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CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE
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From the President's Desk....

Congratulations Central Florida Dancers, Callers, & Cuers! The 46th Florida State Square Dance Convention Mardi Gras Time in '99 was a great success! Special thanks go to the Convention Chairman Jim & Jan McConnaha and their staff for hosting a well organized event that provided 3 continuous days of fun for the more than 1,800 people that attended. The Northeast Association will host the Convention next year. It will also be held over the Memorial Day week-end. The theme of their dance is "Dancing's the Rage in the New Age". Registrations are now on sale and ribbons are only \$16.00 per person until October 31st. Be sure to get them early to save a few dollars. They will cost \$20.00 at the door.

Preparations have begun for the Central Florida Square and Round Dance Association's Annual President's Ball on July 31st. Past Association Presidents will be honored and Central Florida's Couple/Person of the year will be announced. In addition, the 1999-2000 Board of Directors will be presented. Please show your appreciation of these dancers by attending this special event which will be held at The Barn in Melbourne beginning at 7:30 with early rounds by cuer Phyllis Williams and squares starting at 8:00 with caller Henri Arsenault.

Our General Membership meeting and pot-luck dinner will also be held on July 31st at the Barn prior to the President's Ball. The meeting will begin at 3:00 with a pot-luck dinner being served afterward. Make it a day by attending the meeting, dinner and dance.

The remaining board meetings for 1999 will be held at Shoney's Restaurant in Sanford, Florida on Highway 17/92 on July 11th and October 10th. Come at 1:00 to enjoy lunch before the meetings which will start promptly at 2:00.

We'll see you there!

Bruce & Colleen Morgan, Presidents



*Jim and Jan McConnaha
General Chairman, 1999 Convention*

**** THANK YOU ****

CENTRAL FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

Your support through these last 4 years by selling ribbons, participating in the Kick-Off, serving on committees, and then attending the 45th State Square and Round Dance Convention helped to make our 1999 Convention a huge success.

We had fun and hope you did too.

A special Thanks to *Keepin' Posted* for your support and printing of articles at the last minute to keep our dancers informed.

THANKS AGAIN, ONE AND ALL!!

Jim & Jan McConnaha, General Chairman

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And What a Convention it was!!!

Faintly in the distance, if you listen really hard, you can still hear the refrain of "The Bourbon Street Parade". Mardi Gras Time in '99 has become a memory, a wonderful memory. Thanks are due all the dancers in Central Florida for supporting the convention. To all those who were on staff or a committee (and there was a big group), you did Central proud!! All your effort was obvious. To Jim and Jan McConnaha, the General Chairman, what can we say?? You conducted the convention in a remarkably smooth manner. From the outside looking in, it looked as if there was never so much as a hitch!! Of course, we realize that a convention of this size could not have occurred without some hitch, even a small one. But then, maybe under the leadership of the McConnahas, it was as smooth as it looked.

The Fashion Show on Sunday afternoon was a smash hit and great fun! The Saturday morning workshops and teach were enjoyed by all who attended. We noticed that the Country/Western workshops were crowded; those folks were having a great time. And how about that Youth Hall? Did you ever hear hot hash called so fast? We wondered how the caller managed to inhale at all. Dancers were having a ball, as was the crowd of onlookers.

The 45th Florida State Convention was a great success and we all look forward to next year when the Northeast Association will host the 46th Convention in Lakeland.

In Memory of Skip Smith, Jr.

Central Florida Square Dancers lost a great friend and treasured caller on April 25. Skip died at Holmes Regional Medical Center in Melbourne. He was a charter member of the National Square Dancers Association and a member of Callerlab and the Florida Callers Association. He called for the Partners-in-Progress clubs on the East Coast. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his wife, Pauline, and his family. He will be missed in our square dance activities.

Cliques

Rumor has it that our clubs are run by cliques. Careful investigation shows this is true. Furthermore, you will find that the clique is composed of faithful members who are present at almost every dance, who do all the work, who give willingly of their time, energies and efforts and who sincerely believe that the more one puts into this affiliation with the organization, the more he or she will get out of it.

There is no question that the enthusiasm, responsibility and effort of those members is of inestimable value to the membership and the organization. And it is suggested, therefore, that you **join this clique**. It is very easy. Begin by attending dances regularly; take a lively interest in its activities, accept responsibilities in its floor work and on its committees. Show a continual interest in all affairs pertaining to your club's activities. Before you realize it, you will become a member of a clique, and you would be surprised to know how anxious they are to have you.

DON'T CRITICIZE THE CLIQUE, JOIN IT!!!

(Anonymous)

Based on the above it would seem then that cliques form when a group of people get together to work on a party, a special event, or become officers of a club. They find that they enjoy working together and share the common interest of having a successful club and they are willing to put forth the effort and energy to make it so. Therefore, let's change the negative to the positive and make CLIQUES be the acronym for **Committee of Lively, Interested, Quick-witted, Unique, Energetic, Square-dancers**.

