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**Have a
Happy Prosperous
New Year**

Counting down: 150 days till



President 's Message

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas & a very Happy New Year. Our New Year wish is for renewal and growth for Square Dancing in 2004. We know that it is FUN! Good for your physical and mental health and satisfies a large part of our social needs. We need to tell everyone how much we like Square Dancing. Let's actively sell our pastime.

Two great dances were held. November 22nd, the Florida Federation delegates and CFA dancers attended Whirl and Twirl with the proceeds helping fund the state convention. Joe Fioretti kept the dancers smiling and laughing. Nov. 23 George & Shirley Knapp ended five years of service on the Executive Board of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers. We congratulate them on a job well done and thank them for representing the Central Florida Association so admirably. Joining the Federation Board and committing to the next five years of service are Randy & Carol Poole as the new Parliamentarian. Thank you both. Nov. 29 the CFA 5th Saturday dance was held at the Travis Recreation Center Cocoa, Whit Brown & Phyllis Williams kept the dance hopping, a grand time it was. George & Shirley Knapp were presented Life Time Membership in the Central Florida Square & Round Dancers Association. No one deserves recognition more.

Upcoming CFA events are a 5th Saturday dance on 31 January 2004. This dance will be held at the Lake Wier Community Center, Oklawaha, FL. This promises to be a great dance with Ken Perez & Joanne Helton. This is a repeat of the very successful dance held last June at the Villages. See you there.

Also upcoming is the Shamrock Swing, 12 & 13 March 2004. If you do not have your tickets, to get them now. There is no doubt! Tony Oxendine & Whit Brown will make the squares interesting and enjoyable. Jimmy & Carol Griffen will fill hall with our round dancers.

Each Association President was presented a traveling artifact at the Federation meeting on 23 February to carry around to their area club and special dances to promote the 50th State Convention May 28, 29 & 30 2004 at the Lakeland Center, Lakeland Florida. This year's artifact is a miniature version of the cake used in the 2004 convention Kickoff. We will add a candle with the name of the club or special dance and the date visited on the flame. Look for this cake at your club.

See you in a square

Dan & Anna Foust



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**CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE &
ROUND DANCERS ASSOCIATION**

Board of Directors Meeting

Whirl & Twirl Square Dance Center, Orlando, FL

August 30, 2003

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Presidents Dan and Anna Foust called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM. Guests included: Joe Santora, Betty Bette, Mary Kinser, Dick and Dorothy Jarvis.

ROLL CALL by Ailene Picheco. Quorum Present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: *George Knapp moved to accept the July 27, 2003 minutes – Jim McCormaha seconded. Motion passed.*

TREASURERS REPORT: Dorna Hendricks distributed the treasurer's report to the members who were present. Pee Wee Stewart *made a motion to file the treasurer's report for audit – seconded by Tom Brown. Motion passed.*

CORRESPONDENCE: There was only one response to Presidents' Ball invitations.

AREA REPORTS (complete reports are on file)

Area Vice President – Position Vacant. There was no report.

North Brevard, South Brevard & Indian River – Vinnie Dallmann and Richard Douget reported. The Space Trackers dance the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. They are still searching for another location to dance. The Allem anders held a very successful Christmas in July dance. The Barefoot Bay Spinners dance Thursday afternoons starting at 12:30; call ahead to find out the location as hall is being renovated. The Barefoot Bay Twirlers are off for the summer and will dance in October. The Palm Bay Promenaders dance every Thursday evening and have done well with summer. The Canaveral Squares changed callers this summer. Skip Cleland moved to Washington DC; Jerry Reed now calls. They dance the first three Tuesdays of each month. The Orange Blossom Squares, Vero Beach, are no longer dancing. The Thursday Night Steppers is a new club that will start dancing in October at the Vero Beach Community Center. For more information call Steve Ekin (caller) (772) 567-7410 or Alan Hulbet (cuer) (772) 532-2023.

South Lake & West Orange – No report.

North Lake & Sumter – Dan Foust reported. Orange Blossom Squares and The Sunshine Promenaders danced all summer.

Marion – Bill Pulver & Marilyn Armstrong reported. All the clubs are looking forward to the new classes this fall.

East Orange & Seminole – Bing & Marsha Bingham reported. The Orlando singles had a very successful year; they will move to the First Presbyterian Church in Orlando soon. The Casselberry Hoedowners graduated two basic classes this past year and continue dancing every Sunday afternoon. Whirl & Twirl had 2 basic classes graduate and 2 plus classes have been “kicked up”. Millennium Squares are inactive at this time. Merry-Go-Rounders and Orlando Patriots have closed.

Osceola – Mike Mikeal sent a report. Don and Jean Gaskins have kept Buckles and Bows going. The Motivators are an APD, A1-A2 Club; they close in late March and restart the end of October. Pete and Jean Shackle are instructors for the Wagon Wheel Rounders, a Phase 2-3 round dance club, they meet Monday night at the Senior Center in St Cloud. The Wagon Wheels Square Dance Club meets at the new Senior Center at 3101 17th Street in St Cloud. This is a new bigger facility with a grand wood floor and a great kitchen area. Mike Gormley heads the 4 Corner Squares, a mainstream club that meets at the Secret Lake RV Park in Kissimmee.

East Volusia – Kenley & Alice Spilman reported. All clubs are back dancing after summer breaks. Everyone is gearing up for open house and classes. We currently have an area problem with Grand Squares. For the 1st time they are coming to Daytona on Thursday, a Dixie Squares night. They have been interfering with Flagler Ocean Waves on their Friday dance every year. After much discussion, it was suggested that the CFA President draft a letter to the Florida Federation of Square Dancers about our concerns with Grande Square Inc., and suggesting they contact Grande Square Inc. to relay our concerns.

West Volusia – Gale and Laura Boak reported. The Starlight Promenaders and the Honeybees highlights were listed. Loyal members we lost were Dorothea Borman, Howard Wilson, Bill Poole, and Mary Lou Bates.

MEMBERSHIP: Terri Little reported.

Active Individual 2003 memberships: 410 (74 New, 336 Renewals).

Active Individual 2004 memberships: 33 (2 New, 31 Renewals).

BLOOD BANK Jim & Jan McConnaha reported. As of Aug. 12, our account had: 636 Credits (this Year) compared to 527 Credits last

year. A Net increase of 109 units.

INSURANCE: Randy & Carol Poole reported. 19 clubs insured for 2003 with 1406 members enrolled. We are down 6 clubs and 206 dancers from last year. Two claims have been filed this year.

KEEPIN' POSTED: Tom & Eivor Brown reported. Support continues to wane. Two ads are forthcoming. Favorable comments received about the people section. People want to know about people. More emphasis will be put on the dancers of Central Florida. More pictures sent in by our readers, etc.

