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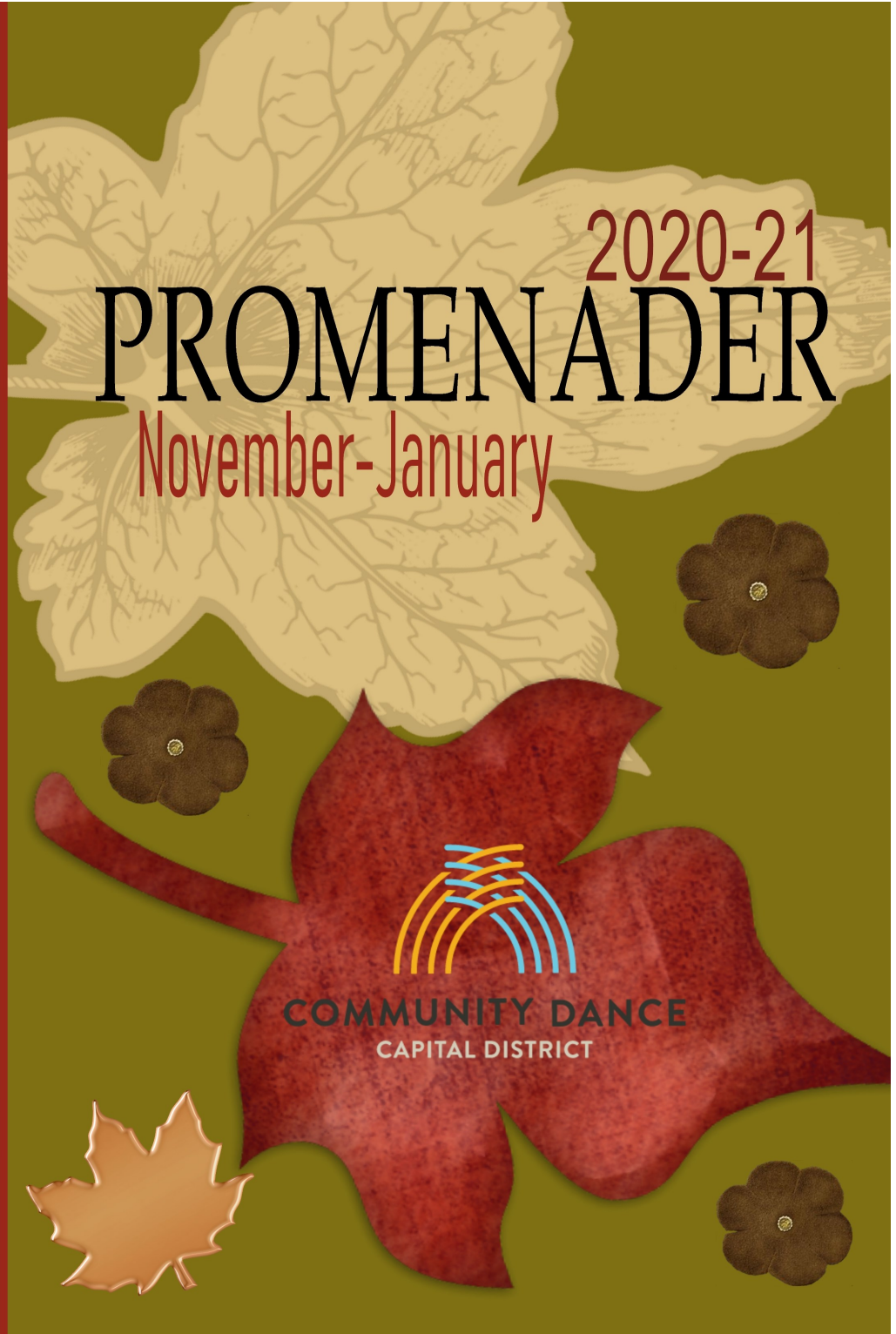
2020-21

# PROMENADER

November-January



COMMUNITY DANCE  
CAPITAL DISTRICT





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# 2020

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Janice Fendall



Fall has arrived but most dancing has not. I hope you all have kept well over the summer and disappointed as I am that square dancing is having a real rough time starting up. Just remember that this is not the end of dancing, just a temporary postponement in our schedule. Congrats to Gary & Eileen, Mary & Bruce, Birgit, Adele and Tracy who have managed to startup their clubs and continue while following all the Covid guidelines. Just remember that you can't "showup" to any dance club without prior contact with the organizer/caller/cuer. Not like the "good old days".

