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CENTRAL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We want to congratulate Dennis & Nancy Tayler for assuming the Presidency of the Florida Federation. They have done an outstanding job in the previous four years as they moved up the chairs from parliamentarian, treasurer, secretary and vice president of the Executive Board.

Possibly, because we are the registration chairman for the 63rd Florida State Convention, we are asked why “we” moved the convention from May to March after all these years. They are not necessarily for or against the decision but wonder why. The answer is really quite simple. The Lakeland Center decided to renovate the area we use and asked/told us to choose another weekend. There were only a couple of dates available to choose. The March date was the best choice. Another question we get: Why are the dates wrong on the buttons and T-shirts? It was around the middle of March last year when The Lakeland Center decided to inform the Florida Federation of the situation. The buttons were already made by a volunteer and the shirts were already being sold at the fund raiser dance in February. A good convention chairman doesn't wait until the last minute to get things done. The registration forms were ready to be printed but, fortunately, were still being proofread. It never dawned on anyone that after all these years, The Lakeland Center would ask us to hold our Memorial Weekend Convention earlier in the year!!

Since this is a quarterly publication, a little update on the Masquerade Ball in October. Our first 5th Saturday Dance as Presidents was challenging and a little scary. The hall was without power after the hurricane. There even was a sailboat sitting out of the river across the street from the building. Two weeks later there still was no power. We were offered another building if the power was not restored. Waiting to find out which building seemed to take forever. Finally, we were told we would have the “other” building. Thanks to phone calls, emails & face book, the word

got out about the change in location. A crowd of masked people showed up at the right place. Some even wore square dance clothes. Some were even callers. Just what we needed for a very festive Masquerade Ball. Believe it or not we had a walking beer can, a couple of penguins, mice, dog walkers, and even a Santa show up to take away a prize. Thank you to everyone who helped make this dance happen.

The next big event coming up is the Florida State Convention in March this year. Registrations are up over this time last year. The hotel rooms are filling up. Think ahead March is prime time in Lakeland. There is a lot going on. Please phone the Imperial Swan Hotel & Suites at 863-647-3000. Be sure to ask for the square dance rate. They are located at 4141 F. Florida Avenue, Lakeland, 33813. (Phone the hotel directly. It is around \$40 cheaper.) There is a Trail End Dance Thursday night and dancing starts at 10:00 AM Friday morning. You may want to reserve a room for Thursday night also.

Last issue we asked you to save these dates April 21, 22, 23. Now that January is here. It is time to decide to join the fun at the Party Weekend in Paisley. Where else can you go for two days and eat, sleep, dress casual, play games, dance, never get into your automobile, be with square dancers and no one else? It is total relaxing. Well, not quite total. We ask for volunteers to help cook and clean up. Some people bring a game to play while others are working a jigsaw puzzle, playing cards, hiking, napping, talking, laughing or reading a book they brought. The hall is air conditioned? We don't spend much time in the sleeping rooms but they are clean and adequate. Bedding is available or bring your own. Please check the Florida website for more info or phone Randy at 386-734-5295.

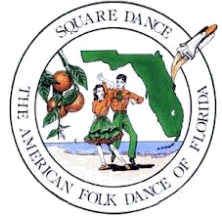
The following Saturday, April 29, is the Fifth Saturday Dance being held in Ocala at the Ocala West United Methodist Church, 9330 SW 105th Street. The dance will start with rounds at 7:00 pm squares at 7:30 pm. The Central Florida Callers Association will call and Loretta Hanhurst will cue.

Happy New Year to all and dance, dance to the beat with your happy feet.

Randy & Carol Poole
Presidents, Central Association



FLORIDA FEDERATION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well the New Year is here and it promises to be an exciting year in the Florida Square Dance community. There are new things effecting the Federation. The first is the Federation elected new officers at the November meeting. The officers are: Presidents – Dennis and Nancy Taylor, Vice Presidents – Ray and Elsa Huddleston, Secretary – Cheryl Miller, Treasurer –

Linda Tester, and Parliamentarians – Ed Drexel and Terry Wetherby. If you have any suggestions or recommendations that could improve our activity contact any of the officers or attend one of the Federation meetings. Another new item that affects us is the change in the date of the 2017 Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention from the Memorial Day Weekend to March 24 and 25, 2017. Hopefully we will see a lot of the winter visitors in March that normally have returned north by Memorial Day. Encourage any of the winter visitors you dance with to join you at the convention. Additionally The Space Coast Fiesta will be held in Titusville on February 2 & 3 instead of in January. Also during the year plans will be underway for the 2018 State Convention that will be in Daytona Beach in February. Make your plans with this change in mind. In January some clubs will be starting classes for new dancers. Be sure to support these classes whenever you can. So you can see there are several changes already planned for 2017.

Even though things are changing many things will remain constant. Many clubs will be continuing the classes that started in 2016 and celebrate the graduation these classes. Be sure to encourage the new dancers and support the classes. Another example is the Southeast Association will hold their annual Snowflake Frolic on January 28th. The Federation will have their annual Working Weekend and benefit dance in Orlando on February 24 and 25. On Sunday after the 2017 State

Convention the Federation is scheduled to hold their meeting at the Swan Hotel in Lakeland. The Central Association will be holding their Party Weekend on April 21-23, 2017 to support the 2018 State Convention. The Northwest Association will hold their Roundup on October 27-28, 2017 in Pensacola. The West Coast Association will hold their Fall Fun Fest on November 10 and 11 in Bartow. The Northeast will hold their Fall Festival the following weekend November 17 and 18 in Jacksonville. This will be followed by The Federation Annual meeting after the Fall Festival on Sunday November 19. And of course the many clubs will be holding their regular dances all through the year. . We can't forget that The National Square Dance Convention will be in Cincinnati on June 21-24, 2017. If you haven't been to one you are missing a great time. Now is an excellent time to start a tradition of going to the NSDC each year.

As you can see in the New Year there will be many great opportunities, both new and old, for you to participate in and enjoy. Support these events and promote square dancing all year round.

Your help is needed – as of the writing of this message we don't have volunteers to Chair the 2019 State Convention. Now is the time that this position needs to be filled so the new Chairman can work with the 2018 Chairman and gain an insight into the running of a convention. If we are to have the excellent conventions like those we have had in the past we need you to volunteer now.

See you in a square!

Dennis & Nancy Taylor
Federation Presidents



2017 Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention



63RD FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION PEN & GWEN'S TRAVELS

Chapter 6

It was mid-morning by the time our two adventurous penguins were actually saying their tearful but happy good-byes to all their friends in Madagascar and actually setting off on their way to the March 24th, 2017 starting date for the Florida State Convention. They had so many miles to travel and things to see and do before dance time. And Pen had promised Gwen a side trip to the “most beautiful place on Earth”, a promise he planned to keep so having set the trusty GPS for the Yamuna River, they were off swimming very fast towards that destination. It was way after dark when they did arrive at Pen’s pre-planned stop over so they just decided to rest and have light supper of Mango Salsa* with Avocado Hummus* and spend the night by a lovely refreshing pool.

Pen was awakened a daylight by the shriek and shrill noises of Gwen anxious voice just yelling for Pen to get up---get up---get up!!! “Look!! Just look at what is at the other end of this pool! Oh My! I can’t believe this beautiful place! Did you ever-----“, her voice trailed off as tears filled her eyes and ran down her cheeks. She was looking at the Taj Mahal in Agra, India. This huge ivory-white mausoleum with its four minarets was so pristine and so awe inspiring that they toured the whole place in almost complete silence. They learned of the wonderful never ending love the Emperor had for his wife that inspired the building of this monument to her.** At nightfall as they were returning to their sleeping area Gwen had to agree that the Taj Mahal is truly “the most beautiful place on Earth”.

Being very tired from the adventures of the day before, Gwen settled for Salami Rollups*** for breakfast before starting off again for the Convention. While Gwen finished packing her “What Should I Bring To The Dance” cook book, Pen was reading from a note received from

Paul and Marilyn Scott, the Camper Chairmen, stating that due to this still being snowbird season most campgrounds fill up quickly.

