

**News From Greenville, PA**  
Star Promenaders - Classes  
(December 2004)

The following report is from an amazing club which is growing through classes and new dancers. The club was 23 strong some members were old and infirmed and some were "snowbirds". The club had estimated they probably had six couples who did most of the running of the club, and were getting ready to fold. However, there were two people who were determined to keep it afloat. First they sent letters for ideas and what they felt would save the club. Then with advertisements on TV, radio, newspapers, free press, and actual grunt work they recruited a minister's wife who was home schooling and thought she would try square dancing for their children for gym class. She also got her husband involved and then a few others. They also "grabbed" a couple going into a restaurant who came to the class and brought a few people. The club started classes in September 2003 and there were so many answering the advertisements they kept enrollment open until October 28. They recruited a total of 27 students. In January 2004 the club started another class of 18 and ended with 15. By this time the October new dancers came in and acted as angels and reinforced what they were learning. This was headed up by our program chairman who is also a caller. Now the club is going into 2005 and seems to be getting stronger. The club now has 18 new students and are planning another winter class (by several requests) hopefully they, the advertisements, and a few publicity offers will result in another large class. And if they are as eager to join the club as the previous classes the club will be more than 50 members strong. The club is finally having 5-8 squares at our dances and different clubs are visiting to see what is happening at the STAR PROMENADERS OF GREENVILLE, PA.

The club has a dozen children ages from 9 thru 15 who are helping teach the new children by being Angels. They are also helping Angel for our adults. Everyone is enjoying dancing with all ages. The club now has several 4yr olds they call their mascots and they want to dance - so we do the Virginia Reel and a few other easy dances so that they can join in, the adults are also enjoying the dances, this idea came from our Program Chairman. "WE ARE HAVING FUN."

Through this exciting time the New Dancers have been the "number one" priority and they still are the club's priority, they are still dancing "with" the club. The graduates are assuming club duties with enthusiasm. They have learned Square Dance etiquette, dress codes and have been encouraged to participate in "retrievals and raids" and visiting other clubs and volunteering to do Demo's.

Thanks go to the club callers (two in training) who have been a great help, to all those who have come to dance, and to all the guest callers who helped teach the new dancers. Shirley mentions no names because it became a team effort. She may miss someone and we have had such participation it would be hard to name them all.

Sincerely,  
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Club Correspondent