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Congratulations Bill & JoAnn Boyd, 2004 Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame Inductees



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President's Message

At the time of this writing the 50th state convention is less than four weeks away. We are looking for a very successful and memorable three days. Everywhere we visit, dancers are ready to travel to Lakeland. Our little anniversary cake has traveled to most of the central Florida clubs; Anna and I are trying hard to make sure that you see it at your club dance.

The generosity of Florida square dancers has once again become evident. On April 25 the CFA held a benefit dance for Tim Hoffman, Jack & Barbara Hoffman's Grandson. Tim was left paralyzed by a diving accident. It was known by the Central Florida Dancers Association that the family needed a wheel chair lift for their Van. Donations were received from all over the area. A big thank you to the Space Tracker Square Dance club for hosting the dance and a special thank you to Whit Brown & Jerry Reed along with Phyllis Williams, Vera Smith & Larry Chatos for calling and cueing. If there isn't enough money to install the lift, surely we have made a large dent in the cost. We wish Tim and his family the best possible future.

The next 5th Saturday Dance will be held on 31 July 2004 at the new Senior Center, Saint Cloud. Dancing will start with early rounds at 7:30 squares at 8:00pm. John Swindle will call and Phyllis Williams will cue. All CFA members are reminded to attend the general membership meeting and potluck dinner at 3:00pm. We will elect officers for the 2004-2005 season.

Dan and Anna Foust
CFA President



Bill & JoAnn Boyd

2004 Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame Inductees

Bill and JoAnn Boyd began as Round Dancers, and after two years found the enjoyment of Square Dancing. Square and Round Dancing has been a large part of their lives for the past sixteen years. This may not be a long time but they've accomplished much. Bill & JoAnn with son Randy own a printing and publishing business in Apopka, Florida. They decided to dedicate this resource to promoting our recreational activity to the best of their abilities. A few years ago, they purchased *Bow and Swing* magazine, the Florida State Square and Round Dance Magazine. *Bow and Swing* is recognized as one of the best and most imaginative Square Dance Magazine in the United States. They have won awards for the publication at the National Conventions. Bill and JoAnn believe that they are not selling or promoting Square and Round Dancing—they are selling fun! They believe this country is ready for a rebirth of family fun and recreation. They firmly believe this country is ready for Square and Round Dancing to be part of that recreation.

Their belief is so great that they worked with Ed and Pat Juare to bring about the purchase of *American Square Dancer Magazine*. Ed and Pat have promised to work with Bill so he could continue to publish a monthly magazine easily and readily accepted by dancers, callers, cuers and prompters worldwide. This is evident when one reads this quality magazine.

When one travels around the State it is evident that Bill and JoAnn have Square Dancing on their minds. They travel to all the associations' money making dances, from DeFuniak Springs, Fall Fun Fest, Northeast Roundup, Shamrock Swing to the Snow Flake Frolic.

They have attended many National Square Dance Conventions. He can be seen wandering around taking pictures of unsuspecting people, and surely they will show up in *Bow and Swing* always with an amusing caption. He states if you send in a photo you had better caption it or they will. Additionally his editorials

in both magazines are thought provoking and make one consider seriously what the article is about.

Bill attends almost every Federation meeting with a report on how Bow and Swing is doing and any other important points. We consider this important in that we in the Federation are informed.

Editors Note: And the citation does not begin to mention the support he provides for this publication; updating *Burlesons Encyclopedia*, the square dance bible with over seven thousand calls defined. Good Job and many thanks Bill and JoAnn. Yellow Rock! As Mary Butlak, the Hall of Fame Chair was starting to read the citation, she said, "he's walking across the floor to me, Bill Boyd". At that moment, Bill registered shock as he heard his name. See the jaw dropping below. The impression left by his chin on the floor is still there.



Huh?



Who Me? Duh



Help Me Zonie





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It Pays To Pay Attention

Look what happens when you're not paying attention! Mike Doughty found out. Don and Mary Ann Reason are putting the finishing touches on

Mikes new look. Ain't he cute? BUT red bloomers and cowboy boots? Oh well, no accounting for this fashion statement!

Judy Frye



Mike Mikeal Circle of Service Award

The Canaveral Squares raided the Wagon Wheels in St. Cloud on April 23rd.

Mike Mikeal was surprised! Judy Frye presented him the Circle of Service.

Mike is a Charter Member of the Wagon Wheels and has always been very active in the club by being its President (more than once), Vice-President (more than once), Secretary, Treasurer and every other position the club asked of him (and more than once). Mike not only is a good square dancer, he is an accomplished round dancer too, dancing the phase 5-6 levels.



