

*Newsletter to Members
Town & Gown Dance Club
Spring 2009*

Membership Update

As you know, we raised the membership fees by \$20 this year in order to meet all of our expected expenses. Unfortunately, the result was that we enrolled 15 couples less than we had last year. We do not know all the reasons for these couples deciding not to join this year, but it seems that many were concerned about our increased membership fee. We have responded in the most logical way we could by trying to control our costs. So far we're doing well by keeping the cost of hors d'oeuvres at our non-dinner dances to the lowest level we feel is acceptable to our members. So far we are doing well in this effort and no members have complained about the mix of hors d'oeuvres that we've chosen. We hope to finish this year without a loss.

Nominating Committee

Mary and Gary Peterson will be heading up our nominating committee this year. We will be looking for co-treasurers-elect, co-secretaries-elect, and co-presidents-elect. These officers will attend our executive committee meetings next year in order to prepare to take over those duties in the 2010-2011 year of dances.

We hope that if you are contacted, you will agree to serve as an officer. This club will prosper if we get good officers and it will suffer if we don't have volunteers to perform these jobs.

Membership Committee

One of our most helpful members suggested that if we had 6 to 10 new couples as members, we would be stronger financially and would not have to look forward to membership fee increases in the near future. We believe that he was right. However, we believe his next suggestion was the key to achieving this goal. He suggested that we appoint every member of our club to the membership committee and ask that each couple attempt to find friends or acquaintances willing to join. It was a great idea! **You are therefore appointed members of our membership committee.**

Each one of us may know some potential candidates for Town & Gown membership. We hope that you will consider actively recruiting members. With a few more members, we can spread the cost of the club over more people and keep the membership fees at their present level. A membership application blank is available on our website, which is www.townandgownonline.com.

May Dinner-Dance

Diana Das is working with the Elks to provide us with a special Hawaiian buffet for our May dinner dance on May 29. We're calling this our Hawaiian Hulaballou. You are asked to come in a Hawaiian shirt or other casual dress for this special event. Tom and Louise Fox will send out the reservation forms a couple of weeks before the dance. Make certain that you get your reservations in early as we cannot accept reservations after May 22.

Jan and Diane Mutmansky
Co-Presidents