



December 6, 2020

Dear friends,

We hope you have all safely weathered through the last nine months virus free. In past times we would now be preparing for our Christmas party for this coming Sunday (December 13th), along with planned Prideful Ball dance practice sessions, and band practice at our house with soup and sandwiches. This is the first year since we moved into our house in 1992 that no gatherings have been held. Our big room longs for the joy of a social gathering, but we'll have to wait a bit longer.

So, if we can't do what we've always done, let's do something different. There can be no Prideful Ball this year, but we can plan (hopefully) for 2021. From our first Ball in 2010 at the Frankfort School of Ballet to 2019 we have danced 57 English country dances, with music for all learned and played. I've attached a list of those dances, with the years they were danced. Let's have some fun in planning for the next Ball, whenever that is. Choose 14 of your favorite dances/tunes and send them to me. The more participation the better. The next Prideful Ball program will be from your choices, musicians and dancers.

To us, The Prideful Ball is like stone soup -- everyone brought something to share. The musicians shared their talents, the callers prepared the dances, and our regular Capital City Historical Dancers and Musicians and others brought something to add to the table, sharing favorite treats. Each of these -- music, dance, food -- made these balls special.

I would like to put a Prideful Ball (Without Prejudice) book together with the music, dance instructions, and some of the many favorite recipes we've enjoyed along the way. I can share my punch and almond cake recipes to get it started. We'll have this book completed by next December or before.

Know that you are missed, but the joy of the Season is with us still and we wish for your health and well being through this challenging time. It makes us aware of what is truly important.

Sylvia and Don Coffey