They said Lakeland Sun RV (863-687-6146) has about 20 sites available but will not hold them for us dancers. As long as the campers tell them they are with the “square dancers group” and are going to the convention they will honor the \$20.00 per night fee though. People have already started to make their reservations. There are other campgrounds in Lakeland however our square dancers have only used these two. The other one is Sanlan RV Park (863-665-1726) Their rates are higher HOWEVER their website saying they are under construction and have no prices showing at this time. There will be some parking at the Convention Center but all the particulars are not available at this time. We will find out more at the Fall Fun Fest in Bartow, November 11th & 12th, the note said.

Another note received, this time from Empress Penguin Elsa and Emperor Ray was also a reminder they will also be at the Fall Fun Fest with copies of the Cook Book mentioned in all these stories, along with lots of other money maker items. The Fire HD 8 Tablet, 8” HD Display, Wi-Fi, 8 GB will be given away at this dance, too.

Then the following week-end, November 18th & 19th, the Emperor and Empress Penguin will be in Jacksonville for that Fall Festival, too.

Wonder where Pen and Gwen will end up for the Holidays-----????

Judy Anderson
Narrator

Footnotes:

* Recipes on pages: 56 & 144

** Taj Mahal Info, check the web link:

<http://www.tajmahal.org.uk/history.html>

*** Recipe on page 112





63rd FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION PEN & GWEN'S TRAVELS CONTINUE Chapter 7

With one last look at the Taj Mahal our adventurous penguins slipped into the Yamuna River and slowly made their way back down to the Indian Ocean and on towards their next destination. Since Pen was so good at planning their trip so far, Gwen trusted him to continue the planning BUT he likes to keep secrets. However, after much teasing and conjolling Pen finally revealed that they were heading towards Tahiti and Bora Bora in particular. This thrilled Gwen as Paul Gauguin, one of her favorite artists, spent his last years on the island, also there is a museum there in his honor. Early on it seems Gauguin had heard that the “most beautiful native” women in the world lived there so he went to find out – he never returned.

Being tired after traveling such a long distance Gwen decided to make some quickie snacks to munch on before retiring. She chose the Taco Fondue*and the Five Cup Salad**, very delicious. Our penguin duo spent several relaxing days on Bora Bora before heading out for a longer stay in Hawaii for the Christmas Holiday. Pen had promised they could spend Christmas there doing all the tourist types of things. They watched the surfers ride those huge waves even tagging along behind them. After all penguins are terrific surfers. They snuck into a Hawaiian Luau one evening to watch the Hula girls and guys do their special kind of dancing and twirling those sticks of fire. And they got their first taste of Poi – not to Gwen’s liking but she just had to try it, all the while a whole pig was roasting, buried in a sand pit. Then they just lounged around on several of the many beautiful beaches and watched the Islanders version of Santa arriving and gift giving.

Gwen had been keeping in touch with several people working on the convention so she was not too surprised to hear from Jack Lewis and Joanne Helton reminding them they must be back for the actual start of the Convention – the Trail End Dance - at the Strawberry Square’s Hall in Plant City on Thursday night, March 23rd. So to attend all 3 nights of dancing, you will need to have reservations at the Imperial Swan Hotel &

Suites for 3 nights. They reminded Gwen the phone number was 863-647-3000 and to ask for the “Square Dancers Rate”. It’s only \$59.00 (plus tax) per night. And breakfast is included. And they were reminded too that if you still need an entrance ribbon, look elsewhere in this book for a Registration Form. Then just do what it says: fill it out and send your check to Carol Poole, her address is listed there, also.

Pen & Gwen, our traveling Penguins, are planning to be in Florida somewhere sometime shortly after the start of the New Year. By then a lot of the scheduling and activity planning will be completed so they will have many more exciting things to pass along in their next adventure saga.

Judy Anderson – Narrator

Footnotes: Recipes from Cook Book:

* Taco Fondue Page 16

** Five Cup Salad Page 46



63rd FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION PEN & GWEN’S TRAVELS Chapter 8



It was time to move on towards Florida, Pen and Guin’s final destination, after a wonderful Christmas Holiday and having a fabulous New Years Eve Celebration in Hawaii! So it was plop plop and into the water they went, heading towards Florida and the Convention. After riding the ups and downs of the Panama Canal

Locks they finally left the Pacific Ocean and in the Gulf of Mexico and were headed towards the shore of Florida. Pen, our navigator, was hoping they would land in Tampa Bay – and they did.

After the long journey from Hawaii to Florida, Guin decided to make something really special for their first evening ashore. Grabbing her trusty “What Should I Bring To The Dance” Cook Book she decided that since there were fresh mango’s available, she would make one of her (and Pen’s) favorite recipes – Mango Bread* and serve it with another favorite, Cocktail Meatballs**. Then for desert she decided on Grandma’s Rice

Pudding***. It seems that everything taste better now that they were back in Florida.

Since Pen and Guin have landed they headed straight towards Lakeland, they decided they really had time to help a little with the preparations. They contacted several committee chairmen to find out where best they be of help. First contacted was Carol Poole, registration chairman, who said that sales were going pretty smoothly and still has a few entrance ribbons. But she also related that she could use a little help in the registration booth during the day if anyone would like to help her. Contact 386-734-5295 or email: rpoole19@cfl.rr.com to volunteer.

And here's Pen's favorite committee as he is good at giving out "yellow rocks" – Hospitality!

Anita Taylor needs more people interested in being greeters at both hall entrances. Contact her at 904-272-6551. BUT the most important commitment they could make would be to be at the Convention Center at 8:30 AM on Friday morning, March 24th to help decorate the many halls being used.

Guin checked with the Imperial Swan Hotel & Suites (our HOST hotel) and found out there are some square dancers rooms still available. In the mean time Pen was trying to find out about camping arrangements on the Convention Center grounds. Here's what he learned about camping on the grounds. It will be \$35.00 a day dry camping and they can accommodate up to 20 rigs. Contact Paul and Marilyn Scott, Camping Chairmen, if you need more information. Call them at 904-264-9392 or email them: mjanescott@bellsouth.net.

They just found out that the "Fun Hall" will be the most exciting place to be again this year, and on both nights, too. There will be "Hot Hash" again with Whit and Rod who are planning to keep everyone really moving fast and furious, maybe even exhausting the real die-hards. And "Dangle Dances" – always a favorite place to be even if you don't seriously collect dangles. Then on Saturday afternoon there will be the "Last Square Standing". This is becoming a very challenging and very interesting activity, so grab a square of your friends and try this out. Of course, there will be the usual Advance Dancing, DBD Dancing and lots and lots of Round Dancing from Phase II to Phase IV teaches with possibly even a Phase V. And a couple of halls will just be continuous round dancing, no teaches.

Of course, Pen and Guin always like to visit the Vendors. Pen enjoys browsing around Susie-Q's table to see what's new there. She always has something intriguing to tempt you while Guin, who seems to be always in the "need" for something new to wear, can be found at the Sew-Em-Up Fashions Vendor. Several other vendors will be there to entice you too.

Since the Fire Tablet 8 was given away at the Fall Fun Fest in Bartow, Guin has learned of two new "money makers" to help defray the expenses of this convention. One is a fabulous \$500.00 **CASH** Prize to be given on Saturday evening and the other is a beautifully designed hand made quilt being raffled off also on Saturday.

It's very plain to see that this will be one of the best State Square Dance Conventions with so many wonderful adventures awaiting for everyone who attends. Our little Penguin Friends, Pen and Guin, have had a great time sharing their adventures with you and they hope to see you there from the Thursday nights Trail-End Dance at the Strawberry Squares Hall in Plant City on through the weekend of great dancing and planned entertainment. Be sure to see the 2018 Conventions Kick-Off on Saturday evening. See what is be planned for next year by Lewis and Linda Wasserman, the General Chairmen.

“REMEMBER TO DANCE TO THE BEAT WITH HAPPY FEET”

Judy Anderson – Narrator

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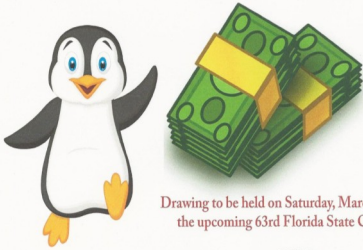
- *Recipe for Mango Bread, Page 66
- ** Recipe for Cocktail Meatballs, Page 152
- *** Recipe for Grandma's Rice Pudding, Page 156



DANCE TO THE BEAT WITH HAPPY FEET!

63rd Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention

\$500.00 Cash Prize!