Over the years Mike has danced at Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Parties and Mickey's Easter Parades, (more than once). Also, he was one of the privileged few invited to be part of the christening of Disney's first cruise ship the "Disney Magic", (only once).

Mike has been a member of the CFA for several years taking on the position of Assistant Club Historian. Then 3 ½ years ago he became the Osceola County

Representative, which he still does. He has been a tireless worker promoting square dancing for his club, his community, and the Central Florida Association. He truly has earned this Circle of Service Award.

CONGRATULATIONS MIKE

Judy Frye

Our View of Convention

Oh my God, It's time to open the doors. Uhh, we're late getting this one open. Let's check the East Door. Wow, everyone has a ribbon. Good. No one has fallen in the Mainstream Room—good!. What a steam-bath in the Round 3, 4 and 5 Hall. Lakeland Center, we have a problem. Oh, the East Air Handler has kicked off line. How long to get it back? Good, the temp has dropped six degrees in the last fifteen minutes. Oh-mi-gosh, she doesn't have a ribbon—Yes ma'am, you must have a ribbon, Please come over to the Registration Window to pay. Thank You. And so it went.

Many events made the Convention this year. Some of the more notable were: sadly, the last performance by the Curliques choreographed by Susan Elaine Packer, a stunning and wonderful rendition of the Star Spangled Banner by Laurie Saunders (grand-daughter of John and Linda), a poem about our Flag, the posting of the colors by the US Navy Junior ROTC of Pasco County, the Special Steppers doing squares—good they got Bruce and coming back to Contra, the Fashion Show (I remember that outfit) coming through the frame, Bill Boyd strolling across the rink as his name was called, Bob Poyner, Danny R, and, the 8:05 Express (2005 in 24 hour clock-speak) carrying the Federation Officers to Lakeland for Next Year. More people than Last year—about 1400 admissions. I heard 2005 had more pre-registrations than this one. The worker-bees did their thing, twas beautiful. The “brass” let the workers go. Bruce was a beast—he said e-mail; he meant it— E-mail was the communication medium— picture Bruce sitting with hands poised over the keyboard at the ready—replies came back almost before they were finished being sent.

Our Cuers joined hands with our Callers, and, did their thing! They set up their equipment, sounded the rooms to properly place the speakers for best coverage, then they called/cued, entertained, taught, remembered calls/cues from long ago, they work-shopped them. Four callers collaborated: one called while three others tormented a dancer couple earning their Purple Heart. They broke down, packed their equipment and left the Convention.

And the dancers were friendly, they were beautifully attired. They danced well. They Yellow Rocked every time they Stacked the Wood. And they danced. Then they talked. And so the weekend passed into my memory book. It was GR-R-Reat 50th Anniversary Convention.

Tom & Eivor Brown

We Care!

Sunday, April 25th, the Central Florida Association (CFA) sponsored a Benefit Dance for Tim Hoffman. Tim is a grandson of Jack and Barbara Hoffman. The Hoffmans are very active members of our square dance community. The Space Trackers Square Dance Club hosted this dance. Dancers came from all over Central Florida, including Clermont, Debary, Deland, Orlando and other cities as well. Dancers came from as far away as Jacksonville and West Palm Beach. We all came together in support of Tim Hoffman's need for a wheelchair lift for a van.

Tim was involved in a diving accident over a year ago that paralyzed him and he is now confined to a wheelchair. This young man of 22 has handled his disability better than many of us would and has a smile that lets you know he is doing OK. The dance was a lot of fun, and in the process of having fun, the Florida square dance family came together to help out another family member. To say the least, it was heart warming. Cuers attending were Phyllis Williams, Vera Smith and Larry Chatos. Callers, Whit Brown and Jerry Reed.

Jack and Barbara Hoffman along with their daughter, Terri Little, want to thank everyone who attended and/or sent donations for Tim's cause. Money collected at the dance was \$1966.00 bringing the total to \$4648.30 as of this date. The Hoffmans said, --- "Square dancers are very special people and we are very proud to be a part of them. Please know that all the love we felt at Tim's Benefit from all of you is returned twice-fold. Thank you just doesn't seem like enough, but just know that each of you is very special to us."

**A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO
ATTENDED, SENT DONATIONS AND ESPECIALLY
THE CALLERS AND CUERS.**

What a warm feeling to know just how generous square dancers
are when others are in need.

