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His (as to appear on badge)                      Hers (as to appear on badge)

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\$7.00/person—New Members  
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(Each dance will be paid for at the door with the general members getting a discount)

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CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE  
AND ROUND DANCERS' ASSOCIATION

*From the President's Desk....*

Sometimes you get so involved in Square Dancing that the time literally gets away from you. It seems as if the fall season just started and here it is almost winter with the holidays fast approaching.

However, most of the Central clubs started early advertising and doing demonstrations to attract people in their area to come to lessons starting in September. The CFA has been active in promoting our clubs to have beginner classes. Some of our clubs that have not done this are beginning to get into trouble. These new class members are the future of square dancing. We must do everything possible to make them feel welcome and to help them through their learning period.

We have recently obtained a promotional video tape that can be used in booths at malls or elsewhere. It can be played in a VCR and left unattended to continue to repeat itself. This tape will be made available to any of our clubs that want to use it. We will have it available for the Area Directors to review at the December Board Meeting.

We held our last 5th Saturday Dance on September 30 at the great new Whirl & Twirl Hall with its wooden floor. Cuers were Pete & Jan Shankle, with Jim Louder doing the calling. Twenty-two squares kept things rocking all evening.

On the same day as this dance the 46th NSDC held an all day Magic Board meeting with a number of the CFA members attending in their NSDC capacities. The next day literally hundreds of dancers, many from the CFA attended the 46th NSDC meeting for all volunteers. Much useful information was obtained by all who attended. Everyone was brought up to date on the progress as we move toward 1997.

We welcomed a new dance hall in the Central Area when Ken and Joanne Helton opened their beautiful Sunshine Hall near Wildwood. Callers and Cuers from all over the area did their thing before a capacity crowd. The CFA brought over 2 squares decked out in our black, orange and green. We wish them the best of luck in their new hall.

CFA dancers are an active, innovative group and are enthusiastically at work on the 1999 State Convention. We think you will see some real fun things come as a result of this. Meetings are already being held to

plan for this big event. If there is some committee that you would like to be a part of, please let us know. We welcome all volunteers. **Be a part of the Crewe!**

Because of its proximity to various club's New Years' Eve dances we have canceled our 5th Saturday Dance in December. We have replaced it with a 46th NSDC Benefit Dance to be held on Saturday night, February 17, 1996. This will be held in conjunction with the Federation Working Weekend at the Ramada Inn Central in Orlando. Central Florida Callers and Cuers are donating their time and talents to make this a real fund raiser for the 46th NSDC. Admission will be \$3.00 each with all proceeds to go to the 46th. Not only will you get a super dance for this price, you will get to see a sneak preview of the "Invitational" which will be presented at the Pre-Convention in March and at the National Convention in San Antonio in June.

CFA Membership Vice President Randy & Carol Poole are starting membership visitations to central area clubs. They started with a visit to the Wagon Wheels of St. Cloud on November 10. This friendly crowd was most receptive to the CFA story. Picked up almost 20 new and renewal memberships. When the visitation team comes to your club, please assist them any way you can. It is to all of our advantage to have a large, enthusiastic member group.

We look forward to seeing you at the 46th NSDC meeting January 6 and 7, 1996.

Jim and Jan McConnaha  
President



## Attention Club Officers!

A worthy suggestion was made at the September CFA Board of Directors meeting. Since the Ways and Means Directors and Vice Chairman spend most all their time behind the sales tables at our club dances, they rarely get an opportunity to dance.

The Board suggests that clubs extend free admission to dances to the Ways and Means people there to sell merchandise for the 46th NSDC.

The CFA Board sincerely hopes you will honor this suggestion. If you do, the many hard-working 46th NSDC Ways and Means folks will be very appreciative.

*"Happiness is Square Dancing"*

MINUTES OF CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCERS'  
ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING - SEPTEMBER 10, 1995  
CONDENSED MINUTES

TREASURERS' REPORT: The report was read and filed for audit.

HISTORIAN: The Historian displayed an album with photos and articles pertaining to the early days of CFA. She requested help in obtaining information on the Association's history and also current and future events; photographs of each past president, other officers and also hard working members of CFA. She would also like more information on early state conventions sponsored by CFA and suggested that a photographer be appointed to take photos for the '99 State Convention CFA album. (Please send to Vivian Wilson, P.O. Box 2050, DeLand, Florida 32721.)

AREA REPORTS: Full reports are on file. Area Directors have been asked to update the "Where to Dance" List. A resignation from Gene and Georgia Shockley, Orange County Area Directors, was accepted.

During the new business, it was voted to approve a realignment of the Orange/Seminole Director's boundaries for a more equitable responsibility. They will now be divided on an East/West designation instead of North/South. Henceforth, there will be a director for East Orange/Seminole which will include all clubs in East Orange County (clubs east of route 441) and Seminole County. There will also be a West Orange County designation (all clubs west of route 441).

The Stivers will represent East Orange/Seminole.

Bonnie Kucharzyk, replacing the Shockleys, will represent West Orange.

The clubs are looking forward to the return of the "snow birds" to help boost attendance. Most clubs have been raiding and retrieving banners and holding theme parties. Also, most will be holding beginner dance classes in the fall. Some are even serving pot luck dinners to new class members. Many clubs are holding demonstrations and exhibitions in hopes of inspiring new class members.