Drawing to be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017, at the upcoming 63rd Florida State Convention.

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All proceeds will benefit the 2017 Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention, "Dance to the Beat with Happy Feet," March 24 & 25, 2017.

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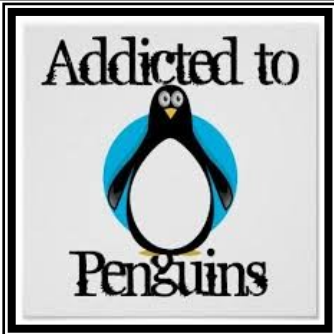
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67th NSDC	June 27-30, 2018	Kansas City, MO
68th NSDC	June 24-29, 2019	Atlanta, GA

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June 21, 22, 23, 24, 2017

Dancers in Cincinnati are eagerly awaiting for your registration to arrive for the National Convention to be held June 21-24 2017! We just want to let you know that the convention facilities and hotels are all located within a two block area! Yeah! Everything is so close no need to get in your car. CVS, Walgreens, & Macy's (in case you forget stuff or lose your suitcase) along with all kinds of restaurants and fast food places are located within the two block area. Cincinnati is not small, but the area around the convention center contains everything to meet any dancer's needs. It will be easy to hop in a taxi and go to museums, to the casino, to the ball parks, to Kentucky just across the river, and to many fun places including visiting ornate churches.

DANCERS who choose to stay in the hotels listed on the registration form cannot buy bus passes because you will not need one! The only DANCERS who need to buy a bus pass will be campers. Sorry, no camping in downtown on the Ohio River.

Kick off the 66th NSDC with a 3 hour **Sunset Riverboat Dinner Cruise** with a buffet on the beautiful Ohio River on Tuesday at 5:45PM leaving from the convention center. The cruise is limited to 225 dancers. If you miss out on the Sunset Cruise, then sign-up for the 2 hour **BB Riverfront Lunch Cruise** with a delicious buffet Wednesday 6/21 or Saturday 6/24 with entertainment. Both are fun trips!

National Museum of the United States Airforce is only a 45 minute bus trip to the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world. All attendees must have a valid government issued ID like a driver's license, state issue ID card, or passport. Lunch is on your own at the museum.

The 66th NSDC will have the **Activities, Facilities, and the Location** for great national convention. We will be looking for all of you and your friends in Cincinnati!

Hurry! Hurry! Get your registration forms (can be found on the website) submitted so that you can choose your hotel. Registration pricing goes up to \$75 after May 1, 2017.

Publicity Chairman

Dennis Budinski & Mary Galentine

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Single \$882.00; Double \$740.00 pp.; Triple \$696.00 pp.; Quad \$677.00 pp.

Includes: Transportation, Tour Ambassador, Two night accommodations, luggage handling, taxes. Two breakfasts, three lunches with desserts, two dinners with dessert, taxes and gratuities, and two wine tastings.

Admissions: Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame, Jet Express boat cruise, tram tour, Perry's Monument, Heinemanns winery, Crystal cave, Firelands winery

(6 tastings), Lynnwood Kennels, and Beau Verre Stained Glass.

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Eastern Kentucky is the heart of Appalachia. On this four day, three night tour you'll discover the great scenic and cultural beauty of the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains.

Available: Saturday, June 17 to Tuesday, June 20; and Sunday, June 25 to Wednesday, June 28.

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FLOATING THROUGH TIME

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\$69.00pp

Includes: Transportation, Admittance to Fort Ancient Archeology Park, 3-mile rafting trip with River Guides(s), “All American” lunch accompanied by 3 sides, and beverages.

So I got my concealed gun permit yesterday...

...and went over to the local Bass Pro Shop to get a small 9mm pistol for home protection.

When I was ready to pay for the gun and bullets, the cashier said “Strip down, facing me.”

Making a mental note to complain to the NRA about the gun control wackos running amok, I did just as she had instructed.

When the hysterical shrieking and alarms finally subsided, I found out she was referring to how I should place my credit card in the card reader!

I’ve been asked to shop elsewhere in the future. They need to make their instructions to seniors a little clearer.

I still don’t think I looked that bad.

CLUB NEWS

Casselberry Hoedowners

Hopefully everyone had a lovely time over the Christmas holidays and are ready to join us again on January 8th. Our annual Christmas dinner on December 18th brought in several members from days gone by including Eleanor with Jack Frye, Eileen, Dawn Tuza, Lorraine, and George Cawood. Merian and Wanda joined in with the festivities along with special guests from Denmark, Lise and Signe. We also enjoyed having Robyn Wiltcher from Snell's Bo's and Bells in Largo. Ronnie and Annette's friend, Richard Drenning, shared a pulled pork meal with us. Once again, Gene's brother supplied the delicious meat for the club.

After dinner and dessert, Santa sent his helper to wish us a Merry Christmas and distribute treat bags. Unfortunately, Santa wasn't feeling well and was unable to make an appearance this year. His jolly helper, aka Emily Joyner, spread the holiday cheer in her authentic elf costume. As the optional gift exchange got underway, we saw consumable gifts ranging from candy and cookies to batteries and scotch tape!

The dance leaders were honored with special gifts and a big "thank you". We appreciate all the effort that goes into calling square dance tips (Gene & Rod) and cueing round dances (Dick). Norma and Jerry shared the responsibility of leading the line dances this year, and both have done a fabulous job. Michael and Alice were also presented with a special gift in appreciation for the endless hours of photography and publicity. Gene and Marty also gave out gifts to this year's officers: Jerry & Margaret Baron (President), Ronnie & Annette Rolfes (Vice-President), and Tim & Julia Parker (Secretary/Treasurer). Thank you to everyone who contributes to our weekly dances by bringing food and doing set-up and tear-down.

After announcements, some lucky members and guests won small poinsettia plants as door prizes. Then we were ready to start dancing. Three excited squares filled the floor in their bright Christmas colors. A guest caller, Lenny Newberry, took turns with Gene for some of the tips. It was a pleasure to have him and his wife with us. The line dancers enjoyed keeping time with some holiday classics, and Dick cued different phases of rounds for several couples.

Join us on Sunday, January 8th, at 1:30 in your club colors!



Orange Blossom Squares

Welcome 2017! **Orange Blossom Squares** finished off 2016 in grand style in December. The first Sunday was our annual "Toys for Tots" celebration, with Scotty Sharer on the squares and Loretta Hanhurst cuing. There was a sea of Red, white, & blue, in honor of the Marines who presented the colors prior to the dance, and collected the toys for delivery. The Christmas season was celebrated the 11th with Ron Libby calling and Lloyd & Ruth cuing, and the official Christmas Dance was the 18th, presided over by Whit Brown & Loretta Hanhurst. No dances were held on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

January's line-up starts with a caller new to us - Betsy Gotta on the 8th. We hope to have a large Orange Blossom welcome for her. Jim Robertson will call our 50th Anniversary Dance on the 15th, where we honor all dancers who have been married 50 years or more. We finish off the month with Ron Libby calling the 22nd, and Kip Moulton the 29th.

February and March are both shortened dance months. February starts with no dance on Super Bowl Sunday. Our special "Sweetheart Dance" is the 12th, with caller Ron Libby, and we celebrate our "Presidents Day Dance" with Curt Braffert on the 19th. The final dance in February will be the 26th, with caller Jim Robertson. March starts with Kip Moulton on the 5th. Our special "National Callers Dance", which is a special ticketed dance with callers Ron Libby and Johnny Preston will be the 12th. March is concluded by the return of Don Hanhurst on the 19th. There is no dance on the 26th, due to the State Convention weekend.

Our cuers are Loretta Hanhurst, and Lloyd & Ruth McKenrick, alternating weeks.

Please join us any time at LaHacienda Recreation Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages, FL. We dance from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., except for the special National Callers Dance, which lasts until 9:30 - more time to dance to TWO callers!

Mike & Wanda David, Orange Blossom Squares
Media/publicity

Treasure Coast Squares

Gib Mattson, caller of Treasure Coast Squares Vero Beach, FL will offer Beginner Square Dance Lessons starting Thursday, January 5th at River Walk Center, 600 North Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce, FL

Treasure Coast Squares of Vero Beach announce a SPECIAL Round & Square Dance "Stepping Out To Dance" on Sunday, February 26th at River Walk Center in Fort Pierce FL. Rounds with Chuck & Mary Ryall, then squares thereafter with intermittent rounds as well. Callers, Mike Doughty, Scotty Sharrer & Gib Mattson will show us a good time. There will be an "A" tip as well.

