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AND NEW.
WE WISH YOU
THE
SEASON'S
BEST.



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CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE
AND ROUND DANCERS' ASSOCIATION

From the President's Desk....

We have had lots of dancing fun this fall. Our August Association Dance was at Flagler Beach with the Flagler Ocean Waves Club hosting the dance. The dance was great and the food the club prepared for us was the best. We thank them for their hospitality and hope to see them at one of our dances soon.

At the August dance we presented the "Couple of the Year" award to Jack and Barbara Hoffman. They have given many years of service to Space Trackers Square Dance Club, receiving the Star Award from the club. Jack and Barbara have also received the Circle of Service for contributions to the Square Dance Community outside of their club. They have been Area Directors and are now Treasurers of the Central Association. They are delegates to the Florida Federation and were Early Bird Director and then Pre-Registration Director for the '97 National Convention. They were also Assistant Chairman of Social and Special Events for the National. Jack and Barbara have been appointed Treasurers of the '99 State Convention so you can see they were definitely deserving of this honor. We are proud to have them in our Association.

We attended the Fall Fling put on by the Space Trackers in October. It was a real fun dance with Mac McCall and Phyllis Williams. The after party at the Ramada Inn was a lot of fun, too.

There were lots of Halloween dances with prizes for the best costumes. Couldn't figure out who some of the dancers were. Some were SO original. We certainly have some talented dancers.

Many clubs are preparing for Christmas parties. There will be lots of red and green showing. Next will be the New Year's Eve parties. We really enjoy going to a New Year's Eve Square Dance where we can be with good friends and have a happy and sane New Year's Eve. There is no one we would rather usher the New Year in with than our dancing friends.

Our next Association dance will be January 31, 1998 at the Good Samaritan Hall in Kissimmee. The caller is SusanElaine Packer

and cuer is sunni thomas. Prior to the dance, however, is a kick-off rehearsal for the '99 State Convention. This will be at 3:00 p.m. Anyone interested in taking part in the convention kick-off next year is welcome. After the rehearsal the dance will start at 7:30, so come join us for an interesting and enjoyable day. The motorhome mailbox will be raffled off at this dance so be sure to come.

The Association Board meeting will be **January 18** at Shoney's in Sanford at 2:00 p.m. (earlier for those who will have lunch with us). Directors, please remember to have a copy of your report for the Secretary.

We wish all of you a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year and hope to see you at a dance.

Bob & Rosemary Schirmer, President



Food for Thought

Are You a Winner, or Are You A Loser?

A winner says, "I'm good but not as good as I should be."

A loser says, "I'm not as bad as lot of other people are."

A winner sees an answer to every problem.

A loser sees a problem in every answer.

A winner says, "Let me help you."

A loser says, "That's not my job."

Excerpts from an article by Jerry Story

Reprinted in the Panhandle Press, Oct-Dec '97

CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCERS'
ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 17, 1997

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

TREASURERS' REPORT: As of 8/16/97, the total cash and bank accounts was \$1520.02. One thousand dollars was taken from the Barnett CD and transferred to the checking account.

CORRESPONDENCE: A thank you note was received from the McCleskeys for the painting they received at the President's Ball.

AREA DIRECTOR REPORTS: Full reports are on file. Highlights follow:

S. Bevard & Indian River: A special dance for Colin & Peggy Walton's 50th year of calling will be October 12 at The Barn. Fourteen billboards have been purchased to advertise square dancing for the next 12 months. Also a web page (<http://www.DANCEWORLD.ORG>) has been set up to promote activities at the Barn. The Lutzs' are seeking volunteers for the Sew & Save Committee for the 1999 State Convention.

Marion: Celebrity Squares in Orange Lake continue their classes. A teen dancing program is being started. Spruce Creek is active and dances the 3rd Monday of the month. The Dancing Shadows Club will begin dancing again in October and the Happy Huggers will dance in January.

E. Orange & Seminole: Whirl & Twirl, Slip Pivot, Strato Squares, Hoedowners, and Orlando Singles are starting classes.

W. Orange: The Mirror Images will have a Pig Roast on November 1. Garden Patch Squares will have a Halloween Dance October 30. The Swinging Bears will start classes October 6, and the Pirates will soon be starting a new class.

Osceola: Special dances for the Wagon Wheels, Buckles & Bows, Young & Restless, and Kissimmee Squares have included Red, White & Blue Dance, Western Hat Dance, 50's Dance, Ice Cream Social Dance, Father's Day Dance, Hot Dog Dance and Trail's In Dances.

BLOOD BANK: A total of 300 units are available. More donors are needed. Donors who have repeatedly given will be recognized. If any clubs want to have a mobile unit come to their club, let the McConnahas know.

KEEPIN' POSTED: Revenue from advertisements for the September copy is \$250, which will help offset costs.

MEMBERSHIP: At the end of 1996/97 there were 476 members. To date for the 1997/98 year there are 280 members.

INSURANCE: Over 2000 dancers are covered by insurance. Clubs are asked to keep their rosters current and let the Pooles know of new members.

1999 STATE CONVENTION: Kick-off practice will be January 31, 1998 at the 5th Saturday Dance (Good Samaritan Village in Kissimmee). The practice begins at 3:00 p.m.

FLORIDA FEDERATION REPRESENTATIVE: The election of officers will be at Lakeland on November 16 at 9 am. Plans are to have the February meeting in Plant City. Dress designs can be submitted for the February working weekend.

46TH NATIONAL CONVENTION: Duke thanked all who worked at the National Convention. The final closeout of financial records is now set for October 1.

OLD BUSINESS:

CFA BROCHURES: Reprinting of two thousand of the tri-fold brochures was authorized.

AUDIT: The Audit Committee reported that all was in order with the financial records. The Hoffmans were commended for their work as Treasurers.

NEW BUSINESS:

PLAQUE OF PAST PRESIDENTS: Authorization was given to the President for purchase of a plaque displaying the names of the past presidents. The plaque will be taken to each CFA Dance.

CHANGE OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS DATE: A discussion was held about changing the dates of the election of officers so that all the associations and the Florida Federation would be at the same time. It was noted that the Constitution, Bylaws, etc. would need to be changed. No action was taken.

MEDIA ADVERTISING: George Knapp presented a radio ad to promote square dance classes. An organization in California is producing radio media. An 800 number would be used. Public Service announcements were also discussed. It was felt that CFA needs to do more for the clubs who are struggling to get new dancers.

FEDERATION DELEGATES: CFA Delegates to the Federation for the next year are Bob & Rosemary Schirmer, Bruce & Coleen Morgan, Steve & Diana Kehr, and George & Shirley Knapp. Alternates are Will & Carol Barnhart and Randy & Carol Poole.

