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## President 's Message

We hope that all of our readers came through the holidays safe, sane, happy & healthy. Well 3 out of 4 isn't bad!

Don't forget the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday dance in Daytona January 29<sup>th</sup>. John Saunders will do the calling and Irene Knapp will do the cueing. We are looking forward to a great dance. The next 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday dance will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup> in Clermont.

Tickets for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Shamrock Swing are on sale. See any board member to buy them and don't forget hotel reservations if you need them. Hotel information is on the fliers.

Speaking of hotel reservations, the hotel rooms for the state convention are going fast and are limited in supply, so get in touch with Randy Poole (386) 734-5295 about them. We heard he has the had a mountain of requests from other Associations to be in OUR motel. Wonder why—perhaps because of the fun times? Or maybe the ease of making the reservation

Hurricane Season is over, but the effects of it are far from being over. CFA has a disaster fund to financially help victims in need of such help. The CFA board voted to donate a portion of their earnings, one thousand dollars, from last years State Convention to the disaster fund. We were contacted by the Washington (DC) Area Square Dancers Cooperative Association (WASCA); they had a benefit dance for Florida Dancer hurricane victims and raised over \$1700. They have chosen, with our approval, the CFA disaster fund to administer this money. We are actively looking for any dancers or others that need financial help do to hurricane damage. An appointed committee screens the applicants and makes the award. Very few have come forward. We ask your help—Do you know of a Square Dancer who has suffered major financial hardship from any of the hurricanes. Contact Barb or me and we'll get the ball started.

Our membership has taken a hit—down over ten percent. .Please pass on the benefits of belonging and recruit new members.

Jack & Barbara Hoffman



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**CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND  
DANCERS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
RANDY & CAROL POOLE'S HOME**

October 3, 2004

Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER** Executive Vice Presidents Jack & Barbara Hoffman called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM. Judy Frye gave the Invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim & Jan McConaha installed the new Officers. Presidents Jack & Barbara Hoffman welcomed the members present. They were disappointed so few attended. They have asked **if you are unable to come to a meeting, please ask someone from your area to fill in. Materials must go to all clubs in all areas. Also, please send a report to the Presidents, the Area Vice President and the Secretary.**

**ROLL CALL** by Ailene Picheco. Quorum present.

**SECRETARYS REPORT** A correction was made to the July 31, 2004 minutes. "After the nominations were closed, a vote was taken to accept the new board. The vote passed." **Jim McConaha made a motion to accept the July 31, 2004 minutes, including correction – Tom Brown seconded. Motion passed.**

**SPECIAL REPORT** Bruce Morgan made the final report for the 2004 State Convention. He thanked everyone for their help during the convention; everyone worked to make the convention a success. He presented a check to the CFA, one-fourth of the convention profits. Remaining money split as Federation requires. Attendance for the 2004 convention was 1,324. Paid admissions were 1176.

**TREASURERS REPORT** Donna Hendricks passed out the treasurer's report to all present. Report filed for audit.

**CORRESPONDENCE** Barbara and Jack Hoffman sent a Thank You note for the wonderful dance that CFA had for his grandson, Tim, at The Space Trackers. Jack added that they were very grateful because the Spinal Cord Institute was not able to help with the van. The van was bought with what had been raised and a loan, and it was done just in time for the evacuation. My grandson and his family would not have managed without the benefit dance.

**AREA REPORTS**

Area Vice President – George & Shirley Knapp no report.

North Brevard – Woody & Mary Lou Coyle no report.

South Brevard & Indian River – Vinnie Dallmann and Richard Douget no report. Tom Brown noted that the Palm Bay Promenaders are temporarily dancing at Buena Vida Estates in Melbourne. Bare-

foot Bay will not be dancing until further notice. Disaster Resources have taken over their building and because of the devastation, no one is thinking about dancing at this time.

South Lake & West Orange – Dick and Dorothy Jarvis. Apopka Pirates have 3 to 4 squares. Had to cancel dances due to the storms. They started a new beginners class with 1 square of new dancers and 2 squares of angels. The Clermont Squares closed for the summer, but will start dancing October 5<sup>th</sup> with Joanne Helton cueing for the dances this year. Garden Patch – Have not been able to contact the President of the club since the storms. The Royal Squares start dancing on October 11<sup>th</sup> after being closed for the summer. They start a beginners class October 19 and will have a Plus workshop also

North Lake & Sumter – Bob and Jennie Courter no report.

Marion – Stoney & Pat Stone. Top of the World started their new dance on Friday afternoon with 4 squares. Wednesday evenings they have Rounds and Squares. The Friendly Squares graduated 17 students. Ocala Palms have three more plus calls and they graduate.

East Orange & Seminole – Ian & Sandy Ogilvie. Whirl & Twirl hosts the Larry Letson dance October 11<sup>th</sup>. Their Sugarfoot class starts Tuesday for new dancers. Sandy and I will be visiting the Hoedowners and the Orlando Singles and will report next meeting. Osceola – Howard & Thelma Bitler. Mike Mikeal resigned effective this meeting due to declining health; he feels he can no longer serve to his full capacity.

East Volusia – Kenley & Alice Spilman no report. Barbara Hoffman reported that she and Jack visited the Dixie Squares last week. They celebrated 44 years dancing at the Island City Recreation Hall. If there are any other significant events coming up in the Central Florida area, please let the Jack & Barbara know and they will try to be there.

West Volusia – Gale and Laura Boak. The Honeybees were scheduled to begin on September 13, but was postponed due to a hurricane. They scheduled an Open House for Sept 27<sup>th</sup> and Oct 4<sup>th</sup> but these dates had to be postponed due to water in the parking lot. They will be pushed back a week. The Starlight Promenaders had a wonderful time at their Luau Dance. The dances scheduled for Sept 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> had to be cancelled due to the storms.

**MEMBERSHIP** Terri Little reported. As of October 30: active memberships: 2004 370; 2005 82 Our 2004 membership was down from 2003 by about 50 members. If anyone needs more membership applications or pamphlets, please let me know.

**BLOOD BANK** Jim & Jan McConnaha reported. If you have any questions or need to make a withdrawal, contact the CFA Blood Bank

Vice President, Jim & Jan McConnaha at Phone: (321) 636-6841 or E-mail: jimjan@juno.com.

**INSURANCE** Randy & Carol Poole reported. 19 clubs and 1374 members enrolled. One claim has been filed this year and no reported accidents. 2005 Insurance Information will be mailed this week to the currently insured clubs. The premium for 2005 is \$ 3.90 per dancer. This is only a 15 cent increase over last year.

**KEEPIN" POSTED** Tom & Eivor Brown. Club notes are again growing. Interest appears to be picking up. Picture flow is about the same. I spoke with Harold Brooks, President of the Barefoot Bay Twirlers and a very active member of the Spinners. Both clubs are out of action until further notice. He said many square dancers had lost their homes but no injuries were suffered. Bill Boyd suffered extensive damage to his binding equipment. He has been using a friend's equipment to get the jobs done. He does go the extra mile. Remember, graduates get in free. Get their names in print – Make them feel good.