50th FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION Bruce & Colleen Morgan reported. Our next fundraiser will be a Silent Auction at the Federation Dance on November 22nd at Whirl & Twirl. We ask all clubs to sponsor and donate a theme basket. At the Shamrock Swing, we will have a true Silent Auction and let the people bid on them. Our continuing fund-raisers are: [1] Serger Raffle - tickets are \$ 1.00 per or 6 for \$ 5.00; an \$800.00 value; it will be raffled in the Sew & Save room on Sunday afternoon during our convention next year; [2] a 3-night stay at the Holiday Inn North during next year's convention; the winning ticket will be drawn at the Shamrock Swing in March 2004. I understand the winner may exchange the room ticket for cash; and, [3] a beautiful handmade afghan, donated by Margie Heffner will be auctioned.

HISTORIAN Judy Frye reported. Our greatest accomplishment was raising enough money to bring the Special Steppers to the 50th State Convention. This effort was spearheaded by Bruce and Colleen Morgan. The Shamrock Swing this year was another great dancing weekend. Plans for the 50th State Convention are progressing nicely but many more volunteers could be used, see Bruce Morgan for a list of all the committees. This is a Central Florida Association sponsored event, let 's make it a great memory for all the dancers.

FLORIDA FEDERATION

George and Shirley Knapp reported. The next Federation meeting is Sunday, November 23rd at 9:00 a.m. right here at the Whirl & Twirl Dance Center. A dance will be held the night before, also at the Whirl & Twirl Center, hosted by the 50th State Convention.

OLD BUSINESS:

Shamrock Swing, 2004 – Jack & Barbara Hoffman reported. We

have a contract for the Osceola County Council of Aging Senior Citizens Resource Center on Shady Lane in Kissimmee as the 2004 Shamrock Swing location. We have contracts with callers Tony Oxendine and Whit Brown and cuers, Jimmy and Carol Griffin. The Holiday Inn Express is under contract as the Host Hotel. We plan to have both round and square dance workshops on Saturday afternoon at the Resource Center. Flyers are out and ribbons are available. Hope everyone will take some and get busy selling.

5th Saturday Dance – November 29, 2003, Travis Recreation Center in Cocoa. Whit Brown will call; Phyllis Williams will cue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Shamrock Swing 2005 – Donna and Dewey Hendricks reported. There is a church available in Maitland. We will check it out.

Election of Officers for 2003-2004 Jim McConnaha read the nominations for the CFA Board: Dan & Anna Foust; President; Jack & Barbara Hoffman; Exec. Vice President; Ailene Picheco, Secretary; Dewey & Donna Hendricks, Treasurer, George & Shirley Knapp, FL Federation Representative, Terri Little, Membership Vice President, Jim & Jan McConnaha, Blood Bank Vice President, Randy & Carol Poole, Insurance Chairman, Tom & Eivor Brown, "Keepin' Posted" Editor; Judy Frye, Historian; Bruce & Colleen Morgan, 2004 Convention Chairman, George & Shirley Knapp, Area Vice President;

Area Directors: Woody & Mary Lou Coyle, N. Brevard, Dick & Dorothy Jarvis, S Lake/W Orange, Vinnie Dallmann; Richard Douget, S Brevard/Indian River, Bill & Sandy Yakel, N Lake/Sumter, Mike Mikeal, Osceola, Bill Pulver; Marilyn Armstrong, Marion, Bing & Marsha Bingham, E Orange/Seminole, Gale & Laura Boak, West Volusia Kenly & Alice Spilman, E Volusia

Jim McConnaha moved that the nominees be accepted for the 2003-2004 CFA Board. Judy Frye second. Motion passed. President asked for nominations from the Floor. There were none Randy and Carol Poole conducted the swearing in of the new officers on the board.

Our next meeting – The next meeting will be held at 2 PM, November 9, 2003 at Ryan's in Apopka.

ADJOURN – *George Knapp moved we adjourn. Seconded by Tom Brown. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

Ailene E Picheco
Secretary

**CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE &
ROUND DANCERS ASSOCIATION**

Executive Board Meeting

Whirl & Twirl Square and Round Dance Center, Orlando

August 30, 2003

The Executive Board met and by unanimous vote, approved Randy and Carol Poole as our nominee for Parliamentarians on the Federation Board replacing George and Shirley Knapp when they complete their term as President in November 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Ailene Picheco

Secretary

**Greetings from the 2004 State Convention
Committee**

As most of you know the cost of registrations is going to increase to \$20 per person at the end of this month. There is still over 3 weeks left for the dancers of Florida to purchase their ribbons at the current rate of \$18.00 per person.

This convention is for everyone. We need everyone to help sell the ribbons. One group cannot canvas the whole state of Florida to get the word out. Please talk up the convention at every dance you attend as a caller, cuer or dancer. Ask for the mike and tell everyone how much fun we have at the convention. Ask them to join you at your hotel for the after parties. The whole experience is well worth the price of the ribbons.

If you don't have reservation forms please visit the following address and download a copy. Copy it and take several to each of the dances that you attend. With all your help we can make this Golden Anniversary Convention the greatest convention ever.

Thanks for your help.

Bruce Morgan

Square Dance People

Ragtime, A Dog With A Cause You Can Support

by Johnny Macker

When Ragtime takes his next step in the training program that provides service dogs to people with disabilities in FL., it's going to be tough for his adopted mom, Bobette "Bobbi" Woolf, to let go. Ragtime came from the non-profit New Horizons Service Dog Organization based in orange City. He's a strikingly beautiful golden retriever that was placed with Woolf when he was nine weeks old.

Woolf works in administration at Daytona Beach Fire Department Station Number One and Ragtime goes to work with her every day. In fact, they go everywhere together, which is part of the actual training program to prepare him for the many different situations he's likely to encounter when he's actually on duty with a disabled individual. Woolf said, "Ragtime was a selected puppy from top of the line breeding stock and thoroughly screened for good health and temperament."



Bobbi Woolf with Carly and Ragtime

Woolf volunteered for the program and assumed all the responsibili-

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editors note: This column features the community involvement of our square and round dancers. Know someone you think is special, send us the material

ties and expenses that come with the job of preparing Ragtime for his future career of helping a disabled person live a much better life. This includes helping the dog develop a pleasant attitude. Ragtime met that goal easily.

While Woolf has taken him to obedience classes, routine trips to the veterinarian and on vacations, most of the training has centered on mingling with the general public. Woolf subjected Ragtime to several hundreds of encounters with people in restaurants and markets and at social events to get him accustomed to as many different situations as possible.