BLOOD BANK: Account 54 has 184 units available as of September, 1995. The list of regular donors is increasing.

INSURANCE: Complete report is on file. Members are reminded not to send bills for claims to anyone other than our Central Florida representative, Roger Chapin.

KEEPIN' POSTED: 500 copies of the September 32-page issue were printed. Paid advertising is helping to support the magazine. Notices will continue to be mailed out to the advertisers for their support for future issues and to pick up new advertisers also.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership as of September 10, 1995 is 279 paid and 18 honorary members for a total of 297. The goal for 1996 is 600 members. A list of all past CFA members who have not renewed was given to each Area Director. The directors should be holding membership drives starting in the fall. The chairman requested from the area directors an update of every club in their

area and the current presidents so that they can be sent a complimentary copy of Keepin' Posted.

45th FLORIDA STATE SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CONVENTION: Jim McConnaha, Chairman of the 1999 State Convention, met with the Lakeland Civic Center administrator and saw a model and floor plans of the facility. It will be an excellent facility and more halls will be available.

46TH NATIONAL CONVENTION:

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: Jack Hoffman, Early Bird Director, now has 2500 dancers registered. Dancers have only until January to purchase ribbons at the Early Bird price. In January they will start converting them to registrations.

WAYS AND MEANS: Sales at the Knothead Convention were good, the use of credit cards has helped. Tote bags, dress kits, yard goods, booster pins, "Magic Bars" are all available for sale. Committee members are scheduled to sell goods at special dances thereby covering the entire state. A portion of their table will be reserved for the sale of crafts. Dancers are encouraged to bring pre-priced items to sell. Everyone is encouraged to buy merchandise. The Stewarts thanked everyone for their help.

OLD BUSINESS:

FEDERATION WORKING WEEKEND: February 17 and 18, 1996, at the Ramada Inn on Colonial Drive (Route 50 West) in Orlando.

46th NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION BENEFIT DANCE: February 17, 1996. Proceeds from the dance will benefit the 46th National Convention. John Saunders and Phyllis Williams will contact callers and cuers. A dress rehearsal for the 46th Invitational will be performed that night by some members of the Social and Special Events Committee. Rooms will be available at the Ramada Inn on Colonial Drive (Route 50 West), Orlando, for \$39. Call 1-800-221-5270. Also there may be a Pre-Convention meeting on February 16 and those people involved may wish to reserve a room for that night.

5TH SATURDAY DANCE MARCH 30, 1996: To be arranged.

NEW BUSINESS:

HOUSING CHAIRMAN 1996 Florida State Convention: Randy and Carol Poole will take reservations and assign rooms at the Holiday Inn North in Lakeland. One hundred rooms have been reserved at \$44 per night. The procedure will be the same as last year: give the Pooles a check for \$44, payable to CFA, and complete a room registration form designating the location of the room of your choice, king size or double beds, smoking or non-smoking. (The Poole's address is 1541 Lakeside Drive, DeLand, Florida 32720.)

RV CHAIRMAN 1996 Florida State Convention: George Knapp volunteered to be Chairman in order to negotiate camping fees with RV parks.

BOARD MEETING: The next board meeting will be Sunday, December 3, 1995, at 2 p.m., at Shoney's on 3150 Orlando Drive (Routes 17-92) in Sanford. Please have written reports and make every effort to attend. Call the McConnaha's, (407) 452-2679 or the Chabot's (904) 985-4760, if you cannot attend.

Lou & Muriel Chabot, Secretary



CENTRAL



### Central Florida Association

Today we're going to have a quiz,  
Do you know what the CFA is?  
If you do, you've already passed the test,  
But these answers are for the rest.

It's the Central Florida Association.  
It's really a great organization.  
It takes care of insurance, so if you fall,  
You don't have to worry at all.

It holds great dances where clubs cross the state  
Will meet each other. It really is great.  
If you or your family should find a need,  
The Blood Bank is ready to help you with speed.

Keepin' Posted is published, so you will know  
Of special dances and places to go.  
It's free to all members. You really can't lose,  
You save right there on membership dues.

Every fifth year, they put on a convention,  
Oh! Maybe that's something we never did mention.  
There are five districts in Florida and Central is one,  
Taking turns hosting this weekend of fun.

If you ask for a reason, we've given you five,  
All of these help to keep Square Dancing alive.  
We need your help in every way  
So come on and join the CFA.

—Written by Joan Knopf



# "Go For The Magic"

46th National Square Dance Convention

## Want to Help Us Put on a Party?

**A** great party is going to be held at the Orange County Convention Center in June, 1997. Many thousands of guests are expected and we need your help with the logistics of getting everything ready for this very large affair. Many people are already signed up to help with the party, but many, many more are needed.

The SERVICES COMMITTEE is looking for dancers from all over the state!! We need people to help with **transportation**, seeing that buses are loaded and moving out in a timely manner. We also need help with **security**, for crowd control and also at doors of dance halls to report when assistance is required. Dancers are needed to help man a First Aid area, a supply room, and a communications center. We need talented people to help decorate the dance halls.