MILLIE: Rosemary Schirmer made a convention dress for Millie (the doll). A red petticoat will be purchased to complete the outfit.

The next board meeting will be November 9 at Shoney's in Sanford at 2:00 p.m.

The November dance will be on the 29th at Jenkins Hall in Leesburg with Jack Naylor and Jack Jenkins.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana & Steve Kehr, Secretary

Square Dance Demo

Early, early one morning recently, four couples joined Whit Brown at the Disney Institute Pavilion at Lake Buena Vista to perform a square dance demonstration for the entertainment of a group of tourists from South Africa. The tourists were on an incentive trip with a grocer's association.

While they were waiting for their buses to take them back to Fort Lauderdale for their flight home, Whit called a few tips and the square showed off their skills. Next, of course, members of the audience were encouraged to come dance along. You all know the routine, but the South Africaners were surprised. Needless to say, they had a great time as did our CFA square dancers. And best of all, the folks from South Africa said they had a wonderful time in Central Florida and are looking forward to coming back again.



Jack & Barbara Hoffman, Whit Brown, Jim & Jan McConnaha, Carol & Randy Poole, and George & Shirley Knapp

CFA 1997 Couple of the Year



Jack & Barbara Hoffman were presented the CFA Couple of the Year Award at the 5th Saturday Dance in Flagler Beach. They were married while Jack was in the Air Force. After his stint with the military, Jack went to work for Chrysler Space Division in California; eventually moving to Florida. They have been residents of Merritt Island since 1965. Jack worked with different KSC contrac-

tors, retiring from Lockheed Martin in June 1996. Barbara has sold Avon products for over 20 years. She enjoys sewing and ceramics. They both enjoy motorhoming and traveling as well as square dancing. They have three children and eight grandchildren.

Jack and Barbara began square dancing in 1987 and have been involved ever since. Space Trackers Square Dance Club in Rockledge (their home club) has benefited by their involvement on the Board of Directors, chairing various committees, and as treasurer and president. They have worked as Area Director and Treasurer for CFA since 1993. This talented couple received the Star Award from Space Trackers and the Circle of Service for involvement outside their home club.

When everyone else was working on the 46th National Square Dance Convention, as if one committee wasn't enough, the Hoffmans served first as Early Bird Director, then Pre-Registration Director, moving to Assistant Chairman of the Social and Special Events Committee.

Jack and Barbara are still involved. They are serving as Treasurer for the 1999 State Convention sponsored by Central Florida Association. Central Florida is proud to have Jack and Barbara Hoffman as a part of our Association.

Handicapable Clubs at 46NSDC

At the USDA Annual meeting in June 1996 it was decided to distribute the surplus from the Credit Card Program with 50% being split between the handicapable and youth programs and the balance to be placed in escrow and returned to affiliates.

You will be pleased to know that a portion of the funds were utilized to pay the registration fees for 85 handicapable dancers from seven handicapable clubs which participated in the 46th National in Orlando. This is the largest number of handicapable clubs ever to be registered at a national convention.

Clubs present at the convention were the Al-a-mand Leftovers, Lantana, FL; the Y.E.S. (Young Enthusiastic Square) Dancers, Columbus, OH; Yellow Rock Squares, Daytona Beach, FL; Pensacola Special Steppers, Pensacola, FL; Sunland Swingers, Marianna, FL; Patriots, Huntsville, AL; and the ARC Hunterdon Dancers, Annadale, NJ.

The first four listed clubs presented the 29 exhibitions. The other three clubs registered too late to be in the exhibition schedule, but enjoyed the convention dancing in the handicapable hall.

The handicapable dancers and their sponsors sincerely thank all who participate in the USDA Credit

Card Program.

Mac MacKenzie, Chairman
Handicapable Committee

USDA News, Jul/Sep 1997

ON THIS SAME LINE

If you are interested in participating in this very worthwhile credit card program, here are some phone numbers for you to obtain detailed information.

1. *General Information and Application Forms:*

Joe & Joy Vaccari
227 Hughes St. NE
Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32548
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2. *To apply for a credit card over the telephone:*

(MBNA Bank) 1-800-847-7378
Be sure to cite Priority Code FLVY to designate this as a Square Dancer's card request.

3. *To apply On-Line:*

Go to the USDA web page and choose Credit Card, then follow the directions and apply right then. The web site is: www.idir.net/~usdanew

Please remember, even if you already have other credit cards, only the USDA Credit Card supports Square Dancing. All bank contributions go to support youth, handicapable, and other square dance programs.

ENROLL TODAY!!

Condensed from USDA News, Jul/Sep 1997

Tour The State in '98

Plan now to attend the 44th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention to be held May 22, 23, and 24, 1998 at the Convention Center in Lakeland.

If you have not visited the newly renovated Lakeland Convention Center, you are in for a wonderful surprise. Remember when the State Convention was so crammed you could hardly dance? Well, there is now more than enough space to permit each level of dance to have a room of its own, plus all the necessary rooms for vendors and administrative functions.

You are urged to buy your Advance Registration before April 30, 1998 at \$18 per person. After April 30 or at the Convention Box Office, the cost will be \$20 per person. **Look for the registration flyer in the center of this publication.**

Callers and cuers from throughout the state have been invited to attend the convention for our dancing pleasure. Hospitality has surprises in store for you during those periods when you just want to kick back and relax.

We hope to see YOU there!

Merry Christmas

To the Dancers of Central Florida

Thank you so much for your support for the past four years. Our successful convention is over and we have many memories and lasting friendships.

We would like to thank each of you in person, but that is impossible. Please accept this as your personal "thanks."

The oil painting that was presented to us in our convention outfit was truly a surprise. Thanks so much! We really appreciate it.

It was a joy working with you all. Happy Dancing!

Worley & Nan Carrier
General Chairman, 46th NSDC

ROUND DANCE COUNCIL

Of Florida

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

Phase II - Oct./Dec.: Aleena; Bond; Arista 07822-13039-7SA.

Phase III/IV - Oct./Dec.: Bahama Mama; R & R Rumble; Spec Press.

Phase V/VI - Oct./Dec.: Banana Boat Cha; R & S Anderson; Special Press.

Classic - Oct./Dec.: Carmen; Walker; Columbia 13-331222.

The Florida Round Dance Council has announced dates for their 1998 activities. Mark your calendar now for the **Spring Weekend of Rounds**, March 20-22 and the **Fall Weekend of Rounds**, December 4-6.



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ACA Point of View

At the American Callers Association (ACA) meeting in June, the board appointed a work task force to put the final touches on the Twenty Week Square Dance Program. This task force made suggested changes in the teaching order and shortened the list even more.