Ragtime won't be placed with a blind or deaf person because he has been especially trained in mobility assistance. He will be assigned to an individual who can't get around easily or do vital tasks on their own. Under state law, Ragtime is allowed to go anyplace the general public can go. He has already graduated from five obedience classes and received his certification from the Delta Society to work as a therapy dog in group homes, hospitals, elderly houses and schools for emotionally or physically disabled. Usually, the dogs would continue on to *East Coast Assistance Dogs in New York* to undergo six more months of advanced training with specifics in certain disabilities. When the program is completed, they will be able to respond to 80 different commands and know how to conduct themselves in public.

However, Ragtime and Harmony will be the first dogs trained at the brand new *New Horizons* training facility in Orange City where Jean Adams is the professional trainer. After the advanced training, Ragtime will be matched permanently with a companion whose particular disability would benefit most from his skills.

Ragtime has been a big hit and a morale booster with Woolf's coworkers and fire fighters at the station and she said, "I'm very grateful to the fire department itself for supporting me in this project."

If you encounter a service dog such as Ragtime or Carly while the dog is working or in training, it's best not to pet the animal because it may interfere with his concentration on performing his duties. *New Horizons* operates through grants, fundraisers and sponsors. If you want to make a donation or seek more information visit their website at [Don't forget about the A. R. N. I. Animal Benefit November 1 from noon until 4 p.m. at Crabby Joe's Deck and Grill on the Sunglow Pier, sponsored by *The Daytona Sun Times* and area merchants.](#)

Congratulations Randy and Carol Poole Thanks George and Shirley Knapp

Congratulations to Randy and Carol Poole. They were selected as CFA nominees for the Parliamentarian for the Florida Federation. They were installed at the November 23 meeting of the Federation. They begin a five year commitment as they step through the offices en-route to the Presidency. They replace George & Shirley Knapp as the CFA representative on the Board. We all wish the Pooles much success in this endeavor and are confident they will do an outstanding job for the Federation and the Association for the next five years

The Knapps completed their five year tenure. They were "uninstalled" as the new Federation Board began their task of leading the Florida Square, Round, Contra Dancers and the Cloggers. We certainly wish George and Shirley only the best in their future endeavors.



50th FLORIDA STATE SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CONVENTION

2004!! You know what that means. The 50th State Square and Round Dance Convention is only five months away. While you are making New Year's Resolutions, why not resolve to attend this festive event in Lakeland May 28-30? We promise you a good time. If you have not purchased your ribbon to the convention yet, now is a good time to do so before you forget. Remember the money back guarantee-if for any reason you cannot attend, your money will be cheerfully refunded up to the first day of the convention.

The Convention General Chairman, Bruce and Colleen Morgan, tell us we will have twelve vendors on site for our shopping pleasure. One of the vendors is a



square dance photographer. It has been awhile since a photographer has attended our state conventions so it is about time to have that photograph updated. Musical highlights are planned for both Friday and Saturday nights in the Plus hall from 10:00 to 11:00 p.m. An hour of "all singing calls" makes for a great way to top off a convention evening of dancing. We want to see you there: Lakeland Convention Center, May 28-30, 2004, to celebrate 50 years of square dance conventions in Florida.

George & Shirley Knapp, Artistic

FASHION SHOW NEWS

Hear Ye!

Hear Ye!

We are seeking talented dancers, models and seamstresses. Good pay and excellent working conditions. We've just doubled the cash incentive from last year. Would you like to design your own fashion statement in a dance costume? Would you like to be discovered walking the ramp?

If so, this is your opportunity. We need you to help us make the fashion show a success. You can design, make and model an outfit for the 2004 Fashion Show on Saturday, May 29, 2004.

Join our winning team. Be a part of the FIFTY YEARS of square and round dancing history in the state of Florida.

Please contact Mary Butlak at 386-767-1717 or Donna Hendricks at 386-574-9322 for a Fashion Show application.



**DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATIONS HAS
BEEN EXTENDED TO MARCH 15, 2004**

Attention all Callers, Cuers and Clubs!

The 4W's now has a new home! We are very pleased to announce that the Southeast Florida Callers and Cuers Association has taken over the Who What When Where square and round dance directory.

Thank you to everyone that has helped us during the past year, and we sincerely hope that you will all show the same enthusiasm and support for the 4W's new publisher. They'll need and appreciate your help.

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It has been a pleasure serving the Southeast Florida dance community during our tenure as publishers of the 4W's, and we are pleased to know that the publication rests in capable hands. We salute the Callers and Cuers Association for their commitment to the dance community, and wish them well in this new venture.

Craig & Kerin Strickland
(Former) Editors of Who What When Where

If you're looking to find a Square or Round Dance in Southern

Where in South Florida?

Florida, then the "Who What When Where" is your source. For the latest on-line edition, visit <<http://www.WhoWhatWhenWhere.org>>

On October 25, 2003 Bruce & Colleen Morgan presented The Pensacola

Editor Note: Most of you already know hat items of common good between the associations are passed along. This is but one of them.

The Special Steppers are Coming! The Special Steppers are Coming! The Special Steppers are Coming!



Special Steppers with a check for \$8,115.01. This money will assist in funding their attendance to the 50th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention that will be held in Lakeland, Florida over Memorial Day Weekend, May 28, 29 & 30, 2004.

Please visit the Convention

Website

(www.geocities.com/cenfl dancer/convention.html)

Click on the Pensacola Special Steppers Banner so you can view some photos of that memorial event.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the convention.

Colleen and I are especially looking forward to

seeing the Pensacola Special Steppers in attendance.



Bruce & Colleen Morgan

50th STATE SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CONVENTION

Committee members of the 50th State Square and Round Dance Convention have been busily traveling about the state promoting the convention. You have probably seen some of them at your Association dances. If not, keep watching. Someone will be in your area soon. Ticket sales are going very well which we find encouraging. We do appreciate your support of the convention. Notice I did not mention "our" convention as it is NOT just the Central Association's convention. The conventions belong to ALL of us. Central Association is merely the host in 2004.

Bill and Peg Gowen are doing something new this year in the Sew-n-Save room: Scissor Sharpening. You can get your scissors sharpened in the Sew-n-Save room while you are dancing. All scissors may be sharpened for only \$5 each pair. Just drop them off on your way into the dance halls and pick them up on your way out. The price of the scissor sharpening is a donation to the 50th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention. Bring them your tired, ugly used scissors and they will make them wonderful again! Additionally, in the Sew-n-Save room you will find a schedule of seminars to attend and an opportunity to try a hands-on project on one of the machines. Sounds like a busy couple of days in the Sew-n-Save room.

