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Presidents Message

The 2008 Shamrock Swing Dance is history— it was held March 7th and 8th in Maitland, Florida. Such a success, thanks to Dick and Jeannie Lysobey. They did a super job of organizing and delegating. A JOB WELL DONE! They could not complete their task (Dick is under going chemo) their committees were so well entrenched, it ran as smooth as clock work. Ailene Picheco and Terri Little stepped up to co-chair the balance of the planning since January. What a great team!!

Tim Marriner was his usual great self and kept everyone entertained as only he can do. Even in the Mainstream hall he kept everyone thinking and having a great time. Whit Brown was in rare form, too. He did his *Pink Cadillac*, need I say more? He really rocked the house; we all huffed and puffed our way off the floor. Jimmy and Carol Griffin were their usual elegant selves with their beautiful waltzes, foxtrots, rumba and cha-chas. One new teach was a new cadence in the Bolero, a rather sultry dance. Everyone enjoyed this one.

Finnegan's Place re-opened with great snacks and a very colorful green punch spouting tiered fountain, keeping the Shamrock Green Theme. Decorations of wee Leprechauns and bright green shamrocks were sprinkled on every wall. If you missed this dance, you truly missed a great one and shame on you.

I'll have to report on our CFA's 5th Saturday dance in the next issue. This was a celebration of the 50th Anniversary as the CFA organization.

Classes all over the Central area have been progressing very nicely. Several students will advance enough to enjoy the Florida State Convention coming the end of May. I hope everyone will help Don and Ann Slocum, of the West Coast Association, "Celebrate in 2008"! They have worked very hard to make this an exceptional week-end.

And speaking of State Conventions, don't forget OUR 2009 Convention chaired by Randy and Carol Poole. Remember to buy your raffle tickets for the 42" LCD Television we are giving away at the Kick-off **THIS** year. You do not have to be present to win, but it sure would be nice. Contact your Club, Area Representative or me for tickets. If not, call me (321/268-4450) and I'll snail mail you some post haste. Tickets are only \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00

May the good Lord always hold you in the palm of His hand.

Judy Frye, CFA President

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Hampton Inn, Jacksonville, FL

Sunday, November 11, 2007

Call to Order 9:00 AM Invocation by Ken Brasfield. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call by Paul & Cheryl Miller. Visitors and Guests were introduced: Whit Brown, Florida Callers Representative and Lisa & John Wall, President Round Dance Council of Florida

Minutes of May Meeting Don Slocum moved the minutes be approved / George Knapp seconded. Motion was voted and approved by delegates.

Treasurer's Report Accounts balanced as of Oct. 31, 2007 (Ray & Elsa Huddleston) Motion made by George Knapp to accept the Treasurer Report / seconded by Don Slocum Motion was approved by delegates.

Parliamentarian Report: We were well represented at National; our two squares looked nice in the Parade of States Saturday evening wearing the current Blue/Green & White Federation attire. During the ceremonies, Florida was presented a 25-Year Certificate of Appreciation Award for our participation in the National Convention Showcase of Ideas. Many positive comments about our new backdrop. Many people liked our idea of the maps on the black boards showing the areas in Florida where the dances are. We'd asked for Association's dance flyers be placed on the table in front of the black information boards and some were there -- but we could have used many more flyers of upcoming dances. Many dancers were interested in the 2008 Convention table drape. Giveaways were leftovers from other years -- (1) the grapefruit magnets and (2) the engraved pencils. Next year we need to purchase whatever we give away. Northwest donated their leftover Convention buttons and pink flamingo pens; both went like hot cakes! Dancers want State pins at National. We recommend a quality pin of the State of Florida. No problems during the Showcase time. Most tables were unmanned except opening morning. We checked our tables, keeping it clean and restocked (about 3 times daily). We had plenty of help setting up and taking down the display. Thanks to all who helped. (Charlie & Val Newsome)

Sunshine Report: Mary Stewart is very sick with lung cancer, remember her in your thoughts & prayers. Courtney Alicia Berrisford, from the Whirl N Twirler, granddaughter of Danny & Linda Courtney passed away Nov. 5th. We express our sympathy to her family. Art Butlak, had brain surgery, he had a cancer tumor removed and is doing well.

Correspondence: USDA's, Lorraine Backus, is retiring. Pat Ingles of Tucker, GA replaces her. Bruce & Colleen Morgan resigned as USDA Insurance Chairman. Randy & Carol Poole will replace.

Florida Callers Association We want better communications between our organizations. Hopefully, together we can work toward the continuance and betterment of square dancing in the State of Florida and specifi-

cally, work toward a better State Convention. (Whit Brown)

Florida Round Dance Council Our goal this year is to increase the number of Cuers, so we can have a better State Convention. We will get more cuers out there and offer a better dance for the dancers. (Lisa Wall)

Association Reports

CENTRAL: Classes started at most CFA Clubs; some in October catching snow birds. Each club member was encouraged to Angel their clubs classes. Plans are afoot for another great Deerhaven Retreat week-end to support of our 2009 Florida State Convention. A fantastic time was had by all last year with plenty of fun; games; food; dancing; and laughing; and, plenty of food. The Yellow Rock Squares, a Handicapable club, of Daytona Beach asked our help to attend their 20th Anniversary National Convention next July in Mobile, AL. Several clubs started a "Pitch A Pint Of Pennies" campaign to help defray their expenses. They hope to raise about \$500.00 for these great "kids". Silver coins and Green money are accepted, too! Many Halloween parties began the countdown to the holidays with "Toys for Tots" dances and New Years Eve celebrations.

October 17th the Wagon Wheels, of St. Cloud, held their 38th Anniversary Dance to a packed house with many of their past presidents and charter members attending. Ron Reardon with Pete & Jan Shankle shared the calling and cueing honors. But, sad to say; this club will close its doors December 26th. Club caller, Ron Reardon, retires after this dance.

Our Shamrock Swing, March 7th & 8th, is coming along nicely. Hopefully, crowded floors again as Tim Marriner, Whit Brown and Jimmy and Carol Griffin take the stage. There will be a Kick-off rehearsal that day.

Grand Squares Disbursement: We purchased magnetic signs for cars, SUV's, trucks, to promote square dancing. The signs were made by Dynamic Seven, Inc. in Titusville, Florida, and have black lettering on a white background. They measure 4" high by 14" long. Two hundred pieces were made at a cost of \$402.80. (Judy Frye, President, Central Florida Association)

Northwest: Octobers's 33rd Annual Round Up in DeFuniak Springs, FL was very well attended with many guests from other FL Associations. New officers are: Paul & Cheryl Miller, President; Muriel Jones & Roger Kaushagen, Vice President; Dave Henn, Treasurer; and Tim and Terri Wilaby, Secretary.

Northwest Dancer of the Year. Patty Lewis received the award.

Panama City, a hotbed of enthusiasm! Dancers up and dressed by 5:30; did a demo for TV station WMBB; it aired at 6:30 am. Then dancers were interviewed by FOX and local WJHG stations. September's marketing ended with a local newspaper interview. We advertised the Swinging Squares classes (Sept) and Grand Square Rounds classes (Oct). Class

update: started 2 squares and retained 1 square of new dancers.

Pensacola plans a "Weekend to Learn Square Dancing" and "Weekend to Learn Round Dancing" with Patti Ping in January. Lesson will continue at the Twirlers club.

