

# Keepin' Posted

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## Thank You Florida Square and Round Dance Community



Joe Fioretti



John Swindle

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### **Election Day's Coming**

Your VOTE Counts! CFA General membership meeting  
July 30, St Cloud Senior Center. General Meeting 3:00  
PM

Potluck Dinner about 5:00; Early Rounds 7:30; Alternat-



## President 's Message

Jack and Barb are caravanning the Lewis and Clark route from St. Louis to Portland for National Convention. State Convention was great! The half time entertainment was superb - flapper style quick dancing; present day cloggers, and , Elvis. Val and Charlie Newsome overcame a tremendous obstacle - Lakeland Center did not lease us arena They re-programmed the Grand March into the smaller mainstream hall. Did you see the youth hall - just short of three squares worked tirelessly, kept the callers on their toes. This Convention marked a first - integrating workers from all supporting Associations. Remember; as caller, Skip Cleland, said; "I attend Convention because it is the biggest single fund raiser for the Florida Callers Association". You know, that is true for all the Associations. State Convention is our largest fund raiser. Did you catch the opening for our 52nd Convention next year. Southeast Association is putting the final touches on their final plans.

**THANK ALL YOU WONDERFUL SQUANCE COMMUNITY MEMBERS!** What a tremendous turn out at the fund raising effort for Joe Fioretti and John Swindle. Twenty two squares crammed Whirl & Twirl Hall raising over Six Thousand Dollars. Both Joe and John enjoyed the day calling tips; chewing fat with square and round dancers; reminiscing with other callers and cuers; and, watching the floor activities. We also **Thank YOU caller/cuer spouses!** Is the plural of spouse spice? Working with our callers and cuers for our enjoyment; the answer's yes because of the active and enthusiastic, spicy, atmosphere of our calling and cuing.

We were sorry to see several good callers and cuers retire. We wish them the very best in retirement and sincerely hope they will occasionally return to delight us with a tip or two. Caller John and Mo Barrett, Dixie Squares, retired to RV our great country. Cuers Vince and Camille Furtado, Satellite Beach Allemanders, retired to enjoy their many cruises. Bob Bourassa of West Coast Association and Tom Perry also retired. Good Luck, God Speed and See You in a Tip.

Our past 5th Saturday Dance, April 30th, at Clerbrook Resort in Clermont was well attended. Whit Brown called an excellent dance; he actually called what the floor did. Joanne Helton cued brilliantly.

Remember, your CFA Board election at our next Fifth Saturday Dance, July 30 at the St. Cloud Senior Center. Election at 3:00; Potluck at 5:00PM. Dale McClary Calling with Pete & Jan Shankle cuing. See you in square. Yellow Rocks.

Anonymous for Jack & Barbara Hoffman



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**A true friend is someone  
who reaches for your hand  
and touches your Heart.**

**Author Unknown**



**CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND  
DANCERS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
George & Shirley Knapp's Home  
April 10, 2005 Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Presidents Jack & Barbara Hoffman called the meeting to order at 2:10 P.M. George Knapp gave the Invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests and members welcomed.

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

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Judy Frye *moved to accept the January 16, 2005 minutes as written* – Tom Brown *seconded*. Motion passed.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Donna Hendricks passed out the report. Jack Hoffman filed the report for audit.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Barbara Hoffman read a letter from Washington (DC) Area Square Dancing Cooperative Association (WASCA). They sent an additional \$78.00 for our Disaster Fund. She also read thank you notes from Garland & Carole McKenzie, Nelva Hasson, George Seney, Anne Josanne. Richard Van Deet from Margate, FL sent a donation in memory of his wife for the Benefit Dance to help John Swindle and Joe Fioretti. Mike & Rhonda Callahan, from New York, also sent a donation.

**AREA REPORTS:**

**Area Vice President** – Dan Foust. Central Florida lost another club, Holiday Squares, Leesburg, disbanded—they were unable to get anyone to run for office. One couple filled all positions for several years and could not do it anymore. Area Directors, please review and update the club information sheets. After updating club information, please e-mail them to me. Flyers for the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dance, July 30, St Cloud Senior Center are here. Please pick them up before leaving today.

**North Brevard** – Woody & Mary Lou Coyle—The **Allemanders** dance in Satellite Beach on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays. Plus dance w/rounds 8:00 to 10:00. They started a class before the dance from 6:30 to 8:00. Their new cuer is Bev Landwehr. Vince Furtado retired. The **Canaveral Squares** dance at McLarty Rec Center in Rockledge on Tuesday nights. Plus/Mainstream w/rounds. 7:30 to 9:30. The **Palm Bay Promenaders** dance at Trailer Haven in Melbourne. They dance Plus w/rounds 7:45 to 10:15. Dale McClary is the caller and Bev Landwehr is the cuer. The **Run-A-Rounds** dance Sunday afternoon at the David Schechter Community Center in Satellite Beach. Beginners start at 1:00; phase 2 at 2:15 and Phase 3 & 4 at 3:30 until 5:00. The **Space Trackers** dance at the Agricultural Center in Cocoa on Saturdays. Early

rounds 7:30 to 8:00. Plus w/rounds 8:00 to 10:00. Whit Brown on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays with guest callers the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. **Vera's Rounds**. For information, please contact Vera Smith at 321-690-0849.

South Brevard & Indian River –Vinnie Dallmann and Richard Douget sent a report. The **Palm Bay Promenaders** have had a good quarter. Attendance has been up, many wintertime visitors. They had held several very successful special dances and have a special dance planned for each of the coming months. They have actively been doing banner raids and retrievals. The **Barefoot Bay Twirlers** will be hosting their last dance this season on the last Monday of April. They elect new officers. They plan to resume dancing in mid-October. The Twirlers have been out retrieving their banners and stealing others. They had good attendance while their winter visitors were here, but now have gone down to 2-3 squares. The Barefoot Bay Spinners dance Thursday afternoons. Jim and Jan McConnaha presented a check to Ms. Ann Josanne on behalf of the CFA from the CFA Disaster Fund.