Get your ribbons now before you forget. In fact, wouldn't that make a nice Christmas gift for your favorite person?; a pair of ribbons to the Florida 50th State Square and Round Dance Convention? Remember, if for any reason you are unable to attend, Bruce and Colleen Morgan, the General Chairman, will cheerfully refund your money up until the first day of the convention.

Shirley Knapp, Publicity

Mathematical Viewpoint

From a strictly mathematical viewpoint; What makes 100%? What does it mean to give MORE than 100%? Ever wonder about those people who say they give more than 100%? We have all been to meetings where someone wants you to give over 100%. How about 103%?

Here's a formula that may help you answer the question:

If: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

is represented as:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26,

then: H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K = 98 (8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11) and K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E = 96% (11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5) But A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E = 100 % (1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5) and B-U-L-L-S-_-_-_- = 103% (21+12+12+19+8+9+20). Look how far a __ kissing will take you: 118% (1+19+19+11+9+19+19+9+14+7).

So, one can then conclude with mathematical certainty that:

While Hardwork and Knowledge will get you close, and Attitude will get you there, BS and A__ Kissing will put you over the top!

San Francisco Stained Glass and Square Dancing

Dan Smith, a San Francisco artist makes stained-glass windows and loves to square dance. He has pooled these interests to produce a unique and stunning exhibit of stained-glass windows that celebrate people's experiences at the city's three lesbian and gay square-dancing clubs. Using a San Francisco Arts Commission grant, Dan trained 16 dancers from these clubs to make stained-glass windows. None had worked before in stained glass. But under Dan's artistic guidance, they have produced beautiful results.

Dan explained that people of all sexual orientations, and both sexes, come to gay square-dance clubs. "Same-sex square dancing is inclusive and celebratory," said Dan. "Straight women can come without a male escort and feel perfectly at home," he added. "Both men and women enjoy the release from rigid sex-role stereotyping. Gay men and lesbians experience a sense of community. Above all, everybody has fun, which is the whole point."

A new web site displays these incredible windows and explains what each one means to its creator. Take a look and see for yourself:

for further information, please contact Dan Smith at
<http://www.squaredancingstainedglass.com>

Design flaws....

The inventor of the Harley-Davidson motorcycle, Arthur Davidson, died and went to heaven. At the gates, St. Peter told Arthur, "Since you've been such a good man and your motorcycles have changed the world, your reward is, you can hang out with anyone you want in Heaven." Arthur thought about it for a minute and then said "I want to hang out with God." St. Peter took Arthur to the Throne Room, and introduced him to God. God recognized Arthur and commented, "Okay, so you were the one who invented motorcycles, eh?!" Arthur said, "Yeah, that's me..." God commented: "Well, what's the big deal in inventing something that's pretty unstable, makes noise and pollution, and can't run without a road?!"

Arthur was apparently embarrassed, but finally spoke, "Excuse me, but aren't you the inventor of woman???" God said, "Ah, yes." "Well," said

Arthur, "professional to professional, you have some major design flaws in your invention:

1. There's too much inconsistency in the front-end protrusion;
2. It chatters constantly at high speeds;
3. Most of the rear ends are too soft and wobble too much;
4. The intake is placed way too close to the exhaust;
5. And the maintenance costs are outrageous!!"

"Hmmm, you may have some good points there," replied God, "hold on." God went to his Celestial super-computer, typed in a few words and waited for the results. The computer printed out a slip of paper and God read it. "Well, it may be true that my invention is flawed," God said to Arthur, "but according to these numbers, more men are riding my invention than yours"



CFA Shamrock Swing Version 4.0 Program

"Plans for the 2004 CFA Shamrock Swing dance to be held March 12 & 13, 2004 are shaping up nicely", said Chairman Jack & Barbara Hoffman, as they revealed the format. The program for *Version 4* is based upon last years attendees input. Comments centered on a desire for more workshops, including more Round teaches on Saturday and expanding the mainstream portion of the program.

Jack and Barbara said, "While we know you can not satisfy all of the dancers all of the time, we feel that by basing the program on the expressed desires of those who have been faithful attendees of our annual event, we will be able to have something for most all dancers". Saturday morning schedules a seminar conducted by the Shamrock Swing staff on all aspects of our dancing world. The afternoon program breaks into workshops for round, mainstream and plus dancers. Friday and Saturday nights are "all out" early rounds, plus with rounds in the main hall and mainstream dancing in the other hall.

This program, based upon the wishes of our dancers, should make for a great week end of dancing for all dancers.

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GEORGE CARLIN POST 9-11 (His wife recently died..)

Isn't it amazing that George Carlin - gross and mouthy comedian of the 70's and 80's - could write something so very eloquent ...and so very appropriate post 9-11.

A wonderful Message by George Carlin:

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints.

We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less.

We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time.

We have more degrees, but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values.

We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life.

We've added years to life not life to years.

We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor.

We conquered outer space but not inner space.

We've done larger things, but not better things.

We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul.

We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice.

We write more, but learn less.

We plan more, but accomplish less.

We've learned to rush, but not to wait.

We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships.

These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes.

These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throw-away morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill.

It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom.

A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete.

Remember, spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember, to say, "I love you" to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again.

Give time to love, give time to speak, and give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

Can you think of any?

HOW TO STAY YOUNG

1. Throw out nonessential numbers: age, weight and height. Let the doctor worry about them. That is why you pay him/her.

2. Keep only cheerful friends. Grouches pull you down.

3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.

4. Enjoy the simple things.

5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath or pee your pants.

6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life is ourselves. Be

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ALIVE while you are alive.

7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.

8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.

9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to a friend's house, to the next county, to a foreign country, but NOT to where the guilt is.

10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

If you don't send this to at least 8 people.... who cares?

George Carlin

IRAQ

Did You Know

IRAQ Just in case some of you might think of Iraq as "only" an oil rich nation, ruled by an evil dictator for 30 years, whether it has been supporting terrorists or may not be very important, here are a few important facts regarding the important history and roles that this nation has played down through history.

IRAQ -- VERY INTERESTING -- DID YOU KNOW??????

1. The Garden of Eden was in Iraq. (It sure doesn't look much like Paradise on earth today thanks to Saddam)
2. Mesopotamia, which is now Iraq, was the cradle of civilization!
3. Noah built the ark in Iraq.
4. The Tower of Babel was in Iraq.
5. Abraham was from Ur, which is in Southern Iraq!
6. Isaac's wife Rebekah is from Nahor, which is in Iraq.
7. Jacob met Rachel in Iraq.
8. Jonah preached in Nineveh - which is in Iraq.
9. Assyria, which is in Iraq, conquered the ten tribes of Israel.
10. Amos cried out in Iraq!
11. Babylon, which is in Iraq, destroyed Jerusalem.
12. Daniel was in the lion's den in Iraq!
13. The 3 Hebrew children were in the fire in Iraq (that's good news to

know that JESUS been in Iraq too as the 4th person in the fiery furnace!)

