

**Past President's Report for the B.C. Federation A.G.M. July 7, 2017**

We have just returned from a terrific weekend celebrating the Northern Twisters Club of Prince George 60th Anniversary. They sure know how to throw a party. Many pictures were taken so go to their Web Page to view them at [www.northerntwistrs.ca](http://www.northerntwistrs.ca) I did present the club with a Certificate from the Canadian Society for their 60th Anniversary.

We did miss a celebration in Victoria on April 28<sup>th</sup> but that was a busy weekend here at home. We do enjoy these dances – meeting all the great people and we are always made to feel right at home.

I keep hearing how cheap it is to Square Dance. Yes it is if you only go to your one night a week dance. Over our 40+ years of dancing Mary and I have tried to take in as many Special Dances as possible. We have danced in all of the Canadian Provinces except New Foundland; have badges from attending 13 National Festivals and 8 for attending 8 BC Festivals. We have seen so much of our great country and met so many great people and you cannot put a price on this. So dancers expand your horizons.

By all reports there seems to be a good number of New Dancers Graduating again this year but somehow we lose more than we gain each year. Most Clubs have a Social part to their program and we should make sure the new Dancers are part of these events – give them a job and make them feel wanted.

Please don't forget the National Festival in London, Ontario, July 19-21, 2018 and also the 2020 Festival which will be right here in Surrey at the Guildford Sheraton Hotel. Registration Forms will be available as of January 1, 2018. It is a lovely hotel so please plan on staying right there. Rooms can be booked after July 1, 2019.

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