Gib also does "Advanced" dances. Contact him for day and time.

We would love to have you join us.

Noreen Church of Treasure Coast Squares

Yellow Rock Squares

This has been a fantastic year for our **handicapable club** dancers. With the help of CFA , Randy and Carol Poole , and all you members, we were able to attend the 15th USH Handicapable Convention in St. Petersburg, FL, this July. An unforgettable time was had by all of us. Thanks again to our wonderful CFA !

The Fall Open House brought us 5 new dancers. We are busy learning mainstream, stepping right into mainstream, so come Angel for us as we learn new steps. Our caller, Rick Yates, always up to something , challenging us with something new and exciting. Come join the fun.

Our Halloween Party was fun, featuring hot dogs and all the fixings. Hard to get away from all the goodies to join a square. We did some line dancing , too.

The annual Christmas Party , scheduled for Dec. 11th , celebrating the Birth of Baby Jesus, will conclude a wonderful year for the Yellow Rock Squares.

We Hope to make 2017 even better.

We wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jean

The Central Florida Square & Round Dance Assn
Presents

Party Weekend

Proceeds Benefit the **2018 State Convention**

April 21, 22 & 23, 2017

Deerhaven Retreat & Conference Center
47924 NFS 540-2 Paisley, FL 32767

Friday Night

Pot Luck Dinner - 5:30 pm

Fun Bingo - 7:00 pm Socializing and Fun Activities - 9:00 pm

Saturday

Full Breakfast - 7:30 - 9:00 am

2018 Convention Meeting - 9:30 am Lunch Served at Noon

Socializing and Games and Fun Activities

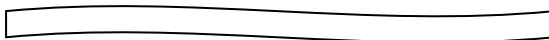
Pulled Pork Dinner - 5:30 pm

Square & Round Dancing - 7:30 pm Early Rounds - 7:00 pm

Caller: **Bill Chesnut** Cuer: **Susan Snider**

Sunday

Full Breakfast - 7:30 - 9:00 am



Gates Open at Noon on Friday.

Come for the Full Weekend or the Saturday Dinner & Dance

For registration form, pictures & more info:

www.floridasquaredance.com/convention/partyweekend/deerhaven.ht

FULL WEEKEND PACKAGES

INCLUDES ALL FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY DINNER & DANCE ONLY

\$15.00 per person

Motel Type Room

(23 Rooms - Air conditioned)

\$100.00 per person (Includes weekend package)

11 rooms sleep 2 to 3 people

12 rooms sleep 2 to 5 people

Bring your own sheets, pillows,
pillow case, towels & wash cloths

Bedding per bed will be furnished for the weekend
for an additional \$10.00 PER BED
(Optional Cleaning \$10.00 per room)

RV Camp Site

(30 sites with full hook-ups)

\$70.00 per person: **DOUBLE OCCUPANCY** (Includes weekend package)

Additional persons in same motor home

\$45.00 per person (Includes weekend package)

REGISTRATION (Clip & Mail)

First Names: _____ Last Name: _____

Address _____ Phone: (_____) _____

City, State, Zip _____ E-mail _____

Full hook-up RV: \$70.00 each # persons _____ Total _____ Additional Persons: \$45.00 each # persons _____ Total _____

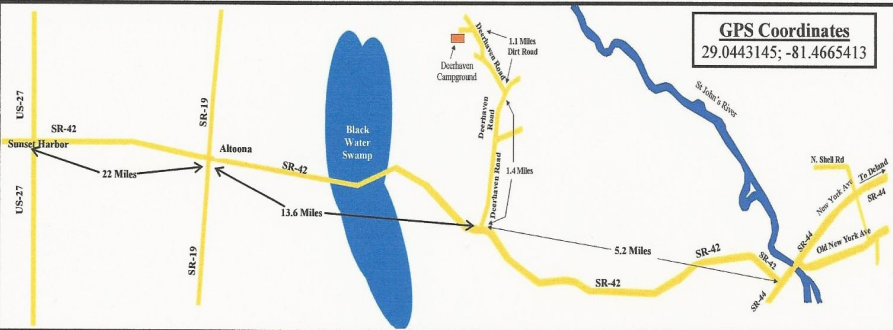
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Motel Room Optionals

Linens furnished \$10.00 (per bed) # beds _____ Total _____ Room cleaning \$10.00 (PER ROOM) Total _____

All prices above include the Saturday night dinner

Total Payment enclosed: \$ _____



GPS Coordinates

29.0443145; -81.4665413

PLEASE SEND THIS REGISTRATION & CHECK, MADE PAYABLE TO CFA, TO:
Randy & Carol Poole, 1541 Lakeside Drive, DeLand, FL 32720 - 386-734-5295 - rpoole19@cfl.rr.com

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Would you like to place an ad in Keepin' Posted?

**Please fill out the information below,
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*The Square & Round Dancers of CFA
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AD SIZE (Approximate)

- FULL PAGE (4-1/2 x 7) @ \$40.00
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- INSERT (8-1/2 X 11) @ \$ 50.00

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- CHECK # _____

Please send in Ad one month before Publication dates listed below.

October - January - April - July

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: CFA

MAIL TO: Ailene Picheco
345 Hula Circle
Merritt Island, FL 32952

EMAIL AD COPY TO: apicheco@att.net

PHONE: 321-652-0680

CFA Officers

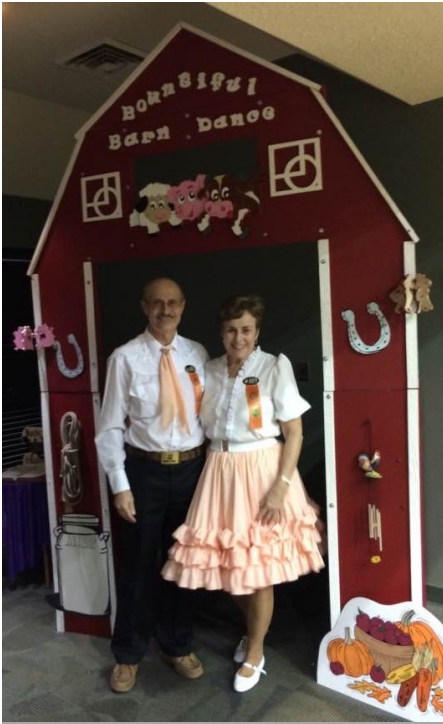


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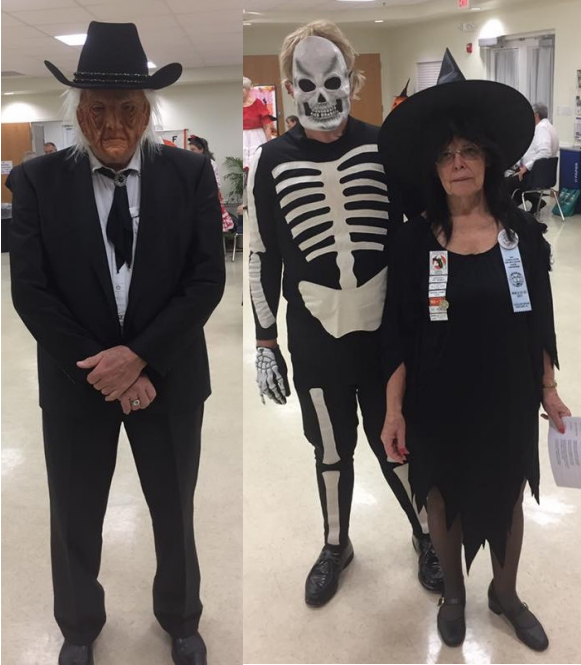
Florida Federation Officers





Above: Northeast Fall Festival Below: Space Trackers





CFA MASQUERADE BALL



Star Award

The Star Award is a special award given by the Space Trackers to recognize those special club members who are of service to the club. Being an active member for over three years with regular attendance is not enough.