The twenty week dance program to be called just *Square Dancing* has 59 calls. This new program can be taught in twenty weeks (from standard position only). This new "one floor" concept is the result of four years of work by ACA and its members. The program will be reviewed each year. We have documented what was being danced across the country and we believe that this program will start turning the activity around.

Before the inception of the multi-level programs, that are not working now, we taught the 50 basic and the extended 25 in classes that were two hours for 15 to 20 weeks. The situation that our square dance activity is presently in demands that we make changes and the changes **must be made now.**

For change to be made, there must be a start and ACA is, with this program, making a start. We can no longer ask new class members to spend a year in class. Their life style will not permit this. We can no longer ask them to spend that year and have no place for them to dance. This change will bring 90% of the dancers back together on one floor. Reunification of our activity is the strongest part of this change and will make recruiting new dancers and the retention of those dancers better, since they will all be dancing together.

Remember that Square Dancing is a folk activity. Folks get folks; no other method has ever been proven to work better. If you have questions about this program, contact the ACA office at (205)383-7585; fax (205)383-7583, or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to P. O. Box 2406 Muscle Shoals, AL 35662-2406 and we will send the program to you.

—Mac Letson
ACA

The Editors of *Keepin' Posted* wish each of you joyous holidays. May the splendor of the season be with you now and throughout the New Year.

George and Shirley Knapp



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47th National Square Dance Convention

Charlotte, NC June 24-27, 1998

"Nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina"

Shop 'Til You Drop with the 47th NSDC

There are many outlet stores around the two Carolinas. In fact, "outlet shopping" started in the area as many textile firms sought markets for their "seconds." Now "outlet shopping" is nation wide and you have to look hard to find those bargain "seconds" or "irregulars." Plan to check out these two outlets.

Carolina Factory Shops, located in Gaffney, SC at the intersection of I-85 and Route 105 (Exit 90), offers a day of money saving shopping at the many outlet stores. You will find the finest quality merchandise at prices substantially lower than everyday department and specialty store prices. Carolina Factory Shops are open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm and Sunday from 1:30 to 6:00 pm. (55 miles from Charlotte, NC.)

Cannon Village in Kannapolis at I-85 Exit 58, is fine shopping and bargain hunting complemented by the atmosphere and pleasures of a simpler time. While browsing through this collection of factory direct and specialty stores, take time to enjoy the charm and beauty of the

colonial surroundings. Wares include fashions for the entire family, gifts, furnishings and home decor, linens, luggage, jewelry, and more. Several restaurants can be found along the brick sidewalks. Here you will see the history of Cannon Mills which grew to be one of the nation's largest manufacturers of household textiles. If you believe that shopping should be a special event, visit here and enjoy shopping and history together. (27 miles north of Charlotte.)

So much cloth, so little time!

A visit to **Mary Jo's** is a must while you're at the 47th NSDC. Mary Jo's is a dream come true for the person who sews. The store contains thousands of bolts of fabrics and the price is right! Are you looking for something unique or hard to find? Chances are you'll find it at Mary Jo's. A visit here is a visit you will long remember. Mary Jo's is located in Gastonia, NC off I-85 at Exit 30. Bus trips will be offered by the Sew and Save Committee during the 47th National Square Dance Convention in Charlotte. (Approximately 15 miles from Charlotte.)

Remember, nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina!

Eat Your Way to the 47th NSDC

We all know that square dancers like to eat! Some good eating can be had just as Florida dancers are about to leave the Sunshine State. On I-95 we'll pass within a few miles of Yulee, Florida. Going east from I-95 on A1A, turn onto US 17 and immediately on the right is **Jenwrights Seafood**. It may not look like much on the outside, or even on the inside, but the shrimp and flounder are great. Now don't expect lots of atmosphere, or anything fancy, but if you like simple food, cooked well, we think you will enjoy Jenwrights.

Points of interest in the Carolinas

Western North Carolina:

Chimney Rock. It's said that one's life is incomplete until one has been to the mountain, stood at its summit, and breathed the same air as the Creator. You'll stand in awe of the view: 1200 vertical feet down; along Hickory Nut Gorge to Lake Lure; and on a clear day, as far as Kings Mountain, seventy-five miles to the east beyond the Blue Ridge Mountains. (97 miles from Charlotte.)

Grandfather Mountain. Grand-

father Mountain is located near Linville, NC and is one of the most environmentally significant mountains in the world. It has been set apart by the UN as an International Biosphere Reserve, a place where man and nature thrive in harmony. (106 miles from Charlotte.)

Eastern South Carolina:

Marion. For all who are interested in history, Marion is the place to visit. The town and county of Marion were named for the revolutionary war hero, General Francis Marion. A statue honoring the "Swamp Fox" stands on the square across from the Robert Mills style courthouse, built in 1853. Many sites in Marion County have been carefully restored and the downtown area of Marion has been declared a Historic District. Highways serving the area are I-95, I-20, US-501 and US-76. (140 miles from Charlotte.)

And then there are the Great Smoky Mountains!

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park has earned the honor of being America's most popular national park. Located half in North Carolina and half in Tennessee, the park contains 514,093 acres. This beautiful area is just a few hours west of Charlotte, NC and will be an ideal stop as you travel to or from the 47th NSDC in June of 1998.

Central Florida Begins Preparation for 1999

We thought perhaps you might be interested in some of the happenings in preparation for the 45th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention hosted by CFA in 1999.

Convention Chairman Jim & Jan McConnaha have gathered their staff and chairmen, selected a theme and decided on the official dress.

The 1999 State Convention will be previewed during the Sunday evening (May 24, 1998) Kick-Off. What is a Kick-Off? Let us explain.

On Sunday evening of the State Convention, the upcoming sponsoring association presents a preview of their event which is to take place the following year. This preview is called a Kick-off, and "like dangling a carrot" will entice those attending the 44th on May 24, 1998, to antici-

pate the great fun scheduled for the 45th in 1999.

The **first practice** for our kick-off is scheduled for the 5th Saturday (prior to the CFA dance) January 31, 1998, at the Good Samaritan Recreation Hall in Kissimmee. Time is 3:00 p.m.

If you would like to make the official Convention costume, contact Jan McConnaha and she will send/give you a pattern. **You must be in the Convention outfit in order to be a part of the Kick-off.**

Please mark your calendars NOW as we know you will want to be a part of this FUN show! After all, Central's presentation only comes around once every FIVE YEARS, so plan to be a part of the '99 production.



Newly elected President of the Florida Federation, Jack and Zonie Taylor, hail from the Central Association. Jack and Zonie also serve in a national capacity as Vice President of the Central Region for the United Square Dancers of America. We are proud of this wonderful couple and their dedication to square dancing.



