

November – December 2014

**Country Lovers
Western Dance Club**

Monthly Dance Calendar and Announcements

Visit us at www.countrylovers.com

Presidents Corner...

Helloooo Country Lovers!

Here we are almost at the end of 2014. Our Club has one more monthly dance on November 15th. I'm hoping we get a good turnout. We will still be collecting non-perishable food & donations for Food Share at this dance & a special raffle drawing for those that donate.

Our Club will be having a New Year's Eve Dance on Wednesday December 31st at the beautiful House of Dance. We hope everyone will come and help us celebrate the incoming New Year. We are having it catered by Wood Ranch restaurant and last year it was a hit. There is a reservation form in our Newsletter or you can go to our website and print out and mail it with your payment.

I want to say 'Thank You' to all those who supported our Tuesday nights at the Moose and especially to those members that faithfully came to our monthly dances.

I also want to say a Big "Thank You" to those members who made such generous donations this year to our Club. We are so grateful for those very nice gestures.

Please mark your calendars for our first dance of 2015. We will be celebrating our Club's 25th Anniversary on Saturday January 17th. So please come and join us.

A friendly reminder – come Tuesday November 11 to vote for our Club's Board Members for 2015.

See you on the dance floor... Becky B (President)

Letters to the Editor...

Special Announcement: *Next Year is our Club's 25th Silver Anniversary! Make sure your planning to go to the January 17, 2015 Monthly Dance Party. I have on good authority that the Board is already started planning for this Big Event. More to come...*

Q – *We used to have a phone tree that would call members each month to remind them about our Country Lovers' monthly dance party at the House of Dance on the third Saturday of each month. I think it was helpful and helped to keep our attendance up. Jesse ran the phone tree and since he has been gone the phone tree disappeared. Attendance has dropped off so may be the Board should consider bringing the phone tree back. Is it possible to bring it back? Ernie*

A – *Your right, attendance is down and without Jesse the phone tree did disappear. The Board discussed your request and I'm glad to report that Mike Stark has volunteered to restart the phone tree. Mike has the phone numbers and did start calling members prior to last month's dance (September). Mike may need to put together a team of callers in the future but for now he believes he can do it on his own. "be calling you soon..." Thank you.*

Q – *I just received this announcement concerning a new book for "Lovers of Country Music" that may be of interest to some of our Country Lovers Club members. Can you please share this announcement with the rest of our membership? Becky*

A – *Love to. Song writer Eric Gichira has just released a lyric book that is intended to provide honest help and direction to struggling lyricist and songwriters to take and improve their writing skills. Eric is hopeful that his book helps someone in the world to learn something new and is able to improve his/her songwriting skills. If you would like to help Eric you can review the book on Amazon using the link www.amazon.com/B00NCZ79YA*

Q – *Is it necessary to have a Dance Lesson at our monthly dances (at the House of Dance)? I've observed that it seems to be harder and harder for the Board to find an available instructor for the monthly dance. The two instructors that we do have are committed to the Tuesday night lesson and there are other lesson venues on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday that many of our members already attend. May be the Board would prefer to just increase open dancing time at the monthly dance and encourage members to join in on Tuesdays night lessons or any of the other nights that our Country Lover instructors are teaching at? Good way to build up the membership. Pat*

A – *The Board discussed your suggestion and is in full agreement. Turn out is down at our monthly dances and the need to have lessons at the monthly dance is offset by the lesson nights that our membership is already attending. Therefore, we will test not having lessons at the monthly dance until such time that there is wider attendance and a clear need for lessons.*

Q – *Can you please make sure that the Ventura Star plans to include an announcement for our Halloween dance? Maria*

A – *I contacted the Star and they showed that our running add is still on file. They also said that if I wanted to I could send a separate announcement just for the Halloween dance. The Board directed me to send the Star Time Out Magazine editor a special announcement. I will continue this policy just prior to each of our monthly dances.*

Bulletin Board

Announcements

1 – **Attention: Country Lovers 25th Anniversary Dance on Jan 17, 2015.** Make sure you save this date and be at the House of Dance!

2- **Country Lovers Board Member Elections are on November 11th.** If you would like to serve on the Board, please contact Becky.

3 - **Are you ready for the New Year's Eve Party?** We are taking Reservations now so make sure you get your reservation in before Dec 27th. Prepaid cost is \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members. If you do not prepay, the cost is \$50 at the door (reservations are required), see page 6.

4 – **Remember to submit your 2015 membership application.** Please complete the application form making sure your email address, anniversary and birthday dates are correct, see page 9.

5 - **Letters to the Editor** Send any item you would like added to the Newsletter. For example: items for sale, lost and found, suggestions, etc. Send them to gundrumhouse@aol.com.

