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## LICMA Members Promoting Country Music & Dance on Long Island

One of the goals of our organization is to promote country music and dance on Long Island and during the months of February and March we've been busy. If you have been to a country event at the Nassau Coliseum or the Theatre at Westbury, it's clear there are thousands of people on Long Island that enjoy country music and follow the big name artists. We have been working with the promoters and marketing managers at the Coliseum and Westbury to help promote country acts on Long Island and I'm sure everyone saw the full page ads in the last issue of the PONY Express newsletter for Rascal Flatts and Dierks Bentley. To help promote our organization we set up tables at both events and passed out a thousand LICMA brochures. One of the great things about being at a concert and having our table



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### Promoting LICMA @ the Dierks Bentley concert

LICMA had another great opportunity to promote country music and dance on Long Island on Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Theatre at Westbury. We shared a table with the new radio station "My Country 96.1" at the Dierks Bentley concert and passed out LICMA brochures and promoted our organization. What a great concert! Dierks Bentley expressed his appreciation for such an enthusiastic audience on a Sunday evening and mentioned he had visited the Roosevelt mansion in Oyster Bay and was so grateful for such beautiful National

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**April 16 - LICMA DANCE**  
**Band: NASHVILLE ATTITUDE**  
**Teacher/DJ: MARIANNE TAYLOR**

**K OF C HALL - LINDENHURST**  
See Page 8 for details!

**May 14 - ANNIVERSARY DANCE**  
**Band: SIX GUN**  
**Teacher: CAROL RUGGIERO**  
**DJ: JAN SLOW**

**K OF C HALL - LINDENHURST**  
See Page 8 for details!

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Country Friends,


Our daffodils are beginning to show green tips now that the snow has finally melted, a new season of "Dancing with the Stars" has kicked off, and we're beginning to see ads for the Academy of Country Music Awards on Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00pm on CBS, so it really does feel like spring has arrived. The other change we are seeing is the increase in country western events on Long Island like the Rascal Flatts concert in February, Dierks Bentley in March, Trace Adkins on August 6, and Darius Rucker on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at Westbury. I'm sure the new Country Radio station "My Country 96.1" is one reason, and I would like to think the quality of music coming from a series of relatively new artists is making a difference as well. We continue to get new people joining our group at each dance, and for a cost of only \$10 admission for members, it is clearly the best deal on Long Island for a night out with a live band. I also want to express my appreciation for the way everyone goes out of their way to make new dancers feel welcomed. If you think back to when you first got started country dancing, it was often the friendly support and coaching from members that made a difference and helped you learn a new move and look forward to the next dance.

Our next dance will be April 16<sup>th</sup> with the band Nashville Attitude, and Six Gun will be back for our 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary dance on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

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## PAST PRESIDENTS

Donna Eiding, Anmarie Teresco, Bill Teresco, A. Howard Pedersen, Nigel Glassbrook, John Shemack



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# BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS

## LICMA Board Meeting on January 19, 2011

**Meeting Location:** Ralph and Carol Hornung's home

**Present:** Jim Teeple, Kathy Burke, Dave Thaler, Vivian Borushik, Stan Borushik, Marge Tuthill, Debbie Niemczyk, Ralph Hornung, and Joann Grillo

**Absent:** Donna Eiding, Loulu Gaiewski, Jim Nash Vafeas, Dottie Campbell, Rad Slavik

Meeting called to order at 7:45PM

**Minutes:** The minutes from the November [for December] 10, 2010 meeting were reviewed and corrected. Vivian made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Kathy

**Membership Report:** by Ralph; Total Number of Members (Includes Life and Board)=290; Total Memberships Requiring Renewal 06/2010 Through 11/2010=65; Total Renewed Membership (Current Includes Life Members)=225; Mailing List=918. Our average membership level for 2010 was 289. Our current membership level is 290. We have done well even though we are not reaching the 300 member goal.

**Treasury:** by Ralph- We have closed out the year 2010. The December 31, 2010 balance was \$11648.34. This was another good year since we finished \$864.17 ahead of budget.