South Lake & West Orange – Dick & Dorothy Jarvis. No Report.

North Lake & Sumter – Bob & Jennie Courter. No Report.

Marion – Stoney & Pat Stone. No report.

East Orange & Seminole – Ian & Sandy Ogilvie reported. **Orlando Singles** are back, dancing Friday, newly remodeled hall. Their healthy and class regular attendance by club members make up 4 squares. Patty Crandall, Past President will now chair the banner raids. New presidents are Nita Flanagan and Virginia Barnes. **Cassleberry Hoedowners** – The Hoedowners meet in the Senior Center at 200 N. Triplet Drive, on Sunday afternoons. President Eleanore Weston mixed the regular program with some special events; a full format, includes the beginner class, mainstream, and plus dancing, still fill up their Sunday afternoon schedule. **Whirl & Twirl** – New officers elected and installation at general meeting, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Pete and Jan Schankle are the new cuers. Their beginner class is back on track and promises new members. We will host the 24<sup>th</sup> of April CFA Benefit dance for John Swindle and Joe Fioretti.

Osceola –Howard & Thelma Bitler reported. **Motivators** dance the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month from 2:00 to 4:00. If there is enough interest, they include C1 from 4:00 to 4:30. They'll dance through May 15<sup>th</sup>, then summer off. The **Wagon Wheel Rounders** – No information. The **Wagon Wheel Squares** have had a great winter; Friday night dances were very good. Last dance this season is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Paul Place to call and Vera Smith to cue. Three clubs raids that night. The fall dances will continue on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in October. The Wednesday dances consist of line dancing by Dot & Dusty from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. Dan Erwin will give free square dance lessons from 6:30 to 7:30. Regular dance is from 7:30 to 10:00 pm with alternating line dancing. Dale McClary calls. New officers were installed on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

East Volusia – Kerley & Alice Spilman. No report.

West Volusia – Gale and Laura Boak. No report.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Terri Little reported. Membership as pf Jan 16, 2005:

Active Individual	250
New Members:	32
Renewals:	21.

Area Reps have updated lists. Encourage new members and renewals. The last Keepin' Posted had "past due" labels. All non-renewers got them. A "Last Chance" letter to mail next month.

**BLOOD BANK:** Jim & Jan McConnaha reported. We're in good health. We have 794 units, a growth of almost 100 units. If you know anyone, CFA Member or not, that is giving or will give blood, please ask them to tell the blood bank to credit their donation to Account # 54. 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.

**INSURANCE** Randy & Card Poole reported. Central Florida Square & Round Dancers Insurance Account has 22 clubs insured for 2005 with 1284 members enrolled. One accident report has been received this year.

**KEEPIN' POSTED** Tom Brown reported. This edition is late—it was held up for the Shamrock Swing "Couple of the Year" pictures, and the printer's program was not working. That took us a week to straighten out. We are receiving info, but could use more.

**HISTORIAN** Judy Frye reported. The completed Shamrock Swing Scrapbook was at the dance, March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Several little post-it-notes asked for identification of people in the pictures. Everyone now has a name and there were corrections. The book was well received. More books are being updated. Please assure submitted pictures have the "who, what, when, where, why and how" on them. Makes easier caption writing. Thanks.

**FLORIDA FEDERATION** Randy & Card Poole reported. Working Weekend kicked off February 26 and 27. Committees met Saturday afternoon. After the summer of hurricanes, Federation considered having a disaster fund. It was decided since the Associations already have an on-going disaster fund, there wasn't a need for the Federation to start one. National Square Dance Convention, Portland, Oregon, the Showcase of Ideas handouts will be 250 lapel pins and 5,000 pencils. Paul and Cheryl Miller, the Parliamentarians, got them donated. We'll feature a sign up for two free weekend getaways; awarded during convention. Jack & Barbara Hoffman did such a good job last year; I believe they were asked to carry the displays again this year. Two Parade of States: one, outside June 24, line-up at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Please wear your Federation outfit. Dancing in the Ice Arena at the Lloyd Center after the parade Our new traveling banner will make the trip. The second parade, one square from each state and will form at 5:30 p.m. This square is reserved for

the Federation Board; we'd like CFA Presidents, Jack & Barbara Hoffman to take our place in this square. We attended the budget meeting and the auditing of the Federation bank account. There were several checks outstanding since last May. The next meeting will be Sunday, May 29, 2005 in Hollingsworth A in the Lakeland Convention Center. All dancers are invited.

**Disaster Fund Committee** – Jim McConnaha reported. We reviewed many applications for help and approved five applicants for \$500.00 each, a total of \$2500.00.

## OLD BUSINESS

CFA By-Laws Change The following in bold italics is a proposed change to Article IV B – Duties

President Shall preside at Association General and Board Meetings;

Ex=officio Member of all committees, appoints and/ removes committees. Acts in temporary emergencies. He shall have the authority to expend, without Board of Directors; approval a maximum of fifty (\$50.00) of Association funds in any one calendar month for Association activities. The President with the approval of the Board of Directors shall appoint persons to fill existing vacancies.

***The President shall appoint a maximum of four couple representatives to the Florida Federation (one of which will be the Association President and three couples to serve as regular delegates.) Two additional couples may be named as Alternate Delegates.***

***The term "couple" includes two single persons.*** The President shall have custody of the "tools" of the Office. The President shall serve no more than TWO (2) consecutive terms of Office.

George Knapp moved *we amend the CFA By-Laws as read* – *Seconded by Donna Hendricks. Motion passed.*

Shamrock Swing, 2005 – Dewey & Donna Hendricks reported.

The financial report is filed with the minutes.

Shamrock Swing 2006 – Jim & Jan McConnaha. The contracts signed (Tony Oxendine, Whit Brown; and, Jimmy & Carol Griffin. The committee chairs assigned.

