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Before all of us pass on, leaving no dancing heirs, we need to get more young people into square dancing. Look around at a square dance. Face it, how attractive are we to young folks?

Can your club have a dance with a really youthful flavor?

Once again, I, in the name of the Timberline Toppers, am happy to provide my ever useful suggestions:

- No Gene Autry, Frank Sinatra, or even Elvis songs. Find some good rap beats. (Both Charlie Robertson and Nasser Shukayr have, at least, one.)
- Ladies: Add some hair streaks (pink is popular), a few studs, and a butterfly tattoo.
- Guys: Replace the string tie. Maybe an open-neck shirt and a heavy gold chain.
- Update your vocabulary, starting with the following list.

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**Awesome** – Replaces “groovy,” “cool,” and “the cat’s pajamas.”

**iPhone** – Think Dick Tracy’s wrist watch (DTWW), with a camera, a color display, a keyboard, a telephone book, and a

jukebox with more songs than a country radio station.

**Droid** – Motorola’s DTWW, “equivalent” to Apple’s iPhone.

**Apps** – Programs (a.k.a. applications) added to your DTWW that provide awesome features, such as, instant sports scores, or top celebrity news. (Assumes that you need to keep current on celebrity mega contracts, prison release dates, and rehab schedules.)

**Twitter** – Remember passing notes to that cute MaryJane in 8th grade? Same thing, but you type the notes on the tiny DTWW keyboard. Bonus: It works even after MaryJane moves to Iowa.

**Facebook** – Think yearbook, personalized with *your* friends and *your* activities. Also, not really a book. It appears on your DTWW display.

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- Work on a few “youthful” conversation threads. Some tips:

**Ailments** – Not a topic in youthful conversation. Ever! Do NOT mention your lumbago.

**Good opening** – Is that a new Droid? Awesome. What apps do you have? Oooh, can you twitter me the link for that one?

**Bad opening** – What’s that doodad? A what? Doesn’t that music disturb your naps? Where do you find time to fritter away on that stuff?