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Congratulations

Bill and Joanne BOYD

2002 Couple of the Year
Honored at Shamrock Swing

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**Square Dancing
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2002 Couple of the Year Bill & Joanne Boyd

Couple of the Year, Bill and Joanne Boyd, were introduced at the Shamrock Swing, March 9, 2002. They were presented the commemorative plaque by Jim and Jan McConaha, CFA President.

Bill and Joanne have been dancing for eight years and are active square and round dancers. They belong to the Pirates Square Dance Club of Apopka and the CFA. They publish "Bow & Swing" for the Florida State Federation. During the 46th National Square Dance Convention (Orlando in 1997), they served as Vice Chairman of the Local Publicity and Director of Round Dance Printed Material.

As Editors of the "Bow & Swing" Magazine, Bill and Joanne have provided the dancers of the entire State of Florida a tremendous service. They took over a magazine struggling for survival and have kept it not only alive but nurtured it to a healthy publication, indeed. They have made it "Florida's State Square and Round Dance Magazine." Whenever you see them at a dance, Bill always has his camera handy for candid shots of the dancers — he doesn't ask you to smile because you don't know he is taking the picture.

Bill and Joanne are well known throughout the State both as dancers and through the "Bow & Swing" magazine. Bill's monthly editorials are very popular among the square dance community for his common sense advice to keep square dancing alive. Bill is always willing to give square dancers a break at his print shop when square dance related printing is needed.

We wish you, Joanne and Bill, continued success in the square dance world. Congratulations Bill and Joanne, you are a deserving couple.

From the President's Desk

Well, spring is here and we are starting to say our farewells to our dancer friends from up North. We will miss them and already look forward to their return this next fall. During the last three months, many of our central dancers have attended special dances held all over the state. They went to these great dances, not only for the fun time to be had, but to also promote our Shamrock Swing.

As most of you know, the Shamrock Swing is CFA's major annual fundraiser. This year it was held on March 8 & 9 in Orlando, with George and Shirley Knapp as the Chairman. What a great affair! The halls were great, Callers Tony Oxendine and Whit Brown kept everybody jumping while Cuers Jimmy & Carol Griffin were smooth as usual for the round dancers. The 50/50 on Saturday night was donated by winner, Bruce Morgan, to the upcoming State Conventions in 2002 & 2004 and the silent auction prizes were appreciated by all.

Saturday morning Tony led a seminar on promoting square dancing. We all learned something. He said clubs don't do fun things like they used to do, such as toilet papering the caller - big mistake. He was received it Saturday night. "Mummy Tony".

Chairman George & Shirley made this the greatest moneymaker and fun Shamrock Swing yet. We look forward to our 2003 Chairman Randy & Carol Poole continuing this tradition next year.

Longtime square dancer Asa Clifton Clark of Rockledge was severely injured in an auto accident. He is out of intensive care and slowly recovering in Holmes Regional Med. Cntr, Melbourne. Please remember him in your prayers.

2004 State Convention General Chairman, Bruce & Colleen Morgan, report good progress. Many convention dress pattern-cutting parties have been held. The dress was introduced at March's 5th Saturday Dance.

The CFA Couple of the Year were honored at the Shamrock Swing — Bill and Joanne Boyd were presented a commemorative plaque. We are lucky to have quality people and dancers!

Looking forward to dancing with you!

Jim & Jan McConnaha

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CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCERS ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting
George and Shirley Knapps' Home
December 9, 2001

Call to Order: At 2:00 PM by Jim and Jan McConnaha

Invocation: Duke McCleskey

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Jim McConnaha.

Welcome: Jim welcomed members and thanked George and Shirley Knapp for opening their home for this December Meeting. Knapp's hospitality greatly appreciated.

Roll Call: Jan McConnaha called the roll. Quorum present.

Secretary's Report: Motion to dispense with the reading of the October 28, 2001 minutes, seconded, carried.

Treasurer's Report: A copy was distributed and is attached to the Secretary's minutes. The Treasurer's Report filed for audit

CORRESPONDENCE: Jan McConnaha read a Christmas card received from the staff of the Lakeland Center.

AREA REPORTS (full reports are on file - highlights follow):

Area Vice President - Ron & Lois Renwick reported CFA Board roster has been updated. New Presidents of Allamanders are Ann and Ace Taylor; Bobbi Bollinger is the new President of the Barefoot Bay Spinners. Club Information sheets distributed to area directors. Updates due January and July. The 5th Saturday Dance flyers for March 30.

North Brevard - Asa Clark & Rosalie Turner reported the Al-lemanders had a most successful Halloween party and a class of 10 people. Canaveral Squares attendance is bolstered by returning snow birds. Their banner chair is injured so there is little activity. They have five couples in the new class. Palm Bay Promenaders are dancing 4-6 squares, hope to begin a class in January. Silver Squares, our Winter only club, are back dancing, and scheduled banner raids thru March. Space Trackers enjoy good attendance: Fall Fling with Tony Oxendine/Jimmy & Carol Griffin gathered 20 plus squares; they took a bus load Mystery/Knothead trip; 14 students in the new class; they celebrated their 18th Anniversary dance in September; PJ'd it in early December (gave stuffed animals to Wuesthoff Hospital Pediatric Ward). Vera's Rounders have a beginners class on Wednesday and Phase 2 & 3 on Thursdays.

South Brevard/Indian River - John & Terry Kavorkian visited Yellow Rockers at the Barn; Jerry Reed calling. The Yellow Rockers have disbanded; Jerry continues the dances on Monday nights. Phyllis Williams is cueing, hoping to attract round dancers. He will decide after the first of the year whether to continue. The Barefoot Bay Spinners have not had a class for 3 years but will try for one January. The Barefoot Bay Twirlers dance on Monday nights with poor attendance but are beginning banner raids. The Orange Blossom Squares in Vero Beach are having a New Years dance with Steve Ekin and Sonny McCartney.

East Lake - no report

West Lake/Sumter - Dan & Anna Foust reported CFA membership drives at Royal Squares; Orange Blossom Squares; and Sunshine Promenaders for new and renewing members. They will hold a membership drive at Dancing Shadows. Renewal letters were mailed to CFA members. December 2, Walt Ishmael called for the Orange Blossom Squares, his first since his cancer treatment - 23 squares welcomed him back. They have 4 basic classes and one plus class running concurrently. All clubs are active with banner raids and retrievals. Royal Squares have new officers and will start a class in January. Past President, John Beck, made 200 phone calls and expects six squares for Tuesday classes with Ron Libby. Dancing Shadows are having a successful season. The Sunshine Promenaders are moving to the Masonic Lodge in Leesburg in January. The hall is larger and more centrally located with good parking. The class is small but enthusiastic.

Marion - no report.

East Orange/Seminole - Max & Lona Love reported the Hoedowners Class is in progress. The Orlando Singles have a class of 25-30. Their By-laws were changed to allow married couples and singles to join. They dance 8-10 squares each Friday. Whirl & Twirl has a class of 24. They will have a New Years Eve Dance, had a successful Bingo Night; will hold a Casino night February 9th., and a recycle sale on January 16-18th. The Millennium Squares have a class of 4 but will probably graduate 2. The junior dancers are poorly attended since school began, the group will probably disband. Helton's Round Dancers dance Thursday night at the Whirl & Twirl hall. Beginning rounds has 18 couples. Phase 3-plus level is the same night at after the beginner's class.

