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## Rounding in a new Century.

Stanley and Marguerite Crowhurst danced the evening away as the Palm Bay Promenaders celebrated his 100th Birthday and the clubs' twentieth. *See Story Page 31.*

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## From the President's Desk

Spring is in the air;  
soon the snowbirds

will head back North. We have enjoyed their visits to our clubs and special dances. We look forward to their return this fall. Many of our clubs dance all summer.

The month of May looms large on our schedule. The premier event of the year, the State Convention is held Memorial Day weekend May 23,24 & 25 at the Lakeland Convention Center. We very much hope you plan to attend. Attend the full convention weekend to experience the exuberance and comraderie. Sunday we purchase next years tickets and start anticipating the coming convention. Friends are made; convention may be the only place you meet them. The entertainment, the fashion show, the next year kick off, the after party's, all the callers and cuers give their time and effort make the convention memorable. Every convention we've attended has made us proud to be square dancers. See you there.

May 31 is the CFA's next 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dance at the La Hacienda Center in the Villages of Lady Lake. Hosts are the Orange Blossom Squares. Ken Perez will call and Jeannette Chauvin will cue. As you know, CFA is not a club. We exist to promote square dancing and to provide support for the Florida Federation of Square Dancers and the United Square Dancers of America. We host the State Convention once every five years. The 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday dances are your opportunity to attend an area wide dance and to support for the CFA. We look forward to a great time.

Many attended the Wagon Wheels open house dance February 28 at the beautiful new Saint Cloud Senior Center. The welcome mat was out. All had a wonderful time. Dale McClary and Irene Knapp called and cued a great dance. May the Wagon Wheels enjoy many years of dancing in this terrific facility.

At the time of this writing the Shamrock Swing has not taken place. I am confident however that it will be a big success.

See you in a square

Dan & Anna Foust



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**SQUARE DANCING**



**CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE &  
ROUND DANCERS ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Whirl & Twirl Center, Orlando**  
**February 9, 2002**  
**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Presidents Dan and Anna Foust called the meeting to order at 12:40 PM. Mary Stewart gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Dan Foust welcomed members and guests. Guests attending were: **Terri Little**, Secretary of the Space Trackers, Rockledge; **John & Marilyn Dyess**, Treasurers of the Sunshine Promenaders, Leesburg.

**ROLL CALL** by Secretary, **Ailene Picheco**. Quorum present.

**MINUTES:** **Jan McConnaha** moved to dispense with reading November 3, 2002 minutes – **Dick Crittenden** second. Motion passed.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Treasurer's report distributed by **Dewey & Donna Hendricks**. **George Knapp** moved to file the treasurer's report for audit – second by **Jim McConnaha**. Motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** A letter from **Ken & Sue Brown**, regarding the FFSD Dress was read by **Anna Foust**. Directions and instructions for ordering are available from representatives of each Association of the Federation. CFA contacts: **Jack & Zonie Taylor**.

**AREA REPORTS** (full reports on file – highlights follow)

**Area Vice President** – **Position Vacant**. No report.

**North Brevard; Woody & Mary Lou Coyle:**

*Allemanders* have good dance attendance. They dance the first three Saturdays of the month in Satellite Beach, and have a nice size class. **John Saunders** calls and **Vince Furtado** cues.

*Canaveral Squares* have a Sweetheart Dance on February 14, 2003 in Rockledge. **Skip Cleland** calls. (CFA Secretary note: Canaveral Squares do not have rounds unless a guest cuer attends the dance and guest cues a treat.) Club membership is down but plans are in the works to help it grow.

*Palm Bay Promenaders* is a very energetic club. On January 30, 2003, they had a 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dance for their club, plus a 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party for **Stan Crowhurst**. He has been dancing for the last fifteen! He still square and round dances! Approximately 25 squares came to celebrate both galas. Several callers also attended. They dance at Trailer Haven in Melbourne. **Dale McClary** calls and **Bev Landwehr** cues.

*Silver Squares* have very enthusiastic raiders! They dance from November to March. **Jerry Reed** and **John Swindle** call on alternate Tuesdays and **Vince Furtado** cues.

*Space Trackers* in Rockledge have an election of board members coming up in March. They dance on Saturday night and have a good class on Mondays. Their Fall Fling comes up on October 18, 2003 and at Travis Recreation Center in Cocoa. **Tim Marriner** is scheduled and with **Jimmy** and **Carol Griffin** for the Rounds. Look for flyers around and you all come! We met some people at the Space Trackers Saturday night and they said they were members of the

*Dixie Diamonds*. They said 5 squares dance to **Jerry Reed** at the Eau Gallie Civic Center on Wednesday; 7:30 – 9:30. (CFA Secretary note: The *Dixie Diamonds* formerly danced Friday nights at The Barn; they moved when The Barn closed. They dance A1-A2. **Doug Harris** from Port St Lucie subs when **Jerry** travels, and **Marg Harris** sometimes cues rounds between tips. Dress - casual or square dance attire.)

*Vera's Rounders* have a new Phase II class Wednesday night at McLarty Park; Thursday nights for Phase III/IV. **Dick and Vera Smith** are the teachers/cuers and are active in Demos.

*Run A Rounds* is taught by **Bev Landwehr** on Wednesday evenings at the Crane Community Center, 1440 Mosswood Drive, in Melbourne. Beginners lessons at 6:00, Phase 2 at 7:15 and Phase 3 & 4 at 8:30. The levels and songs vary depending on the ability of the dancers.

**South Brevard & Indian River – John & Terry Kavorkian :**

*Orange Blossom Squares* We regret reporting that after many years of great dancing in Vero Beach, the Orange Blossom Squares closed down in January. South Brevard has lost another club to the recent decline of new dancers entering this activity.

(Late news in: **Gib Mattson** has started a mainstream class at the Community Center in Vero Beach. We tried to confirm this but couldn't reach the caller. Hopefully we'll have more on this at the next meeting.)

*Barefoot Bay Spinners* are doing great due to their last year's class and they've another good class in session now. Some grads are interested in the plus program and are trying to get lessons started. For a fun afternoon of dancing, join the *Spinners* any Thursday afternoon at 12:45 in the community building.

*Barefoot Bay Twirlers* are alive and well on Monday nights; but like so many other area clubs, they could use more dancers. With the prospect of a plus class in the near future, they hope attendance will pick up. Members have been raiding other clubs in the area; helping attendance when they retrieve.

*DJ Squares* in Melbourne never really got off the ground after moving to Arrowwood Park. **Jerry Reed** tried to keep things going but as of now they are not dancing. Hopefully things will turn around in the future.

*Heron Cay* enjoys **Gib Mattson** calling in Vero Beach. They dance mainstream with a few plus calls. Members dance at their own club and don't raid. They welcome other dancers to dance with them on Monday nights.

*The Barn Dancer* continue in spite of The Barn closing, **Otis Lutz** has converted his garage for dancing and the Barn Dancers dance the first three Tuesdays of the month. The fourth week, the dancers visit other area clubs. Space is limited, they can't accommodate any raids, but welcome visitors for a fun filled evening of dancing.

*South Lake & West Orange – Dick & Pat Crittenden:*

**Ron Libby** has curtailed his calling activities while his wife recuperates from surgery. She is now at home. Our prayers and sympathies go to them in their time of need.

*Garden Patch Squares* representative **Bonnie McGibbon** cited the wedding of caller **Larry Patten** to **Marie Carpenter** on February 8...congratulations and best wishes Larry and Marie! A dozen folks will graduate at a Thursday dance in May, including 6 teenagers! Great work folks! Newly elected

presidents are **Richard Roney** and **Barbara McBride**, (407) 889-8558 and Banner Chairs **Bill & Royanne Martin**, (407) 282-8341.

*Royal Squares'* caller, **Paul Place**, will graduate a new class in April. They dance on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays. **Joanne Helton** cues. Their new officers include Presidents **Dick & Dorothy Jarvis** (352) 365-9024, and Banner Chair **John & Ruth Back**, (352) 315-0362.