In other words, we are preparing for the **World's Greatest Square Dance Party!!** We want to make sure our thousands of guests enjoy their visit. We want them to be comfortable while visiting and

depart with fond memories and NO criticism of our party.

You can help by contacting either of the following and volunteering: George & Shirley Knapp, Services Committee Chairman, (407) 568-6498. OR, Jim & Von Hancock, Assistant Services Chairman, (407) 645-1851.

## Kitchen Magic

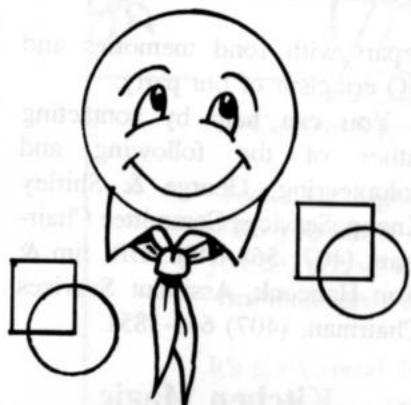
**H**ave you gotten your copy of the 46th NSDC cookbook yet? "Kitchen Magic From Florida," containing over 700 favorite recipes of Florida dancers, went on sale at the State Convention in May.

Cookbook Director, Paul & Marie McClain and their committee are to be commended for all the hard work which went into gathering the recipes, transcribing and compiling them into an attractive book which all dancers will want to have in their kitchens.

To obtain your copy contact your area Ways and Means Director, OR Pee Wee & Mary Stewart, 150 Charles Street, Edgewater, FL 32141. (904) 345-3911.

By the way, these cookbooks make excellent Christmas gifts for your many friends, even those who may already be gourmet cooks.

# W A N T E D



## SQUARE AND ROUND DANCERS FOR HOSPITALITY Your Fine \$500

I have put out an A.P.B. (All Points Bulletin) for square and round dancers to help with the hospitality of the '97 convention. The wanted posters have your name on them. You will serve your time on the "Hospitality Committee" with your sentence being adjusted to your convenience at that time. You can practice your skill at the pre-convention in March of 1996.

The dictionary says hospitality is: (1) practice and quality of being friendly; (2) liberal and generous in disposition; and (3) greet guests in friendly, generous manner.

All square and round dancers seem to have these skills.

Since we are expecting a large

number of dancers, we will need many volunteers to make sure our convention runs smoothly. Hospitality touches every part of the convention, in fact, this group is the keystone of a successful convention.

These are some of the areas we are staffing:

Reception and Information:  
Help people find answers to their needs.

Caller and Cuers: Meet and greet.

Floor Hospitality: Be a spotter; help fill squares.

Overseas Hospitality: Make them feel "at home."

Feel Important—Be important—Volunteer! As Uncle Sam would say, "We Need You."

Contact: Liz Steinbaugh, P.O. Box 321073, Cocoa Beach, FL 32932-1073. (407) 783-6164.

OR: Jim Akins, 1311 Wildemess Lane, Titusville, FL 32796. (407) 383-1401.



## Kudos to . . . JERRY REED

An outstanding caller in the Central area (Rockledge). Jerry Reed has been elected to the CALLERLAB Board of Governors. His three-year term will begin in April, 1996. Congratulations, Jerry!

## Tours ★ Tours ★ Tours

**B**etty Lee & Bill Talmadge, Director of Tours, have planned **nine** exciting tours for the enjoyment of dancers attending the 46th National Square Dance Convention. They will start on Monday, June 23, and continue through Saturday, June 28, 1997.

The tours will include several half-day tours such as a Magic Carpet Ride around the Disney Properties, a Historical Tour of the City of Orlando and trips to Kissimmee's Gatorland and the Leu Botanical Gardens.

Or you can take one of the four full-day tours to places like Daytona Beach, Cypress Gardens, Saint Augustine or the Kennedy Space Center. Where else but in Florida could you travel through America's History in just a couple of days? Stroll down St. George's Street and through the gates to the Ancient City on one day, and visit the launch pad where our voyages to space have begun on the following day.

Besides all this, Betty Lee & Bill have planned a special **Five Day** trip to Key West following the close of the Convention. Travel to Sarasota where you'll visit the Ringling Museum. Then on to the Everglades for an air boat ride. Upon arrival in Key West you'll be able to experience the beauty of a gorgeous sunset

with the Atlantic Ocean on one side and the Gulf of Mexico on the other. After two full days in Key West, you'll return to Orlando by way of the East Coast with other exciting experiences in store.

Just look for the 46th NSDC Tour Guides wearing their distinctive turquoise neckerchiefs adorned with a top hat, magic wand and gold & silver stars. We were given a preview of the tour escorts' attire while at the State Convention and they certainly are impressive. The outfits convey to one and all an outstanding idea of the "Magical Tours" that are in store for attendees at the 46th National Convention.

### **Get Yours Now!! Only 60 More Days to Get A**

46th National Square Dance Convention

#### **Early Bird Magic Pass**

Convert this **Magic Pass** to an "I Am Registered" Ribbon and attend the **Pre-Convention Dance FREE** on March 9, 1996.

(A registration form will be sent you when your Magic Pass is to be redeemed.)

Send for yours now. Support the **"Go For The Magic" Effort**

Use 46th NSDC Early Bird form on inside back page.