**HISTORIAN** Judy Frye reported. The hurricanes have really made this job a little hectic. Although the pictures were organized awaiting mounting, they did get scrambled a bit, but fortunately I had each year and event in separate boxes. Now I just need to take the time to once again get started on the fun part of this job. Thanks to all of you who have given me your extra pictures of different events. It is hard sometimes to get them in the correct chronological sequence but when you date them and name names, it is much easier. In closing, as I always say: "This is your History – Let's preserve it!"

**FLORIDA FEDERATION** Randy & Carol Poole. The next meeting Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at Murray's Café in DeFuniak Springs following the Northwest Round-Up. This Halloween weekend, there will be a costume parade at the dance on Friday night. Our costumes are packed and ready to go. The agenda includes the election of officers for 2005. All Florida dancers are invited to attend. The location of the Northwest Round-Up this year will be at the Walton Middle School in DeFuniak Springs.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Shamrock Swing, 2005 – Dewey & Donna Hendricks reported. We are starting a schedule of the upcoming special dances and anyone who would like to join Dewey and I and Dan & Anna Foust, are most welcome. I have ribbons if anyone would like to take some to sell. Please see me after the meeting. The hotel has an Irish Pub and is advertising the Shamrock Swing. Get your reservation early.

5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dance – The 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dance will be held Saturday, October 30, 2004 at The Paradise Center, The Villages of Leesburg.

Paul Place will be the caller and Joanne Helton the cuer. Being close to Halloween, Barbara suggested we wear witches hats to the dance.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Shamrock Swing, 2006 – Jim & Jan McConnaha appointed chairmen.

Disaster Fund Anyone needing funds should apply to the CFA. The guidelines were set up in 1998. **Jim McConnaha made a motion to put \$1,000 from the proceeds of the Convention into the CFA Disaster Fund to be designated for hurricane relief. If no one applies, this amount will go to the Red Cross or Salvation Army. Tom Brown seconded. Motion passed.**

5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dance – There are flyers to pick up for the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dance on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005 hosted by the Dixie Squares in Daytona Beach. John Saunders will call; and Irene Knapp will cue the rounds.

State Convention 2009 – The Chairmen will be appointed this year.

### Other New Business

Jan McConnaha announced the Fall Fling, October 16<sup>th</sup>, hosted by the Space Trackers, features a Pumpkin Decorating Contest.

Randy Poole stated that those who want to reserve the same room they had at the 50<sup>th</sup> State Convention must let him know before the end of September. He starts booking rooms in October for next year.

Jim McConnaha mentioned the Form for the Blood Bank is in the current issue of Keepin' Posted.

Jack Hoffman noted that anyone needing an Area Director Bar, please let him know and anyone not needing their bars, please turn them in.

The board was very sorry to hear that Marilyn Armstrong passed away. She was an Area Director from Marian County.

Our next meeting –The next meeting will be held January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at Bruce and Colleen Morgan's home at 2:00 PM, followed by a Pot Luck Dinner.

**ADJOURN** –**Jan McConnaha moved we adjourn. Seconded by Tom Brown. Motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ailene E Picheco*

Secretary

"Good friends are like stars.....you don't always see them but you always know they are there."

*Unknown author*



## 51<sup>st</sup> FLORIDA STATE SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CONVENTION

MAY 27-29, 2005  
LAKELAND CIVIC CENTER

Well, Fall is just about over and you probably have noticed a lot of "Boarding" happening at many association dances! Trains have stopped everywhere looking for passengers to "Get On Board" to Lakeland for the 51<sup>st</sup> Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention! In fact, you should be seeing little trains appearing at your clubs for you to "add a crosstie" to its track! Be sure that your association adds the most crossties!!!! All the fun you've seen so far is just a sample of what is waiting for you in Lakeland!

The "Un-Fashion Show", the Sew and Save room, and the focus on giving the Youth the time of their life! We have mentioned that Youth tickets will be half price until April 30, 2005. (for those under 18 prior to June, 2005)

Those are just a sampling of things to look forward to! All your callers and cuers are getting on board to assure a great convention too! Watch for those fluorescent yellow-green ribbons showing which callers are "Programmed" for your convention!

Other things to keep an eye out for are our Ways and Means products! We have a great assortment of neat items for sale....zippered tote bags, golf shirts with or without pockets, a wonderful cookbook with great recipes from your fellow dancers (so you know they will be delicious). Our items are not only nice to look at but very useful too.

Whenever you see us, please help us by purchasing some items... they are GREAT Christmas gifts too!

Speaking of Christmas gifts...Ribbons to the convention would make a wonderful gift for that square dancing friend who has everything! Heh

Thank you for your support so far and please have a Blessed Holiday Season!





## NEW LOCATION FOR CFA 2005 SHAMROCK SWING MARCH 11 & 12th

Dewey & Dorna Hendricks and Dan & Anna Foust, 2005 Shamrock Swing Chair-people announced the 5th annual Shamrock Swing will happen at the First Presbyterian Church of Maitland, 341 North Orlando Avenue, Maitland. After much searching this 4th location, was selected. A special thanks to Bruce & Colleen Morgan who did the leg-work to get us a place for the dance and a place to rest our feet and bodies afterwards.

We promise a fun filled two day dance featuring callers Nick Hartley from Indiana, and our own Whit Brown of Orlando with our Cuers Jimmy and Carol Griffin of St. Petersburg.

Nick started calling as a teenager in 1972. Took over as caller for the Indiana Twirlers in 1973, and called/performed at the National Square Dance Convention in San Antonio, Texas. He has taught many classes each year since 1974 in Indiana and Florida; some while still attending High School. We are sure you will enjoy dancing to him and Whit along with Jimmy and Carol.

The program on Friday and Saturday evenings is early Rounds at 7:30 pm, followed by Plus with Rounds at 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm. in the main hall while the second hall features Mainstream dancing from 8:00 pm til 10:30 p.m. Saturday morning workshops from 10:00 am til 12:00 pm. Subject are: Rounds Teach and Intro to Plus from Mainstream. The afternoon workshop features moving from Plus to Advanced from 2:00 - 4:00 and the second hall features an Advanced dance Saturday afternoon from 2:00 - 4:30. This program is subject to change based on the attendance. This program form at is based on the comments from you, our dancers..

Advanced ribbons are \$13.00 per person; at the door prices is \$16.00 per person. Daily admissions: either Friday or Saturday evening at \$9.00 each per person and an all-day Saturday for \$11.00 per person.

The host hotel is Hotel Orlando North, 600 North Lake Destiny Drive, Maitland, tel. 407-660-9000 or fax 407-660-9008. Rates are \$55.00 per night with 11.5% Tax = \$61.33. Please make your own reservation **EARLY**; identify yourself as a square dancer by using CODE CFA.

Flyers are available with all the information and a dance registration form on the back. Hope to see you all at the Shamrock Swing. Look for someone dressed in green visiting your dances soon.