55<sup>th</sup> State Convention 2009 – Randy & Carol Pode reported. No meeting yet. Found some Board Members. Suggest a theme—we're open. The theme is the basis for the dress; logo; slogan; and, the show. Give it some thought and email us your ideas. We would really appreciate it. The Federation Historian asked all convention chairmen to appoint a photographer five years out to send information to them.

Benefit Dance – The Benefit Dance for John Swindle and Joe Fioretti will be

held April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Whirl & Twirl from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Whit Brown will be the MC. Please bring finger food.

5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dance – The 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dance will be held Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Clerbrook RV Resort Hosted by the Clermont Squares. Whit Brown will be the calling and Joanne Helton cuing.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Showcase of Ideas - Barbara Hoffman reported. Please bring pictures, flyers, any information on the recruitment, teaching, solos, teens, handi-capable dancers to Jack & Barbara Hoffman. Get give-a-ways to Jack & Barbara before convention. They'll go directly North & West to the National Convention. They are the designated drivers.

December 31, 2005, 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dance – Jim McConnaha moved *we not have a 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday dance on New Years Eve as many clubs have made plans already* – *Seconded by George Knapp. Motion passed.*

5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dance, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005 – Pick up 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dance, July 30<sup>th</sup>, flyers hosted by the Wagon Wheels at the St. Cloud Senior Center. General Membership Meeting with the Election of Officers at 3:00 p.m. Followed by a Pot Luck Dinner and the dance at 7:30.

Election of Officers – President Jack Hoffman appointed Bruce Morgan, George Knapp, and Randy Pode to be on the Nominating Committee.

Other Comments – Someone asked why the area directors did not attend the CFA meetings. Jack & Barbara Hoffman stated that they do not know why. They have asked the directors respond to their emails and let them know if they are coming. If they cannot come, please send a report. Better yet, have someone come in their place. That would be a good way to get more people involved with CFA. We have no way to get flyers to all the areas if the Area Directors do not come to the meetings.

Next meeting – July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at the St. Cloud Senior Center. The General Membership Meeting with the Election of Officers will be at 3:00 p.m. Followed by a Pot Luck Dinner and the dance at 7:30.

**ADJOURN** – Tom Brown *moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Judy Frye. Motion passed.* Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ailene E Picheco

Secretary

**THIS COULD BE YOUR BUSINESS  
CARD AD ONLY \$18.00 FOR THE  
NEXT CALENDAR YEAR.**

## 52nd Florida State Convention ALL TRAILS LEAD TO LAKELAND

A great big thanks to Val and Charlie Newsome and their team for all the work they did to make the 2005 state convention such a success!

The kickoff started the trail of events leading to the 2006 state convention. Carole and Garland McKenzie have organized their team, and we are rolling forward. Pack your wagons, hitch up your teams, saddle your horses, and follow the trail to Lakeland where you can circle your wagons for the 52nd Florida State Convention May 26-28, 2006.

Watch for more detailed information in the months to come. We promise you a great hoedown! Wagons, roll!!!

Ray & Elsa Huddleston

### **Thank you Square Dance FAMILY**

Dear Square Dance Family::

Linda, the kids, the grandkids and I are grateful for the appreciation and kind expressions of sympathy shown by our extended family after the untimely death of my dad, Chuck Saunders.

The cards, e-mails, phone calls and donations to hospice on my dad's behalf were sincerely appreciated.

Thank You

John & Linda Saunders & Family

Dear Square Dance Family:

Gail and I would like to thank you for all the cards, letters and e-mails you have been sending us over the last several months.

The words of encouragement have helped us through some hard and trying times. Most of all we would like to thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. Without these we are sure we would not have made it as far as we have. It was great seeing and visiting with so many of our caller, cuer and square

dance friends at the benefit dance the Central Florida Dancers Association held for Joe and I in April. Your generosity was overwhelming. Thank you seems so inadequate to express the way we feel about the love and caring you have shown us. We are truly blessed to have you as our friends and family. We know we can count on you for your continued support because you are not just friends but family. With all our love and may God bless each of you.

### **RECOGNIZING A STROKE - A true story**

Susie is recouping at an incredible pace for someone with a massive stroke all because Sherry saw Susie stumble - -that is the key that isn't mentioned below - and then she asked Susie the 3 questions. So simple - - this literally saved Susie's life - - Some angel sent it to Suzie's friend and they did just what it said to do. Suzie failed all three so 911 was called. Even though she had normal blood pressure readings and did not appear to be a stroke as she could converse to some extent with the Paramedics they took her to the hospital right away. Thank God for the sense to remember the 3 steps! Read and Learn! Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

\*Ask the individual to SMILE.

\*Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

\*Ask the person to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (ie. It is sunny out today)

If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher. After discovering that a group of non-medical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to learn the three questions. They presented their conclusions at the American Stroke Association's annual meeting last February. Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage. A cardiologist says if everyone who gets this e-mail sends it to 10 people, you can bet that at least one life will be saved

Editor Note: This article was in an e-mail addressed to me from a good friend, E. Cattie. The author is not cited nor is it shown in the Address Field. The info is passed along.

**FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE & ROUND  
DANCERS MEETING  
SATURDAY, February 26, 2005  
BEST WESTERN DIPLOMAT, LAKELAND, FL**

**Call to order:** President, Garland and Carole McKenzie called the meeting to order, at 9:00 AM. Ken Brasfield gave the invocation. President McKenzie led the delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance. Sue Brown called roll and stated a quorum was present.

**Secretary's Report:** A motion was made by Bruce Morgan and seconded by Don Slocum to accept the minutes of the October 31, 2004 meeting - approved as published. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balances, income and disbursements on all accounts were given. The report is filed for audit.

**Sunshine Report:** President Garland McKenzie reported that Worley Carrier is undergoing Chemo for Cancer. Please keep them in our prayers. Worley is having both good and bad days. A card is to be sent.

**Correspondence:** President Carole McKenzie read a "Thank You" from Fred and Shirley Cornett. They wrote " Thank you for the Crystal Plate. We use it often". They enjoyed a gratifying 5 years service on the Florida Federation. They wished the new board success promoting Square Dancing.