Jim & Jan McConnaha

Time Marches On And So Do Our Conventions

Lest we forget, here in Florida we enjoy five Associations within the Florida Federation, our State-wide Square and Round Dancing Organization. The five are: Northwest, Central, West Coast, Northeast and Southeast. The federation is led by the President—this year, a member delegate from one of the Northwest, Fred & Shirley Cornett. The Vice President, Garland & Carole McKenzie, hails from Southeast; Secretary Jack & Kathy McKinney are from Northeast; Treasurers Ken & Sue Brown are from West Coast; and, the newly elected Parliamentarians Randy & Carole Poole are from Central. The body sponsors our State Conventions.

There are right now five different convention committees working on the plans for their respective convention. Next year, our hosts are the Northeast Association in the person of Val and Charlie Newsome. Their committee is now in the most frenzied time—the last year. The plans moved from paper to reality this past weekend as their kickoff opened the last evening of dance. They put a train in the Lakeland Center. They had the five federation officers ride in the passenger cars all the way from their way-points to Lakeland. While we danced the night away, they were packing up the federation property for use next year, selling the early bird tickets and continuing the planning process with an eye toward execution. They were taking copious notes at the wrap up meeting Monday morning as the 50th committees spoke their piece about the good; the bad; and ways to improve our convention. Then and only then did they go home and face the task of unloading.

Val & Charlie have asked me to remind you of their forthcoming convention. You'll find the ad shortly after.

So much for Florida, we, the Florida Federation send a delegation to the National Convention, in Denver, CO this year. Send is probably not the correct word because it implies the person going is compensated. They earn double my salary of \$ 0.00

nually. But they represent the Dancers of the State of Florida fearlessly. They cart the *Showcase of Ideas* and our History Books to Denver and set it up, they staff the booth and give out goodies to passerby, answering any of a multitude of questions about dancing in Florida. They get to dance a little, attend some meetings about common matters like the USDA Insurance and other business currently in process at the Nationals. They may even work on one of the National Committees like Publicity or even the Convention Committee. Which brings me to my next point—the National Convention is set for Denver, June 24—26. Time is quickly running out to get your tickets and travel to the mile high city and enjoy some superb dancing to National level Callers; Cuers; Prompters and Leaders. Again, the ad follows shortly.

Many exciting things are happening in the dance world. Minnesota has experienced a rebirth of modern Western Square Dancing by getting public television to air their story which is focused on the local clubs and PEOPLE. Another group has started to get our following generation by making a square dance competition in answer to the normally asked question—how did you do? After someone finds out you've danced at convention.

Watch this station for more news on the dance front.



Tim Hoffman with Grandmother Barbara



Tim Hoffman above; with his Family below



An Ode for the 50th

The following poem was written by a couple of new dancers, Bill Gass and Sue Franks. They belong to both the Space Trackers and the Canaveral Squares. They have become very involved and they traveling to other dances. Sue said they just wanted all to know how much they appreciated all the hard work that went into putting on a Convention.

Jan McConnaha

2004 State Convention

By: Sue Frank and Bill Gass

Last year we missed it, and felt really bad,
But at this year's 50th, we were more than glad!

From the time we entered the Lakeland Center door,
It was non-stop fun; we contra danced and more!
We met smiling faces from morn to day's end
And went home with tired feet and a few new friends.

The callers were grand, the entertainment, too,
(Without ice cream and pizza, what would we do.)
We appreciate the work the committees did for us
To attend a convention without any fuss.

To the planners and do-ers, we give a big cheer,
We look forward to attending again next year.

Friendship set to music
SQUARE DANCING

GET ON BOARD!



Hope you had a great time at the 50th State Convention. Bruce and Colleen Morgan and their staff did a great job in providing the dancers with a fun filled enjoyable weekend. What a great party it was!

Now it is time to “Get On Board” for the 51st State Convention. Did you see the kickoff? That was just a sample of what is being planned for 2005. Charlie & Val Newsome and their staff have been working hard in preparing a great convention next year!

Get your “Boarding Pass” now and “Get On Board”!

Please look for news releases and surprises in the months ahead! Make sure you’re on the right Track!

51st State Convention Website

The 51st Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention Web Site to Tom Perry’s Florida Dance Web site. The direct address is: <http://www.geocities.com/nfsrda/convention.html> Once there please click on the link that will take you to the Pictures of the Kick-Off. It has pictures of the train. “GET ON BOARD” Let me know if anything needs to be changed. Forward this link to anybody and everybody that you want.