**Dance Committee:** Kathy reported that, the Cruisers car club will attend our March dance. Country meets Cruisers March 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Publicity:** Donna not in attendance

**Website:** Jim NV not in attendance – the website at [www.licma.org](http://www.licma.org) is current and is a good place to look for upcoming events and back issues of the Pony Express.

**Pony Express:** Jim reports that he will do the cover article for the next issue. The NEW Long Island Country Radio station 96.1 FM is now on the air - reception is limited to mostly eastern Long Island, but the online live broadcast at [www.licountry.com](http://www.licountry.com) works great. Articles are always needed for the Pony. Please let us know of your adventures in Country. Have you been to a concert or danced in a great Honky Tonk while on vacation, we would love to know. Share your story's with us. Send articles to Managing Editor [Twostepbil@aol.com](mailto:Twostepbil@aol.com). There was also a board discussion regarding the cost of printing hard copies of the Pony and the advantages of the electronic version. At present it cost about \$440 to print and mail each release of the newsletter.

**Advertising:** Dave acknowledged the new Country radio station, and Jim T is working to establish contacts with the station. Jim NV also reported [via Jim ] that the Nassau Coliseum will allow us to set up a table at the Rascal Flatts Concert, Friday Feb.,25<sup>th</sup>. Jim T will create and have printed 3 fold flyers to hand out to help promote our organization.

**Old business:** March 19, 2011, will be LICMA's yearly public general board meeting at the Hauppauge Library at 7:30PM. All members are encouraged to attend and get involved to help support our organization – see directions to the Library on the web site.

**New Business:** The board discussed ideas to include younger people and family members at dances. This is an open topic and we welcome ideas and opinions from other members. As an

organization, we need to explore new ideas to continue membership growth and keep our organization healthy.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, February 16 2011, 7:30, @ Ralph & Carol's house, Hauppauge. (Will be a conference call meeting if the weather is a challenge)

**Meeting Adjourned:** Marge made a motion to adjourn our meeting at 9:08 PM, seconded by Debbie  
Respectfully Submitted by Marge [for Loulu]

## LICMA Board Meeting on February 18, 2011

**Meeting Location:** Telephone Conference Call

**Present:** Jim Teeple, Ralph Hornung, Donna Eiding, Dave Thaler, Jim Nash Vafeas, Loulu Gaiewski, Vivian Borushik, Stan Borushik, Debbie Niemczyk, Dottie Campbell, Rad Slavik, Kathy Burke

**Absent:** Marge Tuthill, Joanne Grillo  
Meeting called to order at 8:05PM

**Minutes:** The minutes from the January 19, 2011 meeting were reviewed with no corrections or additions. Dave made a motion to accept minutes, seconded by Vivian. AIF

**Membership Report:** by Ralph; Total Number of Members (Includes Life and Board)=300; Total Memberships Requiring

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## 2011 LICMA DANCES/EVENTS\*

Apr 16	-	Lindenhurst
May 14	-	Lindenhurst
Jun 11	-	Lindenhurst
Sep 24	-	Lindenhurst
Oct 22	-	Lindenhurst
Nov 19	-	Lindenhurst
Dec 3	-	Lindenhurst

\*(See P.8 for details & directions)

*This is the list of the dates for our dances in 2011.*

*If you are planning an event, please check this list so there will not be a scheduling conflict. In this way all members will be able to support all country functions, benefits or other events. If we can support each other, we can help keep country alive!*

*Thanks.*

### EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES?

*Have you changed your email address or your Internet Service Provider recently? If you have, let us know so we can keep you informed of LICMA events. Either go to the website to update*



## DANCE INSTRUCTION

### MONDAY

**Commack:** Adult Ed, line/couple-all levels, 8 wks, 7:30-9:30, 631.499.4325, Carol Ruggiero "The Boots", info: 631.499.4325

**Maspeth:** Queens: Kowalinski Post, 7:00 to 9:30 pm, beginner & intermediate, info Fred & Pat @ 718-565-2259

**Massapequa:** Berner Middle School, Carmen Neck Road, Monday's, Beginner+ Line Dancing, 7:30-9:00PM, \$50.00, 8 week sessions, Marianne Taylor, (516) 679-5520 or [mtaylor5678@verizon.net](mailto:mtaylor5678@verizon.net).