Sewing Hints

Here are some sewing tips condensed from "Cathy's Corner" article in *ASARDA News*, Oct.-Nov. 97.

★ When your thread rack is full and there is no room for those extra spools, cut a plastic drinking staw in half and place one-half on the thread rack's spindle. Now there is room for two spools of thread instead of one.

★ Use fusible interfacing scraps to repair tears or add extra strength to the stress points of tissue patterns.

★ To take fusible web off a Teflon ironing board cover, place wax paper over the web and press it lightly with an iron.

★ Change the needle in your sewing machine regularly. A new needle that is the correct size and type for your fabric and thread can make a world of difference in how your machine sews. A damaged needle can cause skipped stitches and thread breakage.

★ Do you have a problem making pockets come out exactly the same when you're pressing down the seam allowance? Make a cardboard template of the pocket, then when you have to shape the pocket, all you have to do is fold the fabric, cut edges around the template and press to create perfect pockets.

To the Square Dancers of Central Florida

One of the many joys and the Blessed part of this Holiday season is the pleasure of remembering and being together with our Square Dance friends. You have touched our life in so many special ways during the past years. John and I have been truly blessed by being able to be a part of the Square Dance activity and having the support of so many dancers in Central Florida. We thank you.... May 1998 bring you many great joys, much happiness, good health and many hours of great square dancing.

John & Linda Saunders



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I'm the dancer in the square you passed to dance in another square.

I'm the dancer you frowned at and blamed when the square broke down.

I'm the guest dancer you butted in front of to be first in the food line.

I'm the dancer who never received a smile or "Thanks for dancing with us."

Yes, you might say that I'm the nice guy because I don't get upset or complain about the discourtesy, thoughtlessness and inconsideration that I was subjected to merely because I wanted to dance with your club.

I want you to know, however, that **I'm also the dancer** who will never come back.

It amuses me to see all the time, money and effort your club spends to get dancers to visit, when I was there in the first place. Wouldn't it have been smarter just to have shown a little consideration and friendliness so that you could keep me dancing in your squares?

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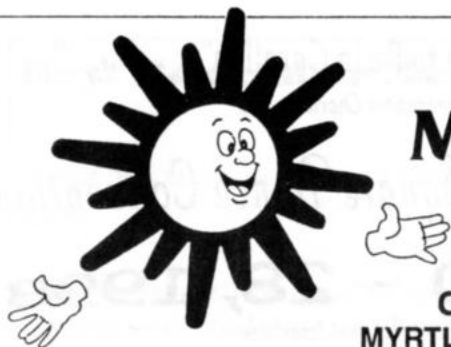
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NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CAMPERS ASSOCIATION

National Campers Elect Officers

The National Square Dance Campers Association is the oldest non-profit, national square dancing camping association in the country and continues to grow. The organization now has a total of 166 active chapters in 39 US states and provinces of Canada.

New officers for the 1997-98 season were introduced at the annual business meeting at the International Camporee in Augusta, NJ last July. Serving as President will be Lawrence & Ruthann Sanders of Beecher, IL; Vice President Lou & Dottie Vogel of Winter Haven, FL; Secretary Jerry & Ruby Lewis of Lutz, FL and Treasurers John & Irene Bullock, London, Ontario, Canada.

NSDCA publishes a quarterly publication, *NSDCA Times*, mailed to its far flung and mobile membership. The publication contains chapter news, craft ideas, a central listing of every chapter's campouts, state camporee and other articles of interest to camper/dancers. The central listing pages are published for benefit of fellow members planning trips and vacations enabling them to camp and dance with others of similar interest.

NSDCA Conducts 40th International Camporee

The NSDCA 40th International Camporee was held at Augusta, NJ in mid July. Although the annual camporee is officially Tuesday-Thursday, many of the campers arrived on Sunday for an extra few days of sight-seeing, visiting old friends and making new ones. The event was three years in planning and was a combined effort of the entire membership.

Almost 850 camper/dancers, young adults and children from 22 states and 2 Canadian provinces were in attendance. Although the weather was extremely hot for mid July, there was active participation in the morning sports programs. Afternoons were devoted to making a wide variety of crafts, educational seminars and a full program of square and round dancing.

Square and round dancing filled the evening hours which were always followed by after parties with various chapters presenting skits and other entertainment.

The 1998 International Camporee will be in Midland, MI July 7-9. Future locations include Elkhorn, WI in 1999 and Ancaster, Ontario, Canada in 2000. Membership in the NSDCA is open to all who have completed a prescribed course in

modern western style square dancing and are campers. Membership information may be obtained from NSDCA, Inc., PO Box 224, Little Chute, WI 54140-0224.

Happy trails!



Uncle Santa

My childhood's great ambition
was frustrated because
I couldn't get Aunt Mary
to marry Santa Claus.

With Santa for an uncle,
I reckoned to become
the envy of all other kids
throughout all Christendom.

A story-telling maiden aunt
and dearly loved was she--
a perfect mate for Santa,
but she thought differently!

She said, "He simply will not do.
His beard would make a mess
when he ate soup; and I will not
endure such sloppiness.

And furthermore, if you don't stop
this wearisome pursuit,
I'll booby-trap the chimney--
I'll fix that darned old coot!"

So Santa's not my uncle.
in fact, as I recall,
he's never shown himself to be
much kin to me at all.

But, for the youngsters of today
I have some sound advice;
this coming crop of aunties
thinks beards are very nice.

So one of you might snag him
for an uncle, if you try.
And I sincerely hope that you
have better luck than I!

—Ruth Van Gorder

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Happy Holidays to all our dancing friends.

Duke & Doris McCleskey



Canaveral Squares

—Rockledge

Hello everyone! Canaveral Squares had a flurry of activity this Fall and Winter. Jennifer Cleland's delicate harmonizing gave an added touch to the songs our caller, **Skip Cleland** enthusiastically sang to us each fun-filled Friday evening. Our cuer, **Vince Furtado** came up with some great songs for pleasant flowing rounds at each of the evenings we met at McLarty Recreation Center.

While Skip and Jennifer were taking some personal time as well as going to workshops, we had the good fortune to be able to call on some great guest callers from around Florida: **Susanelaine Packer**, **Ernie Rollen**, **John Saunders** and **Rick Yates**. The "Krazy Socks" night gave us a different variety of songs relating to the theme when **Susanelaine Packer** helped us all celebrate the "parade of socks"; great job by Susanelaine, and she did it in a pinch, too.

Also, our Thanksgiving Dinner/Dance Guest Caller **Joe Fioretti** came back again this year to help us celebrate the occasion. It is always a treat when Joe gets together with Skip and Jennifer and the trio tantalize the floor with their songs. Some great rounds were added by **Vince Furtado**. It's always a treat to have this combination of dance events.