So the next time your club president asks for volunteers, be the first to sign up, and then you, too, can be proud to be a member of the CLIQUE.

(Reprinted from DANCIN NEWS, Feb., Mar., Apr. 1998)

Don't forget to get your tickets early for next year's state convention. Save \$2 by purchasing before Oct. 31.

Dancing's the rage in the New Age - 2000

*Gale & Laura Boak
Enjoying good food
at the after party.*



*Dick & Nany King
Aren't they colorful?*

*Bohdan & Dottie
Chreptowsky
Good food & fun.*





*MaryLou Coyle & PeeWee Stewart
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*Joe Fioretti and Mary & Bill Chestnut
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History of the Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention

by Chet Vetter

The first Florida State Convention (Square and Folk Dance Festival) was held on April 10-12, 1953, in Tampa. Several national and international figures were present including Lloyd "Pappy" Shaw, Doc Alumbaugh (founder of Winsor Records), the Chans of New York, Collettes of Atlanta, Ed Durlacher, Jimmy Clossin and Don & Marie Armstrong who were general chairman of the event.

The first six State Conventions were staged by the callers, however, as with the dancers of Florida, their common interest was to bring a National Square Dance Convention to Florida. So the callers turned the convention over to the Florida Federation so they could gain the necessary experience to qualify to bid for a national convention.

One of the reasons for the formation of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers was to have a dancer run organization to be eligible to bid for a National. The first move in this direction was in May of 1958 when the seventh Florida State Convention at Miami Beach was a joint effort of the Florida Callers and the Florida Federation. The first bid at Denver in 1959 was not successful, but the

next year at Des Moines, Harry Moore and his host of friends and fellow workers were awarded the bid for 1962.

For the next nine years, several different formats for conducting the state convention was tried and in 1972 a plan came into operation that has proved very successful since that time. This was done by forming a Convention Coordinating Committee in which the three sponsors of the convention were represented: the Florida Callers Association, the Florida Federation of Square Dancers, and the Round Dance Council of Florida. These organizations provide the seed money, as needed, to fund each convention and the Coordinating Committee provides the guidelines for conducting each convention.

Prior to the late 60's the Associations bid for the state convention, then the format for awarding the convention changed and it was awarded on a rotating basis for each Association. That Association appoints a general chairman who must be a member of the presenting association and he, in turn, appoints all committee chairmen to help plan and run the convention. He also appoints a

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caller and cuer to chair their particular function. All must operate within the guidelines as set by the Coordinating Committee.

The vendors have formed their State Association and have worked with the Convention and

Coordinating Committees so that over the years since the early 70's the State Convention has been a very successful and well run part of the State Square and Round Dance activity.



How Friendly Are We?

A couple (or single), looking for a square dance club to join, devised the following point system—

If someone smiled at them	10 points
If someone sitting near them, greeted them	10 points
If someone told them their name	100 points
If someone asked them to come back	200 points
If someone introduced them to another couple	1,000 points
If someone introduced them to the caller	2,000 points

They visited eighteen clubs. Using the point scale, none of the clubs had more than 100 points! Their conclusion

The club may be meaningful, do great things for their community, and be active and friendly, but when a visitor finds no one cares whether or not he/she is there, that visitor is not likely to come back, let alone join your club.

If a visitor came to your next square dance, what rating would they give your club?

At the beginning of each new year we may see many new faces at club dances and clubs we are visiting. Everyone has the responsibility to make sure that these new faces are made to feel welcome. It takes at least two years to understand the finer points of square dancing; even longer sometimes to understand club organization and member/officer responsibilities and realize the true benefits of being part of the program. In the meantime, we need to make sure new faces are made to feel a part of the group.

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Square & Round Dance - Japanese Style

by Martha Ogasawara

Did you know that there is square and round dancing in Japan? I would like to tell you a little about what the dancing is like here in Japan, both the things that are the same and those that are different.

The language of square and round dancing is the same wherever you go. The cuers and callers all cue and call in English (albeit they may have a Japanese accent). The dancers may not speak English, but they understand all of the necessary square dance terminology. Japanese dancers are known for being very proficient dancers, and this may be due partly to the fact that there was extra effort involved in learning how to dance in another language.

Another similarity is that square dancing is based on a system of clubs. There are over 250 square dance clubs in Japan, with about 8,000 members in the Japan Square Dance Association alone. The age of dancers range from children to people in their 70's, with the majority being in their 40's and 50's.

However, there is a big difference in the structure of the clubs. There are no such things as couples and singles clubs. In fact, the women outnumber the men by about 4 to 1, so a lot of the women do the man's part. It is usual to change partners for every tip, and even married couples don't usually

dance together more than once or twice per dance. Therefore, there is a lot of mixing and anyone can ask anyone else to dance (one of my favorite things about dancing here!).