West Orange - Ron Renwick reported the Pirates had a Hobo Dance September 8th. Singlerama cancelled the 27th. They had a pot luck supper then election of officers November 20. December 15th, their Christmas dance, collected toys for local area. They will have a New

Years Eve party with Ron Libby and Joanne Hilton and a catered dinner. The new officers are: Captain, Dick Weiblen; Yeoman, Marjorie Kimbro; Purser, Robbin Pine; and, Navigator, Dick Weiblen. Garden Patch Squares classes precede their dance. In October they had a pot luck for their 12th anniversary. They had a successful Halloween party and a Christmas dance and pot luck. There will be a New Years Eve party on December 27th, and a hayride in December at Woodland Lutheran campground. The club has a good class started. Officers elected are: President, Don & Margaret Kennedy; Vice President, Richard Roney & Barbara McBride; Treasure & Sunshine, Ruth & Elmer Lasher; Banner Chairman, Bill & Royanne Martin.

Osceola County - Mike Mikeal reported Buckles and Bows is a caller club with Don & Jean Gaskins with no special plans for this month. On Tuesdays they conduct workshop from 7-8PM followed by club dancing. Kiss-A-Me Squares dance 1st & 3rd Mondays and their Presidents are Bob and Jean Harclerode. A small club of about 3 squares with no classes at this time. Wagon Wheel Rounders, with Pete & Jan Shankle teaching on Mondays are mostly Phase 2. The Wagon Wheel Squares participated in the St. Cloud Christmas parade (about 100 floats) The Winter Queen this year was past president, Thelma Bitler. A successful rummage sale was held. Steve & Diane Kehr (former Osceola Directors) have been very helpful.

East Volusia - Ron Renwick reported the Fellowship Squares folded in November after 22 years. Dixie Squares are having a New Years Eve party. The new class is doing well. Granada Squares have elections in April, also having a holiday dinner and class is doing well. Flagler Ocean Waves class is also doing well. Spin Drifters report will be updated next month, Strato Squares, no change. Swinging Eights changed their dance night to Tuesday hoping to improve attendance. Former caller Hank Puckett passed away last month.

West Volusia - Gale & Laura Boak reported Starlight Promenaders had a busy Fall: a Halloween party, exhibition dance at University Carilon United Methodist Church, general meeting at Lake Monroe Park, with election of new officers and board, 3 raids, participated in the DeBary Christmas parade, and a Christmas dinner that they collected Toys for Tots given to the Marines for distribution - the Curliques provided the entertainment. Also, had an Ethnic dinner that went over very well. The Honeybees collected food to replenish what was needed at the Food Bank. They had a Halloween party. Keith and Joyce Holcomb were recognized for having gone on 177 raids. Members collected small gifts for the elderly, they were given to the Neighborhood House. They are holding a Christmas dinner dance

Have also promoted the 5th. Saturday dance and CFA membership.

MEMBERSHIP: Don & Sharon Smith reported as of 12/9/01, 289 active individual memberships; 57 new members with renewals at 232. Compared to last year's 373: 99 new members and 274 renewals. Our 2002 goal is 400. The renewal rate of sustaining members is 85%. The renewal rate of new members is worrisome - needed to meet our goal is 111 which is 72% of goal. We printed a members list by area and club for each Area Director to identify non-renewals. Usually a personal reminder works well. Note only 43 of 99 new members have renewed. A good job was done recruiting, lets not lose them. Thank you all for your hard work.

BLOOD BANK - no report.

INSURANCE - Barbara Hoffman reported the 9/9/01 balance was \$708.85. Clubs that are insured and paid are: Palm Bay Promenaders, Groveland-Clermont Squares, Flagler Ocean Waves, Space Trackers, Garden Patch Squares, Sunshine Promenaders, and Orange Blossom Squares. After expenses the 12/9/01 balance is \$686.25. There are 7 clubs insured for 2002 with 679 members enrolled. For the 2001 Insurance year, 6 reports of injuries were filed. Two dancers were not insured with USDA and one claim has been filed.

KEEPIN' POSTED: Tom & Eivor Brown reported they have solicited for ads from square dance clothiers, all asked to be contacted after the turn of the year. We want to e-mail clubs to remind clubs of articles in Keepin' Posted. E-mail addresses are being added to our browser. Assure equitable trade ads to other 4 Associations. The Club inputs are moving at a very slow pace in the upcoming issue. No new ads, just the recurring Space Tracker ad. We collected almost 50 signatures for the Holiday Wishes centerfold. Jim & Jan sent letters to each club president asking that they support Keepin' Posted. We have offered better rates on the ads.

50TH FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION REPORT: Bruce & Colleen Morgan reported it is just another 17 months. We want a committee to get together to plan the kickoff props. Seed money has been requested. The Camping Weekend fund raiser was not well attended but did make money. Plans are made for one in 2002, on October 4th & 5th, however, will not be called a 'camping weekend' as this tends to make people think it is only for campers and it is not. Talk it up, bring your friends for Casino Night on Friday. The next big fund raiser will be the Shamrock Swing in Orlando. We will have a silent auction, also an improved food concession stand. Colleen is hard at work on the convention outfit. She will contact you all to set up a pattern cutting party Maybe the men can have a kickoff construction party at the same

time. Committee chairmen need to get their committee people in place. Talk up the convention at your clubs.

HISTORIAN: Judy Frye reports the scrapbooks are not up to date, but she hopes to have them ready by the CFA dance, December 29th . We ask all committee people for the 50th State convention to please take pictures and submit them to me for the "special book" I am already starting to compile. If you have any pictures of any CFA event that you would like to donate, please bring them or mail them to me.

FLORIDA FEDERATION : George & Shirley Knapp reported the meeting was November 18, 2001 in Jacksonville. The Northeast Association Dance with Dee Dee Daugherty was the night before. The Sunday morning meeting lasted from 9 AM to 2 PM with election of officers - officers are: President, Ken & Sue Brasfield; Vice President, George & Shirley Knapp; Secretary, Fred & Shirley Cornett; Treasurer Garland & Carol McKenzie; Parliamentarian, Jack & Kathy McKinney. Discussions followed about nominations from the floor for a nominee for parliamentarian. Fred Cornett moved not to change the By-Laws which allows nominations from the floor. The donation from each Association for the National Disaster Relief Fund was discussed. Each Association should maintain their own disaster relief fund for their local needs. The next meeting will be the Working Weekend on February 23/24, 2002, to be held in Lakeland at the Best Western Inn.

OLD BUSINESS

5th Saturday Dance - will be held on December 29th at the Wagon Wheels in St. Cloud. Dale McClary will be the caller with rounds by Pete and Jan Shankle

Club Information Sheets - Update them and return to Ron Renwick. It is important to have the president's name, address, and e-mail address - we need to know how to contact them if the need arises.

Information Letter to Club Presidents - Jan McConnaha reported a letter was sent to all Club Presidents and Area Directors. The letter explains to the new presidents what CFA is about, as to blood bank, insurance, state convention etc. We also urged them to get their club news to our quarterly magazine and to take out an ad to introduce their club to other clubs which is helpful for banner raiding—we attached an advertising price list to each letter. Included were a list of all Area Directors; other officers with addresses and phone numbers so that if the Club Presidents had any questions they had information at their fingertips.