Amateur Callers Night showed us all what a great amount of time and effort must go into the fine art of square dance calling. Not an easy feat, but some nice effort was put forth by repeat and newcomer performers.

Hillbilly Night brought out strange duds and Sadies as dancers moseyed over to our hall to join in the fun. The Halloween Dance brought the challenge of more funny, creative, scary and witty costumes to the floor.

Enjoying our treks around the area as we do, we were delighted by the support and enjoyment our dancing excursions gave us this past Fall on Banner Raids. We even met up with our own **Vince Furtado** who also cues for both the Allemanders and the Yellow Rockers, adding a touch of the familiar when we were out on those two of many raids. Banners were retrieved or their club's banner snatched away to grace the halls of McLarty Recreation Center again.

We miss the dancers who have left our square for other eastern states—the Sawhills and Sallys are sorely missed. We celebrate with Lila Slack in her successful operation. It's a pleasure to have Vida dancing with us again after her illness.

We have had some new snowbirds stop by to enjoy our Friday night dances. It's always exciting to visit with new and old snowbird friends. We're looking forward to enjoying more evenings dancing with them until they leave in the Spring.

Our **Christmas Dance** on December 12, is free admission with the donation of a gift. This is to benefit the Washington Square Home for the mentally and physically challenged adults in Titusville. The holiday atmosphere will abound with trios, duets, and solos when our Special Guest Caller **Susanelaine Packer** adds her tunes to the holiday enchantment. **Skip and Jennifer Cleland** will provide our dancing entertainment during December. **Vince Furtado** will be there for all you round dancers, too. Please keep the folks at Washington Square Home in mind and help support their holiday season even if you can't make it to our dance! **No dance December 26.**

To begin a fun New Year our club will offer our Basic Class, taught by Skip, beginning January 9. We would love to have newcomers join us. Call our Class

Coordinators Jane and Jim Hart at (407)632-4295 if you have any questions.

Presidents Jean and Cecil Faulk appreciate the team effort displayed each week when club members contribute a helping hand in the kitchen and hall along with providing delicious snacks. Greetings to the snowbirds gracing Brevard County again this winter and to the first time visitors ready to explore the world of square and round dancing fun and friendship in the comfort of McLarty Park Recreation Center on Friday nights with us!

—Mary Duedall

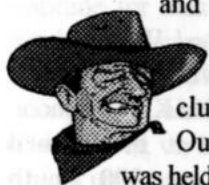
Dixie Squares

—Daytona Beach

Once again the Dixie Squares have been kept busy during the Fall of the year. Our open house was held on September 11 and 18 and a good time was had by all that attended. Now the students are well into their classes and with the help of the angels are doing very well and catching on quickly. Our annual Sock Hop was held on September 25, and there were many teeny-boppers in attendance. The ladies looked real sharp in their poodle skirts and so did the guys with their rolled up jeans and slicked back hair. Our caller and cuer also accommodated us by trying to use music that fit the occasion.

We held an Octoberfest on October 9. The men dressed in short pants and suspenders with long socks and the ladies donned aprons over their skirts and wore flowers woven in their hair. Many delicious apple treats were served at the refreshment table. On the 16th of October we held a Silent Auction. There were many lovely items to be sold and the bidding was very enthusiastic. This is always a fun event at the Dixie Squares. Spook Night was October 30. The costumes were wonderful and prizes were awarded in several categories.

November brought Western Night complete with a treasure hunt and a wonderful chili dinner served by the officers of the club on the 13th.



Our Turkey Trot was held on November 20 and we held a food drive for the needy on that night. Thanks to those who gave so generously.

Now we are planning for our annual Dixie Squares New Year's Eve Party. Tickets are going quickly so if you are planning to attend be sure to contact one of our officers as soon as possible.

The officers and members of the Dixie Squares would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year!

—Gerry & Charles Turner

Fellowship Squares

—Port Orange

Our first dance in September was highlighted by a banner raid from the Swinging 8's in South Daytona Beach. Seven couples led by Mr. Hank Punkett joined our ranks for the occasion. A drawing was held for a free admission to one of their dances and was won by Norm and Fay Cohn. Our president, Barb Charbonneau, solicited help in filling the ranks for our next banner raid at the Dixie Squares on September 18. One inducement for attending this affair was that we would be assisting them in consuming their bakery products on Pie Night.

Open House for our beginners class was September 23 and 30 with our caller, **Larry Patten**, introducing the students to the elements of square dancing. Our president was on vacation so Bill Clark presided for the occasion.

September 16 was the date of our School Days dance when members were encouraged to wear outfits that reflected their normal attire back in the "good old days." Annabell Johnson went a step further and came dressed as an old fashioned school marm. But the poodle skirt and bobby socks worn by Phyllis Heath fit the occasion perfectly. A number of participants brought photos of themselves taken during their early school years which were displayed on a bulletin



board for contestants to try and match each picture with a name. Prizes were awarded to Phyllis Heath and Margaret Kennedy who won first and second place respectively for correctly identifying the most pictures. The entire event was hosted by Bill Clark representing our vacationing president.

One sad note to report. Our long time friend and charter member of our club, Warren Hanstine, passed away recently. Our heartfelt condolences are extended to Janet and his entire family. He will be sorely missed.

Five couples from Bass Capital Squares at Georgetown raided us at our first dance in October as we welcomed back a number of wintertime Fellowship members from up north. These, plus our year-round members and our expanding beginners class made for a lively and entertaining evening. Of course, the return of Barb Charbonneau from an extended European tour made the occasion even that much more festive.

We are looking forward to a raid from the Dixie Squares in the near future. Seven couples from our club participated in a banner raid on the HoneyBees October 20 and everyone enjoyed the occasion.

We all brought canned goods for a concoction of hobo stew, the main course at our Halloween dance on October 28.

The Volusia County Fair is fast approaching and square dancers are encouraged to attend for an evening of swinging and swaying to the calls of our own **Larry Patten**. Fellowship members Chuck and Annabell Johnson are chairmen of the event which will be held in the air-conditioned Talton Building. Dancers in square dance attire will be admitted free to the fairgrounds.

An urgent call has gone out for volunteers to help in making arrangements for the State Convention coming up in 1999.

—Norm Cohn

Flagler Ocean Waves

—Flagler Beach

Flagler Ocean Waves have **moved!** We are no longer dancing at Old King's School. Our **new home is at the Council of Aging Hall at 800 South Daytona Avenue in Flagler Beach.**

The Council of Aging Hall is located 7 blocks south of Highway 100 in Flagler Beach. Turn left at the stoplight on the *east* side of the bridge over the Intercoastal (South Flagler Avenue) and go south. You will come to the parking lot in back of the building. It is the building north of the old school complex to the east of the library.