Bruce Morgan

Here are a group of pictures that a gentleman from our



Golden Anniversary Pictures on Line

club took. Please click on the following address and then follow the instructions on the screen. Please forward this link to as many people as you would like. You can kill the music by sliding the bar on the left to the bottom of the page and click on the double vertical bars.

<http://www.picturetrail.com/gallery/view?p=999&gid=4172132&uid=123393>

It was a great convention and Colleen & I would like to thank you all for helping. Plus we would like to thank all the dancers, callers, cuers, prompters and country western leaders that attended and/or worked at the convention.

**Thanks again,
And, Lotsa Yellow Rocks**

Bruce & Colleen Morgan

Editor's Note: Every single Committee Chairperson began his or her debrief by saying in so many words—"We couldn't have done the Convention without the untiring efforts of the many dancers, callers, cuers, prompters and leaders that accomplished so much" I'm sure they all join me in saying a great big

THANK YOU!.



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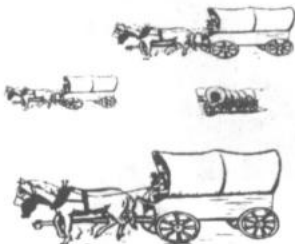
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More Pics



OUR NEW DANCERS

New dancers are the most important people in square dancing.

New dancers are not dependent on us; we are dependent on them.

New dancers are not an interruption of our dance; they are the purpose of it.

New dancers do us a favor when they come in; we are not doing them a favor.

New dancers are part of our square dancing; they are not outsiders.

New dancers are human beings with feelings; they deserve to be treated with respect.

New dancers come to us with wants and needs to be filled; it is our obligation to fill them.

New dancers deserve the most courteous attention we can give them. They are the lifeblood of square dancing. Without them, we would have no square dancing.

You were once a new dancer. Don't ever forget it!

Happy Hal Petsche

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Club News

CLERMOUNT SQUARES

*The end has come
For awhile at least
The need for Club News
Has temporarily ceased.
Our praise, however,
Will never quit.
Whether in verse or not
For Judie and Whit.*

The club stops dancing May 1 until October 5. In the meantime, come visit Whit Brown's Funshop on Tuesday nights starting May 4 and continuing through September. Same place the club dances.

Bob and Bobbe Hutchins

WHIRL & TWIRL

We hope you all attended the 50th State Square and Round Dance Convention last month. If you did, we know you had a great time. Bruce and Colleen Morgan and their committees had worked very hard making sure this convention was a grand party. Our thanks go to them.

Whirl & Twirl elected new officers at the annual luau and general membership meeting on May 14. Bob & Ginny Osborne were elected president and Jack & Mel Frye were elected as vice president. Secretary, Dick & Rowena Wilson, and treasurer, Bruce & Colleen Morgan are staying on in their current jobs. Big thanks to Dick and Marcella Brandeberry for a great job as president this past year and to their board which has led us so well and provided such special activities for us. The new officers will be installed in a ceremony on June 11. An ice cream social will complete the evening. This date is also the 42nd Anniversary of the Whirl & Twirl Club. That is something, in itself, to celebrate.

We will graduate the basic class currently in progress on June 30th. I hear it is a very nice group of student dancers. We surely look forward to welcoming them into the club. In order to keep our nice wood floor looking good, it is necessary that it be refinished periodically. Therefore, our club will be closed on July 2nd and July 7th for the contractor to complete the job. We welcome your visit any other time, however. We dance Mainstream Level Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with line dances between tips. Friday evening is our Plus Level dances 8:00 to 10:00 with Danny Robinson calling and Roy Brown cueing rounds between tips. Hope you can come dance with us. We will make you welcome.

Shirley Knapp

Allemanders

The Allemanders had a busy April. First, they celebrated their 48th Anniversary and honored all those who served the Club as Presidents. Another big event was the annual fish fry at the beach, hosted by Super Fisherman, Nubar Najarian, and wife, Hush-puppy Queen Ruth. Sandwiched between our regular

dances were visits to clubs in Orlando, Rockledge, and Barefoot Bay. Banner raid chairman Bob Danza keeps us organized and on the move! We had the pleasure of hosting raiding clubs, the Barefoot Bay Twirlers and Palm Bay Promenaders.

Our Canadian friends, winter "regulars" at all square dances in this area, have already said good-bye. It seems that all our treasured "snowbirds" have begun their Northern drift. They will be sorely missed.

We dance the first three Saturday evenings in till July. We all look forward to John Saunders and Vince Furtado doing their usual superb job of keeping us stepping and grinning. Hope you join us for at least one dance this month.