## 46th NSDC Meeting and "Pre" PRE-CEE Dance

Magic Board Members are reminded of the next meeting Saturday, January 6, 1996, 9:00 a.m., at the Delta Orlando Resort, 5715 Major Blvd., Orlando. This hotel is located near Universal Studios at the intersection of I-4 and Kirkman Road.

A dance will follow featuring Bob Barnes from Zephyrhills as MC. All callers and cuers attending are invited to take the mike. Cost for the dance is only \$2 per person at the door. No advance sales. Dance is at 8:00 p.m.

The next day, Sunday, January 7, is a 9:00 a.m. General Meeting for everyone. Our NEC Advisors will attend. Lunch will be served for \$6 per person. RSVP to your committee chairperson.

The photographer will be on hand to take photos for the 46th NSDC Program Book both Saturday and Sunday. You must be in convention dress to be photographed. The Magic Board will definitely be photographed; others will be announced as time permits.

Accommodations at the hotel are \$50 per night. Phone (407) 351-3340.

For more information on the Saturday evening dance, contact Randy & Carol Poole, (904) 734-5295.

**In 1996, wouldn't it be nice, if...**

- ☺ Everyone enjoyed and danced DBD?
- ☺ Everyone participated in club dances "below their level" also?
- ☺ Everyone promoted and angeled new classes?
- ☺ Everyone supported one or more clubs?
- ☺ Everyone praised and encouraged every caller/cuer for doing his/her best?
- ☺ Everyone attended the larger area events?
- ☺ Everyone danced at least once a week?
- ☺ Everyone had a kind word for fellow dancers, a friendly attitude, a sweet disposition, a love and proprietary feeling for the activity, and ...

Well, nobody's perfect, but we can try!

*by Cathy & Stan Burdick  
Condensed from USDA News*



**Hosted By the  
Northwest FS&RDA**

**T**he 43rd Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention is only five (5) months away. We wish every square and round dancer in Florida would attend this 1996 convention. What a turnout that would be! All other states would be green with envy of such an accomplishment. We have to be logical and realistic and hope for the biggest turnout ever.

Here is a suggestion from your Publicity Chairman. For that unusual Christmas present, how about your registration packets under the Christmas tree this year. You will be ensuring the last weekend of May will be full of fun and entertainment.

Our General Chairman, Cliff & Jean Allen from Fort Walton Beach invite everyone to come and join in on the fun.

Our General Vice Chairman, Marvin & Olena Taylor, from Pensacola challenge all Florida

clubs to have the highest percentage attendance of any club in Florida.

Our Registration Chairman, Anneita Gilbourn from Chatahoochee is ready to send your registration package in less than a week.

Our Sewing Chairman, Nell & Bob Elliot from Crestview are ready to sew up any loose ends at their sewing clinic.

Our Round Dance Chairman Sunni & Jerry Thomas from Apopka are poised to dance circles with anyone who wants to join in with them.

Our Caller Chairman, Ben & Bettie Williams from Lillian, Alabama (really Pensacola) are sounding off and vibrating the walls with those hot tunes for your dancing pleasure. With all of this magical talent working for you, all we need now is for You, You, and YOU to be part of our "**Hat Full of Tricks in '96**".

Singles: You are in for a rare treat in '96. Rose Lord and Bob Collins are working hard to make your convention a pleasant experience.

The Sewing Circle: Anyone who likes to sew will enjoy three wonderful days at the convention. With Nell's sewing techniques and neat ideas, we can assure everyone of something new and unique.

Caller's Corner: Bob Poyner, an outstanding caller in the Fort Walton Beach area, has consented to be Vice Chairman for callers.

All of our Chairmen are hard at work to assure a wonderful 43rd Florida State Convention. Keep the early registrations coming in and take advantage of the reduced prices offered.

We urge all of the Associations and Clubs to get out and create enthusiasm in all their members to make this the best attended Florida State Convention ever.

Keeping in Touch — "Hat Full of Tricks in '96."

Chuck & Gloria Scalion  
Publicity Chairman

## State Convention Hotel Information

Laying his finger aside of his nose and giving a nod — OH! NO! That's the wrong season!! It is Memorial Day Weekend we want everyone to be in Lakeland for the 43rd Florida State Convention.

To make planning just a little easier, Central Florida Association has reserved 100 rooms at the Holiday Inn North. (The same fine hotel many of us stayed in last year.) For only \$44 per night you can be a part of the festivities after the dance. It is so easy.

All you have to do is write a check for one night's lodging (\$44) made out to CFA and send to Randy Poole, 1541 Lakeside Drive, DeLand, FL 32720.

Please remember to tell us what size bed you would like and if you prefer a smoking or non-smoking room. We do want you to be comfortable.

Be sure and tell us if you would like the same room as you had last year and what nights you plan on staying (May 24, 25, 26).

We plan on a hospitality room again this year where you are welcome to stop in. Plans are to have the coffee pot and some pastry ready for the morning visitors. For further information, write to the above address, or phone (904) 734-5295.

Randy & Carol Poole  
CFA '96 Housing Coordinator

## And For the Campers. . .

Tweet, Tweet, Chirp, Chirp, and other nature sounds abound at the **Tiki Village Resort**. (However, we were there in November, but didn't hear any Bud -- Wei -- Ser sounds.)