Northwest's GSI funds purchased 1) 125 Window Clings to advertise Square Dancing using panhandlepress@hotmail.com as point of contact. All our clubs can use the publication's email address. Inquires are received by the publication; forwarded to the club closest to the individual's home address; and, followed up by a personal call from the club representative; and 2) We also received a tri-fold sample from Panama City pushing the health benefits, fun and social activity of Square & Round Dancing. It was reproduced and sent to each of our clubs. Clubs can then design their tri-fold to advertise their areas. We are checking with area Visitor's Centers & Realtors for Newcomer's packages. (Paul & Cheryl Miller, NWFSRDA President)

SOUTHEAST: Our enthusiastic board hit the floor running: Presidents; Bobie and Carol Hutcheson, Vice Presidents, Bob and Helen Shippee; Secretary, Frank and Gloria Marshall; Treasurer, Stan and Elaine Wyler; Membership, Ed and Marge Morrow with Ada Trott offering valuable assistance. Jerry and Helen Rhodes continue as Insurance Chairmen. We thank Jerry and Helen and Stan and Elaine Wyler for another year.

Our September dance, supposedly our last, found over 8 squares on the floor. The dance turned into the renewal dance it was designed to be. Sundaes for all made the day. We changed the format—when the association has an advanced level caller present, the last hour will be at the advanced level. Four squares of advanced level danced the last hour. We will incorporate different themes i.e. such as silly hats, crazy dress, etc.

We talked to several callers about holding beginner classes and were told they need at least 2 squares of beginners and 2 angels before committing to starting a beginners class. We are compiling a list of interested people. We feel it is promising. Flyer's to follow in stores, restaurants and places we can get public attention. Planning is ongoing. Our next dance is December 16, our annual cookie dance. We will collect unwrapped toys for underprivileged children. Plans have been finalized for our annual fund raiser: the Snowflake Frolic, at the Boynton Beach Civic Center on February 2, 2008. Rounds at 7:30 cued by Jerry and Joyce Viola. Squares start at 8:00 p.m. Callers are Frank Bedell and Jack Lewis. Cost: \$8.00 at the door.

Sunshine: Helen Rhodes had a kidney removed; if you could send her get well cards, I am sure she would appreciate it. (Bobie & Carol Hutcheson, SEA Presidents)

Northeast: Northeast used the GSI to purchase laminated yard signs for

\$500. Each club with new classes is given seven signs to advertise their classes. Each sign has a place for a contact number. They are re-usable.

Some clubs closed or had to move over the summer and many clubs held anniversary dances while others held theme dances. Christmas in July benefited Shriner's children's hospital, was hosted by Rural and Gateway callers associations. Many campers attended The International Camp-O-Ree " in Awana, Iowa and the state Camp-O-Ree held in Okcechobee. The Square Wheels and Gypsy Squares hosted the O'Leno Hoedown at O'Leno State Park.

September 30th was NEFSARDA'S 50th Anniversary; it was a "HUGE" success with "A Blast from the Past" dance that met its theme. Retired callers were fantastic as was Lisa Wall on rounds. One very special round dance couple, Don and Donna Graves, was on the dance floor; Don is blind, a wonderful dancer. They inspire us all. We danced some, socialized a lot, took a lot of pictures, gave away many door prizes, then after the dance we ate a delicious catered dinner. About 400 dancers in attended. It was a wonderful dance.

Fall Festival comes November 16-17 with a "Viva Las Vegas" theme at the Christ the King Catholic Church with Lottie Ainsworth calling and Curt & Tammy Worlock cueing. The emcee will be Charlie Pergrossi.

Many of our clubs have started groups of new dancers. We try not to use the words (lessons/classes). Also, we have talked about new ways to teach square dancing that will help in recruiting and retaining new dancers. We have discussed the ABC system and the 10, 10 system. However, no decision has been made. Happy dancing! (Ouida Taylor and Thomas Tramel)

WEST COAST ASSOCIATION WEST COAST IS ALIVE AND WELL! AS MOST OF YOU WERE HERE TO SEE, I HOPE, OUR SECOND SUCCESSFUL YEAR HERE IN BARTOW WITH OUR 33RD ANNUAL FALL FUN FEST. OUR FIRST ASSOCIATION DANCE IN PALMETTO HAD A GOOD TURN OUT OF 10 SQUARES AND OUR NEXT DANCE WILL BE IN BONITA SPRINGS WHICH IS ALWAYS A REALLY WELL ATTENDED DANCE. SO, THIS YEAR IS UNDER WAY. YES, IT IS UNDER WAY WITH RECYCLED, RECALLED, RETIRED OFFICERS.

YES, I KNOW WE ARE NOT UNIQUE AS IT IS HAPPENING THROUGHOUT FEDERATION, AND IT IS SCARY, BUT WE WILL TALK ABOUT THAT LATER, I HOPE. YES OUR OFFICERS, ALL PAST PRESIDENTS GO BACK TO 1972 WHEN MARYLEE VAN-VALKENBURG WAS PRESIDENT, MARYLEE AND HER FRIEND MIKE ZEIGLER ARE OUR SECRETARY'S. DICK AND BETTY STEVENS, TREASURER'S, ZURHN AND SHIRLEY WALKER, VICE

PRESIDENT'S AND SANDY AND I ARE PRESIDENT'S. WE WERE ALL PAST PRESIDENTS FROM 1993 TO 1996 . NOW, I AM NOT TELLING TALES OUT OF SCHOOL, BUT I THINK THE YOUNGEST OF THIS BUNCH IS 68, AGAIN THAT'S SCARY. SANDY AND I BOTH WANT TO THANK THESE FOLKS FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS FOR HANGING IN THERE. WE HAVE ALSO THE HARD WORKING SLOCUMS, DON AND ANN, ALONG WITH THEIR COMMITTEES, ARE PUTTING A LOT OF HOURS AND HARD WORK SO YOU CAN "CELEBRATE IN 2008" AT THE LAKELAND CONVENTION CENTER. (KEN AND SANDY BRASFIELD, PRESIDENT'S WCA)

FASSRD The 28th annual Single-Rama was held in Sebring last month at the Kenilworth Lodge. Our caller was Mike Callahan from Rochester, NY and our cuers were Jimmy & Carol Griffin. It was a great dance but the attendance was low. There is a decline of dancers throughout the state and this decreases the attendance when many dances are going on at one time. We need more dancers ! The 17th Annual FUZZY NAVEL Dance, sponsored by the Florida and Georgia Singles Associations, will be March 14 & 15, 2008. The caller is Sam Dunn and the cuer is Lisa Wall, both are from Florida. You can stay and dance at the Oceanside Inn & Suites on Jekyll Island, GA. (right on the beach) From 7:00 p.m. Friday night until breakfast Sunday morning, we plan on having a great time! Visit our website at www.floridadancing.com And go to the singles page. The Fuzzy Navel and the Single Rama dances have a vendor in attendance and DJs at the after parties. And you don't have to be single to join us for a fun time. (Aileen Picheco)

Old Business

Convention & Visitors Bureau Grant Report The 2007 Convention Committee paperwork submitted it. Polk County cut a check for \$2400. 2008 Convention grant application completed. It was approved for \$2400 if all the requirements of the C& VB are met. Preliminary work started on the 2009. (Jim & Jan McConaha)

Coordinating Committee George Knapp moved to 1) disband the Coordinating Committee; 2) move the funds of the Coordinating Committee to the Federation Treasury as a separate line item. 3) Federation President shall approve the issuance of the convention seed money for the upcoming convention. In case a convention has a loss and can not repay the seed money, all three organizations shall repay the loss equally. Federation Treasurer will issue seed money at the direction of the Federation President and Treasurer will receive repayment from the convention.