*Clermont Squares* (formerly Groveland/Clermont Squares) recently elected Presidents **Dick and Pat Crittenden** (352) 242-0777, and Banner Chairs **Bill and Audrey Wendt**, (352) 728-5467. A "Beginners Bash" will be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, just in time for all the graduates from **Paul Place's and Larry Patten's** classes to attend.

*Apopka Pirates* Presidents, **Arnie & Marie Rabenberg**, (407) 296-9947, advise us their Tuesday class, taught by **John Swindle** and **Jim Louder**, will graduate February 22<sup>nd</sup>. A new class starts with an Open House on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Pirates Banner Chair is **Leon Lefler**, (352) 383-1231. They dance on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays, early rounds by **Joanne Helton** at 7:30, alternating plus w/rounds from 8:00 – 10:00.

### **North Lake & Sumter – Bill & Sandy Yakel**

*Dancing Shadows* attendance has been fairly good, averaging seven to eight squares. The bad news is that the club retires at the end of this season, which ends in April.

*Sunshine Promenaders* are having a great year for attendance. The New Years Eve dance was great with **Ron Libby** and **Paul Place** calling and **Joanne Helton** cueing, twenty-five plus squares. The club started a beginners' class mid-January and has about thirty new students.

*Orange Blossom Squares, The Villages*, has been well attended with fifteen to twenty squares every Sunday night. Their annual picnic was very well attended and everybody had a good time with plenty to eat. The Sweetheart Dance, **Tony Oxendine** calling, on the first Sunday of February, was a success with approximately thirty-four squares in attendance.

Holiday Squares attendance was down early in the season, but started to pick up after the first of the year. They average six to

eight squares per evening.

**Marion – Bill Pulver & Marilyn Armstrong**

*Celebrity Squares* in Anthony will sponsor a benefit dance for Exceptional Student Education Classes, Bradford County High School on February 22, 2003.

*Friendly Squares* attribute round dancers for their improved attendance. Banner raids and retrievals have been exceptionally frequent and beneficial.

*Dancing Shadows* is reported to be closing its doors after April 22 this year. A sad note in Belleview,

**East Orange & Seminole – Bing & Marsha Bingham**

*Orlando Patriots* dance the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday each month at Lake Island Center in Winter Park at a mainstream level with some announced Plus tips. They have no classes scheduled and welcome and appreciate any support from dancers. They elect new officers in March.

*Hoedowners* have 4-5 squares. They dance Sunday, lessons at 1:30; then Mainstream and then Plus. There is something for everyone. They elected new officers in December.

*Millennium Squares* started dancing again at the Sanford Garden Center. **Susanelaine Packer** is the caller. **Ron & Ann Roan**, the officers of the club, are trying to get the club going again. They dance A1-A2 lessons. Learners are welcome.

*Whirl & Twirl* crowned a Chili Queen Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. The Federation Working Weekend and President's Ball is being held at Whirl & Twirl the end of this month. Cherry pie dances are planned at the Wednesday night Mainstream and Friday night Plus dances. A class of mainstream dancers will graduate this month and a new class will start on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Osceola – Mike Mikeal:**

*Buckles and Bows*, a caller club, with **Don & Jean Gaskins** dances Tuesdays, workshop at 7:00 p.m. and the mainstream/plus dance at 8:00 p.m. **Pete & Jan Shankle** cue.

*Motivators* dance in the Senior Center Annex (small building) at the old Senior Center at 8<sup>th</sup> and Indiana Street in St Cloud on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. They dance APD, A1 and A2 with C1 tips after that until 4:30 p.m. They rely on guest callers during the year.

*Wagon Wheel Rounders* meet in the Senior Center Annex at the old Senior Center at 8<sup>th</sup> and Indiana Street in St Cloud each Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. **Jan & Pete Shankle** teach easy Phase 2 rounds then allow extra floor time until 9:00 p.m.

*Wagon Wheels* moved to their new facility February 1<sup>st</sup>. The new hall is at the new Senior Center, 3101 17<sup>th</sup> Street, St Cloud. This brand new bigger hall has a great wood floor. Their grand opening dance, Westward-Ho, is scheduled Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. with rounds by **Jan and Pete Shankle**, regular square dancing will start at 8:00 p.m. Everyone invited. Several St Cloud dignitaries may be there and a good crowd shows just how much this new hall means to Square Dancing. The Wagon Wheels also has a Wednesday night mainstream dance/class with workshop tips. Line dancing between the tips with teaches are a feature; it starts at 8:00 p.m. A few Plus tips close out the evening.

*4 Corner Squares* is a caller run club with Mike Gormley as caller and cuer. They meet Thursday evenings with mainstream class/workshop from 6:30 till 8:00 p.m. The dance is from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. Dress is always casual.

### *East Volusia – Kenly & Alice Spilman*

*Dixie Squares* had a great New Years Eve Party with **John Barrett & John Saunders**. **Irene Knapp** was on Rounds. All area clubs are busy with new classes and are getting ready for Valentines Day. All East Volusia clubs and the *Honey Bees* participated in the Senior Expo at the Ocean Center, Daytona Beach, on Jan 28-29. We all felt we made a lot of contacts and it should be beneficial in the future.

### *West Volusia – Gale & Laura Boak*

*Honeybees* have a new caller. **John Saunders** is helping **R.J. Hogan** call. This past November they held a silent auction and had many tables filled with very good saleable items. In December, at the Christmas Dinner Dance, club members brought food and gifts for the Neighborhood House. The Tacky Dance was held in January. The dancers came resplendent in the most outrageous costumes ever to be seen on a square dance floor and received equally tacky gifts for prizes. A Valentine Dance is planned for February and March brings a St Patrick's Day Dance

and a Crazy Hat dance.

*Starlight Promenaders* had a special dance in November – G.I. and Apple Pie. The Granada Squares and Millennium Squares helped us celebrate this dance. The Annual Meeting, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, included the election of officers. December 18<sup>th</sup> was the Christmas Dinner Dance. Our dancers supported to Toys for Tots program; the toys were accepted by **Andy Wilbert** of Volusia County Marine Corps Reserves and Marine Corporals **Ray Johnson and Edwin Ortiz**. In January, **Carole and Randy Poole** installed the “2003 Officers and Board”: Presidents – **Richard & Jeanne Lysobey**; Vice Presidents and Banner Raid Chairmen – **Jack and Orliea Gay**; Treasurers – **Bill and Clair Poole**; Secretaries – **George and Joan Knopf**. At the Winter Wonderland Dance on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, decorations greeted the dancers with snowmen, snow flakes, winter trees and even flamingos dressed in winter garb. **John Barrett and Daphne Martin** brought out their winter music. Planned in February is a Valentines Day Dance and a recycle sale. March is our St Patrick Day Dance.

*Club Representatives* – Dan Foust stated that a CFA representative from each club is needed. They will report to each Area Director. Then it will be easier to get club information. Dan asked the Area Directors turn in all club information on the CFA form found on the CFA Website which is [www.geocities.com/cenfdancer/squares.html](http://www.geocities.com/cenfdancer/squares.html). **Bruce Morgan** maintains this site and can make changes for clubs to keep the listings current. He asks you to consolidate your changes to keep costs, \$25.00 each change, in control. Please list all changes at one time.

**MEMBERSHIP: Don & Sharon Smith** There are currently 253 active members (47 new and 206 renewals). Last year there were 377 active members (of which 81 were new). We have 67% of what we had last year. A drop in our membership this year hurts us financially, but more importantly it reduces the talent pool from which we draw to plan and execute our activities. Area directors and their club representatives are the front line of our campaign for maintaining the viability of CFA and general square dancing by maximizing our membership.