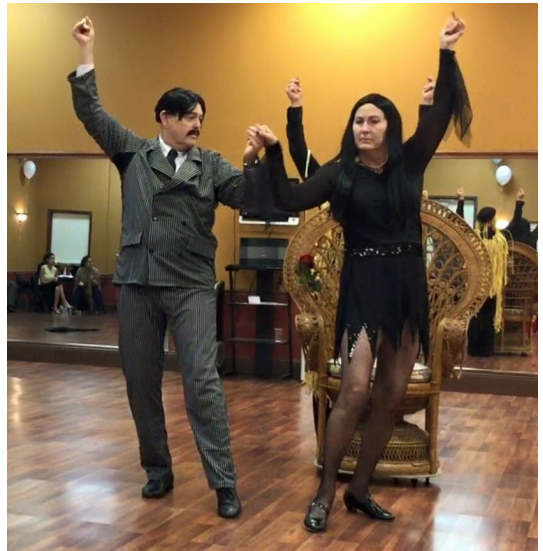
Bill & Linda Reid

Bill & Linda Reid have been active members since they completed their first square dance class. Right away they became class coordinators and continually look for more new dancers to join the class.

They have served on the Club Board

as Secretary, Photographer, and Publicity Chairmen. They volunteer at the club Friendship dinner each month, help with the Space Tracker Clothes Closet, and always step in to help in the kitchen, set up and take down of tables and chairs at all events. Congratulations Bill & Linda !

When life is stressful,
Do something to lift your
Spirits. Go for a drive.
Go two or three thousand
miles away. Maybe change
your name.



Keith & Angie Olds show off their moves at their Halloween Dance.



The Palm Bay Promenaders once again sponsor their Annual Toys For Tots Dance. There were almost more callers and cuers than dancers. Since it was later in the month, fewer dancers attended. But it was a lot of fun and the South Brevard Sharing Center received many toys for the children in the area.



WHERE TO DANCE IN CENTRAL FLORIDA

Sunday

CASSELBERRY – HOEDOWNERS

Casselberry Senior Citizen Center
200 N Triplet Lake Drive
1:30-2:30 Plus Workshop
2:30-4:00 Plus and Mainstream Tips
Caller: Gene McCullough
Cuer: Dick Nordine
Phone: 407-273-2561
(Norma Newton)
Email:

hoedownerscaller@gmail.com
Email: hoedowners@earthlink.net
Banner raids: 386-749-4767
Webpage: www.hoedowners.net

DAYTONA BEACH – YELLOW ROCK SQUARES

ARC Bldg, 100 Jimmy Huger Circle
Off Jimmy Ann Drive and 5th Street
(call to verify schedule)
2:00-4:00

We need Angels. We are a
Handicapable club which loves to
have all dancers join us for fun.

Caller: Rick Yates
Cuer: Marilyn Yates
Phone: 386-734-2110
Email: reyates.deland@gmail.com

GENEVA – BRENDON SQUARES

Little Red Schoolhouse,
101 E Main St
(Corner of First & Main Street,
Entrance on Main)
4:30-6:30 Mainstream Dance
Caller: Don Whitaker
Phone: 407-542-3799
Email: don@brendonsquares.com
Website: www.brendonsquares.com

MELBOURNE - Dancin' Diamonds

Wickham Park Community Center
2815 Leisure Way
(Entrance off Wickham Road north
of Parkway Drive)
2:30-4:00 Mainstream Dance
Caller: Jerry Reed / John Swindle
Phone: 321-633-1306
Email: JReedSDC@aol.com
Website: www.jreedsc.com

ROCKLEDGE - ROUND DANCE

Hope United Church of Christ
2555 Fiske Blvd
6:00-7:30 Round Dance Teach
7:30-9:00 Round Dance
Cuer: Earle & Carol Collins
Phone: 407-354-0229
Email: Collins.cbd@gmail.com

**THE VILLAGES –
ORANGE BLOSSOM
SQUARES**

La Hacienda Recreation Center
1200 Avenida Central
7:00-9:00 Plus Dance w/ Rounds
Callers: Local and National
Guests
Cuers: Loretta Hanhurst & Ruth
McKenrick
Phone: 352-430-3458
Banner Raids: 352-753-2931
Email: wanda4446@gmail.com
Website: www.obsquares.org

Monday

**BELLVIEW –
STERN WHEELERS**
United Methodist Church
5640 Brown Rd
1:30-2:30 C-1 Workshop
3:00-5:00 A2 Dance
Caller: Bob Stern
Phone: 352-323-1295
Email: rpstern@aol.com

DELAND - HONEYBEES
Jackson Lane Park
720 Frankfort Ave
6:30-7:45 Classes
7:30-9:30 Club Dance
Caller: Gene McCullough
Contact: 386-852-1115
Phone: Bob Hutcherson
386-749-4334

**OCALA –
The OCALA TWIRLERS**

Ocala West United Methodist Church
Stanford Hall
9330 SW 105th Street, off SR 200
12:45-2:00 Plus Workshop (Class
starting in Oct)
2:00-2:15 Early Rounds
2:00-4:15 Plus Dance w/Rounds
Caller: Whit Brown
Cuer: Bev Landwehr
Phone: 352-237-6416 or 352-854-
9378
Email: twarren6@cfl.rr.com
Website: www.squaredancesites.com/
oak_run_twirlers

ORLANDO - WHIRL & TWIRL
Whirl & Twirl Square and Round
Dance Center
6949 Venture Circle
7:00-10:00 Round Dance Workshop
and dance—All levels
Cuer: Dick Nordine
Email: rnordine@juno.com
Phone: 407-417-3851



**PORT ORANGE –
SPINDRIFTERS FUN TIME
SQUARES**

Port Orange Adult Annex
3738 Halifax Drive
(Every other Week - Please call
for schedule)
6:00-9:30 Mainstream Teach and
Dance
Caller:
John Saunders
Phone: 386-428-1496
Website:
[www.squaredancesites.com/john
_saunders](http://www.squaredancesites.com/john_saunders)

**ST CLOUD –
HEEL & TOE**

Annex Bldg Senior Center
702 Indiana Ave
(Call to confirm)
7:00–9:00 Alternating MS & Plus
Caller: Bill Boyd
Phone: 407-931-1688
Email: [BillBoydCall-
er@gmail.com](mailto:BillBoydCaller@gmail.com)
Website:
[www.floridasquaredance.com/
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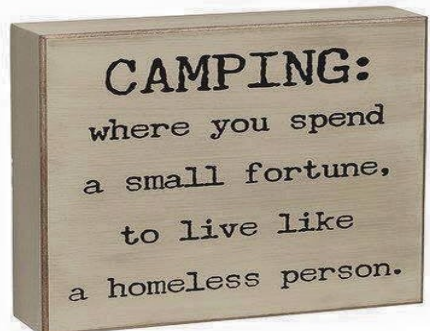


**TITUSVILLE – COCOA
TGO SQUARES**

The Manor in the Great Outdoors
RV Golf Resort
(Entrance South of Rt 50
West of I-95)
145 Plantation Drive,
(Sept to April)
Cocoa Baptist Church Hall
815 Oak Street
(May to August)
7:00-9:00 Mainstream Dance
Caller: John Swindle
Phone: 607-316-4910
**(call to make certain we are
dancing)**

**FORT PIERCE –
TREASURE COAST SQUARES**

River Walk Center
600 North Indian River Dr
Closed in summer
6:30-7:00 Early Rounds
7:00-9:00 Plus Dance
Caller/Cuer: Gib Mattson
Phone: 772-532-3225
Email: nrchurch@optonline.net
Website:
www.treasurcoastsquares.com



Tuesday

LEESBURG – ROYAL SQUARES

Royal Highlands Grear Hall
5359 Monarch Blvd (Off Hwy 27)