Motion was seconded by Jack Taylor; after discussion with the delegates, the motion was called for vote and passed. 2010 Convention seed money request approved.

Nomination of New Officers Email confirmation that each of the Board Members will move up to their next position. We received a nomination and resume from the West Coast President. All nomination committee members approved the nomination of Bob & Maria Spence as Parliamentarian for the Florida Federation of Square Dancers. We present the slate of Officers for the year of 2008—Randy & Carol Poole, President, Paul & Cheryl Miller, Vice President, Ray & Elsa Huddleston, Secretary, Charlie & Val Newsome, Treasurer, Bob & Maria Spence, Parliamentarian (Jack & Kathy McKinney, Nominating Committee Chairman) Jack Taylor motion to accept the slate of officers, motion seconded by Don Slocum. No nominations from the floor. Delegates voted and motion was passed.

Installation of New Officers

New Business

State Convention Procedures

We have made big changes on how the State convention is put on by the dancers. Many of the convention procedures no longer apply. A committee to rewrite the convention procedures is in order; it will be composed of past or present General Chairman from each of the Association. Since we took the Associations out of the responsibilities and say about the state convention; we need to get them involved if they are to share the wealth. I suggest that they look at making a general chairman and four assistant general chairmen. (One from each other association). Possibly dividing the convention tasks into five groups and each association will be given the responsibility for a group. Appointees are: Jim & Jan McConnaha (Chairman); Charlie & Val Newsome, Tim & Terri Wilaby, Don & Ann Slocum, and, Garland & Carole McKenzie,

Address change/Articles of Corporation and By-Laws Donna Hendricks brought forth that the Corporate Address needs updating.

Change to the By-Laws Shirley Nihart brought to the floor, a discussion on the Working Weekend date being added to the By-Laws to indicate when the Working Weekend will be held for future reference. Kathy McKinney made a motion "that the Working Weekend shall be held the same weekend as the Shamrock Swing". Motion was seconded by Ann Slocum. Delegates voted and motion passed.

Next Meeting Saturday March 8 & 9, 2008, at the LaQuinta Inn, Maitland, FL.

Adjournment



CELEBRATE IN 2008

The 54th Florida State Convention,
May 23, 24, & 25th, 2008

It is said that 'if you build it they will come'. We hope if we work hard to put a good dance program together 'they will come'. The 7 dance halls and the Callers

and Cuers programs are all coming together and being finalized. We are traveling around as much as we can to advertise and offer ribbons for sale to let the dancers know that we are ready for them. Other committee members are helping to get the word out. Again I'm asking -**begging**- the Callers and Cuers to please urge your dancers to attend the Convention. We've attended several dances with new dancers and they had not heard of the State Convention; it is a good place for the new dancers to get a chance to dance to many different callers and get a lot of floor time. Everyone benefits from the daytime work-shops. Besides all the dancing (20 hours in all) there are a few other things at the convention:

Our Crafty Dancer reports plans for craft instructions being given, they will have sessions on every day of the convention and will have give-aways and hourly drawing with a special drawing on Sunday, they have lots of fun planned. Check our program book for the times.



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lage's air-conditioned, very roomy coaches will be a pleasure. The purchasing of bus passes is encouraged. Bus passes are only available to dancers making their housing arrangements or camping reservations with the 57th NSDC. Our contracted hotels furnish free parking for guests. Parking is at a premium in downtown Wichita due to construction and limited parking. It would be great to save daily parking fees and be delivered to the front door of the Convention Center. You will be allowed to ride free from your hotel or campground the first day to pick up your registration packet but will need a bus pass for the return trip. For dancers attending Convention activities, busses will run early for workers and tour departures and late to for the After Parties. Buy a bus pass, avoid stress, and leave the driving to the 57th NSDC. Save your feet for Great Dancing!

REGISTER NOW Don't wait to register until the last minute. Registration fees increase June 1, 2008, to \$60 per person.

Registration Trivia:

Many dancers believe attendance information is transferred from previous conventions. **WRONG!** The only personal information the 57th NSDC has is what you tell us on your Registration form.

Some dancers want the correct number of conventions previously attended recorded on their badge. If this information is not included on your form, your badge will show a zero, compliments of the computer.

To print the label for your Convention Badge, your registration information in the database must be complete. The completion process begins with the return of your full Registration Form. There are still several hundred dancers who need to "convert" their Pre-Registration by completing the full Registration Form.

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Convention Hall, with 35,000 square feet and a stage, will be used for the Wednesday Night Special Event and Plus Dancing. Located also in the round building is a 45,000 square foot Exhibition Hall with a stage, where Mainstream dancing with the Ghost Riders Band is scheduled. The Exhibition Hall Balcony will house the Showcase of Ideas. The Round Building's two beautiful theaters will be used for the Fashion Show, Bid Session, Showcase of Rounds, and the Keynote Speaker.

The 96,000 square foot Expo Hall, in the square building, will house Registration, Ways and Means, Vendors, and a large Food Court. Clogging, Country Western Dancing and Line Dancing will be located in this area.

The Hyatt Regency Wichita Hotel, a newly remodeled 303-room facility, is connected to the Century II Convention Center by an easy, comfortable indoor walk. Rooms between the two facilities will be used for Mainstream with Rounds, Plus with Rounds, Contra, Advanced, Challenge, Youth, and Handicapable Dancing. The Educational Panels, Clinics and Sew and Save rooms are located in the connected facilities.

The Broadview Hotel, a registered National Historic Landmark, is located directly across the street from Century II, within easy walking distance. The Broadview's three large ballrooms will be used for all levels of Round Dancing, the Round Dance After Parties and Trail End Dance.

The two large halls in Century II have Terrazzo floors, and the other dance areas will have special flooring. There will be NO DANCING ON CARPET!

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The Emergency Number for the 57th National Square Dance Convention® will be 1-316-219-9810. This number will be answered during the entire Convention. Messages for dancers will be posted on a bulletin board near the Registration Area in the Century II Performing Arts and Convention Center.

A Letter to the Editor

Dear Editors,

I just finished reading Keeping Posted, Jan. 2008. I'm afraid several changes have been made in Where to Dance in FL and you haven't been told.

Monday Ocala Palm Squares closed it's doors almost a year ago.

Tuesday. Prestige 55 Squares have had a change. My understanding is they will continue to dance but will alternate with Celebrity Squares at the Methodist Church in Anthony, FL. Check with Ken Perez to be sure. 352-402-9577 or 216-9578.

Circle Squares, On Top of the World has changed to dancing on Tuesday evenings. Check with Don Hanhurst. 352- 873-6811.

Wednesday . . . Friendly Squares has a new cuer. Irene Knapp-Smith. Early rounds at 2:30 and plus dance 3:00 - 5:00. Classes 12:30 - 2:30. Check with R.J. Hogan for confirmation. 352- 376-2428. Banner raid chairman 352-369-1380.

Circle Squares at On Top of the World switched to Tuesday evenings. Same place, same caller, same cuer.

I don't understand why these clubs don't email you with their changes. I hope this is helpful to you. We dance regularly at all of these clubs.

Yellow rocks,
Judy Mazzeo

Our Reply was simple:

We cannot change without input from either the club or the CFA representative from the geographical area. The advertising is free and I surely do not understand why a club would forego the opportunity to gain a new visitor and or a new member. Thank you for your input. I hope it helps visitors to the area.

So You Want to Dance in Central Florida

Last summer, a visiting couple complained "No where" could they easily find a published list of where to dance in Central Florida. With the help of many others, Bow & Swing, Bruce Morgan and his update club listing website; we've been able to pull together an eight page pullout for your convenience. And there's room for notes. Enjoy.