#### **ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

**SOUTHEAST FORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION:** The Southeast Association is alive but not necessarily well. We persisted with our "Circle of Support" between the dancers, the SEA and the callers & cuers association and visited nearly all the clubs within the Association. We have had more caller/cuer participation, and our membership increased by about 20. Unfortunately attendance at the dances has only marginally increased. Quite a few members joined only to support the SEA and have not attended the monthly dances. In an additional effort to encourage attendance, when we have an advance level caller, we have at least one and sometimes two advance level tips called. We announce this at the advance level clubs and we have had about two additional squares, but we are not sure it is because of the star tips or the fact that the advance level callers bring a following.

We also continue to experience lack of interest in participating on the board. We are very fortunate to have dedicated board member die-hards: Ada Trott tracks membership; Jerry and Helen Rhodes insure us, Bob Sorensen is a big help as vice president. Stan and Elaine Wyler are our treasurer. We owe them. They

stay with us and keep SEA crawling over the humps as we go downward.

We are considering dropping to four dances a year. We will continue to have board meetings the week before, but will discontinue most of the business meetings. Most dancers after meeting. They just don't care.

We do have good news! Our annual toy drive was a great success. The people from ChildNet who came to pick up the toys were overwhelmed at the amount of toys that were donated, and we received a very appreciative thank you letter from them.

Our annual fundraiser, the Snowflake Frolic, was also a tremendous success as it has been for the last few years. We had about 15 squares on the floor. Although Frank Bedell has not been well and was not able to attend, Henri Arsenault and Mike Doughty helped to make the dance the success that it was. At this point, it is questionable as to whether we will have another Snowflake Frolic.

It is with a sad heart that all the dedicated SEA board members face making some very serious decisions in the next six months – and it is not for lack of money but lack of dancers.

Ray & Huddleston

**NORTHEAST FEDERATION REPORT:** The highlight of NEFSARDA'S activities for 2004 was the Fall Festival, dancing in a "STARLIGHT WONDERLAND", to the wonderful voice and showmanship of Debra Carroll-Jones. The Cuers, Tim and Nana Eum did a beautiful exhibition dance and were enthusiastically received by all the dancers. The decorations were among the most spectacular we had ever seen. We sincerely thank Jack and Kathy and their committees for making this a very successful Fall Festival.

The New Year was ushered in with a unanimous re-election of the NEFSARDA board. The officers for the year 2005 are: President-Bud & Anita Taylor, Vice-President-Smitly Smith & Shirley White, Treasurer-Bob & Jane Raymond, Recording Secretary-Tom Trammel & Ouida Taylor, Corresponding Secretary-Frank & Barbara Meyer, Immediate Past-President-Joe & Martha Hardcastle. The Board hit the ground running in January. The second Saturday in January was the first board meeting of the year. The next day was our delegates meeting. We did away with the President's message. Instead we've opened the floor to all calling it a time for JOY'S and CONCERNS. All have time to give good news - in their lives or their clubs, or share their concerns - the health of family or fellow dancers. It was slow at first, but they are starting to loosen up. The meeting highlight was awarding beautiful visitation medallions to the clubs. Bronze, Silver, and Gold medallions signify the number of visitations each club made - engraved with club name and the number of visits. The Board announced a 2005 New Year's Eve Dance. December 31, a 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday. We decided end the year with a bang - 3 of our local callers Tim and Nana Eum to cue. We plan a catered dinner.

February 15<sup>th</sup> was our last fundraiser for the 51<sup>st</sup> State Convention. I am going

to let Charlie and Val Newsome tell you all about this dance.

Several dancers started this year ill. We pray for their speedy recovery and hope that the rest of 2005 will find them in improved health. We also have had some of our dancers, or members of their families that have passed away.

Join us Memorial Day Weekend for the 51<sup>st</sup> State Convention - 'GET ON BOARD'.

Bud and Anita Taylor

**WEST COAST FEDERATION REPORT:** Our Fall Fun Fest at the Lakeland Center was well attended, with Tom Roper and Bob Barnes on squares and Jimmy & Card Griffin on rounds. A special recognition award was given to Penny Green for all the hard work she does to promote square dancing. Our next Fall Fun Fest is scheduled for November 11th & 12th with Jerry Biggerstaff and Sam Dunn doing squares and Don & Loretta Hanhurst cueing. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

Many clubs, in our Association, are sponsoring classes for beginners. We hope everyone will help angel and support the new students to make them feel welcome.

Our Association meeting was held on November 17th at the Jan Platt Library in Tampa. Folding the West Coast Dancer precedes our meetings; we've been very fortunate to have a wonderful group of dancers turn out for our meetings, which gets the task of gathering and folding the West Coast Dancer done in a fun and timely manner.

Estero saw our Association Christmas Holiday Dance; a success with Jack & Alice Newsom, Lee County Reps. Hosting. Dick Chase was the emcee, along with the support of local Callers & Cuers donating their time. We can't say enough about the Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association. They always seem to be there when we need them.

Winter Frolic Dance was held at the Brooksville Shriners Club; 13 squares with Bob Bourassa emceeing. Hernando County Reps., Carlyle & Jean Hammond, along with the Cloverleaf Leprechauns, hosted the dance.

Our first West Coast meeting for 2005 was held January 26th. Twenty seven hundred issues of the West Coast Dancer were gathered and folded. This is the busiest time of the year with all clubs dancing. Our folding started at 5:30 and we were still able to have time for our meeting and finish by 9:00.

Our Valentine Dance in Bartow had Clyde Stocker as the emcee. The Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association held their meeting prior to the dance. With so many Callers & Cuers at the dance, Clyde did an excellent job, working them all in. There were 18 squares with red, white & Pink everywhere. Buttons & Bows of Lakeland hosted the dance. After the regular dance Sam Dunn did an advanced tip.

