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From the President's Desk

I hope everyone had a great Christ-

mas and New Year. I know many of you planned to attend a Square Dance New Years Eve party. Anna and I have attended Square Dance New Years parties for 23 years, what a wonderful way to start the year. When the clock strikes midnight I am always ready to continue dancing and can't believe the party's over.

This winter season looks like a good one for square dancing in Central Florida the schedule is full of regular and special dances. Our Area Directors report successful dances with happy dancers attending. We are indeed fortunate to have so many great callers and cuers in our area, thanks to all of you for what you do.

We extend our sympathy to Jack & Nell Jenkins on the passing of Jack's mother, Opal. She was an active square dancer for many years; it was always a pleasure to have this lovely lady in your square.

We, the CFA, will be very busy this winter. As you know, we will be have the 2004 State Convention at the 2003 Convention in May. If you do not have your 50th convention outfit, call Colleen Morgan 407-339-3121. You will surely want one of these great looking outfits. Our next practice for the Kick Off will be February 9 at the Whirl & Twirl Hall in Orlando. Our CFA Board meeting will be held from 12:30 to 2:30 PM followed by the practice and POT LUCK. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting and to take part in the Kick Off and potluck.

The 3rd annual SHAMROCK SWING will be held on 14 & 15 March at the Saint John Vianney Church in Orlando. Get your ticket now. Last years Swing was a big success and we are looking for an even better event this year. Tim Marriner & Whit Brown will be calling with Jimmy & Carol Griffin cueing. The Baymont Inn & Suites on US 441 just south of the Florida Turnpike is the host hotel. Call 1-407-240-0500 for reservations. Make sure to mention you are a square dancer to get the price of \$48.00per room per night, which includes a continental breakfast. Call soon as there are a limited number of rooms

available.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those people who served on the CFA board last year and are not on the board this year, your efforts were greatly appreciated and we know we can count on your continued support in the future. Thank you again:

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We have just learned that our current Membership Vice President, **Don & Sharon Smith** have sold their home and are moving to Pennsylvania. We are not happy!! We do however wish them the very best and much happiness in their new location. Thanks so much for organizing the CFA membership records in a current computer software program that can be easily maintained.

The 30 November 5th Saturday dance was a big success. Thanks to **John Saunders** and **Phyllis Williams**. There were 14 squares in attendance, thanks again to the Dixie Squares for hosting the dance.

See you in a square

Dan & Anna Foust

The 7 Second Prayer

Just repeat this phrase and see how God moves!!

Lord, I love you and I thank you for being in my heart. Bless me, my family, my home, and my friends. Amen.

A dear friend in West Virginia sent us this short prayer for this special time of year. Her husband was shot during a robbery in Homestead; they retired to WV where he was working in his wood shop and had a nail ricochet directly into his retina. Yet they still think of others.



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**CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE &
ROUND DANCERS ASSOCIATION**
Board of Directors Meeting
IHOP, Orlando
November 3, 2002
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: President Dan and Anna Foust called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Don Smith gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Dan Foust welcomed members and guests: Caller/Cuer Mike Gormley of the 4 Corners Squares in Kissimmee, and Allen and Carol Johnstone visiting from Cincinnati.

ROLL CALL: Secretary Ailene Picheco called roll. Quorum present.

SECRETARYS REPORT: Bruce Morgan made a motion to dispense with reading of August 31, minutes – Colleen Morgan seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurers report was passed out by Dewey & Donna Hendricks to members present. Duke McCleskey made a motion to file the treasurer's report for audit – seconded by Tom Brown. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no correspondence.

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

Area Vice President - Ron & Lois Renwick resigned. There was no report.

North Brevard - Woody & Mary Lou Coyle reported they attended the dances at the Promenaders and the Allemanders. They gave presentations about the CFA to both clubs stressing the importance and advantages of belonging to the organization. They plan to continue to the other clubs in the north Brevard area. Walter (Bolo) Lawless has agreed to act as a spokesman for the Blood Bank and to attest first hand about this program.

He has used this service provided by the CFA many times as he has a rare blood disorder. The CFA has been a blessing to him and his wife.

South Brevard & Indian River – John & Terry Kavorkian reported the Orange Blossom Squares have resumed their weekly dance on Thursday night. Attendance is down, but hope for improvement with the return of the snowbirds. With “The Barn” closing in July, the Barn Dancers have changed their format. They now consider their club a social club and just have fun. Otis Lutz turned a room in his house into a square dance room and the club meets on the first three Tuesdays of each month. There is only room for about four squares to dance. Otis Lutz has three squares in his youth group with a waiting list for a new class. He hopes to have them ready for the State Convention in May. The DJ Squares dance at Arrowood Community Center on Fell Road in West Melbourne on Friday nights. Check Jerry Reed’s schedule if you plan to attend a dance.

The Barefoot Bay Twirlers resumed dancing on Monday, October 7th after their summer break. On November 18th the Twirlers and the Spinners will host a “Welcome Home” dinner dance for all the returning snowbirds. The Barefoot Bay Spinners danced through the summer and had pretty good attendance. They are now back on the fall schedule with a lot of fun dances. There was a great Halloween Party with lots of costumes. December 1st will be the annual “Toys for Tots” dance to benefit all of the Brevard County under-privileged children. Many callers and cuers donate their time to make this dance a success. The price of admission to the dance is one unwrapped toy per person. It is always a great dance and is makes for many happy children.

South Lake & West Orange – Dick & Pat Crittenden sent a report. We recently danced with the Garden Patch Squares in Ocoee, during a raid by our own Clermont Squares. We are happy to report that they are doing well, although they are always on the lookout for new members. On Monday, Oct 28, we danced at the Royal Highlands (also on a raid!). The Orange Blossom Squares from Lady Lake were also raiding so we had a

great turnout. Those who haven't been to the Royal Highlands' dances are really missing out, as they have a beautiful wood floor. Paul Place is running two new beginners classes Tuesday afternoons at Royal Highlands Great Hall, followed by a Plus level class, and Friday afternoons at Kings Ridge Clubhouse, followed by Mainstream.

North Lake & Sumter – Bill & Sandy Yakel reported Dancing Shadows held their first dance of the season on Oct 8 with Darrell Figg calling and Jeannette Chauvin cueing. They are off to another good season. The Sunshine Promenaders danced all summer and had a great turnout every Friday evening. Paul Place called all summer because Ron Libby was up north, Joanne Helton is doing the cueing. Starting in November, Ron Libby and Paul Place will be alternating. The club was not able to get enough people to start a new class this year. The Orange Blossom Squares dance every Sunday evening to guest callers with Jeannette Chauvin doing the cueing. On Oct 27th they had Dee Dee Dougherty and had twenty plus squares. A new class with 21 students started in early October with another scheduled to start in November. The Holiday Squares will be starting this season on November 7th, with Whit Brown calling and Jeannette Chauvin doing the cueing. It will also be hotdog night.

Marion – Bill Pulver & Marilyn Armstrong reported there are seven classes being conducted at this time, locations are as follows: Spanish Oaks (2 squares) Ocala Palms (3 squares) Celebrity Squares (2 squares) Friendly Squares (3 squares) Oak Run (gated) (2-1/2 Squares) Spruce Creek (gated) (1 square) and Saddle Oaks. There is anywhere from 25% to 50% duplication of participants in these classes. Friendly Squares has benefited from round dance cuer Joanne Helton. Attendance and membership has increased. Joanne and Ken are currently teaching beginning and advanced round dance Friday afternoon in Ocala.

East Orange & Seminole – Bing & Marsha Bingham reported the Casselberry Hoedowners have a Basic class with 14 students. Classes are Sunday afternoons and their regular Mainstream dance follows. They are hoping to have line dance lessons soon. Eleanor Weston is acting President & Vice President; Aileen Charest is Treasurer and Edie Lindsey is Secretary. The Merry-

Go-Rounders have closed. Sunni Thomas said her husband has cancer. The Millennium Squares lost their hall in June and have now found another location. They are now dancing at 200 Fairmont Drive in Sanford and just had their first re-start dance on October 31st. They are having Basic classes every Thursday, which is followed with a Mainstream dance. They will accept students as young as 8 years old. Ron and Ann Roan are the callers and records cue rounds at this time. The Orlando Singles Basic class has 24 students. On November 1st they did a demonstration at Montverde Day. November's calendar also includes collecting food for Thanksgiving and Christmas for Christian Sharing Center. At their November 22nd dance, Dance for Less will be set up as vendors. The Christmas dance will be on December 8th, at the Wild Horse Clubhouse off Pershing Ave. It will be a potluck with a gift exchange. They are having a New Year's Eve covered dish dinner and dance. Whirl & Twirl has 36 taking Basic lessons. Danny is planning Plus classes to begin later in November, but 3-4 more couples are needed to sign up for the classes to be a "go" – so spread the word. The Thanksgiving Dinner/Dance will be November 22nd and will include Mainstream and Plus. Bingo Fun Night will take place on December 7th. There will be lots of fun and prizes. Henri Arsenaault will be the caller and Roy Brown will be the cuer at the New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance. There will be a sit-down dinner, dance and door prizes all evening. After midnight, there will be skits and other fun stuff.

Osceola – Mike Mikeal reported that Buckles and Bows is a caller run club, with Don and Jean Gaskins. There is some improvement in attendance since the snowbirds have returned. Although dancing only 1 to 2 squares each Tuesday, their members are faithful. Pete and Jan Shankle still do the cueing. The Motivators recently held a "Welcome Back Snowbirds" pot luck picnic at a park in Narcoossee. Attendance was great and the food was delicious. Their regular dance times of the 1st and 3rd Sunday afternoon of each month is already in full swing. The newcomers say the attendance has been good. They are still meeting at the Senior Center in St. Cloud and dance APD, A1 and A2 levels. The Wagon Wheel Rounders are reorganizing and getting

ready to start their fall season of classes with Pete and Jan Shankle. This will be a new Phase II level teach with extra floor time. They also meet at the Senior Center in St. Cloud every Monday evening starting at 7:00 PM. Attendance has picked up greatly at the Wagon Wheel Square Dance Club since the return to the south of the snowbirds. Dancing 4 to 5 squares each Friday evening at the Senior Center in St. Cloud. Dale McClary is their usual caller but occasionally they do have a guest caller. Pete and Jan Shankle are their cuers. Mike Gormley is caller/cuer for 4 Corner Squares. They are a Mainstream club that meets on Thursdays in the recreation hall of their RV Park. Recently they had a caller visiting them from Germany, Matthias and Sylvia Bechert, and he did call a tip for their dance. Mike will be holding student level dances on the first Thursday of December, January, February and March in the hopes that new people will become interested in square dancing. Allen and Carol Johnstone visited the club from Cincinnati. He also filled in calling. They are originally from New Zealand.