Tom & Elvor

SUNDAY CASSELBERRY

HOEDOWNERS

Casselberry Senior Citizen Ctr,
200 N. Triplet Lake Dr.
1:30-2:30 Class/Workshop; 2:30-4:30
Mainstream/Plus Dance w/Rounds.
Caller: Gene McCullough
Cuer: Dick Nordine
Phone: (407) 273-2561 (Norma New-
ton)
Email: hoedownerscaller@cfl.rr.com.

DAYTONA BEACH YELLOW ROCK SQUARES

ARC Building off Jimmy Ann Drive
and 5th Street
3:00-5:00 We need Angels! Handi-
capable club! We love dancers to join
us for fun.
Caller: Rick Yates Cuer: Marilyn
Yates
Phone: 386-734-2110 (call to verify
schedule)
Email: yatesrichard@bellsouth.net

LADY LAKE ORANGE BLOSSOM SQUARES

La Hacienda Center, The Villages
7:00-9:30 MS/Plus Dance w/ith
Rounds
Callers: Local and National Guests;
Cuer: Joanne Helton
Phone: 352-751-1009 Banner Raids:
(352) 753-2325
Email: bradshaw1986@webtv.net
Website: www.obsquares.org

SATELLITE BEACH RUN AROUNDS ROUND DANCE CLUB

David Schechter Community Ctr. 1089
S Patrick Dr.
1:00-2:15 Ph. 2 w/teach;
2:15-3:30 Ph. 2&3 w/teach;
3:30-5:00 Ph. 3&4+w/teach
Cuer: Bev Landwehr, Orin Blair assists
Phone: 352-241-4645

ST. CLOUD MOTIVATORS

St. Cloud Sr. Center, 3101 17th St.,
1st-3rd Sundays
2:00-4:00 A-2 Dance; 4:00-4:30 C-1
Tips
Callers: Guest
Phone: 407-957-7392, 407-892-9665,
407-846-0460

MONDAY**BAREFOOT BAY
TWIRLERS**

Barefoot Bay Civic Center 525
Barefoot Blvd. Barefoot Bay, FL
7:00 early rounds
7:30—9:30 Mainstream w/Rounds
Caller: Steve Ekin
Cuer: Vera Smith

BELLVIEW

Dancing Shadows - Rt. 484 east of
SE47.
3:00-5:00 A-2 Dance
Caller: Bob Stern
Phone: 352-259-1236
Email Rpstern@aol.com

**DAYTONA BEACH SHORES
EVERGREEN ROUNDERS**

Daytona Beach Shores Community
Center, AIA next to the fire and police
station, October through April
6:00-8:00 Ph. 3 workshops;
8:00-10:00 Ph. 3 thru 5 dance
Cuer: Irene Knapp-Smith
Phone: 386-409-3399 or cell 386-689-
3677, E-mail:
georgeandirene@cfl.rr.com

**DELAND
HONEY BEES**

Deland Activity Ctr, 751 S Alabama
Av
7:00-8:00 Beg. Class (Oct.-Apr);
7:00-8:00 Plus Class (May-June);
8:00-10:00 Plus Dance w/Rnds (Oct,
June & Sept.), 7:00-9:00 Plus wkshp.
(most wks Jul-Aug.) no rounds
Caller: Rick Yates; Cuer: Jim Cowen
Phone: 386-738-2122
Email: ljhines@netzero.net

**MELBOURNE
DIXIE DIAMONDS**

Crane Community Center, 1440
Mosswood
6:00 Advanced Lessons
Caller: Jerry Reed.
Phone: 321-633-1306
E-mail: JReed123@aol.com

**OCALA
OAK RUN TWIRLERS**

2:00-4:15 Plus Dance
Caller: Whit Brown
Phone: 352-873-1734 or 407-353-
2976
Email: WhitBrown2@aol.com

**OCALA
PALM SQUARES**

5000 N US Hwy 27
7:30—9:30 Plus Dance
Caller: Dan Hanhurst
Phone: 352-369-1380

**VERO BEACH
HERON CAE TWIRLERS**

Heron Cae Mobile Home Park
7:00-9:00 Mainstream Dance
Caller: Gib Mattson (contact first for
code)
Phone: (561) 778-2054



TUESDAY**APOPKA**

Fran Carlton Center, 11 N. Forest
 7:30-9:30 Easy C1 Dance
 Caller: Ron Libby
 Phone: (352) 259-3188 or
 352-409-1369
 Email: ronlibby@aol.com

**APOPKA
PIRATES**

Fran Carlton Center, 11 N. Forest
 7:30-9:00 Classes Roland Morin; call
 Dottie Coss for info (352)241-9020;

**GAINESVILLE
GRAND SQUARES**

1910 NW 53rd Ave., Carpenters Union
 Hall
 7:00-7:30 Workshop; 7:30-9:30 Plus/
 Mainstream Dance
 Caller: Lon Ligon;
 Phone: (352) 377-1828
 Website: www.geocities.com/
 grandsquaresclub/
 GrandSquaresClub.html

**LEESBURG
ROYAL HIGHLANDS**

Royal Highlands Great Hall, Rt. 27 &
 Monarch Blvd.,
 Sept. - June - 1:00-3:00 Basic & Main-
 stream Class; 3:00-5:00 Plus class
 May-Oct - 2:30-3:00 Plus Workshop;
 3:00-5:00 Mainstream Dancing
 Caller: Paul Place 352-365-1319
 Phone: 352-314-9275 or 352-787-9822

OCALA**ON TOP OF THE WORLD
CIRCLE SQUARES**

Arbor Club, 10060 S.W. 94th St.
 5:30-7:00 pm Class;
 7:00-9:00 Plus Dance w/Rounds
 Caller: Don Hanhurst
 Cuer: Loretta Hanhurst
 Phone: (352) 873-6811
 E-mail: lockrfsm@aol.com

**ORMOND BEACH
GRANADA SQUARES**

Melrose & US 1, Senior Ctr.
 6:30-8:00 Beginners Class; 8:00-
 10:00 Plus Dance w/Rnds
 Caller: John Saunders
 Phone: (386) 767-6216 or (386)
 760-2610
 Banner Raids: (386) 253-8928
[http://floridadancing.com/
 granadasquares](http://floridadancing.com/granadasquares)
 Email: granadasquares@cfl.rr.com

**ROCKLEDGE
CANAVERAL SQUARES**

McLarty Park Recreation Center,
 790 Barton Blvd.
 7:30-9:45 Plus Squares w/Rounds
 Caller: Jerry Reed Cuer: Phyllis
 Williams
 Phone: 321-452-7963
 Banner Raids: 321-268-4450;
judy98@netscape.com
 Email: Apicheco@juno.com
 Website:
www.canaveralsquares.com

WEDNESDAY**BELLVIEW
FRIENDLY SQUARES**

Dancing Shadows, Rt. 484 East of SE47
 1:00-3:00 Beginners Class (Oct-May);
 1:00-3:00 Plus Class (May-Sept);
 3:00-5:00 Plus Dance w/Rnds
 Caller: RJ Hogan
 Cuer: Irene Knapp-Kanpp-Smith
 Phone: 352-624-0057 or
 Raids: 352-236-1240

**DEBARY
STARLIGHT
PROMENADERS**

38 S. Shell Road
 7:00-8:00 Class/Workshop
 Caller: Whit Brown
 Cuer: Daphne Martin
 Phone: 407-322-4454 or
 386-789-8018