We are happy to report on February 16th, at the Florida State Fair in Tampa,

245 dancers from 20 clubs, 7 callers and 2 cuers put on a demo from 11 AM to 5 PM. Merle (and the late JoAnn) Lewis, Hillsborough County Reps. And members of the Temple Twirlers in Tampa, have been promoting our activity at the Fair for a number of years. People of all age groups attend the Fair. This demo has always been successful in attracting new dancers. A big thank you goes out to all the dancers, callers & cuers who donated their time and to Merle for continuing to promote the enjoyment of square dancing.

The "2005" Express" made several stops in the West Coast area. It continues steaming down the tracks until its final destination at the Lakeland Center for the 51st Florida State Convention.

We are sponsoring our 6th annual Red, White & Blue Dance tonight for the Federation. The dance will be held at the Stardust Dance Center in Plant City. Early rounds are at 7:30 with squares from 8:00—10:00. Henri Arsenault from Hollywood, FL will be Calling & Cueing. The cost is \$5.00 per person.

Fred & Jan Smith

**Central Florida Square & Round Dancers Association:** We had 2 well-attended 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday dances, on Oct 30<sup>th</sup> and Jan 29<sup>th</sup>. Central Florida was hard hit by the hurricanes. CFA has a disaster fund meant to help People who were hit by some disaster. Hurricanes qualify. In late October we were contacted by the Washington (DC) Area Square Dancers Cooperative Association. They expressed a desire to hold benefit dance for Florida dancers who suffered severe damage from the hurricanes. They proposed we administer/distribute these funds through our disaster fund. We agreed. They sent approximately \$1800. We decided to add \$1000 from the 2004 Convention profits. A 3 couple committee administered the applications and awards. So far, two \$500 have been made. More money is available; please let us know of anyone in your area who needs help. They do not have to be in the CFA area, but may come from anywhere in Florida. All CFA clubs were affected to some degree. Some shut down for a short period, some moved to different facilities temporarily and others had to repair their facilities. Most are back.

Don't forget the Shamrock Swing coming up in 2 weeks (March 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>). Tickets are still available but going fast. See any CFA rep this weekend for ribbons. Our next 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dance will be April 30<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Clermont Squares at the Clerbrook RV Park. Whit Brown will be calling and Joanne Helton will do the cueing. Details and a map are on the flyers.

CFA is sponsoring a dance for the benefit of John Swindle & Joe Fioretti on April 24<sup>th</sup> (Sun) from 2PM to 5PM at the Whirl & Twirl Hall in East Orlando. Flyers are available from any CFA rep. Cans on the tables in back!

And last but not least, CFA would like to announce that Randy & Carol Poole have agreed to be the General Chairmen for the 2009 State Convention. We will, and would like everyone to pledge to them our full and enthusiastic support

over the next 4+ years.

Jack & Barbara Hoffman

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION;** Our hurricane benefit dance was a great success! We raised \$2,785 for square dancers affected by Ivan the Terrible. We are very grateful to all attendees and contributors, for the caller and cuer donors and finally the \$510 donation from the Northeast Association. This dance was also Ben Williams surprise retirement party. Ben has been a caller mainstay for many years, and is retiring for health reasons. The various clubs for which he has called presented him with gifts and tributes. Northwest gave him an engraved stein (which he assures us will NOT be used for Prune juice), and a generous gift certificate for Wal-Mart, his favorite store. Ann Brown has agreed to be our Dancer of the year Chairperson for 2005.

Our new Florida Federation delegates are Louie & Wilma Flowers, Joe & Pat McLendon, and Joan Koile. Don and Wanna Caverly are staying on. Fred & Joyce Collum and Gene & Mary Hamilton are retiring after many years as delegates. We appreciate their faithful service.

Other dances in the area were the Mardi Gras Dance February 5 at Grand Square Hall in Panama City (quarterly NWFSRDA meeting was held in conjunction with this dance), and the annual Sweetheart Swing sponsored by the Northwest Callers Association February 12 in DeFuniak Springs.

Dave Henn, President

**FASSRD REPORT:** In my last report, I mentioned the devastating news about Joe Fioretti. I am pleased to let you know that he was at the Timber Pines benefit dance on the 16<sup>th</sup> and he looked great! He didn't look sick at all; he has lost more weight. He called a few tips and even danced a couple of rounds. He had his wife, Betsy, there along with her parents and one of his cousins from New Jersey with his wife. Joe reported that he has to go through 28 weeks of chemo and that his doctors say there has been some improvement. However, Betsy said he is still stage 4. Betsy and I discussed about Joe calling for our Single Rama in Sebring. She said he wants to do it if he can, but of course we don't know right now. We agreed that I would go ahead and announce that Joe will be one of the callers. I do have two callers on "stand by" if we need a replacement.

And to report on the success of the dance, we had about 15 squares with Joe, Doc Gray, Bob Boroussa and Al Smith calling, and Pat Hagen and John Ayres cueing. The Fioretti's were presented with \$5,600 in donations; some from as far away as England. Joe asked that we keep the cards coming. He reads them everyday and it gives him a real boost.

The next singles weekend is the Fuzzy Navel in Jekyll Island, Georgia, March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Our host hotel will be the Holiday Inn, and we will be dancing in the ballroom at the hotel. Bob Sloman will be calling and Rita Mason will be cueing. Flor-

ida will be hosting in 2006 and I have booked Gary Monday from North Carolina to call and Misty Hannah from Alabama to cue. They both did the last Georgia Singles Weekend and I thought they were great, and they worked together really well.

I have been promoting the 51<sup>st</sup>, I haven't sold any ribbons but I sure have given out and mailed a lot of flyers! A letter will be sent with each ribbon for the solo registrations, giving them details about activities for solos during the weekend. There will be a solo hall on Friday night for them to get together and meet the other solos at the convention, and every effort is being made to schedule cuers in the hall too. Lack of cuers is usually why the solos do not stay in the solo hall. The host hotel is this hotel and we have two DJ's booked for the after parties on Friday and Saturday nights.