Shamrock Swing: Chairman, George & Shirley Knapp, said the Hall (St. John Vianney Church) has been secured and many hotels close offer good rates.. Tony Oxendine and Whit Brown have signed to call

and Jimmy and Carol Griffin cueing rounds. The publicity chairman worked hard to get the word out. The program book is in the preliminary stages. We advertised the Swing at many square dances. We invite you to promote the Swing in your club. Take along flyers and ribbons to sell at other clubs. The church has 7:00 PM Mass Saturday which could create a small problem but there will be parking available in a lot across the street.

Other

Prescription Cards—Duke McCleskey has available for everyone.

Couple of the Year— Nominations due. Some have been received.

State Convention 2002 Ribbons and buttons - The 2002 Chairman, Fred & Shirley Cornett, gave us 50 ribbons and buttons to sell. Jan McConnaha passed 2 to each Director to sell. Have the purchaser complete the registration form, collect the money and return it to Jan.

NEW BUSINESS

Shamrock Swing 2003 - Chairs are Randy and Carol Poole. At present time things are only in the early formative stage.

Minutes via E-mail - Jan McConnaha will distribute minutes by e-mail to cut postage costs considerably. Those who are not on line will receive them by mail. There were no objections.

Other -

2002 State Convention: Randy Poole is accepting hotel reservations at \$46 for the first night, \$43 for additional nights at the Howard Johnson's at Exit 19 in Lakeland.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be on March 10th 2002, at IHOP.

ADJOURN - Meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Steinbaugh

Friendship set to music

SQUARE DANCING

"People don't stop dancing because they get too old ...
People get too old because they stop dancing"



USA WEST Square Dance Convention of Idaho Press Release

Idaho Square and Round Dancers are proud to host the Fifth USA WEST Square Dance Convention®, August 21-24, 2002. Four days of educational activities, Square and Round Dancing, Contra and Clogging, as well as Country Western and Line Dancing await your dancing pallet.

Want to look good while dancing and give your square a higher success rate? Come join in a square for **Be a Smoothie with Style** to develop style and habits, which contribute to a stronger square. This workshop will be presented by a member of Callerlab. Do you feel awkward, when the command is for the gal to turn the guy? If so, plan to attend the **DBD (Dance by Definition)** workshop and gain confidence. Aug. 22-24 Education Presentations will be held Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. till noon. A member of Roundalab will present **Voice Presentation and Techniques** and **New Technology- the Laptop**. A member of Callerlab will workshop **Putting More Fun in Square Dancing**. Other topics scheduled are **Leadership, Recruiting and Keeping New Dancers, Effective Club Publicity, A Dance or a Dance Workshop**, and **Planning Special Dances**. The Round Dance Director has scheduled figure clinics. Sewing clinics and demos are also scheduled. Our plan is to have a learning experience for everyone.

Non-dancing visitors will be welcomed to view the activities at no-charge after a brief registration. Additional information on the Fifth USA WEST Square Dance Convention® is available on the web at: <http://www.squaredancing.com/usawest>.

If you would like additional information, please contact us by e-mail, mail or phone as listed below.

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Selection of New Federation Dress

During the Florida Federation "Working Weekend" a committee met to begin the selection process

for a new Florida Federation Dress. The majority agreed that the Dress worn during the promotion of the National Square Dance Convention in '97 is a classic. However; the embroidered border on a Teal polyester/cotton is no longer available; in fact, the fabric manufacturer is no longer in business. The Committee developed Selection Criteria. Final Selection to be made at Federation meeting, November 10, 2002. The dress will be adopted for the 2003 Florida State Convention. Our goal is to select an outfit that is acceptable to the majority of Florida dancers. **We invite you, the Florida dancers, to offer any comments or suggestions** for discussion at our next meeting during 2002 Florida State Convention. Please mail them to:

Sue Brown - 3812 Old Salem Rd. • Lakeland, Florida 33811
Or E-mail - brownuse@aol.com

If you wish to submit a design for consideration, contact Sue and arrangements will be made to include your sample for final decision.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Availability, including Pattern; Fabric; Accessories (Men's pants. Ladies petticoats and petti pants, Men's & Ladies shoes and Men's belt and tie) Simplicity of Construction Flattering Consideration should be given to the wide range of figures, coloration 5 maturity Comfort; Wear ability; Care; and Timeliness Reflective of Florida (This point was further defined to Include a choice which would be colorful, unique, and one which would stand out in a crowd. The Style and Design of the dress to include alternatives for a short, Square and Round Dance version and a long or Prairie version. The pattern should be adaptable to both a dress or skirt and blouse with little difference to be obvious in the overall appearance. The observations below will be considered in the final choice as well.

LADIES POINT of VIEW:

Least favored colors: 1. Yellow, 2. Orange, and 3. Red. Shoe: 1. White and 2. Black. Petticoats/Pettipants: 1. White and 2. Black. The last two points reflect the newer dancer views who have not yet accumulated a variety of these items.

MEN'S POINT of VIEW:

Least favored colors: 1. Pink, and 2. Purple. A negative view of White pants noted. Shoe preference: Black. Belt preference: 1. Black and 2. White

Times

Imagine. . . . There is a bank that credits your account each morning with \$86,400. It carries over no balance from day to day. Every evening deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out ALL OF IT, of course!!!!

Each of us has such a bank. Its name is TIME. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours.

There is no going back. There is no drawing against the "tomorrow." You must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness, and success! The clock is running. Make the most of today.

To realize the value of ONE YEAR, ask a student who failed a grade.

To realize the value of ONE MONTH, ask a mother who gave birth prematurely.

To realize the value of ONE WEEK, ask the editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realize the value of ONE HOUR, ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.

To realize the value of ONE MINUTE, ask a person who missed the train.

To realize the value of ONE-SECOND, ask a one who just avoided an accident.

To realize the value of ONE MILLISECOND, ask the person who won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Treasure every moment that you have! And treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time. And remember that time waits for no one. Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That's why it's called the present!!!

Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share a word of praise, and they always want to open their heart to us.

Editor's Note: This passages says a lot. It highlights what our favorite past-time is all about. Friendship—cherish every moment—waste not a single friend. Like every second of the day; they're precious and not replaceable.

48th State Convention The Northwest Florida Association met in Panama City Feb 9 to discuss planning progress for the 48th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention. Committee chairpersons presented summaries of their activities. The main new items of interest were the schedules for the activities at the Convention and the plans for the fashion show. A copy of the schedule appears below. The fashion show will depict square dance attire and music during the war years. The wars covered will be from World War I through Afghanistan. This aligns the fashion show with the patriotic theme of the 48th Convention. Remember we need you in 2002 and the red, white, and blue night on Sunday.

Bob Poyner, Convention Caller Chair, confirmed previously provided caller list. June Leverette, Convention Cues Chair, provided a list of 20 Cues scheduled to participate. That list is below.

Ticket sales for the convention have been slow during the winter months. As spring approaches ticket sales will warm-up. I know only Northwest gets cold, but it will be nice to have Florida weather here again.