**LEESBURG
SUNSHINE PROMENADERS**

Masonic Lodge, 200 Richey Rd. (by Bowling Alley)
 7:00-9:15 Plus Dance
 Callers: Ron Libby and Darrell Figg
 Cuer: Joanne Helton
 Phone 352-669-6812 or 352-323-1720
 Banner Raids: 352-259-5904

**NEW SMYRNA BEACH
SPINDRIFTERS**

Coronado Civic Ctr., Flagler & Pine St. (beach side)
 6:30-8:00 Oct-Apr New Dancers;
 8:00-9:45 Workshop & Dance w/Rnds
 Caller: John Saunders
 Cuer: Irene Knapp-Smith
 Phone: 386-428-1496
 Email: johnnsa@aol.com

**OKLAWAHA
PILOT SQUARES**

Lake Weir Chamber of Commerce,
 Route 25
 2:00-4:00 Adv.; 4:00-5:00 C-1 Dance
 Caller: Ron Libby
 Phone: 352-259-3188 or 352-409-1369
 Email: ronlibby@aol.com

**ORLANDO
WHIRL & TWIRL**

Whirl and Twirl Square and Round Dance Center, 6949 Venture Circle
 8:00-10:00 Progressive Mainstream and some line dancing
 Caller: Paul Place
 Phone: 407-679-2882
 Banner Chair: Jack & Mel Frye, 407-331-8198, jackfrye@embarqmail.com
 banner_chairman@earthlink.net
 Email: whirlandtwirl@yahoo.com

**MELBOURNE
DIXIE DIAMONDS**
 Eau Gallie Civic Cntr, 1551 Highland Ave.
 7:30—9:30 A1/A2 Dance
 Caller: Jerry Reed.
 Phone: 321-633-1306
 E-mail: JReed123@aol.com

**VERO BEACH
ADVANCE DANCE**

Vero Beach Community Center
 A-2 Dance 7:30-9:30
 C-1 Tips 9:30-10:00
 Caller: Gib Mattson
 Phone: (561) 778-2054

THURSDAY**BAREFOOT BAY****BAREFOOT BAY SPINNERS**

Barefoot Bay Community Center, 626
Barefoot Blvd.

12:45-2:45 Mainstream NO Rounds

Caller: Dale McClary

Phone: 772-664-5562

ANTHONY**CELEBRITY SQUARES**

United Meth. Church, 2396 NE
97th Street RD

7:00—9:00 Plus Dance

Caller: Ken Perez

Phone: 352-629-0437

COCOA**SPACE TRACKERS**

Merritt Island Presbyterian Church,
155 Cone Road

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Thursdays

7:30 Early Rounds, 8 - 10 pm

Plus with Rounds

Callers: Whit Brown 1st and 3rd,

Guest Callers on 2nd Thurs.

Club Cuer: Phyllis Williams

Phone: 321-433-3098

cell: 386-846-8996

Email: jeanlee43@bellsouth.net

DAYTONA BEACH**DIXIE SQUARES**

City Island Rec Cntr, 108 E Orange

6:30-8:00 Class(Oct-May); 7:30-8:00

Workshops(May-Sep); 8:00-10:00 Plus

Dance w/Rnds

Caller: Paul Place

Cuer: Irene Knapp-Smith

Phone: 386-760-9641

Banner Raids: Paul Barners

386-671-6164

Email: joengum@cfl.rr.com

PALM BAY**PROMENADERS**

Trailer Haven, 1205 Eddie Allen Rd.
(between NASA and Hibiscus off
Airport Rd.)

7:30-8:00 Early Rounds; 8:00-10:00

Plus Dance w/Rnds

Caller: Dale McClary

Cuer: Bev Landwehr

Phone: 321-254-7679

Banner Raids: Claire Maheu 321-783-

7630; Email: cbmaheu@aol.com

GARDEN PATCH SQUARES

Vignetti Rec. Center, 1910 Adair St.

7:00-8:15 Class or Workshop, 8:00-

9:45 Plus Dance w/Rnds

Caller: Rick Yates Cuer: Marilyn

Yates

Phone: 386-734-2110

Email: yatesrichard@bellsouth.net

Banner Raids: RoyAnne Martin 407-

282-8341

SUMMERFIELD**FOUNTAIN SQUARES**

Ballroom of Community Ctr., Del

Webb Spruce Creek Country Club,

Hwy. US 27 & US 441

2nd & 4th TH; 7:00-9:00 Plus Dance

1st, 3rd & 5th TH, 7:00-9:00 Plus

Dance/Wkshop

Classes MO 10:00 AM-Noon AM

Caller: Don Hanhurst

Phone: Marie/John Dilworth 352-307-

3469

Lois/Wilbur Lindstrom 352-245-7465

E-mail: jadmfd@msn.com

THURSDAY (cont'd)**OCOEE
WINTER SPRINGS
ROUNDS**

Winter Springs Senior Citizens
Center, 400 N. Edgemon Drive
(1 mile East of 17-92 off 434)
7:00-8:30 Class;
8:30-10:00 Dance Phase II-V
Cuer: Dick and Darleen Nordine
Phone: 407-327-7027
Email: rnordine@juno.com

FRIDAY**LADY LAKE
PLANTATION SQUARES**

Route 466 Recreation
December thru April
7:00-9:30 Plus Dance
Caller: Bob Stern
Cuers: Loretta Hanhurst
Email: rpstern@aol.com

**OKLAWAHA
PILOT SQUARES**

Lake Weir Chamber of Commerce,
Route 25
2:00-4:00 C-1 Dance
Caller: Ron Libby
Phone: 352-259-3188
Email: ronlibby@aol.com

**ORLANDO
SINGLES**

College Park Presbyterian Church, 118
E. Par Street Corner of Par and For-
mosa
7:00-8:00 New Dancer Class, 8:00-
8:15 Early Rnds; 8:15-10:00 Dance w/
Rnds
Caller: Whit Brown
Cuer: Phyllis Williams
Phone: 407-366-5186 or 407-297-6236
Banner Raids: Tony Domozych
407-654-4974

WHIRL & TWIRL

Whirl and Twirl Square and Round
Dance Center, 6949 Venture Circle
8:00-10:00 Dance
ER 7:30 (Plus/E/DBD)
Caller: Paul Place
Cuer: Pete and Jan Shankle
Phone: (407) 679-2882
Banner Chairmen: Jack & Mel Frye
407-331-8198;
jackfrye@embarqmail.com
Email: whilandtwirl@yahoo.com

SATURDAY

**APOPKA
PIRATES**

(2nd and 4th Saturdays)
 Fran Carlton Center, 11 N. Forest
 7:00-7:15 Early Rounds
 7:15-9:15 Plus Dance w/Rnds
 Caller: Paul Place
 Cuer: Daphne Martin
 Phone: 407-645-5627 or 321-231-3205
 Banner Raids: Dottie Coss 352-241-
 9020 or Sharon Canfield 321-231-
 3205. Raids John & Cindy Lock 407-
 712-4060

**SATELLITE BEACH
ALLEMANDERS**

Satellite Bch Civic Ctr., 565 Cassia
 1st-3rd Saturdays Oct—May
 2nd & 3rd Saturday Jul—Sep
 SB Cvc Cntr, 565 Cassia;
 8:00-10:00pm Plus & Rounds
 Caller: John Saunders
 Cuer: Bev Landwehr
 Phone: Burnetts 321-773-6420 or Pauls
 321-777-8352

**A true friend is someone
 who reaches for your hand
 and touches your Heart.**

Author Unknown

Save a Square or Round Dancer Life

GIVE BLOOD

Every droplet counts

***Central Florida
 Account 54***

OUR CONDOLENCES

ESTHER JANE LEE, Titusville, 94, passed away Feb 2. Born July 22, 1913 in Tulsa, OK, she lived most of her adult life in Brevard County, FL. She and husband, William Sturgis Lee, were local grove owners and members of the Mims Citrus Growers Association. Esther had a happy and active life: bowling with the Indian River Lanes Senior Bowling League, Space Trackers Square Dance Club, and volunteering at Parrish Medical Center and First Baptist Church. She leaves legacy of hard work, community service, service to God, and love and friendship to all she knew. Many Brevard County square dancers paid their respects to Esther and her family at the visitation and attended the services.