The CDCDA has decided to hold our Fall General Meeting in a physical place. We are able to have 50 people sitting nicely (social distanced) in the Belmead Hall. Hope you can join us on **Sunday, November 15, 2020 from 2:00 -4:00pm**. We hope to hear how club members are doing and planning plus we will have a website refresh presentation (we encourage club administrators to update their club pages on the website). We will be following the Covid guidelines for a gathering, so please wear a mask, we will not be serving refreshments and will have sanitizers on hand.

We will also be holding our Annual General Meeting on January 24, 2021. It's been a strange type of year to be on an executive board but we are always looking for new individuals and new ideas. Watch for future announcements.

As you probably already know,.....CONTINUED NEXT PAGE....

*President Report Continued...*

As you probably already know,

- the Convention 2020 was cancelled but plans for Convention 2021 are in full swing. A great committee from all the dance mediums are already thinking of making the next convention a success.
- Our casino was cancelled in July, but gaming tables have recently re-opened and hopefully the CDCDA will be scheduled into 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (Jan/Feb/Mar) 2021. Stay tuned for future announcements.

A new dancer section has been developed on the CDCDA website. If you haven't been to the website lately, be sure to have a look.

<http://www.communitydance.net/takeastep.html>

This issue of the Promenader will be in an online format ONLY. If you know someone who does not have access to the online version and would like a printed version, please contact our Promenader Editor, Mary Hagstrom for printing instructions or further arrangements.

Hope everyone is Heathy & Safe.

Janice Fendall

CDCDA President

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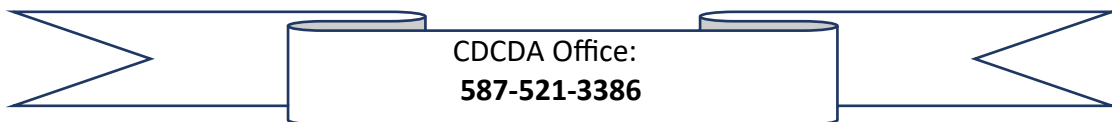
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<i>PUBLICATION</i>	<i>DEADLINE</i>
Feb 2021– Apr 2021	Jan 1, 2021
May 2021– Oct 2021	Mar 15, 2021
Nov 2020– Jan 2022	Oct 3, 2021



Just before the COVID closure, we picked up a pair of shoes from Belmead Hall, thinking they belonged to someone dancing with us, but so far we have not found their owner.

Thank you!  
Eileen Smith  
Home phone: 780 990-4042  
Cell: 780 778-3214



# *Let's Remember*

**Louise Hellyer**



## ***Remembering our friend Louise Hellyer***

**Oct. 29, 1957—April 12, 2020**

On April 12, 2020 Louise passed away at the Grey Nuns Hospital at the age of 62.

Louise will be fondly remembered by her family and friends from the many different communities she whole-heartily participated in.

She loved swimming, dancing and connecting with people.

As a member of the Edmonton Singles Square Club she will be remembered for all her contributions to the club and will be missed by all.



## *Let's Remember*

### **George Matthew Young**

***July 24, 1926—June 19, 2020***

George Young is 91 years of age and has lived his entire life on the family farm by Park Court, just north of Evansburg, AB. He started dancing in 1953 at Entwistle. During his first year dancing, besides dancing at Magnolia, he danced at Entwistle, Evansburg and Wildwood. His first callers were Gordon Mohl and Jack Roy, then later Ivan Sheppy.



Joan started dancing in 1961 with Ivan Sheppy

The Youngs have square danced at Magnolia, Fort Assinaboine, Duffield, Drayton Valley, Evansburg, Cherhill, Darwell, Park Court, Barrhead, Lukes and Lucys, Extra Dance, Seba Beach, Saints and Sinners with Syd Dequire, Groovy Grovers with Ches and Irene McKay, the Brazeau Dancers with Bob and Joan Leeder. George and Joan were president couple of the Park Court Promenaders for many years. They have also round danced with the Bartons; with the Dance a Lots and instructors Clem and Doris Nadon; and with the Kensington Strollers (instructors Glen and Audrey Eliasson).

George and Joan were married in 1962 after Joan attended the U of A in the third year of the B. Ed. Program.

