

CROSS TRAIL SQUARES – Caldwell**MS/PL**crosstrailsquares.org**2, 4, 5 Wed. Sept.-June****Grover Cleveland School, 36 Academy Rd. 07006****Alice De Lancey: 973-618-9025****Cell for dance: 973-618-9025**

Cross Trail Squares enjoyed a wonderful start to 2019 by offering free admission to a dance featuring the always entertaining Howard Richman. Paul Ingis, Jonathon Weiner, and Doug Kauffman were the spotlight callers for dances that kept us going through the winter and into March, including our Presidents Dance and gently used clothing swap, which allowed dancers to update their wardrobes at no charge.

Alice De Lancey, Betsy Knudsen, Gary Martins, and Liz Zazzi reported that they had a terrific time at the WASCA convention. They danced and socialized with other friendly NNJSDA faces and met dancers from across the country.

We were happy to welcome back Laurel Fastow after her recovery from an ankle sprain that kept her off the dance floor for some time. Ted Lizotte was the caller for Laurel's return dance. A comment was directed to Ted from the dance floor: "You make Mainstream hard." Without missing a beat, Ted responded, "Thank you!" Mark Franks, the caller at our next dance, workshopped the call Crossfire from various positions, which proved to be an interesting and challenging experience.

Raids by Bee Sharps and Rutgers Promenaders were part of our dance with national caller Rick Gittelman. We enjoyed marches by both clubs and celebrated Eddie Mindlin's 93rd birthday, even though he was out celebrating somewhere else without us. Eddie did join us for the next dance, which again featured Rick as our caller due to a last-minute cancellation by the scheduled caller from Tennessee. A big thank you to Rick for filling in on such short notice.

We wrapped up our 51st year of dancing with the annual Ice Cream Social in June. To work up an appetite for vanilla and chocolate ice cream along with all the toppings, Betsy Gotta first made us work hard on the dance floor.

Due to relocation and retirement from dancing for various reasons, our membership has declined. In addition, fewer dancers from the Association drive at night, further lowering the attendance. So the upcoming season will be our last at CTS, with an exciting schedule to close out our 50+ years of dancing. To thank those who have supported our club, *all dances will be free!* Dancers are asked to bring their own refreshments. We hope you will join us and some great callers, including two from western Australia.

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