The owners of **Tiki Village Resort** have agreed to a rate of \$15 per night plus tax, for two people and include full hookups with 30 amp electric.

If you bring your pet (that is *animal*, not your spouse), the charge will be another dollar. Also, if you request a concrete patio throw in an additional dollar. Very reasonable rate, we feel, in this day of \$20+ camping sites.



# THE JOYO

Bob & Rowan Schermer  
Betty Lee Talmadge  
Don & Eleanor Peterson  
Muriel & Lou Chabot  
Jack & Zonie Taylor  
Eve & Gwen Hesse

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Kathleen  
Mary Anne  
Richard & Nancy H.  
Richard & Dessie

Wayne & Lola Newbold  
Joan & George H.  
Barry & Alva  
Vernon & Elois  
Remember the Lord  
this season  
Bob & Barb R.  
Budy & Sandy Girard  
Harry & Doretta Larkay & Lily

Best wishes  
from Bill & JoAnn  
"Bob & Sylvia"  
John & Linda Hunt  
Roy Brown & D.

Harvey & Eeva Shriver  
Dewey & Donna Sindricks



# SEASONS

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Hill  
Dorothy  
Paul  
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Walter  
Walker

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Layne  
Worley & Nan  
Coburn  
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Sally  
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# GREETINGS



45TH NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS JUNE 26 - 29, 1996

"CROSS TRAIL THRU  
TEXAS WELCOMES YOU"



## Clogging Halls at 45th NSDC

From San Antonio comes word that for what is believed to be the first time in the history of the National Square Dance Convention, **THREE** halls have been awarded to the clogging program! This will give them a hall for Basic level, Intermediate level and Advanced level clogging. In addition, an "Introduction to Clogging" will be presented in the Basic Hall each day along with traditional material.

## 45th NSDC Travel Info

Delta Air Lines is offering special rates which afford a 5% discount off Delta's published round trip fares. Applicable restrictions must be met. Seats are limited.

For those passengers not qualifying for any discounts, a 10% discount will be offered on Delta's domestic system for travel to the convention. This discount will be based on the published round trip coach (YR06) rates. No advance reservations or ticketing are required. For reservations at these discounts call between the

hours of 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. (EST). The toll free number is 1-800-241-6760. Always refer to **File No. D0074**. These discounts are available only through Delta's toll free number.

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## Some Facts about Texas

Did you know that the Alamo was a grocery store and a liquor store? From 1836 to 1879 it was owned by the Catholic Church. In 1879 the church sold the property and it was converted to a wholesale grocery. When the new owner died it became a wholesale liquor store. In 1905 it was purchased by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Did you know that when Texas joined the Union in 1845, only one state dissented? It condemned the Republic of Texas as a foreign nation not worthy of being a state. The matter remained until December 1953 when this was discovered and published by the

*San Antonio Light*. A verbal battle began between the newspapers and television stations in both states and on December 29, 1953, the Governor of Massachusetts informed the Governor of Texas that the state of Massachusetts had recognized Texas as a member of the Union. One hundred and eight years after the fact!

Did you know that the longest straight line distance across Texas is 801 miles?

Do you know? Have there been six or eight flags over Texas? Spain, France, Mexico, Texas, the Confederacy, and the United States of America are recognized as the six flags over Texas, but what about the Republic of the West in 1812 (a solid green flag) and the Republic of Rio Grande (a green, red and white flag)?

Did you know that Texas has more inland water than any state except Alaska? Minnesota, the "land of lakes" comes in third. Texas also has thirty-five million acres of woodland.

Quite a history!! No wonder Texans claim bragging rights. For more information on the sights and sounds of Texas contact the Texas Department of Transportation located at all points of entry into Texas or call 1-800-452-9292.

## Registration & Housing Information

The following hotels are filled already: The Menger, Emily Morgan, Riverwalk Plaza and Roadway Inn-Downtown. Keep this in mind as you fill out your registration forms. Your hotel confirmation will be sent direct to you.

An area at Brooks Air Force Base has been booked for campers.

Red "I Am Registered" ribbons are being sent to registrants to advertise the 45th NSDC. They do not, however, gain you entrance into the Special Event or the Convention facilities for dancing.

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## ROUND DANCE COUNCIL Of Florida

News From the  
Round Dance Council

**C**ongratulations are in order for Jim & Jennie Runnels who were tested for Phase V Teaching and passed with excellent grades from all three committee members at the Fall Festival of Rounds.

The following has been selected by the Round Dance Council of Florida as Rounds of the Month:

*Phase II - Nov./Dec.:* Manuela II, Sobala. Roper 145B.

*Phase III/VI - Oct./Nov.:* Margaritaville, Bovard. MCA P-2792 & Coll 90107.

*Phase III/VI - Oct./Nov.:* Rhythm of the Rain, Rumble. Col 3888 or Warner Bros. 7114.

*Phase V/VI - Oct./Nov.:* Smoke Gets In Your Eyes, Rumble. Special Pressing.

*Classic - Nov./Dec.:* I Wanna Quickstep, Palmquist. Grenn 17050.

