



August 2017

Dear Country Dancers in Kalamazoo,

Summer is nearly over, and September brings the start of our 2017–18 season. We hope you enjoyed dancing at the grange last year and plan to join or rejoin Country Dancing in Kalamazoo as a member for the new season. Membership dues help maintain our financial stability and enable us to attract excellent bands and callers. **Membership rates** are the same as last year: \$14 for individuals, \$20 for two or more living at the same address. **Admission rates** will also remain the same as last year for our Saturday contra and square dances (\$8 members, \$10 nonmembers, \$5 students), Sunday Just for Fun dances (\$5 students, \$6 others), and Wednesday English dances (\$5 students, \$6 others). As before, if more than two children in a family (age 13 and up) attend a dance, only the first two are charged. Young dancers under 13 are admitted free. **Please note**, rates may be increased for certain dances; up-to-date information is at our web site: <http://people.albion.edu/ram/cdk/> and our Facebook group Contra Dance Kalamazoo.

All dances this season will be at the Oshtemo Grange, at the corner of H Avenue and 3rd Street. (**Note:** check the web site for updates on the construction project, which could delay the start of the season.)

- Regular contra and square dances will be on the **second Saturday** of each month, starting September 9. The dances on December 9, March 10, and May 12 will be preceded by **potluck suppers**.
- We'll also have quite a few **fourth Saturday** dances. These include some open-mic dances. (See flyer.)
- English country dances will again be on **third Wednesdays**, starting September 20.
- “Just for Fun” dances, led by a variety of local callers, will again be on **first Sundays**, beginning October 1. These are a combination of workshop and party, focused on couple dances such as waltz and various kinds of set dances, such as contra, squares, and English. (See flyer.)
- Saturday evening dances go from 7:30 to 10:30, usually with a skill workshop and orientation at 7:00. Most Wednesday dances go from 7:30 to 9:30. Sunday dances go from 2:00 to 5:00.
- We'll have local bands for some contra & square dances, as well as a variety of outside bands. Most of the English dances will have live music, and a few will use recorded music.
- We'll have both local and outside callers during the season.

Membership entitles you to the admission discounts noted above, to receive notice about special dances, to participate in the Annual Meeting in May for electing members of the Board of Directors, and, if you are interested, to attend Board meetings. Please **complete the enclosed membership form** and send it with your check (payable to *Country Dancing in Kalamazoo*) to Mike Clark, CDK Treasurer, at 3618 Woodcliff Drive, Kalamazoo, 49008. We'll also accept membership renewals and new memberships at the fall dances, but **renewal by mail is preferred**, to relieve congestion at the admissions desk.

Country Dancing in Kalamazoo Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation. Please also **consider a tax-deductible donation** in addition to your membership dues. (The membership is also deductible.) Donations enable us to fulfill our music and dance mission while keeping membership and admission rates reasonable. Any amount helps, and your generosity is much appreciated!

Sincerely,

The Board of Country Dancing in Kalamazoo

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