The National Singles Dance-A-Rama will be in Columbus, OH, this year and in Rochester, NY in 2006. I hope we will again have good representation from Florida. This convention is always over the Labor Day Weekend. Our Single Rama will be at the Kenilworth Lodge in Sebring in October with Joe Fioretti and Whit Brown calling and the Griffins cueing.

I am working with Single Square Dancers USAÓ (SSDUSA) to create a new dancer packet or tri-fold for use in promoting our organization. Their Publicity Chairman has started a monthly email SSDUSAGram which contains information on singles dances all over the country. The last one went international, when Taiwan added one of their dances. The Fuzzy Navel, Single Rama and the State Convention have all been added to the list of dancers. I believe the SDUSAGram distribution list has about 400 names on it.

Our website on the Florida Dance Web has been updated, and I continue to write articles for *BOW & SWING* and each of the association newsletters. FASSRD has also been supporting each of the association annual festivals and the state conventions by purchasing ads in the program booklets.

Although singles associations sponsor all of our dances, we welcome any square and or round dancer. We promise we won't make you dance with someone other than your spouse or significant other! We also welcome you to our club dances. Your support of our events would be greatly appreciated. I guarantee that after coming to one of our weekends, you'll wonder why you didn't come sooner!

Penny T. Green

## JOE FIORETTI AND JOHN SWINDLE BENEFIT DANCE

Sunday afternoon, April 24<sup>th</sup>, the CFA sponsored a Benefit Dance for Joe Fioretti and John Swindle. Both are very popular callers, known to all of us, and who are both battling cancer. Joe is awaiting a liver operation but good news the cancer is not spreading. John is now in remission and, with Gods love, will stay that way.

Square Dancers typically rally around such causes with great gusto; this was certainly prevalent by the number in attendance at this dance. There were dancers from all over the Central Florida area, from the Jacksonville area, from the Gainesville area just to name a few. A total of 20 some squares strutted their stuff for the first tip with at least 3 or 4 more squares watching with amusement from the sidelines.

Joe brought his whole family, wife Betsy, daughters Jennifer, Julie and Lisa, son Joe, Jr. and also his in-laws, Richard and Betty Elley who were visiting from New Jersey. Joe even was feeling up to dancing a few rounds with Julie. Sure was good to see him on the floor. He and Whit treated us with a duet of singing calls, also.

John, who is this years President of the Florida Callers Association, was there with his lovely wife, Gail. John did not quite feel up to calling a tip but did spend a lot of time visiting with friends he had not seen for a long, long time.

Barbara and Jack Hoffman, Presidents of the CFA, presented each of the wives with a dozen roses for all their wonderful, devoted love, help, and support they have given their husbands during this long arduous trying time.

Whit Brown did a wonderful job as Master of Ceremonies for the afternoon. He called the first tip with rousing enthusiasm to get the afternoon started. Whit then introduced each caller and cuer who donated their time and talents to make this a truly successful dance. Fifty-fifty tickets were sold with a total of \$254.00 given to the winner, Roland Morin, who promptly donated his winnings back. Also there was a "secret donor" who matched the total dollars for the 50-50, now how is that for a

friend? A special auction of 2 square dance outfits, made by Linda Morin of the Starlite Promenaders Club and donated to this cause, were won by Linda Buch and Ailene Picheco. Between the donations taken in at the door, the 50-50 drawing, early donations several clubs collected in advance of the dance, the special dress auction, a total of over \$6100.00 was collected and presented to Joe and John.

The afternoon was a more than big success, it was a HUGE SUCCESS!!! The CFA wants to send a special "THANK YOU" to everyone who made this dance possible. Another special "THANK YOU" to the Whirl & Twirl Club for donating their lovely dance hall for this event. The memories and money collected will be remembered for many years to come. It only goes to show just what special people square dancers are, especially in times of crises. This could not have been done without all your help.

Both Joe and John send their humble thanks not only for this Benefit Dance but for all your prayers and the many, many cards of encouragement you have sent. That really has meant more than any words could ever express. "It's nice to know you are missed but not forgotten", said Joe. John agreed unani-

mously!

**CALLERS:**

Bob Poyner

Sonny McCartney

Bill Chestnut

Danny Robinson

Gary Murphy

Don Hauhurst

Wes Morris

Jerry Reed

**CUERS:**

Lisa Wall

Phyllis Williams

Jan & Pete Shankle

Jeanette Chauvin-Knowles

Loretta Hanhurst

Dick Nordin

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

*Unknown author*

## FASSRD

We just returned from the 51st Florida State Convention in Lakeland. We had a great time, as we always do. This year instead of a full scale grand march with all the dancers, there was a mini-grand march because we could not rent the arena. In the mini-grand march, one square from each of the seven Florida associations participated. The seven associations include Northeast, Northwest, Central, Southeast, West Coast, FASSRD and Campers. Each association carried their banner during the march. After the march, the rest of the dancers joined us on the floor for the first tip. Singles have been asking for a singles hall with rounds and squares. Well, we had one on Friday night with rounds and squares; there were six or seven squares most of the evening.

I hope we will have good representation from Florida again for the SSDUSA National Singles Dance-A-Rama in Columbus, Ohio over the Labor Day Weekend. We now have ribbons to sell in Florida. Please contact me if you need to register.

We signed contracts with Joe Fioretti, Whit Brown and the Griffins for our annual Single Rama in Sebring in October. We will also have a vendor for the weekend and our DJs, John Dean and Anne Oliver, will be back with us.

In 2006, Florida will host the 15th Fuzzy Navel Dance in Jekyll Island, Georgia. Jim Cosman, who calls for Seabreeze Singles in Jacksonville, will be the caller and Misty Hannah from Alabama will be the cuer. I am pleased to report that I have been able to negotiate with the Holiday Inn to allow us to bring finger foods into the dance hall for the after parties. We were not able to do this last year, and although alternate arrangements were made so that we could have finger foods it was very inconvenient having to go up the elevator for refreshments and then come back down for the after party. I think everyone will be pleased with these new arrangements. ***PLEASE NOTE: WE HAD TO CHANGE THE WEEKEND BY REQUEST OF THE HOTEL. THE NEW DATES ARE MARCH 24 & 25, 2006.***

For information or questions about these dances or any other Singles activities, please feel free to contact me at any time at [pgreen@suaresdancing.org](mailto:pgreen@suaresdancing.org) or 863-967-5004. You can also visit our website at [www.floridacancing.com/fassrd](http://www.floridacancing.com/fassrd).