14. Belshazzar, the King of Babylon saw the "writing on the wall" in Iraq. (Hopefully Saddam will too!)

15. Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, carried the Jews captive into Iraq.

16. Ezekiel preached in Iraq.

17. The wise men were from Iraq. (Where are the "wise" men today?)

18. Peter preached in Iraq.

19. The "Empire of Man" described in Revelation is called Babylon which was a city in Iraq!

So, was Iraq important in centuries past; is Iraq important today and will Iraq be important in the future in the fulfilling and completion of God's Word? I sure think so. What do you think?

Forwarded by *Bruce Morgan*

New Heavy Element Found

The National Research Council recently announced the discovery of the heaviest chemical element yet known. The new Element has been tentatively named Governmentium. Governmentium has 1 neutron, 12 assistant neutrons, 75 deputy neutrons and 11 assistant deputy neutrons, giving it an atomic mass of 312. These 312 particles are held together by forces called morons which are surrounded by vast quantities of lepton-like particles called peons. Since Governmentium has no electrons, it is inert. However, it can be detected as it impedes every reaction with which it comes into contact. A minute amount of Governmentium causes one reaction to take over 4 days to complete when it would normally take less than a second. Governmentium has a normal half-life of 3 years; it does not decay, but instead undergoes a reorganization in which a portion of the assistant neutrons and deputy neutrons exchange places. In fact, Governmentium's mass will actually increase over time, since each reorganization will cause some morons to become neutrons, forming isodopes. This characteristic of moron-promotion leads some scientists to speculate that Governmentium is formed whenever morons reach a certain quantity in concentration. This hypothetical quantity is referred to as Critical Morass.

On A SAD Note

Our heartfelt condolences to all who have lost loved ones this year.

Marc and Marilyn Beyers Weaver of Rockledge, Florida on the loss of their son JAMES MARCUS WEAVER who was the Orange County Deputy fatally injured this past November. Marc and Marilyn were square dancers and owned Ann's Square Dance Shop in Melbourne for many years. They were vendors at several State Conventions. James was an organ donor, saved 5 lives and should help about fifty more.

Caller Doc Gray and Family on the loss of wife Jan. Doc tended to Jan during her final days, foregoing calling to spend quality time with Jan.

ATTENTION ALL DANCERS, CALLERS and CUERS!

West Coast Association is sponsoring a Special Dance to assist Doc Gray pay Jan's extensive medial bills.

- DATE:** January 11, 2004;
- TIME:** 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM
- PROGRAM:** Rounds (ph 2-4); Squares MS/Plus
- ADMISSION:** \$5.00 ea. min donation
- LOCATION:** Stardust Dance Center
1405 S Collins St
Plant City, FL

Who's Behind This?

A Swarthy Handsome?

I SHALL SEEK AND FIND YOU...
 I SHALL TAKE YOU TO BED AND HAVE MY
 WAY WITH YOU...

I WILL MAKE YOU ACHE, SHAKE AND
 SWEAT UNTIL YOU MOAN AND GROAN.

I WILL MAKE YOU BEG FOR MERCY...
 BEG FOR ME TO STOP.

I WILL EXHAUST YOU TO THE POINT THAT
 YOU WILL BE RELIEVED WHEN I'M FINISHED WITH YOU.
 AND YOU WILL BE WEAK FOR DAYS.

ALL MY LOVE, *JHEFLU*

NOW GET YOUR MIND OUT OF THE GUTTER..... AND
 GO GET YOUR FLU SHOT

Jack & Barbara Hoffmann

What's Right About Square Dancing?

Square Dancing is fun (smiles and laughter)

Square Dancing promotes friendship (an always there support group)

Square Dancing promotes teamwork (8 people working together)

Square Dancers are travelers (clubs, specials, conventions, raids)

Only Now

In the News: At New York's Kennedy airport today, an individual later discovered to be a public school teacher was arrested trying to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a setsquare, a slide rule, and a calculator. At a morning press conference, Attorney general John Ashcroft said he is being charged by the FBI with carrying weapons of math instruction. "Al-gebra is a fearsome cult," Ashcroft said. "They desire average solutions by means and extremes, and sometimes go off on tangents in a search of absolute value. They use secret code names like "x" and "y" and refer to themselves as "unknowns", but we

have determined they belong to a common denominator of the axis of medieval with coordinates in every country. "As the Greek philanderer Isosceles used to say, there are 3 sides to every triangle," Ashcroft declared. When asked to comment on the arrest, President Bush said, "If God had wanted us to have better weapons of math instruction, He would have given us more fingers and toes! "I am gratified that our government has given us a sine that it is intent on protracting us from these math-dogs who are willing to disintegrate us with calculus disregard. Murky statisticians love to inflict plane on every sphere of influence," the President said, adding "Under the circumferences, we must differentiate their root, make our point, and draw the line." President Bush warned, "These weapons of math instruction have the potential to decimal everything in their math on a scalene never before seen unless we become exponents of a Higher Power and begin to factor-in random facts of vertex." Attorney General Ashcroft said, "As our Great Leader would say, read my ellipse. Here is one principle he is uncertainty of: though they continue to multiply, their days are numbered as the hypotenuse tightens around their necks."

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I cherish the pleasure of welcoming you to this event. Please mark your calendars.

Date: March 20—21, 2004
Location: Stardust Dance Center, Plant City
Contact: Phyllis Williams, 321-267-5236,
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Square Dancing A FRIENDLY Semi Contact Sport

New Dancin' News Editors

Shortly before the last issue of "DANCIN' NEWS" was published, a very nice couple offered to take the magazine and keep it going. They will keep the original schedule with the next issue being in January.

The couple, Lynn and Cindy Harris, dance with the Dixie and Granada Squares in the Central Florida Association. They are quite active.

Lynn is enduring the harassment of two "Johns", Barrett and Saunders, as he trains to elevate his caller skills from the Green badge to the white badge.

Again, my sincerest thanks for using some of my articles. I always appreciated the printing - more than you'll ever know.

Sincerely,

Betty Lee Talmadge

Club News

WHIRL & TWIRL

Hope all of you had a very merry holiday season and enjoy a happy 2004. Can you believe Two thousand and four?? I remember when I thought 2004 was so far off in the future that I need not even think of that. Time flies when you are square dancing.