Come dance with us at our new location.

—Ella Shriver

Granada Squares

—Ormond Beach

Thanks for the Memories. As we close out 1997 we can only look back on a most enjoyable and fun-filled year of activities. What can we say to all those wonderful people who not only made outstanding, but daily efforts to support our club; the behind the scenes people who worked tirelessly to insure successful outings on each and every club endeavor; the John and Jane Does who worked silently, with commitment, but never wanted nor sought the spotlight. To them, we salute and honor you with our deepest gratitude for making the Granada Squares club what it is today.

Some people live by the old saying, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." However, we know that it takes ALL of us to keep a successful club alive. We encourage the new members and those of you who "considered" serving as officers last year to step forward and make a strong commitment towards insuring an-

other successful year in 1998.

There were many memorable evenings of fun and dancing, but one of this year's most delightful was our Octoberfest. Delicious German treats were plentiful followed by Dieter and JoAnne Zimmermann leading all of us in singing a most entertaining rendition of the famous "Schnelzelbank." My tongue is still in knots trying to pronounce "Gefährliches Ding" but my whole being is alive with laughter. Thanks, Zimmermans, for a most generous gift of sharing your heritage. Erna Virts complimented them by offering her singing of "Edelweiss." DANKE SCHOEN from all of us.

Time for Maisie and I to clear our throats and begin practicing our songs of Christmas and Auld Lang Syne. Our deepest regards to you for making our year one to remember. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Until next time.

—Maisie and Walt



Okay, what's so funny here?

Happy Huggers

—Marion County

I love square dancing!! And the **HAPPY HUGGERS** love **Danny Robinson**. Danny called a dance for us in November and we arrested him—just on general principles. We also told him that if he didn't make the last tip "hot hash" that we would shoot him! He did and it was perfect!

All **HAPPY HUGGERS** enjoy dancing to different callers or they wouldn't be **HAPPY HUGGERS**. We went to two different Halloween dances, one at Dancing Shadows with **Lon Ligon** and the other at Orange Blossom Squares with **Red Bates**. Both dances were excellent, and both had **Jeannette Chauvin** as the cuer. We also danced with **Darrell Figg** at Dancing Shadows. The last time we danced to Darrell, he impersonated our very own **John Saunders**. He did an excellent job, only John now has a toupee; Darrell doesn't. That's a benefit that John has by being our club caller. We love him so much that we buy him personal items like a toupee.

A few weeks ago at Dancing Shadows, I danced a Phase II round dance with Joe Thompson. We did quite well until we came to a left turning box. **Jeannette Chauvin** was cueing and really didn't see us until we were almost finished.

Our club has been around for a little over a year now, and we

really don't have a place we can call our own. I am trying to not only make that change, but hopefully square dancing is going to boom in the Ocala area. I have found a place for us to dance that is big enough for 100 squares. Thirty thousand square feet of cold air-conditioned, acoustically perfect, composition floor, lots of paved parking and 90 **HAPPY HUGGERS**. What I need now is more dancers.

We could have one dance a month, if we want, but first we have to see how it will work out. I would like for club presidents to encourage their dancers to come dance with us and see what it is like to enjoy meeting new people and dance to new callers. The owner of this building is even willing to have our dances broadcast on a local radio station. This is square dance promotion!

I'm open for any and all suggestions. I have the building, the caller and the cuer. Now all I need is people. Call me at (352)854-4701 or fax me at (352)854-2349.

Until next time, keep on being happy, hug a lot, and some day you, too, will be a **HAPPY HUGGER**.

—Donald L. Morrison

Honeybees

—DeLand

The Honeybees are having a grand time with parties galore. Our Hallowe'en party,

organized by Social Chairman Barbara Honadle, was a big success with lots of costumes. Prizes were awarded to Sherye Bradley and Walter White who came dressed as one-eyed, one-horned purple people eaters; to Bob & Bonnie Angel who portrayed Little Red Riding Hood and the Big, Bad Wolf; to Frank & Peggy Huegele who came as The Cisco Kid and the mystery woman; to class members Al & Patty Phelan, who portrayed a scarecrow and a farmer. We feasted on lots of finger food, including a beautifully decorated cake made by Eileen Lingle.

The "WITCH" award went to Keith & Joyce Holcomb in recognition for their many contributions to our club over the years. This is a "good witch" as in "WITCH", the W stands for Willing workers, I stands for Interested, T means Tireless, C means Caring and H stands for Helpful, all of which describe Keith & Joyce perfectly. Congratulations!

We are off to a great start with our beginner's class of 19 people. They are doing very well and are starting to see how much fun we have square dancing. Many came in costume for our Hallowe'en party.



Skip Cleland from Cocoa was our guest caller on October 20, while **RJ and Joanie Hogan** were in Gatlinburg, TN. Five couples from the Honeybees

joined RJ & Joanie for a fun time in the Great Smoky Mountains.

Several couples will be dancing at the Volusia County Fair on November 8 and we'll be eating lots of pumpkin pie on November 24 which is Pie Night. Our annual Christmas Dinner will be December 15. The Honeybees will not dance December 22 and 29, but will host a Welcome Back party on January 5. A Surprise Dance will be held on January 12. Wonder what that will be? Come join us and find out for yourself!

Our banner raid chairman has been busy. We have raided the Orange Blossom Squares, Bass Capital, Starlight Promenaders, the Orlando Singles, and in November we will raid Granada Squares and Orange Blossom Squares. We have been raided by the Fellowship Squares, Bass Capital, and Dixie Squares. The Pirates and Flagler Ocean Waves will raid us in November.

We warmly welcomed back Keith and Joyce Holcomb after their several-month-long motorhome trip. They are Banner Raid Chairmen and always do a splendid job!

Come join us any Monday night at the DeLand Activities Center in Earl Brown Park in DeLand and dance to **RJ Hogan** on squares and **Jim Cowen** on rounds. Be sure to stay until the last tip, as that is when RJ calls Hot Hash. We look forward to seeing you!

—Cathy Vrooman

Orlando Singles

—Orlando

Orlando Singles Square and Round Dance Club is off to a running start with a beginning square dance class of 24 enthusiastic students. They seem to have picked up on the Club's motto for this year: FUN! Of course, there are a few moans and groans, but they don't last long. Class Coordinator Gloria Cooper is keeping them moving and coming back for more.

Margaret McCoy is doing a great job as Banner/Program Chairman with recent raids to the Dixie Squares in Daytona, the Swinging Bears in Apopka, and the Orange Blossom Squares in Lady Lake. All of these raids were FUN nights for us and icing on the cake, in addition to our own Friday night dances.