Dewey & Dorna Hendricks and Dan & Anna Foust

## You Did IT! ! TWICE !!

It is truly a pleasure to pass along stories like this. It proves square and round dancers have big hearts and put their money where their mouths are. We APPLAUD each and every one of y'all.

The first article is a thank you letter from Jack and Barbara Hoffman—Timmy got his van. The second article show the resiliency of people—Barefoot Bay Dancers hosted a Toys for Tots Dance in spite of the widespread damage and grief in their community.

Eivor and Tom

### Tim Hoffman gets a Van

Thanks ALL YOU VERY GENEROUS CENTRAL FLORIDA DANCERS; FRIENDS and FAMILY!. Tim finally has a Van with a Wheel Chair Lift. This is a great help in getting him to Doctor Appointments and other places he either needs or wants to go. He, his family and friends wish to express their many thanks to everyone who generously contributed to the purchase of this van. And Just in Time for Evacuation.

Jack & Barbara Hoffman



## Barefoot Bay Hosts Annual "Toys for Tots" Dance

The annual "TOYS FOR TOTS" was held in Barefoot Bay this day with more than 12 squares. This dance was held in the afternoon of Sunday December 5th. This dance usually held in the evening but because of our recent storms (Frances & Jeanne) all of the lights in the parking lot in Barefoot Bay were destroyed and management would not allow us to use the hall for reasons of safety. Sunday afternoon was open so it was decided to go ahead with the dance at a new time of 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

It was the best crowd we have had in the past 8 or 9 years. All had a great time and want to continue this dance in the afternoon from now on.

Entrance to the dance was one unwrapped toy per dancer and a plate of cookies. More toys were collected (a pickup truck full) for South Brevard County Sharing Center than they ever expected. One dancer generously donated a bicycle. There was a 50/50 and all three winners donated their money back to the Caring Center. A total of \$ 110.00 was given to the center.

The program MC was our club caller, Dale McClary. The crowd enjoyed Mainstream, Rounds, & Plus. Dale solicited Jerry Reed and Gib Mattson to assist in alternating the calling. Club cuer, Vera Smith, on the rounds.

A big **THANK YOU** to all, the **callers** and **cuers** and also to you the **dancers**, who made this dance a success. Many children will have some sort of Christmas because of your generosity.

Go home to your clubs; tell them about this dance and the good YOU did this year. Pat yourself on the back ! You deserve it ! !

To all that brought the cookies; we thank you! ! And from us, the cookie consumer, they were SOOOO DELICIOUS.

Set aside December 4th, 2005 at 2:00 pm in Barefoot Bay next year. See you on the dance floor for the next Toys for Tots Dance.

Harold L. Brooks

**Editors Note:** It was wonderful to see the faces of the Barefoot Bay folks on this day in comparison to the days immediately after Jeanne. What a great transformation. Harold and Marge did their "usual" great job putting the dance together. The callers seemed to have a little extra spirit and Vera cued expertly. Every dancer in the hall whooped and hollared having fun. The pickup truck long bed was crammed full of "goodies". Good job dancers, callers, cuers, and organizers.

## A Couple of Recipes

from the kitchen of Shirley Knapp, Whirl & Twirl

### HASH BROWN CASSEROLE

#### Ingredients:

32 oz package frozen country-style hash brown potatoes, thawed  
2 Tbsp. melted butter                      6 Tbsp. chicken broth  
10 3/4 oz can condensed cream of chicken soup  
8 oz. Fat-free or light sour cream      8 C chopped onions  
2 C shredded reduced-fat sharp Cheddar cheese  
1 tsp. Salt                                      1/4 tsp. ground black pepper  
2 C crushed corn flakes

Heat oven to 350 F. Coat a 9x13x2 inch baking dish with cooking spray. Combine hash browns, butter, broth, condensed cream of chicken soup, sour cream, chopped onion, cheese, salt and pepper in a large bowl and stir to blend well. Place mixture in prepared baking dish. Sprinkle corn flakes over the top, press gently over the top of the corn flakes. Generously coat the corn flakes with cooking spray. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Remove cover and bake an additional 10\_15 minutes or until casserole is lightly brown on top and bubbling. Makes 12 servings

### PEANUT BUTTER DELIGHT

#### Ingredients:

2 C milk    1/2 C chunky peanut butter  
1 four oz serving size Jello Instant Pudding (Chocolate)

Blend milk slowly into peanut butter. Add pudding mix and follow package directions.

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# CLUB NEWS

## Dixie Squares

The excitement of the fall season and a new class of dancers have kept the Dixie's in full swing. John has 3 squares of people eager to learn, loving every minute of it, and anxious to graduate and become full-time Dixie's. We welcome them and look forward to squaring up regularly and making them feel right at home. We are active in the raid department and encourage everyone to come visit us, the inter-action of clubs is an important asset, one we should all take advantage of. Our banner raid chairman would love to hear from you to set up a date.

The Teddy Bear Dance in October was an overwhelming success. The goal of 300 bears was surpassed with 535 bears collected. The Children's Home Society reminded us that the bears were gone by February after the last drive, and this year the children will be smiling all year long. The Dixie's proved their generosity with a very successful Toys for Tots Dance also.

The recycle Dance on Veterans Day featured a very special program planned by Stan Britting-Honor Guard composed cadets from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University paraded the evening. Participants represented every branch of the military, and their display of patriotism made everyone proud to be an American. Club veterans were recognized for their years of service to our Country, one beginning their career back in 1939. Congratulations Stan, and all of our veterans, the Dixie's are proud of you.



ham. An ROTC paraded the evening. every and their made American-recog-service to

With 2005 under way the club is busy preparing for their installation

of new officers on January 27th. The Dixie's will have a Silent Auction at their dance on January 13th. Come join us and get your bids in for some great items. The Sweetheart Dance on February 10th is always a "sweet" night at the Dixie's, a great time to come visit and renew friendships. AND.. Don't forget the Florida Sunshine Festival in Lakeland on January 20th, 21st, and 22nd. We'll see you there!

Yellow Rocks

Joanne Engum

## Whirl & Twirl

We hope everyone had a joyous holiday season and that Santa was good to them. We at Whirl & Twirl feel we are truly blessed. We survived the hurricanes with no appreciable damage to our building and once we cleaned up the debris from our personal residences, it was back to dancing as usual.

Our potluck dinners have resumed now that the holidays are over. They are held the last Wednesday evening of each month at 7:00 p.m.. Just bring a covered dish and your table service for a really good dinner with the Whirl & Twirl folks. And of course, a Mainstream level dance called by Danny Robinson follows the dinner at 8:00 p.m. Dancers enjoy Line dances between tips.

We had a very successful B-I-N-G-O Night in November. There was a great crowd present for some exciting games and prizes. Of course, quite a number of us were LOSERS as far as prizes went, but we all had a lot of fun. And that was the object of the evening: Fun, fun, fun.