2:00-4:00 Workshop

4:00-6:00 Mainstream/Plus Dance

Caller: Lenny Newberry

Phone: **Mel or Jo-Ann Strickland**
at **352-728-3658**

Website: www.royalsquares.com

ORMOND BEACH - GRANADA SQUARES DENIM AND LACE

Ormond Beach Senior Center

351 Andrews Street

6:00 Workshop/Lessons

7:00-9:00 pm Mainstream and Plus with
Lines and Rounds

Caller: Rod Barngrover

Pamela Kelley 386-671-6223

Website:

www.granadasquaresdenimandlace.com

Email:

granadasquaresdenimandlace@yahoo.com

ROCKLEDGE - CANAVERAL SQUARES

Hope United Church of Christ

2555 Fiske Blvd

7:00-9:00 Mainstream Lessons

Caller: Rick Yates

Phone: 321-652-0680

apicheco@att.net

www.canaveralsquares.com

Wednesday

BELLEVIEW - FUN SEEKERS

Dancing Shadows Dance Hall
13405 SE Hwy 484

2:00-4:00 Plus level w/workshop

Rounds: Level II, III, IV

Caller: Don Hanhurst

Cuer: Loretta Hanhurst

Phone: 352-245-8855

Email: donh1022@yahoo.com

MELBOURNE – DIXIE DIAMONDS

Eau Gallie Civic Center

1550 Highland Ave

7:00 – 9:00 A1 – A2 Dance

Caller: Jerry Reed

Website: www.JReedSDC.com

OKLAWAHA – PILOT SQUARES

Lake Weir Chamber of Commerce

13125 East Hwy 25

2:00-4:00 Advance Dance

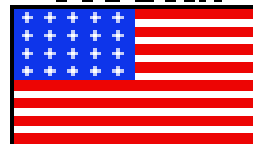
4:00-5:00 C-1 Dance

Caller: Ron Libby

Phone: 352-409-1369

Email: ronlibby@aol.com

God Bless



America

ORLANDO – WHIRL & TWIRL

Whirl & Twirl Square and Round
Dance Center

6949 Venture Circle

8:00-10:00 Mainstream w/Line
Dancing

Caller: Whit Brown

Phone: 407-679-2882

Banner Raids: Bill & Lisa Rigby,
407-448-7384

bill@rigsbybrothers.com

Email: email@whirlandtwirl.org

Website: www.whirlandtwirl.org

Thursday

ANTHONY – CELEBRITY SQUARES / PRESTIGE 55

Anthony United Methodist Church
2396 NE 97th Street

(8 miles north of Ocala)

Activities building behind church

(September thru May)

7:00-9:00 Plus Dance

Caller: Red Barngrover

Banner: 352-629-0437

Email: Cyrinfla@gmail.com

Website:

www.ocalasquaredance.com



MELBOURNE –

PALM BAY PROMENADERS

Tropical Haven, 1205 Eddie Allen
Road

(between W. Nasa Blvd and West
Hibiscus Blvd)

7:30-10.00 Plus Dance w/Rounds

Caller: Dale McClary

Cuer: Guests

Email: llandsv@gmail.com

MERRITT ISLAND – SPACE TRACKERS

Merritt Island Presbyterian Church

155 Cone Road

(1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Thursdays)

6:45-8:00 Square Dance Class

8:00–10:00 Plus Squares

Caller: Whit Brown

Phone: 321-247-9894

Email: islandmom74@att.net

Banner Raids: 321-452-3941

Website: www.spacetrackers.com

SUMMERFIELD – FOUNTAIN SQUARES

Del Webb Spruce Creek Golf &
Country Club

Community Center Ballroom

Hwy US 27 & US 441

7:00-9:00 Plus Dance

Caller: Ron Libby

Phone: Toni 352-245-0894

Email:

tonihennis@embarqmail.com



Friday

BARBERVILLE – WRANGLER COUNTRY SQUARES

Pioneer Art Settlement,
1776 Lightfoot Lane
6:00-7:30 Beginner class
7:30-9:30 MS/Plus with Lines and
Rounds
Caller: Rod Barngrover
Phone: 386-749-4767

LADY LAKE – PLANTATION SQUARES

Route 466 & Recreation Blvd
(Winter - Nov thru April)
7:00-9:30 Plus Dance w/Rounds
Caller: Bob Stern
Cuer: Loretta Hanhurst
Phone: 352-323-1295
Email: rpstern@aol.com

OCOEE – GARDEN PATCH SQUARES

Vignetti Rec Center,
1910 Adair St
7:00-8:15 Class or Workshop
8:15-9:45 Plus Dance
Caller: Bill Boyd
Phone: 407-889-8558 or
407-886-7151
Banner Raids: RoyAnne Martin
407-282-8341



ORLANDO – WHIRL & TWIRL

Whirl & Twirl Square and Round
Dance Center
6949 Venture Circle
7:30-8:00 Early Rounds
8:00-10:00 Plus Dance with
Rounds
Caller: Whit Brown
Cuer: Guest
Phone: 407-679-2882
Email: email@whirlandtwirl.org
Banner Raids:
Bill & Lisa 407-448-7384
bill@rigsbybrothers.com
Website: www.whirlandtwirl.org

Saturday

GENEVA – BRENDON SQUARES ROUNDS

Little Red Schoolhouse, 101 E
Main St
(Corner of First & Main Street, En-
trance on Main)
(First Saturday of each month)
7:30-8:00 Phases III & IV
8:00-10:00 Phase II, III and IV
Cuer: Tapes
Email: Mike or Linde
mikelinde@bellsouth.net
NOTE: All proceeds from the
dance are donated to the Rural
Heritage Center.

PORT ORANGE – A STARS

Port Orange Adult Annex
3738 Halifax Drive
(Every other Week - Please call for
schedule)

7:00-9:00 Advance Dance

Caller: John Saunders

Phone: 386-428-1496

Website:

[www.squaredancesites.com/
john_saunders](http://www.squaredancesites.com/john_saunders)



Just believe that
good things are
on their way.



GRATITUDE

Missionary Benjamin Weir was held hostage in Lebanon and imprisoned under miserable conditions for 16 months. In his first interview after his release, he was asked how he spent his time and how he dealt with boredom and despair. His answer stunned the reporters. He simply said, “Count my blessings.”

“Blessings?” they responded.

“Yes,” he explained. “Some days I got to take a shower. Sometimes there were some vegetables in my food. And I could always be thankful for the love of my family.”

Our Daily Bread

**THE MAN WHO CREATED
AUTOCORRECT HAS DIED.**



RESTAURANT IN PEACE.

What 's Happening

JAN 28 FLORIDA - On Top of the World, Circle Squares, Recreation Ballroom, 9030 SW 99th Street Rd; Bob Lockwood 352-873-6811 or Ellie 352-237-9938

JAN 28 FLORIDA - Advanced Dance, Lake Ashton Clubhouse, 4141 Ashton Club Dr., Lake Wales; Keith Stevens, 863-326-9774, www.keithstevens.com, keith@keithstevens.com

JAN 28 FLORIDA - Snowflake Frolic, Briny Breezes Auditorium, behind 5000 N Ocean Blvd (A1A), Briny Breezes; Steve Adler, 781-771-2322

FEB 3-4 FLORIDA - Space Coast Winter Fiesta, Elks Lodge # 2113, 2955 Columbia Blvd, Titusville; John & Linda Saunders , 386-428-1496, johnlin2631@gmail.com

FEB 12 FLORIDA - BrenDon Squares, Rural Heritage Center, 101 E Main St, Geneva; Don Whitaker, 407-722-9925 , Whitaker2@cfl.rr.com

FEB 24 FLORIDA - Benefit dance for 2018 Florida State Convention. Whirl & Twirl, 6949 Venture Circle, Orlando, Dennis & Nancy Taylor, 321-453-3438; dennistaylor5426@att.net

FEB 24-25 FLORIDA - Federation Working Weekend, Quality Inn 626 Lee Road, Orlando, Dennis & Nancy Taylor, 321-453-3438; dennistaylor5426@att.net

Feb 26 FLORIDA - Special "Stepping Out To Dance" Squares & Rounds, River Walk Center, 600 North Indian River Drive in Fort Pierce FL, Gib Mattson, 772-332-0902, gilbertmattson32@yahoo.com

MAR 4 FLORIDA - On Top of the World, Circle Squares, Recreation Ballroom, 9030 SW 99th Street Rd; Bob Lockwood 352-873-6811 or Ellie 352-237-9938

MAR 23 FLORIDA - Trails-end Dance, Strawberry Square Hall, 4401

Promenade Blvd, Plant City; www.floridasquaredance.com/convention,
Ray & Elsa Huddleston, 954-484-4553, rayelsa@aol.com

MAR 24-25 FLORIDA - 63rd Florida State Square & Round Dance
Convention, Lakeland Center, Lakeland; rayelsa@aol.com,
www.floridasquaredance.com/convention, Ray & Elsa Huddleston,
954-484-4553, rayelsa@aol.com