Joining us for FUN as they raided us (or was that invaded?) were the Apopka Pirates and the Winter Garden Patch Squares. Did we have FUN or what! You all can come back any time.

The Singles really have a reputation for putting out a great feed on dance nights. Seems they have been practicing for the upcoming holiday goodies: pot lucks, pie night, hobo stew night. Santa will have to bring larger square dance attire for some of us! A Cookie Monster Dance in December will add to the FUN (and

the weight!) and we go all out for the Christmas Dance. At least the dancing will take care of some of the calories.

The Singles are blessed to have not one, but three great professionals: **Joe Fioretti** calls the first Friday and Gentleman **John Barrett** calls all other Fridays. Our "Cutie" Cuer is **Phyllis Williams** who draws quite a crowd on her own.

Come dance with us. We guarantee to make you welcome and that you will have FUN!

—Louise B. Elliott

Pirates

—Apopka

The Pirates were raided at our dances by Honeybees, Orange Blossom, Starlight Promenaders and Hoedowners. Our navigators Tony and Corinne Brownell led us on raids to Orlando Singles, Granada Squares, Whirl & Twirl, Starlight Promenaders, Happy Hoedowners, Palm Bay Promenaders, Limonaders and Wagon Wheels this quarter. This sure was one great way to meet other dancers and callers.

Our Tex-Mex dance was hot. That wasn't just the chili. Some of the other foods were, too.



Great hats and vests were worn by some dancers, not to forget the special home grown mustache worn

by our caller, **Jim Louder**. Wil and Carol Barnhart did a great job with the decorations.

The Halloween dance was fun and the costumes were just wonderful. Prizes were given to the blue M&M and the Man With a Mask.

The Pirates are looking forward to our Christmas dance, December 20. That is the 3rd Saturday in December. Please come and bring a toy for the children of Apopka. The crew is also looking forward to our New Year's Eve dance. As usual lots of food, skits and dancing. Come join the fun.

The Pirates dance at the Fran Carlton Community Center in Apopka.

—Ronnie and Dottie Hammon



Jim Louder calls for CFA dance.

Space Trackers

—Rockledge

Space Trackers have been busy this past month, making and refining plans for the upcoming holiday season. There were well organized arrangements for our Halloween and Thanksgiving festive occasions, so we can only anticipate what pleasant surprises "the great planners" on the Board of Directors will once again present for the other two holidays.

Christmas and the New Year always conjure up fond memories of times past. (Why should the children have all the fun?) Parents and grandparents are entitled to a "wish or two"; I know I've got mine (although the lady of my life says they're just a little far fetched). Heck, driving a Buick Park Avenue 'round Rio de Janeiro seem well within rationale, to me!! Oh, well, back to the real world...

The Trackers will have a gala Christmas party on December 14 at the home of our host Forrest Koepke.

The time for gathering is 4:00 p.m. This is a harbinger of one fun happening as it will be followed by our annual Christmas Ball. 'Tis the Time to be Jolly--Gather around the wassail bowl and enjoy the warmth of Friendship!



There is only one banner raid scheduled for December, and that will be to the Silver Squares of Melbourne on the 9th. We always enjoy an evening with our vagabond friends.

Be sure you finish up the season at a dance/concert featuring the Red Boot Boys. This "special" is set for January 11 at the Travis Recreation Center. Tickets are now available at \$8 per person (\$10 at the door). A funtime after party will take place at the Ramada Inn (I-95 and 524). Remember the time we had following the Fall Fling?

As we close this extraordinary year (of the 46th National) and look forward to the West Coast's presentation of the 44th Florida State Convention in Lakeland, coming in May of 1998, the Space Trackers of Rockledge extend our warmest good wishes for a merry, merry Twelve Days of Christmas and the happiest of a Happy New Year. May 1998 bring you a life filled with all good things. May your square always be filled with friends and fun!

—nukeduke

Starlight Promenaders

—DeBary

We're sorry we got home from vacation too late to get a report ready for the September issue, 'cause we wanted to tell everyone how proud we were that so many Promenaders took part

in the Convention. We counted at least 16 involved in the Fashion Show, another group working in booths, hospitality rooms, advertising the show as reindeers and working as spotters on the dance floor, plus the dozen or more we saw sitting in the stands while we were parading by.

Gale and Laura Boak received their "CL" raid bar this summer. The couple are the only members to have attended 150 club raids. Gale and Laura have been active members in the club for years, spending one year as president and three more doing a terrific job as raid chairman. Congratulations!

During **John Barrett's** visit to Michigan, **Larry Patten** filled in as our caller for two weeks in August and did a great job. Thanks Larry, for two fun evenings.

At our September 3 dance we were raided by Granada Squares. Along with a number of our vacationers returning, we had seven squares on the floor.

In September we raided the Dixie Squares and retrieved our banner, then brought home another banner from Granada Squares.

Our first annual Fall Fest was hosted by Bill and Claire Poole and Evelyn Waite on September 24. All dancers were invited for an evening of square, round and line dancing. Evelyn did a great job decorating the hall and Claire and Bill offered up some great barbeque sandwiches.

An exciting addition was added to the program when Orlicia Hedengren and Jack Gay exchanged marriage vows. The couple were married by Orlicia's daughter-in-law. Her son, David, gave the bride away. The wedding attendants were David and Paula Guilford. Our best wishes go out to the newlyweds!



We were happy to have a group of over two squares from the Honeybees at the ceremony along with a number of non-dancers. Over 100 people attended, with 10 squares dancing. A record so far this season.

On September 27 more than two squares participated in an exhibition dance at the DeBary Chamber of Commerce's Business and Health Expo at the DeBary Elementary School.

Classes began October 1 with Lou and Muriel Chabot as the new class coordinators. The classes started with only seven students, and has grown to 22! All are attending regularly and are enthusiastic about mastering all the basic calls. We are pleased to see a number of them staying and watching the first few tips of the regular dance.

At our regular dance on October 1, Phyllis Lungren received her Golden Bar for attending 50 raids. We also celebrated the 59th

wedding anniversary of Phil and Bobby Morse, long-time members of the club who have served as angels for at least 15 years.

Randy and Carol Poole and Peggy Huegele were presented with their XL (40 raids) bars by our raid chairmen, Bud and Pat Pearl.

We retrieved our banner from the Orange Blossom Squares in October. Garden Patch Squares raided us in October and we are looking forward to seeing the Pirates and the Dixie Squares in November.

On October 25 seven couples traveled south to the Space Trackers Fall Fling. Everyone enjoyed the dance called by **Mac McCall** and cued by **Phyllis Williams** plus the after parties.