Round dancing is also part of the program for most square dance clubs. Beginners are taught rounds during class and Phase II-III level dances are included in the program at most dances and festivals.

Each club, depending on its size, will have several callers and cuers. Most are members of one club and very few of them get paid. Most of the clubs are officer-run, and the callers and cuers will often be officers as well. Clubs meet once a week, and members generally pay monthly dues, instead of paying per dance. Community centers are the most frequent venues for weekly dances.

In addition to Mainstream clubs, there are quite a number of Advanced and Challenge level clubs as well. Some people dance only at this level, but many continue to belong to a MS club at the same time. The same is true for round dancing. There are many Phase IV-V level round dance clubs. The fact that many of the higher level dancers continue to support the lower level clubs may be another reason why the overall level of dancing is good here.

46th Florida State Convention 2000

The Northeast is so very excited about being chosen to kick off the new age "The New Millennium." We are on our way to a great experience for all of us. We have all the very best callers, cuers, and instructors assigned. The buttons and ribbons are made and on sale! Buy now and save. Our people are busy at planning a wonderful and exciting 3 or 4 days and nights. We've had a good time doing our "Kick Off." We hope you liked it!

Our surprises are planned-- so be there to help us usher in the year "of fun, friendship, & dancing" in the year 2000."

Some of the cloggers are coming back and we are so proud to welcome them.. We have campers spaces, line dancers, contra, and of course the rounds and squares.! PLEASE, Come and help us make it a great time in 2000.

Dancin's The Rage In The New Age

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Below is a listing of the NSDCA Clubs in Florida. Contact one (or more) of these Chapters for information on their outings. Happy Trails!

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080	Gold Coast Camping Dancers	Lake Worth	1st w/e Even mo.	Hubbard	561-586-3095
081	Tent-N-Trailers	Pt.Charlotte	1st w/e	Wofenden	941-697-1235
082	Hitch-N-Go	Deland	4th w/e Usually	Kelly	904-734-7760
093	Drift Around Squares	Palatka	2nd w/e Usually	Moore	904-325-4118
126	B-Sharp Squares	Cooper City	3rd w/e Not Summer	Van Dette	954-975-6103
128	Square Wheels	Gainesville	3rd w/e	Zimmerman	352-336-5311
139	Limonaders	Lakeland	1st w/e Not Summer	Davis	941-859-6935
143	Florida Wheelers	Ocala	3rd w/e Not Summer	Rae	352-622-6334
153	Strawberry Travelers	Plant City	2nd w/e, but Not All mos.	Dodd	813-685-2688
168	Gypsy Squares	Jax	1st w/e	Delp	904-641-0392

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1 When a dancer goes down,
a second dancer attends to him/her.

2 Remaining couples join hands
and take a step backward.
This will allow the injured person
and attendant air and room.

3 Raise joined hands as high as
possible in the form of an
arched circle.

4 On seeing this signal, the caller or
hall monitor will immediately place
an Emergency Call for Medical Aid.

EMERGENCY CALL
for MEDICAL AID



Barefoot Bay Spinners

—Barefoot Bay

Wow! What a time we had at our graduation day. We have a nice little ceremony where the graduates receive their graduation certificates and new member badges. We had a nice set up of finger food and eight squares dancing. Then we invited the Twirlers to join our picnic on Saturday. The rain came down but it didn't stop our picnic. We just moved inside Building A. It did shorten our picnic, however.

We had a good group at the Brevard County Clubs' picnic. A couple of our members were lucky enough to share the 50/50 drawing. The sound was better this year. Sorry to say one of our members, Tony Priore, passed away after a long illness. Thor Gishe had surgery but he's looking good now.

A lot of our members have returned north, but we will still be dancing all summer. We have one more meeting in May. Then some of us will be off to the State Convention.

Bobbie Bollinger will miss the convention because she expects to have surgery on her knee.

While **Dale** is away in Hawaii, we will have **John Swindle** for a caller. We've had him before and enjoy his calling.

Remember, triumph is "umph" added to try. So may we all triumph in whatever we try.

Yellow rock to you all.

—Emily Bedell

Canaveral Squares

—Rockledge

Hello everyone! A great big thank you to all those who worked so hard to make Mardis Gras Time in '99 happen. Jim and Jan McConnaha and their committee did an exceptional job. Otis and Linda Lutz and their committee did such a wonderful job of fostering that Sew and Save philosophy and hands on attitude with demonstrations.



*Linda Lutz in the fabulous
Sew and Save room*

The Style Show was outstanding as were the after parties and skits. Callers and cuers were exceptional with all activities of square, round, contra, country/western, line, singles, youth and handicapable dancing sections.

The Northeast Florida Square & Round Dance Association committee put on an inspiring 2000 celebration. See you at the 46th!