Joan taught at Wildwood and Evansburg. She retired in 1994 as Assistant Principal in Evansburg. When asked what was memorable about square and round dancing, Joan and George both said the people and the music. They had to give up dancing when it became too painful for Joan to move on the dance floor.

They attended the Canadian National Convention in Edmonton in 1996, many campouts, and several Penticion dances

From his first day to his last, George happily lived his life on the family farm.

George is survived by his wife Joan, two sons Donald & Keith, Keiths wife, 3 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

# *Happy Anniversary*

Anne & Mike Soparło

65th Wedding Anniversary

July 30, 2020

Square Dancers for many years and  
President Couple of the 2x4's club  
in Edmonton for many years





## Ruth King

I was born on November 28, 1939 in a small hamlet in Northern Saskatchewan. I am the youngest of 5 children who all grew up on a small farm. My life was like so many that grew up in that era; we had very few luxuries, but lots of love of family and neighbours!

My life was filled with the usual things - school, softball, 4H club, sports and Christmas concerts. Eventually, like so many others, I left home to make my own life. I took business courses part-time while working at a variety of jobs and moving about Canada. (It helps to be the youngest, with older siblings to live with). I married, made my home in Edmonton and had 3 wonderful children. As the children became more independent, I followed a passion I have for reading and explored the Library world, taking Library Technician classes. I have had the privilege of working in School, Government and College libraries. After losing my husband and on the advice of my brother and the urging of Jerry Way, I entered the world of Square Dancing. Little did I realize that this exciting hobby would lead me into a whole new life. It has been a great delight and brought me a whole new family of "Square Dancers."



HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY 80<sup>TH</sup>

## AUDREY ELIASSON



Coal Miners daughter comes of age!

She was born September 16th 1940 to Bud (Bror) and Gertrude Holmgren the youngest of three girls. Her father worked at the Star Key Mine just a short drive north of Edmonton. Her first year of school was at a one room school about three miles west of the mine. Sometimes the sisters would ride to school with the neighbors in their horse drawn buggy or sled. One time the halter broke and the horse took off; everyone jumped except her as she was too terrified to jump. A farmer caught the horse and waited for the kids to catch up, then walked them home.

At Easter time of 1947 her parents took the family to Sweden for six months. While in Sweden she met her grandmother and other relatives; saw many sights; learned some Swedish words, to ride a bike and how to swim – in the Gulf of Bothnia.

With both parents being Swedish, the whole family was quite active in the Swedish community. This is where she was introduced to dancing. Learning Swedish folk dances is where she met her husband to be. They were similar in age and height and seemed to be partners for many of the folk dances, much to her delight. While dancing with this group they danced for the grand opening of the Jubilee Auditorium – what a thrill!

They were married June 16, 1961. They have three children, four grandchildren and one great grandson.

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In 1962 they took up curling, curling together with the teachers and with the Swedish organization. They curled with good friends Art & Marlene Teiges and Mel and Beth Hobbs. She also curled at the Avonair ladies and for many years at the Thistle ladies and mixed league.

In January 1975 neighbors Don & Gladys Dinsmore introduced them to round dancing, this started the love of round dancing. In 1976 they started square dancing.

In November 1981 she was diagnosed with lymphoma and underwent six months of chemo.

They returned to round dancing in 1983, and square dancing in 1984. Later her husband took up cueing.

In the fall of 1990 they started the Kensington Strollers. They attended caller school in 1992 and started calling for the Whirl-A-Ways in 1994. They have attended most provincial and national conventions; teaching, cueing, calling and dancing. They have led two caravans to nationals one to Halifax and one to Ottawa. Also co-hosted two round dance cruises with Dawn and Maury Christiansen; to the Western Caribbean and Mexican Riviera. As well as co-hosting with Agnes and Wayne Russell, bus trips for a few dance excursions.

Today they also enjoy traveling, camping, cruising, gardening, cards and visiting with family and friends.

They are most appreciative of the square dance community for all the great times they have had and all the friends they have made throughout the years. What a great journey!