**N. Bellmore:** American Legion 1749, Newbridge Road, Exit 25S off SSP, Monday's, Beginner/Beginner+ Line Dancing, 7:30-9:00PM, \$65.00, 8 week sessions, Marianne Taylor, (516) 679-5520 or [mtaylor5678@verizon.net](mailto:mtaylor5678@verizon.net).

**\*Sayville:** VFW Hall, 400 Lakeland Ave, (just south of Sunrise Hway on the right side), 7:30-10pm, Line Dance Lessons & open dancing with Linda Stuart. Fee: \$11. Info:631-835-9377

### TUESDAY

**Deer Park:** Matty T's, lessons 7:30-10:30 pm, Beg/Plus w/ Carol "Boots" Ruggiero & open dancing w/ DJ Warren, Info: 631.595.WEST

**Mineola:** NY, Knights of Columbus, 186 Jericho Turnpike, Mineola, located between Willis Ave. & Mineola Blvd., Every Tuesday, Beginners 7-8PM, Intermediate 8:00-10:00PM Line Dancing, \$10.00, 3 Wonderful Dance Instructors, Marianne Taylor, (516) 679-5520 or [mtaylor5678@verizon.net](mailto:mtaylor5678@verizon.net).

### WEDNESDAY

**\*Center Moriches:** K of C Frowein Road, dance lessons 7:30-10:00pm, Frank Kolman, 631-909-4984

**+Deer Park:** Matty T's Lessons: 6:15 Two Step; 7:30 West Coast Swing with Ellen McCreery

**\*Lindenhurst:** Beginning Wednesdays March 4, 2011 William Rall School Cafeteria (No. Wellwood Ave. Lindenhurst, NY) Classes will run for 8 weeks \$50.00 for entire semester. Any questions contact Jean Bowden at 631-957-9505 or [walpet@aol.com](mailto:walpet@aol.com) or Pat McAuliffe 631-957-1691 or [mommcauliffe@hotmail.com](mailto:mommcauliffe@hotmail.com)

**Massapequa:** Berner Middle School, Carmen Neck Road, Wednesday's, Beginner Line Dancing, 7:30-8:30PM, \$50.00, 8 week sessions, Marianne Taylor, (516) 679-5520 or [mtaylor5678@verizon.net](mailto:mtaylor5678@verizon.net).

**+Sayville:** VFW Hall, 400 Lakeland Ave. (just south of Sunrise Hway on the right side), 7:30-10, Dance lesson and Open Dancing-line and couple, large wooden dance floor, air-conditioned, \$10. Info: Linda Stuart, 631-835-9377.

**+Syosset:** Community Center, Jericho Tpke, Beginner, Classics, Interm. then open dance, September to June, 7-10 PM, Instructor Ellen Kiernan, [Wkierna1@optonline.net](mailto:Wkierna1@optonline.net), 516293-5625

**+Westbury:** Country Line and Partner Dancing, Mirelle's, 170 Post Avenue, DJ Alan Kohn, Dance Lessons by Lyndy and guest instructors, 7:30 pm, \$10, Info Call 516 641-6749 or 845 729-0811 [twostepkc@gmail.com](mailto:twostepkc@gmail.com) or [alankohn@premiereentertainment.org](mailto:alankohn@premiereentertainment.org)

### THURSDAY

**+Mineola,** Knights of Columbus, 186 Jericho Turnpike, Every Thursday 6-10. Line and Partner Dancing, - cash bar -Beginner lessons 6pm, Reviews 7pm, New Lesson 8:30pm. Open dance with DJ - instructor Ellen Kiernan 516293-5625 [wkierna1@optonline.net](mailto:wkierna1@optonline.net)

### FRIDAY

**\*Lindenhurst:** VFW Hall, 560 North Delaware Ave, 8pm-12 midnight (once a month starts 8:30), DJ Dancing and Lesson, Beautiful Wooden Dance Floor, Complimentary Coffee Tea and Snacks, Plenty of Free Parking, Admission \$12.00, Contact Linda Stuart 631-835-9377 or Maureen and Nick Bianco 631-661-0361.