Mary K. Stewart, 89, Edgewater, died March 3, 2008, at Hospice House of New Smyrna Beach. Born in Jacksonville, she moved to this area in 1981 from Orlando, where she was a supervisor for the City of Orlando Recreation Department. Mary is a member of the Florida Square Dancing Hall of Fame. She also enjoyed fishing. Husband Alva, known to most square dancers as Pee-Wee, led the many square dance friends at her services March 6, 2008.

To Paul Miller on the Passing of Your Father: Paul and Cheryl responded to the many e-mailers: Thank you for your sympathy. We received notice on our way home Sunday. He lived in Yuma, AZ. Paul's stepmother is not having a service; she held the body for family viewing on Monday. He was cremated on Tuesday. Paul spent a wonderful week with his dad in January. We have been told, he was taken from his home by the military (Veteran Navy & Army) with an American Flag draped over him & a Rose laid on the flag on Sunday. That comforts us knowing he was treated with such honor. His father had been very ill and was ready to

meet his Lord & Savior. Paul is happy he is with his Mom. they had been married for over 38 years. Again, thank you for your sympathy."

VONA O. BROWN West Melbourne, 86, passed away March 15, 2008. Vona was born in Bulger, West Virginia. She came to Brevard County in 1965 from Dunbar, WV where she owned and operated Brown Auto Parts with her husband, Troy. She was a volunteer with Holmes Regional Auxiliary for the past 23 years at the Information Desk, member of the Palm Bay Promenaders Square and Round Dance Club in Melbourne, member of the Allemanders Square and Round Dance Club in Satellite Beach. She started Young at Heart at Wesley United Methodist Church where she was a member. She was on the newsletter staff of the The Bugle at Buena Vida Estates as well as the Bow and Swing Square Dance Magazine. She was a poll worker for the elections office and the Queen Mum for the Red Hat Society that she established at Buena Vida. Anyone planning expressions of sympathy is asked to consider donations to the Buena Vida Foundation.

Barbara H Warner Melbourne, 70 passed away March 26. Bob and Barbara were members of the Space Trackers for many years.



Florida USDA Article

This month's USDA Report focuses on our Handicapable Dancers. The following article was taken directly out of the USDA NEWS Volume XIX, Issue 1 Jan. - March, 2008. We love to visit our own Pensacola Special Steppers and dance with them. They are all wonderful dancers and we have a great time whenever we visit.

Alan & Portia Bruning, Chairman USDA Handicapable Committee. There are a number of developments in the Handicapable Square dance community that we would like to bring to your attention. First, there is now a National directory of Handicapable Square Dance clubs. It was developed through the cooperative ef-

forts of CALLERLAB, the United States Handicapable Square Dance Association (USH) and the United Square Dancers of American (USDA). The Directory not only lists the Handicapable clubs but also includes tips on how to start a club and how to become an effective teacher/caller. If you would like to obtain a copy of the directory, contact CALLERLAB (the directory is free, but there is a nominal mailing charge). If you review it and discover that a Handicapable club has been omitted, contact CALLERLAB's Handicapable Committee Chairman, Michelle McCarty at michbrit@optonline.net.

In addition to the directory, the first Handicapable newsletter has "hit the press". HANDICAPABLE NEWS is a newsletter covering what is going on in the Handicapable dancing world. The first published issue has been posted on the web. To locate it, type "HANDICAPABLE NEWS" into your internet search engine and click on the resulting "Handicapable News". The newsletter will be published and posted on the web about 3 or 4 times a year. If you have some things you would like included in the next issue, contact the Editor, Michelle McCarty, at michbrit@optonline.net.

The next National (USH) Handicapable Convention will be held in Mobile, AL on July 24-26, 2008. The very first Handicapable Convention was held in Mobile, AL and twenty years later, it is returning to the city where it all started. If you are interested in attending the convention, contact Dean Emery, President of United States Handicapable Association at 9354 Johnson Rd. Mobile, AL 36695 (251) 633-8212 or dean2@ushandicapable.org. As representatives of USDA, we attended the last Handicapable Convention in Baton Rouge, LA and found it to be a very rewarding and humbling experience.

This past summer, the Handicapable Hall at the National Square Dance Convention in Charlotte, NC was a happening place. There were callers from all over calling for the Handicapable groups. Some of the callers were new to calling for Handicapable groups, but they did a wonderful job and had a terrific time. We would encourage everyone to visit the Handicapable Halls at the upcoming Nationals: Wichita, KS, Long Beach, CA and Louisville, KY.

Paul & Cheryl Miller



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Press Release

A Return to Square Dancing

The ACA Proposal

Today there is an uneasy consensus among dancers & callers which holds that square dancing is neither as it used to be nor what it ought to be. We all agree that, while there are not as many callers as twenty years ago, there are even fewer dancers. The one thing that none of us can deny is that we no longer have the once copious flow of new students into our square dance classes that we enjoyed in years past. The flow has shrunk to a trickle or none at all. The truth is that the one and two square clubs that we have today would not have been considered a good "basement group" in the 1970s. Beyond these areas of accord and mutual commiseration, we began to diverge and quibble. We can agree that something is wrong and in talking to people that have quit square dancing, it's not hard to figure out. We can agree on what is wrong, but not what to do about it. At the moment we are doing relatively little or nothing about it and the downward trend continues.

The sad truth is that there is a quick fix for the ills that have been building up over the past two decades while we waited for things to improve. It did not happen. Until all of us agree upon, and put into effect, an effective and workable course of action, the decline in square dancing will not only continue, it will worsen.

The American Callers Association (ACA) has applied logic, facts, experience and reason to the problem of our shrinking numbers and has come up with a workable and effective solution. Do away with existing barriers between dancers and return to the days of the undesignated dancer. In other words, we should discard the present Basic, Mainstream and Plus list. We should replace these levels, lists, programs or whatever with a program of square dance choreography that can be mastered in a reasonable amount of time

and that will include the very best and most useful calls. By doing so, we can bring all dancers back together on one floor and put the fun back in square dancing.

No longer will dancers be labeled and categorized in a divisive manner. No longer will dancers be forced to spend inordinate lengths of time in classes to become a square dancer and not be welcomed by existing dancers. (This will put 95% of all dancers back together.) We should condense the current list of Basic, Mainstream and Plus into one single, sensible, and manageable program which need be called merely "Square Dancing." There will always be advanced and challenge, but we do not build from those levels. If we don't put them in at the bottom, they cannot take them to the top. With no new dancers the top looks very dim.

American Callers Association is not only furnishing the concept, we have also worked out the details. Reviewing tapes of recent dances held in many areas of the country, the information showed that ninety-five percent of the dances were called with 50 or less calls. The calls were in terms of frequency of use and the popularity that dominates our square dance choreography. The determination of these calls was made in an entirely objective manner, with no preconceived bias toward or against any call.