48th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention
Planned Schedule

Opening Ceremonies Friday, Saturday and Sunday 6:00 PM

Musical Highlights Fri. & Sat. Mainstream and Plus 10—11:00 PM

Fri. Eve. 7:30-10:00 P Mainstream / Plus / Singing w/Lines & CW /
Singles / A-1/A-2

Sat. 9:30-11:30 AM	1:30-4:00 PM	Eve. 8:00-10:00 PM
M / +	Singing w/Lines & CW	Plus Singing w/ Lines & CW / Youth / Hot Hash / A-1/A-2

Sunday	1:30-4:00 PM	8:00-10:00 PM
	Mainstream / Plus Singing w/Lines & CW / Youth / Hot Hash / A-1 / A-2	

BASIC C1

Fri 7:30-10:00 PM

Sat 9:30-10:30 AM	1:30-3:00 PM	8:00-10:00 PM
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Sun	1:30-3:00 PM	7:30-9:20 PM
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Participating Cuers and Teachers:

Audry and Tom Phillips	John and Maxine Ayers
Jeanette Chauvin	Roy Brown
Bev Landwehr	Dick and Darlene Chase
Conrad Protzman	Pat Hagen
Phyllis Kent	John and Martha Harper
Mike and Tony Auriene	Pete and Jan Shankle
Janice Coughlin	Tom and Margaret Tripp
Ken and Joanne Helton	Jerry and Joyce Viola
Sharon Roberts	Phyllis Williams
Dick and Darlee Nordine	Jimmy And Carol Griffin

I apologize for the mistakes, errors, and omissions in all of the above.

Thank You

Don Caverly

Callers and Passion

From time to time I have written articles about square dancing and sent them out as an attachment.

Several of you have said that you were unable to open the attachment, so this will be sent as an e-mail for ease of reading. This is taken from the square dance magazine, AmericanSquareDance Feb 2002. The article is written by Mr. Larry Shipman and presented by Mr. Patrick Demerath, both are members of the American Callers Association.

There have been numerous articles about why we have had a decline in numbers dancing. This article makes "truthful" statements about why the problems exist; and I agree with the vast majority of what is written and well written. Please take the time to "foreword" this article to your dancing friends and make sure you are a subscriber of AmericanSquareDance Magazine. Now for the article:

ACA VIEWPOINT

Patrick Demerath

Callers and Passion

The past eight months of the ACA Viewpoints addressed re-

cruiting activities that were working today. It was a pleasure to conduct the research on the "sacred duty" of recruiting. The clubs who are using these recruiting activities are benefiting. ACA President Gary Shoemake January New Year Viewpoints pointed out the direction that he was leading the ACA. It also challenged all the leadership organizations to come together to work for the common good to reverse the declining trend of square dancing.

ACA is please to offer an article by ACA member Caller Mr. Larry Shipman. Larry starts the article by asking the question, **"Could it be that many square dancers and callers have lost their passion for square dancing?"** He poses the question that if callers no longer go out to dance, if they no longer think they have to teach a class because they have paid their dues, and if they no longer encourage the dancers to do demonstrations, then where is the passion and love for square dancing? Larry further argues if the only thing callers want to feel is the adrenaline rush from the crowd when calling a dance, then this is not the love for square dancing that is needed to keep our beloved activity alive and vibrant. Every caller must teach classes including full time traveling callers or they lose touch with the heartbeat and life-blood of square dancing. Larry segmented all callers into four homogenous groups: the full time caller, the "I have paid my dues" caller, the club caller, the caller without a club. All of them must teach new dancers and lead by example and participate in recruiting new students and live to teach these new students. Larry argued that square dancing as a fun-filled activity has not changed despite the serious problems with complicated and separatist dance programs/levels with classes for two years. He said that callers' attitudes have changed with money surpassing service to the dancers. Larry further argued that if callers are going to suck square dancing dry and not put anything back (new dancers, fun,

friendship and fellowship), than perhaps they should quit calling and get out of the way so the rest of the well intentioned callers can get something done to save square dancing and return it to its former greatness.

Larry addressed the idea of getting some national recognition for square dancing. It should be marketed as a real social activity. Dancers should be reminded that when square dancing, they are outside their insular lives and dealing with people, face-to-face from all walks of life. The change must come from the callers to the dancers to change one person, one club, and one location one at a time. It is a long and hard process that we cannot lose. The key is that **SOMEBODY HAS TO DO IT** All club callers, national callers and student callers have to participate in this renaissance or we as callers will not have to worry about the money, traveling, and the wonderful feeling of being a caller.

Larry discussed the fact that callers must deal with the time required to travel to a dance, set-up, calling, pack up and travel home and the \$ per hour is not a lot. Many callers sacrifice much to call, but that is not enough as we as callers have to do more. Callers must re-connect and revive that special feeling of when we went out with dancers and enjoyed their after parties, rest home demonstrations, and their friendships. **IF WE DANCE WITH THE DANCERS, DO MORE DEMONSTRATIONS, GET INVOLVED WITH RECRUITING, DEMONSTRATE OUR ENTHUSIASM AND PASSION THAT WE CALLERS HAVE FOR SQUARE DANCING, OUR PASSION WOULD BECOME CONTAGIOUS.**

Larry's research argued that the clubs that are doing well are the ones that are having fun. The social orientated clubs. Therefore, let us look back to see what we did right to make our decisions for the future. Square dancing offers more than many other activities. We just have to let people know that we offer them exercise, family activity, friendship and

fellowship.

Square dancing offers more for people than any other social activity. We can stop the 20% plus decline in the number of dances each year and win the battle for people if we show the passion and love for square dancing.

Larry Shipman lives in Salinas, KS. He is retired from the USAF and has been calling for 22 years. He can be reached at LK1SHIP@aol.com.

The ACA would like to thank Larry for his excellent article, which if implemented will make a real difference in square dancing. ACA would also like to remind the readers that it stands ready to work with all callers' and dancers' organizations to work together to work to reverse the decline in square dancing.

Not let's do the right things.

Until next time, happy dancing. demerath@tsum.edu

End of article.

Nothing else needs to be said!

Hope to see you in a square real soon~~~~~Paul & Nita Walker

Caller-Kannapolis,NC

CALLERLAB Member

Editors Note: This article was forwarded by Duke and Doris McCleskey. The author brings several point to the forefront. All things we must consider when we try to grow our activity.

Relay for Life

“The American Cancer Society drive is in the kickoff process. The Relay for Life will again be held this year. At least two teams are already entered already on the Space Coast—the Mid-Brevard team led by Ailene Picheko and the South Brevard team led by Ed Miller. Also in the works is a Tropical Theme Charity Dance at McLarty Rec Center in Rockledge on Feb 24. Sorry Ailene—ran out of room. Tom”

So read this lead in from our last issue. As most of you know, this subject is near and dear to both Eivor and I—I’ve lost a wife to this disease, my brother too, an uncle; And many people I love have lost body parts—my mother a breast; my sister a uterus; one friend a part of his brain; another a part of her breast; another a lung. Eivor, too, has suffered the loss of friends and some the loss of their body parts. And the list continues on to those struggling to gain the competitive edge over this killer.

And so we give our time willingly at whatever cost to help gain that potential or possible cure. And We’re asking you to only do that and no more than WE do.