The Blue Bandits have been very busy the last quarter of 2003. A special treat for our Mainstream dancers was a raid to the Garden Patch Squares. Arrangements were made with their caller, Larry Patton, to bring along the Mainstreamers and a great fun dance was had by all. In September we retrieved our banner from Honeybees and we were raided by the Canaveral Squares and Allemanders. In October we raided the Starlight Promenaders. We hosted the Orange Blossom Squares as they journeyed down to retrieve their banner. November 1st 26 raiders headed to Space Trackers for a raid. We were raided by Royal Squares, Dixie Squares and the Honeybees. The Bandits took December off to spend more time with their families.

Our Thanksgiving Dinner/Dance was very well attended by both our Mainstream and Plus clubs. Always great to have the two clubs together. The food was delicious and Danny Robinson and Roy Brown gave us a wonderful evening of dancing. December kicks off with our world famous Recycle Sale. As of this writing the sales were terrific. Bingo Night is on December 6 where many valuable prizes will be won including a microwave oven, restaurant tickets, a gift basket and the most coveted prize of all, two tickets to Disney.

While Danny took a group to Branson in November, we danced to two very excellent callers: Paul Place and John Swindle. Both callers were a lot of fun and we enjoyed having them.

Come dance with us on Wednesday night, 8:00 to 10:00 with Danny Robinson calling Mainstream. Friday is Plus dancing, 8:00 to 10:00, again with Danny. Early Rounds are at 7:30 on Friday evenings with cues by Roy Brown.

Shirley Krapp

STARLIGHT PROMENADERS

September started bringing back the vacationers and the snowbirds. It was wonderful to see them all; home safe and sound! The seventeenth, the club held its Ice Cream festival; with eighteen Pirates of Apopka and ten Flagler Ocean Waves, seven squares joined the fun!

Other activities that month saw twenty of us raid the Dixie Squares in Daytona. On the 17th, 26 of the gang raided the Honey Bees in far off DeLand; displaying their new raid aprons and vests. A visit to a local restaurant prior to the dance completed the evening.

We celebrated the season with our annual Halloween Dance and once again Randy and Carol Poole, David Russell and Carol outdid themselves, and with the aid of a number of goblins, had the hall and vestibule decorated frightfully for the occasion. Prizes were awarded for the most original, Evelyn Waite; the funniest, Ed Balestrieri and Betty-Beattie; the scariest, Randy and Carol Poole; and, Jack and Orlies Gay were awarded the best couple prize.

Since the Promenaders did not dance on Thanksgiving Eve they kept "in step" by raiding the Flagler Ocean Waves on Thursday, November 20 and the Dixie Squares in Daytona on Tuesday, November 25. Over 20 members attended each of the raids and the dancers attended local restaurants prior to each dance.

The club celebrated of Thanksgiving with their special Fall Fling Dance on Wednesday November 12. The event was chaired by Andy and Kathy Belew, who with the aid of Mel and Phyllis Lungren, had the hall decorated appropriately for the evening and supplied the cider and doughnuts for the affair. The evening was one of bitter sweet nature as it was John Barrett's last dance as club caller and were nine squares present to bid "so long" and join us in wishing him well.

Fifteen members of the Garden Patch Squares of Ocoee were present to retrieve their banner and a like number of Dixie Squares, another of John's club were present. John's last official job was to graduate the class, Randy Dinnard, David Ratliff, Joe and Kathy Dowding. The new dancers will now be able to take part dancing at the State Convention.

The first Saturday of the month, the club held its semi-annual general meeting at the home of Randy and Claire Poole. where the following officers were elected for 2004. Andy and Kathy Belew, president; Dick and Jeanne Lysobey, vice president and banner raid chairman; Josephine Santoro, secretary; Tom and Florence O'Connor, treasurer. Jerry and MaryJo Dunagan, Mel and Phyllis Lungren, Linden and Robin Morin, board members.

Wednesday, November 19 was the first evening for our new caller, Whit Brown of Orlando. Six squares were present to welcome him and the gang enjoyed his style of calling. The same evening, a basket of food was presented to three local churches for Thanksgiving distribution to needy families in their area.

Future special dates for the club will be the participation in the DeBary Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 14 and the Annual Christmas Dinner and Dance on Wednesday, December 17. The membership will be collecting toys for "100 Deputies for 100 Kids", Volusia County Sheriff's toy drive for needy children. The sheriff and his deputies will be present to collect them at our Christmas Party and Dance.

A new class for square dancing is set to start early in January. The Promenaders send their wishes for a Happy 2004 to all their square dance friends in Florida!

George and Joan Knopf

DIXIE SQUARES

Classes have begun and the Dixie's are pleased to have 3 squares of students eager to learn. Half of the squares are comprised of families, and the kids learning with Mom and Dad have made the lessons quite lively.

The club demonstrated just how much fun square dancing is, with 3 squares do-sa-doing to John Barrett at Port Orange Days on October 4th. The timing was good, as this was an excellent way to promote the fall lessons for all the area clubs. The Dixie's two Fall charities were very successful. 286 Teddy Bears were collected for the "Spread Some Love, Send A Child A Bear Hug" Drive for the Children's Home Society of Florida. The Food Pantry baskets were greatly appreciated by the Halifax Urban Ministries so the club decided to make this an on-going project. The "fun" fall Dance was the Halloween Party on October 30th. Costumes, decorations and snacks proved just how much the Dixie's get into the "spirit".

A Toy Box overflowed at the Toys for Tots Dance on November 20th, putting smiles on lots of little faces this Christmas. This set the mood for the Holiday happenings at the Dixie's. A Festive Christmas Dinner Dance was held on December 11th. The Dance on the 18th was the Dixie's last time

together until January 8th, when a Silent Auction and the annual club meeting will be held. Installation of Officers will be held Jan. 15th. As 2004 gets off to a good dancing start, enjoy your club, and visit the clubs in your area....especially the Dixie's. We are having a Sweetheart Dance on Feb.12th and would like to welcome you to join us. We, along with John and Irene, will show you a great time each time you come.

Yellow Rocks

Joanne Engum, Secretary

SPACE TRACKERS

We have a new home. At last, the Space Trackers found a new home for our Saturday night dances. January 3, 2004 we will "celebrate" our first dance. We will dance in the Brevard Agriculture Center, 3695 Lake Drive, Cocoa. We've got E-Z access from I-95 and is just off of SR520. From the SR520 exit of I-95, head East on SR520 to Burnett Road (just past Grampa's Steak House at the very next light), take a left onto Burnett and go to the stop sign, turn left onto Lake Drive; and, go around the corner a short way to the Ag Center on your left. There is a lighted sign out front with Florida Extension Service on it - parking is available all around the building in well lighted areas. Coming from Route 1, head West on SR520 until you pass the Chevrolet Sales Lot on your right, at the next light is Burnett Road, turn right, go to the stop sign, turn left onto Lake Drive and the hall is just around the corner on your left. Look for the sign and that's where you'll find us.

