

**STATE OF THE DANCE  
DECEMBER 2007**

Hey Barndancers,

What a wonderful year we had! We had 5 Contra Dances, 2 Family Dances and a Ceili Dance. We had about 500 people attending our dances. We have a vibrant Barn Dance Orchestra and I have most of the dances planned for next year. The 2008 Dance list will be kept up to date on the website: [www.dcfolk.com](http://www.dcfolk.com). Check it out. Also if you have photos of any dances that you can send me by email, I would like to start an archive of pictures that could be viewed online.

Thanks to everyone for a terrific year. Now for new and exciting developments:

I have undertaken (with the generous help and support of Jeff Bradley and Mark Jenkins) to incorporate as a not for profit corporation. There are number of reasons and advantages for doing this. I want the Barn Dance Society to exist long after I am no longer around. A permanent organization will serve this purpose. As a nonprofit we can apply for grants to help improve and expand the dances. We also may branch out to do other kinds of events, such as concerts or workshops. In order to give ourselves the widest options we are going to incorporate as the "Door County Folk Alliance, Ltd.". The Sugar on the Floor Barn Dance Society will be a division of the DC Folk Alliance. I expect the dances to continue as before and get even better and hopefully more frequent (though I am hoping to have 7 Contra Dances, at least 3 Family Dances and a Ceili Dance in 2008). As a not for profit organization we will be able to accept tax deductible donations. Change will be gradual, but we have an initial board of directors (Cy Rosenthal, LuAnn Desotelle, Ann Jenkins, Shirley Griffen & Jeff Bradley) ready to begin planning at the beginning of 2008. If you have questions, please let me know ([doorbarndance@hotmail.com](mailto:doorbarndance@hotmail.com)). I think this will lead to great things for Door County to promote alcohol & smoke free events that allow families and other friendly people to get together in the sort of community that has nearly disappeared in this cyber, sonic, fast paced world we live in.

You will hear more about the Folk Alliance in the coming year.

Upcoming Dances:

Sunday, January 13- **FAMILY DANCE**, Sturgeon Bay YMCA- 1:00-3:00 PM  
Caller- Lu Ann, Sponsor- Family Centers

Saturday, February 16- **CONTRA DANCE**, Institute Saloon. 6:30-9:30 PM  
Caller- Terry Vlossak

Saturday, March 8- **CEILI DANCE (music by Bubble & Squeak)**, Institute Saloon,  
6:30-9:30 PM  
Caller- Julie Clark, Sponsor- 4H Horse and Pony Project

Saturday, April 26- **CONTRA DANCE**, TLC, 6:30-9:30 PM  
Caller- Terry Simeone, Sponsor- TLC

More details on the website and to come by email reminders.

I want to finish by thanking everyone who came to dance and participate this past year. Thanks also to everyone who played in the Barn Dance Orchestra and helped move sound equipment. Thanks to the sponsors of this year's dances and to the organizations and people that allowed us to use their facilities for dancing.

Remember, our motto is "You can't beat fun for a good time."

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