Donna Noeske

Space Trackers

Well, here we are in the midst of summer with lots of our members taking time to travel here and there. Meanwhile, back at home base, our club introduced the new class graduates into the routine of Saturday night dancing and the funshop classes on Monday evenings. In July we'll host guest callers Jerry Reed and Steve Ekin. Special dance chairman, Judy Frye is planning summertime fun nights coming up in July and August, so check it out!! August we'll again dance to Jerry Reed and Don Hanhurst. Of course, the first and third Saturdays, Whit Brown keeps us on our toes with a variety of figures sure to challenge us every time! September brings Paul Place back again to delight our dancers and Dale McClary will also be on tap to do his best to dare us to fail to keep up with his great calling.

During the summer months we concentrate on extending our hands in friendship to those who haven't yet found out how much fun square dancing can bring to them along with all kinds of additional benefits that we all find in this activity. Our classes commence on Monday evenings come September 13th. We hope to have a great "Kick Off" night for those seeking a good time with friendly people.

Hope we will have the opportunity to see you all at a dance with us real soon!!

Vera & Dick Smith

NSDCA—082

Hitch-N-Go

July 2004 Campout, July 23-25, Old Mill Stream Campground, Umatilla, Fl. Ph: (352) 669-3141

- Hosts:** Lee & Joyce Whitten, Vi & Roland Lassonde
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Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Pot Luck; 7:30 p.m. Early rounds;
 8:00 p.m. Dance/ After party
Sunday: 8:00 AM Pancake Breakfast

August 2004 Campout, August 27-29, Clerbrook Golf and RV Park, Clermont, Fl. ph: (352) 394-5513,

- Hosts:** Hosts: Lee & Joyce Whitten, Dick & Nancy Fournier
Friday: Dinner on your own. Dance at 8:00 p.m. After party.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Pot Luck dinner; 7:30 p.m. Early rounds;
 8:00 p.m. Dance/ After party
Sunday: Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Pancake breakfast.

September 2004 Campout, September 24-26, Old Mill Stream Campground, Umatilla, Fl. ph: (352) 669-3141

- Hosts:** Hosts: Ron & Sue Reardon, Dick & Nancy Fournier
Friday: Dinner on your own. Dance at 8:00 p.m. After party.
Saturday: Saturday: Afternoon--Games; Dig out Grandma's best recipe and bake your best for a grand fundraising Bake Sale Saturday afternoon!!!
 5:00 p.m. Pot Luck dinner; 7:30 p.m. Early rounds;
 8:00 p.m. Dance/ After party
Sunday: Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Pancake breakfast

Spinners

Spinners News: Almost all of our snow birds have flown the coop to their summer places. We have lost about 60 percent of our dancers but we will continue to dance all summer to the calling of Dale McClary. The dress code for our Thursday afternoon dances is casual (shorts, short sleeve blouses & shirts) but if you

feel you want to come in square dance attire you will always be welcomed by this friendly club. We will have some special surprise refreshments at least once a month but no dates have been set as of this writing. Dale is teaching one PLUS call a month and the dancers are enjoying this. During the month of May we did Ping Pong Circulate. Only Dale knows what the figures will be in the next 3 or 4 months.

The Spinners have been asked to demonstrate square dancing at a local high school. The program that the school district is putting on is called "CAROUSEL of CULTURES" A Multicultural Fair in hopes of enhancing our community's understanding and appreciation of our American Heritage. Students, parents, and the community at large will be attending. The officers of our club saw a great opportunity to show the benefits and enjoyment of Our Country's Favorite Pastime. We will be dancing at two different times for about 1/2 hour each on the main stage. We will be dancing Mainstream and also Plus with music that will get their feet tapping. The possibilities are great.

Harold L. Brooks

DIXIE SQUARES

"In your Easter Bonnet" ...that is the way the Dixie's danced at their Easter Parade Dance on April 8th. The hall was filled with colorful hats in every category. The Blue Bandits aided that night making it a fun evening. Alice Spilman took home the huge basket the Easter Bunny filled. All the hats were winners so a drawing awarded the prizes. The red headed caller's tall hat brought lots of chuckles.

Once again the clubs "Recycle Dance" was a financial success and the dancers and visitors were able to add to their closets for just a few dollars. The clubs three little students loved getting all of that "dress-up" stuff. April wound down with a fun filled picnic at Riverfront Park on the 25th. The highlight of the day was the opportunity to dance "Under Water With John" and earn that special dangle. "Aunt Fanny" was there also with more dangles.