Our official Grand Opening will be on January 3rd. and will feature a double bill of callers; Joe Fioretti and Whit Brown will be sharing the mike and Phyllis Williams will get us off to a round start with cueing beginning at 7:30 as usual. We hope you'll come and join us for a fun night and see how you like our new location. On the 10th. we will again have Whit and Phyllis doing the honors, on the 17th. it will be Whit & Vera but on the 24th. we'll be welcoming Drew Searce as our guest caller.

In February we will resume on our normal schedule with Whit on the first and third Saturdays and guest callers the second and fourth Saturdays. Mac McCall on the 14th. and Darrell Figg on the 28th complete the February calendar.

At this time we are still working on getting our schedule pulled to-

gether for the rest of the calendar year and will post it on our web site when completed. Mark your calendar. Banner Chairs get hold of Paul Taylor(321-636-0944) to schedule your raids.

We look forward to many fun times in 2004 - (wow, where did 2003 go???) The All County picnic is fast approaching on March 21st. Look for white ribbons with details. They are available now. On January 11th. a group from our club will be setting sail on the brand new ship, the Mariner of the Sea from Port Canaveral on our first ever Cruise-A-Round. We expect to have a blast and will be more than willing to share our experiences with all when we return on the 18th. Bon Voyage to the happy group!

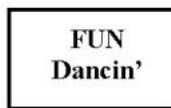
We hope you all had a special holiday season and that 2004 will bring only good things to all our square and round dance friends!

Vera & Dick

CLERMONT SQUARES

A new year, recycled officers, new banner chair. We had our annual membership meeting in November and it happened to be the 20th anniversary of the club. Merle and Mabel Moose put together and presented us with some very interesting happenings over the years. Dick and Pat Crittenden, 2003 presidents, deserve a big hand for putting together a very successful potluck dinner with quite a few former dancers as guests. Officers were elected for 2004, most of which were recycled from previous years. As elected, Bob and Bobbe Hutchins, presidents; Garrett and Jane Laub, vice presidents; Earl and Dora Lee Conway, treasurers; Len and Betty Stec, assistant treasurers; Rich and Helen Ribbe, secretaries. Our new banner chairmen are Ken and Eileen Durand. If your club is thinking about raiding us, Ken and Eileen can be reached at 352/394-0791. On January 13, Art Springer will be our guest caller. He called at our club in November and everyone had a really good time. The remaining Tuesday nights in January, we'll be dancing to our very special caller, Whit Brown on squares, and the delightful Judie Ishmael on rounds. Come visit us. We'll look forward to seeing you in our square.

Bob and Bobbe Hutchins



TO ALL OUR FRIENDS IN THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

We are very proud to be members of the Central Association--the best association in the state--and we look forward to many more enjoyable dances with you. We can always count on the membership to come forward when needed. We are extremely fortunate to have such dedicated leaders and dancers in this Association.

We'll see you in a square soon.

George and Shirley Knapp

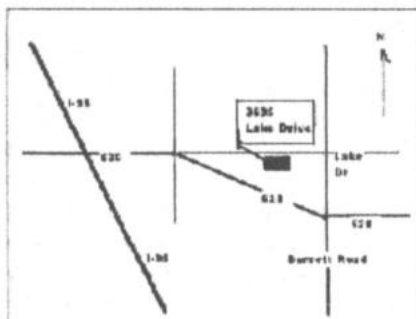
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HITCH N' GO CHAPTER 082

2004 CAMPOUT SCHEDULE:

JAN 16, CHRISTMAS RV PARK

MAR 26, CITRUS VALLEY

MAY 21, CAMELOT RV

JUL 23, OLDE MILL STREAM

SEP 24, OLDE MILL STREAM

NOV 19, RIVER FOREST

FEB 27, RIVER FOREST

APR 23, THEME WORLD

JUN 25, THEME WORLD

AUG 27, CLERBROOK

OCT 22, OKEECHOBEE

DEC 31, CHRISTMAS RV

Contact Tom Brown for Details.

THE ALLEMANDERS

This summer we initiated a theme for each dance, giving each week a different flavor. The Christmas in July was a great success! Lynne and I prepared fliers and visited all the local clubs to advertise the event. We had over fifty dancers that night. The Fifties party was well attended and the comments that members wrote for the, "What were you doing in each year of the 50's were hilarious.

Preparations for the Christmas party, December 13th are under way and there will be a signup sheet on the table at the next couple of dances. Maxine Robb and Lynne O'Donnell have volunteered to bake the turkeys, and Jeannette Bradley will bake a ham. The party starts at 6:00 PM with dinner at 6:30.

I haven't seen very many snowbirds so far this year. When they do show up, don't forget to make them feel "very" welcome. They really do add to the club and we would like them to think of the Allemanders as their winter home. Many of them support our banner raids and bring food to the dances.

Some times events will happen that show the real character of a person. We raided the Silver Squares, Nov 13, Vince was not there early as usual. At 8:00 pm Dale, the caller, announced that he wasn't sure what happened to Vince but he would start the dance. Dale went through two tips and Vince showed up. He and his wife were on their way to the dance and had an automobile accident I understand the car was not drivable. Apparently Vince called someone to drive them to the dance. It would have been very understandable if they had not made it to the dance, but Vince being Vince made sure that he would

provide his cueing for his club. **"Thank you Vince"**.

We tried to start a class in September but could not get enough students. Everyone that dances anyplace today had to start by taking a class sometime. We will try again in January. It is hard for those of us that have been dancing for a long time to get inspired to find new dancers. Years ago, we asked all our friends and neighbors until they tired of saying "no". We know that asking again will do no good. That doesn't mean that we should give up.

In 2004 the Florida State Convention will celebrate 50 years; in 2006, we, the Allemanders Square Dance Club, will celebrate our first 50 years.

We ARE the friendliest club around; we wish the Happiest of Holidays and of course good dancing in the coming Year.

Wally and Maxine Robb

CANAVERAL SQUARES

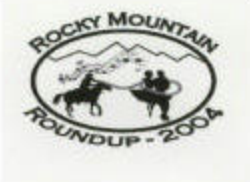
The Canaveral Squares in Rockledge have a great time dancing on Tuesday nights. Our caller, Jerry Reed, goes along with whatever might happen and keeps the dancers laughing. In October, two squares went to a cemetery in Cocoa and danced with the ghosts and goblins. Ailene's son, who is a policeman in Cocoa, stood by in case of trouble. Trouble? What trouble? Square dancers don't have trouble. After the tip in the cemetery, we danced next door at a gas station. Several dangles were earned that night and it was a lot of fun.