**BLOOD BANK: Jim & Jan McConnaha** A major benefit of CFA membership is access to the Central Florida Blood Bank. The facility collects blood from donors and then as members have a need for blood makes it available at no charge. Keep in mind, you don't have to be a member of CFA to donate to account 54. Non-dancing family members and friends can give to this account if they don't have an account they give to ordinarily. However, you must be a CFA member or member's family to withdraw from the account. As of January 31, 2003, we had available 564 units. Any member who donates a pint of blood to our account, # 54, receives free admission to one CFA dance. We have some very prolific donors to our square dancer account. One member has over 50 gallons. If you have any questions or need to make a withdrawal, contact the CFA Blood Bank Vice President, **Jim & Jan McConnaha** at Phone: (321) 452-2679 or E-mail: jimjan@juno.com.

**INSURANCE: Randy & Carol Poole** The November 3, 2002 beginning balance was \$ 677.86. Income received \$ 4181.86. Expenses were \$3279.76. New balance on February 9, 2003 of \$ 902.10. There are 16 Clubs insured; 1103 members enrolled. No claims have been filed this year. Please encourage your club to renew as soon as possible. As of February 9, 2003 these clubs were insured: *Celebrity Squares, Clermont Squares, Dixie Squares, Flagler Ocean Waves, Friendly Squares, Garden Patch Squares, Granada Squares, Hoedowners, Holiday Squares, Orange Blossom Squares, Orlando Patriots, Palm Bay Promenaders, Royal Squares, Space Trackers, Starlight Promenaders, and Sunshine Promenaders.*

**KEEPIN" POSTED: Tom & Eivor Brown** Circulation remains at 400. There were 56-60 pages. No club ads were submitted. Not many vendor ads either. Vendors feel their sales are down and do not want to spend money at this time. There were no recipes. Ads range from business card size to full page. There is a premium rate for inside cover(s).

**50<sup>th</sup> FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION: Bruce & Colleen Morgan** Committee members badges and ribbons have been received. Ribbons will be numbered shortly. The kick-off committee met January 20<sup>th</sup> finalizing prop construction. A few items remain; but we'll be there by that fateful Sunday in May. You won't believe how nice the kick-off prop looks. **Randy & Carol Poole** made the cake, **George Knapp** made the large 50 that will go on top and **Larry Heffner** added lights and decorated the 50. Boy, it looks great. I want to thank each and every one for a job well done. Two practices are planned: the next one at The Shamrock Swing on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM in the main hall. Please, to be in the kick-off, you **MUST** be at this practice. The final practice, unless another is necessary, will be Sunday morning, May 25<sup>th</sup>, in Lakeland Center Arena during this year's Convention. This practice also is a **MUST ATTEND**. This is our final chance to get everything right. Please be **ON TIME**. We **start right at 7:00 AM.**; try to be a little early. We have only two hours before some have to attend other meetings. If you know anyone who wants a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dress kit, please let us know; some available still. Our next fundraiser is the concession stand and silent auction at the Third Annual Shamrock Swing, March 14 & 15, 2003 at St John Vianney Catholic Church on South Orange Blossom Trail in South Orlando. We need of items for the Silent Auction. If you have any items, you can bring them to the Whirl & Twirl Dance any night. We would like to have all the auction items before the dance so we can make signs for each item. Please get your donated items here as soon as you can. Two on-going fundraisers are the ticket sales for the Serger and 3-day stay at the Holiday Inn in Lakeland during the 2004 Convention. If you need tickets to sell, please let **Bruce or Colleen** know. Remember, if the 3 Night Stay winner doesn't want to stay in the Holiday Inn, we will give the cash and they can stay wherever they wish. **Mary Butlak** and **Donna Hendricks**, Fashion Show Co-Chairpersons, have been very busy. The Fashion Show will showcase all the convention outfits from as many previous state conventions as we can get. We plan on having a person from the area that sponsored the convention to model their outfit. We also will include

the two National Conventions held here in Florida as well. 2004 is actually our 52nd Conventions in Florida, but two of those years we did not have a State Convention because Florida we hosted the National Convention; 1997 was the most recent. Another topic which most of you have probably heard about is our History Room. **Jack & Zonie Taylor** are our History Room Chairman. We are trying to collect as much history about the State & National Conventions as possible to showcase it all in our History Room. When you return home today and over the next few months, please talk to all your dancers about what they have stashed away and forgotten about over the years. We would love to borrow whatever they have. We will make sure that they get it back. **Judy Frye** is heading up this part of the project. If you have anything to loan; contact Judy and she'll make arrangements to get it from you and then see that you get it back after the convention. A lot of our Florida dancers have never been to a State or National Convention and some have attended but a few; we believe they will be interested to see all this stuff from past years. Once on display, I think all will enjoy it.

**So let's all pitch in; get those items to Judy so all Florida dancers can enjoy them.** Colleen and I have started a donation can for Pensacola's Special Steppers to attend the 2004 State Convention. All money donated to this cause will be used for the Special Steppers. If we do not collect enough money to fund their convention trip, we'll return the money to the donating organizations, if identifiable. If we cannot identify where the money came from, it will be donated to the Special Steppers. None of the funds collected for this cause will be used for the 2004 State Convention. The callers voted to donate \$200 toward the Special Steppers' cause. The Florida Federation and the Northeast Association have also voted to donate and the other Associations have been asked to donate. We are also asking the dancers of Florida to reach deep into their own pockets and donate. Coffee cans are available for all clubs to put out for donations. When you forward your money to us, make sure that you mark it as being for the Special Steppers. If people want to donate by check, have them make the check out to 50FSDC and note that it is for the Special Steppers. The West Coast Associa-

tion will hold a Trail-End Dance on Thursday May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Strawberry Squares Hall. This is the Thursday night just prior to the start of the State Convention. The entrance fee is \$5.00 per person and all the proceeds will go to the Special Steppers fund. All Florida callers and cuers Florida have been invited to participate. If your favorite hasn't said anything about it, please ask him or her if they plan to participate. The more callers and cuers, the larger the crowd. I ask every square and round dancer in the Central Area to attend. Please take this information back to your clubs and make sure everyone knows about it. Take flyers and spread the word. I would also like to ask all the 50<sup>th</sup> Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention Committee personnel and the CFA Board attend this dance for this very worthwhile cause.

**Presentation - Carol Poole** read a letter she received from **Howard & Vivian Wilson**, Chairpersons, 1983 State Convention, who raised enough money to cover all expenses for the Special Steppers to attend the convention that year. They enclosed a \$100.00 donation to the Special Steppers' Fund, which Carole presented to Bruce Morgan.

**HISTORIAN: Judy Frye** reported. There are always meetings going on for the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> State Convention. If any of you take pictures, please submit them to me. I can't attend all meetings, but I do want to have as complete a history of this convention as possible. If you need my address or phone number just contact any Board Officer or simply check your roster. Negatives will always be returned; we have not had a past problem. Remember this is your convention too. I am making a plea to anyone who attended the CFA's December 28<sup>th</sup> dance at the Dixie Squares in Daytona Beach and might have taken pictures. May I have them? Somewhere along the line I have misplaced mine so do not have a pictorial account of this great dance. So far we have collected 27 different years of ribbons. Please check the list to see if you could possibly help out. Articles have been submitted to all five area magazine publications requesting help and I will continue to submit more articles from time to

time. Although we are still over a year away, constant reminders might just prove helpful.

### **FLORIDA FEDERATION George & Shirley Knapp**

The General Meeting, November 10<sup>th</sup> in Lakeland, FL., elected new officers. All officers moved up one chair; new parliamentarians are **Ken & Sue Brown** of West Coast. The Federation will appoint new delegates to USDA this year. We also need a State Insurance Chairman to replace **Duke & Doris McCleskey** who are resigning this year. If any of you are interested in one of these duties, please let us know. Legacy Organization has been disbanded, and a new group has formed consisting of leaders from Callerlab, Roundalab, and USDA. This group is called **Alliance** and they are working toward solving some of the square dance problems.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Federation Working Weekend Dance Saturday, February 22, 2003 – **George & Shirley Knapp** reported. The dance will be held at Whirl & Twirl Club Saturday evening, with **Ron Libby** calling and **Joanne Helton** Cueing. CFA is sponsoring this dance. **Because of Lorna Libby's** illness, **Paul Place** was asked to fill in; he reserved the date on his schedule.