The Tropical Nights Dance enjoyed 64 attendees hosted by Ailene Picheko at McLarty Rec. Center in Rockledge. The callers were there. The cuers too. What fun—we raised \$647.00 for the event. Entry fees were a donation—50/50 though went by the Space Trackers Rules (1 for a buck!; three for 2 and an armful for 5). Not surprising; the winner donated it all back. There were tons of door prizes—what a hit. Money was collected and our dancers won their cherished item. Again, dollars were generated. And to top it off we had great fun.

Thanks to Jerry Reed, John Swindle, Dale McClary and Skip Cleland on the Squares. And lest we forget, thanks to Vera Smith, Vince Furtado and Bev Landwehr on the rounds. And ThankXXXX to all you dancing contributors. We can and will win this fight.

But if that is not enough for you; the two teams fielded in Brevard county will walk at their respective relays: Ailene Picheko and Team # 10 will “walk the night away” on April 5th at Cocoa Beach High School Stadium. Meanwhile, Ed Miller and Team #26 will “walk their night away” April 19th at Melbourne High School Stadium.

I heard a rumor that a “tip or two” may be on the agenda at CBHS at 11:30, April 5th. Hope to see you round the track.

Tom and Eivor Brown

PS Get hold of Ed Miller or Ailene Picheko to schedule your track time. The opening ceremonies honor cancer victims and survivors, then we walk candlelit track until closing the next morning.

Travel Tips

Gene Cattee, a dear friend of mine from my first life as a Harbor City Squares dancer sent me these travel tips. Consider them for your use:

1. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine, do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all account numbers and phone numbers to notify.

2. Keep the photocopy in a safe place. If you have a scanner on your computer you can scan them and store on a FLOPPY, not just on your hard drive. (A corporate attorney sent this out to the employees in his company: " We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed us in your name, address, SS#, credit, etc. Unfortunately I (the author of this piece who happens to be an attorney) have firsthand knowledge, because my wallet was stolen last month and within a week the thief (s) ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record information online, and more. But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know.

3. As everyone advises, cancel your credit cards immediately, but the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them easily.

4. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where it was stolen, this proves to credit providers you were diligent, and is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).

5. But here's what is perhaps most important: (I never ever thought to do this) Call the three national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and SS#. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the Internet in my name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit. By the time I was advised to do this, almost 2 weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away this weekend (someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them in their tracks.

The numbers are: 1) Equifax: 1-800-525-6285; 2) Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742; 3) Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289; and, 4) Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271

Pass this along — It could really help someone.

USDA Insurance

As of February 28, 2002, the following clubs have enrolled in the United Square Dancers of America (USDA)

Club Insurance Program:

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| Barn Dancers | Millennium Squares |
| Canaveral Squares | Orange Blossom Squares |
| Celebrity Squares | – Lady Lake |
| Dixie Squares | Orlando Singles |
| Flagler Ocean Waves | Palm Bay Promenaders |
| Friendly Squares | Pearly Shells |
| Garden Patch Squares | Pirates |
| Granada Squares | Royal Squares |
| Groveland-Clermont Squares | Space Trackers |
| Hoedowners | Spin Drifters |
| Holiday Squares | Starlight Promenaders |
| Kiss-A-Me Squares | Sunshine Promenaders |
| | Wagon Wheels |

Many clubs already received their Certificate of Insurance. During the enrollment period it usually takes 4 to 6 weeks to receive your Certificate. This year more clubs completed their enrollments in November and December. This was a tremendous help. We thank you very much for enrolling in such a timely manner.

As new or former dancers join your club, they will not be considered insured until you send in their name, address, phone number and the \$2.70 enrollment fee. Should they join after July 1, the fee is waived BUT you must send in their name, address and phone number.

Randy & Carol Poole
CFA Insurance Chairman

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LEGACY to conduct its Eleventh SUMMIT Meeting

Through the cooperation and generosity of the National Square Dance Convention the 2002 annual Summit Meeting will be held on Friday afternoon, June 28 from 1 to 3 PM in the Wabasha I and IV at the Radison in St. Paul, MN. The Summit is an on going project of LEGACY for representatives of all facets of the Square Dancing activity to help keep open the lines of communication and promote, protect and perpetuate the future of the activity through mutual understanding and cooperation throughout the world.

The annual "Summit" meetings, initiated in 1986, have gradually expanded in time and content in order that all national organizations, as well as the LEGACY affiliate organizations members, have the opportunity to interface with others, become better acquainted with each other's goals and opinions and strive to work more closely together and complement each other rather than work as fragmented entities.

Each representative from the participating organizations always has an opportunity to give a report on their current projects and future plans before the gathering settles down to discuss ways of continuing to communicate together and assisting each other for the betterment of the total Square Dance activity.

LEGACY is pleased to see that other organizations have realized the value of a Summit Meeting and have also conducted such gather-



NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CAMPERS ASSOCIATION

National Square Dance Campers Ass'n, Inc.
PO Box 224, Little Chute, WI 54140-0224

P.R. Committee
PO Box 37, Lower Waterford, VT 05848-0037

Ten camper dancers, having a wonderful time
 One listened to a rumor, and then there were nine
 Nine camper dancers made every chapter date.
 But one didn't like the caller, and then there were eight.
 Eight camper dancers, saying that "Dancing's Heaven".
 One had their feelings hurt, and then there were seven.
 Of seven camper dancers, one's rig took hard licks.
 They couldn't keep on camping and then there were six.
 Six camper dancers, all very much alive,
 One lost their partner, and then there were five.
 Five camper dancers went recruiting to find more,
 One said "I'm tired", and then there were four.
 Four camper dancers, dancing happily,
 One retired to Nevada, and then there were three.
 Three camper dancers, wondering what to do,
 One said, "I'm golfing now", and then there were two.

Two camper dancers still having fun,
 One was transferred, and then there was one.

One camper dancer determined to find someone new,
 Found one at the fairgrounds, and then there were two.

Two camper dancers resolved to go find more
 Found them at an RV show, and then there were four.

Four camper dancers driving in the gate
 Brought another square with them, & then there were eight.

Eight camper dancers working together so keen,
 Inspired others to join them, and then there were sixteen.

Sixteen camper dancers showed others what they could do
 for Fellowship, Fun plus Camping, and now there's thirty two.

So if a camper dancer has trouble finding squares,
 Think

Are you the trouble.....
 or the One Who Really Cares.

Editor's Note:

This item appeared on the NSDCA Time cover. We can't help but wonder how many clubs demise has been written by these several lines. Has you club been hurt? Also, we apologize for the hard reading—scanned poorly.



**INAUGURAL DANCE
NEW CLUB**



ORLANDO PATRIOTS

SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CLUB

Bahia Shrine Auditorium

2900 Pembroke Dr (off Maitland Blvd)

Sunday April 7 2002

7:00—9:30 P.M.

THIS FIRST DANCE NIGHT IS FREE

Help us get off to a good start



**Whit Brown Caller
Joanne Helton Cuer**

**Mainstream—Plus Level
A2 Star Tip at end
Phase 2—3—4 Rotates**

Recipes

Bean Salad

Velma Brown

2 can yellow beans
1 can Red Kidney beans
1 jar diced pimiento
3 stalk celery
3.4 C Sugar

2 can green beans
1 can chick Peas
3 sm onion
1 sm green pepper
1 C Vinegar

Drain juice into saucepan. Slice/dice dry veggies. Combine all veggies in large bowl. Add sugar and vinegar to veggie juice; boil for 5 min. Cool, then pour over veggies. Cover bowl. Refrigerate overnight.

