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1, 3 Fri. Sept.-June Ironia School, 303 Dover-Chester Rd. (Rt. 513) 07869 Helen and Bruce Haskell: 929-373-3537 Cell for dance: 929-373-3537

Have you ever thought about taking round dance lessons but were uncertain about where to take them or if you could commit another night a week to a dance activity? We have the solution. Join the beginning round dance class from 6:30-7:30 before every Reelers dance. The talented Mary Pickett is a wonderful teacher – very patient and well organized – and she will quickly have you dancing to some of the rounds that she cues during the dances following each lesson.

Our June 2019 dance celebrated the graduation of our Mainstream class (see photo). Their teacher, Ed Crowley, called a fun and lively dance and the new graduates did an excellent job keeping up on the dance



floor. Thank you to Ed for his successful teaching; to our class coordinators, Valerie Lehnert and Victoria Solecki, for their efforts in organizing and working with the class; and to all the angels who came out to assist the students.

Our annual summer picnic, held jointly with Kittatinny Rangers, was once again generously hosted by Lise Greene and Mark Bippes at their lovely home on Lake Hopatcong. It is the perfect setting with scenic lake views, a large deck, and sailboat rides given by Captain Mark. Mark had recently returned from a ministry trip to Belize where he has gone previously to assist at a home for needy girls with various building and other projects. On this trip, the volunteers in Mark's group taught some of the girls and local ladies how to sew. They brought the needed equipment and supplies, thereby offering them a skill that can help them now and provide them with a potential livelihood.

Some of our members our dealing with difficult medical issues. We extend our wishes for good outcome and recovery to Paul Olsen and Judy Smith on their surgeries and Lillian Kinney on her treatments.

As a small way to give back to the community, Reelers collects food for the local food bank at every dance. This results in our donating several hundred pounds of food over the course of a year. We encourage our members and guests to bring a food donation. Although it is strictly voluntary, it is very easy to develop the habit, after getting out your dance shoes, of going to your cupboard to grab a can or box of food.

In addition to a varied roster of callers from far and near, our dances will include a "special feature" tip of the caller's choice, which should be an interesting and challenging addition to a fun evening of square dancing. We hope you will join us for our dances.

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