On April 9, we were honored with the presence of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers Past Presidents, Jack and Zonie Taylor, who came to present "The Circle of Service Award" to Cecil and Jean Faulk, our Presidents, at our Anniversary Dance. Cecil and Jean were honored with this meritorious award, given to square and/or round dancers, who give significant time and energy to our community and state activities to promote the square and round dancing movement. Some of their peers in attendance were Linda and Otis Lutz, Rosalie Turner and Asa Clark. Cecil and Jean's generous contributions over the years are well known and greatly appreciated by all those who have worked with them and enjoyed the events they made happen. Our admiration and congratulations to both of you!

In April we visited the Allemanders. Their caller, **John Saunders**, had helped finish our student's lessons earlier that month.

John had them dancing with the Allemanders in eager anticipation of seeing them all at the 45th State Convention.

Jerry Reed, caller for the Yellow Rockers, crooned some beloved melodies on April 24 and we enjoyed our students again that evening. **Vince Furtado**, cuer to both clubs, was there with his mellifluous rounds. Thanks for the memorable evenings, Allemanders and Yellow Rockers.

Spring flowers, cookies and cake helped us celebrate in May. First, we had our Mother's Day and



Cookie Night Dance on May 7 when our caller, **Skip Cleland**, and our cuer, **Vince Furtado**, honored the mother's who danced free. It was a special evening of wonderful music among friends. Later in the month, we thanked Asa Clark, our class coordinator, for putting together a delightful Graduation Dance for Jerry Anderson, and Geoff Edmands. We are proud and delighted with their skills and the way they are already exploring other clubs in our area. **Skip Cleland** must take a well-deserved "bow" for the extraordinary amount of time and energy he so willingly gave our class since September. Also, congratulations go out to our angels for the patience and encouragement they gave these new dancers. Our students sincerely appreciate **Skip Cleland's** aid throughout the

teaching season and our guest callers of March and April, **John Swindle** and **John Saunders**, for helping them learn new plus movements in **Skip's** absence.

The Presidents' Council of Brevard County sponsored the Second Annual All Brevard Square Dance Clubs Family Picnic on Sunday, March 21, so we could all enjoy a day of celebration in Brevard. Many great Brevard County Club callers, great cuers, and great cooks and servers enjoyed in this fellowship.

Another day activity for us was the American Cancer Society's 4th Annual "Relay for Life" Team Event. Our thanks to **John Swindle** for contributing his time to call many lovely tunes for us as we danced for the volunteers and participants for an hour at McLarty Stadium, March 20.

Celebrating our 39th Anniversary Dance, April 9, Asa Clark gave us a sentimental journey into our past with his article "Canaveral Squares Beginnings". Our thanks to Asa for carefully relaying facts about our club that only he could recreate in his article.

The men danced free and enjoyed our pie night celebration at our Father's Day Dance on June 18th. No dance was scheduled on June 25 while dancers enjoyed the National Convention. Our 4th of July dance and social allowed everyone to catch up on Conven-

tion activities they enjoyed in May and June.

Vince Furtado will be our guest cuer June 18 and July 4. We look forward to his return each Friday starting Sept. 24. We're going to miss him while he's gone UNLESS we get out and visit other clubs in Brevard that he calls for each week.

LOOKING AHEAD SPECIAL DANCES: Open House Sept. 10 and 17 is set up to greet newcomers into our class. Amateur Caller Night will have us dancing to aspiring callers on October 1. Halloween costumes are in the works for our October 29 dance. Our social/dance evening we all look forward to. Thanksgiving Dinner Dance is Nov. 12 since NO DANCE is scheduled for Nov. 26. Come get a Yellow Rock and enjoy our snack table and dancing each Friday.

—Iver and Mary Duedall

Dixie Squares

—Daytona Beach

The Dixies have been keeping busy with several banner raids and many special events. The next few months promise to be just as active for us.

We had our St. Patrick's Day Dance in March and as always everyone had a grand time. April gave us our April Fools/Easter Bonnet Parade and a Root Beer Float night as well as a recycle

sale.

The Dixies graduated their students on May 6. This year we had 19 graduates and we are very proud of them. All 19 of them are in the Plus Workshops and many attended their very first State Square Dance Convention in Lakeland. Congratulations to each of them.

A large delegation from our club attended the State Convention in Lakeland. Many worked on the various committees and did a great job.

We had our annual Watermelon Roast at Manatee Park in Daytona Beach on May 16. Lots of good food and fun games were enjoyed by all.

In June we had an Ice Cream Sundae evening. Club members and guests made their own sundaes with several different toppings. Something to please everyone's taste.

An Indoor Picnic is planned for July 10. Dancers will enjoy the usual picnic meal of hot dogs and all the trimmings. Many may attend in red, white and blue outfits in honor of Independence Day. Our Pizza Night on July 22 is always a great night with good food and a lot of fun.

On August 19 we have a Western Night scheduled. Dancers will dress in their best western outfits with games to fit the occasion.

We are looking forward to our 40th Anniversary in September. New dancing season with Open House is to be held September 9 and 16. Soon our friends from the north will be returning and the season will again be in full swing. Take a trip over and visit with us.