The Barn Dancers have come to visit us. It was good to see Otis and Linda Lutz and friends again. Also the Palm Bay Promenaders from Melbourne and the Allemanders from Satellite Beach have visited our club. Always good to see our friends and you never know what may happen.

We raided Whirl & Twirl recently and look forward to their banner retrieval. We are also excited about our snowbird friends returning from the north. With the holidays coming, it is a busy time of year. A get-together is planned for a play at Surfside in Cocoa Beach with a potluck dinner after at Jean & Cecil's house. The Toys For Tots dance December 7th in Barefoot Bay is a big draw for Brevard dancers. A toy gets you into the dance and will be donated to the sharing center to help many needy children in our county. We have more raids coming up and surprises too.

Stop by and visit. Hope to see you soon.

**Plan Ahead - Attend
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| June 23—26, 2004 | 53rd | Denver, Colorado |
| June 22—25, 2005 | 54th | Portland, Oregon |
| June 21—24, 2006 | 55th | San Antonio, Texas |
| June 27—30, 2007 | 56th | Charlotte, North Carolina |

Asa Clifton Clark Commemorative Picnic

The Asa Clifton Clark Commemorative Picnic, the Sixth, has moved to the SUNTREE Pavilion. The Suntree Pavilion is on the riverfront at the East end of Suntree Boulevard. The pavilion has room for about 150 patrons. Parking, however, is at an absolute premium. The Council strongly recommends attendees car-pool. The ribbons are available now, see your club representative. The date has been confirm as Sunday March 21, 2004 from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM. Please remember, the Council provides the ham burgers, hot dogs and soda based upon the number of advance tickets sold. Flyers will be out in late January.

**NSDCA-082
Hitch-N-Go**

No campout in December. Don't Forget to bring Christmas gifts to the November Campout!!

Nominated slate of officers for 2004: President: Dick and Nancy Fournier; Vice President: Tom and Eivor Brown; Secretary: George and Marvel Jenkins; and, Treasurer: George and Sandy Oakes

CAMPOUT SCHEDULE and Themes:

Jan. 16-18, Christmas RV Park: phone (407) 568-5207 Directions: On SR 50, 18 miles east of Orlando or 8 miles west of I-95 (Titusville SR 50 exit), on the north side of SR 50.

Hosts: The current board

Friday: Dinner on your own, 8:00 pm dance and After Party

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. white elephant sale ** Clothing recycle sale
**There will be a \$1.00 flat fee for the club rather than the 10% charge
10:00 a.m. Auction and Bake sale
5:00 p.m. Dinner -- Roast beef and rolls by club. Desserts by Board members; Club to provide anniversary cake. Members please bring a vegetable dish or salad for the dinner.
Saturday: 7:15 Early rounds
7:45 Installation of new officers
8:00 Dance and After Party
Sunday: Pancake Breakfast

Feb. 27-29, River Forest Campground, Deland, Fla. From Deland, go west on SR 44 across the St. Johns River bridge, then right on SR 42 about 0.4 miles to campground road, Forest Road 542 (second road on right). DRY CAMPING!

Hosts: Danzas, Robbs, and Millers

Friday: SADIE HAWKINS DAY in "Dog Patch Duds." Pot Luck Dinner followed by dance and after party.

Saturday Afternoon: Bring your cards for a "Crazy Card Game."

Saturday Dinner: a "Down in the Holler" meal: Possum by hosts, with everyone bringing a can of veggies for the stew pot. A-L group, bring dessert; M-Z bring salad.

Saturday Evening: Dance followed by After Party

Sunday: Pancake breakfast

March 26-28, Citrus Valley Campground, Clermont, Fla. (352) 394-4051, Directions: On US 27 about 14 miles south of SR 50 and 1 mile north of SR 192. Campground is on the east side of US 27.

Hosts: Bennes, Ketchums, and Taylors

Mardi Gras Weekend

Friday 3 pm: Welcome--Join us for laughs, lies, and libations! Dinner on your own.

Dance and After Party

Saturday 2 pm: Mardi Gras Parade. Decorate yourself, your pets, your umbrella, or your pull-along float (a wagon, wheel barrow), or ride your bike. We have beads to throw.

Saturday 5 pm: Dinner. Host will provide Creole Pork Chops with Rice (spice on the side), and pralines for dessert. Y'all, bring salad or a vegetable dish to share.

Saturday 8 pm: Dance and After Party

Sunday: Pancakes Breakfast

Clermont Squares

Someone (I won't mention names but I think it was me) forgot to send in Club News for the November magazine. It's great to be back on our regular club schedule and we're looking forward to all our northern friends who come visit us every winter. To bring you up to date, we had our Halloween dance on October 28 complete with cider and donuts. Our guest caller in October was Paul Place, always a favorite guest caller at our club. November hasn't happened yet as I write this, but we are planning to have a trip down memory lane at our annual membership meeting on November 11. Mabel and Merle Moose have been working hard to locate old pictures and memorabilia relating to past years with the club. That's also the meeting that new officers are elected. I'll have to fill you in next time about how that came out. Let's just say the nominating committee is busy searching out the perfect victims (oops, I mean nominees). Our guest caller in November is scheduled to be Art Springer on November 18. That's also our Thanksgiving Dance complete with lots of delicious pies. As for December, our guest caller on December 16 will be Darrell Figg and that should be a fun night for everyone. We hope everyone reading this will come dance with us at our regular Tuesday night dance. We have excellent talent in our caller, Whit Brown, and our cuer, Judy Ishmael. Hope to see you in our square.

Bob and Belle Hutchins.

Canaveral Squares

We've got good news. The differences between the County, City and our Square Dance Clubs over the use of McLarty Recreation Center has mostly been resolved. The City now can rent the hall for weekend weddings, square dancing is limited by the agreement with the city and the county. We dance the first thru third Tuesdays of every month with Jerry Reed as our caller.

We set "Themes" for most of our dances.



We've had some good ones. Our "School Daze" dance brought back memories as members dress reminded us of their favorite School Days classes. There was a farmer, (Future Farmers of America), a Nurse (Nursing School), a well dressed School Principal, a Graduate whose favorite class was the Graduating Class.

The cute Kindergarten Kid was none other than Judy Frye.



With graduate Doug Douget looking over her shoulder.



We celebrated the arrival of President Ailene Picheco's new grand son and the 55th Wedding Anniversary of Carey & Lila Slack with cakes and cheers.

And we even had an all girl square as fun prevails. We continue to have fun raiding other clubs and being raided.

The winter season is fast approaching when we will welcome our winter visitors back.

Carey & Lila Slack



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