Our Blue Bandits have been busy the past three months. When they could, they tried to schedule raids to clubs which our Mainstream dancers could attend. In October 32 members attended the raid at Garden Patch Squares, of which twelve were new raiders. We hope these new raiders will keep it up as this is part of the fun of square dancing; visiting other clubs, meeting other dancers, dancing to different callers, PLUS eating dinner out before the dance! Great fun.

Then our Thanksgiving Dinner Dance was held November 19th. The dance was for both our Mainstream and Plus dancers and we had a great turnout as well as a wonderful meal.

Our club has been round dancing to guest cues for the past few months. We have enjoyed the cues of Bev Landwehr, Dick and Darlene Nordine, and Daphne Martin. Pete and Jan Shankle will cue one week in December and three in January. We have enjoyed having these fine

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## National Convention Insert

**PRESS RELEASE**

54TH NATIONAL  
SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION®  
PORTLAND, OREGON  
JUNE 22-25, 2005

"IN 2005, ALL TRAILS LEAD TO OREGON"

**54<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®**  
**Portland, Oregon – June 22 – 25, 2005**

*Information on the Portland, Oregon Area*

Portland, the City of Roses, is bordered by three counties. It is set along the Columbia River, divided by the Willamette River and is united by 10 bridges. The city is defined by its districts: the Skidmore District with its popular Saturday Market; the Pearl District with its artists, galleries and microbreweries; and the Lloyd District with the Oregon Convention Center, the Rose Garden (home of the NBA's Portland Trailblazers) and the Lloyd Center's 200 shops, restaurants and indoor ice-skating rink.

Within the Metro area there are 37,000 acres of parks and open space. Portland rose gardens are known internationally. Peninsula Park Rose Garden is a formal sunken garden. The International Rose Test Garden in Washington Park is one of the largest and oldest such gardens in the country. Ladd's Addition is four blocks of old-time varieties of roses.

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*Information on the Portland, Oregon Area (continued)*

The Cascade Mountains, rising to Portland's east, offer monumental views from several of the city's high spots. The star attraction is, of course, Mt. Hood, just 60 miles away. Visible from just about any point in the city, it provides year-round recreation including skiing, hiking, fishing and just plain enjoyment. Mt. Adams, to the northwest, Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Rainier, to the north, are also visible from many locations.

The Willamette River flows into the city from the south, one of only a few rivers in the northern hemisphere that flows south to north. It provides refreshing swimming holes and boating opportunities along its 125 miles. It starts in the foothills southeast of Eugene. By the time it reaches Eugene, it is a significant river and passes the University of Oregon. From Eugene, it flows on to Corvallis, the home of Oregon State University. At one time Oregon had over 300 covered bridges. Of the 54 remaining, 30 are in the Willamette Valley. Oregon's capital city, Salem, is located on the Willamette River at the 45<sup>th</sup> parallel. As the river flows into Oregon City, there is a 40-foot waterfall with a set of locks to facilitate river traffic. The mighty Columbia River meets the Willamette at the Port of Portland, an international seaport, before flowing west to empty into the Pacific Ocean.

Summer temperatures are moderate, rarely above 80 degrees. The rain falls mostly in gentle mists. Portland has very little of the humidity that hazes over the east coast summer skies; even the annual rainfall falls just short of the rainfall in major east coast cities.

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**WHO DUNNITT?**

A Confidential informant buzzed me to pass on a certain club president's new to him motor home was happily decorated with toilet paper while camped at River Forest near DeLand around Thanksgiving. The CI was fortunate enough to get a picture in the early morning sun. Of course, no one would admit their participation—but some day . . .

I guess you could say it was a charmin good mornin'. I certainly hope the TP was holding tank approved. Just goes to show you, you can't take the boy out the man or maybe the girl out of the woman?

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"IN 2005, ALL TRAILS LEAD TO OREGON"

**54<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®**  
**Portland, Oregon – June 22 – 25, 2005**

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE HOSTS FOUR ONE-TIME EVENTS AT 54<sup>th</sup> NSDC**

Four one-time special events will be presented by the Education Program at the 54<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® coming to Portland June 22-25, 2005. This is in addition to ongoing Panels, Seminars, Clinics, Club Leadership Certification, Sew & Save, Showcase of Ideas and Publications Display.

**Welcome Party for Convention First-Timers – Thursday, June 23, 2005 10:00-11:00 a.m., Room A105/106.** Room A105/106 is located on the east side of the Pre-Function Area A hallway of the Oregon Convention Center. Go down the escalators for the entry on Holladay Street, where the MAX line goes by on the East-West Route. The party is hosted by the River City Dancers Square Dance Club of Portland.

**Keynote Speaker – Thursday, June 23, 2005 7:00-8:00 p.m., Exhibit Hall C.** Exhibit Hall C is on the south side of the Pre-Function Area C. National and International Caller, Darvyl C. Lendenin, from Portland, is the featured speaker. This is one of the "core units" for the Club Leadership Certification program.

**Bid Session – Friday, June 24, 2005 10:00-11:00 a.m., Exhibit Hall C.** This is the venue where the California dancers will put forth their bid to host the 58<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® in Long Beach, CA, and present information about Long Beach, the facility, the surrounding city and the fun that square dancers can have while there. Also, other cities will announce their intent to bid to host future National Square Dance Conventions®.

**Organizations Round Table – Friday, June 24, 2005 3:00-4:00 p.m., Room A105/106.** These rooms will be used as the hall for Clinics during the daytime and will be the Contra Hall in the evening. The Youth will take center stage for this discussion period. The title is "Youth and Square Dancing – How They See the Future".

If you have any questions about any of these events contact: [Education@54nsdc.com](mailto:Education@54nsdc.com). See the Convention Website at [www.54nsdc.com](http://www.54nsdc.com) and be sure to watch for more information in the National Squares Magazine, the Official Convention Program Book and the Daily Program Schedules included with the purchase of a Program Book.

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## WASCA Helps—CFA Disaster Fund

The hurricanes had just cleared the state; a former Washington (DC) Area Square Dancing Cooperative Association (WASCA) President, Rille & Martin Williams who now live in The Villages, called CFA. WASCA wanted to have a benefit dance for Florida Square Dancer victims who need financial assistance. They asked CFA to administer these funds through our disaster fund.

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**SEW & SAVE PROGRAM FOR PORTLAND BUTTONED-UP**  
**"Sewing Along the Trail to Fashion"**

**Sewing Along the Trail to Fashion** is the theme for the Sew & Save Program for the 54<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®, linking to the "In 2005, All Trails Lead to Oregon" slogan used for the Convention.

Four adjacent meeting rooms, **F149-F152**, in the southeast section of the newly expanded Oregon Convention Center have been reserved for the **Sew and Save Program**. A large display of dresses and accessories will be featured as the two center rooms are combined. This area will be open Thursday, June 23, 2005 and Friday, June 24, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, June 25, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Co-Directors of Workroom, Lounge and Repair, Betty & Ray Jones and Kathy & Buzz Buczkowski, will make the space sew inviting to all those interested in sewing. There will be a repair area marked as the Stitching Post. Tracing tables will be available to copy a variety of pattern pieces and there will be free information sheets. There will also be four different **Make & Take** sessions during the Convention.