—Teri & Jay Peck

Fellowship Squares

—Port Orange

We have had an exciting 1999. The attendance has been gratifying. Round dancers graduated in April. (See article following.) They have increased in numbers as well as ability, under the tutelage of **Irene Knapp**. Also the "rusty hinge" sessions have been well attended.

We were visited by the Spindrifters and the Starlight Promenaders on banner raids. We, in turn, went to Georgetown and New Smyrna to retrieve ours.

Our special nights went well. The luau brought out all the good cooks, flowered dresses, and the hula. Irene Knapp, Phyllis Heath, and Lillian Lovely showed us how it's done.

The hoe-down dance wound up with one member reaching the magic "10". Angelo Cerrito was the lucky winner of the "jaguar" (a desk set).

Recycle night gave members

a chance to replenish or change their wardrobes. Our modified cake walk once a month will continue through the summer.

Now that summer has arrived, our numbers have lessened, but our activities are going full speed ahead. We had three squares participate in an entertainment evening for the local Pennsylvania Club.

Our May 11 South of the Border night was well attended. The food had a Mexican flavor as did the decorations, and everyone was colorfully dressed. Spanish music and language were incorporated, also.

We were raided by the Dixie Squares in May and went to New Smyrna for a raid the following day.

A number of our members attended the State Convention as well as the National Convention.

Our "rusty hinge" hour before the regular dance is going well. We plan to continue it all summer as long as there is a call for it. If you would like to brush up on a call, this is the place to be.

—Barbara Charbonneau

Fellowship Rounds and Pearly Shells

—Daytona Beach

Irene Knapp and Audrey & Tom Philips held a joint graduation party for their Round Dance students April 26 at the Daytona

Beach Shores Community Center. It was an evening of fun, dancing, great food, and of course, testing for the graduates.

Irene's students (Fellowship Rounds) were taught Two Step and Waltz. Graduating were Jim & Karen Albright, Ray & Shirley Beams, Nick & Paula Bronnenberg, Art & Mary Butlak, Norm & Fay Cohn, Gil & Karen Gagne, Josette Halin, Hank & Dot Hodgson, Charles & Evelyn Humphrey, Annabelle Johnson, Lou & Loretta Kropp, Larry & Lillian Lovely, Al & Lillian Martin, Paul & Christine VerSteeg, and Joe Vogel.

Audrey & Tom's students (Pearly Shells) were taught Cha Cha and Waltz. They are now learning Two Step, which they will have completed by State Convention and will continue through the summer, practicing and reviewing figures they have learned. They are: Ray & Shirley Beams, Jim Bisher, Norm & Fay Cohn, Bill & Gisela Jacouto, Virginia Lalonde, Heidi Smith, and Bill & Pat Weber.

We had several other couples that had to drop out in the last few weeks due to moving, sickness, etc. We want to thank Charles Turner for angeling the single women. At one time we had three single women in the class. We also thank Gerry for letting him do it.

—Tom & Audrey Philips



Flagler Ocean Waves

—Flagler Beach

Our new officers were installed April 30 by the Past Presidents, Paul & Shirley Dean. Taking the helm are: Bonnie & John Palatini, President; Ella & Harvey Shriver, Vice President; Roland & Elaine Hebert, Treasurer; Wendy & Dale Hendrix, Secretary. *(Photo below)*

All active members formed a circle around the candidates and pledged their support for the upcoming year. Everyone thanked the outgoing officers for their devotion to duty and the prosperity of the club.

Committee chairpersons are: Past Presidents, Shirley & Paul Dean; Historian and Photographer, Margaret Davie; Membership, Ann & Felder Phillips; Publicity, Bea and Ed Beckenbach; Refreshments, Joe & Harry Leipold; Newcomers, Margie & Richard Bushnell; and Special Events, Pat & Bill Kampf and Johanna Petyo.

The winning team on Circus Night was Shirley and Hank Groit. They certainly added enjoyment to a festive evening hosted by Sharon and Bill Hepburn.

The Palm Coast Yacht Club invited RJ Hogan and the members to join them at a dinner-dance for a fun-filled evening of dancing and friendship.

The club pooled cars to go to Bass Capital Squares for their delicious buffet and comraderie. Granada of Ormond Beach retrieved their banner and the Spin Drifters from New Smyrna Beach did also. We are looking forward to the Honey Bees from Deland coming to steal a banner and the Starlight Promemaders from DeBary following. The River Ramblers think we have had their banner long enough and will join us soon. Our new Banner Chairman, Harvey Shriver, can be reached at 904-439-3814.

Kathy and Dan Koft from Rutgers Promenaders in New Jersey will call for us on June 18.



New Officers for Flagler Ocean Waves

On June 25 we will hold an Open House to encourage more people to learn to square dance.