East Volusia – Kenly & Alice Spilman sent a report. The Spin-drifters is currently a callers club. Classes will start shortly. Dances are every Wednesday night. Special events to be announced. The Strato Squares East is an advanced callers club. A new class begins on Sunday November 3rd at 2:30 PM. The Dixie Squares is having a successful class of 30 new students. There are ten single women in the class. They are hosting a New Year's Eve dance with John Saunders, John Barrett calling and Irene Knapp cueing. This will be held at City Island Recreation Center, Daytona. Tickets available at \$30.00 per couple. The Granada Squares has a small class of 10. The snowbirds are returning. The Flagler Ocean Waves also have another good class in session.

West Volusia – Gale & Laura Boak were absent - no report.

MEMBERSHIP: Don & Sharon Smith reported that there are currently 204 active members (43 new and 161 renewals). Last year there were 377 active members (of which 81 were new). We have 53% of what we had last year.

BLOOD BANK Jim & Jan McConnaha reported. One of the major benefits of belonging to the CFA is access to the Central Florida Blood Bank. This facility collects blood from donors and then as members have a need for blood, it is made available at no charge. One thing to keep in mind, you don't have to be a member of CFA to donate to account 54. Non-dancing family members and friends can give to this account if they don't have an account they give to ordinarily. However, you must be a member or member's family to withdraw from the account. CFA members have a large amount of blood on deposit. As of September 2002, we had available 527 units. Any member who donates a pint of blood to our account, # 54, receives free admission to one CFA dance. We have some very prolific donors to our square dancer account. One member has over 50 gallons. If you have any questions or need to make a withdrawal, contact the CFA Blood Bank Vice President, Jim & Jan McConnaha at Phone: (321) 452-2679 or E-mail: jimjan@juno.com.

INSURANCE: Randy & Carol Poole reported their beginning balance on August 11, 2002 was 717.08. Expenses were \$39.22 which leaves a balance on November 3, 2002 of 677.86. There are 25 Clubs insured for 2002 with 1637 members enrolled. Two claims have been filed this year. Renewal forms have been hand delivered or mailed to all the insured clubs from last year. The fee increased thirty-five cents to \$3.00 per dancer. The minimum club fee did not change. The renewals are due now. This time of the year it takes from 45 to 60 days to receive your Certificate of Insurance. The insurance becomes effective the Federation's check reaches the USDA chairman in Missouri. Please encourage your club to renew as soon as possible.

KEEPIN' POSTED: Tom & Eivor Brown reported in October the circulation was 400. There were 26 pages. Clubs are not sending in articles. There is a great amount of space for more ads. They range from business card size to full page. There is a premium rate for inside cover(s). Holiday Signatures are \$1.00 each and will be inserted in the January issue.

50th FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION

Bruce & Colleen Morgan reported there is just 6.5 months remaining until our kick-off. A meeting was held at Picnic in the Park Weekend with our whole committee. This was a very good meeting and a lot was decided. We went over the kick-off program for the first time with the dances of Central Florida. We have our next two practices planned and we'll be ready for the Kick-off. Our next big fundraiser will be the concession stand and the silent auction at the 3rd Annual Shamrock Swing, which will be held March 14th and 15th, 2003 at St. John Vianney Catholic Church on South Orange Blossom Trail in South Orlando. We had fun this past year and raised some needed funds. Please come and support the Shamrock Swing and the 2004 Convention by visiting our concession stand and participating in the silent auction. A fundraiser that is going on is the golf shirts for \$25.00 each and the T-shirts for \$10.00. There are plenty of T-shirts for sale and orders for the golf shirts are being taken by Bruce or Colleen Morgan. If anyone wants their name on the shirt, it is \$4.00 extra. Another fundraiser is a drawing for the Serger. The tickets are \$1.00 each. This is ongoing and the Serger will be given away on Sunday evening May 30, 2004. If anyone would like to have some tickets to sell, please see Bruce or Colleen Morgan. The newest fundraiser is for a 3-night stay at the Holiday Inn in Lakeland during our convention in 2004. If the winner does not want to stay in the Holiday Inn, we will give the winner the money equivalent to what it would cost to stay in the Holiday Inn for three nights and they can stay wherever they want. The tickets are \$5.00 each and if you would like to sell some, see Bruce or Colleen Morgan. Jacqueline Johnson, from the Lakeland Area Chamber of Commerce has been contacted concerning help in printing the registration forms. She has agreed to print them free of charge. The Pensacola Special Steppers have been a part of the State Conventions for a long time. They don't come every year because they attend the Handicapable Convention whenever possible. In 2004 they have already committed themselves to attend the Handicapable Convention, so

they will not have the funds to attend the State Convention. The Golden Anniversary Celebration will be lacking if the Pensacola Special Steppers are not there. Therefore, Bruce and Colleen Morgan have started a donation plan in order to collect enough money to provide all the support they will need to come. They will need approximately 14 rooms for 3 nights, a bus for the weekend, meals and other items. The amount is estimated at \$7,500. At the Callers meeting 2 weeks ago, the callers voted to donate \$200 toward this fund. There has been over \$100 collected from other callers and dancers even though it has not been publicized yet. The CFA is asked to help with this cause. The Florida Federation and the other four Associations will also be asked to help at the next Federation Meeting which will be held next Sunday in Lakeland. Word will also be put out to all the individual dancers, callers and cuers for their support as well. Bruce and Colleen Morgan believe the Special Steppers should be a part of this Golden Anniversary Celebration. On a special note, all monies collected will go to the Special Steppers even if there is not enough collected to bring them to the convention. Let's hope that doesn't happen. They belong there!

HISTORIAN: Judy Frye reported many candid pictures were taken at the Picnic in the Park week-end held recently. Be sure to look at the scrapbook at the 5th Saturday Dance in Daytona to see the tell-tale evidence of this fun weekend. You will be able to see our handsome bearded Skip Cleland dressed in "drag" and that's all that will be said at this time. How will he outdo himself next year? Since starting to collect entrance buttons and ribbons from the past State Conventions, quite a few have been accumulated. Collected so far are 10 buttons, and 19 ribbons. It's a start, but still a long way to go. An article has already been published in "Bow & Swing" magazine and one has been submitted to Tom Brown to be included in the next "Keepin' Posted" requesting help in collecting these items. Also, publications in all areas have been solicited to help in making this project a reality. These items will be displayed in the History Room that Jack and Zonie Taylor are creating. They are also looking for memorabilia in connection to any State Convention. For ex-

ample, there is an ash tray that was presented to a committee chairman as a "Thank You", that has been loaned for our collection. **Everything submitted will be returned to its rightful owner as soon as possible after our big event.** Lots of pictures are being taken by other people but few are being given to Judy Frye to be included in our scrapbooks. Pictures are a great lasting pictorial of the CFA, consider it as you would your own Grandchildren's growth. Please help!

FLORIDA FEDERATION: George & Shirley Knapp were absent but sent a report. There has been no activity in the Federation since the State Convention. There will be a meeting on November 10th at 9:00 AM in Lakeland, Fl. This will be a general meeting with the election of officers. Encourage all delegates to attend and everyone else is invited of course.

OLD BUSINESS:

5TH Saturday Dance – will be held on November 30, 2002 at the Dixie Squares Hall, City Island Recreation Center, Daytona Beach. John Saunders, caller / Phyllis Williams, cuer.

Camping Weekend – Bruce Morgan. We had a great time. This was held the first weekend in October. Because of the heat we did not have the attendance that we had hoped for, but those that were there had a great time and we did manage to make some money. Bruce and Colleen "Thank you" to the 2003 and 2006 Conventions. Don & Ann Slocum from the 2003 Convention and Garland & Carol McKenzie from the 2006 convention were in attendance and they had a great time. We appreciate their support of our convention and we will do all that we can to help support theirs.

Shamrock Swing 2003 – Randy & Carol Poole. The Shamrock Swing will be held March 14 & 15, 2003, at the St. John Vianney Church on Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando. Randy and Carol Poole would like all Area Directors to have ribbons to sell. If you don't already have them, please pick them up as soon as possible. Please bring the ribbons and/or money to each board meeting so that we may check the sales progress and to see if we need to re-distribute some of the ribbons. Please **do not** give your

ribbons to another seller.

A contract has been signed for 30 rooms with the Baymont Inn & Suites for \$48.00. This offer is good only until February 28th.

Last week there were 12 reservations already. If you haven't made your reservations yet, you need to do so soon by calling 1-407-240-0500. The sales manager at the Baymont Inn said they are usually full in March. Make sure you mention you are a square dancer to get the price of \$48.00 per room per night, which includes a continental breakfast. A display table will be set up this coming weekend at the Federation Meeting and also in Jacksonville the weekend of the Fall Fiesta. There will be a CFA directory in the back of the program. \$1.00 per name donation. This is for personal use only.

Shamrock Swing, 2004 – Jack & Barbara Hoffman were absent. No report.

Other - None

NEW BUSINESS

Federation Working Weekend – Dance will be held at Whirl & Twirl hall in Orlando on Saturday, February 22, 2003. Ron Libby, caller / Joanne Helton, cuer. *Jim McConnaha made a motion to charge \$4.00 per person for this special dance. Seconded by Bruce Morgan. Motion passed.*

5th Saturday Dance – March 29, 2003 will be held at the St Cloud Senior Center in St. Cloud. John Swindle, caller / Bev Landwehr, cuer. The new building on 17th Street will be open by then.