The big night at the Dixie's was May 6th, Graduation

night. A beautifully decorated cake adorned the serving table. John awarded 22 diplomas and it was a very special event for two families in particular as not only did mom and dad get diplomas but 4 of the kids as well in one family, and two kids in another. This made for an interesting year of lessons, and the kids espe-



cially passed the written test flying colors. Not only did Caller John test them that way, but also called an unusual "special" tip. A grand march ended the ceremonies, with all of the grads joined by club members and guests, breaking off into squares....and there they were...official Dixie's! Plus workshops began the

following week. The grads are working hard to learn it all and enjoy dancing with the club for the first hour each week throughout the summer.

The Dixie's have been active in the raid department, and the awarding of a special dangle for every 10 raids is good incentive. The dancers that have 10 raid dangles are just as smiley as those that have 60 and above as they look ahead to that accomplishment. Interaction with other clubs is such a key part of a successful club, and Banner Chairman Charles Tolbert reminds us of that weekly. Come visit the Dixie's and we will visit you to retrieve our banner.



The Dixie's have two special dances scheduled for June. Red, white and blue will be seen everywhere on June 10th, the Flag Day Dance....and you will be right back to the "Roaring 20's" on June 24th. July 1st an Indoor Picnic will be held and on July 22nd a Summer Swing Dance. Join us on those dates and also what is

better on a warm August evening than an Ice Cream Social...and the Dixie's are hosting one on the 12th. Casual dress is optional for the dances in July and August so come on over and join the fun. The Dixie's, along with John and Irene, will show you a good dancin' time.

Dixie Board Members escorted one of the families up to receive their diplomas from John Barrett at Dixie Graduation on May 6th. Congrats to Mom, Dad, Monica and Edward.

Yellow Rocks

Joanne Engum

Canaveral Squares

The Canaveral Squares, along with all of the Central Association of Square and Round Dancers, are gearing up for the 50th State Convention in Lakeland Memorial weekend. Saturday night the Canaveral Squares banner will be carried in the Grand March with pride. Our class has begun at the new YMCA in Cocoa. It is not going as well as we had hoped, but more plans are in the works. Our Caller, Jerry Reed, and our President, Ailene Picheco, are determined to find new Square Dancers.

The Canaveral Squares Cookbook with Out of This World Recipes will be available this fall. A great gift for the holidays.

Our dances on Tuesday nights start with squares at 7:30 and alternate with Phyllis Williams on the rounds. We finish around 9:30 P.M. to make it an early night. We are an easy-going club and welcome all dancers.

Come join the fun. Because Jerry travels out of town frequently, we have a chance to bring in some great guest callers. John Swindle, Dale McClary, Sonny McCartney, to name but a few. Check our listing in the newspaper to see what's happening. Phone: (321) 452-7963 or (321) 635-8815 or Email: apicheco@juno.com or visit our Website: www.JReedSDC.com

Ailene

Royal Squares

This is the first time in a long time that you have heard from the Royal Squares of Leesburg; perhaps it is the first time. Since our current president couple Dick and Dottie Jarvis are members of the Central Florida association I thought it only appropriate to include news from the Royal Squares in the association publication.

We have held beginner/mainstream classes and Plus classes/funshops each season for the past three years. Participation in both has been extremely encouraging. We have increased our membership significantly. Much of the credit for the success of our classes goes to our club caller Paul Place. He is a very meticulous and patient top-drawer instructor. Club cuer Joanne Helton has been holding cued round dance classes each year as well. These two exceptional professionals have been valued assistants to our club leaders in perpetuating square dancing here in the Royal Highlands community.

We have had a great year of dancing here in our Great hall and good participation in most of our raids and retrievals. We dance here at Royal Highlands on the second and fourth Monday of each month with early rounds beginning at 7 pm. We square up at 7:30 pm for an evening of plus dancing. We dance until 9:30pm. Our banner raid chairs are Lucille and Ralph Ramsey. They can be reached at 352-315-0575 to schedule raids and retrievals.