5<sup>TH</sup> Saturday Dance – will be hosted by the Wagon Wheels on March 29, 2003 at the new St Cloud Senior Center, 3101 17<sup>th</sup> Street, St Cloud. **John Swindle**, caller / Bev **Landwehr**, cuer. The officials in St Cloud have built the new building for square dancing. Please support by attending the dance on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Shamrock Swing 2003 – **Randy & Carol Poole** Five weeks from today The Shamrock Swing will be history. We hope a success. Three new committee members. **Jim & Jan McConaha** are the Hospitality Chairman and **Bruce Morgan** has joined the Program Book Committee. We set up a displays at the Northeast and the West Coast Fall Fun Fests and the Sunshine Festival in Lakeland. Some attended the Southeast's Snowflake Frolic. The Publicity Chairman has sent articles to area publications and to the Bow & Swing. Bow & Swing donated full-page ads to which we are very grateful. We received e-mails/phone

calls from outside the Central area; word has spread. The Program Book is coming along: solicited ads from restaurants located between the church and the hotel; started on the CFA directory, included in our program book; we have about 60 names (we can decide if we want to continue in the future); the layout is done; and, hope to print by the end of February. We will have one-day tickets; skits are Friday night. We could use a few solo ribbons if anyone has some. We booked 30 rooms at the Baymont Hotel. Eight squares are pre-registered. Mail in sales have been good. We haven't received any money from the area directors yet. If you have flyers; please ensure our e-mail address is: carpoole@juno.com. Thank you.

Shamrock Swing, 2004 – **Jack & Barbara Hoffman** reported. **Tony Oxendine, Whit Brown and Jimmy & Carol Griffin** have signed their contracts for the 2004 Shamrock Swing.

Other Old Business: USDA – **Duke & Doris McCleskey**  
The USDA meeting was held in Washington, D.C. (It snowed the entire time.) The Congressman from Kentucky will introduce the bill to get Square Dancing as the National Folk Dance. It looks favorable this time. Kentucky was the first to get Square Dancing as their State Folk Dance. Duke also stated that after 18 years in Florida, he and Doris are moving back to South Carolina to be near their children. They have enjoyed dancing and working with everyone here in Florida and will complete any obligations they have. **They need someone to take over as Insurance Committee Chairman for USDA.**

2003 Convention – The theme “Welcome To Our World” is to introduce all dances (square, contra, line, etc.) to people who have never danced before. They can dance the whole weekend, 2 days and 3 nights for \$5.00. **Spread the word to all your friends who do not dance.**

## NEW BUSINESS

5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dance – May 31, 2003 will be held at La Hacienda Center, The Villages. **Ken Perez**, calls; **Jeannette Chauvin** cues. The Orange Blossom Squares will host. This is the first time dance for CFA; we need to support and promote it.

Shamrock Swing 2005 – No one yet chosen to chair this dance.  
Dancer of the Year – Input needed. The presidents will decide within a few weeks.

Other New Business – **Bruce Morgan** moved CFA donate \$100. to bring the Special Steppers to the 2004 State Convention – Seconded by Jack Hoffman. Motion passed. USDA has obligated their funds for the 2004 convention. Should any other funds become available, they will explore helping the Special Steppers attend the 2004 Convention. **Bruce Morgan** also stated that he contacted Governor Bush and was referred to another department. There is a new program set up. They will send forms to apply for up to \$5,000.

Kick-Off Cake - There is no single vendor who will sponsor the cake for 2,000 dancers at the kick-off. Albertsons in Winter Haven will honor coupons from other Albertsons to make enough cupcakes as needed. Everyone should go to their local stores and request their support by providing coupons. We will provide a letter to the store; ask **Bruce and Colleen Morgan** or **Ailene Picheco**. Any coupons will be appreciated as they can be used for the after party also.

Note to Area Directors – Please e-mail any club news to Dan for his monthly newsletter.

Our next meeting –The meeting will be held April 27, 2003. The exact place will be announced.

**ADJOURN** – *Jack Hoffman moved we adjourn. Seconded by Bruce Morgan. Motion passed.* Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM.  
 Respectfully submitted,  
 Ailene Picheco, Secretary

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Full Page	\$ 45	\$ 120	\$ 140
Half Page	25	60	70
Quarter Page	14	30	35
Eighth Page	8	15	18

## COLUMBIA TRAGEDY

A fellow square dancer  
sent me this beautiful  
poem. Carol McKenzie

February first, two thousand and three  
Another sad day in our History  
We awake once more to a beautiful morning  
But tragedy struck again without warning.  
Sixteen days in space — sixteen minutes to land  
Everything seemed to be going as planned  
No one imagined the flight would be ill-fated  
As eyes toward the skies patiently watched and waited.  
But in an instant, in the blink of an eye  
Death and destruction would plunge from the sky.  
Away from this life they were tragically torn  
Loved ones and nations left behind to mourn  
Like flaming stars towards Earth descending  
The trails of smoke seemed never-ending.  
We knew as we watched those falling parts,  
They'd be gone from this earth, but not from our hearts,  
We all said a prayer, but soon were to learn  
Of the first shuttle lost upon its return.  
Their mission successful; their memories will be  
Preserved with other heroes in our nation's history.  
We admire and thank them for all they achieved  
And now they soar higher than they'd ever believe.  
Their lifelong dreams always pointed toward Heaven  
Now God has called home our ““Magnificent Seven””.

Author Unknown

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### **A FLORIDA HISTORY CRISIS**

The proposed  
FY 2003-04  
budget for the

State of Florida, as proposed by Governor Jeb Bush, contains a provision for the elimination of the State Library of Florida. This Library, located in the R.A. Gray Building contains 1 million books, 200,000

photographs and several thousand manuscript collections. Under the Bush plan, the entire library would be transferred to Florida State University, despite the fact that T.K. Wetherell, FSU's president, has indicated the university doesn't want it. Other aspects of the proposal would transfer the Florida State Museum and the Bureau of Archives and History to the Florida Parks System. This means that much of the collections would be unavailable to citizens. There is a statewide effort to prevent this destruction of this very important historical resource. Please e-mail me at [wynne@flahistory.net](mailto:wynne@flahistory.net) if you would like to receive more information via e-mail. To e-mail a protest directly to the governor, use [jeb.bush@myflorida.com](mailto:jeb.bush@myflorida.com).

The proposed destruction of the Florida State Library is the greatest crisis facing those of us who love history, practice genealogy or who are proud of Florida's history and heritage.

Carey Slack  
[careyslack@earthlink.net](mailto:careyslack@earthlink.net)

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## **Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention**

Next year is the 50th anniversary of the Florida Square and Round Dance Conventions. As such, Central Association is conducting the kick-off at this year's convention on Sunday evening. You won't want to miss this performance as it promises to be a spectacular event. Skip Cleland, John Swindle and Bev Landwehr are handling the choreography. Members of the Association have worked very hard preparing the props.

Since this is a special anniversary, Convention Chairman Bruce and Colleen Morgan are using some members from other associations in the kickoff for the first time. They want to make it special for ALL! Wait until you see what all they have planned for this event. If you have not sent in your registration form yet, please do so. Your support is really needed. Be sure you don't leave the dance before the Sunday evening opening ceremonies when Central Florida Association will SHINE.

## CFA Webpage

Both Ailene Picheco and Bruce Morgan suggested we change our ways. Both sug-

gested we add the web page address for the CFA Home page with this note.

“The CFA web site is not listed anyplace because there is not any place to list it. It is on [www.FloridaDancing.com](http://www.FloridaDancing.com) and it should be listed in Keepin’ Posted but I see that it isn’t. I don’t really know why. We have links to the CFA web site on a number of other Square Dance web sites.

I am sending a copy of this note to Tom Brown. Maybe he can modify a section of Keepin’ Posted that is the same every month to include the CFA web site the address: [www.geocities.com/cenfldancer/](http://www.geocities.com/cenfldancer/) ...There are many thing wrong with our Website. I’ve asked for updates to keep it up to date.”