The Director of Handouts and Sew and Save Booklet, Harriet Livingston, will have the souvenir Sew and Save Book, which sells for \$6, ready for delivery at Convention time. It is listed on the regular Registration Form and may be added for those who have registered without ordering a copy.

Education Classes, called **Sew-minars**, will be held each day in **Room F149**, starting at 10:00 a.m. In addition to these one-hour sessions, the Director of "Mini" Show and Tell, Marie Dorsey, will present the **Mini Show & Tell** production once on Thursday morning, June 23, 2005 and again Friday afternoon, June 24, 2005. **Room F152** will be a lounge area for men and women whose partners are spending extended time on sewing matters.

Co-Vice-Chairman, Janis Pederson, has gathered a treasure chest full of prizes. Tickets will be presented to those who come through the display area, and will be used for drawings for dresses and other items. In addition, there will be door prizes for the **Sew-minar** sessions.

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## **WASCA Helps—CFA Disaster Fund(cont'd)**

The first week in December, we received their check for over \$1700. It was deposited into CFA's Disaster Fund to help Florida Dancers.

This is a prime example of Square Dancers helping Square Dancers!

**Do you know anyone in need. Contact any Board Member to get the ball rolling.**

Jack and Barbara Hoffman

cuers visit us.

Come out and dance with us at 6494 Venture Circle, Orlando, on Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m. with Danny Robinson calling Main-stream tips. Danny calls a Plus dance for us on Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. Rounds begin at 7:30 p.m. with guest cuers. Call 407\_365\_8490 for information. You are always welcome at Whirl & Twirl.

Shirley and George Knapp

## Hitch-N-Go

Chapter 082 elected Officer for 2005. They are: President: Dick and Nancy Fournier; Vice President: Tom and Eivor Brown; Secretary: Lee and Joyce Whitten; Treasurer: George and Sandy Oakes; Chapter Reps: Dale and Bobbie Collins; Activities: Jim and Lauren Kelly.

### CAMPOUT INFO:

Jan. 28-30, Christmas RV Park tel. (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

10:00 a.m. Auction and Bake sale

PLEASE BRING ITEMS !!!

5:00 p.m. Dinner—provided by the board

7:15 Early rounds

7:45 Installation of new officers

8:00 Dance and After Party

Feb. 25\_27, River Forest Campground, Deland, Fla. Directions: 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: Jim and Dot McKeown, Ron and Sue Reardon

Friday: Dinner on your own, 8:00 p.m. Dance and After Party

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. pot luck-members bring homemade soup or stew. Hosts will provide dessert

8:00 p.m. \_\_ Dance followed by After Party

Sunday: Continental breakfast

March 25\_27, Citrus Valley Campground, Clermont, Fla. Tel. (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: Dan and Sue Eversole, Kip and Linda Werner

Color for weekend - green

Friday: 5:00 p.m. Welcome cookout. grills provided. Bring your own meat and a dish to share

8:00 p.m. Dance and After party

Saturday: 1:00 p.m. Mini Olympics PRIZES Many games requiring skill and cunning. Guaranteed fun!!! Highlight of Olympics is our wet tee shirt contest (ladies only)!!

5:00 p.m. supper: meat provided; bring a dish to share

8:00 p.m. Dance and After party

George & Marvel Jenkins

## Royal Squares

The Royal Squares got through holidays with our turkey raffle in November and our Christmas dance in December. We raided the Whirl and Twirl and Holiday R. V. and retrieved our banner from the Clemont Squares during this time. Our review classes were well attended as was our Plus workshops.

We elected new officers in mid November at our business meeting. There we gave thanks to Dick and Dottie Jarvis, Dave and Clara Brickler, Ron and Bobbie Lyndell and Maury and Camille Hudson for their tour of fine leadership and welcomed the new officers who will begin their tour in January 2005. They include Hal and Jan Springer President, Bruce and Sally Ferris Vice President, Dave and Clara Brickler moved to Secretary and Maury and Camille Hudson were retained as Treasurer.

On Monday January 10<sup>th</sup> we will have our "50's" theme dance. Early rounds begin at 7 pm with Joanne Helton doing the cueing. We square up for a plus dance at 7:30 pm with club caller Paul Place on hand to keep us on the floor. The Orlando Whirl and Twirl will retrieve their banner as well. We expect a good crowd and a grand time as usual.

Since the Sunshine Festival in Lakeland is scheduled for the weekend of the 20<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup> and many of our dancers will be attending and then dancing with us here at the Great Hall in Royal Highlands on Monday, we only scheduled one raid this month. However The Garden Patch Squares will raid us at our regular dance on that Monday January 24<sup>th</sup>. Early rounds are always at 7pm and we square up at 7:30 pm. Also happening this evening one half hour before the rounds, at 6:30 pm, is a

graduation ceremony. Our mainstream class will be getting their diplomas and attending their first formal dance. Paul will be calling a tip or two for them to get into the swing of our wonderful pastime. They are all anxious to begin their plus lessons which will begin the next day.

The raid we attended was of the Orange Blossom Squares at the La-Hacienda Center in The Villages. We invaded them on Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup> where we danced rounds with Jeanette Knowles and Squares with R.J. Hogan. We had a grand Boot Scootin' time dancing at the Center.

We will usher in February with a raid of the Sunshine Promanaders of Leesburg on Friday February 4<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm. Joanne Helton will cue rounds and either Paul Place or Ron Libby will be calling squares. We always enjoy dancing with them at the Masonic Lodge Hall on Main Street and look forward to an evening of fun and fellowship.

Our Valentines Dance is scheduled for Monday February 14<sup>th</sup> which just happens to be Valentines Day. Our dancers will be all decked out in their favorite sweetheart dancing cloths, the refreshment table will be full of sweetheart goodies and Joanne and Paul will break out all those wonderful love songs to keep our feet moving and our hearts warm. Early rounds are at 7 pm and plus squares begin at 7:30 pm. We always dance in the great Hall in the Royal Highlands community.

On Friday February 25<sup>th</sup> we will raid the Recreation Plantation of Lady Lake. They dance from 7 pm until 9:30 pm in their recreation hall. Bob Stern will call and Loretta Hanhurst will cue that evening. Again we look forward to this opportunity to experience different callers and cuers.

We square up at our regular dance on Monday February 28<sup>th</sup> With Paul and Joanne doing their regular thing which is keeping us lively and on our toes. Who knows we may be raided that evening as our schedules do not run out that far at the time of this writing. I know we will have a fabulous time dancing and swapping stories with others.

Our first spring theme dance is the St Patrick's Day dance. It occurs on Monday March 14<sup>th</sup> at the usual time and place. Our dancers will most likely mark the occasion by dressing in their green outfit. The music and the goodies will reflect the occasion as well. Again Paul and Joanne will be there to celebrate the Irish theme with plus squares and cued rounds.