## ★ Special ★ Special ★ Special ★ Special ★ Special

**T**he weekend of February 16, 17, 18 is a special one for Florida dancers.

To begin with, *everyone* involved with the 46th NSDC pre-convention is invited to attend a meeting at 8:00 p.m., Friday, February 16. The meeting is at the Ramada Hotel, 3200 W. Colonial Dr., (Hwy 50, Orlando).

If you wish to stay overnight, arrangements have been made with the Ramada. The room rate is \$39 and reservations must be made by January 26 directly with the hotel. Register under Central Florida Dancers to receive this special rate. The local number is (407) 295-5270. The toll free number is 1-800-221-5270.

On Saturday morning, February 17, the Florida Federation of Square Dancers begins its Working Weekend of meetings lasting all day Saturday and into Sunday.

Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m. there will be a fund raiser dance hosted by the Central Association. Price is \$3 per person and proceeds go to the 46th NSDC.

This is a CFA 5th Saturday makeup dance for the one cancelled in December.

John Saunders and Phyllis Williams are MCs for the dance with any Central callers and cuers invited to join in.

Early Rounds are at 7:30; dance is over at 10:00 to leave time for a *sneak preview* of the Social and Special Events Committee's "Invitation to Florida" performance. You won't want to miss that!!

In addition to this invitation being presented at our pre-cee in March, it will also go to San Antonio in June as an invitation for ALL dancers to come to our great state of Florida.

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## In Memorium

The Central Florida Square and Round Dancer's Association is saddened by the loss of two of Florida's leaders in our square dance federation.

Julia Vettters, from the West Coast Association, passed away August 29. Julia and her husband, Chet, served the Federation as president in 1971-72 and have remained active dancers. She will be greatly missed.

Boots Oglesby, from the Southeast Association, passed away in September. She was editor of the Southeast newsletter, 4W's, for over 30 years. Boots and her husband, George, were Federation presidents in 1970-71 and she was instrumental in establishing the Extra Mile Award for deserving callers and cuers throughout the state.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the families of these two ladies.



**William C. McAdam**

Pictured above is Mr. William C. McAdam holding the 94-year young candles from his birthday cake in August.

Mr. McAdam and his wife, Loretta, are Honorary Members of the Central Florida Square and Round Dancers Association. They began square dancing in 1961 with callers Art Springer, Danny Robinson, and Roger Chapman, etc. They danced rounds with Phillis Williams, Pete and Jan Shankle and Ray and Lou Bookmiller.

William and Loretta were Vice Presidents of the Association in 1966-67 and Treasurers in 1969-70. They were active blood donors during this period. They received Honorary Membership in 1979.

Our congratulations to Mr. McAdam and sincere wishes for many more happy birthdays.



## Flagler Ocean Waves

—Palm Coast

**S**eems like we're celebrating Hallowe'en more than once in October. Friday the 13th fell on our dance night, so we did it up big with a "Black Cat" dance party. Many of the dancers dressed in various arrays of black, and a howling good time was had by all.

Our new dancer's class is coming along very well. The new dancers will share our holiday party "Beginners' Ball" December 15. In fact, our class has been joining in the first two tips in the regular dance for the past couple of weeks.

Big plans are underway for the Beginner's Ball, which will include covered dish dinner, fashion show, and lots of dancing.

Another big event scheduled for November 10 is "Pie Night." Members are asked to bring their own home-made recipe of a favorite pie and everyone will partake of their choice.

—Ginger Leitheiser

## Fellowship Squares

—Port Orange

**T**he Spindrifters from New Smyrna Beach raided our July 25 dance to make off with our banner. The group included three couples from their graduating class who had never attended one of our dances before. They were all warmly

welcomed and the "first timers" were presented Fellowship Square dangles to commemorate the event.

That evening one of our couples, Doris and Forrest Bourbonnie, was recognized for their 49th wedding anniversary. A beautifully decorated anniversary cake was shared and enjoyed by all participants. Congratulations, and best wishes!

Our caller, Larry Patten took a well earned vacation towards the end of August. John Barrett, who regularly calls for the Dixie Squares, filled Larry's shoes for this short period. John was warmly welcomed by all our members.

We were raided by Dixie Squares and Flagler Ocean Waves in August.

On September 6 we raided the Spindrifters and September 12 the Starlight Promenaders were in our home court. Sixteen members raided Dixie Squares on September 14.

On September 12 our club demonstrated their versatility by entertaining the senior citizens at the Country Manor Nursing Home, followed immediately by a similar exhibition at the First Baptist Church for a group of school children. Our caller, Larry Patten, graciously donates his time for these events and the audience seems to appreciate our efforts.

Our two "Open House" events in September attracted 26 potential new dancers. We sincerely hope enough enjoyment keeps them coming back for more great dancing.

Also in September, one dance was highlighted by a "back to school" theme. Everyone was encouraged to bring a snapshot of themselves taken when they were in elementary class. The pictures were put on display so

club members could attempt to put a name with as many faces as possible. Phyllis Heath identified the most pictures and was awarded a prize.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to our club president, Barbara Charbonneau, on the passing of her husband, Arthur, September 17 after a long illness. Barbara and Arthur have given so much toward the advancement of square dancing in this area.

On September 26 one of our newest member couples, Jenny and Jim Markin, received their official Fellowship Square Badges.