Editor’s Note: If you check the CFA minutes earlier in this rag, you’ll note Bruce’s call for updates. He asks that you pass the corrections to him so he can update all at one time because of it costs of \$25.00 a change session.

P.S. Did you notice the change on page two?

2003

YOU KNOW YOU'RE LIVING IN  
THE YEAR 2003 WHEN:

1. Your reason for not staying in touch with family is because they do not have an e-mail address.
2. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
3. Your grandmother asks you to send her a JPEG file of your newborn so she can create a screen saver.
4. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home.
5. Every commercial on television has a web site address at the bottom of the screen.
6. You buy a computer and 3 months later it is out of date and now sells for half the price you paid.
7. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't have the first 20 or 30 years of your life, is now a cause

for panic and you turn around to go get it.

8. Using real money, instead of credit or debit to make a purchase, would be a hassle and take planning.
9. You just tried to enter your password on the microwave.
10. You consider second-day air delivery painfully slow.
11. Your dining room table is now your flat filing cabinet.
12. Your idea of being organized is multi-colored Post-it notes.
13. You hear most of your jokes via e-mail instead of in person.
14. You get an extra phone line so you can get phone calls.
15. You disconnect from the internet and get this awful feeling, as if you just pulled the plug on a loved one.
16. You get up in the morning and go online before getting your coffee.
17. You wake up at 2am to go to the bathroom and check your e-mail on your way back to bed.
18. You start tilting your head sideways to smile. :)
19. You're reading this.
20. Even worse; you're going to forward it to someone else.

**Square**

**Round**

**FUN  
DANCING**

**Square Dance Attire**

As I promised, this letter addresses “Square Dance Attire” and its impact on new dancer recruitment.

People would in the years leading up through the 1950’s dress up for the regular square dance with the nicest apparel they had in the closet. Some people referred to these cloths as their “Sunday Best” or their “Party Dress”. There was no dress code that identified “appropriate” attire for the event. There was an overall social standard that said that you wore your best to a social event.

In the 1960's, ladies attire moved on to a never before direction in that hemlines continued to rise until it became impossible for a lady to sit any other way other than cross-legged. Considering the average "advanced" age group associated with square dancing, ladies were no longer comfortable dancing in the dress-up style of the era. To resolve this problem, most ladies continued to wear poodle type skirts with full crinolines, a fashion that was still found to be acceptable in the square dance community. Due to social standards, this dress style has remained in place for most of the last 40 years. Most ladies can't remember wearing anything else to a square dance function.

We, as the square dance community, have spent tens-of-thousands of dollars to discover why we cannot recruit and retain new dancers. Each time we get the results of these research projects, we don't seem to be able to understand the finding that many people don't get involved because they don't want to have to wear the "uniform" or "funny clothes" that they see associated with the activity.

Yes, I agree, for some people this is just one of many excuses they would offer because they just don't want to get involved. But what about those that are truly interested and really do find the uniform unacceptable? Do we continue to stick to our guns and exclude these potential new dancers? At what cost are we willing to preserve this contemporary attire style? How many more times are we willing to spend large sums of money to hear that our attire is a major factor in our inability to recruit new participants and then ignore the answer?

Rest assured, our definition will change for appropriate square dance attire. It may not happen in our lifetimes, but it will change. I for one would hate to see the activity collapse in on itself in order to effect this inevitable change. I would like to see the square dance leaders work to help the activity to return to traditional square dance attire – the nicest thing in your closet.

Next time – The dance program lists.

Skip Clelland

## Florida Association of Single Square and Round Dancers (FASSRD)

Greetings! I would like to take this opportunity to familiarize you with the FASSRD, It was established 25 years ago to promote and stimulate fellowship and interest in square and round dancing among unmarried adults of all ages throughout Florida. Our 2003 Officers are: Pres.: Penny Green (West Coast Association [WCA]), V. Pres.: (Mr.) Carroll Pomplin (Central Association [CFA]), Secretary: Mary Lou Pelz (Northeast Association [NEFSARDA]), and Treasurer: Marilyn Newton (CFA). Our area representatives are: CFA: Lorrie Bernal (407-297-6236 or [lorriebernal@yahoo.com](mailto:lorriebernal@yahoo.com)), NEFSARDA: Shirley White (904-388-1463), NWFSRDA: open, and WCA: Mary Lindsey and Bill Shellman (727-447-1505 or [billxshell@ij.net](mailto:billxshell@ij.net)).

We host the annual Single Rama at the Kenilworth Lodge in Sebring, Florida, scheduled for October 24—25, 2003 with Joe Fioretti (Homosassa Springs) and Whit Brown (Orlando) on squares and Jimmy and Carol Griffin (St. Petersburg) on rounds. We dance Friday and Saturday night, round dance workshop Sat. morning, square dance workshop Sat. afternoon and after parties both nights with entertainment provided by Anne Oliver and John Dean of AJJ Entertainment from Marietta, Georgia.

We coordinate with the singles chairman for each State Convention to schedule singles activities for that weekend. We also co-host the Fuzzy Navel with Georgia Singles. We meet at Jekyll Island, Georgia, usually the third weekend in March. Florida and Georgia take turns hosting each year.

Visit our website at the Florida Dance Web at <http://floridadancing.com>. Just click on the FASSRD button on the home page and you'll find all this information and more!

Although singles host these activities, everyone is welcome. Marrieds with a non-dancing partner are also welcome to join FASSRD.

Yellowrocks,

Penny Green

## **GASOLINE SOLUTION!**

We CAN buy gasoline that's not from the

Middle East. Gas rationing in the 80's worked even though we grumbled about it. It might even be good for us!

The Saudis boycott American goods. We should return the favor, boycott their GAS. When you fill up, you can avoid putting more money into the Saudi coffers. Just buy from gas companies that don't import their oil from the Saudis.

Nothing is more frustrating than the feeling that every time I fill-up the tank, I am sending my money to people who are trying to kill me, my family, and my friends. I thought it might be interesting for you to know which oil companies are the best to buy gas from and which major companies import Middle Eastern oil in millions of barrels for the period 9/1/00 - 8/31/01:

Shell (205.742)

Chevron/Texaco (144.332)

Exxon /Mobil (130.082)

Amoco (62.2311)

Marathon/Speedway (117.740)

If you do the math at \$30/barrel, these imports amount to over \$18 BILLION!

Here are some large companies that do not import Middle Eastern oil:

Citgo

Sunoco

Conoco

Sinclair

BP/Phillips

Hess

This information is available from the Department of Energy.

Each company must report monthly where they get their oil and how much they import. Keep this list in your car; share it with friends. Stop paying for terrorism.....

David Tropf, Whirl & Twirl

## **Our National Dance**

A Bill was introduced into the

108th Congress of the United States on Feb. 5, 2003 to amend Title 36 of the United States Code, designating the Square Dance as the National Folk Dance. H.R. 645 known as the "Promenade Act" will permanently designate the Square Dance as the Na-

tional Folk Dance of the United States of America.

If Square, Round, Contra, Line, Traditional, and Clogging dancers from all areas across America "make a lot of noise" by urging their Representatives to Co-Sponsor this legislation, the Square Dance will finally be permanently designated as the National Folk Dance of the United States.

Clubs, Dancers, Callers, and Cuers of NWFSRDA are urged to support this effort by sending Emails, Letters and/or Petitions urging their Congressmen to Co-Sponsor H.R. 645. Complete information on how to do this is available at [www.usda.org](http://www.usda.org). Just click on the National Folk Dance Banner. H.R. 645, sample letters, petition letters, and addresses of Congressmen and other information is at this site.

We sincerely believe that passage of this Bill would give Square Dancing and its related activities more visibility and have a positive effect on recruiting new dancers. We are confident that the NWFSRDA will do its part to help to help pass this legislation.