Anniversaries

November:

(none)

December:

(none)

Birthdays

November:

Winnie Lyter	16	Pat Potter	24
Alva Casteel	16		

December:

Christine Tolli	6	Jessica Dominguez	18
Diana Gelinas	6	Jeanette Curci	23
Lyn Mulvany	9	Ed Mutz	23
Bill Boettcher	15	George Carlson	24
Dennis Culver	15		

Board Updates

Treasurer's Report

July

August

September

Previous Month Balance:	\$4,520.79	\$6,756.11	\$6,653.85
Tuesday Night Dance Income:	\$790.00	\$456.00	\$650.00
Tuesday Night Dance Expense:	-\$375.00	-\$300.00	-\$375.00
House of Dance Income:	\$397.00	\$251.00	\$243.00
House of Dance Expense:	-\$516.19	-\$423.00	-\$428.78
Other Income:	\$2,070.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Other Expense:	-\$130.49	-\$86.26	-\$133.07
End of Month Balance:	\$6,756.11	\$6,653.85	\$6,660.00

From the Board

1. **Get ready to purchase the new Country Lovers Cook Book**, soon to be released. Ernie is putting the final touches on it right now and because of all his hard work the first draft pages look wonderful! Can't wait!

2. **Elections are the first week in November** and thanks to Dennis it looks like we will have a successful volunteer turn out from our membership. This is our biggest fund raiser, so the next time you are on the dance floor don't forget to take the time to personally thank Dennis and his "band of volunteers".

3. **We just passed the 82 membership milestone!** Thanks to all of the great work our instructors have put in this year we just keep getting bigger and better. Best news ever! Thank you.

Board of Directors

President	Becky Blanchet	Director #1	DuWayne Weatherman
Vice President	Mike Stark	Director #2	George Roberts
Treasurer	Leona Lunt	Director #3	Ed Gundrum
Secretary	(vacant)	Newsletter Editor	Ed Gundrum

Country Lovers Western Dance Club

“Thanksgiving Dance”
Saturday, Nov 15, 2014

The House of Dance
3007 Bunsen Ave - Ventura, CA. 93003
805-650-2719

*From 101, take Victoria Ave Exit, left on Olivas Park Dr., left
on Bunsen Ave.*



Dancing from 7:00 - 10:00pm
Members \$7 & Guests \$10

Music by: Jammin' Country
Special Food Share
Raffle!

*Country Lovers is collecting non-
perishable food items for the local Food Share.*

*For every 2 items you bring in you get a Raffle
Ticket for the special drawing we're having at the
Dance!*

Hotline 805-456-9067 or Website: www.countrylovers.com

*Looking ahead to next Month...
New Year's Eve Dance is on Wed, 31 Dec*

Country Lovers Western Dance Club

“New Year’s Eve Party”

Wednesday, Dec 31, 2014

At The House of Dance

3007 Bunsen Ave - Ventura, CA. 93003, 805-650-2719

***From 101 take Victoria Ave Exit, turn left on Olivas Park Drive, then turn left again on
Bunsen Ave.***

***Opens 7:00 PM, Dinner Served at 7:30
PM***

***Dancing from 8:30 - 12:30 AM
(Catered by Wood Ranch)***

***Members \$40 & Guests \$45 per person w/Early Reservation
\$50 for those Paying at the Door***

Music by: Jammin’ Country

Special Drawings all Night

Non Alcoholic Cider at Midnight, Feel Free to “BYOB”

***Turn Reservations in at Tuesday’s Dance or Mail to: P.O. Box 5307, Ventura, CA
93005***

Make Check payable to “Country Lovers” (closing date Dec 27th)

Reservation Hotline 805-456-9067 or email to: www.rebdancer@live.com

Looking ahead... 25th Silver Anniversary Dance Jan 17th



"New Year's Eve Party" Early Reservation Form

Name:

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ (no refunds)

*** November 2014 ***

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 The Barn #7 Borderline #8
2	3 Jim's Line Dance Camarillo #4	4 No Dance (Elections)	5 Jim's Line Dance Oxnard #5	6 Borderline #8 Makoto Dojo #9	7 Leisure Village Dance #6	8 Borderline #8
9	10 Jim's Line Dance Camarillo #4 Board Mtg. #10	11 Country Lovers Dance/Lessons #1	12 Jim's Line Dance Oxnard #5	13 Borderline #8 Makoto Dojo #9	14 Jim's Dinner Dance Oxnard #3	15 Country Lovers Dance Party House of Dance #2
16	17 Jim's Line Dance Camarillo #4	18 Country Lovers Dance/Lessons #1	19 Jim's Line Dance Oxnard #5	20 Borderline #8 Makoto Dojo #9	21	22 The Barn #7 Borderline #8
23/30		25 No dance	26 No Dance	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	29 Borderline #8