The Easter dance comes at the right time , the day after Easter, so maybe those Easter bonnet's that were worn on Sunday will be appropriate for the Easter Crazy Hat theme or maybe not. Anyway we will have a great time of both round and square dancing to the voices of Paul Place and Joanne Helton. Fun and camaraderie are always the result of every dance.

We will assemble a new beginner/mainstream class starting on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm in the Great Hall. Paul Place is, perhaps, the best instructor of square dance in the area. He will be on hand to get new dancers orientated to the thrill of square dancing. Come join the class. It last until 3pm when the seasoned dancers arrive for their workshop. Fees are nominal and dress is casual.

Our plus workshops occur each Tuesday afternoon at 3 pm in the Great Hall at the Royal Highlands Community. They last until 5 pm and are usually very well attended. They provide an opportunity for both new and seasoned plus dancers to learn and or enhance their skills. All dancers are invited to come join us at this causal dress activity. Fees are minimal and fun is had. Call Hal at (352) 365-1319 for information or directions.

Joanne Helton, a fine rounds instructor holds classes at all levels on Sunday afternoons at 1pm also in the great Hall here at The Royal Highlands community. Interested dancers are invited and of course welcome to come hone their skills or to learn cued rounds.

The Royal Squares of the Royal Highlands community located in Leesburg is a friendly, active club that is involved and growing. Come dance with us the second and fourth Monday evening October through May. Rounds at 7pm and squares beginning at 7:30 pm. We dance until 9:30 pm. See you at the dance.

Hal Springer

## The Allemanders

The 48 Year Friendly Club. Our caller is John Saunders and our cuer is Vince Furtado.

Hello to all of you from the friendliest and greatest little square dance club on the Space Coast. We breezed through the summer with terrific monthly board meetings to plan your activities, ate at some of Brevard's fine establishments, and enjoyed fun times together. Thank you Don & Elaine Paul (VP), Marion Kutz (Sec.), and Alice & Gene Blackburn (Treas.) for your dedication to this club during the summer. Lona and I really enjoyed working with each of you.

Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne may have battered our area in September but they didn't dampen our spirits. Our Plus class continues, we're welcoming back our "half timers" and "snowbirds," as John and Vince help us get rid of our post-hurricane-stress-syndrome each week. Our new members are a wonderful addition to our club and we are sure you will make them feel welcome. We are happy to have

Vern & Janette Klien, Ed & Amanda Dobos, Thomas Fields, Tony & Jackie Halsema and Joan Cleland join the Allemanders.

We were deeply saddened by the death of our member, Ken Bray, after a long illness. Our sympathy goes to Helen and her family as they mourn his passing.

The holidays are fast approaching and we are already signing up Allemanders for our annual festive holiday Dinner Dance. This year's party is Saturday, December 11th at the Satellite Beach Civic Center. The social time is 6:00 to 6:30PM with your board serving our traditional turkey and ham dinner beginning at 6:30PM. Please bring a vegetable, salad or dessert to share plus a gag gift, marked for male or female as appropriate, for the fun exchange.

Our special thanks go to Richard Bradley for serving as the Summer Banner Raid Chairman, George Ammon for continuing as the Class Coordinator, and Wally Robb for being our newsletter editor once again.

We are planning a class starting January 8 so we need your support in bringing in potential class members. The first class will be free as usual. Flyers are being placed around the community and handed out at various demonstration dances that we are doing. We need your support to ensure that we have a good class, as they will be the future of our club.

The Treasurers will be ready and willing to accept your 2005 dues starting in December. The dues are \$12.50 per person. Given that we have 31 dances per year and each dance is 2 hours long this amounts to 20 cents per hour for a great time. Where else can you get this kind of bargain, which also includes free coffee? MATCH THIS WALMART!

One last welcome before we sign off and that is for the incoming officers to take us through the winter months. Lona and I would like to welcome Wally & Maxine Robb (VP), Ed & Laverne Miller (Sec.), and Bill & Sandy Rezanka (Treas.) to the board.

We are very thankful for each of you and send our best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

The 29th annual Florida Sunshine Festival will be held January 20, 21 & 22 in Lakeland Florida. This is the 4th Saturday so the Allemanders will not be dancing. Everyone that went last year had a great time. We came in second as far as club participation. Our members must pre-register for the full weekend to be counted. We had a number of members just go for a day and that doesn't count. Coming in second was really great with so many other clubs being a lot closer. There is a package for the weekend and for individual days. There are flyers on the front table. Hope to see you there. Remember to indicate you are with the Allemanders when you register. See John or Linda Saunders for tickets.

We ARE the FRIENDLIEST CLUB around. We especially need male dancers for our pretty single lady dancers. It is courteous for our members to dance occasionally with visitors or banner raid guests that are without a partner.

Everyone is welcome to participate in after dance parties. There is usually one group that goes to Friendlys for ice cream and another group that goes to Coasters for something a little stronger. Come join us!

Doug and Lona Burnett

PS. Our Satellite Beach Fire Department scheduled the arrival of Santa Clause Sunday evening December 5. We did a demo for the younger parental crowd. We were short a couple of dancers and borrowed them. A very special Thank You our volunteers: Ailene Picheco, Jack and Barbara Hoffman, Scott Vallee, and Lynn Lenoci and to our Allemanders: Joan Cleland, Tom & Eivor Brown, George Ammons, Marion Kutz, and, my wife Lona. I might add, Richard Bradley called a tip and did it purty good—we didn't break down even on the concrete. Again, Thanks a bunch.

## Canaveral Squares

2004 gave everyone some definite challenges. Our club was lucky to graduate our Mainstream class between two of the hurricanes that swept through Central Florida. The graduates are: **Jocelyn Nokes** from Viera; **Louis Robillard** from Port St John; **Martha Henderson** from Cocoa; **Gayle Riggs** from West Virginia and Cocoa; and **Joe Barnett** from West Virginia. Louis dances with the Garage Gang on Monday nights in North Cocoa. Jocelyn encouraged some of her friends to join classes with the Space Trackers on Monday nights. Martha and Gayle have joined the Canaveral Squares and dance with the Space Trackers Monday nights and the Canaveral Squares on Tuesdays. Joe and his wife, Mary, are anxious to return for the Plus class in February. They dance at a club in West Virginia, honing their mainstream skills. A plus class is being planned for two full weekends in February 2005. Anyone who has completed Mainstream is invited to participate in this Plus class.

The Canaveral Squares combined efforts with the Space Trackers in December to entertain the folks at Sterling House in West Melbourne. This has been a tradition for several years and the residents and staff of the nursing home enjoy having us. After the singing, dancing and

games, we went out to dinner for more fun, food and fellowship. Also in December the Canaveral Squares "Filled a Crib" with baby items for the Central Brevard Sharing Center. David Brubaker, Assistant Director of the Sharing Center, was very pleased with the contributions that were collected. The Sharing Center provides for all low-income families as well as the homeless throughout the community, to help them when in need.