Audrey Eliasson celebrated her 80 year milestone at home with her husband Glen along with family and a few friends while practicing social distancing



## Calendar of Events

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### October 2020

4	<b>SAFE Plus</b>	<b>See Club Report for details</b>
5	<b>SAFE Mainstream</b>	<b>See Club Report for details</b>
19	<b>SAFE Mainstream</b>	<b>See Club Report for details</b>
25	<b>SAFE Plus</b>	<b>See Club Report for details</b>
26	<b>SAFE Mainstream Halloween</b>	<b>See Club Report for details</b>

### November 2020

2	<b>SAFE Mainstream</b>	<b>See Club Report for details</b>
8	<b>Safe Plus</b>	<b>See Club Report for details</b>
9	<b>SAFE Mainstream Remembrance Day</b>	<b>See Club Report for details</b>
15	<b>CDCDA</b>	<b>CDCDA Fall General Meeting Belmead Community Hall 2-4pm</b>
16	<b>SAFE Mainstream</b>	<b>See Club Report for details</b>
22	<b>Safe Plus</b>	<b>See Club Report for details</b>
23	<b>SAFE Mainstream</b>	<b>See Club Report for details</b>
30	<b>SAFE Mainstream</b>	<b>See Club Report for details</b>

### December 2020

6	<b>SAFE Plus</b>	<b>See Club Report for details</b>
7	<b>SAFE Mainstream</b>	<b>See Club Report for details</b>
14	<b>SAFE Mainstream Christmas</b>	<b>See Club Report for details</b>

### January 2021

10	<b>SAFE Plus</b>	<b>See Club Report for details</b>
11	<b>SAFE Mainstream</b>	<b>See Club Report for details</b>
18	<b>SAFE Mainstream</b>	<b>See Club Report for details</b>
24	<b>CDCDA</b>	<b>CDCDA Annual General Meeting Belmead Community Hall 2-4pm</b>
25	<b>SAFE Mainstream</b>	<b>See Club Report for details</b>
31	<b>SAFE Plus</b>	<b>See Club Report for details</b>

# NEW DANCERS



<p><b>SQUARE UP!</b> Belmead Community Hall 9109-182 Street NW Edmonton</p>	<p><b>Mondays</b> (New Dancers Can Start Any Monday Night) <b><u>Temporarily</u></b> <b><u>Closed due to</u></b> <b><u>COVID</u></b></p>	<p>Gary &amp; Eileen Smith 780 990 4042 eileen- smith778@gmail.com</p>
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**With Covid 19 guidelines changing we encourage you to check the CDCDA Website for the latest updates for dancing opportunities.**

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## Sunday

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<p><b>Traditional Crossfire Plus</b></p> <p>Belmead Community Hall 9109-182 St. NW Edmonton</p>	<p>1X or 2X per Month</p> <p>2 to 4 PM</p> <p><u>Temporarily Closed due to COVID</u></p>	<p>Gary &amp; Eileen Smith 780 990 4042 eileensmith778@gmail.com</p>

## Monday

<p><b>SAFE Mainstream</b></p> <p>Belmead Community Hall 9109-182 St. NW Edmonton</p>	<p><b>Weekly</b></p>	<p>Gary &amp; Eileen Smith 780 990 4042 eileen-smith778@gmail.com</p> <p>See club report for dates and details</p>
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## Monday

<b>KENSINGTON STROLLERS Round Dance Club</b>  Dutch Canadian Centre 13312 – 142 St. NW Ed- monton	Monday Weekly  POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE	Instructors/Cuer <b>Audrey &amp; Glen Eliasson</b> Contact Audrey Eliasson 780-454-6357 <b>Hearing Assistance Available</b>
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## Wednesday

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# **CDCDA FALL GENERAL MEETING**

**ALL DANCERS FROM  
EDMONTON & DISTRICT  
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**



**Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020**

**2:00—4:00pm**

**Belmead Community Hall  
9109 182 Street NW, Edmonton**

**WHAT IS YOUR CLUB  
DOING TO CONTINUE  
DANCING OR KEEPING  
IN TOUCH?  
COME TELL US!**

**COVID GATHERING  
GUIDELINES WILL BE  
FOLLOWED. PLEASE  
WEAR A MASK**

**No refreshments  
will be served**



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# CDCDA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



**ALL DANCERS FROM  
EDMONTON & DISTRICT  
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

**Sunday, January 24, 2021  
2:00—4:00pm**

**Belmead Community Hall  
9109 182 Street NW, Edmonton**

**\*\*Important Elections  
URGENT: SEVERAL POSITIONS ARE  
GOING TO BE VACANT**

**\*\*Financial Budget  
\*\*Convention 2021  
\*\*What matters to you?**

**IF YOU CARE, THEN  
YOU SHOULD COME!**

**COVID GATHERING GUIDELINES WILL  
BE FOLLOWED. PLEASE WEAR A MASK.**

**NO REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED**



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# 52nd ANNUAL CONVENTION 2021