Shamrock Swing 2005 – No one has been chosen to chair this dance yet.

Dancer of the Year – Recommendations must be in written form, and all information must be on the applications when they are turned in (from birth to present). The presidents will not re-search the background of the nominees.

Other – Kenley Spilman requested that the Volusia County square dance clubs (Spindrifters, Dixie Squares, Granada Square, Flagler Ocean Waves, Honey Bees and Starlight Promenaders) be reimbursed for the expense of advertising in *Seniors Today* for new dancers. It was determined that the CFA funds are not sufficient enough to reimburse all clubs that advertise. There is no provision to cover advertising expenses for individual clubs – it may be looked into in the future. *Don Smith made a motion that this request for reimbursement be denied – Seconded by Bing Bingham. Motion passed.* This issue will be brought to the attention of the Federation to see if they are still covering some advertising expenses for the associations.

Our next meeting – Will be held at the Whirl & Twirl Hall, Orlando on February 9, 2003, from 12:30 – 2:30 pm. This will be followed by the first practice for the 2004 Kick-Off and a pot luck dinner.

ADJOURN – *Duke Mc Cleskey moved we adjourn. Seconded by John Kavorkian. Motion passed.* Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Our Losses! ! !

Judy Frye recently gave a moving tribute to some of our fallen dancers, that tribute follows:

“Before we have the invocation I’d like to mention a few of the people we have lost this year. The first being Jack Karwisch, who passed away last November. Jack and his wife, Rose, were the first Presidents of the Central Florida Association, in fact they were very instrumental in the forming of the CFA, along with Al and Dot Cody. This organization was started in February 1957 with their term of office starting in July of 1957 thru June of 1958. Their home club was the Do-Si-Do’s in Orlando. He and Rose would have been married 60 years this September. They had no children.

Another lady whom we lost this year, in February, was Dot Cody. Dot and husband, Al, were the second Presidents of the CFA for the years 1958—1959 and were part of the founding members. The thing they really enjoyed, along with the Karwisch’s was visiting other clubs, dancing and meeting new people. Dot and Al were married 65 years and had one son.

Annbel Johnson is another sad loss to our square dancing world. After serving many years on the CFA board, she and husband Chuck became CFA Presidents for the years 1990-1992, serving for two consecutive years. The Johnsons, along with several other friends, started the Friendship Squares in Port Orange where they served in many capacities including President. They were also active members of the Dixie Squares in Daytona. She and Chuck were the Signs and Banner Chairmen for the 40th State Convention in 1993.

Our most recent loss and one that has touched just about everybody here is Asa Clark. Asa passed away August 16th after a long hard battle trying to recuperate from his automobile accident. Asa danced 67 of his 75 years, starting at age 8, sneaking out of his bedroom window to attend a square dance, unbeknown to his parents. After serving in the armed forces he located here in Central Florida. He formed several youth clubs at different churches and was their caller and mentor. The first clubs he belonged to was the Rockeights and Allemanders. He and Bill Hankins founded the Canaveral Squares. At

this club he met some friends and helped them form the Space Trackers. Both of these clubs are still in existence today. While he was President of the Brevard County presidents' Council he came up with the idea of an All County Square Dance Picnic. This is now in its fifth year with the attendance being over 300 people each year. We have recently renamed this event the "Asa Clark All County Picnic". Asa was named our CFA Dancer of the Year in 2000 at our first Shamrock Swing Dance, an honor he so richly deserved. He and his partner, Rosalie Turner, have been North Brevard County CFA area Reps for the past 6 years. All of us girls will very definitely miss his wonderful yellowrocks."

Judy Frye



The United Square Dancers of America have devised a program call the USA TRAVELER.

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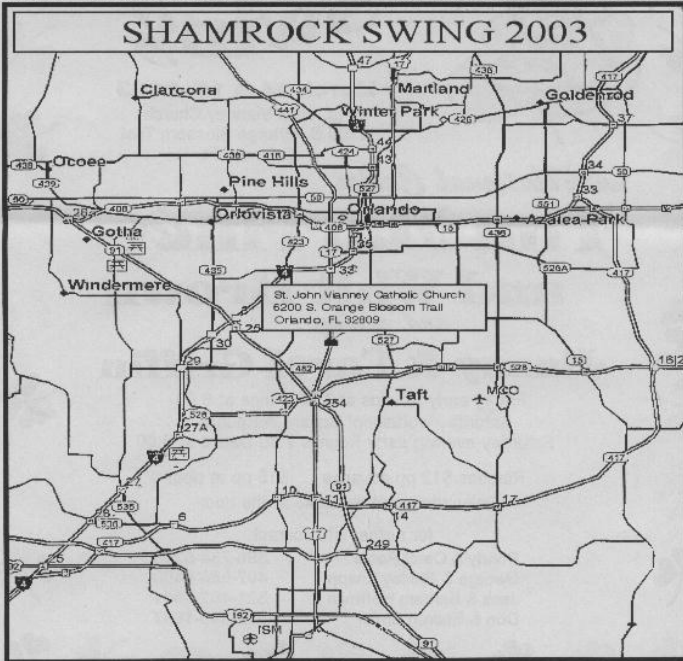
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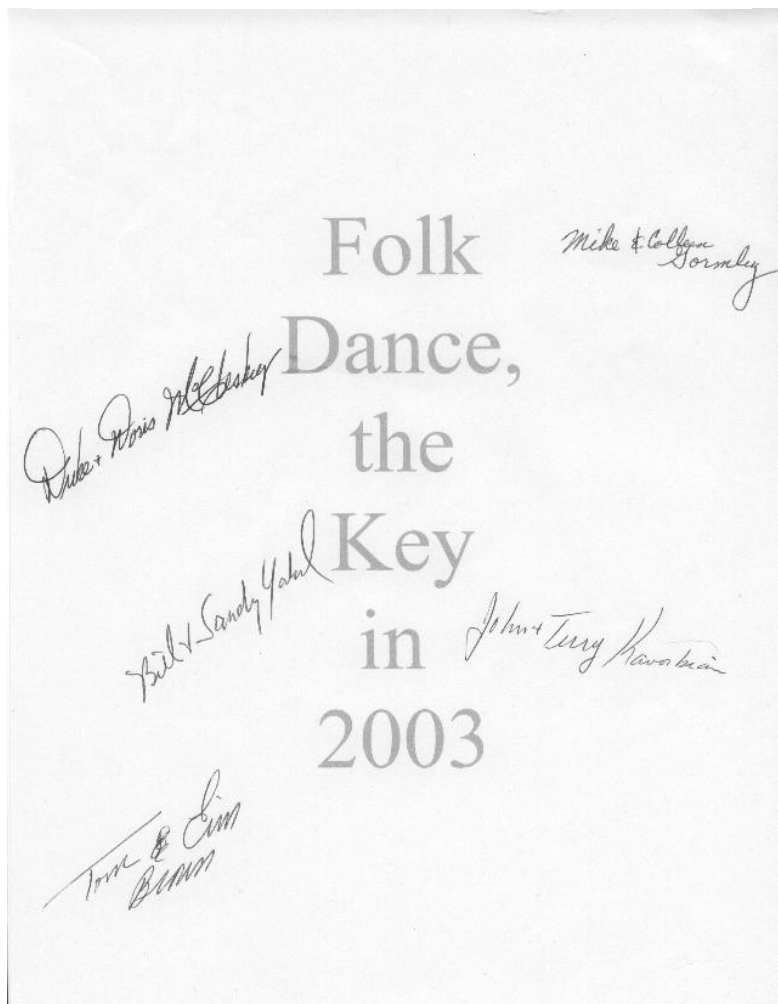
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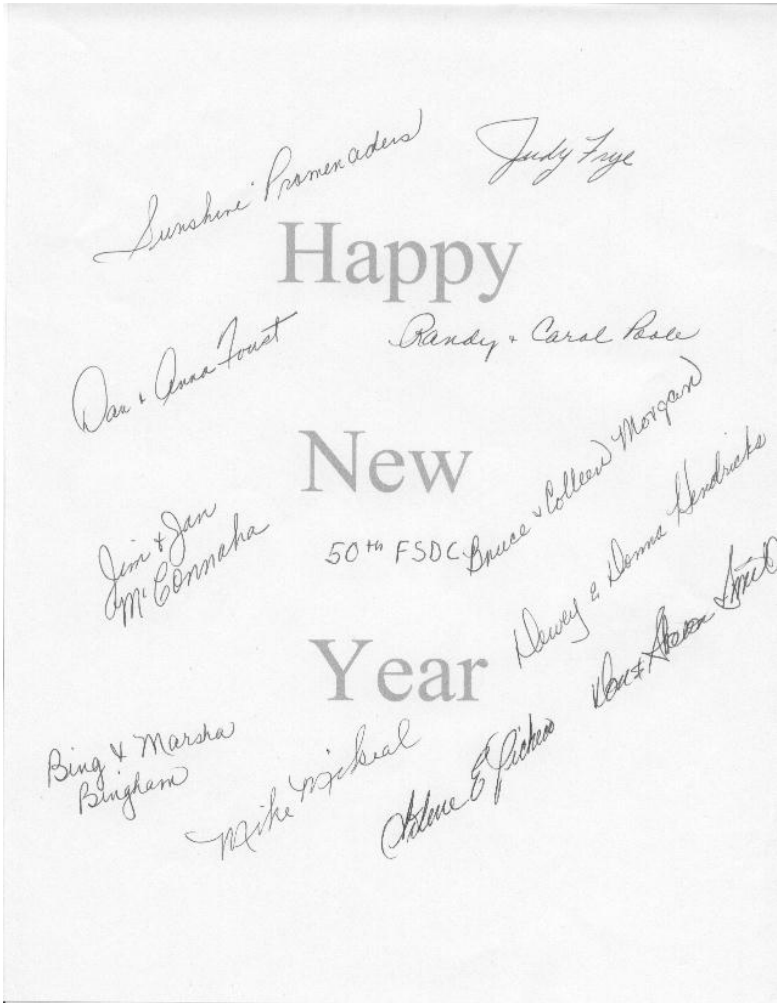
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Bruce Morgan

The Seven Second Prayer

Lord, I love you and
I thank you for being
in my heart.
Bless me, my family,
my home, and my
friends.