## A Fisher House

Denzel Washington was visiting BAMC (Brook Army Medical Center), in San Antonio, Texas the other day. This is where soldiers that have been evacuated from Germany come to be hospitalized in the States, especially burn victims.

They have buildings there called Fisher Houses. The Fisher House is a hotel that soldiers' families can stay at, for little or no charge, while their soldier is staying in the hospital. BAMC has quite a few of these houses on base, but as you can imagine, they are almost filled to the brim most of the time. While Denzel Washington was visiting BAMC, they gave him a tour of one of the Fisher Houses. He asked how much one of them would cost to build. He got his check book out and wrote a check out for the full amount right there on the spot. The soldiers overseas were amazed to hear this story and want to get the word out to the American public, because it warmed their hearts to hear it.

I hope you will spread this story.

Denzel has a son who is a Marine in Iraq.

Editor Note: This is about the fourth time we've gotten this e-mail. This particular copy is from Andy Folley of the Space Trackers. No author is cited. As the Fourth of July approaches; may we all give thanks for the many that gave some and the few that gave all to protect and preserve our freedom and liberty.



# Club News

## Starlight Promenaders

Even though Winter was nearly over, our attendance improved as dancers from Indiana, North Carolina, Kansas, new Hampshire, New Jersey and New York visited during March. On March 9 Dick & Jeanne Lysobey and Jerry & MaryJo Dunigan were presented the club's Star Awards; given to members of the club who have been outstandingly active in club activities. Both couples have served on the Board; chaired many committees and dances, and, have worked physically on club projects in the past three years. The following Saturday two squares of our gang hit Maitland at the CFA's 5th Annual Shamrock Swing. One of the featured callers was our own Whit Brown! At the following dance, Mar. 16, we held our annual Rummage Sale which with a lot of hard work, was a great success. Mel & Phyllis Lungren, Joyce & Dick Billings and Jerry & MaryJo Dunigan were at the clubhouse from early afternoon 'til after dance time for the sale. They were surprised with "Thank You" Easter baskets at the following dance, Andy & Kathy Belew's Easter Parade Dance. With the help of their committee, the Dunagans, Jo Santoro and the Lysobeys, they decorated beautifully. Hats of all sizes, shapes and colors were paraded around the hall at break time for all to see. Lucky number holders were presented Easter baskets from the presidents. Of course, Whit called a great dance keeping the holiday mood!

Whit started an All Position workshop meeting at 7:30 p.m.; Daphne Martin started a round dance class at 6:30 before each dance. Both classes are well attended.

Five squares observed for Promenaders Income Tax Day at our April 13 dance. Several members came in square dance attire, others arrived in tattered clothing. Each couple

brought along their favorite "depression" dish and members and guests enjoyed a delicious pot luck dinner. Josephine Santoro, chairperson and her committee, Evelyn Waite, Richard and Jeanne Lysobey and Jerry & MaryJo Dunagan had the stage and tables decorated appropriately for the evening and Evelyn's cut paper bag table cloths drew chuckles from those present. "Crying Towels" were given to the dancers holding lucky tickets. At break time, Randy & Carol Poole received their 20 year membership bars, Bud & Pat Pearl, their 15th and Jerry & MaryJo Dunagan their fifth.

Two squares raided Grenada Squares in Ormond Beach on Tuesday, April 19th, with a stop at Dustin's on the way for a dine out. The following night, the Flagler Ocean Waves raided. Their early birds took part in Whit's "before the dance" workshop.

Twenty -eight members of the club traveled to Lakeland Memorial Day weekend to attend and take part in the 51st Florida State Square Dance Convention. They all returned with smiles on their faces and memories of a great holiday. At the May 29 dance, our own Roland Morin, student caller, called a great tip and we learned over the weekend he has graduated into a green card student/square dance caller. We're positive square dancers throughout Florida will be hearing more from him shortly!

Our special dance of the month was the Maypole Dance held May 17, and hosted by Dick & Jeanne Lysobey. Their committee, Andy & Kathy Belew and Evelyn Waite decorated throughout the hall fitting the occasion including a nine foot Maypole with fifteen ribbons. Whit Brown had the dancers "weave" and some members found themselves actually "dancing around the Maypole!". Door prizes were handed out to the holders of the lucky numbers. Four squares were present that evening including 12 members of the Pirates of Apopka.

The club's next special dance— Father's Day Dance on Wednesday evening, June 15, with Watermelon Night July 13 and an Ice Cream Social August 24.

## Whirl and Twirl

I know all of you who attended the State Convention had a wonderful time. So much to do, so many halls to dance in, vendors to shop at, after parties to attend. There just isn't enough time or energy to do it all. But wasn't it fun? Every year we enjoy seeing friends we have not seen in a year and there is so much news to catch up. We had our annual picnic in April at Fort Christmas Park. The weather was beautiful and the food was delicious. Danny Courtney and his crew cooked hamburgers, hot dogs and sausages for us and the members supplied the side dishes. In addition to eating, some of us walked round the grounds and explored the restored "cracker" houses and museum. This is a nice place to visit and learn a bit of Florida history. Blue Bandits have been busy. Many of us have raided the Space Trackers, Orange Blossom Squares and the Pirates this quarter. When we raided the Orange Blossom Squares in March we had a nice draw. We were invited to dinner that evening at the new home of Dick & Marcella Brandeberry in the Villages. The Brandeberrys are long time members of Whirl & Twirl. How very gracious of them to invite such a large group for dinner. Then, of course, we went on over to the hall for the dance. It was a perfect evening.