Graduation exercises were conducted on May 21 for Sharon & David Currie, Jack Goldenberg, Betty Smuck, Dell & Harold Whitford, and Judy and Dan Jones. They were presented with a 1999 Mounted Yellow Rock for remembrance.



*Flagler Ocean Waves
Graduates*

The Flagler Ocean Waves dance at Flagler Beach Senior Center (Wickliffe Center) every Friday (but no dancing in July). Classes are held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and the regular dance ends at 10:00 p.m. **RJ Hogan** is our caller and **Wayne Guice**, our cuer. Casual dress is acceptable for June and August. Come join us. We're close to I-95—East on route 100 to Flagler Beach—first right over the new bridge. For more information call Bonnie or John at 904-445-2740 or look at our web site at floridadancing.com/flaglerow/.

—Bea Beckenbach

Honey Bees

—Deland

In April, the event was Wacky Monday. Dancers came dressed as a clown.

We installed a new slate of officers in May. The Florida State Convention was another smashing success.

Honey Bees have been busily raiding area clubs this quarter. We have raided Garden Patch Squares, Orlando Singles, Flagler Ocean Waves, Dixie Squares, Spindrifters and the Starlight Promenaders.

We have been raided by the Orange Blossom Squares, Pirates, Granada Squares, Orlando Singles, Dixie Squares, Spindrifters, Flagler Ocean Waves, and the Fellowship Squares.

RJ and Joan Hogan have set the dates of October 17-22 for their 1999 trip to Gatlinburg, TN. This event includes a lot of square dancing, admission to three shows, admission to Dollywood and three dinner meals. For more information, contact **RJ** or **Joan** at 352-376-2428.

Come dance with the Honey Bees, the friendliest club, on Monday night in the Deland Activities Center, 751 S. Alabama Avenue. The Plus workshop is from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m. and the dance is from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Our square dance caller is the great **R. J. Hogan** and our round dance

cuers is the one and only **Jim Cowen**. The last tip is "hot hash".

—Jerry & Ida Hoskins
—Tom & Mary Meyer

Orlando Singles

—Orlando

Well, the Singles are still at it—having fun dances, and having fun at it. January brought about amateur caller night. This was such a great success that we had to spread it over two nights. Our next big success was our chili night.

February was our valentine dance, and the crowning of the king and queen. Our queen was Louise Elliott, and king was Andy Goodemote. Congratulations to the both of you. We have had a lot of fun going on raids, as well, plus a lot of visitors and visiting clubs. You have heard the saying, "from rags to riches". That was



our Hobo Night. Louise Elliott made a flip-flop on that. She went from riches to rags. That's right, she went from queen to bag lady.

March was our Anniversary dance. We had a great turnout for this. We were honored with the appearance of some former members and some charter members.

Then we went into April with our Easter dance. Next was our hard

times dance. We all came with some badly worn clothes. However, one Charlie Waid took the prize on this one. He was hit so bad that he had to wear shopping bags on his feet. Closing the month of April was our hot dog night.

We came into May with our Mother's Day dance. The men had KP duty and supplied the food for the night. Our program chairperson made a mistake with this program.

Our last dance before state convention was dubbed flip flop night. Flip Flop most of us did in our own way. Some wore flip flops, some girls dressed like men, some men dressed like girls, and one wore her pettycoat outside her skirt and blouse. All was in fun, and we all had fun all the same.

We wish to thank all club members and all YOU in central Florida for your continued support of our club. Our thanks to **John Barrett** and **Joe Fioretti**, our callers, and **Phyllis Williams**, our cuer, who along with you make it the best. As always, we invite each and everyone of you to come join us every Friday night at the Ben White Raceway, after coffee at Perkins.

—Andy Goodemote

—*"Let's go
Dancing"*

Starlight Promenaders

—DeBary

The springtime program for 1999 has been quite a busy one for the Promenaders. A number of special dances were held and special awards presented to club members during that period. In March, 24 Promenaders demonstrated square dancing at the DeBary Hall Spring Festival. Sixteen dancers took part in a demonstration for the Deltona Senior Singles Club in the parish hall of Our Lady of Lakes Catholic Church in Deltona.

Twenty couples traveled to Apopka to take part in a banner retrieval at the Pirates.

March 17 was our St. Patrick's Day Dance. The evening was shared with 20 dancers from Fellowship Squares. The dance committee, Jerry & Ida Hoskins and Tom & Mary Meyers had the hall decorated beautifully for the occasion. Everyone present enjoyed the evening of "wearin' of the green". The following evening, twelve Promenaders travelled to Ocoee to raid the Garden Patch Squares. **R.J. Hogan** was our guest caller in March and brought along 16 of his Bass Capital Squares with him. Once again we were happy to have **Daphne Martin** as our guest cuer for the evening. We closed out the month's activities by raiding the

Orlando Singles.

The club started April with Bob and Marge Barr and Bill and Claire Poole taking over as presidents and vice presidents, respectively.