*These dance lessons are not officially sponsored or endorsed by the LICMA. They are listed free for members & are for your information and enjoyment*

*They are only as accurate as the information we receive. If information is not listed, we did not receive any or have not received confirmations that they are still running. Send me your email address for a deadline reminder.*

*Teachers - please email your information to [twostepbil@aol.com](mailto:twostepbil@aol.com)*

***Deadline for the JUN/JUL issue is MAY 1.***



# BOOTNOTES



**- - Happy Birthday to all - -**

## **APRIL BABIES**

04/02 Judith E. Timo, 04/05 Eileen Alley, James Frazer, 04/06 Andrea Mendelson, 04/10 Debbie Malinsky, Winnie Nunziata, 04/15 Gaston Gariepy, 04/17 Donna Angelini, Walter Berner, 04/18 Camille Marziliano, 04/19 Carmela Budrewilz, 04/20 Stanley Borushik, 04/22 Christine Marshall, 04/24 Steven Sprachman, 04/25 Diane Birkeland, Ellen Peragine, 04/26 Alycia Gorman, Sherry Palencia, 04/29 Linda Greifinger, 04/30 Jim Vafeas

## **MAY BABIES**

05/02 Gregory E. Homatas, Mary Inverno, Bobbi Petri, 05/04 Deborah Cox, 05/05 Mike Donnelly, 05/06 Michael Colletti, 05/07 Ava Dvoretz, 05/09 Janet Dawson, 05/10 Jim Teeple, 05/11 Ronni Nelson, Lorraine Pendergest, 05/14 Jerry Burns, Bill Teresco, 05/15 Patrice Berlage, Tom Burke, Joni Caputo, Larry Tidwell, 05/17 Margaret Lafferty, 05/18 Sherri Peck, 05/21 Pat Burns, Elaine Tanchin, 05/31 Erin Ednie

- \* Condolences to Vic Fusco of Roadhouse, his family and the Roadhouse Band for Vic's lovely mother, Claire Fusco/Stein, who passed away recently.
- \* Sadly, we have to announce the death of a former member and dear friend, Marty West, who passed away Thursday, February 24th. He will be sorely missed. Condolences are sent to his family and friends.

## ***HAS YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRED OR IS IT ABOUT TO?***

***RENEW NOW AND HELP THE LICMA***

### **Upcoming Expirations**

#### ***April***

Karen Anderson, Terry L. Barrett, Patrice Berlage, Bernice Berner, Walter Berner, Carmela Budrewilz, Anthony Caamano, Carolyn Caamano, Dorothy Campbell, Jim Davis, Donald Durdaller, Linda Greifinger, Carol A. Huck, Mary Inverno, John Lawrence, Jean Lynch, Debbie Malinsky, Roberta Marsden, Christine Marshall, Westley Marshall, Nancy Mayeski, Allan Rae, Bruce Segerman, Rad Slavik, Elaine Tanchin, Anthony Zullo, Margie Zullo

#### ***May***

Reid Alburger, Angela Arthurs, Don Arthurs, Janet Baram, Suzanne Bruni, Barbara Chivvis, Doug Chivvis, Cathy Coviello, Jerome Dennehy, Lorraine Dennehy, Tracey Gunther, Richie Kalanz, Norman Kulp, Eddie Mcgay, Angela Mikoc, Edward Mikoc, Andrew Nawrocki, Linda Stuart, Charles Trusch

*If you have renewed recently and your name is on this list, the LICMA thanks you for your support!*

### ***WELCOME NEW LICMA MEMBERS!***

Deborah Cox, Diane Demaria, Alycia Gorman, Thomas Gorman, Steven Kay, Barbara Nugent, James Nugent, Carol Ragona, John Sauer, Jody Howard, Annette Lagan, Frank Matushefske

***And a BIG THANK YOU to our members who have renewed their memberships.***

### ***A New Approach for Member Renewals***

I have been trying out a new approach for both new member sign up and renewals. It seems to be working fairly well. It helps to expedite getting renewal or new member ID cards to members more quickly and also helps LICMA control our expenses. From this time on, whenever you renew your membership you can expect to pick up a new ID card either the night you renew at the dance or if you renewed by mail I will have new ID cards ready at the next dance. ***Members should pick up their membership cards at a table in the lobby as they enter the dance hall.*** For out of state members I will continue to mail to you the renewal cards.