Using these analytical studies as a basis, American Callers has developed a recommended list of calls, including the order in which they can be taught during the learning cycle, that forms the keystone of the "One Floor Program."

Remember this is a recommended list and it can be improved even more.

The "One Floor Program" can be downloaded from our web page .

Obviously, this solution will require a degree of sacrifice and cooperation among callers and dancers that so far has never been achieved. Everyone is going to have to give up something in the **common cause**. The rewards of doing so can be very great. The penalties of not doing so are even greater.

Persons wishing to know more about the "One Floor Program" may contact Mac Letson at or write to American Callers at P.O. Box 2406, Muscle Shoals Al. 35662, or call 256-383-7583.

Should you choose this as your program of square dancing (club, association or state), please furnish any caller that you have to call

for you a copy of this list. . As more input comes in, we may have changes to this proposal. The dancers we talk with like what they hear. Callers that have been teaching by this list report they keep about 80% of their new dancers. Most of the callers we have talked to say that they think square dancing would better with just one program below advance and challenge.

Some of the Advantages of the Proposal:

1. Can now have more than one class per year.
2. Planning a special dance is made easier.
3. Brings about a better attitude and unifies the activity again.
4. Makes recruiting and the retention of new dancers easier.

These are just a few advantages of the one floor program, I am sure you can think of many more.

S T R O K E
REMEMBER THE FIRST 3 LETTERS
S T R

STROKE IDENTIFICATION: During a BBQ, a friend stumbled and took a little fall, she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics)she said she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes.

They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, Ingrid went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening.

Ingrid's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital - (at 6:00 pm Ingrid passed away.) She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps Ingrid would be with us today. Some don't die, they end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead.

It only takes a minute to read this...

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke... totally . He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically

cared for within 3 hours, which is tough..

RECOGNIZING A STROKE - Thank God for the sense to remember the "3" steps, STR . Read and Learn!

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke . Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S * Ask the individual to SMILE.

T * Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) i.e. It is sunny out today)

R * Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

New Sign of a Stroke ----- Stick out Your Tongue

NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue.. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other , that is also an indication of a stroke.

HEART ATTACK AND EATING

This is a very good article. Not only about the warm water after your meal, but about **heart attacks**.

The Chinese and Japanese drink hot tea with their meals, not cold water, maybe it is time we adopt their drinking habit while eating. For those who like to drink cold water, this article is applicable to you. It is nice to have a cup of cold drink after a meal. However, the cold water will solidify the oily stuff that you have just consumed. It will slow down the digestion. Once this "sludge" reacts with the acid, it will break down and be absorbed by the intestine faster than the solid food. It will line the intestine. Very soon, this will turn into fats and lead to cancer. It is best to drink hot soup or warm water after a meal.

A serious note about heart attacks - You should know that not

every heart attack symptom is going to be the left arm hurting. Be aware of intense pain in the jaw line. You may never have the first chest pain during the course of a heart attack. Nausea and intense sweating are also common symptoms. 60% of people who have a heart attack while they are asleep do not wake up. Pain in the jaw can wake you from a sound sleep. Let's be careful and be aware. The more we know, the better chance we could survive.

ATTENTION! ! !

ACCOUNT 54

DANCER IN NEED

When you need blood, your Area Director is a key player. He/she will contact Jim or Jan McConnaha, our VP Blood Bank. They'll contact the Blood Bank to arrange the transfer of the blood product. To help the process, please provide the following information:

Date of Request: _____

Patient Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ St. _____ Zip _____

Phone Nbr.: _____

Hospital: _____

Address: _____

City _____ St. _____ Zip _____

Expected Date Blood Needed: _____

Editor Note: I think this is the best benefit of belonging to the CFA. I used 14 units of blood during my surgery. Several others have used many units for theirs.

Club News

WHIRL & TWIRL

Caller Paul Place's new 15-week Mainstream class is in full swing. This Tuesday night class is being coordinated by Tom and Marcia KillKelley. Michael and Alice Craft are coordinating a Plus class following the Mainstream class. Their class is designed for new Plus dancers as well as for those who want to brush up by attending selected nights. Jim and Lili-Ann Gallagher have signed on as Blue Bandit leaders. Incoming and outgoing raids are now being scheduled for the next several months.

Our Red Hot Saturday Night dance in early February was a huge success. More than 18 squares signed up and about 14 squares were on the floor at all times. We want to make this an annual event for die-hard dancers.

Michael Craft's birthday bash went off without a hitch on March 2 with Paul Place, Whit Brown, and Gene McCullough calling, and Dick Nordine cueing. Many people from area clubs and lots of Michael's friends showed up to wish him a happy birthday. A great dance and tons of food!

Earlier in the day, the club marched (and danced to Paul Place) in Winter Park's St. Patrick's Day parade. We had another TAW Appreciation dinner get-together at the club on March 9th. Great food by Wayne Norwood & Co. In mid-March, we had a clean-up day and the club looks great as usual. Another clothes Recycle Sale was held in mid-March. This fund-raiser is designed to help our newer dancers get in the swing of puffy skirts and colorful shirts. We hope you had a good time at CFA's Shamrock Swing in

Maitland on March 7 and 8. Cuers Pete and Jan Shankle kicked off a free round dance class for round dance beginners on Thursday, March 27. You still have time to get involved. Call the Shankles or the club for more information.

April is another full month with the club picnic at Fort Christmas on the 13th, a dance demo at the Central Florida Fairground on the 19th, and Pete and Jan Shankle's 65th wedding anniversary celebration on Sunday, April 20th. Oh yes, don't forget to pay your taxes!

Paul conducts a workshop for Mainstream dancers beginning 7:00 pm each Wednesday followed by Mainstream dancing. Fridays at 7:30pm we have rounds followed by Plus dancing at 8:00pm. Pete and Jan continue their basic round dance class each Thursday at 7:00pm. followed by intermediate round dancing. Please visit our website at www.whirlandtwirl.org for more information. Contact us at 407-679-2882 or email@whirlandtwirl.org

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Hitch-N-Go

Traveler's tip for this quarter: The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and a leaky tire.

NEWS FLASH FOR MARCH CAMPOUT: Saturday breakfast – French toast and real maple syrup provided by your hosts

April 25-27, 2008 Campout– “Ice Cream Social”

Theme World RV Resort - Davenport, FL

Hosts: George & Sandy Oakes

Friday: Dinner on your own, 8:00 p.m. dance

Ice Cream Social After party” Make your own sundaes— everything provided by hosts

Saturday: 8:30 am Continental B'fast 5:00 pm Pot Luck

7:30 pm Early Rounds 8:00 p.m. Dance

10:00 pm After party

Sunday: Nothing scheduled. Have a safe trip home

May 16-18, 2008 Campout Sanlan Ranch Lakeland, FL

Hosts: Tom & Jeanne Hartwig, Lee & Joyce Whitten

Friday: Dinner on your own

8:00 p.m. Dance and After party

Saturday: 9:00 am Continental B'fast 5:00 p.m. Pot luck

7:30 pm Early Rounds 8:00 p.m. Dance

10:00 pm After party

Sunday: Nothing scheduled. Have a safe trip home

June & July 2008 No scheduled dancing campouts. However, el presidente is looking into a social campout at Jetty Park (Port Canaveral) June 27-29. Likewise for July 27-27 at Florida Camp-in. Let Dick Fournier know if you are interested in either or both. Each 082 member is expected to make his/her own reservations for those two weekends

August 29-30 Ft. Wilderness Disney World

This is not a scheduled 082 Square Dancing Campout but rather an opportunity to socialize and enjoy the "World" Please contact Jeanne Hartwig ASAP if you're interested. She will attempt to arrange for everyone to camp close by but once again, you must make your own reservations.