Our Badge Dance was a new idea in which all members were invited to display various badges and dangles they had acquired over their years of square dancing. A fun night and entirely different, the hall was decorated with replicas of club badges and dangles. The stage had an interesting display of badges, dangles and ribbons Randy and Carol Poole had received during their many years of dancing. They received an award for their fantastic display and for dancing in Iran and Korea. Carol received an additional award for having eight club badges. David Russell received an award for dancing the farthest away from DeBary as a Promenader, having 400 dangles and badges and for donating 42 GALLONS of blood! Joan Burke received an award for the most unusual dangle, dancing while pregnant!

Our semi-annual general meeting was held at Lake Monroe Campground in DeBary. Despite the rainy weather there was a good turnout, but it was a little too wet for picnicing and games after the meeting. Many thanks to Phil Sortore, Lee Whitten and Bud Pearl for preparing coffee and working over the grill and all the

cooks who brought the food!

We graduated 18 students in April and inducted them into the wonderful world of square dancing! Congratulations to all the new dancers and many thanks to Phil and Bobbi Morse, class coordinators and the many angels who worked with the class during the lessons.

Angel bars were presented to Phil & Bobbi Morse, 16 years; Evelyn Waite, 14 years; Ed Balistieri, 11 years; Terry VanNess, 3 years; Dick & Jeanne Lysobey, David Russell and Ron & Ann Roan, 1 year. An award for perfect attendance for 1998-99 was presented to Evelyn Waite.

The annual Mother's Day dance was a huge success with 9 dancers from the Dixie Squares, who were retrieving their banner, joining in. The hall was decorated in real fashion by Jack & Orliea Gay, Evelyn Waite and Vince Orlando. Prizes were awarded for the most children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and to Clara Ripley for having the most pictures of her grandchildren (22).

Also in May, George and Joan Knopf were presented the "Star" award by Gale and Laura Boak in recognition of service to the Promenaders. Since joining the club 13 years ago, they have served on the board as secretary and

director. They have participated in over 100 raids and helped in 3 conventions as well as the 46th National Convention. They are presently banner raid and publicity chairman and are serving as the West Volusia Area Directors for CFA.

That same evening, the dance was opened with a demonstration by the "Curliques", directed by SusanElaine Packer. They stayed for the rest of the dance since they are members of the Orlando Singles who were raiding us. SusanElaine called a tip for the club later in the evening.

PLEASE NOTE: We will only be dancing on the second and fourth Wednesday during July and August.

—Buttons

Wagon Wheels

—St. Cloud

The Wagon Wheel Square Dancers recently held a candlelight ceremony for our new graduates. **Dale McClary** handled the MC duties. Our new dancers were led from table to table while duties of the officers and members were explained. Each member was given their graduation certificate, their club badge, a copy of "Bow & Swing" and a packet of information about the "Wagon Wheel Square Dance Club." Next the dancers were invited to square up for their final test. With paper

bags on their hands, **Dale** called only movements where they had to use their hands. This was extremely hard as the bags didn't want to stay on and it was hard to catch someone's hand in the bag. Then **Dale** suggested they earn their "Venus" dangle and dance with no hands. This was fun to watch.

At our 50's Dance everyone dressed in 50's outfits. The girls wore poodle skirts, and the fellows wore T-shirts with their "cigs" caught up in their sleeve. We had some slick looking dudes.

Our caller for this dance was "Elvis". If you've never heard **Ernie Rollen** do his act, then you've missed a lot of fun. **Ernie** came dressed in a pink satin outfit. He calls for the Mavericks up in Middleburg.

John Swindle called for us one evening. What a terrific time we had even though St. Cloud was under a possible tornado warning. Not many of our dancers missed this dance and we truly enjoyed his unique way of putting the calls together.

John Saunders also called a Friday evening dance for us and did his usual terrific way of keeping the floor moving throughout the evening. We all had a marvelous time.

Dale and Carolyn took a long overdue vacation to Hawaii. They returned home exhausted, but thrilled at the wonderful time they had with 25 squares of dancers and

friends. They say they are ready to go again.

Recently, Wagon Wheels raided the Space Trackers with 35 dancers all in club outfits. We again had a wonderful time dancing to **John Swindle**. Space Trackers decided to turn our raid into a contest. The next thing we heard "they were going to beat us" with the number of dancers on a raid. We pooh-poohed the suggestion and then had to eat our words. A few weeks later they showed up with 43 dancers in tow. We had a total of 19 squares dancing that evening. What a night!!

We've also raided the Allemanders of Satellite Beach with 30 dancers and followed that with 33 dancers at the Pirates. They had guest caller **Bob Bourassa**. Wow, what a fun night that was.

Watch this space for what happens the next time the Wagon Wheels go on a raid.