Our cookbook with "Out of This World" recipes is available. Contact Vinnie Dallmann, (321) 733-9498 to reserve your copy.

Our caller, Jerry Reed, and his wife Del; our cuer, Phyllis Williams; and all the members of Canaveral Squares wish everyone a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

Come join us on Tuesdays nights. If you get there early and people are sleeping on the floor, don't worry. Wait a few minutes and they will leave so we can get ready to dance.

Ailene Picheco

## Prestige 55

Greetings from Prestige 55 in Ocala. By the time this is printed, the wonderful season of Christmas will be behind us. Hopefully, it will be filled with beautiful memories for all of you.

We had a Fifth Tuesday in Ocala for November. Gil and Bernice brought beef stew and everyone else pitched in the trimmings. Really a good meal. We actually should consider eating AFTER the dance rather than before. I personally felt like I rolled rather than dance around the floor.

December was a busy month for us. We are planning a banner raid to Royal Palm Squares on the other side of town for the 13th. This will be the first raid that they have suffered since their inception just a little over a year ago. It will be a strange one since some of those in the raid have dual citizenship and are members of both clubs. Still should be fun.

Our dance the 14th is scheduled to collect food items to be turned over to a local charity for Christmas distribution.

Prestige 55 wants to wish all of you a healthy and happy 2005.

Mike Cox

## Clermont Squares

At the time I'm writing this, it's December already. The club has been keeping active and having fun at the same time. November we visited Garden Patch, December it was Heartland Squares, and in January it will be Orange Blossom Squares.

We're really excited about our "special" dance on January 11. That's when our Terrific Threesome puts on a dance to remember. This dance is on our regular dance night, but we're making it a night of great fun. Whit Brown and Paul Place will join together as the callers that night, and Joanne Helton will be cueing rounds. Now, I ask you. Ain't we got fun!!! We hope that dancers from other clubs near and far will visit us that night. Good dancing, good fun guaranteed. Watch for flyers advertising "Snowflakes in the Sunshine."

We're playing with the idea of having a recycle sale and silent auction that night, too. All proceeds from both would go the club. We're also talking about starting a beginners' class possibly in January. Unfortunately, the plans are still up in the air as I write this, so I can't be more specific. If you're interested in such a class or know someone that is, you can call either Whit Brown at 407/353\_2976 or contact the club at e-mail address Clermont Squares @ AOL. com.

Another thing we started in November at our annual membership meeting was recognition of our "Volunteer of the Year." This year's award went to Janet and Gene Thomas who seem to volunteer even before you know you need them. Many thanks to them for everything. Officers were elected at the meeting for 2005. There was very little change so Bob and I are still presidents.

So, come visit us and we'll hope to see you in our square.

Bob and Bobbe Hutchins

## Casselberry Hoedowners

We are your "Pairs & Spares" Square Dance Club in Casselberry. A very happy holiday season to our square dancing friends! Gene and Marty McCullough continue to do a wonderful job of calling for us every Sunday afternoon at the Casselberry Senior Center. The three hour session includes a Mainstream class (with lines in between tips), announcements by Eleanore Weston, and a Plus dance with rounds.

Virginia Barnes is our Raid Chair and November was a busy month with lots of raids. The Orlando Singles and the Garden Patch Squares raided us and we enjoyed the opportunity to visit and dance with them. Eleanore Weston presented "Raider" (of the Orlando Singles) with a first-time visitor dangle. Larry Patten, caller for the Garden Patch Squares, squared up to dance with us. The Garden Patch Squares have a very nice tradition - whether you visit them, or they visit you, they always have a lovely plant from their garden to give away. Virginia led us on a raid to the Pirates and we had a great time! We are looking forward to a raid by Whirl & Twirl on December 5th.

Special dances for November included our 20th Anniversary Dance, Veterans Day Dance and our annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner and Dance. Mary Ocheltree, a charter member, received a framed Certificate of Appreciation and a lovely basket of silk flowers in blue and white club colors. She was commended for years of continuous service as Hostess and is now a life-time honorary member. Congratulations!

Sylvia Muller, Secretary, prepares our bi-monthly newsletters. Norma Newton, Publicity, sends weekly newsletters to our members and friends via e-mail. On December 19th, the Board is planning a Christmas Buffet and Dance with lots of good food and door prizes. This is going to be a fun dance so make plans to join us. Everyone is welcome! See you Sunday!

Norma Newton

## Starlight Promenaders

September's hurricanes rained some of our special dances out and left us with a mixed-up schedule. Finally the skies cleared and allowed the club to have its annual Ice Cream Social and Tea Cup Auction on October 13. Joan Knopf chaired the social and Phyllis Lungren was in charge of the Auction. With the assistance of Bud and Pat Pearl, Dale and Laura Boak, Jerry and MaryJo Dunagan Josephine Santoro and Dick and Jeanne Lysobey, the hall was decorated and set up for the two affairs. Most of the lady Promenaders helped dish out the ice cream and the men made most of the "special" service.

On Saturday, October 23, two squares of Promenaders took part in the "Music on the Green" celebration at the DeBary town hall. The group was well received with their exhibition of square dancing.

The club held its annual Halloween Party on schedule, Wednesday, October 27 with Randy and Carol Poole in charge and once again, the hall and vestibule were fully decorated with ghosts, goblins and

witches! The response was great, with many "original" costumes taking part. The judges awarded Martha Hixon, most original; Evelyn Waite, funniest; Randy Poole, scariest and Jack and Orliea Gay, best couple. All those attending brought along a canned vegetable for Carol's "witch's brew", the hit of the evening. All unused canned vegetables were turned over to the DeBary Community Center for distribution to needy families at Thanksgiving time.

We held our semiannual General Meeting on Saturday, November 13, electing new officers for 2005: Randy Poole, President; Josephine Santoro, Vice president, Dick and Jeanne Lysobey, Secretary, Tom and Florence O'Connor, Treasurer. Board members will be Andy and Kathy Belew, past president, Jerry and MaryJo Dunagan and Roland and Linda Morin.

At the previous Wednesday night dance, Phil and Terry VanNess celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary. The "bride and groom" danced to the Anniversary Waltz as five squares of dancers, including eighteen members of the Whirl and Twirl club of Orlando cheered them on! Phil and Terry have been members over 30 years and served as president in 1982 and 1983. Over the years, they have served on many committees and Terry has led the graduation ceremonies for many of the club's classes. Congratulations to a great couple!

The same evening, Herman Thornburg received his 5 year "angel" bar.

The club had another successful Yard Sale on November 6 at the home of Mel and Phyllis Lunghren. Bud and Pat Pearl and Dick and Joyce Billings assisted. The Promenaders celebrated Thanksgiving at their November 17 dance with a "Tail Gate" party, complete with tail gate, goal posts, team banners and racing flags. Roland and Linda Morin and their committee kept the dancers in the mood by serving the best hot dogs, hamburgers and fixin's this side of the Mason-Dixon. Whit Brown called tunes appropriate for the occasion. Door prizes between tips went to the lucky ticket holders. Special fun awards were passed out to Evelyn Waite, most valuable player; Tom Nicolas and Donna Shaffer, best efforts and Bud and Pat Pearl, best sports.