Chocolate Cream Cheese Fudge

Dorothy Reiser

8 oz pkg cream cheese
5 1/3 melted squares baking choc.
Vanilla

5 1/3 C sifted powdered sugar
Salt
Nuts

Cram cheese; add sugar slowly; add chocolate, vanilla & salt; mix well. Press into greased pan. Top with nuts.

Jiffy Jello Cake

1 pkg cake mix.
3/4 C cooking oil

4 eggs
1 pkg lemon jello

Dissolve jello in 1 C hot water; add to above ingredients. Mix well. Bake 35—40 min @ 350.

If desired, after baking fork holes in to of cake and glaze with mix iof 1 C powdered sugar and juice from 1 lemon.

Pickled Green Peppers

Velma Brown

4 C Vinegar
2 1/2 C Sugar

2 C Water
2 T Pickling Spices

Clean and cut peppers. Pack in jars. Boil water vinegar sugar and spices; pour over peppers & seal jars.

An Ode for Mom

Duke and Doris McCleskey forwarded this poem. Mothers' Day is just around the corner. And we all know how important Mom is.

Before I was a Mom
I made and ate hot meals.
I had unstained clothing.
I had quiet conversations on the phone.

Before I was a Mom
I slept as late as I wanted
And never worried about how late I got into bed.
I brushed my hair and my teeth everyday.

Before I was a Mom
I cleaned my house each day.
I never tripped over toys or forgot words to lullabies.
Before I was a Mom
I didn't worry whether or not my plants were poisonous.
I never thought about immunizations.

Before I was a Mom
I had never been puked on
Pooped on
Spit on
Chewed on
Peed on
Or pinched by tiny fingers

Before I was a Mom
I had complete control of my mind
My thoughts
My body
And I slept all night and got plenty of rest.

Before I was a Mom
I never held down a screaming child
So that doctors could do tests or give shots.
I never looked into teary eyes and cried.
I never got gloriously happy over a simple grin.
I never sat up late hours at night watching a baby sleep.

Before I was a Mom

I never held a sleeping baby just because I didn't want to put her down.

I never felt my heart break into a million pieces

When I couldn't stop the hurt.

I never knew that something so small could affect my life so much.

I never knew that I could love someone so much.

I never knew what love at first sight really meant.

I never knew I would love being a Mom.

Before I was a Mom

I didn't know the feeling of having my heart outside my body.

I didn't know how special it could feel to feed a hungry baby.

I didn't know that bond between a mother and her child.

I didn't know that something so small could make me feel so important.

Before I was a Mom

I had never gotten up in the middle of the night.

Every 10 minutes to make sure all was okay

I had never known the warmth

The joy

The love

The heartache

The wonderment

I didn't know I was capable of feeling so much

Before I was a Mom.

Second Annual Shamrock Swing Now History

The Second Annual Shamrock Swing is now history. It was very well attended and the dancers had a good time dancing to the calls of Whit Brown and Tony Oxendine

and the cueing of Jimmy and Carol Griffin. We exceeded our attendance expectation with 45 plus squares. We were gratified to see so many dancers from other associations in the state attending our dance. It is so important that we support each other's special dances. This year the Shamrock Swing became an international event. A couple from Germany visiting the area saw our sign on Orange Blossom Trail and stopped in to ask if they could attend. Of course, we were delighted to have them.



Saturday Night Fun

Early Rounds 7:30

Squares/Rounds 8:00-10:00

Club Caller: Whit Brown, 1st & 3rd

Guest Callers 2nd & 4th

Cuers: Phyllis Williams, 1st; Bev Landwehr 2nd, Vera Smith 3rd & 4th

COMING ATTRACTIONS FOR YOUR DANCING PLEASURE

4/13 Red Bates

5/11 Swindle

6/8 Jerry Reed

4/27 John Barrett

5/25 Convention

6/22 SusanElaine Packer

6/29 CFA Dance

FOR INFO CALL J. Frye 321.268.4450

Our dance facility this year was at the St. John Vianney Church on South Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando and proved to be well received. We had plenty of room for both advance and plus dances with workshops for rounds and advance dancers on Saturday afternoon. Next year's Shamrock Swing is planned for the same place.

We added a vendor this year: Jan's Southwestern Skirts. Her clothing for ladies is long skirts and tops and decorated t-shirts and was popular with the dancers. Jan herself makes all her skirts and tops and a friend who works along with her decorates the t-shirts. SusanElaine Packer was there making Shamrock Swing badges and dangles for us. Did you get one? If not, be sure and order one the next time you see her. And don't forget the year dangle. Dance For Less, one of our most popular vendors, returned again this year with their extensive line of square dance apparel. The Barlowes, owners of Dance for Less, are dedicated and eager to help square dancers look good.

We had an informative and entertaining seminar session with Tony Oxendine Saturday morning. Tony started off by giving background on himself and when he began square dancing at the age of 17. Since there were not enough girls in the class, Tony learned to square dance doing the girls part. Those of us in the audience agreed that statement explains a lot and now we know. Tony told us some of the square dance trends he is seeing in his travels about the world and how square dance

differs in foreign countries. Tony stated that he is seeing an influx of prairie skirts and western jeans into this part of the U.S. Trends that started in California and Texas are making their way here. As I said, he was most informative and entertaining. If you missed it you missed a good one. Will Barnhart had coffee and donuts ready for us prior to the seminar. Again this year he brought in Krispy Kreme donuts which even the most weight conscious of us could not refuse. Will, you are a rascal.

Speaking of good ones, did you catch Colleen Morgan and her players in their skit Friday night? They were a wild bunch., and where did they get those clothes? Lots of fun. Give Colleen a big thanks when you see her.

The Couple of the Year Award was given to Bill and Joanne Boyd for their dedication to square dancing. Evidence of the crowd's approval of our selection was their extensive applause during the announcement.

Bill's monthly editorials in the Bow and Swing Magazine are food for thought for each of us interested in seeing square dancing survive. Look for an article about their award elsewhere in this publication.

Bruce and Colleen Morgan, Chairman of the 2004 State Convention, were in charge of food service during the dance as a fund raiser.. The facility has a food bar with water and refrigerator which made a perfect setting for them. Hot dogs, nachos, cookies, coffee and soft drinks were available. We also had the Silent Auction which always had people crowded around examining the "treasures".

Our Third Annual Shamrock Swing is scheduled for March 14-15, 2003 with Tim Marriner, Whit Brown and the Griffins on the microphones. Randy and Carol Poole will organize the event. Don't forget, give them a hand—one more helps.. Watch for flyers at your clubs with more details.

Our heartfelt thanks our workers for their tireless efforts and especially to you, the dancers of the Central Association who made this dance a success.

George & Shirley Knapp

**THIS COULD BE YOUR BUSINESS
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Club News

Orlando Singles

Happy Springtime from the Orlando Singles Square and Round Dance Club. We

presented Phyllis Williams our Cutie Cuer with her very own dangle Friday, Feb 22. You can purchase them when you come dance with us.