At all times we have an up to date member list available at the admission desk.

Thank you,  
Ralph  
LICMA Treasurer and Membership

**President's Message** (continued from page 2)

Our association held its annual general meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Hauppauge Public Library and re-elected the following members to the board for two years - Jim Teeple, Kathy Burke, Donna Eiding, Loulu Gaiewski, Marge Tuthill, and Jim Nash Vafeas. Please take the time to express your appreciation when you see these board members for the years of service to the association. We would like to also thank the guest members who attended this meeting and shared their ideas and enthusiasm – we all do this because it’s fun, and we really enjoy spending time together.

Thanks again to the many volunteers who share this fun hobby and donate their time to make your association events possible. We look forward to seeing you at the next dance.

“LICMA is FUN Country”  
Jim Teeple

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**Financial Statement Thru 02/28/2011**

Checkbook Balance 12/31/2010	11648.34
<u>LICMA Actual Income</u>	
Dance Income	3444.00
Membership & Advertising	870.00
Total Income	4314.00
<u>LICMA Actual Expense</u>	
Dance Expenses	2450.00
Operating Expenses	3017.06
Total Expenses	5467.06
Checkbook Balance 02/28/2011	10495.28
Thank you, Ralph, LICMA Treasurer	

**How to send messages to the LICMA Board:**

- ① Leave a message on the phone HOTLINE
- ② Go to the web site and leave a message in the “suggestion box”
- ③ See any board member at a dance

**BOARD MINUTES** (continued from p 3)

Renewal (from 10/20/2011)=55; Total Renewed Membership (Current Includes Life Members)=245; Mailing List=915. Our average membership level for 2010 was 289. Our current membership level jumped to 300 based on a very strong membership renewal during January and February.

**Treasury:** by Ralph- Our new budget has been set. As you know by now, this year’s budget is based on last year’s actuals. The balance in our checking account as of the end of January 2011 is \$12972.34. Our liability insurance invoice was received today and this payment will bring the budget into line with estimates for the year.

**Dance Committee:** Kathy reported that all is set for the February 19, 2011 all DJ Dance with Jean and Pat of “The Spinoffs”. March 19 Dance will be Country Meets Cruise’s with Roadhouse Band and Teacher/DJ Bob Bonett. We are still working on the details for the April 16 Dance and should be able to confirm them at the next board meeting. The band for the May 14 dance is Six Gun, and the June 11 dance will be a special dance with DJ Alan Kohn. The board has formed a committee to work on a new idea for the June dance to have some of our local talent perform during “Open Mic Night” - more to follow –

**Publicity:** Donna reported that there was good feedback from members regarding how great the dances are. All press releases, notices, e-mails are out and current

**Website:** Jim NV reported that the LICMA Website and Facebook page is current and up to date [www.licma.org](http://www.licma.org) also Jim said there are 34 new friends on LICMA face book home page.

**Pony Express:** Articles are needed for the Pony. Don’t forget to send your articles to [Twostepbil@aol.com](mailto:Twostepbil@aol.com) on or before the March 15 dead line. We would love to hear your stories of where you’ve been dancing or who you have seen in concert.

**Advertising:** Dave reported all is the same; if you wish to advertise in the Pony, go to page 2 for rate information. Dave will also try to encourage LI Country Radio Station 96.1 to take out an ad – (ads should be sent to Dave Thaler [dthaler@optonline.net](mailto:dthaler@optonline.net) and Bill Teresco [Twostepbil@aol.com](mailto:Twostepbil@aol.com) )

**Old business:** Bill Berdini is current and up to date with sending out e-mail dance reminders and mailing list to promote upcoming events. Dottie reported that the birthday cards reminders are going out monthly. The Board will be setting up a LICMA table at the Nassau Coliseum, Friday, February 25, at the Rascal Flatt’s Concert, with flyers and cards to promote our organization.

