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# Fun Family Dance!

--contra dancing in the Carson City region  
--heart healthy for all ages  
(FORMERLY PIONEER FAMILY DANCES)

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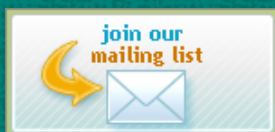
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## The Callers

The caller teaches and calls each dance throughout. The caller selects a program of dances to keep you moving and learning and laughing.



## Dear Dan,

Welcome to the Fun Family Dance ezine, published once a month. Here you will find the schedule of FUN FAMILY DANCE, in and around Carson City, Nevada. Check the left column for details about the callers, the music, and the dance, as well as other opportunities.

*The Fun Family Dance Team*

## Dance Schedule

- Time: All dances 7:30PM to 9:30PM unless noted otherwise; doors open 30 minutes before the dance starts.
- Cost: All dances \$10 for adults unless otherwise noted (special dances are higher). Children 16 and under are free with their parent(s). Children 13-16 may attend without their parents(s) for half price.

Saturday, September 27  
Caller: Darla Bayer, Band: Chris Bayer and Mary Siders, fiddle and old time banjo  
Children's Museum, 813 N Carson St, Carson City



Friday, October 31  
THE MAD HATTER'S COSTUME BALL  
Children's Museum, 813 N Carson St, Carson City, 8:30 to 10PM

Saturday, November 22  
HARRY POTTER DANCE  
Children's Museum, 813 N Carson St, Carson City

Wednesday, December 31st  
NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL, 8PM to midnight  
Brewery Arts Center Grand Ballroom, 449 W King St, Carson City  
Admission \$12, children under 16 \$8

*Our callers include:*

Darla Bayer  
Dan Allison  
George Grover  
Danita Bayer  
Susan Petrick  
Tom Thoreau

### The Music

Fun Family Dance is fortunate to have access to dance musicians



who provide lively jigs and reels. Currently we have two house bands-- THE JIGS UP and CHRIS AND MARY.

### The Dances

Contra dance is style with roots in traditional folk dance, but with a modern



twist. The steps are easy to learn and each dance is taught and then called by the caller, so you have a chance to learn and practice.

We also do other American dances such as reels, squares and waltzes.

## Get Published, Be Famous

We are looking for writing and photo contributions to our ezine. Get published, be famous! Anything from one paragraph to several, on dance or music related topics. We especially would like to hear from beginners and families about their experience of the dance.

Contact Dan Allison at [allisondan52@gmail.com](mailto:allisondan52@gmail.com).

### Why Family?

If you don't teach your children how to have fun, they will learn on their own.

Adults and young people have danced together for millions of years. This is how the young learn. This is how the old stay in touch. Be part of a living tradition--constantly changing, always getting better. It really is fun!



We design our dances specifically to be welcoming to families while still providing a great experience for adults. Generally, children can become proficient dancers at about 10 years of age, though each child is unique. If you are unsure about how your child will do, please bring books and toys to keep he or she occupied and off the dance floor when the dances become more challenging or they just need a break.

Children up to 12 years must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult. Children 13 to 16 may be unaccompanied if they are self-responsible and if parents are ready to pick them up if need be.

### Guidelines for Fun

- No partner is required. You can come by yourself, with a group or family, or with a date. We encourage everyone to dance with



## Dance Websites

Fun Family Dance (our website)

[Sierra Contra Dance Society \(Reno\)](#)

[Square & Round Dancing \(western Nevada\)](#)

[Foothill Country Dancers \(Nevada City\)](#)

South Nevada Old-Time Contra Dancers (Las Vegas)

[Country Song and Dance Society \(national\)](#)

## More Music!

More Great Places to Hear Live Acoustic Roots Music

FOURTH FRIDAY  
Celtic/American Tune  
SESSION AT COMMA  
COFFEE IN CC  
7-9:30 pm. Players  
and listeners welcome.  
Note the session  
guidelines. To get on  
the list email:  
[cdadbayer@aol.com](mailto:cdadbayer@aol.com)

[The Nevada Bluegrass Project](#)

[The Northern Nevada Bluegrass Association](#)

[Pub Ceol](#)

## Visiting Callers and Bands

We sometimes host visiting callers and/or bands from outside western Nevada. We are a small community dance with a limited budget, but welcome your inquires. Contact Dance Manager Dan Allison at [allisondan52@gmail.com](mailto:allisondan52@gmail.com)

a variety of partners because it allows you to become a better dancer, and meet new people.

- If you are a beginner, come early as the dances are easiest at the start, and become more challenging as the evening progresses. If there are a number of beginners, we start with a workshop so you can learn the basic steps before we even start dancing.
- The easiest way for a beginner to learn is to dance with a more experienced dancer, so even if you came with a partner that you want to dance with, we suggest the first few dancers with someone more experienced. All of us were beginners at one time, and we enjoy helping others learn.
- Males ask females, females ask males, and same-sex partners are fine (though we suggest you have some experience before you try the other role).
- The Fun Family Dance is alcohol and drug free, except for a midnight champagne toast at the New Years Ball.



## Sponsor A Dance At Your Event!

- Do you have a faire, a show, an event?
- Fun Family Dances is currently booking the 2008-2009 dance season. If your public event would like to host a dance--at your street fair, X-mas celebration, cook-off, etc.---contact Chris at [cdadbayer@aol.com](mailto:cdadbayer@aol.com)
- **Get your event plus a Fun Family Dance on the schedule now!**



*Dan Allison, for the Fun Family Dance Team*

Need more information? Email Dan Allison at: [allisondan52@gmail.com](mailto:allisondan52@gmail.com).

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