

# THURSDAY NIGHT DANCE COMMUNITY ⇒ CONNECT ⇐

## To the Thursday Night Dance Community

**A**t a recent meeting of our “Local Callers” we discussed and agreed to the idea of starting a listserv (an e-mail discussion list) that will focus on the creative aspects of the Thursday Night Dance in Glenside. And we’ve sought input and involvement from musicians and other members of the TND community to move this idea forward.

The basic idea is to encourage communication about how our dances are going – what parts of the evening are successful – where were we less successful – and how can we all continue to grow – become better callers, musicians and dancers.

### Who Can Participate

The list will be open to all members of the Thursday Night Dance Community and we especially want to encourage all callers, would-be callers and occasional callers to participate. Dance leadership is a critical part of having great dances.

Equally important – we want to encourage band leaders and musicians to participate. One of the big ideas behind this effort is to encourage communication between callers and musicians.

For all of us, it will be an opportunity to share ideas and thoughts and feedback (the good kind) when we’re not under the pressure of getting ready for the next dance in a program.

And we are encouraging dancers to join in. This entire enterprise revolves around the people who come in to enjoy this wonderful activity. Now, perhaps, we can open up a dialog that includes you – shares your comments and concerns and engages you more deeply in the whole creative process of “putting on a dance.”

### Keeping a Lid on things

Most healthy listservs are pretty much self-moderating. Even though they may be dealing with

sensitive topics, people are careful not to say things that will be too strident or hurtful.

However, we have decided to be extra careful – so this listserv will be moderated, at least to start off. All messages will be previewed by a small group of people who will then either “approve” a message as it stands, possibly send it back to the author with a request for re-wording or clarification, or a moderator may simply delete the message (the thirteenth time somebody says “me too,” for example).

Our goal is to create a positive, safe environment, where people can make constructive comments that will be taken as such.

### Anonymity or Not

Anyone who wants to participate in the listserv will have to sign up as him or herself. But, if someone wants to make a comment and have it be anonymous – we will allow people to send messages directly to the moderators with that request. It will be up to the moderators to decide exactly what to say, how much of a message to include, and other details. But that will provide an “anonymous” option of a sort for participants.

### Join Us

If you'd like to join the list, you can subscribe by e-mail. Send a message from the e-mail account you want to use (empty message – no subject and no text in the body of the message) to:

**[tndc-connect-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:tndc-connect-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)**

If you have a YahooID, you can subscribe via the Yahoo!Groups website.

Or contact Ridge Kennedy or Sarah Gowan and ask for an electronic invitation to be sent to you.

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