Amen.

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Oh
Turkey
Day

Received this little greeting from the
Saunders—probably Linda.

To all our family, friends and
neighbors we're sending you this
greeting.....

Twas the night of Thanksgiving
But we just couldn't sleep
We tried counting backwards
We tried counting sheep.

The leftovers beckoned
The dark meat and white
But we fought the temptation
With all of our might.

Tossing and turning with anticipation
The thought of a snack became infatuation
So, I got Linda and raced to the kitchen, flung open the door
and gazed at the fridge, full of goodies galore.

We gobbled up turkey and buttered potatoes,
pickles and carrots, beans and tomatoes
We felt ourselves swelling more plump and more round
'til all of a sudden, we rose off the ground.

But, we managed to yell as we soared past the palms, Happy
eating to all - pass the cranberries, please.

May your stuffing be tasty,, May your turkey be plump.
May your potatoes "n' gravey have nary a lump.
May your yams be delicious, may your pies take the prize, May
your Thanksgiving dinner stay off your thighs.

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Club News

EDITOR Note: Because of the early due date of the October Issue, many clubs did not get their articles in. We think it reasonable that those articles appear here. A lot of information about the forthcoming conventions is also included. You may find some duplications.

Barefoot Bay Spinners

The Spinners mainstream club of Barefoot Bay are enjoying a happy, healthy season. We're so happy to

welcome back our Snowbirds, with a couple or two arriving each week. Our last dance of October was our Halloween Party where over 50% of those attending donned costumes of every description. It was a fun afternoon with mixer dances, cider and donuts. November dances were cut short by Thanksgiving since we dance on Thursday afternoon from 12:45 to 2:45. We invite everyone for fun and friendship. One tip each afternoon is a workshop to help our last year class feel more comfortable. In December we only get to dance twice on the 5th and 12th. The 12th is our Christmas party with early dinner served after our dance. Everyone brought a dish to share that was appropriate to accompany the fried chicken from Kentucky. Super delicious! The door prizes were the poinsettias which were the table decorations. Beginning January 2 of 2003 we'll be starting classes with our caller Dale McClary instructing. The first two classes on the 2nd and 9th will be free to all comers just to show them what a great fun time they can have with us every Thursday. We hope to have a very large and enthusiastic class. Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2003.

Space Trackers

The holiday season is upon us and we had a great turnout for our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner/Dance with lots of yummy food! Now we look forward to

our Christmas Dance on December 21st! We have a large beginner class who will be invited to this dance, and we look forward to having them become a part of the whole Club. Another new class will begin in January with Whit Brown as instructor. The Annual Class Picnic will be held on the beach in January.

Whit Brown and Joe Fioretti will be our callers on February 1st starting at 8:00 PM, preceded by early rounds at 7:30 PM. Starting at 2:00 PM that Saturday afternoon a Round Dance Workshop will be held with Vera Smith and Phyllis Williams. All this at McLarty Recreation Center in Rockledge. Mark your calendars!

Other February plans are a Valentine Dance over which a King and Queen will reign, as well as an evening of "Stone Soup", which promises to be interesting as well as fun!

We are happy to have our "Northern Friends" back visiting us for a few months! And we always welcome visitors from our sister clubs!!

Peg & Bill Gowen, Presidents

Whirl and Twirl

George and Shirley Knapp, past presidents of Whirl and Twirl have been elected to the presidency of the

Florida Federation of Square Dancers. There will be a dance in their honor at Whirl and Twirl on Saturday, February 22 starting at 7:30. Ron Libby will call and Joanne Helton will be the cuer. Admission is \$4.00 per couple.

If you are coming to Orlando Friday night for the Florida Federation Working Weekend Saturday morning, you are invited to attend the Whirl and Twirl Plus Dance on Friday

night. Early rounds start at 7:30 with square dancing at 8:00. Visit our web site at www.geocities.com/whirlandtwirl/ for directions.

January events include Western Night and a Recycle Sale. The Western Night is on Friday, January 3. This will be a Mainstream/Plus dance. Get out your boots and spurs (fellas) and cute skirts with the leather fringe (gals) for this event. Guests welcome, as always. Also, Whirl and Twirl will host the Central Florida Caller's Association dance on January 25nd from 7:30 to 10:30. This is a class level dance.

And mark down Saturday, February 1 for our Annual Chili Night and Beauty Pageant . Come enjoy a bodacious bowl of chili and see five of our male "beauties" compete for the title. They will do the full pageant routine, including a bathing suit contest and talent show in formal gowns. This is always a hoot and the chili is great. The cost is \$10.00 per person and worth every penny.

On March 19, we will have our Irish Dangle Night celebrating St. Patrick's Day and general lunacy. Earn a dangle by participating in a set under conditions difficult to describe. Would you believe dancing with boxes on your feet or wrapped toilet paper — or who knows what? It's good fun and it's a Mainstream Dance.

DIXIE SQUARES

Hey Friends,

We dance every Thursday night at City Island Recreational Center, with classes starting at 7:00 P.M., and Plus dance/ Rounds from 8:00-10:00P.M. Our caller is John Barrett and cuer is Irene Knapp. October will be a great month for Dixies. Oct. 10th will be our first Teddy Bear Dance, with all dancers being asked to donate a Teddy Bear. The club will be donating them to The Children's Home Society Of Florida. The Teddy Bears will be given to children in distress or a traumatic situation, to help comfort them. We look forward to a successful

and rewarding event! Then Halloween Oct. 31st, will be around the corner. Have you got your costume planned yet? We'll be looking for you and will be trying to guess if you're the ghost or one of the two people in the donkey costume. Can you stump us? November 14th, will be our second Recycle of the year. It's a great way to make space in YOUR closet for New Dance Clothes, while helping the new dancers get a reasonable start with their dance wardrobe. November 21st, will be our Toys For Tots Dance. Dixies always give from the heart to help less fortunate children have a good holiday season! Happy Thanksgiving! December 12th, will be our Holiday Dinner, and we always need extra time in the evening to get those yummy recipes from our great cooks. December 31st, you guessed it. Our New Year's Eve Dance. Call (386)323-6126 or (386)767-2266 for more information. We sure hope you'll join us! January 2003. WOW, where does the time go? January 9th, Dixies will have their Election of New Officers, and a Silent Auction which is always fun. January 16th, will be Installation of the New Officers. January 30th, we'll have New Dancers Appreciation Night, with lots of fun activities planned. So if you'r in Daytona and looking for a great dance, come to Dixies. We'll make you feel at home.

George & June Weihrach

Groveland/Clermont Squares

Well, October 2nd is "welcome back" for our club. We're looking forward to a fun month with Whit Brown, our caller and Judie Ishmael, our cuer. October 16 our guest caller will be Bob Bourassa ; we all know how much fun his dances are. On October 23, the fourth Tuesday, we have alternate mainstream/plus tips. If mainstream is your favorite level, come join us. This will be the 4th Tuesday format.. Whit makes it interesting no matter what level. He will call our Halloween Dance on October 30. Jjoin us that night for cider and donuts! We'll have our Thanksgiving Dance on November 20; Carl Rod will be our guest caller that night and to top it all off, we'll be serving pie. You all come!

Bob and Bobbe Hutching

Clermont Squares

Groveland/Clermont Squares has officially changed its name to "Clermont Squares."

Space Trackers

Summer is now behind us and we are looking forward to the Fall Season. Our new beginner class, with Whit Brown as Caller, began September 9 and continues each Monday night at 7:30. We hope for a big graduating class next Spring.

We were saddened by the death of one of our Club founders, Asa Clark. His Memorial Service was held September 14th at Discovery Christian church in Cocoa. Attending dancers were in square dance attire. Asa loved square dancing and his warm hugs and lively countenance will be missed by all who knew him. Our Anniversary Dance, September 21, has a "one man out" dance in Asa's memory.

Space Trackers devoted our September 7 dance in memory of September 11. Dress for the evening was red, white and blue. Whit Brown featured patriotic music and special recognition and presentations were made to commemorate that fateful day.

We continue to dance on Saturday nights at McLarty Recreation Center from 7:30 until 10:00 PM. Club caller Whit Brown, Club cuer Vera Smith. We are happy to have Vera back after her surgery this past summer.

With the holiday season fast approaching, special dances and events will be held. The Fall Fling with Dee Dee Dougherty calling and Jeannette Chauvin cuing is an event we invite all clubs to! October 26 is the date and Travis Recreation Center is the Place. Hope to see you there!!

Happy Dancing.

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Tenderfoot classes for new dancers are being held beginning with a Shindig at 8:00 on October first. Classes will start on the 8th and will run for 20 weeks. The Shin Dig and the first two classes are free. Our caller, Danny Robinson will be teaching and Whirl and Twirl members will assist with coaching. There is a \$120.00 per couple fee for the remaining classes that can be paid in three \$40.00 installments. Any one interested should call 407-332-6853 or 407-339-3121.

Danny is also planning beginning Plus lessons for sometime in mid November. Watch our web site at www.geocities.com/whirlandtwirl/ for further information.

A Bingo Night is being planned for December 7th. Don't miss this opportunity for a night of fun and prizes. Watch our web page for further details. Save that date now.

Don't forget our New Year's Eve dance on December 31st.

Tickets are \$25.00 per couple and a catered dinner will be served. Call the above numbers for your ticket purchase.

We lost a very good friend when Jack Chamblin died August 15th from a heart attack. Jack and Ann were long time members of the club and active in club service. We held a Memorial Dinner for him at the club house on Aug 25th that was attended by his family and his many Whirl and Twirl friends.