A square dance jamboree was held at Fontana Dam Resort early in October and 8 couples from our club attended.

The Dixie Squares and Spindrifters showed up at our club dance on October 10th for a joint banner raid.

There was a big turnout October 14 at the benefit dance for Barbara Charbonneau. The hall was packed with square dancers from all over the area, directed by three outstanding callers: Larry Patten, John Barrett and Mike Vogler, all graciously donating their time. In addition, participants brought in enough refreshments to satisfy the entire group. Barbara requested an opportunity to respond. The following is her "thank you" remarks:

"I wish to thank all who attended or donated to the benefit dance in memory of my husband, Arthur, on Saturday, October 14. Friends are so important when these circumstances occur. You will long be remembered for your generosity and caring."

Affectionately,  
Barbara Charbonneau

On the afternoon of October 17, two squares from our club entertained the senior residents at the Indigo Manner Nursing Home. That evening at our regular dance we were visited by a square dance couple from England.

October 24 was somewhat special since it was designated "Caller's Choice" and no one knew what to expect. Also, club members brought in cans of food for ingredients in the "witches brew" scheduled for Halloween night.

—Norman Cohn

## Granada Squares

—Ormond Beach

It's a G-R-E-A-T dance when there's eight squares at 10:00 o'clock to say "goodnight." Halloween night with many witches, a chimney and chimney sweep, Mickey Mouse, Goofy (and he was goofy), orange and black outfits everywhere, gave us a dance to remember for some time—at least until next dance.

Banner Chairpersons, Winnie and Charles Sapp, have a very active schedule for club visits and visitors to the Granada Squares. Additionally, they found the time to plan a Mystery Bus Ride November 11. The mystery includes a dinner and a club visit... and it's all very mysterious! The club appreciates their dedication to fun and friends.

On Tuesday night, December 12 (the Granada Squares regular dance night), it's a Holiday Dinner Dance to begin at 6:30. There's no better way to dance through a holiday than to join the Granada Squares in Ormond

Beach with Caller Don Furnish and Cuer Audrey Phillips. Please join us for "fun and friendship set to music."

There is no dance Tuesday, December 26. The New Year begins for Granada on Tuesday, January 2. Mark your calendar for January 23, the GRANADA FIESTA. OLE!

Don Furnish teaches a square dance class before the regular dance 6:30 to 8:00. It's open to other new dancers wanting extra dance time.

—Marie Matusko

## Space Trackers

—Rockledge

**M**any demos and invitations have been performed and sent about the county and New Dancer Classes are under way. We will let you know how effective our efforts have been to bring people in for fun set to music. Let's all come to show our support to these new enthusiastic people and show them how much fun it can be.

Classes are held every Monday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at McClarty Recreation Center. Our caller/instructor is Whit Brown. Our greatest competition seems to be Country Dancing and Line Dancing. If you have friends who enjoy this type of dancing, convince them they would probably enjoy square dancing as well and bring them along with you on Monday night.

Many thanks to everyone who came by for Norman's 50th birthday party. And thank you to Bob Frye for calling for us. Even though the carpet and the short in the mike made dancing a challenge, it was still lots of fun.

We hope all who joined us on October 21 for the Fall Fling had a great time. We had a very good turnout. Phyllis Williams started the night with Early Rounds and Dee Dee Dougherty took center stage at 8:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy the Space Tracker hospitality every Saturday night at McClarty Park in Rockledge. Early Rounds begin at 7:30 p.m.

—Norman and Patricia Cox

## Starlight Promenaders

—DeBary

**O**ur Hobo Halloween Dance was a huge success. Randy & Carol Poole and committee gave us a night to remember. Our Hobo dancers were super. Prizes were given in various categories. The Hobo stew was excellent with bat wings, some delicious creepy crawlers, and all kinds of good things put into the witches brew. Don Furnish and Roy Brown furnished some good music for dancing.

November was the month to honor our veterans. Joan & George Knopf and committee came up with a program that was real "American" with Don Furnish and Roy Brown giving us some patriotic music for dancing.

December promises to be a wonderful way to celebrate the upcoming holidays. We will have a Silver Ball Dance on December 12 with a dinner before the dance. Members are asked to bring their favorite dish to share. Our caller and cuer will provide some good holiday music for our dancing pleasure.

Members will bring a toy for the Toys for Tots program. Jack and Betty Gallagher will serve as host. We are still supplying non-perishables for the Sheriff's food project.

There will be no dance on December 20 or 27. The Crystal Ball has been canceled for this year, also. The next dance will be the installation of officers on January 3 with Terry Van Ness as installing officer. She always does an excellent job.

Starlight Promenaders had their semi-annual meeting on November 12 at Blue Springs Park. We had a quorum of members present and the following officers were elected. Bud & Pat Pearl, President; Peggy McGuire, Vice President; Mel & Phyllis Lungren, Secretary; Ollie & Jackie Brauner, Treasurer. To serve on the board are Gale & Laura Boak, Richard & Joyce Billings, Phil & Deanna Sortore, and Bob & Ellie Stillings. Following the meeting there was a picnic and the cooks and the committee are to be congratulated.