APR 6 FLORIDA - Space Trackers, 155 Cone Rd, Merritt Island; Terri
Little, 321-247-9894, islandmom74@att.net

APR 8 FLORIDA - On Top of the World, Circle Squares, Recreation
Ballroom, 9030 SW 99th Street Rd; Bob Lockwood 352-873-6811 or Ellie
352-237-9938

APR 21-23 FLORIDA - Party Weekend, 47924 NFS 540-2, Paisley;
Randy & Carol Poole, 386-734-5295, rpoole19@cfl.rr.com,

JUN 21-24 OHIO - 66th National Square Dance Convention, Duke
Energy Convention Center, 525 Elm Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202;
66nsdc.com; Steve & Bev Stoehr, 937-609-8690,
GenChair@66NSDC.com

NOV 10-11 FLORIDA - West Coast 43rd Annual Fall Fun Fest,
Bartow Civic Center, 2250 Floral Ave, Bartow; Janice Serencko,
207-882-7519 sailaway@tampabay.rr.com

NOV 17-18 FLORIDA - Northeast Fall Festival, Palms Presbyterian
Church, 3410 3rd Street South, Jacksonville Beach; Eric & Robin Burton,
904-738-7008, eaburton@hotmail.com

Wife texts husband on a cold winter's morning:

"Windows frozen, won't open."

"Pour some hot water on it."

"Computer really bugged now."



CALLERLAB Viewpoints

By Erin Byars

“I knew you were going to ask...”

Ever spent an hour doing an exhibition or demonstration, then walked away feeling like you didn't really engage the audience? I mean, they thought it was a good show, but no one actually considered that they could be part of the wonderful world of square dancing. If you had walked among the spectators you would have heard them saying things like, “It looks pretty, but I could never do that!” But you know they can! So don't let people leave without answering those unasked questions

You can work pro-actively by making short announcements during those few minutes when squares are reforming. Besides being informative, it lets people know there is more dancing to come and keeps them from wandering away. We also, whenever possible, avoid using the words “lesson” or “class” as some people have adverse reactions to those terms. Here are some sample scripts:

- I bet you worry about having two left feet! Well, if you can walk, you can square dance. It helps if you can walk to the beat of the music, but it's not required! Most of square dancing is knowing where to walk, and we can help with that. Just ask any of the folks you see up here...
- Most people think they need a partner to square dance, but that's not true! There are clubs just for single folks, also for teens and youth, and some just for couples. We also have handicapable clubs. Something for everyone! In fact, dancers how many of you met your significant other square dancing? Raise your hands! Look how many of these dancers met their life's partner on the dance floor – isn't that great!
- So, you think you can't take time for square dancing because you have youngsters at home? Well, we have something just for you! It's a family club, where moms, dads and kids can all learn to dance together. In fact, we are getting more and more grandmas and grandpas taking the grandkids square dancing every week! Would you like to spend more time with your kids, not less? And, unlike most sports, square dancing is not competitive – it's cooperative. Besides actual dancing, there is great

interaction between kids and adults, helping one to mature and the others to stay young!

- Did your doctor tell you that you needed more exercise? Have you considered walking, but hesitated because it seems so boring? How about walking to music with a bunch of fun people? Many doctors recommend square dancing, citing the measured, even pace of walking to the music – and you would be amazed just how many miles you can dance one evening!
- Lots of people tell me square dancing looks pretty, but they don't feel they could do it. Let me tell you, all of us were just like you once! In fact, dancers, how many of you have been dancing one year or less? Raise your hands! How many have been dancing five years? Ten? Twenty? More than twenty? And look, all these people are dancing together and having a wonderful time!

These are just some suggestions to get you started; you will need to adapt these to your area (you may not have a handicapped club, etc.) It is best to find someone who's great at speaking "off the cuff" to present this material – in fact, if you choose someone other than the caller, he or she can grab some water and breathe for a minute during these "answers"! Get all the dancers, or even the spectators, involved in answering questions, interacting and smiling – especially smiling!

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Birth of [USDA]

Early efforts to create a National Dancer Organization focused on soliciting individual dancers to become members of the National Dancers Organization by paying annual dues of \$10.00 per dancer. The first of these efforts in the early 1970's was led by Cacti Pete, a dancer from California who attended each of the first fifty National Square Dance Conventions®. The second attempt to unite dancers on a National basis was initiated by Ms. Chris Events of Cedar Falls, Iowa during 1975-1978 when she attempted to form the American Square Dance Association/International by charging family membership fees of \$10.00 or \$5.00 for a single membership.

Seeing little success with this approach to combine individual dancers into a National Dancers Organization, in November of 1978 – Mr. Norm Holloway (General Chairman of the 13th National Square Dance Convention® in Long Beach, California – 1064) suggested to the California Square Dance Council that their Presidents – Jim and Jan Maczko – seek the interest of the various other State and major Regional Square Dance

Associations, Councils, Federations, etc. into joining together to form a National Square Dancers Organization by amalgamating all of these State and major Regional Organizations into one National Dancers Association where each State would send representatives to an annual meeting.

The Showcase of Ideas held in Milwaukee in 1979 during the annual National Square Dance Convention® afforded Jim and Jan Maczko – Presidents of the California Square Dance Council – the opportunity to collect contact information on the various State and major Regional Square Dance Associations, Council, Federations, etc. from around the country. It was in late 1979 and early 1980 that the Maczkos initial mailing (USPS was the primary means of communications during that era) survey's seeking these other groups interest in collaborating in the effort to form what was initially envisioned as a National Square Dance Dancers Association.

Early responses were positive – enough so, that with the assistance of Bob and Janette Kemper, President of the Tennessee State Association of Square and Round Dance Clubs – arrangements were made to hold an informational meeting during the 1980 National Square Dance Convention® in Memphis. This meeting was actually held within the confines of the Memphis Convention Center, site of the 29th NSDC and was open to all. As the initiators of the fact finding efforts, Jim and Jan Maczko were selected to chair this meeting where viewpoints of those in favor as well as those opposed to the creation of such a National Square Dancers Association were expressed.

Those voicing support could see the benefits of the Dancers to have their own voice in the affairs of the Square Dance Movement and to provide support for such efforts to designate Square Dancing as the National Folk Dance of the United States. Those expressing opposition to such a National Square Dancer Association felt that existing organizations such

as LEGACY International and the National Square Dance Conventions® Executive Committee already provided a venue for Dancers to be heard. Among the most significant shortcomings of these other existing organizations was that they did not exclusively represent Dancers, or did they include Dancers from every State.

In the spirit of cooperative involvement it was determined at the 1980 meeting in Memphis that there was a real need to create an Organizational Committee for the formation of the National Square Dances Association. This Organizing Committee consisted of not only those in favor of the creation of a National Square Dancers Organization but those who opposed as well.

Jim and Jan Maczko were designated as the Chairs of the fifteen member group. Ed and Mary Barbee – Past Presidents of the Texas Federation of Square Dancers – were chosen to serve as interim Secretaries of the Organizing body. Other members of this Organizing Committee consisting of Regional Directors that included Frank and Helen Cavanaugh (New Jersey); Win and JoAnn Edmondson (Wisconsin); Norm and Sharon Frank (California); Dewey Glasa (Alabama); Mike and Mary Gottulo (Nebraska); Freddie Kaitenthaier (Pennsylvania); Bob and Janette Kemper (Tennessee); Elmer and Jean Marose (Oklahoma); Bob and Ginger Prescott (Missouri); **Joe Vaccari (Florida)**; Wayne and Marilyn Wells (Minnesota); Curtis and Jo Young (Texas); and, serving as advisors were Charles and Ebba Naddeo (California).

Correspondence among this group continued via USPS. Other tasks undertaken by the members of this group continued to determine the interest of additional State and major Regional Square Dance Associations, Council, Federations, etc. from around the country to participate in a National Dancer group. These efforts resulted in determining that sufficient interest did exist to create a National Square Dancer Association.

The next step was to generate the Governing Documents for this National Square Dancers Association. To accomplish this goal, a special meeting of the Organizing Committee was scheduled in early November 1980 in Oklahoma City during the Oklahoma State Square Dance Festival. This meeting was well attended with representatives from **Florida (Joe Vaccari, Joy Richardson)**, Texas (Ed and Mary Barbee, Curtis and Jo Young, Ed and Angie McCreary, Russ and Roberta Barton),

Oklahoma (Elmer and Jean Marose, and Howard Thornton), and California (Mac and Mary McClure, and Jim and Jan Maczko).