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28	29 No Dance	30 No Dance	31 Country Lovers New Year's Eve Party #2			

Location Finder

Calendar of Events, Dancing & Lessons

Refer to (#'s) on our calendar

- #1 **Country Lovers Dance Club:** Family Fun Center, 10269 Telephone Road, Ventura 805-456-9067 Every Tuesday 6:45pm-9pm, Members \$4, Guests \$6
www.countrylovers.com
- #2 **House of Dance:** Country Lovers Dance Party every 3rd Saturday of the month. Members \$7, Non-Members \$10, 3007 Bunsen Ave. Suite E. Ventura, Ca 93003 (805-650-2719), DIRECTIONS: Take Victoria Ave. South from 101 Fwy. Left on Olivas Parkway then left on Bunsen Ave. House of Dance is half way down Bunsen on the left side.
- #3 **Friday Night Oxnard Moose Lodge Fundraiser:** 1935 S. Oxnard Blvd. Oxnard Moose
2nd Friday of each month \$10 (includes dinner 6pm-7pm) Line Dancing 7:00-10:00pm OK to bring your own beverages Jim Potter 805-483-3783
www.crushcountry.com
- #4 Jim & Pat Potter Line Dance Classes Mondays 7-9pm, Camarillo Moose Lodge, Arneill Road \$4 Entrance
www.crushcountry.com
- #5 Jim & Pat Potter Line Dance Classes Wednesdays 7-9pm Oxnard Moose Lodge 1935 S. Oxnard Blvd. \$3 Entrance 805-483-3783
www.crushcountry.com
- #6 **Leisure Village Dance:** 1st Friday of the month - \$5 Entrance Santa Rosa Road in Camarillo 805-312-1991 7:00pm-10:00pm (Your name must be on the dance guest list at security gate)
- #7 **The Barn:** 3320 Chestnut Ln. Camarillo 805-532-1089
Line Dancing on Wednesday 7:00-9:00pm \$6
Line/Couple's Country Dancing 1st & 4th Saturday 7:30pm, \$5
- #8 **Borderline Bar & Grill:** 99 Rolling Oaks Drive, Thousand Oaks 91361 \$5 Entrance Fee Monday-West Coast Swing; Thurs & Saturday-Country Nights Free Dance Lessons 6:30pm and 7:30pm
www.borderlinebarandgrill.com
- #9 **Makoto Dojo:** 3026 Telegraph Rd. Ventura 93003 805-641-0447 Line Dancing every Thursday (no couples dances). Lessons are taught in series but you can pay for each lesson separately. Cost is \$10 per lesson. 7:15-9:00PM
- #10 **Country Lovers Board Meeting:** Second Monday of the month. Open to everyone. Call Hotline for time and place 805-456-9067.

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P.O. Box 5307 Ventura, CA. 93005-5307
805-456-9067

2015 Annual Membership Application Form

Applications need to be completely filled out every year/PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Membership: \$20 Per. Person

Cash _____ Check _____ (Please make check payable to "Country Lovers")

Name (1) _____ Birthday _____ Annv. _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email address _____

Name (2) _____ Birthday _____ Annv. _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email address _____

Thank you for choosing to be a member of Country Lovers and...
Welcome!!!!

For Official Use Only: Date Received: _____ Amount Received: _____

Notes: _____

DISCLOSURE: YOUR PICTURE MAY BE TAKEN AND USED IN OUR NEWSLETTER OR WEBSITE. ALL PERSONAL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT "CONFIDENTIAL" AND WILL ONLY BE GIVEN OUT WITH PRIOR PERMISSION BY APPLICANT.

**Membership fees are pro-rated:
\$10 July 1st thru December 31st**

Mail to: Country Lovers P.O. Box 5307 Ventura, CA. 93005

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***PO Box 5307
Ventura CA 93005-5307***

WE'RE ON THE WEB! WWW.COUNTRYLOVERS.COM

***Dancing Fun Every Tuesday!
Where: Ventura Moose Family Fun Center
10269 Telephone Rd., Ventura
Look for the Moose***

Dance Lessons

Join us every Tuesday evening from 6:45 to 9:00pm

***6:45 pm Open Dancing & Beginner Lessons
7:30 pm Beginner-Intermediate Dance Lessons
8:00 President's Announcements
8:10-9:00 Open Line/Couples Dancing***

Members \$4 Non-Members \$6

Country Lovers HOTLINE - 805-456-9067