Our class members are doing so good, they have started dancing the first tip with us. Our new Banner Chair are Tony and Chris Brownell. They led their first raid on Feb 17th with 28 raiders to the Hoedowners. Thank you Tony and Corrine for taking over when Rex had to step down. We do so appreciate all Rex did for the club.

We had wonderful turnouts at all the dances this past winter; we even ha an "Elvis" appearance. There is a great Spring line up of dances coming. Please join us in a square.

Keep on dancin'

Sue

Casselberry Hoedowners

The following officers were installed by

Norma Newton in January, 2002: Eleanore Weston - Vice President; Eileen Charest - Treasurer; Edith Lindsay - Secretary. Claire Herr is our Sunshine Lady and Wes Miller and Eileen Viera are the greeters. Various members help in the kitchen, but Mary Ocheltree always lends a helping hand. Peggy Hogarth chaired our January recycle sale. These supportive and active members are very much appreciated. Hoedowners has a reputation for having very helpful "angels" and the new dancers often express their appreciation to me for the help they receive.

Jan Gates, a charter member, died on January 12th and we extend

our condolences to her family and friends. Our newest club members are Frank and Anne Barbieri - please make them feel welcome.

Highlights so far this year includes raids, class level dances, a recycle sale, a Valentine Dance and a Pie Dance. Our regular caller, Gene McCullough, invited Jim Louder and Darrell Figg to guest call for us and Rick Yates often calls a tip or two. Marty is always busy at the desk and in the squares - smiling and helping - she is a very special lady!

We are looking forward to Central Florida Association's Shamrock Swing and hope to see you there. Come to dance with us at the Casselberry Senior Center on Sunday afternoons. Class starts at 1:30 PM and the club dances at 3:00 PM. Our new dancers graduate March 17th. Join us for the upcoming "plus" workshops. Visitors are always welcome!

Norma Newton

A New Club In Town

Orlando Patriots

Orlando's got a new club in town! Come to our first dance April 7th at the Bahia Shrine Auditorium on Pembroke Drive (off 434 or off

Maitland Blvd., west of I-4). Whit Brown is the caller, and Joanne Helton shares the cueing with Phyllis Williams. We will dance the first and third Sundays from 7:00 - 9:30 PM. Bring your friends.

See you soon

Van & Dee VanHeusen
deevanh@earthlink.net



The New Year started off with a great dance featuring **Whit Brown** and **Joe Fioretti**. **Phyllis Williams** cued the rounds. The hall was packed and everyone had a fun time.

In February we hosted a Knothead ceremony.

This was our second in recent months, so the committee is getting to be expert at this. They have the wooden mallet, blindfolds, and all the other accessories in hand. Our facilities chair-

man always stands by with a mop and pail. (These ceremonies can be messy.) The initiates arrive; they're shown to a back room. We hear a few screams and some other weird sounds. No one admits to what goes on in there. Then, as the new initiates are escorted into the hall, everyone looks on as they are humiliated further. Everyone survives (almost) and all the initiates receive their certificates and are welcomed to the ranks of the elite group called Knotheads.

Many of our dances are planned around food. There was: Soup Night during the cold weather; Cookies for Valentines Day, and some kind of green stuff for St. Patrick's Day. We cannot dance without sustenance. And we love any reason to dress up. Alien night, Pajama night, and April there will be Flower night; all ready for the spring.

Many banners hang on our board from neighboring clubs. If we are not raiding, clubs are raiding us. What a great way to keep in touch with friends and help other clubs by attending their dances.

Vera Smith has her round dance classes on Wednesday and Thursday nights. There is a full circle of dancers but always room for more. Call her for any information.

Our new dancers are doing great. They dance with the club on the third Saturday of each month and a few are planning on going to the State Convention. Wait until they see the fun we have there.

We miss **Asa Clifton Clark**. He was in a vehicle accident in February. He is still in the hospital and recovering slowly. Asa is one of our charter members and was voted Dancer of the Year last year. Every day he is improving and we pray that he will be dancing again. To all our other members who are ill or recuperating, we hope you are on the mend and will return soon.

Whit Brown is our caller on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. Our guests for April, May and June are: **Red Bates, John Barrett, John Swindle, Jerry Reed** and **Susanelaine Packer**. What a great lineup!

Phyllis Williams cues for us the 1st Saturday of each month. **Bev Landwehr** cues the 2nd Saturday, and **Vera Smith** cues the 3rd and 4th Saturdays.

Ailene Picheco

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Here we are, a quarter of the way through the new year and like everyone else, we're wondering how time can pass by so fast. Although 2001 will always be a year to remember, the club will always remember it as a busy one for our members! We took part in many club and community activities last year and had a great time doing it!

December was no exception, we started the month taking part in the DeBary Christmas parade early in the month. Twenty-five members took part and we were well received by the larger than ever crowd watching along the way. Our special thanks to the two squares who paraded on foot and square danced a number of times along the way in the not-to-much-like Christmas weather! Raiding the Whirl and Twirls in Orlando and the Dixie Squares in Daytona, plus playing hosts to the Garden Patch gang kept us on our toes a few more evenings!

At the first dance of the month, the new officers for 2002, Tom and Mary Meyer, president; Bud and Pat Pearl, vice president; Richard and Jeanne Lysobey, secretary; Mel and Phyllis Lungren, treasurer; and Andy and Kathy Belew, Jerry and MaryJo Dunagan, Jack and Orliea Gay and Charlie and MaryLou Waid, board members. Carol Poole, past president performed the installation and, as usual, did a wonderful job!

January, Promenaders travelled to Daytona Beach to steal the Dixie Square's banner and at the last dance of the month, they retrieved it. Bud and Pat Pearl, our new raid chairman, scheduled a busy February, with raids to the Honey Bees and Garden Patch Squares. We hosted the Honey Bees and Flagler Ocean Waves during the month. The three raids, on consecutive weeks, saw us fill the floor with 7-8 squares each week!

Our special dance of the month was the Valentine Dance on February 13. The same evening we held our annual Recycle Sale with Mel and Phyllis Lungren and Richard and Joyce Billings in charge. Tom and Mary Meyer had a garage sale to benefit the club. Despite heavy rains, the sale was a financial success! Our thanks to these couples and their helpers for all their special efforts

Bill and Claire Poole celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on January 10. As most of you know, Bill and Claire were selected CFA Couple of the Year in 2001. Over the years they

have served as CFA Vice President; served on many committees, took part in three state conventions and the national convention in 1997. They have also served as president and vice president, board members and on almost all the committees for the Promenaders. Congratulations to a great pair!

Our special dance for March will be the annual St. Patrick's Day Dance and a silent auction is scheduled for March 27

The gang in DeBary hope you Easter holiday was a happy one and we hope to see y'all at the Convention!

George and Joan



Whirl and Twirl had a great Casino Night in February. Lots' a people came and lots' a people had fun. We have many requests for more Bingo Nights and Casino Nights. Watch our web site

for information on these and other events including dance dates and times. (www.geocities.com/whirlandtwirl/)

We will have our annual Luau Night on May 2nd at 6:30 followed by election of officers and a Mainstream/Plus dance. We will install our 40th Anniversary slate of officers on Friday the 7th followed by an Ice Cream Social and a Mainstream/Plus dance.