The Halloween Dance on October 29, chaired by Randy and Carol Poole, was a "howling" success with both members and students taking part. Randy had arranged for some spooks to greet the dancers in the vestibule, and the committee had the hall well decorated for the occasion. A batch of "witch's brew" was prepared for all who dared. A Las Vegas act (Pat Reffue) entertained the group after which prizes were given out for the funniest (Betty Beattie and Terry VanNess), scariest (Peggy Heugele), best couple (Phil & Bobby Morse), best designed (Dave & Taura Dickson) and most creative (a set of dominos: Randy, Carol, Bill, Claire, Jerry & Norma Poole,

Stan & Ann Copeland, Gale & Laura Boak, Dewey & Donna Hendricks and Helen Lewis). Winners were presented a plaque for their achievement.

We are hoping for a good representation from our club at the annual square dance in Talton Hall at the Volusia County Fair. **Larry Patten** will be calling and **Jim Cowen** will be cueing the rounds.

Our semi-annual general meeting is at Lake Monroe Park November 15. The new slate of officers for 1998 will be presented and voted on at that time. A morning meeting is scheduled with the rest of the day open for games, boating and just plain old picnicing.

Plans are in the making for a Christmas dance early in December and a gala Roaring Twenties New Year's Eve party.

The next few months promise to be busy and exciting times. Come and join us in the fun. You're always welcome at the Promenaders.

With this issue, the holiday season will be upon us again and so the Promenaders want to wish each and everyone of our dancing friends in Florida a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

—George & Joan Knopf



Wagon Wheel Squares

—St. Cloud

How nice to have the cooler weather now, and see so many of our snowbird friends as they once again return to be with us for the winter. It's always fun to have the floor crowded once again, and the noise level up! Welcome back, all.

We've had a busy fall so far. With the help of our own "amateur caller" **Royce Arter** and those faithful dancers who come along to help promote square dancing, we've put on several demos at malls and store grand openings. You never know just how many people might, even if they don't dance themselves, at least pass along the notion of what fun they observed in the demonstrations. Thanks again to those who are so loyal to help.

Classes for new dancers started in October as well as a Tuesday night class in All Position Dancing which is well attended. Raids and retrievals during this time have made for some really good times, dancing to different callers and with different dancers. The garage sale in mid-October was a great success. Amazing what you can make selling your "junk" to someone else!

Club/class picnic was in November at Narcoossee Community Center with chicken and pork roast served by the club. Such a good time to really get acquainted

with the new dancers. Goods were collected for the Thanksgiving baskets which were distributed to needy families.

The club Christmas dance will be held on December 19 with class members invited.



Then comes our big New Year's Eve dance on the 31st. **Mac McCall** and **Bob Barnes**

will call for this dance, with rounds by our own **Jan and Pete Shankle**. Ribbons are available now for only \$25 per couple, including dinner. Do come join us and start the New Year off right!

See you in a square!

—Carol & Royce Arter

Whirl & Twirl

—Orlando

Well, the holiday season is upon us. First comes Thanksgiving, followed by Christmas and New Year's Eve. Sounds fun, expensive, and a welcome change of seasons for Central Floridians. We have endured weather in the 90's for too long, and have earned a respite from the hot weather. Now there are blizzards, frosted roads, ice storms and cars stuck in the snow. Luckily for us, we only see it on the television, where it can stay.

Our caller, **Danny Robinson**, is well along into the basic classes, held every Tuesday night, and also our Plus workshops on Thursday evening. If you are a Plus dancer who would like to brush up on a few figures, or who prefers a quieter atmosphere, we would love to have you visit us any Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m. Dress is casual.

The Thanksgiving dinner/dance will be held on November 21 for all club members and their guests. Please be there promptly if you plan to attend. Dinner will be at 7:00 pm, followed by our normal evening of dancing. Rounds are at 7:30 and squares are at 8:00. There will be no Plus workshop on November 27 (Thanksgiving Day).

Halloween was celebrated twice at Whirl & Twirl, once for Mainstream dancers on Wednesday night and a second time for Plus dancers on Friday night.



Many good costumes were seen, including one couple who remained incognito through both events, finally unveiling to the delight of all. There were Chinese coolies, a headless ghouel carrying his own head in a cage and several clowns.

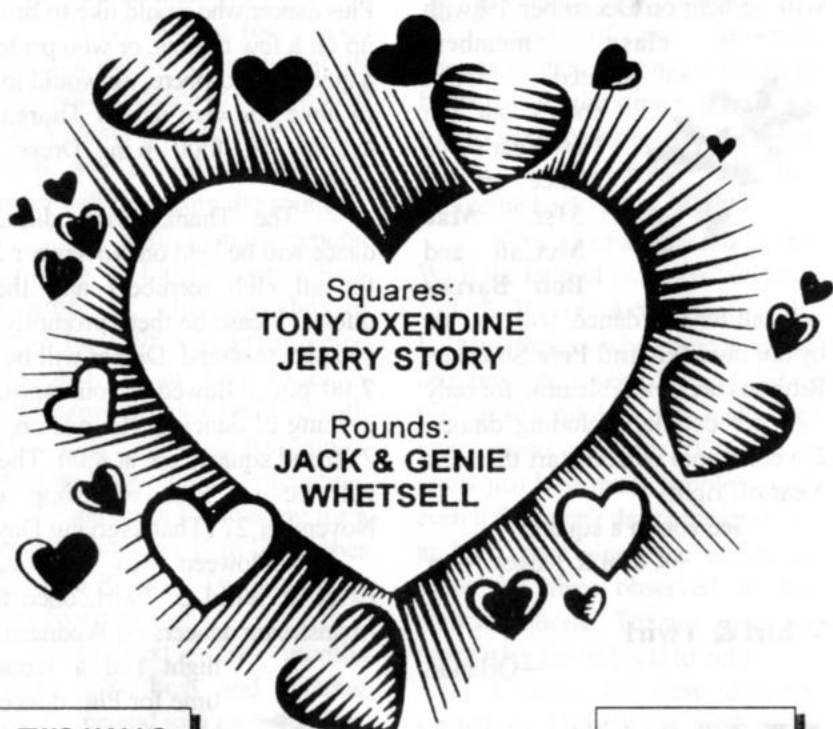
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

—Dick & Rowena Wilson

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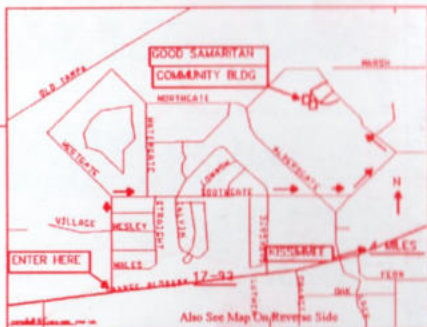
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