HEADS UP FOR New Years Eve 2008: Since Christmas 2008 falls on a Thursday, 082 will NOT have a Dec campout. Instead we are planning a non-dancing campout at Florida Lake Louisa State Park from New Years Eve day Wed Dec 31, 2008 to Sunday Jan 4, 2009. If Charlie Pergrossi happens to attend, he might be willing to call an "on-the-grass" tip for us to earn our "grass-hopper" dangle. Many members who attended the 22-24 Feb campout have already indicated an interest. Dick Fournier will get the ball rolling at Lake Louisa but each member must make their own reservations.

Since this is the first Snooper Issue since with Charlie Pergrossi as our club caller, I thought a little background on Charlie and Sarah might be interesting. (For "the rest of the story" check out www.pergrossi.com).

Charlie began calling in 1971. He has called for clubs in Virginia, North Carolina, Maryland, Illinois, and Wisconsin. He

joined Callerlab in 1975. His calling experience includes advanced and challenge level. As club caller for a chapter of the national Bachelor and Bachelorette club, he met a beautiful bachelorette named Sarah, whom he soon married. Charlie's work with the US State Department took them overseas in the '80's and '90's. Along with their 2 daughters and a son, Charlie and Sarah lived in Puerto Rico, Botswana, Zaire, Senegal and India, carrying the square dance torch wherever they went

Charlie's and Sarah's eldest daughter Heather is a nurse working in the trauma center of Moses Cone Hospital, Greensboro, N.C. and the mother of two daughters.

Their younger daughter Kimberly is a talented artist and a mother of two.

Their son Chris is stationed at Ft. Irwin CA with the US Army and has recently been selected for Special Forces. He is unmarried.

In 2004 Charlie and Sarah returned to the Washington DC area where he retired from federal service in 2005. They moved to Trenton, Florida where Sarah taught first grade in Levy County before retiring in September 2006. They both have continued to vigorously promote square dancing, forming new clubs, calling and dancing. They are currently editors of the Northeast Dancers Association magazine, *The Grapevine* and will Chair the 2008 Camp-O-Ree.

Ann & Ace Taylor

CANAVERAL SQUARES

The Canaveral Squares have been very busy this past month of February. On February 9th, a special dance was held at the Woody Simpson Center on Merritt Island to benefit the ARTS program. The Association of Round, Traditional and

Square Dance is a group dedicated to helping further these types of dancing in America. The members of the board are all volunteers and receive no pay for their time or travels. In fact, they spend a lot of their own time and money traveling around to meetings and benefits. Our caller, Jerry Reed is very active in this organization.

The dance was a great success! We had over 16 squares dancing to the calling of Tony Oxendine combined with the fine cueing of Phyllis Williams to create an exciting and fun evening. Over \$800 was raised for ARTS. We had over 16 squares present and dancing! If only we had this kind of support at every dance.

On February 15th and 16th, many of our members attended the Knothead Konvention, held in Melbourne, FL at the Eau Gallie Civic Center. The Main caller was Mac McCall with many local callers doing a few of the morning and afternoon tips. Phyllis Williams and Bev Landwehr also filled in with morning and afternoon cueing and teaching. One of the most fun round dances cued was Search for Elena. Thanks Bev for teaching this one. The morning and afternoon rounds were danced in a triangular shaped room. How can you round dance in a triangle? It was fun!

To round out February, on the 26th we had a raid by the Space Trackers from Merrit Island combined with a group of traveling German square dancers who arrived in a motor coach. With the calling of John Swindle and the cueing of Phyllis Williams, we had a great evening. The Germans brought over four squares with them which brought us up to a total of over 10 squares on the floor! The Germans were great fun and everyone had a ball.

Speaking of Balls, our Cinderella Ball was held on April 1st, but that is a subject for the next Keeping Posted. Hope to see you in a square soon.

The Canaveral Square himself

BAREFOOT BAY SPINNERS

Hello from the Barefoot Bay Spinners Square Dance Club. We have several of our Thursday afternoon dances coming up in the next couple of weeks. Plus a MARDI GRAS dance January 31, and a Valentines Day special dance Feb 14. Dance lessons are continuing with Sammi Smith the season. There will be no dancing or teaching March 3rd to the 6th as our Little Theater Group will be performing. We will have an Easter Dance March 20th. Graduation for students will be in April. If you get the chance stop by and join us dancing. JAM

Emily Bedell

ON TOP OF THE WORLD SQUARES

Besides still offering beginner, mainstream, a plus level dance, DBD, round dance lessons, advanced level instructions, we are now offering a plus level workshop to sharpen your skills. We are lucky to have Don & Loretta Hanhurst as our Caller and Cuer to be able to do these offerings.

Our next big special dance, the "Spring Swing", will be on Saturday, April 19 and National caller Gary Shoemake from Tennessee and Loretta Hanhurst cueing. Come and Join us.

The beginning of April is also our Annual meeting and election of officers.

Hope to see you on the dance floor,

Bob Lockwood

BREVARD COUNTY DANCERS AT SHAMROCK SWING



Picture courtesy of by Jim & Jan McConnaha

FLORIDA ICE

From Carol Webber

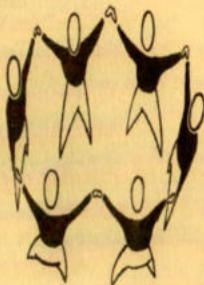
A 36 year old female had an accident and totaled her car. It was raining, though not excessively, when her car suddenly began to hydroplane literally flying through the air. She was not seriously injured but very stunned at the sudden occurrence! When she explained to the highway patrolman what had happened he told her something that every driver should know - NEVER DRIVE IN THE RAIN WITH YOUR CRUISE CONTROL ON. She had thought she was being cautious by setting the cruise control and maintaining a safe consistent speed in the rain.

The highway patrolman told her when cruise control is on and your car begins to hydroplane, your tires lose contact with the pavement, your car accelerated to a higher rate of speed and you take off like an airplane. She told the patrolman that was exactly what had occurred.

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EMERGENCY CALL FOR MEDICAL AID

1. When a dancer goes down, a second dancer attends to him/her.
2. Remaining couples join hands and take a step backward. This will allow the injured person and attendant air and room.
3. Raise joined hands as high as possible in the form of an arched circle.
4. On seeing this signal, the caller or hall monitor will immediately place an Emergency Call for Medical Aid.



Her speed was estimated at 10 to 15 miles per hour faster than the speed set on the cruise control. **NEVER USE THE CRUISE CONTROL WHEN THE PAVEMENT IS WET OR ICY!**

Why is rainy-day driving so risky? **TRACTION.** During dry weather, oily substances from car exhaust settle into the pavement. The first hour of a steady rain brings the oil to the surface. **SLOW DOWN & STAY BACK.**

How to avoid hydroplaning? As rainfall increases, tires must cut through the water for contact with the road. If there's too much water on the road and you are traveling too fast, your vehicle may start to ride on top of the water a condition called hydroplaning or aquaplaning. **SLOW DOWN; GOOD TIRES HELP; NO CRUISE CONTROL.**

5th Saturday Dance

May 31, 2008

Wayne G. Sanborn Activities Center

751 S. Alabama Avenue

DeLand, FL 32724

Don Hanhurst - Caller

Dick Nordine - Cuer

Early Rounds 7:30pm • Dance 8:00-10:00pm

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