Now for a summary of our year, we began the year on September 20th with a casual dress community dance where a variety of country-dances were featured. Turn out was good. Our first dance of the 2003-2004 season was a theme dance held on September 22nd, which was well attended by our members. Guests from the Clermont Squares helped us fill the floor as they came to raid us for our one remaining banner. Since several clubs raided us in the late spring of 2003, we needed to retrieve banners before we could accept any more raids. We retrieved our banner from the Garden Patch Squares in early October, the Orange Blossom squares in mid October and the Whirl and Twirl in early November. Our dances in the Great Hall held in October,

November and December were all well attended. We began 2004 by resuming our plus funshop January 6th followed by a regular dance on January 12th The dance classes on Tuesday January 13th began slowly but by early February we had three squares of new dancers attending each week. Recreation Plantation and the Garden Patch Squares raided us in January. We also retrieved our banner from the Clermont Squares. On February 9th at our annual Valentine sweetheart dance the Sunshine Promenaders and the Holiday Squares who came to retrieve their banners joined us on the floor for a boot scootin' good time. At our Sadie Hawkins dance in February the Recreation Plantation who came to retrieve their banner joined us.

In March we raided the Whirl and Twirl and the Clermont Squares. At our regular dance on March 8th the Clermont Squares returned the favor and raided us. The Apopka Pirates joined in for retrieval. The welcomed bright orange and white of the Orange Blossom Squares who came to retrieve their banner joined us at our Wearing O'' the Green dance. We celebrated April fools day by retrieving our banner from the Garden Patch Squares of Ocoee. Later in the month we raided the Sunshine Promenaders of Leesburg. April ended our raid/retrieval season until next fall.

Our last dance of the season was on Monday May 10th where our snack table was full of pies. This was our annual Pie night theme dance. The Whirl and Twirl retrieved their banner, which helped us fill the floor. The beginner/mainstream class ended on the last Tuesday in June. Their Graduation will occur at one of our first dances in the early fall. The Plus funshop continued through June as well. On Memorial Day weekend, the Royal Squares attended the Golden Anniversary State Convention in Lakeland. Many of our members were back at their northern homes but twelve couples were there to enjoy the festivities. We start the engines and cruise again on Monday October 11th. Plus workshops and beginner/mainstream classes start on Tuesday the October 12th. In the meantime, those of us who are around Royal Highlands all summer will join Whit Brown and the Clermont Squares funshop on Tuesday evenings at the Clerbrook RV Park. Paul Place and Ron Libby share the calling

honors at the Sunshine Promenaders summer dances at the Masonic Hall in Leesburg on Friday evenings. We will be there too. If we don't see you at one of these dances we'll catch you on the upside of the fall season. Keep on danc'in.

Hal Springer

Florida Association of Single Square and Round Dancers

By the time you read this article, the 50th Florida State Convention will be a memory; and a very good memory. I attended the Georgia Singles Convention in Warner Robbins, Georgia where we danced to Gary Monday of Fairview, NC, our own John Swindle of Rockledge, and Misty Hannah of Montgomery, AL. Attendance was down but we had a great time renewing friendships and making new ones. I sold five ribbons to our state convention while there.

Hope you're making plans to join us on the Road to Atlanta for the 34th National Singles Dance-A-Rama Labor Day Weekend. We've chartered a 56-passenger motor coach to take us to Atlanta; let's fill the bus. Our own Joe Fioretti is scheduled to call. We want good representation from Florida. The round trip cost is \$80 per person. Dancers are responsible to purchase their own convention ribbons and make their own hotel and tour reservations. Shirley White in Jacksonville and I both have ribbons. We'll happily sell you one. And, you don't have to be a single or FASSRD member to join us on the bus or at the convention.

Our FASSRD Single Rama will be at the Kenilworth Lodge, Sebring, FL, Oct 8th & 9th. Joe Fioretti; Whit Brown; and, the Griffing will be "on mike". Dancing and lodging under one roof.. Have a great time doing squares and rounds, then enjoy two DJ's booked at the after parties Friday and Saturday. You need not be a single or a member of FASSRD to join us for this fun filled weekend. For more information on these dances and others, please check our website at floridadancing.com/fassrd, or email me at sqdnfan@aol.com or call 863-967-5004.

Yellowrocks

Penny Green

Clermont Squares

Our club doesn't officially dance during the summer months but Whit Brown always has a Funshop going. He changed format this year. From now until the end of September, Whit will have a half-hour work shop from 7:30 to 8:00; from 8:00 to 9:30 it will be regular square dancing, casual dress. As always, this is on Tuesday nights at Clerbrook RV Park on State Route 27, 7 miles north of Clermont. Whit's Funshops have always been "fun." Come join him. See you in our square.

Bob and Bobbe Hutchins

Hey MOMS; Just For U

These are answers given by school-age children to the following questions:

Why did God make mothers?

