

# Hudson Valley Newsletter



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*Congratulations to the 2016  
Dancers of the year!*



Arthur Leibowitz & Vicky Ficco-Panzer  
RocklandRockytops

# *Past President of the HVC*

## *Steve Ocskasy*

Thank you to all for backing me during my two terms as President of the council. We have gone through some major changes in the Hudson Valley Council, all focused on the council dance. From the old format of three rooms at the Temple Hill School in New Windsor, NY, to our present location of the Edmond Town Hall in Newtown, CT.

We had to make changes to keep the Council alive. Keeping things the same would not have helped the Council at all. In fact it would have harmed the Council. Change is good to revitalize the activity. As we had seen in the first year of change, we had a better attendance then we have had in the last few years at the school.

But there were still a lot of people missing. For the people who have missed the dance because they did not have fun, come back and see for yourselves how much better it is. And for the new graduates, come to the biggest event of the council.

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## Club officers

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Slater Chemical Firehouse (**Dances**)  
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Glenham (Fishkill), NY  
Programmer: Pat O'Donnell  
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### Friendly Squares

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## **Pelham Promenaders**

Christ Church **(Dances)**

1415 Pelhamdale Ave

Pelham, NY 10803

Programmer: Mary Flannagan

Pelham Memorial High School **(Classes)**

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Pelham, NY 10803

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## **Rocking Roosters**

Edmund Town Hall **(Dances)**

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Newtown, CT. 06470

Programmer: Geoff Knees

Masonic Hall **(Classes)**

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Sandy Hook, Ct. 06482

Newtown United Methodist Church **(Alternate dance location)**

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Congers Community Center **(Dances)**

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## **Changes in the council**

The dancers on the cover of this issue are the last, to be chosen randomly of the different clubs who participated at the last council dance. At the last council meeting, the executive board and the delegates chose to eliminate the random drawing for overall dancers of the year. One of the rewards (besides a dangle for each one), was to have the clubs they visit during the year, give free admission. Unfortunately with most of the clubs just hanging on financially, it was decided not to have an overall winner. Also it takes away from the honor of all those involved. This goes along with what I had (on page 2) regarding changes in the council. What we will be doing is keeping the procession of any clubs choosing their own “dancers of the year”, honoring all those involved.

Along with this, we are bringing back something we had a number of years ago under a different sponsor. We will be having the “Hudson Valley Challenge”(formerly the Hudson Valley Dancer challenge). Starting this September 2017, dancers will have an officer of a club initial and date a form (see flyers at dances--There will also be a location chart for locations of all the clubs.) when they visit a club twice and each time have it initialed and dated, and once the form is filled out, mail to me, Steve Ocskasy, 28 Bayberry Dr., Peekskill NY 10566. There are two clubs that are advance level, so the dancers just have to have at least 6 out of the eight clubs visited. The six that dancers who only dance mainstream so far, have alternating mainstream and plus tips. So they are able to attend dances at these clubs. As long as I receive the form by the end of September of the following year, those dancers will get in to the following council dance for free. The challenge is to try increase the attendance at dances in the council. Also attached will be locations of where the club’s dance.