—BettyLee

Whirl & Twirl

—Orlando

Whirl and Twirl elected a new board of Directors. New Presidents are Jack and Mel Frye who have been members for several years. They have served as board members previously and come to the presidency with lots of experience. They are ably supported by Will and Carol Barnhart, Vice Presidents; Jim and Connie Moore,

Secretary; Clayton and Carol Swain, Treasurer; Larry and Margie Heffner, Building Director; Bruce & Colleen Morgan, Special Events; Bill & Georgia Scott, Tenderfoot Vice President; and Jack & Ann Chamblin, Tenderfoot Director.

In May the Club held a Hawaiian Luau and everyone dressed for the occasion.



The hall was beautifully decorated in a Hawaiian theme by Larry and Marge Heffner including an operating waterfall with lots of greenery.

This provided a perfect backdrop for individual photos to commemorate the evening.

A recycle sale was held with the club benefitting from the proceeds. Now our graduation class will be all rigged out in the latest styles and fashions. Graduation for the 1999 class is July 14, followed by initiation into the club on July 21.

Roy Brown's Sunday afternoon Rounds are taking a well earned rest for the summer. Rounds will start again on September 20. Please mark your calendars. Classes will also begin at that time. Call cuer **Roy Brown**, 407-671-8903, for information and definite dates.

New square dance classes will also be held in our beautiful hall with a floating wood floor beginning in October. Please call

Danny Robinson, 407-671-7748, for dates and times.

Pot luck suppers continue to be held the last Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Bring a dish of your choice and join the group. Line dancing instruction is at 7:30 on Wednesday evenings with line dances between the square dance tips.

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—Rowena Wilson



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In Loving Memory

Long time square dancers in the Central Association will remember a dedicated dancer who died recently. William C. McAdam died April 7, 1999. He was 97. For 25 years, Bill and Lorretta danced their way through most of the area's square dance clubs. They began square dancing in 1961 with Danny Robinson and Roger Chapman. They danced rounds with Phyllis Williams and Ray & Laura Bookmiller. Bill held office in CFA as Vice President in 1966-67 and Treasurer in 1969-70. He was an active blood donor during this period. Bill and Loretta received Honorary Membership in CFA in 1979. We extend our sincere sympathy to Loretta.

Wickham Park Picnic Sequel II

The weather cooperated beautifully, clouds mixed with sun and a little windy as around 350 Square and Round Dancers gathered for the 2nd annual picnic at Wickham Park.

All the clubs of Brevard County were represented. These were: Partners-In-Progress, C-1 Dixie Diamonds, Barefoot Bay Twirlers, Space Trackers, The Yellow Rockers, Silver Squares, Grand Squares, Barefoot Bay Spinners, Canaveral Squares, The Barn, Allemanders and the Palm Bay Promenaders.

Each club was assigned specific duties for the picnic which were accomplished quite efficiently. Thanks to all who made it so. What about all those delicious hamburgers and hot dogs which were cooked by those Canaveral Squares members? M-M-M-M!! Great job, guys.

As usual, Woody Coyle did a superb job as emcee introducing our square and round dance callers and cuers. We enjoyed dancing to SusanElaine Packer, Otis Lutz, Dale McClary and John Swindle.

Jerry Reed stopped by for a short time to participate in the Purple Heart Dance, then he had to go because of calling obligations at The Barn. We missed you, Jerry.

Rounds were cued by Phyllis Williams, Vera Smith and Vince Furtado. Thanks for the "Very Smooth" dancing.

The 50/50 #1 Pot was won by Ed Miller, president of the Allemanders. Hey, congratulations, Ed! Barefoot Bay Spinners won the rest of the pot. Way to go Spinners!

Thanks goes out to all of you who pitched in to help with the clean up at the end of the picnic. Nice job!

Also a great big "Thank You" goes out to the President's Council of Brevard County for all the work and preparations it took to carry out this picnic. We all hope that this is the SECOND of many annual Wickham Park Picnics to follow in the years ahead.

It was a huge success!!!

—Submitted by Ruth Najarian

What a great idea!!! Doesn't this sound like a grand time? Couldn't the clubs in other counties in our nine-county association get together like this for an outing? Think of the fellowship generated as this group of club members got together for a day of fun and fellowship. I'll bet we all have individual picnics; what prevents us from following Brevard's example and getting together as a county?
—ed.

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Roy Rogers square danced in the movies?

In 1946 Roy Rogers and Dale Evans made one of their most successful movies. Their acting careers were just getting started, television was becoming in wider use, and square dancing was beginning to enjoy its post war success.

The 1946 film "My Pal Trigger" also featured "Gabby" Hayes. In that film there was square dancing, but on horses. The Sons of the Pioneers provided the music and calling. Roy

and Dale, along with a couple dozen other people, square danced on horses.

They did calls such as "circle to the left", join up with your partner" and a "figure eight" formation. In 1946 few people knew what square dancing was. Even though the dancing was done on horses, it was good publicity for the soon to be popular dance.

Roy Rogers died on July 7, 1998 at his retirement home in Apple Valley, California.

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