The previous Monday evening 19 Promenaders traveled to DeLand raiding the Honey Bees after dining out at the Main Street Grill.

Plans are being made for the club to participate in the DeBary Christmas Parade, Sunday, December 12; our annual Christmas Dinner and Dance on Wednesday, December 15; and, for our new class to start after the first of the year.

The gang here wishes you all a happy, healthy, prosperous New Year

George and Joan

## Palm Bay Promenaders

The floor at Trailer Haven has been repaired. Hip Hip Hooray! !!  
The Promenaders will be square dancing there again on Thursdays.  
See you dancing

Frank & Margo Knowles

## Royal Squares

**Editor's Note:** Mike missed the deadline by inches, we tried to recall the issue from the printer ;but were unsuccessful. So you are getting a second dose of news from Prestige 55.

Greetings from Prestige 55 in Ocala. By the time this appears in print, we will have elected a new President....well, let us hope so by now. Gil Herring, decided it was time to step down so we held elections here in late October. Guess what? We elected a new president with out a court battle, endless months of campaigning, and all the negative advertising. By a single voice vote, Art Cole was elected as club president. The only dissenting vote came from the new "first lady". And everyone had a good laugh over that. Would you believe this election came on the heels of Art and Marlene's 50th anniversary. Congratulations to both of them.

Our class for new comers that started in early October sadly, went over with a resounding thud. We are going to make a few adjustments and try a new start in mid November. Hopefully, some of the snow-birds will have flown down by then to swell the numbers.

Until then some of our members, Mike, Jan, Jack and Louise have been doing the angel bit with Royal Palm Squares on Monday evenings. Hey, it is nice to have an extra night to dance.

Sick list this month included Audrey Dahl and Pat Crawford. Audrey was down with "something". She really isn't saying what. Pat bummed up her knee....again. Hopefully, she won't be out long. Since flu shots are at a premium, we are considering having bottles of anti-septic hand wash at dances for the next few months.

By the time this is in print, Thanksgiving will also be behind us. Can the Christmas holidays be far behind? A very scary thought as I write this at the end of October. But hey, I see holiday items out on the shelves already. At any rate, Prestige 55 wants to wish everyone of the readers and square dance clubs the happiest of holiday seasons. See you all in the new year.

Michael Cox

## The Honeybees

The Honeybees resume dancing on January 3rd after our Christmas Break. Just for the fun of it, we are ask everyone to wear Black and White that night. January 17 we will hold our Prohibition/Flapper dance; the 24th is our Super Bowl Dance and everyone is encouraged to wear their favorite team hat. February brings us our Valentine Dance on the 14th and the President's Dance on the 21st. FEBRUARY is a BIG month for us as we will be hosting 5 squares from Germany on Feb. 7th. Our caller John Saunders, really Linda, arranged this and we are really excited about it. The Mayor will have a proclamation to present them and the newspaper will be there.

We were unable to start a beginner class in October so we are hoping to get one started in January. We are having trouble getting people interested in dancing even though we have done a lot of advertising. Do any of you have any tips that you found helpful in your recruiting that you might want to pass on to us. Any ideas at all will be appreciated.

In March we have our St. Patrick's Day dance on the 14 and Hat Night will be on the 21st. Any kind of hat is okay but Easter hats are REALLY nice.

Mary Cowen really surprised me with presenting me the famous WITCH award at our Halloween Dance in Oct. This is an award that is presented to someone every year at the Halloween Dance. Witch stands for:

W illing worker  
I nterested in the club  
T ireless  
C aring  
H elpful

This award was started in 1989 and is still going on.

We had a King and Queen of Halloween this year and Al (Doc) and Martha Hixon were presented with the Crowns and shirts with (what else) BEES on them. Martha's did say QUEEN BEE on it. We have purchased new matching shirts and blouses for raiding so we look quite "spiffy" now when we go a raidin. It has given us a boost to go and really look good when we march in.

We dance PLUS Monday evenings from 8:00 until 10:00 with John Saunders calling and Jim Cowen cueing. We dance at the DeLand Activity Center, 751 S. Alabama Ave., DeLand ( In Earl Brown Park). For information please call Larry and Judy Hines, Presidents, at 386-738-2122 or e mail [ljhines@highstream.net](mailto:ljhines@highstream.net)

WE HOPE YOU HAD A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND PRAY THAT YOU HAVE A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Remember to "Keep Dancin" it's a very healthy life style.

Judy Hines

## Spindrifters

The hurricanes slowed us down but didn't stop us! We are a little the worse for wear—as is our lovely town—but we're still here and still dancing.

Gradually our snowbirds are returning and our tired all year rounders are coming back from the temporary refuges where they sheltered during the hurricanes. We welcomed Maurice and Donna Kirkman back from their Ohio summer home, and look forward to seeing and dancing with our other snowbird friends. Our club dances have been a welcome distraction from the storms and their aftermaths. Many of us are still trying to clean up and return to normal.

We expect the pace and the energy level to pick up as the weather cools down. The big event in October will be the Halloween "Boo-Root Beer Float Night". We look forward to wild costumes and wilder dancing!

Our caller, John Saunders, is the greatest, and we are a warm and welcoming group. Come on down (or up or east) and join us in New Smyrna Beach on Wednesday nights for Mainstream & Plus Dancing with an "attitude". You can wear casual or proper square dance attire; we just want you to enjoy yourself.

Morrissa Tiner

## Prestige 55

Hope this is not too late. Have the same excuse as everyone and that is hurricane duty. Thanks, M Cox

**Editor's Note:** Same as I but here we go again for the third article from Mike. Enjoy!

Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne have been most unwelcome visitors to our clubs all over the state the past month. Prestige 55 joins with everyone else in saying "uncle". It is time for it to stop and we all pray that it does.

We only missed two weeks of dancing in Ocala. Not so much be-

cause of the facilities but the fact that Ken (our caller) managed to have an inconsiderate tree fall across his drive on two separate occasions. Actually, we all believe that he saw the list of "things you can blame on the hurricane" in one of the local papers.

New classes are starting. The interest seems to be down a little but I imagine it is from post-hurricane stress. Maybe they will pick up quickly. People just don't realize what a lift you can get from an evening of square dancing.

Prestige 55 welcomes Doug and Rena to our fold. They have come to us from Connecticut. They were off two years but have remembered all they need to get into the swing of things.

Big party this past weekend at Charles and Lucy's house out at Williston. The hog roast had it's minor problems. No one realized that 20 hours in extreme heat would actually cremate a hog. Even bar-b-q sauce wasn't going to help. Plenty of chicken and other goodies and everyone had MORE than enough to eat and a great time.

We are starting to notice a slow migration of our "snowbird" friends. Good to see them.

Michael Cox

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