We graduated five couples and four singles into Tenderfoot status in February and initiated all of them into the club on March 6th. They are Jim and Nancy Ocque, Gary and Becky Prior, Bob and Ginny Osborne, Brad and Diane Harris, James and Lili-ann Gallagher, Myron White and June Bigham, and Denny Oliver and Dee Campbell. Our Square Angels were Duke and Pat Tolbert, Bud and Ruth Gates, Bob and Barbara Gaul, Bill and Lucille Norris, Pat and Marilyn Zirbel and Nancy Stark.

Those achieving Super Angel status were Dave and Jan Tucker, Duane and Ann Young, and John and Terry Bushey. Dick Vinal, Gib Denny and Joyce Guyett. Whirl and Twirl is conducting both Sugarfoot and Plus classes at this time. **Caller Danny Robinson is our teacher and our students graduate as accomplished dancers.** If you have friends interested in lessons, have them check our web site for the dates of future classes.

David Tropf

Barefoot Bay Spinners

The Barefoot Bay Spinners are enjoying a very good year of dancing and fellowship. The new class of 26 people is moving right along and

hoping to learn everything by April graduation. Many Angels are in attendance.

The Spinners are a MAINSTREAM club and invite everyone to join us. We dance every Thursday afternoon from 12:45 to 2:45 at the Community Center of the Bay, referred to as building A. As you enter Barefoot Bay Blvd. from Route 1, cross the railroad tracks, pass the firehouse and churches and a few homes. The Community Center is the big building on your left, set back from the road, with a large parking lot. Do come and join us!

We are anxious to go on banner raids so if you'd like company please invite us. Our contract persons for raids are Margie & Harold Brooks....Email: hlmcbrooks@vebtv.net or phone (561)664-8372.

Our caller is Dale McClary but on the last Thursday of the month John Swindle does the honors. Our newly elected co-presidents are Bobbi & Hank Bollinger.

We've recently purchased a sound system so we can hear the calls when we do demos. We've done several this year and find them most rewarding. That old equipment needed to be retired and Harold Brooks and Ray Kornbrath were the very efficient shoppers for this wonderful new addition to our quality club.

Sally W. DiGgiacomo

Barefoot Bay Twirlers

The Barefoot Bay Twirlers are a PLUS CLUB with Dale McClary the caller. Vera Smith cues the rounds. We dance Monday evenings beginning with early rounds

at 7:30 and Squares 8 to 10 PM.

Presidents are Fred & Joan Clement. Their banner raid chairperson is Pat Priore. Dances are held in the same Community Center as the Spinners

Come and enjoy a fun evening!!

Good News

Jim McConnaha passed this "When we got home Dale McClary left a message Zonie Taylor had a light stroke. She's home; doing great—waiting for carotid surgery.

Pirates

We started a beginners class on Tuesdays with our new caller, John Swindle. Our hope is to include the new dancers in our Club and keep

the Club going strong.

New officers were installed in January – they are: Captain, Sue Wright; Purser is Robbin Pine; Assistant Purser, Betty Plank; Yoeman is Marjorie Kimble; Morale Officer, Tommie Lawson; Galley Chief, Virginia Arent; Navigator, Ray & Linda Stites; Assistant Navigator, Dawn Treza.

The Club celebrated their 17th Anniversary on January 12th and we all agreed that the ship would not sink. Our Valentine Dance on February 9th also included a special welcome to our new caller, John Swindle and his wife Gail. Joanne Helton cued this dance for us.

There have been several guest callers since the new year. We look forward to a great year.

Dave & Bonnie McGibbon
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Garden Patch Squares

Larry Patton our caller and cuer started the New Year off with a bang. Many raids and retrievals during January and February and

more planned for March. Our new officers are doing a fine job. New Sheriff for the Club is Rex Beckler – look out if you don't have your badge on.

Two clubs raided us January 19th with a total of 58 people on the floor. The hall was crowded but a fun time was had by all. The Orlando Singles came to retrieve on January 24th with their up-beat marching music that makes you want to march with them. On January 31st we held pie night and there was every kind you could think of and enjoyed by everyone.

Our class members are doing real well - with angels they make up 2 or 3 squares. One of our new dancers is the grandson of one of our members – Billy is 12 years old and doing great. We all enjoy dancing with him.

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Groveland/Clermont Squares.

This will be our last news brief until fall. April is our last month to dance as a club and we will resume in October.

On the first Tuesday in May, our caller, Whit Brown, will begin his FunShop at our regular scheduled time. The FunShop continues through the month of September and is held at Clerbrook RV Resort where we normally dance. His FunShop is always a lot of fun and if you're wanting to work on your plus calls, come and visit us on those nights. We wear casual clothes for the FunShop. Clerbrook is located on Route 27, approximately 7.4 miles north of Highway 50.

In April, Clyde Stocker will be our guest caller on the 16th. On April 23, Whit will be calling alternate mainstream/plus tips for those of you who prefer to dance mainstream. On April 30, our last dance until fall, we'll have "ice cream night" so bring your sweet tooth and come join us. See you in our square.

Bob and Bobbe Hutchins



Hope you can come dance with us. We dance on the first three Saturday nights of each month. A very special dance will take place on April 20th when we will celebrate our 46th anniversary as a club. The Allemanders are the oldest square dance club in Brevard

County. We owe our existence to strong leaders, and all former and present club presidents will be honored at the Anniversary Dance.

Another very special event will be the annual beach picnic. Then Nubar and Ruth Najarian fry up the fish Nubar has been catching and saving in his freezer until this special day. The fish and hush puppies will be delicious and the club members will also enjoy all the covered dishes and desserts, the games, and the square dancing in the pavilion.

The summer term officers will soon be elected. Thanks to those officers who have worked so hard during the winter term, and thanks to those now ready to "take the helm."

What is more fun than square dancing? It offers good times, exercise, and super-friendly folks. It seems to me that it is the best thing going!

Dick and Donna Noeske

Brevard County Presidents Council

We enjoyed tremendous weather, warmish near 80 with a good cool breeze, for our recent 5th Annual All County

Picnic. All the clubs in Brevard county supply their President as a delegate. Primary goal is to advance square and round dancing interests in the county. Asa Clifton Clark was instrumental in establishing council and the picnic. An he was unable to attend this year.

The picnic drew almost two hundred dancers who enjoyed the music; squares, rounds; and skits at the Wickham Park Pvilion adjacent to the Melbourne Brevard Community College Campus. Each member club undertook tasks to assure the success: Allemanders—50/50 and Silent Auction; Barn Dancers—Entertainment; Canaveral Squares—Clean up; Promenaders—Setup; Silver Squares—Cooking; Space Trackers—Welcome Committee/Sales; Spinners—Beverages; and, Twirlers—Beverages.

Thanks for donating your precious time Dale, John, Skip, Vera, Vince, Bev, Jerry, and Otis. Thanks to all who attended.

Tom & Eivor Brown



CFA 5th Saturday Dance

June 29, 2002

**Masonic Lodge
200 Richey Road
Leesburg, FL**

**Squares: Paul Place
Rounds: Joanne Helton**

Early Rounds 7:30, MS/Plus / Rounds
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