David Tropf

Garden Patch Squares

Larry Patten is our caller. Several raids in June throughout Central Florida and we had several clubs visit us to get back their banners - we are a stealing

club. Royanne and Bill keep us busy. June 25 we had Root-beer Float night; it brought back old memories and the Honeybees from DeLand. We celebrated many birthdays and 3 anniversaries this past month. We closed during July - Larry took an extended vacation. We had Western Hoedown Dance - kicked up a good time. Drank Birch Beer and Sasparilla and learned the Cot-

ton Eyed Joe and the Texas Two Step - taught by Larry. Rick Yates filled in for three dances in June. We enjoyed his excellent calling. Fathers' Day saw all receiving flowers. Hotdog and Hamburger night was enjoyed by our members with Richard and Bill cooking in the Rain. We'll return on August 1 with a Watermelon Dance. We celebrated Jeanne and Jim Schmidt's 58th Anniversary and we wish them many more. We had a dangle dance August 29th.

Bonnie and Dave McGibbon

GRADUATES

Starlight Promenader Graduates

Frank Accordino
John and Ellie Knol
Ray Meigel
Marjorie Smith

Starlight Promenaders

Paul and Joy Barnes
Clyde and Mary Lambert
John Murawski

Honeybee Graduates:

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Orlando Singles

News Flash!!! Our caller Whit Brown and Dee Campbell announced their engagement this past November. Whit Brown and Phyllis Williams, our call and Cuer respectively, have made this past year and fantastic one for the Singles. We had our first ever New Years' Eve Dance.

Come visit when ever you are in town. We'd love to see you.
Sue E.

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Ode from Betty Lee

Betty Lee Talmadge sent me
this reminder.

When I was in my younger days,
I weighed a few pounds less,
I needn't hold my tummy in
to wear a belted dress.

But now that I am older,
I've set my body free;
There's comfort of elastic
Where once my waist would be.

Inventor of those high-heeled shoes
My feet have not forgiven;
I have to wear a nine now,
But used to wear a seven.

And how about those pantyhose-
They're sized by weight, you see,
So how come when I put them on
The crotch is at my knee?

I need to wear these glasses
As the prints were getting smaller;
And it wasn't very long ago
I know that I was taller.

Though my hair has turned to grey
and my skin no longer fits,
On the inside, I'm the same old me,
Just the outside's changed a bit.

On a positive note ...

I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it
seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomor-
row.

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the
way he/she handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage,
and tangled Christmas tree lights.

I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your
parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life. I've
learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as making a
"life."

I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second
chance.

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a
catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw some-
thing back.

I've learned that whenever I decide something with an
open heart, I usually make the right decision.

I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to
be one.

I've learned that every day you should reach out and
touch someone. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on
the back.

I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

Ladies, please send this to five phenomenal women today. If you do, something good will happen: you will boost another woman's self esteem. ... If you don't ... your left boob will drop off.

BETTY LEE

Grenada Squares

Congratulations, John and Linda! Our caller and his wife were inducted into the State Square Dance Hall of Fame at the recent state square dance

convention. As all of his achievements were being read, those of us who knew him as a caller and friends were saying, You're learning about this terrific guy and gal what we could have told you. They are great, known far and wide, and "across the pond" as well. Their overseas trip will be the eleventh they have led. Registration waiting lists are the norm to go on one of these trips. September, 2002, is filled up, and September 2003 registrations can be found at any square dance place in Florida and, I guess, beyond.

Your secretaries visited "across the pond" this summer. We spent a couple of wonderful days with recent class graduates Herb and Tina Beckett. They live in Ipswich, about forty miles east of London. They spend part of the year at a home in Palm Coast. That's how we got to know them when they came through the class last year.

Our Vice-Presidents, Gerry and Patty Page, were in a terrible motorcycle accident while on vacation in Kansas. Patty is at home recovering from a broken neck. Gerry will be coming home soon. He suffered internal injuries.

We continue having exciting times on Tuesday nights at the

Senior Center. An ice cream social was the latest yummy event we had. We are looking forward to a new class and "snowbirds" coming back in a couple of months.

You are always welcome to our friendly club and enjoy the calling of John Saunders and the cueing of Gretchen Flynn.

As Kenly, our President says, "let 'er go, boys".

Jess and Fay Baker

Hitch-N-Go NSDCA—082

The summer months were warm. Air conditioning in our halls is mandatory. Four couples, Rileys, Sottos, Belskis and Strates made

the trek to Wyoming for the International. All had a good time. In August, guest caller John Barrett called. Ron Reardon took a well deserved vacation. In September, at Clerbrook RV Park, our dancers played two rounds of golf and of course they were slower than normal on the dance floor that evening. Our hosts made the weekend fun for all with a real Italian meatball and spaghetti dinner; kudos to Reardons, Oakes and Fourniers. Saturday night was a good tune up for the Camporee in October at Okeechobee. We presented a special caring plaque to Jim Kelley, our resident camping Mr. Fixit. We enjoy seeing our members return from their cooler summer habitats. November campout should be a large group. Come join us for a fun weekend dancing and camping.

Lyle & Marilyn Strater

STARLIGHT PROMENADERS

The Promenaders ended their summer season with the final "casual dress" dance on August 26. The fall schedule of weekly dances followed the next week.

The same evening Roy Brown, our cuer, retired from the club and a special program was arranged to "kick off" his retirement. Since then, Daphne Martin has been cueing for the club. September started off with the Promenaders celebrating the anniver-

sary of 9/11 at their Red, White and Blue Memorial Dance on that evening. The program started with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an inspirational message delivered by Orliea Gay. After a moment of silence in honor of the victims and heroes of 9/11, the program continued with square dancing to patriotic music. A group of ten dancers from the Flagler Ocean Waves, who were "raiding" the club were present at the dance. Jack and Orliea Gay reported 734 teddy bears were received and turned over to the Volusia County sheriff's office to be distributed to children having had traumatic. The previous Friday evening, 26 Promenaders attended a dinner dance at the VFW hall in DeBary. After giving a demonstration, non-dancers were invited to join the group and received their first lesson in square dancing. Those that did seemed to enjoy every minute of it. We held our annual Ice Cream Social on September 18. The party was hosted by Claire and Bill Poole and George and Joan Knopf. We had a fairly crowded floor with 23 Honey Bees from DeLand joining in on the festivities. The committee supplied the ice cream and the dancers brought along their own favorite cookies and toppings. The lady Promenaders served the ice cream and all the boys and guests made up their own sundaes and quite a few new toppings were formulated. The same evening, Tom O'Connor received his Promenader Raider bar for taking part in 10 raids. The class of 2003 started Wednesday, October 2 and has continued every week after. The first two evenings were free to all men, women, singles, couples from teens to 100+. The previous Saturday evening, eighteen of the gang traveled to Apopka to raid the Pirates there after dining out on the way to the dance. The bewitching hour came on Wednesday, October 30, when we celebrated with our Annual Halloween Dance. We had 33 members, 30 guests and students. Most of the guests were raiders from the honey bees once again. the dance was hosted by Randy and Carol Poole, David Russell and Carol Zwicka. They were helped with hall decorations by other "ghostly spirits" from the club. Carol made her famous witch's brew, while Jo Santoro and Betty Beattie manned the kitchen. Many of the dancers came in colorful costumes. They were judged by Jimmy and Cindy Mindt, Kathryn McCartney, Betty Beattie and Bill Erwin. After a parade, awards were presented in the following categories: Most Creative; "Deviled Egg", Evelyn Waite, Funniest: "Ape Man", Dale Powers, Scariest:

*Brainwashed", Mel Lungren; Best Couple, dressed as Uncle Sam, and Betsy Ross; Jack and Orliea Gay. John Barrett had a special line up of tunes which added to the musical flare of the dance. Have you ever danced to "The Monster Mash" ? At the previous dance, a week before, Tom and om and Mary Meyer received their Golden Promenader bar for attending 50 raids. Because November was a "short month" (we only danced three times because of the holiday), the gang kept themselves busy. The month started off with our general meeting and election of officers for 2003 at Monroe Park in deBary. The Promenaders elected Dick and Jeanne Lysobey president; Jack and Orliea Gay, vice president; George and Joan Knopf, secretary; Bill and Claire Poole, treasurer. The following were elected as board members: Andy and Kathy Belew, Mel and Phyllis Lungren, Bud and Pat Pearl and Tom and Mary Meyer. Jerry and MaryJo Dunagan will act as class coordinators, Daphne Martin will continue as club cuer and Jack and Orliea Gay will take over as raid chairman. We celebrated Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving with a special "G I and Apple Pie Dance" on November 13. The dance committee, Jerry and MaryJo Dunagan and Dick and Jeanne Lysobey had the hall decorated fittingly for the occasion and John and Daphne called and cued dances to fit the holiday spirit. The following Friday, 24 of us traveled south to raid the Orlando Singles, dining at Shell's on the way to the dance. Monday, November 18, saw thirty of us crowding the floor at the Honey Bees in DeLand. This time, the gang had dinner at the Main Street Grill in downtown DeLand. Looks like Bud and Pat Pearl have made a hit with the Promenader raiders as most of them are enjoying the raids with the "dinner dance" concept on an evening out! The gang here wish y'all a happy, healthy, prosperous 2003 - - and don't forget, come up 'n' see us sometime!

George and Joan Knopf

Whirl and Twirl

Greetings,

Whirl & Twirl will be holding their Semi-Annual Recycle Sale on Wednesday January 15th and Friday January 17th. The balcony of The Whirl & Twirl Square & Round Dance Center will be loaded with all kinds of great bar-

gains. The sale will start at 8:00 pm each day and will run throughout the dance. Please bring extra money that night as you just might find something that you don't know how you have done without it previously.

If you would like to try to sell some of the clothes that you no longer wear please bring them so that we can include them in our sale. Please see that the clothes are delivered to Whirl & Twirl the week before the sale on Wednesday January 8th or Friday January 10th. Please make sure that they are clean, on hangers and securely marked with you name, phone number and price. Remember Whirl & Twirl keeps 10% of all sales. Please make sure that the clothes are delivered the week prior to the sale as the sale will actually start on Tuesday January 14th but that day the sale is open just to our basic class members.

For more information, visit our web site at [www.whirlandtwirl.com](#) or call at 407-339-3121. Call to confirm the date and time before you go

Hope to see you all soon,

Bruce Morgan

Allemanders

Ann and I are pleased to take over again as your presidents and we thank the summer officers for turning over the club in such good condition. Elsewhere in this newsletter is a summary of Officers and Committee Chairpersons for the period Nov 2002 through April 2003. I think you'll agree that the club continues in good health. From Tom Brown's article on the demise of other Brevard County Square Dance Clubs this summer, we are very fortunate to have such willing volunteers.

