# Re-Boot - Ways to Revitalize Your Club Before the "Blue Screen of Death"

### **Nuture the New Members**

- Include new dancers in your club dances by inviting them to dances while they are still in class.
  - 1. If needed, change dance format to alternating Basic/Mainstream tips, or Mainstream /Plus tips.
  - 2. Make sure the new dancers are spread throughout the squares.
- Talk to the students Find out their names and interests.
- Learn how to "help" without intimidating.
- Take the new dancers to any class dances, don't just tell them about an event, ask them to carpool.

### Plan for Some Different Formats for Fun

- Theme nights such as Pajama Nights/Silly Socks or Hats/Toga Party.
- Silly Tips such as dancing on bubble wrap, no hands dancing, keeping up a balloon while dancing, blindfolds, dancing Gemini, etc.,

## **Social Happenings**

- Encourage dancers to go out after the dance for a snack or a beverage? Please make sure to specifically invite new members to join in.
- Schedule a club picnic.
- What about scheduling a "flash mob" to dance at the mall?
- Club jackets or tee shirts will create a feeling of belonging.
- Put a video on Youtube.

#### Callers - Work on Your Skills

- Learn how to work comfortably with the calls contained in the Basic and Mainstream Programs. If the caller does not make the choreography smooth the experienced dancers may not join in for the Basic and Mainstream tips.
- Research music that will work with a theme. Do you have songs for Christmas, St Patrick's Day, Spring, Fall? If not find some.
- Work on a way to mix dancers without being obvious, so there is a mix of new and experienced dancers in all squares.
- Mix types of music so there is a variety for the dancers to enjoy.

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