ALBERTA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FEDERATION



Central Lions Seniors  
Recreation Centre  
11113 - 113 St NW,  
Edmonton, Alberta

## SEPTEMBER 3 - 6, 2021

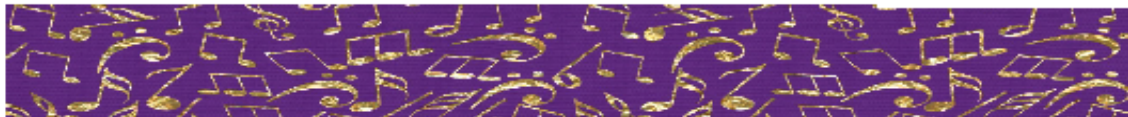


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# MARDI GRAS FUN



## Athabasca River Ramblers



We start dancing on 2 October 2020 and we can't wait. After cutting the season short in March, we are eager to be on the floor again with our dance family. Lots of rules we must adhere to, to make this possible but think it is so worth it. Unfortunately we cannot have people to drop in from out of town, hopefully this will change before the next Promenader. Take care everyone and stay safe..

Submitted by Jo Sedgwick

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## *Boyle Twilight Twirlers*

We have been inactive ever since the shut-down in mid-March; and are definitely missing our Dancing and socializing. Dancers are keeping in touch by phone, e-mail & social media.

The future looks uncertain. Our club has decided not to start dancing until January 2021 at the earliest. We will re-visit discussions in December and decisions will be made pending on Alberta Health Services guidelines.

Thank you to Phil & Jo Sedgwick for hosting a social distanced gathering at their home in August. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing our square dance friends in person.

*Reuben & Mary Coleman*



We were having a great dance 2019/2020 season till the curtain dropped and our dancing came to an abrupt halt with our last dance on

Friday night, March 6. Sadly we had to close our dance season on the day of our High Tea, our signature dance. We miss all you dancers, our members and guests, but we look forward to the day when we can join and dance again.

We were very lucky to have 10 new dancers participate in our Fast Track Program. They learned quickly & brought our club much enthusiasm, fun and laughter! They enjoyed visiting other clubs too! We were very fortunate to have 4 to 6 squares dance with us on a regular basis. Thanks to everyone who visited us from other clubs. It is always great to dance with people from other clubs near and far. We are also very lucky to have Murray Few, our professional caller teach, call and sing to us each week.

The executive has been connecting with our members on a monthly basis with short newsletters and zoom meetings. It is good to talk with some of our members and find out how they are doing during this COVID time.

We miss dancing with all of you, but we look forward to the day when we can dance again. Keep happy and well.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Zurawell

Past President



## **Traditional Crossfire Plus 2020/2021**

**Gary Smith**

## **Temporarily Suspended Due to COVID-19**

Select Sunday Afternoons 2 PM to 4 PM at:

Belmead Community Hall  
9109 182 St NW, Edmonton AB T5T 2Y9

Full Plus level dancing, called by GARY SMITH

Do you want to know the 'Plus' moves a little bit better? Join us!

Gary and Eileen Smith  
780 990-4042 [eileensmith778@gmail.com](mailto:eileensmith778@gmail.com)

*Crossfire*

## **SAFE Mainstream 2020/2021**

*with*

**Gary Smith**

**Monday Evenings (7-9) at Belmead Community Hall**

**9109 182 St NW, Edmonton AB T5T 2Y9**

**2020:     Oct 19th, and 26<sup>th</sup> Halloween**

**Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> Remembrance, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>**

**and Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas**

**2021:     Jan 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Mar 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> St. Patrick, 29<sup>th</sup> Apr 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

SAFE Mainstream is a two couple program, either with an imaginary couple or with another couple from your COVID bubble. Areas of the hall are established to provide physical distancing, masks must be worn. Stringent health protocols are in effect limiting the number of dancers in the hall. It's a light hearted fun, social atmosphere providing exercise for both the body and mind.

Diverse popular music!