Thanks to All,

Joe & Joy Vaccari

## **An American**

You probably missed it  
in the rush of news last

week, but there was actually a report that someone in Pakistan had published in a newspaper an offer of a reward to anyone who killed an American, any American. So, an Australian dentist wrote the following to let everyone know what an American is, so they would know when they found one.

"An American is English, or French, or Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian, or Greek. An American may also be Canadian, Mexican, African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Australian, Iranian, Asian, or Arab, or Pakistani, or Afghan. An American may also be a Cherokee, Osage, Blackfoot, Navaho, Apache or one of the many other tribes known as native Americans.

An American is Christian, or he could be Jewish, or Buddhist,

or Muslim. In fact, there are more Muslims in America than in Afghanistan. The only difference is that in America, they are free to worship as each of them chooses. An American is also free to believe in no religion. For that, he will answer only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God.

An American is from the most prosperous land in the history of the world. The root of that prosperity can be found in the Declaration of Independence, which recognizes the God-given right of each man and woman to the pursuit of happiness.

An American is generous. Americans have helped out just about every other nation in the world in their time of need. When Afghanistan was overrun by the Soviet army twenty years ago, Americans came with arms and supplies to enable the people to win back their country. As of the morning of September 11, 2001, Americans had given more than any other nation to the poor in Afghanistan.

Americans welcome the best -- the best products, the best books, the best music, the best food, the best athletes. But they also welcome the least. The national symbol of America, The Statue of Liberty, welcomes your tired and your poor, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores, the homeless, tempest-tossed. These, in fact, are the people who built America. Some of them were working in the Twin Towers the morning of September 11, earning a better life for their families. I've been told that the World Trade Center victims were from at least thirty other countries, cultures, and first languages -- including those that aided and abetted the terrorists.

So, you can try to kill an American if you must. Hitler did. So did General Tojo, and Stalin, and Mao, and every blood thirsty tyrant in the history of the world. But, in doing so, you would just be killing yourself, because Americans are not a particular people from a particular place. They are the embodiment of the human spirit and freedom. Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, is an American.

## Parking Ticket

I went to the store today, and I was in there for only about 5 minutes. When I came out there was a cop writing a parking ticket. So I went up to him and said, "Come on, buddy, how about giving a guy a break?"

He ignored me and continued writing the ticket. So I called him a pencil-necked Nazi. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for the worn tires! So I called him a piece of horse crap. He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing a third ticket!

This went on for about 20 minutes... the more I abused him, the more tickets he wrote. I didn't give a hoot.

My car was parked around the corner.

I try to have a little fun each day. It's important!

Anonymous

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## Peers

I have been guilty of looking at others my own age and thinking....Surely I cannot look that old!.....I'm sure you have done the same, so you may enjoy this short story. While waiting for my first appointment in the reception room of a new dentist, I noticed his certificate - which bore his full name. Suddenly I remembered that a tall, handsome boy with the same name had been in my high school class some 40 years ago. Upon seeing him however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray haired man with the deeply lined face was too old to have been my classmate! After he had examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended the local high school.?

"yes" he replied.

"When did you graduate?" I asked

He answered "in 1957"

"Why, you were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me real closely and then asked, "What did you teach?"

Anonymous

# Trail End Dance

49<sup>th</sup> FSSRDC Presents a Benefit  
to assist the

Special Steppers  
Handicapable Dancers  
in attending the 50<sup>th</sup> FSSRDC in 2004

May 22, 2003

Strawberry Square

4401 Boot Bay Rd., Plant City

Directions: From I-4 exit 17 go South to first left  
(Beauchamp),  
follow to hall.

Time and Talent Donors are:

Callers: Bob Poyner, Skip Cleland, Mike  
Doughty, Patty Ping, Art Springer,  
John Swindle and Ben Williams.

Cuers: Janice Coughlin, Sharon Roberts,  
Pat Hagen

PDR 7:30 Alt. MS/Plus 8:00-10:00

## Spotlight on centenarians

### Stanley Crowhurst

■ **Milestone:** Stanley Crowhurst celebrated his 100th birthday Thursday at a party hosted in Melbourne by the Promenaders Square Dance Club at Trailer Haven Hall.

"The crowd numbered about the same as Stan's age and included members of many area dance clubs," said his friend Tom Kabaservice, who, with his wife Marcia is president of the Promenaders club.

■ **In the beginning:** Born in Newton, Mass. in 1903, Crowhurst retired from Radio Station WNAC known as the Yankee Network in Boston in 1966. He lived most of his life in the Bay State, residing primarily in Natick and Walpole.

In his spare time, Crowhurst was an amateur radio operator and crafted latch hooked rugs, place mats and napkins for gifts. He also is a skilled woodworker and still creates small objects such as cribbage boards.

■ **On the dance floor:** Kabaservice said Crowhurst's passion for modern Western dancing is of recent origin compared to his other hobbies, dating back only about 15 years. "He learned not only square dancing, but also "rounds" — choreographed ballroom dancing directed by a "cuer" and line dancing," Kabaservice said.

■ **Dance partner:** Crowhurst and his wife Margaret became dance partners about



For FLORIDA TODAY

**Stanley Crowhurst** celebrated his 100th birthday Jan. 30 in Melbourne.

seven years ago and married two years later. They average three nights of square and round dancing a week and visit many of Brevard County's active square-dance clubs.

"We have made some wonderful friendships through square dancing. It also is great exercise for the mind and body," Margaret said.

■ **Setting the pace:** Crowhurst said he too likes square dancing for the exercise and the social side of it. As for his longevity — "I don't have a clue," he said.

"He's still remarkably alert and active," Kabaservice said. "Whether he is stepping through a complex square dance or waltzing around the floor with his wife, Stan's grace and skill would be notable in a person of any age, let alone a centenarian."

*Compiled by Jaye Wright.*

Editor's Note: Stan's birthday was celebrated at the Palm Bay Promenaders Anniversary Dance. 22 squares made the first tip; many sat along the sides of the floor. Another centenarian attended—she's 102; bright as a tack but not very mobile. Everyone had a ball. The finger food was a sumptuous feast. What a beautiful cake!. Dale McClary called, Bev Landwehr cued; both had a great evening behind the microphone. Also attending were: John Swindle; Colin Walton; and Vince Furtado. Stan & Margaret share their home with her 100+ year old father. Yellow Rocks and Best Wishes.

## Lost Tracker

Boyd McCaul, the Tracker in the black hat, passed away Sunday

January 19 at home. Born in Clarksville, MI; he lived in Brevard County for 60 of his 68 years. He was an avid dancer with the Space Trackers of Rockledge and belonged to many clubs over his forty year dancing career.. He served as class coordinator twice consecutive years. He retired from Kennedy Space Center as a Quality Assurance Analyst. Of Scotch heritage, he also played the bagpipes and enjoyed the Scottish days. He frequently traveled to many Florida clubs with his late brother, Rex of Jacksonville. He will be missed by many.

## Personal Information from FLA DMV

Under a new state law, DMV (Driver's Motor Vehicle Division) has the right to sell and distribute your personal information

on file (DOB, SS#, Address, etc.). However the law also requires that MV give individuals the opportunity to block their information (Driver Privacy Protection Act) from being sold.

I went to the DMV web site and noticed my info was not blocked and was available to anyone.

It took me 20 seconds to block it by entering my driver license number on their web site. Your DOB is required to complete the blocking process.

Please pass this along to your friends and family in Florida.

**THIS WILL HELP PREVENT IDENTITY THEFT!**

Use the address <https://www2.hsmv.state.fl.us/dlstatus.html>

# Club News

## CANAVERAL SQUARES

Rockledge: I know it has been a while since you've heard from us and we would like to say hello to all of our dancing friends and let

you know we still dance and have lots of fun. April 1, 2003, we will change our club dance from Friday to Tuesday night. Times remain unchanged. April 8, 2003 our club we will celebrate our 43rd anniversary. We've been around for a long time, and hope to go strong for at least another 43 years. We dance mainstream and plus. We have no cuer for rounds, but we sometimes do line dance, or our caller, Skip Cleland, sings and the dancers can dance what ever they please, like a waltz or two step between tips.