- ~ She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
- ~ Think about it, it was the best way to get more people.
- ~ Mostly to clean the house.
- ~ To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

- ~ He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
- ~ Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
- ~ God made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?

- ~ We're related.
- ~ God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

- ~ God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
- ~ They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string. I think.

What kind of little girl was your mom?

- ~ My mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.
- ~ I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.

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~ They say she used to be nice.

How did your mom meet your dad?

~ Mom was working in a store and dad was shoplifting.

What did mom need to know about dad before she married him?

~ His last name.

~ She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on Beer? Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

Why did your mom marry your dad?

~ My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mom eats a lot.

~ She got too old to do anything else with him.

~ My grandma says that mom didn't have her thinking cap on.

What makes a real woman?

~ It means you have to be really bossy without looking bossy.

Who's the boss at your house?

~ Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such a goofball.

~ Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.

~ I guess Mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

What's the difference between moms and dads?

~ Moms work at work and work at home, and dads just got to work at work.

~ Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.

~ Dads are taller and stronger, but moms have all the real power 'cause that's who you gotta ask if you want to sleep over at your friend's.

What does your mom do in her spare time?

~ Mothers don't do spare time.

~ To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

What's the difference between moms and grandmas?

~ About 30 years.

~ You can always count on grandmothers for candy. Sometimes moms don't even have bread on them!

Describe the world's greatest mom:

~ She would make broccoli taste like ice cream!

~ The greatest mom in the world wouldn't make me kiss my fat aunts!

~ She'd always be smiling and keep her opinions to herself.

Is anything about your mom perfect?

~ Her teeth are perfect, but she bought them from the dentist.

~ Her casserole recipes. But we hate them.

~ Just her children.

What would it take to make your mom perfect?

~ On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.

~ Diet. You know, her hair. I'd dye it, maybe blue.

If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?

~ She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.

~ I'd make my mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.

Ailene Picheco

Allemanders

Summer schedule for the Allemanders has begun. We'll be dancing twice a month, the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays, during July, August, and September. We will be going on banner raids (sometimes combined with dinner enroute) to fill out our dance schedule.

We, Allemanders, like all square dancers, do love the dining excursions connected with banner raids, of course. We also enjoy working together on community projects such as volunteering at Samsons Island Park and collecting food for local charity. This year Laverne Miller got a Red Hat group started for the ladies; already there is a spin-off from that as Laura Ellen Cooper has offered to get a quilting club going. These extra activities and projects within the club add to the fun and cement friendships. As the old song goes, "The More We Get Together the Happier We'll Be!" It is so true.

Hope you can come dance with us!

Donna Noeske

Thirty Years

What a difference Thirty Years makes. Here is the 2004 Freshman mindset:

<u>1973</u>	<u>2003</u>
Long hair	Longing for hair
KEG	EKG
Acid rock	Acid reflux
Moving to California because it's cool	Moving to California because it's warm
Look like Marlon Brando or Liz Taylor	Trying NOT to
Seeds and stems	Roughage
Hoping for a BMW	Hoping for a BM
The Grateful Dead	Dr. Kevorkian

1973**2003**

Go to a new, hip joint	Get a new hip joint
Rolling Stones	Kidney Stones
Being called into the principal's office	Calling the principal's office
Screw the system	Upgrade the system
Disco	Costco
Parents beg you to cut your hair cut	Children begging you to get their heads shaved
Passing the drivers' test	Passing the vision test

Just in case you weren't feeling too old today, this will certainly change things. Each year the staff at Beloit College in Wisconsin puts together a list to try to give the faculty a sense of the mindset of this year's incoming freshmen. The people who are starting college this fall across the nation were born in 1985. Here's this year's list:

They are too young to remember the space shuttle blowing up.

Their lifetime has always included AIDS.

Bottle caps have always been screw off and plastic.

The CD was introduced the year they were born.

They have always had an answering machine.

They have always had cable.

They cannot fathom not having a remote control.

Jay Leno has always been on the Tonight Show.

Popcorn has always been cooked in the microwave.

They never took a swim and thought about Jaws.

They can't imagine what hard contact lenses are.

They don't know who Mork was or where he was from.

They never heard:

"Where's the Beef?" or

"I'd walk a mile for a Camel"

They do not care who shot J. R. and have no idea who he is.

McDonald's never came in Styrofoam containers.

They don't have a clue how to use a typewriter.

What's Right About Square Dancing?

Square Dancing is fun (smiles and laughter)

Square Dancing promotes friendship (an always there support group)

Square Dancing promotes teamwork (8 people working together)

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

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