WELCOME TO NEW ALLEMANDERS MEMBERS We are pleased to welcome four students who completed lessons in June 2002. They are Bonnie Lindsay, Harriet Pierce, Chuck and Susan Helmke. Chuck and Susan are newlyweds as of September 21, 2002. We also welcome Cecil and Jean Faulk who are also active with the Canaveral Squares.

WHEN WILL BEGINNING LESSONS START? We have mailed a personal letter to each Power Squadron member who had such a good time at the Hoe Down, 19 October when we demonstrated our great hobby. Despite John Saunder's superb motivational

calling, the response has been under-whelming. Meanwhile, we are accumulating names of interested individuals who want to "refresh" or begin lessons. We have 5 couples so far, two of who are Power Squadron members. Check our new lesson flyer "DANCERS WANTED", which we are handing out at our demos. Note that it is intentionally unspecific as to start date-everything depends on response. Each member should scope out potential students or re-treads. Let the Taylors 777-0531, or Noeskes 777-1696, know. We'll contact each person once we have a good list. We hope to get underway 4 Jan 03. Incidentally, George Ammon single-handedly is responsible for nearly all the 12 potentials. What have the rest of us been doing?

BANNER RAIDS AND DEMONSTRATIONS Bob Danza, our illustrious Banner Chair, is back at work. We also are receiving a few requests to demonstrate square dancing (free entertainment?), but the demos thus far have not stimulated student interest. We encourage the club dress for raids; if you don't have the new outfit, red and white is OK too, or if that's not possible, just be there in square dance attire but **BE THERE!** For demos, any square dance outfit is fine. That way, observers can see a variety of style and color. Raids, retrievals and demos are vital to the health of the entire Square Dance community. If you hope to see the Allemander's 50th anniversary, please support as many of these events as you can.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT We'd like the general membership to think about expanding our customary area of banner raids. What are your thoughts on exchanging banner raids with Ft Pierce (Steve Ekin, Caller) providing they reciprocate? We would probably limit these "long-distance" raids to once or twice a year. Bob Danza has already scheduled raids with Vero Beach Orange Blossoms and Orlando Whirl & Twirl. Bob also tries to schedule a meal en route. Also think about raiding/retrieving with the Barefoot Bay Spinners, a Thursday afternoon 12:45 PM to 2:45 PM mainstream club. We would ask John to call alternate mainstream and plus tips when the Spinners visit us. The officers would appreciate feedback on these ideas. We'll have an official membership discussion and vote at our Jan 11, 2003 General Membership Meeting.

FROM THE SUMMER 2002 PRESIDENTS: Tom & Eivor Brown Our second tour as president began with two unforgettable events - we cancelled a raid and then we were surprised by the Circle of Service award. The mutual support between the Canaveral

Squares, Palm Bay Promenaders and the Allemanders was stretched to the limit when our resident snowbirds flocked north. We danced four or five squares all summer with help from our supporting clubs as we supported them. We owe a special debt of gratitude to Dick and Eleanor Beck who stood in for us while we attended school in July and again during our trip with John and Linda to Europe. Your many get well wishes after our accident lifted our spirits tremendously. Thanks again to Tom and Janet Rowat for cornering our cabin baggage and getting it home safely. Of course, it probably would have far easier had our friends decided to cross the Pineda and give the Rowats a lift while we were en-route to Holmes, but ... really, the Pineda was backed up so they went around. Oh well. The grand finale is usually a single event; I don't think we can say that, I believe we had three - the joint demo with the Space Trackers; the joint demo with the Canaveral Squares and of course, our Halloween Dance but then how about our graduation ceremony. This past spring, two events had a deflating effect on square dancing in Brevard County. The Yellow Rockers could not find anyone to volunteer as their officers and were forced to close up. A similar fate faced the Barn Dancers and the Barn Dancer Youth Group when the building entered commercial use. Not exactly the best news to have fresh in your mind as you take the pledge to lead our Allemanders during the summer of 2002. Bob Danza had set a banner raid for soon after our entry - only three couples had signed up. Several more were called and asked to help out by joining our raiding band. All refused. We had no alternative but to cancel the raid - the first we had ever experienced. Just a few weeks later, we were asked by Jack and Zonie Taylor, who at the time were South Brevard County Representative to the CFA, to speak for a few minutes at our dance being raided by the Canaveral Squares. He got the microphone and totally surprised Eivor and I while he read from the Circle of Service certificate. Of course, John and Vince teased me unmercifully from the stage - it was returned across the summer. It truly is something everyone should experience - an unspoken camaraderie between a tenderfoot President, and the experienced Caller/Cuer combination. Over the long hot summer, many people helped us - we appreciate every one of you. We enjoyed plotting the club attendance at Bob and Pat Earls' 50th. We appreciate their efforts across the summer as well. A great asset to the club. Dick and Donna Noeske continued their untiring efforts - they also stayed very busy with family gatherings and of course their many community involve-

ments. We presented Dick & Donna with the "Circle Of Excellence" award at the November meeting. They are a very deserving couple for this fine award. Mary Kendall did yeoman service in the Kitchen while daughter Nancy kept the locker stocked and the coffee full as she and Bill collected the gate proceeds. A very special thanks to each and every Allemander who contributed their time on Saturday nights. Then stepped in Dick and Eleanor. We thank them for their outstanding "stand in" time while we were gone. How about that graduation - we joined four couples in a little bit of "misbehavior" on the dance floor, gained two new members and showed a raid party from the Promender that even "old f____s" can enjoy themselves being foolish. Again, thanks to the many Allemanders who helped us blow up balloons, open the paper bags and, of course, the many who labored hard and long over their stoves to provide the best spread in town. A special Congratulation to Chuck and Susan Hempke on their September marriage - see what square dancing does! Dick and Eleanor again filled in as we hit six countries in Europe with John and Linda. For those of you who do not know, our return from Europe was blemished by an accident on the Pineda crossing the Indian River. We were coming home in a limo with the Rowats. A Dodge van, second vehicle in front of us, flipped and rolled over. The car immediately in front of us swerved right into our path; we swerved too and missed the van. The guy behind us hit us totaling the limo. Eivor and I were transported to Holmes for injuries. Tom and Janet took our carry-on luggage home. Meanwhile, Ace & Ann and Dick & Donna driven by Kaye Benne were behind us by about twenty minutes or so. They saw the backup on the Pineda and took US 1 South to the Eau Gallie Causeway. We would have done the same thing, but it's a good topic to tease them about. A special thanks to the world travelers; they were fun and funny on the trip. We recovered quickly with help from your many get-well wishes. Thank you George Ammon for heading up the club effort to recruit new members from the local Power Squadron. George liaised with the best as he set up the Power Squadron's "Hoedown" with Allemanders doing a demo with John calling. We ate first, Charlie and Jakes Barbeque; we demo'd a couple of tips, then John and George got the floor filled with potential new comers. Then, a summer freeze, I guess. Snowbirds started returning. Attendance picked up during October and culminated with our Halloween Dance. Thanks to all you attendees, six squares surprised us. Many danced

in costume - they paraded the floor twice and led the charge to the refreshments. The joy continued past our term of office November second saw a group of twenty plus visitors from California descend on our club. Alva George had ordered first time visitor badges in September. She tracked them down and made sure we got them just in the nick of time. Thanks Alva. That was followed by the joint demo with the Space Trackers for the New Walk Presbyterian Church in Viera. Their demo caller, Carl Davis, called in sick, Jerry Reed volunteered to call the event. The flu spread in the Trackers - only five of their people could attend. Seven Allemander couples were there. A few more couples from the Canaveral Squares also attended. Again, many thanks for your support. We have one more task - to lead the charge at the Indialantic 50th Anniversary celebration at Nance Park on the 16th. Our sincere and heartfelt thanks in advance for your great support. You made this club the friendliest club with large hearts and full stomachs. Again - Thankxx x x and Yellow Rocks!

ALLEMANDERS OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS NOV 2002 - APRIL 2003 OFFICERS: Presidents Ace & Ann Taylor; Vice Presidents Dick & Donna Noeske; Secretaries Bob & Joan Ketchum; Treasurers David & Kaye Benne;

COMMITTEES Decorating Benes and Taylors; Refreshments Maxine Robb; Provisioning Cupboard Nancy Kendall; Banner Raids (Winter) Bob Danza 723-3956 (Summer) Newsletter Wally Rabb; Publicity Donna Noeske; Sunshine Mary Kendall; Photographer Doug Burnett; Historian Carol Aumann and, kast but not least, Badges Elva George

COMMENTS FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR Its time for the snowbirds to return. When any visitor joins us, we must show them a good time so that they want to return. Remember we ARE the friendliest club around. Consider it courtesy for our members to dance occasionally with dancers without a partner. **DO WE DANCE "WITH" SOMEONE OR DANCE "FOR" SOMEONE?** Have you seen a raiding club sitting together in one section of the room? Yes! Understandable. Yet when they dance, they get in a square with their own group. What is the purpose of a banner raid? Most think it is to get more dancers at our club and thus more money for our treasurer. That is one good result but isn't it more important to get the local clubs (dancers)

to get to know each other? The best way to accomplish this is to dance "with" the club that you are visiting. That means sit among them and invite them to dance in your square.. Dance "for" someone while we are doing a demonstration. After the demo we should "involve" the people we danced for (our audience—prospective new member).. On our next banner raid lets mingle and dance "with" everyone.