Come visit us on the Space Coast, raiders are always welcome. Hope to see you soon.

Joan Cleland

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## DIXIE SQUARES

Oh, we are Dixie's, we're from Daytona, where our square dance caller beckons to you.....that is the opening line of our club song.....and we all beckon you to

come join us .The club dances from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m to caller John Barrett and Cuer Irene Knapp, and with that combination

you are bound to have fun.

Our newly elected Officers, George and June Weihrauch, Presidents; Joe and Jean Hodges, Vice-Presidents; Joanne Engum, Secretary; and Kenly and Alice Spilman, Treasurers, were installed in January. They've planned an exciting and eventful year. Obtain raid information from Banner Chairmen Mary Lynn Hastings and Ralph Moeller. (386-767-2568) Our Valentine and St. Patrick's Day dances filled the hall with sweethearts and "I am Irish Too" dancers. On March 21st and 22nd the Dixie's sponsored a team in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. This years theme was Countries and we were the "Bailadors de Cuadrado's", which is "Dancers of Squares" in Spanish. Mexico was the country we chose and our tent certainly had a bright and colorful "touch of Mexico". Club members walked the track fullfilling pledges, gave a colorful square dance demonstration to caller John Barrett, participated in special events such as a "Crazy Hat" lap and a "P.J." lap. A sizable donation was made to the cancer society thru their pledges and those they solicited. Everyone knows someone who at some time has been touched by cancer. This was a wonderful showing of Square Dancer care! Our first recycle dance of the year will be held April 10th. Come check it out and perhaps you will find just the thing you are looking for. A special "Western" night is planned for April 17th, and the chili served will be mighty tasty. Save May 1st for the "Dixie Forty-leven" graduation; they will cross the finish line. A racing theme was appropriately chosen by class coordinators Jim and Karen Albright for the 16 graduates in Daytona. Come see the checkered flags!

And...the last line of our club song: We dance on Thursdays at City Island, Won't you come and dance there too?

Yellow Rocks

Joanne Engum

**Square Dancing  
A FRIENDLY  
Semi Contact Sport**

## **SPACE TRACKERS**

Hi to all our square dance friends! Even with the cold and flu season (of which many of us have not escaped) the Space Trackers have

managed to keep a high focus on square dancing! We had a great time at our "Stone Soup" dance in January that consisted of folks contributing to a main soup pot. The end result was delicious! Whit kept the calories off us by having us dancing the night away! Joe Fioretti joined Whit on stage in February and gave us a lively and fun night with their combined efforts! Also in February we had our annual Sweetheart Dance and the red, pink and white outfits brightened the floor as dancers whirled around. Our two Monday night beginner classes are progressing very well and will provide the Club with many new members come graduation in the Spring. We have a great time every Saturday night at McLarty, here in Rockledge. If any of you are in the neighborhood, or want to make a special trip, we'd love to have you come join us! Whit calls the first and third Saturdays and the second and fourth Saturday are guest callers. As they say on that TV game show, "COME ON DOWN!" (or up, or over, as the case may be!)

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## **CLERMONT SQUARES**

Notice the name; we shortened it to Clermont Squares. The first of January, the club installed new presidents, Dick & Pat Crittenden.

They are well known in the square dance circles and will be a great asset to our club as presidents. They are backed up by another capable couple, Mark and Jan Kenna, as vice presidents. Bob and I have had a two-year tour of duty as presidents and it has been fun, but it's time for new folks and new ideas. By the time this makes it to print, we will have had our Christmas dance and our New Years Eve dance. Since our normal dance night fell on Christmas Eve, we had our Christmas dance on December 17 and Bob Bourassa was our guest caller that night. Earlier in December, our caller, Whit Brown and his fiancée,

Dee, sailed the deep blue on a square dance cruise. February 11, we have our Valentine Dance Whit calling and Judie Ishmael on rounds, and on the 18th we'll be challenged by our guest caller, Paul Place. Join us for a dance real soon. We love guests. See you in our square.

Bob and Bobbe Hutchins

## **BAREFOOT BAY SPINNERS**

The Spinners are a main-stream club which dances every Thursday 12:45 to 2:45. We always enjoy

company and will greet you with a friendly smile. Our new class began with free lessons on Jan. 2nd and 9th. Dale McClary is our caller/instructor. We'll celebrate Valentine Day on the 13th with wonderful finger food. We do have great cooks! Come and join us anytime you're in the area.

## **ORLANDO SINGLES**

Wait till you hear this . . . Remember the Dixie Swingin' Teens that visited our club last year and

took away with them one of our banners. Well believe it or not, we had some of our club go all the way to Ruston, LA to retrieve that banner. Many thanks to Lorraine Walton, Ted Fior, Lorrie Bernal and John Dollins for a banner retrieving trip to beat all!!!! Good Going.

Thank you goes out to Caroll Pomplin and Robert & Sylvia Marlin for their donations of cups to the club. Carroll also brought in two boxes of popcorn. You're the best! Thank you anonymous donor for the Crystal Light mixes, whoever you are!! Thanks to Sheila Cootes for updating our new club roster. Hope you all have one by now.

Gloria Cooper is dancing again and Paul lacy is doing better and visited with us Friday night, Feb 7. Good to have you both

back in action. Please keep in your prayers, Louise Elliot. She just went through back surgery this month and we all hope she'll be back dancing with the Orlando Singles again one day soon. Hi, Louise.

Raids!!!! Tony is at it again. . . Go on a raid with him and meet "Raider".

Keep on dancing

Sue E.

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## WAGON WHEELS

The Wagon Wheels  
have been very busy since  
the first of the year. In  
January we had a very sad

dance. It's was Dale's last time to call - in our old hall. He did a parody of his life and some of the events that happened since he became our caller in 1979. The following Wednesday he sang the same song to the dancers of our Mainstream and Line Dance Club.

The very next Friday we had a Guest Caller, Nasser Shayukr from Lafayette, California. We had no idea he would call the last dance in the old hall. Nasser is GREAT. The hall looked sad; all decorated all in black; from the ceiling hung black balloons from black streamers; and, all dancers were dressed in black. We attended a "wake" for the old building.

Nasser spoke of the history of our 80 year old hall. The construction was all accomplished by volunteers and all materials were donated for the floor and the roof. They decided the building did not need walls at that time. A few years later walls were needed and again the volunteers came out to complete the building.

During that last dance Nasser introduced the three remaining charter members. Sarah Sebek was introduced as the "St. Cloud Winter Queen". She won that title several years ago. Mike Mikeal still retains his title of "Mayor of Ashton Junction". BettyLee Talmadge was acknowledged as the "Pink Lady".

At the end of the evening the dancers formed a friendship circle. Sarah, Mike and BettyLee pulled the club's covered

wagon around just inside the circle. The signs on the wagon said **“Wagons - Westward Ho”**.

The Wagon Wheel Square Dance Club is moving west - to the other side of St. Cloud. After a “thank you” to Sarah, Mike and BettyLee, the dancers said their “Thank You” to Nasser and everyone headed home looking forward to next Friday when we will finally see our new hall.

We moved our equipment to the new Senior Center. Direction are: turn South on Budinger (corner has a Pizza Inn and McDonald's); four streets down at 17th Street, turn right; and, fourth building on your left. There is plenty of parking on all sides of the building.

Our first dance at the new center was the first week in February. Over 10 squares attended that dance. You'll love it and everyone had a grand time. The room is larger with a floating wooden dance floor. There is a large stage, a huge kitchen, plenty of storage space, a nice porch around the entire building. There is also another hall for dancing, again with a floating wood dance floor. The beautiful wall murals from our old hall were recreated in the new one. Painted by local artists; they depict the early days of St. Cloud.

Our Open House dance will be held the last Friday in February. Everyone is invited. **ALL DANCERS INVITED! COME SEE OUR NEW HALL!!!**

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We welcome all dancers.  
We have fun with Ron  
Reardon calling and Jan &  
Pete Shankle cuing.