Our Banner Raid Chairpersons, Gale & Laura Boak, have had a busy fall taking us to many banner raids and retrievals. There were also many raiders who came to visit us. We always welcome visitors and hope they enjoy our dances. Banner raid bars were given to the following: Bud & Pat Pearl for 20 raids, Mel & Phyllis Lungren for 30 raids, Ron & Dottie Latz for 75 raids. Congratulations to all.

Our new class of dancers is progressing nicely. Don Furnish is doing a super job instructing. Our angels are also to be thanked for coming out to support the new class. We will be happy to have these

dancers as members when they graduate.

Sympathy of the Starlight Promenaders goes to Jean Peters and family in the death of her husband, Bill.

Happy New Year to all.

—Dorothea Borman

## Wagon Wheel Squares

—St. Cloud

Following a very busy summer, the Wagon Wheel Squares celebrated their 26th Anniversary on October 6. As a special thanks for their great support, members were admitted free to this special dance. Several door prizes were awarded and a special anniversary cake was served. It was a great evening, enjoyed by everyone.

The fall months have seen the beginnings of a flurry of activity for the Wagon Wheels. Many of our winter residents have returned to the area and we are very pleased to have them back to join the year-round members in the numerous activities of the club. In the past few weeks we have participated in several demos coordinated by Loretta and Ken Jenkins, including an appearance at the Osceola Flea Market, the Fall Festival at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Poinciana, and at the Plantation Bay health care facility in St. Cloud. Banner raid activity is also going full speed ahead as Bev and Jack Whitney keep the calendar full.

The annual Open House for our new class was held October 20. Then on November 12, club members had an opportunity to meet and visit with each of the class members at our

class/club picnic. Such fun for everyone. Besides the delicious food, it's a great day to visit, play games, dance, or just relax and watch everyone else! Picnic Chairman Ruth Ann and Tom Barrow and their committee, did a fantastic job.

Our annual Thanksgiving dance was held November 17. We collected food items for a needy family in St. Cloud. Once again, Wagon Wheel members proved their generosity as we filled a holiday basket to overflowing. It made our own holiday just a little more special.

Special December events the Club plans to participate in include the Queen's Ball and the St. Cloud Christmas Parade. We plan two special dances: the Class/Club Christmas Dance on December 22, and the pre-New Year's Eve Dance on December 29.

Wagon Wheel members are now sporting new club T-shirts! The shirts are in our club colors and have our own special wagon wheels emblazoned on the back. They're great looking, comfortable, and terrific advertising for our club. The shirt suggestion was by club Vice Presidents Sharon & Bob Hawthorne, who coordinated the production and the orders.

The *dance location* of the Wagon Wheels is (*at this writing*) the **Ross Jeffries Elementary School** located at the corner of Vermont Avenue and Route 192. Hopefully, by the time you are reading this we will have returned "home" to the Senior Center and our lovely hardwood floor. However, if you have any doubts about where we're dancing when you want to come for a visit, just pick up

your telephone and call one of the following officers: President Pat & Bill Haskell, 396-1240; V. President Sharon & Bob Hawthorne, 892-3059; Secretary, Marie & Lane Fiske, 892-5461.

The Wagon Wheels Square Dance Club members thank all of you who have come to dance with us while we've been displaced. Your support is sincerely appreciated.

A happy holiday season and a joyous New Year to all. May your days be merry and bright!

—Marie Fiske

## Whirl and Twirl

—Orlando

**F**all has kept Whirl & Twirl a whirlin and a twirlin! We've had an Italian Night dinner along with the fall general meeting. We had a rip roaring SHINDIG to kick off our new basic class. A pancake supper and craft sale was lots of fun (eating and shopping). Danny Robinson has graduated dancers into our Mainstream and Plus programs, and we've enjoyed our new additions.

Our First Saturday Night Specials have been an excuse for many visitors to join us at the Square Dance Center. Our wooden floor is part of the attraction, but we hope it is more, because we like to just have folks over. We've had Earle Steele, Joe Fioretti and the November and December callers, Chuck Leamon and Dale McClary. Our own Roy Brown, as well as sunni and jerry thomas have completed our Saturday nights. Join us!

We're planning a rootin tootin New Year's Eve Dance/Party. We'd love to have you there. It will be a

Mainstream dance, with announced Plus tips. JOHNNY JONES along with Roy Brown will dance us into 1996. \$20 a couple will provide you with an evening of dancing and great snacking. Tickets can be obtained at Whirl & Twirl or from a W&T board member. Call 657-9891 and someone will get back to you to make sure you have tickets.

Stop by to see the square dance quilt some of our square dance ladies have made. The colorful quilt has brightly costumed square dancers all over. We're selling tickets at \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00 to raffle the quilt off during our 34th anniversary dance in June of 1996.

We've been busy raiding some of our neighbor clubs as well as being raided. We enjoy the fellowship of these friends when we can get together.

Hope you can stop by and dance with us. Monday nights we have A-1 classes from 7 to 8 and HOT JAM dancin from 8 to 10. Tuesday nights we have Basic classes. Wednesday nights are for Mainstream dancin with workshops. Thursday nights we have Plus workshop. Friday nights we have a Plus dance. Sundays are for Round Dance instruction and classes. And, of course, there is our First Saturday Dance each month. There is no time for boredom around Whirl & Twirl. Come join us. The coffee pot is always on.

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