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FCA President's Message

Hey all Fellow Callers, Cuers and Square Dancers,

With October 1st now here we are getting even closer to the Florida Callers Association Caller Clinic with 16 days before the exciting weekend arrives. Are you getting excited yet!

This year's clinic runs from October 17, 18 and 19, 2024 and will be held at The Villages with Kip Garvey a caller from California being the clinician for the weekend. The weekend closes out the FCA Callers Clinic with the Plus Dance with Rounds from 7pm to 9pm on October 19 at The Villages, Seabreeze Recreation with Kip Garvey as the caller and Ruth & Lloyd McKenrick are the cuers for the evening. So I hope all the callers are marking their calendars to attend the clinic and dancers are preparing to square up for a great dance. (For more details contact Keith Stevens at keithuns@yahoo.com or Keith Stevens 863-660-8839).

The Florida Square Dance Federation has been very busy with the planning of the 70th FSSRDC Convention "Spin The Big Top" on January 17 and 18, 2025 which is now 108 days away! I sure hope you have your tickets for the convention. If you haven't you can head on over to the next Convention Benefit Dance that will be on November 9, 2024 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm at the Wildwood Community Center, 6500 Powell Rd., Wildwood, Florida. So in the meantime mark the date on your calendars!

Did you know that the month of October is National Cookie Month! Now we know that square dancers love to eat homemade cookies at the dances and are hard pressed to pass by that plate full of cookies after a super tip. Let's

celebrate the month, get your boots on and square up with lots of dancing and then "slide" on over to the dessert table!

It seems like this year has flown by and we are now officially in the fall months and the dancers from the other states are now arriving back to Florida and the dances are in full "swing" as they "square up" with new and old friends.

So to celebrate the month of October with all that dancing and eating cookies before the goblins of Halloween arrive and "cast a shadow " over that dessert table and eat all the cookies. Hoping you all enjoy the fall colors and the favorite fall comfort foods as we all square dance the calories away.

Well until next time be safe out there as we continue thru 2024 which continues to "zoom" by. As always wherever you are dancing smile and help to "motivate" and encourage the new students and the other dancers as well as we "pass thru" all the cob webs of October with all our square dance family.

Until next time,

Rod Barngrover, FCA President October 2024

FCA Dues are due!

Just another reminder to send your \$50 dues for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

Make checks payable to "Florida Callers Association"

Mail to: Mike Gormley, 4907 Barnum Street, Sebring, FL 33876

Life Members and Honorary Members are exempt from paying dues.

You must be a paid-up member of the FCA in order to call at the next Florida State Convention in January 2025.

Need to get rid of those square dance clothes?

Once again, there will be recycled Square Dance Clothing sale at the Florida square Dance Convention (January 18-19, 2025) in Deltona which will benefit the convention.

I am requesting donations from around the state of any gently used CLEAN square dance clothing.

Donations can be brought to the convention as early as Thursday evening at the Trail End dance.

Please ask dancers in your area to go through their closet and recycle items they no longer wear or that no longer fit (those pesky closet gnomes!).

You can contact me as follows:

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E-mail Tree 2024-0916-001 (New ARTS Board Member)

Hi All,

I am writing to report there is a new ARTS Board Member organization.

I am very pleased to announce, on behalf of the ARTS Board, that the International Choreographed Ballroom Dancing Association (ICBDA) is now a Voting Member of The ARTS Board. We welcome the ICBDA and look forward to working with them toward the goal of increasing public awareness of the activity and increasing the number of dancers. The ARTS Board contact person for the ICBDA is: Bob Nolen - <u>bnolen79@gmail.com</u>

If there issues which need direct attention of the ICBDA, please contact Bob as noted above.

For other, general issues, please do not hesitate to contact me: <u>DirectorARTS@aol.com</u>

The Board looks forward to working with the ICBDA to reach our goal of increasing the number of dancers.

I am also pleased to report the ICBDA has created a well thought out and detailed marketing plan. We will send additional information about this plan in the future.

Additional information regarding the ICBDA can be found on their web site: <u>https://www.icbda.com/</u>

Thanx,

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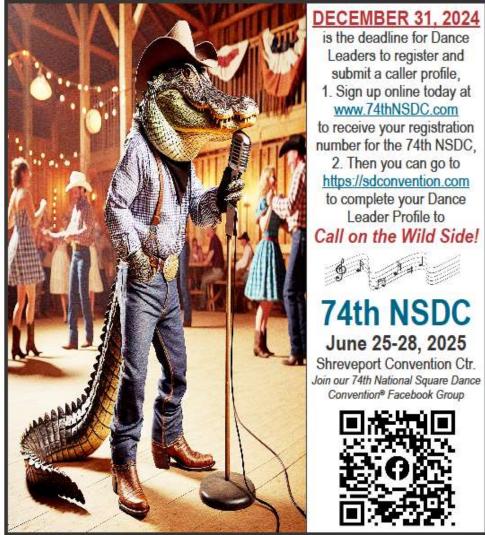
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Looking for Callers and Cuers who want to Call on the Wild Side!



Florida should be well represented in Shreveport. It's right at our back door!

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