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**Gary and Eileen Smith - 780 990-4042,**

**Cell 780 706-1716, [eileensmith778@gmail.com](mailto:eileensmith778@gmail.com)**



*Crossfire*

## **SAFE Plus 2020/2021**

with

**Gary Smith**

**Sunday afternoons (2-4) at Belmead Community Hall**

**9109 182 St NW, Edmonton AB T5T 2Y9**

**2020: Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>**

**2021: Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, Mar 14<sup>th</sup>, Mar 28<sup>th</sup>,  
Apr 11<sup>th</sup>, Apr 25<sup>th</sup>**

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## **DOUBLE DIAMOND DANCERS**



I am sure 2020 is a year we will all soon wished never happened. It seems very strange that we have nothing to do on Tuesday nights.

Our club is as I am sure most clubs are having no choice but not to dance at the present time.

We recently have an executive meeting to discuss this year and the decision was made to cancel dancing until the New Year. We will then make a decision on whether to close for the rest of the year.

While not the decision we wanted to make we felt we had no choice as not much has changed in the world around us. Most of our dancers are not ready to resume dancing at this time.

Our wonderful hall that we dance in also has many restrictions like most places and it would have been hard to dance with all rules in place.

So, for now we will have to fill our Tuesday nights with other things to keep us busy and safe. We have all good memories and we hope we can resume sometime in the future.

To all the other clubs and fellow dancers we hope everyone is doing okay and getting through this pandemic the best they can.

Hope to see everyone soon.

Paul

## Edmonton Singles

I'm sure everyone is just as disappointed as I am that we were unable to finish our 2020 Spring dance sessions and even more disappointed that we are unable to startup our 2020 Fall sessions. It has been quite the sad story for square dancers & any activity where the Covid guidelines can't be followed. Several members of the Edmonton Singles were able to have a parking lot party in June to distribute the past Promenader and it was great to see those that came. We were a little hopeful that we would see each other again in September at startup of the club but that is not to be. So for now, our startup is on hold and when we decide to continue again, we hope to let you all know. When that time comes, the Edmonton Singles may only host special dances with mainstream and no beginners. We are just going to want to "*party and dance*"!!!! Take Care and hope you are heathy and safe.

Janice Fendall

President – Edmonton Singles



## Entrance Square Dance Club of Hinton

We will not be starting dancing this fall. We do not have enough people for a full square and with the added issues of Covid, it is not feasible for us at this time. Hoping we can work something out in the new year.

Trudy Tanner



## ***“FUN STEPS”*** **(Choreographed Ballroom Dancing)**

Mary and I hope that all your family and friends are healthy and staying safe during this difficult time. Normally we would have started our dance classes, we would have gone to festivals, conventions, summer dances, camp outs well you have the picture on how all our lives have changed.

After watching the Zoom Square dances by Lorne Smith in Calgary back in April and with a lot of help from numerous people, we started doing Zoom Round Dances 3 nights a week starting May 22, we will continue until December 15 and then decide what to do starting in January. We have between 40 and 80 log ins for each of the dances we do. The response to these dances really caught us off guard, there are so many dancers whose clubs have not started up and love the opportunity to dance.

As for our Fun Steps Round Dance club, we have started up again following all the AHS and government regulations as well as those set by the Belmead Community Association. We have limited the class sizes to keep everyone including Mary and I as safe as possible and have posted our schedules on the Fun Steps club page on the Community Dance web site. We are teaching Tuesday mornings and afternoons as well as Wednesday nights at Belmead Hall.

For further information, please contact us at [mbnelson@shaw.ca](mailto:mbnelson@shaw.ca) or 780-467-1141 (Home number). Please take care of yourselves, enjoy Thanksgiving, Halloween and Christmas the best way you can.

Hugs from

Mary and Bruce Nelson “Round Dance Instructors”

**KENSINGTON STROLLERS**

**ROUND DANCE CLUB**

**(CHOREOGRAPHED BALLROOM)**



We hope everyone has been able to enjoy this past summer, are well and keeping sane. Fortunately, we have a yard which occupies much of our time, but with fall upon us, yard work will decrease substantially. Some centres have opened their doors for some activities, Dutch Canadian Centre is open but occupants must adhere to the COVID-19 GUIDELINES. We have been asked “Why are the Kensington Strollers not dancing?”.

Some of our dancers are working, some have children or grandchildren attending school or university and most shop at at least one or more stores. Therefore, we are in the vicinity of many other people. This increases the chances of being in contact with the Covid-19 virus. Most of our dancers are in the high risk area and the consequences can be life threatening.