Among the issues discussed during the Oklahoma City meeting was the name of this National Dancer organization. It was suggested that adopting the name of the National Square Dancers Association might be confused with annual National Square Dance Convention® which was a well-established and separate entity. In addition, the organizational structure was determined to allow each existing State and major Regional Square Dance Associations, Council, Federations, etc. to send four delegates to represent their interests at the annual meetings of this National Square Dancers organization. It was determined that the National Square Dancers organization would be divided into four regions – each region would be serviced by one of four Regional Vice Presidents. To ensure regional equality among the four Regions – thirteen States were delegated to each of the four regions – Eastern Region extending from Maine through Virginia and would include the District of Columbia – Central Regional stretching from West Virginia and would encompass Mississippi up to Michigan – Plains Region covering Illinois through Texas – and the Western Region stretching from Colorado to Hawaii.

Proposed Governing Documents – Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules – were then distributed (again via the USPS) to all points of contact that had been collected to that point in time with the intent to present these Governing Documents during an organizational meeting to be held during the 30th National Square Dance Convention® in Seattle, 1981.

(Article by Jim Maczko)

FUN FACTS:

- ✓ USDA currently represents roughly 310,000 dancers throughout the United States
- ✓ Jim Mackzo was the first President of the newly formed USDA – United Square Dancers of America



"BLAST FROM THE PAST"

Keepin Posted, **May 1983**

ASSOCIATION NEWS

What a great dance our Sweetheart Ball on January 29th at Daytona Beach turned out to be! We are still getting compliments on it. John Saunders was a 'super star' that night! He called a superb dance in a fine hall to over 30 squares. Pete Shankle kept our round dancers stepping and there were smiles all around. Even the spectators did some toe-tapping. They seemed to enjoy the spirit of fun and good fellowship as much as we did. Many thanks to the Dixie Squares for hosting our dance.

Come to Eustis RV Park on April 30th and share our annual Potluck Supper at 5:30 P.M. (Bring one of your delicious specialty dishes, enough for 6-8, and your own table service. The Association will provide the drinks.) Last year our Supper was like an old-fashioned church picnic with so many goodies that it was hard to decide what to take first from the buffet and when to quit. Plan to attend our Business Meeting at 6:30 P.M. This is the meeting when we elect new officers for the '83-'84 Association year which begins July 1, 1983. The Nominating Committee charged with the responsibility for this year's slate of officers is composed of the following members: Chuck & Betsy Johnson, Bob Jernigan, Jim & Maxine Rivers, Burt & Marie Egbert. Please show your support of their efforts and pay tribute to the outgoing officers by attending this important meeting. Then dance to the calling of one of our favorite callers, John Barrett, beginning at 8 P.M., and enjoy Dick Nordine on rounds.

We need volunteers to work on our Square Dance Week 1983 Committee. This will be a joint effort between our Association and the Central Florida Callers Association with Danny Robinson as General Chairman. Please give a little of your time and do your part to help make 1983 the biggest recruiting year for new dancers during Square Dance Week that Central has ever known.

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CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

October 29, 2016

Golden Corral, Port Orange

The meeting was called to order by President Randy Poole. Dennis Taylor offered an invocation and Randy Poole led the pledge.

In attendance: Randy and Carol Poole, Bruce and Colleen Morgan, Tom and Suzy Griffith, Terri Little, Ailene Picheco, Linda Reid, Judy Anderson, Joe and Carol Borbas, Richard and Carol Douget, Shiela Reid, Dennis and Nancy Taylor.

Guests: Karen MacDonald

Absent: Rick & Gail Morris, Lewis & Linda Wasserman, Jack and Barbara Hoffman, Keith and Angie Olds, Jim and Jan McConnaha.

Correspondence: None

Minutes: Terri little sent minutes and roster after the last meeting. *Bruce Morgan made a motion that the minutes be accepted as submitted. Dennis Taylor seconded. The motion carried.*

Treasurer: Dennis Taylor provided the treasurer's reports. Unusual expenses include a donation of \$1000.00 to the state. The report will be filed for audit.

Area Vice President: Ailene Picheco reported that there are 26 clubs in Central Florida. Royal Squares in Leesburg has a new day, time, and caller (Lenny Newberry). The Dancing Shadows has been sold. The Stern Wheelers moved to the United Methodist Church in Belleview. Will discuss more club participation at the planning meeting.

Membership VP Report: Terri little reported there are 91 members in 2016, of which 16 were new. So far 47 members for 2017.

Insurance Report: Keith Olds reported that we have 486 dancers insured (down from 587 last year). Income was \$53.50 and Expenses were \$53.00 Bank balance is \$967.19.

Keepin' Posted: Ailene reported that 100 copies were mailed out and 34 were sent by email. Ailene again asked for more information from the clubs.

Historian: Bill and Linda Reid reported they purchased photo album supplies and photos from the July 5th dance have been added.

Florida Federation: Dennis Taylor reported the next meeting is Sunday 11/12/16 and they will vote on the location for the 2018 convention. Maybe Daytona Feb. 24th and 25th.

State Convention: Carol Poole reported that registration forms are ready. Flyers are printed. It is advertised in Bow and Swing and on the website. There are 136 dancers registered to date. Volunteers are needed for the registration booth. there are 46 rooms reserved at the Swan.

2017 Party Weekend: The weekend of April 22. The hall is reserved.

5th Saturday Dance - December 31, 2016: Was cancelled.

Any Other Business?

A question was brought up about what we should do with the decorations for the Shamrock swing. It was pushed to the January meeting.

The Handicapables will be invited to the July dance.

Joys and Concerns:

Terri Little should be a grandma tomorrow!

Awards: Randy Poole reported that we are behind on awards. We need nominations for The Extra Mile, Couple of the Year, and Hall of Fame. Forms are on the Federation website.

Next Board Meeting: Jan 7, 2017 Noon at Randy and Carol Poole's working meeting, 1541 Lakeside Dr. Deland

Next 5th Saturday Dances:

April 29th in Ocala

July 29th in Ormond Beach.

September 30th TBA.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom and Suzy Griffith

*You can not buy
happiness, but you can
buy dance lessons and
that is kind of the same
thing ;0)*



All Things Considered

By Ed Foote

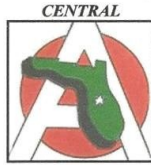
Things I Have Learned In 50 Years Of Calling

1. Peace of mind is more important than money.
2. If you really enjoy calling for a particular club, and it cannot offer a normal fee, don't worry about the money and take the date.

3. In dealing with any commercial property or business, always get everything in writing. Trust, but verify.
4. In dealing with hotels or motels, always assume that the person you are talking to will be gone in six months.
5. In dealing with hotels, try to void food commitments. They are a hassle and you can lose big.
6. When faced with a problem, say: “How can I see this differently?”
7. For any particular club, there are more good callers available than there are dates. To get a booking or to be re-booked, you must keep in contact with the club.
8. If a group is really happy, it doesn’t make any difference what abilities it has. You will love calling for it.
9. The more organized you are, the less stress you have.
10. Occasionally one finds a club that combines high ability with great happiness. These clubs are a rare gift to the square dance world.
11. The more prepared you are, the less stress you have.
12. The earlier you arrive at a dance, the less stress you have.
13. Always ask what you can give back to the square dance activity.
14. If someone makes you laugh, keep that person around.
15. As you get better and better at calling, be content, but not satisfied.
16. Be sure you are right, then go ahead. But recognize, and be willing to accept, the consequences.
17. If you can find your purpose in life and live it, you will be happy. If you can identify someone else’s purpose in life and help them live it, you will be even happier.
18. Trust in God, but lock your car.

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CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND



DANCE ASSOCIATION

5th Saturday Dance

Caller: CFCA's *FINEST*

Cuer: Loretta Hanhurst

Saturday, April 29, 2017



Hosted by

The Ocala Twirlers

Ocala West United Methodist Church
Stanford Hall

9330 SW 105th Street
Ocala FL

Early Rounds 7:00 to 7:20 PM
Grand March / Announcements
Alternating Mainstream & Plus
7:30 to 9:30 PM

Members - \$3.00 Others - \$4.00

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