### **Campout Schedule:**

**April 25-27, Theme World Campground; 2727 Frontage Rd., Davenport, FL 33837 Ph: 863-424-8263 ; W/S/30A**

Vacate hall by 10:30 a.m. Sun. Fees collected by wagonmaster.

Hosts: Vi & Roland Lasonde and Jim & Laureen Kelly

Friday: Ladies and Gentlemen! Put on your chapeau, fedora, Easter bonnet or cap and come to the dance. See and be seen!  
(dinner on your own and dance at 8 p.m.)

Saturday: 1:00 p.m. Grand Prize Winners announced;  
 5:00 p.m. Pot Luck dinner; 8:00 p.m. Dance  
 Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast

**May 16-18, Old Mill Stream Campground**, 100 N Central Ave., Umatilla, Fl. Ph: 352-669-3141. W/30A  
 Wagonmaster collect fees; earlybirds/late stayers pay rally rate at office  
 Hosts: ??????  
 Friday: dinner on your own/ 8:00 p.m. dance  
 Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Pot luck dinner  
 8:00 p.m. Dance  
 Sunday: 8:00 a.m. pancake breakfast

**June 27-29, Theme World Campground**, 2727 Frontage Rd., Davenport, FL 33837, Ph 863-424-8263.  
 Hosts: Vi & Roland Lassonde and Joyce & Lee Whitten  
 Friday: dinner on your own/ 8:00 p.m. dance/ after party  
 Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Pot luck; 8:00 p.m. Dance/ After party  
 Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Pancake breakfast

## CLERMONT SQUARES

By the time you read this, January and February will have come and gone. We had a really good month in January with lots of our friends

from up north joining us again. Our new presidents, Dick and Pat Crittenden, have gotten off to a great start with lots of new ideas. February 11 was the date scheduled for our Sweethearts' Ball. Our guest caller March 18 will be Dick Demeritt, come out that night and join us in a fun dance. Coming up in April will be our April Fools Day dance on April 1. We're still planning that one but knowing Pat and Dick, we'll have a great time. Our guest caller April 15 will be Dale McClary. Dale always shows us a lot of fun when he calls. April 22, we plan to have a "Beginners' Bash." We'll feature Whit Brown calling and Judie Ishmael on rounds. We encourage all dancers, mainstream or

plus, to join us that night. If you're being bashful about dancing at a club and are taking classes, this is the night to join us. We promise you a night of fun! In the meantime, we hope to see all of you. Come join us in our square.

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## **WAGON WHEELS**

The Wagon Wheels have been having some really lively dances this winter, with the help of our snowbird members and many guest from as far

away as England. By now, you probably know we are dancing in a different hall. It is the new Senior Center on 17<sup>th</sup> Street, behind the St. Cloud Hospital. Wednesdays there is mainstream and line dancing; Friday is plus night. Dale McClary is our regular caller, with guest callers on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month. Paul Campbell of Oklahoma will be our guest on April 18. Come see him play the keyboard while he calls. Bye for now

Margot & Dave Bladen

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## **BAREFOOT BAY SPINNERS**

It's been a busy year so far; Harold Brooks has been scheduling demos all over our park and at Senior care centers. A couple of recycle

sales helped outfit our 20 new students. Our Angels are very attentive, staying late after our Thursday afternoon dances to help. Dale McClary calls and teaches each week; John Swindle takes the mike the fourth Thursday of each month. March 6 lists a picnic at Fisherman's Landing—we can't use our hall; Barefoot Bay Little Theater presents their annual show. March 13 we celebrate St. Patrick's featuring Chili (is that Irish?). The class is invited. The last 2 Thursdays are regular dances. Come visit our club

## ALLEMANDERS

With a lot of hard work and dedication, we had a good year. Our treasury is strong, our dances are well attended, we have an active banner raid

program, a beginner dance class which is hangin' in, and our membership is increasing little by little.

Each week, we see more visitors from non-club affiliated dancers. We ask our dancers to dance and visit with our visitors. Although we continue demos; they (except for the Power Squadron) have not resulted in new members. Our success is due to John Saunder's calling and Vince Furtado's cueing; both above and beyond to incorporate the "theme" into their program. Club participation in Banner Raids assures other clubs will visit us. What goes around, comes around! Our success as a club results from the dedication of large group of committee chairpersons. We are especially grateful to five people: Maxine & Wally Robb assures the snacks presence; George Ammon reminds each student and keeps the Angel available; and, Bob & Terri Danza, our B<sup>3</sup> C, "Busy Bee Banner Chair" who has raids scheduled into 2004 and track stats to award dancers their dangles.

May 1st, Richard Bradley & Lynn O'Donnell become our Presidents.

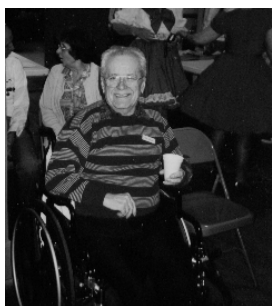
Many complimented our LUAU again this year. Its success shows the dedication of the Dance Chairmen (Bob and Pat Earl), the decorating committee (Dave and Kaye Benne, Ann and Ace Taylor) supported by no less than 18 imaginative helpers, contributions of special Hawaiian decorations, support by a couple of non-Allemander members, great Hawaiian-theme calling/cueing by John and Vince and an overflow crowd exceeding 100 dancers. A group photo taken after the decorating documents the volunteers. Thanks to ALL members who brought wonderful food. We can always count on our club—you never let us down. Thanks to who stayed after the dance; took down the decorations; cleaned the hall; and, a special thanks to our great Photog, Bob Ketchum who spent most of his evening taking pictures of the dancers and the hall.

Thanks to Tom Rowat's work, we have an informal TEE-shirt to wear to events like the All County Picnic, officially called the ASA CLIFTON CLARK COMMEMORATIVE PICNIC on March 9<sup>th</sup> and our club Fish Fry on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

January 24, a sea of red flowed into the dance hall at the Sunshine Festival. The Allemanders wore their new red outfits. They were easy to spot - those bright red fringed vests and long skirts on the ladies and red shirts on the men really stood out. When twenty-plus Allemanders gathered for their picture; a buzz went thru the hall. We received our new club outfits Spring 2002. Many of us first wore them to banner raid in Barefoot Bay. They drew rave reviews. Our Supplier, Pat Benge, staffed her booth at Sunshine. She truly accommodates her customers.

Congratulations to our most recent "new" members: Carl Mills a returning dancing "angel" and Jim & Marge Stewart, snow-birds from Indiana who've enjoyed dancing with us the past three years.









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## Is Your Club Friendly?

A dancer, looking for a square dance club to join, de-

vised the following point system-

If someone smiled at them	10 points
If someone sitting near them, greeted them	10 points
If someone told them their name	100 points
If someone asked them to come back	200 points
If someone introduced them to another couple	1,000 points
If someone introduced them to the caller	2,000 points

They visited eighteen clubs. Using the point scale, none of the clubs had more than 100 points! Their conclusion ----

The club may be meaningful, do great things for their community, and be active and friendly, but when a visitor finds no one cares whether or not he/she is there, that visitor is not likely to come back, let alone join your club”.

If a visitor came to your next square dance, what rating would they give your club?

At the beginning of each new year we may see many new faces at club dances and clubs we are visiting. Everyone has the responsibility to make sure that these new faces are made to feel welcome. It takes at least two years to understand the finer points of square dancing; even longer sometimes to understand club organization and member/officer responsibilities and realize the true benefits of being part of the program. In the meantime, we need to make sure new faces are made to feel a part of the group.

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# Central Florida Square & Round Dance Association



## 5th Saturday Dance

Caller : Ken Perez

Cuer : Jeannette Chauvin

**Saturday, May 31, 2003**

La Hacienda Center, The Villages

Early Rounds 7:30 PM

Alternating Mainstream & Plus 8:00 to 10:30 PM

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