**New Business:** Long Island Country Station 96.1 will be at Go West on Sunrise Hwy, Bohemia on Saturday February 19, from 12-2 PM - some board members will go and introduce themselves to the station with the prospects of working together.

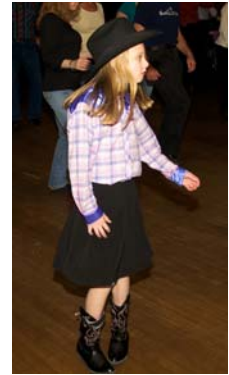
**Next Meeting:** Yearly General Board Meeting, March 16, 2011 (7:30-9:00) Hauppauge Public Library, all members are welcome.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Donna made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM AIF.

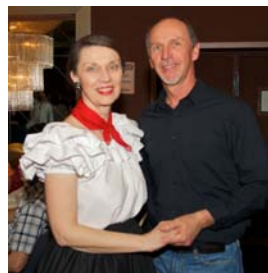
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# ***FEBRUARY DANCE PICTURES***



# ***MARCH DANCE PICTURES***





## SCHEDULE OF DANCES & EVENTS of the LONG ISLAND COUNTRY MUSIC ASSOCIATION



<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>BAND/DJ/EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Apr 16	Knights of Columbus Lindenhurst	Band: Nashville Attitude Teacher/DJ: Marianne Taylor	8:00 pm - 12 midnight
May 14 <i>Anniversary Dance</i>	Knights of Columbus Lindenhurst	Band: Six Gun Teacher: Carol Ruggiero; DJ: Jan Slow	8:00 pm - 12 midnight
Jun 11 <i>DJ dance</i>	Knights of Columbus Lindenhurst	DJ: Alan Kohn Teacher: Lyndy	8:00 pm - 12 midnight
Sep 24	Knights of Columbus Lindenhurst	Band: TBA Teacher/DJ: TBA	8:00 pm - 12 midnight

Directions to Dances:

**K of C in Lindenhurst** - 400 South Broadway, Lindenhurst, NY 11757 (631-226-3240) Take either Southern State (ext 35) or Sunrise Hwy. to Wellwood Ave. South. (One mile south of Southern State Pkwy) go under the L.I.R.R. Trestle, and turn right immediately onto Hoffman Ave. Go three short blocks – use the left turn only lane, to S.Broadway (Rail House on S.W. corner). Make left onto S. Broadway, go four blocks to Read Ave., K. of C. is on the left corner of S.Broadway and Read. (parking in the back)

**Doors Open Half Hour Before Time Listed - FREE Dance Lesson at first band break  
In the event of inclement weather, call the Hotline, 516-775-5678, for updates**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 10th, Line/Partner Dance, Knights of Columbus, 186 Jericho Turnpike, Mineola, located between Willis Ave. & Mineola Blvd., 8:00-Midnight, \$15.00, Dance Lesson & DJ, snacks, coffee & cake – Cash Bar, Dance Connection of LI, Ellen Kiernan (516) 293-5625 [wkierna1@optonline.net](mailto:wkierna1@optonline.net) or Marianne Taylor, (516) 679-5520, [mtaylor5678@verizon.net](mailto:mtaylor5678@verizon.net)

**Saturday Apr 16, LICMA Dance, Knights of Columbus, 400 S.Broadway, Lindenhurst, NY, 8:00pm -12:00 midnight, Coffee, tea & desserts, dance lesson and DJ during band break. Still only \$10.00 for members, \$15.00 for guests. See LICMA.org or above for details.**

**Saturday May 14, LICMA Anniversary Dance, Knights of Columbus, 400 S.Broadway, Lindenhurst, NY, 8:00pm -12:00 midnight, Coffee, tea & desserts, dance lesson and DJ during band break. Still only \$10.00 for members, \$15.00 for guests. See LICMA.org or above for details.**