Audrey and Glen started dancing before they started school and have enjoyed dancing ever since and would really like to get back on the dance floor. However, besides the need for distancing and wearing masks, the following quoted requirement by Alberta Health

“(In activities involving multiple dancers, each dancer should be assigned a designated area in which they can move about. Dancers should stay in their designated area for the duration of the activity (no swapping places).”

makes it impossible to even think of starting up this fall.

Therefore, with the number of Covid-19 cases on the rise, the Kensington Strollers will be postponing our dancing until at least the New Year.

Keep safe everyone and hopefully when a vaccine is available, we will be able to return to a more social life.

Audrey and Glen Eliasson

# LUKES & LUCYS



We remain on indefinite hiatus. To restart we need the hall to be available, a not immuno-compromised caller, and enough dancers to pay the bills.

Even Gary Smith and Eileen at Belmead hall can only take 16 dancers, at current risk levels and protocols. (Sold out, by the way).

So far haven't heard of Any dancers seriously affected by Covid 19.

Garry Atchison

Home 780 481 8270 landline with recorder.

Cell , text preferred, 587 921 3216, or 780 566 5593



We are so fortunate to be dancing. We have had to change venues as our regular place is renovating the kitchen. With strict rules to follow, we have had one dance to kick off the season and it was very different, but still so much fun. We always like to ask people to drop in

but at the present time we cannot accept any drop- ins as it would violate the rules and regulations - sorry folks. Let's hope it changes soon and we again can meet on the dance floor

Submitted by

Jo Sedgwick

## Sandholm Crossroads Dancers

Just to let you know that our special summer event's were all cancelled.  
Currently our dance season will not resume until at least the new year.

Please stay "spaced out" so you'll be "safe" from covid 19!!!

Doreen Kurney



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WHERE MY BRAIN GOES  
FROM "YOU PROBABLY  
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"WHAT THE HELL, LET'S SEE  
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## West Edmonton Promenaders

Like so many of you, the West Edmonton Promenaders (WEP) members have been saddened that it has not been possible to return to our evenings of dancing and socializing over the past several months. While the health of our members, family, friends, neighbours and communities has been all of our priority, we all still feel the absence of seeing each other on a regular basis.

WEP members have decided to temporarily pause dancing until it is safe for everyone to gather and be together again. We have cancelled our upcoming dance season of September 2020 – April 2021, and will regroup next summer to reassess the situation.

On a positive note, it has been great to hear about people continuing to keep up with each other through increased good old-fashioned phone calls, e-mails and the occasional socially-distanced visits outdoors when the weather has been nice. And it's been a challenging but rewarding experience as some of us have finally figured out how to have video calls! The whole world is figuring it out – we might as well figure it out too!

WEP members are a generous group and have always supported charitable organizations like the Food Bank and the WIN House. Unfortunately, because dances will not be occurring, there will not be the opportunity for the club to contribute to charities this year. We would like to encourage everyone to think of those that are in significant need during this pandemic, and those that continue to have challenges regardless of the pandemic. Please consider directly supporting organizations and activities that will benefit those that need a little or a lot of extra help during these times.

We hope everyone remains well, both physically and emotionally. Reach out when you need to. And we hope to see everyone again in the not too distant future!

Remember to keep up with any news or activities on the WEP webpage at: <http://www.communitydance.net/west-edmonton-promenaders.html> and at the CDCDA webpage at: <https://www.communitydance.org>.

# WHITCOURT WHIRLERS

We had a quiet summer dance wise other than a potluck supper and dance at the farm. Since no one in Whitecourt and area have the bug and so many were chomping to dance we, "did it. "We had a campfire afterwards. Lots of visiting. Besides the sanitizer we went through alot of WD40. Rusty on all counts for a bit. Once we worked the kinks out, away we went. I know people from other areas would have liked to come but sorry, we had to keep it closed for now. We are investigating whether we will be allowed in the hall this winter. There we will likely have to comply. Keep smiling everyone.

**Bill De Groot**

*A 105 year old woman is asked her secret  
for her long life:*

**"For better digestion – I drink beer.  
In the case of appetite loss, I drink  
white wine. In the case of low blood  
pressure, I drink red wine. In the  
case of high blood pressure, I drink  
scotch. And when I have a cold, I  
drink Schnapps."  
"When do you drink water?"  
"I've never been that sick.**

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**LAUGH  
OUT LOUD**



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