CANADIAN SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION Last year Maxine found out about the Canadian Square Dance Convention in St Johns, NB. She asked if we could go. We have a number of Canadian Allemander friends dancing with us in the winter. Little did I know! Maxine likes to get things going and gets everyone involved. At one point, I think she had 26 couples fired up to make the trip. Some in campers, some driving up and staying in cabins, and others flying part way and renting a car for the final leg. The final count was 8 couples. We, the Allemanders, were well represented. We couldn't raid for a banner, it would have been a long trip for them to retrieve. Maxine and I met the Danzas in Virginia. Then on to Pennsylvania; where joined Millers. On to Maine; we met up with the Taylors, Bennes and the Ketchums. We stayed long enough for everyone to get their fill of lobster. Ed & Laverne cooked fresh lobster for everyone at the campsite. Bob Danza had to teach some how to find all the meat and even the green stuff. At the Canadian border, Ed must have looked a little shifty—they pulled him over to inspect. At the campground we found Hilda, Frank and the Becks already there. Everyone had a great time dancing. The Becks added antiquing to their trip back - Dick drove the truck; Eleanor bought the goodies. We broke into groups and toured that part of Canada. Ed Miller found out he had a moose call that would turn the head of a bull moose. You will have to ask him to demonstrate.

Wally Robb

Conventions and Good Times

49th Florida State Convention

LIVE TEN YEARS LONGER!

Square Dancing will add ten years to your life, a surprising new study shows. Dr. Arnon Blackburn states, "It's clear that square dancing is the perfect exercise. It combines all the positive aspects of intense physical activity with none of the negative elements."

The Study was based on their physical examinations which indicated that both female and male square dancers could expect to live well into their 80's.

The square dance movements raise the heart rate like any good aerobic exercise should. All the quick changes of direction loosen and tone up the muscles - but not so severely as to cause injury. In square dancing, when you're not moving, you're clapping hands or tapping feet, which all contributes to long term fitness.

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- Saturday evening - Intro to Squares - Intro Contra
- Sunday afternoon - Intro to Clogging
- Sunday evening - A fun dance; using Squares, Rounds, Contra, Clogging and Country Western/Lines

STAFF:

- Tom & Dawn Perry - "WELCOME TO OUR WORLD" CHAIRMEN
- Janice Coughlin - Rounds
- Eric Harris - Contra
- Jerry & Kathy Opela - Country Western/Lines
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Editors note: A novel approach. Non-dancing visitors are being encouraged to get on the floor. Perhaps, just perhaps, we can touch the lives of a few and provide friendly healthy environments for them to enjoy the fruits of the floor. Put your hands together and welcome them "into our World".

Press Release

52nd NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION
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CAMPING AT THE 52ND

CAMPING FOR THE 52ND NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION WILL BE AT THE OKLAHOMA STATE FAIR PARK. THE FAIR PARK IS LOCATED IN OKC, JUST NORTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF I-40 & I-44. JUST 4.1 MILES WEST OF OUR GREAT CONVENTION FACILITIES. WITH 3 EASY-ACCESS IN-BOUND TRAFFIC ROUTES - I-40, RENO AVENUE OR NW 10TH STREET.

EXPRESS COACH STYLE, AIR-CONDITIONED BUSES WILL BE UTILIZED FOR THE SHORT TRIP TO THE DOWNTOWN FACILITIES. EACH RIDER MUST HAVE A BUS PASS IN ORDER TO RIDE.

THERE ARE 330 PERMANENT CAMP-SITES, (NO PULL-THROUGHS) WITH WATER AND 20 AMP ELECTRICAL SERVICE; AND 2 DUMP STATIONS, ALONG WITH RESTROOMS & SHOWERS. CAMPSITES ARE ON LEVEL GRASSY LAND WITH PAVED ROADS AROUND THE WESTERN HALF OF THE PARK AND GRAVEL ROADS IN THE EASTERN HALF. CAMPSITES WILL BE ASSIGNED BY EARLY REGISTRATION, NOT BY EARLY ARRIVAL. IF NEEDED, ADDITIONAL CAMPSITES CAN BE ADDED.

THERE ARE 3 TO 4 MILES OF THE CAMPGROUND ARE NUMEROUS SOURCES FOR RV SUPPLIES, SUCH AS SAM'S CLUB, A WALMART SUPERSTORE WHICH INCLUDES A SUPERMARKET AND A HANCOCK'S.

PERFECT RED ROSES

RUNNING GENERALLY NORTH AND SOUTH THROUGH CENTRAL OKLAHOMA, FROM NEAR GUTHRIE ON THE NORTH, DRIFTING SLIGHTLY SOUTHEASTERLY PAST NOBLE, A STRATA OF RED BARITIZED ROCK - THE GARBER SANDSTONE - COMES TO THE SURFACE. WEATHERING OUT OF THE SURFACE AND OCCURRING IN THE SURROUNDING SANDS ARE BEAUTIFUL RED "ROSE ROCKS". THE AREA AROUND NOBLE HAS AN ABUNDANCE OF THEM AND A FEW ENTERPRISING FARMERS ALLOW COLLECTING FOR A NOMINAL FEE. ONE CAN STILL FIND THEM IN SOME AREAS IN THE TOWN WHICH PROUDLY PROCLAIMS ITSELF TO BE OKLAHOMA'S ROSE ROCK CAPITAL. TIMBERLAKE ROSE ROCK MUSEUM AND ART STUDIO IS RIGHT ON OLD US HIGHWAY 77, AND IS DEVOTED TO THE REDDISH-HUED STONE THAT IS THE OFFICIAL STATE ROCK.

OKLAHOMA CITY AREA ATTRACTIONS

OUR STATE'S CAPITOL CITY SITS (NEARLY) IN THE CENTER OF OUR FAIR STATE, SQUARELY IN FRONTIER COUNTRY. THE FAMED MOTHER ROAD, ROUTE 66, COURSES SMACK-DAB THROUGH TOO. IN ARCADIA, RT 66 CRUISERS WILL DELIGHT IN OKLAHOMA'S ONLY EXISTING ROUND WOODEN BARN. BUILT IN 1869, NOW LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER, THE BARN WAS NOTED FOR ITS EXCELLENT ACOUSTICS LONG BEFORE IT BECAME A FAMOUS RT 66 LANDMARK.

NOW THE ROUND BARN, AN ARCHITECTURAL WONDER WITH A FRESH COAT OF RED PAINT, IS OPEN TUESDAYS THRU SUNDAYS, AND FEATURES EXHIBITS AND A GIFT SHOP - THERE'S A RESTAURANT ACROSS THE STREET. THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE BARN (ORIGINALLY THE HAY LOFT) CAN BE RESERVED FOR PARTIES AND SQUARE DANCING (IN-THE-ROUND). NOW THAT'S A DIFFERENT EXPERIENCE ALTOGETHER - WE CAN TESTIFY TO THAT!

SHAKY TIMES & SITUATIONS IN OKLAHOMA

AVERAGE ANNUAL NUMBER OF EARTHQUAKES IN OKLAHOMA?? 70!!! AND YOU THOUGHT THAT STUFF WAS ONLY IN CALIFORNIA! WORST EARTHQUAKE YEAR? 1995. THAT YEAR, OKLAHOMA EXPERIENCED 167 EARTHQUAKES, MORE THAN DOUBLE THE ANNUAL AVERAGE; MOST OKIE QUAKES ARE FELT MORE BY SEISMOGRAPHS THAN BY HUMANS.

WORST RECORDED EARTHQUAKE? APRIL 9TH, 1952, CENTERED NEAR EL RENO, APPROXIMATELY 25 MILES WEST OF OKC. THE QUAKE MEASURED 5.5 ON THE RICHTER SCALE AND OCCURRED IN THE NEMAHIA RIDGE SYSTEM, WHICH EXTENDS FROM THE ARBUCKLE MOUNTAINS IN SOUTH CENTRAL OKLAHOMA NORTHWARD TO NEBRASKA. IT WAS FELT ALL OVER THE STATE AND IN 7 OTHER STATES. TALL BUILDINGS IN THE CITY ROCKED FOR 23 MINUTES. A QUAKE THAT WAS PROBABLY SIMILAR IN INTENSITY OCCURRED OCTOBER 22ND, 1882, NEAR FT. GIBSON IN NORTHEASTERN OK, BUT THE HISTORICAL DATA IS INCOMPLETE. (HOW COME? NO SEISMOGRAPH(S).)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Editors of publications who include information about the 52nd NSDC at least 3 times during the year prior to May of 2003 will be invited to attend the 52nd Press Breakfast.

Send publications to: **Marvin and Donna Kay Pierce, 516 SW 103rd, Oklahoma City, OK 73139**

The releases on this page are prepared especially for small-format newsletters, but are not restricted to them.

THE 52ND NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION PRESENTS

The Bellamy Brothers

Popular world over the Bellamy Brothers are the most nominated duo in the history of Country Music. "We've never toured with smoke and mirrors," Howard explains, "We'd rather let the music speak than the smoke. We've gone with the idea that we're going to have fun and the audience is, too. So, we've always been known as a live act. They have released over 28 albums, which has garnered them over thirteen #1 singles, 30 top 10 hits, and 52 chart singles. Just to name a few of their hits: "Let Your Love Flow", "Do You Love As Good As You Look", "For All The Wrong Reasons", "If I Said You Had A Beautiful Body".



You can enjoy a concert of the Bellamy Brothers at the Wednesday evening entertainment at the 52nd National Square Dance Convention. Tickets for the concert are only \$15.00 per person. You can start the evening with opening Ceremonies at 4:00 pm, join in the fun with a real Bar-B-Que dinner for only \$10.00 per person and walk across the hall to the concert. After the concert the dancing will begin with several pre-parties. One, all gospel, one with father and son callers, and several more for your dancing pleasure. **All under one roof, close and easy to get to.** Be sure and fill out your registration blank to include these great activities.

THE GHOST RIDERS



Then on Thursday evening you can enjoy dancing to great callers calling to the music of "The Ghost Riders". A great Square Dance Band brought to Oklahoma for your dancing enjoyment. They began playing in 1972 and have been playing square dances ever since. And wow, what a wonderful 30 years it has been!

The first Ghost Rider Daniel Bright, plays lead guitar and sings lead and background vocals.

The band manager is David Ciccone, he sings lead and backup vocals and plays the drums.

The last several years David Zackry has handled all the technical problems and engineered the sound you have grown to love and enjoy. Zack plays the rhythm guitar and sings lead and backup vocals.

A non-dancer, Ron Pfisterer, plays the bass guitar.