Sunday, May 22nd, Line/Partner Dance, at the Knights of Columbus, 186 Jericho Turnpike, Mineola, located between Willis Ave. & Mineola blvd., 8:00-Midnight, \$15.00, Dance Lesson & DJ, snacks, coffee & cake – Cash Bar, Dance Connection of LI, Ellen Kiernan (516) 293-5625 [wkierna1@optonline.net](mailto:wkierna1@optonline.net) or Marianne Taylor, (516) 679-5520, [mtaylor5678@verizon.net](mailto:mtaylor5678@verizon.net)

**Saturday Jun 11, LICMA Dance, Knights of Columbus, 400 S.Broadway, Lindenhurst, NY, 8:00pm -12:00 midnight, Coffee, tea & desserts, dance lesson and DJ during band break. Still only \$10.00 for members, \$15.00 for guests. See LICMA.org or above for details.**

### Special Celebration at a Dance

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# *All Aboard, Line Dancing*

*by Loulu*

It was fun being on a Cruise Ship, headed for the US Virgin Islands when everyone here was in a deep freeze. The Norwegian Epic is the second largest cruise ship on the ocean to date and has activities planned from 7 AM to 11:30 PM. One of my interests was the line dance classes I attended when not visiting on the Islands of St. Maarten, St. Thomas and Nassau, Bahamas.

Meaghan Bruneau who hails from British Columbia, Canada, was the line dance instructor. My first class was Party Line Dance taught at the Bliss Ultra Lounge and Nightclub. Meaghan taught everyone's favorite, The Electric Slide and the popular fun dance (Mr. C The Slide Man), Cha Cha Slide. The turnout was tremendous and everyone enjoyed the dancing.

There was music everywhere on the ship and where there was music someone was dancing. I got to meet people from all over the world that line dance, do swing and ballroom. I became friendly with an Asian lady that was with her group of ten that were from Australia. They were experts in all phases of dance. At the Manhattan Room restaurant there was the Manhattan Band playing and the group would be dancing all in perfect step, delighting the diners, they always received a loud applause and danced everywhere on the ship where there was a dance floor, drawing on lookers and applause.

Couldn't wait for the Country Line Dance class where Meagan taught some of our old familiar dances. Canadian Stomp, Slappin' Leather, Boot Scootin' Boogie and the Watermelon Crawl. They were similar with what Donna would refer to as "different variations." It was great fun, I'd find myself "variateing."

There was Latin Night at Spice H2O where the swimming pool on deck 15 turned into a dance floor for Salsa and Merengue under the stars. The latest dance craze took place at the Atrium, on Deck 5 another beautiful dance floor for you to compete with the Epic Stars for title of Dance Champions. The kids even got to enjoy Dora's dance party from the popular TV Show Dora the Explore. Every night there was dancing to the music of such greats as Michael Jackson, Abba and Billy Joel. It's true, people love to dance

My next experience was a Hip Hop class that was more like a lesson in contortion rather than dance. The only thing I came away with was the correct way to shake my booty, and I can't do it. The ship was massive and absolutely beautiful. So much to do on a Cruise Ship and so little time!

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## ***Promoting Country Music... (Continued from page 1)***



and banner displayed is being recognized by long time country friends who stopped by to say hi. We had a great time talking to people about where we dance on Long Island and it was so interesting to see so many country hats, boots and jeans in one place. We met a bunch of new people and hope they will check out our web site and join us at a future dance. A special thank you to the following LICMA members who have helped out at the concerts – Marge Tuthill, Dave Thaler, Stan & Vivian Borushik, Jim Nash Vafeas, Janet Dawson, Donna Eiding, Dottie Campbell, Rad Slavik, Debbie Niemczyk, Kathy Burke, Jim Teeple.

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## ***Promoting LICMA @ the Dierks Bentley concert (Continued from page 1)***

Parks. He performed one of his new songs, "Diamonds make Babies" and a number of us think it will be a number 1 hit. We again had a great time handing out brochures and talking to country friends – let's hope some of them will attend a dance and join our association.



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