

Circle Eights

Circle Eights has been enjoying its new location, Hillsdale United Methodist Church. Our 50/50 has been replaced with mystery door prizes, which have become a big hit with our members and guests.

Paul Ingis is leading two Mainstream classes this year at East Brook Middle School in Paramus. One group began in September and the second joined them in January. The combined class will graduate together in June.

Thanks to our Raid coordinators, Gerri and Rick Savino, we hit the ground running over the summer and completed the program by the end of September.

Mark Franks called a lively first dance in September. In October, Circle Eights was happy to have Jim Snyder calling one of his last dances, including raids by Lakeland Squares, RocklandRockytops, and Western Wheelers/Hix & Chix. We drank (root) beer, enjoyed lots of Bavarian goodies, and even had a chance to take photos of ourselves dressed in Bavarian garb. The club is grateful to all those who contributed to our annual food drive, and a free dance coupon was awarded to one of the donors.



Joe Landi was the caller for our November dance, while Howard Richman called our Crazy Sweater dangle dance in December. We welcomed a raid by Belles & Beaux and awarded prizes for the “wackiest” sweaters.

Speaking of “crazy,” we had not one but two callers at our January dance: Jonathon Weiner and Larry Shipman. Dancers got a taste of both the “new” and the “old” (more experienced) calling, which was a fun contrast of styles. Because a couple of other callers (Paul Ingis and Fran Wadel) were also in attendance, many members and guests earned Purple Heart dangles that night!

Everyone shared the love at our February one-day-past Valentine’s Day dance with Fran Wadel. The scheduled caller was Anthony Casale; a moment of silence was observed in his memory. Did we “beware the Ides of March”? No! We enjoyed dancing to Betsy Gotta at our March 15 dangle dance.

Circle Eights looks forward to relaxing and socializing with current and former members at our annual luncheon in the spring. Membership anniversary dangles will be awarded and the Member of the Year announced. Stay tuned for information about our 60th anniversary dinner-dance in 2020.