Doing the background sound for several bands has given Ed Gibson the know how to improve on the overall sound that you have come to expect from the ghost riders.

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HOW ABOUT THE WEATHER?

WELL - OKLAHOMA CITY IS AT THE CROSSROADS OF AMERICA: BY AIR, BY HIGHWAY, AND BY WEATHER, TOO! OKLAHOMA CITY IN JUNE IS USUALLY WARMISH, SOMEWHAT HUMID, AND GENERALLY IN THE MID 70'S. IT CAN BE HOTTER OR COOLER, WETTER OR DRIER, (RARELY STORMY IN JUNE), BUT GENERALLY IS PLEASANT.

YOU'LL BE IN AIR-CONDITIONED SURROUNDINGS MOST OF THE TIME, SO IT MIGHT BE PRUDENT TO PACK A SWEATER OR LIGHT JACKET, AND UMBRELLA. WE ARE PLANNING A FEW OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES - MORE INFO LATER AS THE PLANS MATURE.

AS OUR FAVORITE CALLER SAYS, 'WE'LL TREAT YOU GOOD SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS, YOU ARE BOUND TO LIKE ONE OF THEM' Y'ALL COME, Y'HEAR?

GETTING AROUND IN OKLAHOMA CITY

IT'S EASY! OH, I KNOW, WE LIVE HERE, BUT, REALLY, IT IS EASY! OKLAHOMA IS LAID OUT (PRIOR TO STATEHOOD) ON A SURVEYED EAST-WEST, NORTH-SOUTH, 6-MILE BY 6-MILE-SQUARE TOWNSHIP AND RANGE SYSTEM. OF COURSE, OUR MAIN STREETS IN OKC FOLLOW THE SAME SYSTEM.

THE COX CONVENTION CENTER (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE MYRIAD) IS ALMOST ADJACENT TO I-40 WITH APPROPRIATE EXITS NEARBY. PARKING IS LIMITED, SO IF YOU ARE NOT IN THE DOWNTOWN HOTELS, YOU WILL NEED TO PURCHASE BUS PASSES.

ONLY THE HOTELS AND CAMPING AREAS SHOWN ON THE REGISTRATION FORM WILL BE SERVED BY OUR AIR-CONDITIONED BUSES. IF YOU PLAN TO STAY IN SOME OTHER FACILITY AND RIDE, YOU CAN CATCH AN AIR-CONDITIONED BUS AT THE FAIRGROUNDS CAMPING AREA. THERE MAY BE A CHARGE FOR PARKING. EACH RIDER MUST HAVE A BUS PASS, NO EXCEPTIONS.

RUMORS? RUMORS!

WE HEAR BY THE GRAPEVINE THAT THE PLANS FOR THE 52nd NSDC FASHION SHOW ARE SPLENDIFEROUS!! OF COURSE, THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE MUCH REAL INFO LEAKING OUT - BUT WHAT IS GOING AROUND SAYS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT! COME TO THINK OF IT, THAT'S NOT A RUMOR, IT'S A FACT; COUNT ON IT, BETTER BE THERE.

SEWING CLINIC(S) @ 52nd

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR NEW IDEAS TO GO WITH THE NEW FABRICS? ARE YOU TIRED OF THE SAME OLD SAMO? ATTEND THE SEWING CLINICS - BE REWARDED WITH TIPS ON BETTER SEWING, ALONG WITH SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW LOOKS FOR YOUR CURRENT PATTERNS. ONE PERSON ON THE COMMITTEE HAS RECEIVED A NUMBER OF OLD SLEEVE PATTERNS - PERHAPS SOME OF THESE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO A REVIVAL OF CERTAIN STYLES. THE COMMITTEE WILL SEE WHAT DEVELOPS. THERE WILL BE SEVERAL SESSIONS ON PRACTICAL USE OF A BERGER IN COMBINATION WITH YOUR SEWING MACHINE, GIVEN BY A PERSON WHO SEWS FOR SQUARE DANCERS, WHO IS NOT A SEWING MACHINE COMPANY SALESPERSON. THERE SHOULD BE QUITE A FEW TIPS ON HOW TO COME UP WITH YOUR OWN COLOR AND EMBELLISHMENT COMBINATIONS FOR A NEW LOOK.

WE CAN HARDLY WAIT. YOU'D BETTER NOT MISS IT!

THE HEARTLAND - OKLAHOMA THE PLACE TO BE IN 2003 !!

RIGHT HERE AT THE CROSSROADS OF AMERICA - YOU NAME IT - WE HAVE IT !!

LAKES & DESERTS; MOUNTAINS & PLAINS; CAVES & BLUFFS; TIPS & MANSIONS; SODDIES & FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT; GOLF, FOOTBALL, BASEBALL, BASKETBALL, SOCCER, SOFTBALL; WIDE-OPEN SPACES & CITIES; WHEAT, CORN, TIMBER, HAY, PEANUTS; SAND & ROCK; WORLD-CLASS ZOO & NATIONAL COWBOY & WESTERN HERITAGE MUSEUM; DOWNTOWN, LIPTOWN, BRICKTOWN, AND THE OKC MEMORIAL. DID WE MENTION SQUARE DANCING? CREEKS & RIVERS, LAKES & PONDS, LOOKS & DAMS; BIG PARKS & LITTLE PARKS; DRY CAMPING & BIG RESORTS. EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN & A WHOLE LOT MORE.

OLD US 66; I-35; I-40; I-44 - THESE ARE MAJOR CROSSROADS OF OUR AMERICA - ALL FOR YOUR DRIVING PLEASURE. OUR WILL ROGERS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT HANDLES TRAFFIC FOR ALL MAJOR AIRLINES. GRAYHOUND STOPS HERE, TOO. YOUR CHARTERED BUS IS WELCOME HERE - HOWEVER YOU PLAN TO TRAVEL TO MEET US HERE - C'MON IN! WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO OUR GREAT CITY RIGHT HERE IN THE HEARTLAND - AND AFTER ALL, OUR MIDDLE NAME IS 'HOSPITALITY!' Y'ALL COME, Y'HEAR!

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Press Release

52nd NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
JUNE 25, 26, 27,28, 2003
"THE HEARTLAND IS THE PLACE TO BE IN 2003"

The Heartland — Oklahoma — THE place to be in 2003 !!

Right here at the crossroads of America — you name it — we have it !!
Lakes & deserts; mountains & plains; caves & bluffs; tipis & mansions; sod-
dies & Frank Lloyd Wright; golf, football, baseball, square dancing; basketball,
soccer, softball; picnics, square dancing; wide-open spaces & cities; wheat,
corn, timber, hay, peanuts; sand & rock; world-class zoo & National Cowboy
and Western Heritage Museum; did we mention square dancing ?? Downtown,
Uptown, Bricktown, OKC Memorial. Creeks & rivers, lakes & ponds, locks &
dams; big parks and little parks; dry camping & big resorts. Along with anything
and everything in between all of the above and a whole lot more.

Old US 66; I-35; I-40; I-44 — (the tragic gap in I-40 will be repaired LONG
before you arrive — we promise) — these are major cross-roads of our America
for your driving pleasure. Our Will Rogers International Airport handles traffic
for all major airlines. Greyhound stops here, too. Your tour busses are most wel-
come — however you plan to travel to meet us here, c'mon in! I think we men-
tioned that we square dance in OKC! We are looking forward to welcoming you
to our great City right here in the heartland — and after all, our middle name is
"hospitality"! Y'all come, y'hear!!

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NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CAMPERS ASSOCIATION

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Camping + Dancing + Horseheads = NSDCA 46th International Camporee

Yes, the place to "bee" in 2003 is Horseheads, NY. The National Square Dance Campers Association, Inc. extends a cordial invitation to all who combine the fun and fellowship of camping AND dancing to buzz on in to Mark Twain Country in the Heart of New York's Southern Finger Lakes Region at the Chemung County Fairgrounds in Horseheads, NY July 15-16-17, 2003.

Horseheads, NY is located in the Southern Tier area of New York state less than one mile from the major highway I-86, or as old timers call it New York 17, between Elmira and Corning. While the International Camporee is really a midweek three day event (Tuesday thru Thursday), campers may arrive as early as Sunday afternoon and stay as late as Friday noon. Campers who come early usually take advantage of sightseeing opportunities and there are plenty in this area. Besides Corning Museum of Glass (Steuben Glass) and the Rockwell Museum, there are winery tours, a National War Plane Museum, the National Soaring Plane Museum, Watkins Glen Gorge and some Mark Twain interests. Some campers may opt for an evening dinner cruise on the paddle wheeler Keuka Maid.

Mornings during the official 3 days of the International are devoted to various sports, games and crafts. Square and round dancing workshops fill the afternoons while evenings offer several halls of square and round dancing opportunities. Evenings always conclude with all gathering in one hall for an after party with skits from various chapters. Being family oriented, our Camporee always offers a full, separate program of dancing, crafts, games and special activities for its youth. The Lucky Strike extra in the camporee setting is the fun & fellowship of seeing old time friends and meeting new dancers from all over the United States and Canada and enjoying pot luck lunches or dinners together.

Guest camper/dancers are always welcome to attend. Plan now to come join us. For more information please write: NSDCA PO Box 224, Little Chute, WI 54240-0224 or The 46th International Camporee General Chairman Howard & Pam Loveless 4341 Perry City Road, Trumansburg, NY 14886. Our web site is WWW.NSDCA.org

We hope to see you around the Square Campfire.

Thank you for any publicity you can share with your dancers about combining camping and dancing.



Editor's Note: And if you're interested, you can get the notices for many of the European Western Square Dance Conventions. Rest easily though, the calls are in English, most attendees speak the Queen's version and many are dancing at their equivalent of A1/A2 and even C2/C3 dancing. Check the club listings for the country you are planning to visit. Canada. UK. Japan. Germany. Sweden. Denmark, Australia. Finland. To name but a few.

Central Florida Square & Round Dance Association



5th Saturday Dance

Caller : John Swindle

Cuer : Bev Landwehr

Saturday, March 29, 2003

St. Cloud Senior Center

17th Street

St. Cloud

Early Rounds 7:30 PM

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

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