty Mountain Dancers (Sewanee, TN) dances at the Legion Hall in Sewanee, TN, 8:00 PM. For details, call (931) 598-0814 or check <http://mistycontra.zoomshare.com/>

NCD (Nashville) dances almost every Friday at 8:00 PM at NEW LOCATION – Second Presbyterian Church on Belmont Blvd one block south of Woodmont – on the corner of Graybar.

Contact Chrissy at (615) 210-6808 or John, email: DanceFools@aol.com or <http://dancenashville.org/>

Flat Creek dances – 2 & 4th Tues, Flat Creek Community Center – seven miles south of Shelbyville, TN.
http://www.nashvilleoldtime.org/Dances/flatcreekcontra_dances.htm



NOVEMBER NACDS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

NACDS Steering Committee meeting was held November 18, 2007

The meeting was held at the home of Donna Deaton

Carol called the meeting to order.

Jane motioned that the minutes of the September meeting be accepted. Doug seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Carol stated that the proposed changes to the bylaws dealing with required voting quorums were voted on by the membership at the November 17 dance. Both changes which appeared in the November newsletter and were unanimously approved. Jane needs update the on-line bylaws and forward a copy to the CDSS to complete the paperwork for us to be a registered non-profit group under their umbrella policy.

Financial report – Jane reports that we are doing okay on the dances. Treasures Report was reviewed and accepted. Discussion followed that we need to more closely follow membership renewals to keep the rolls current and increase income. Having a list showing membership expirations at the desk increases the chance to remind members to renew their memberships. The steering committee also discussed the need to work at attracting students and male members. Responses to the new dancer survey indicate that new dancers have heard about the dance through friends and the newspaper. The survey also indicates that they appreciate that members wear name tags.

Old Business – Jerry is still working to get Linda Turner, UAH event co-coordinator to confirm our request to reserve the hall for the Blue Moon dance in May 2008. We have confirmation from Hotpoint as the main band and from Joseph Pimentel and Cis Hinkle for callers. Wild Asparagus is interested in possible performing at the Blue Mon dance in May 2009. Mark volunteered to start working on a flyer for the May dance.

New Business – Jane requested that we send Blue Moon information to CDSS to be placed in their publications event column. This service will be provided for free.

Bryan mentioned that he has set-up a face Book page for the group and is making it available to others who which to sign up.

Donna made a motion that we send out postcards as reminders to the membership that the Christmas dance is on December 15th, 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Kevin agreed to help with the project. Postcard printing was set at 200 postcards. Jane volunteered to organize the decoration of the hall. Diane and Bryan have volunteered to host an after dance Christmas party at their house on Holmes Avenue. (We need to make sure that a request for door prizes is in the next newsletter.) Steve mentioned that he would like to rent a couple of extra speakers for the Christmas dance. The cost will be around \$50.

Jane offered to host the next steering committee meeting at her house in Grant on January 20th, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Claire B. 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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