

ROCKLANDROCKYTOPS – Congers, NY	MS, PL (see below)
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2 Fri. All Year: MS-PL tip	Congers Community Center
4 Fri. All Year: PL-DBD Plus tip	6 Gilchrest Rd. 10920
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RocklandRockytops is delighted to be having exceptional attendance at our recent dances. Our Mainstream Ice Cream Social, with fun-loving Ed Foote calling, boasted five squares including many new dancers. We indulged in a delicious assortment of ice cream flavors and toppings, thanks to Sue Ehnenn, Susan Greenstein, Cathy Schlesinger, and all the others who bought, set up, and served the fabulous fare. We wished a happy May birthday to a number of Rockytops members including our president, Don Schlesinger, and our guest, Eddie Mindlin (a member of several clubs), who is 93 years young and one of the liveliest dancers on the floor. Way to go, Eddie!

The May Plus dance featured our annual visit from Arizona's Rick Gittelman. Guests came from a number of clubs and there was a raid from Circle Eights. Rick concluded the evening with a beautiful medley of patriotic tunes.

Our June Mainstream dance, called by Sandy Corey, was our fifth annual Las Vegas Night. Sixty attendees participated in the fun, including two squares of raiders from Lakeland Squares. Our resident croupier, Don Schlesinger, once again provided a winning evening for all. Thank you, Cathy and Don, for all your hard work in setting up this spectacular night of games and dancing.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Don, our president, as he undergoes treatment for multiple myeloma, a somewhat rare form of cancer of the blood and bone marrow. Undergoing chemotherapy is always a challenging ordeal, but knowing Don's love of square dancing, missing out on dances probably will be even more traumatic for him. Please add your prayers and positive vibes to ours to help Don and his family through this very difficult time.

To begin the new Raid season, two squares of Rockytops members descended on Belles & Beaux on June 19 to dance to melodious Mary Moody and partake of more delicious ice cream and toppings.

We rounded out our spring and summer programs dancing to the always popular Howard Richman, Mark Franks, and Sandy Corey. It has been gratifying to see so many new graduates coming out to the dances. We look forward to seeing all of you in the fall, and don't forget to bring friends and prospective square dancers to our intro dance in September, called by faithful Fran Wadel.

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