New officers for the club were elected at our Luau and General Membership meeting in May. They will be installed June 3 at our Ice Cream Special Event. Dick & Rowena Wilson will lead the club for the next 12 months. Thanks to those members who have served so faithfully for the past year. We look forward to a very successful year with the Wilsons at the helm. We welcomed our graduating class May 25. They were initiated into the club June 1. Congratulations to each of them. We hope they will enjoy many years of great dancing.

Pete & Jan Shankle have a Basic Round Dance class in progress on Thursday evenings at Whirl & Twirl. After the basic class they have a higher level dance with teach. The basic class has been very well received with 10-12 couples on the floor each week. It is good to see a full circle of Round Dancers on the floor having a good time. If you are looking for a good

place to dance this summer come to the Whirl & Twirl Square Dance Club any Wednesday or Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. Danny Robinson calls Mainstream on Wednesday evening and Plus on Friday. Pete and Jan Shankle cue our Rounds on Friday evening at 7:30.

Shirley Knapp

## Prestige 55

It has been a busy spring for Prestige 55. We graduated a mainstream class of 20 in late April. Shortly after, a number of them migrated back to the cold north for the summer; however, about half are still with us and are now involved in plus classes. Hopefully, those that went north will be able to keep up with classes while they are gone. It was a busy time for banner raids also. Royal Palm Squares retrieved theirs from us and the next week, we hosted Orange Blossom Squares when they came by to steal ours. We managed to capture another coveted banner ourselves from Top-of-the-World

A lot of the members attended a big fund raising event for the Pioneer Garden Club here in Ocala. There was more than ample great food, a Chinese Auction and naturally a fun evening of dancing. In mid-April, we co-hosted "Dancing on the Square" which was held, of all places, on the square in downtown Ocala. It was an event not only for fun, but to raise awareness of square dancing in the area. Over 75 dancers and 150 onlookers participated during the late afternoon event. Many of the non-dancers got a chance to try their hand at it and seemed to really enjoy. We hope to make this an annual event.

A few of us are just back from the convention in Lakeland. Had a truly wonderful time as usual.

Our caller, Ken Perez, has to take several weeks off this summer and in his absence, R.J. Hogan will be calling our club dances during his absence. As Ken said before he left, "summer is our most difficult time for dancing, especially in Florida". He went on to say "We all need to get out and visit

other clubs to keep the numbers up." We cordially invite any of the readers to drop in any Tuesday evening. We would love to see you.

Mike Cox

## Circle Square Dance Club

Our club meets in our community every Wednesday night with a plus workshop from 6:00-7:00 pm and a regular dance immediately following (7:00-9:00). Lon Ligon is Wednesday evening our caller. We also have a dance Friday afternoon in the H & R Ballroom with both rounds and squares. Don Hanhurst is our Friday afternoon caller and his lovely wife Loretta cues the rounds. The Friday afternoon dances are from 2:15 -4:15.

Our Friday dances will be on July 15 and 29, August 12 & 26 and every Friday in September. We opted for casual wear for the summer months at both our dance times. Please join us for some air conditioned fun.

We will have our second ice cream social and pool party Wednesday evening, August 3. We had a good time last year. Imagine the fun of square dancing in the pool. Come prepared to get wet and enjoy the fun.

## Canaverall Squares

News from Canaverall Squares - Our cookbooks are on sale and have absolutely Out of This World Recipes. The book is a tribute to Asa Clark, our founder. It gives a history of the club as well as delicious recipes, some of them so easy to make that even I have succeeded! All this for \$10. Friendship and Music go Hand in Hand T shirts, golf shirts and tank tops orders are being taken. When we wear them, we are advertising our club and square dancing. With the snowbirds gone and attendance a bit lower, we need all the advertising and participating we can get! If you cant get away, don't let the summer blahs get to you. We dance all summer, every Tuesday, beginning at 7:30, squares with alternating rounds, until 9:30. Jerry Reed, our caller, travels a bit, and we have surprise guest callers who

have been wonderful to fill in. Thanks Dale McClary! Phyllis Williams, a wonderful lady, is our cuer. Come join us; you might even be lucky enough to see Del Reeds drawing of her grandson. Did you know she is a wonderful artist? Our next silent auction will be held June 28th. Donated items are appreciated. This is a good way to raise some money for the club and to pick up a treasure!

Our Banner Raid Schedule is loaded for the summer. We will also have guests from Germany June 7th. Haritta & Volker Richter from the Kuni-Hill Runners near Nurnberg/Bavaria. Volker is their caller. Maybe we can talk him into doing a tip for us. Bring your Century Books. Friday afternoon, June 10th, there will be a demo at a Health Fair in Cocoa. It will be held at F. Burton Smith Park at 3:00 p.m. The Canaveral Squares will undertake the Adopt-A-Road project and select an area near our dance location. (Barnes Blvd is available from Fiske Blvd to Murrell Road.) This will be a great way to advertise. If you can participate, let Aileen know. (321) 452-7963. We hope to start another accelerated class in August for new dancers. The class will run three consecutive weekends. We continue to look for more ways to involve more people in square dancing. Take a look at our website for more information: [www.geocities.com/canaveralssquares](http://www.geocities.com/canaveralssquares) Congratulations to Ailene Pichecho for winning the raffle and a beautiful outfit at the benefit dance for Joe Fioretti and John Swindle. Check out Whirl and Twirls' site for pictures...lots of our dancers in them. [www.picturetrail.com/we travel](http://www.picturetrail.com/we travel) State convention was wonderful. Those who "Got on Board" had a good time. It was fun to see, hear, and dance to Skip Cleland, our former club caller. Jerry did his usual fabulous job. Even though we couldn't use the large arena, the spirit and camaraderie of the groups participating was evident and if you couldn't make it this year, we sure hope you do next year. The fifty-fifty split this year was over \$700 for two nights and \$500 for Sunday. Three people went home very happy. All of us went home happy, but for a different reason!

Susan Frank Gass

## A Note from Garland and Carole

Hello Federation Members,

We have our first order of our Convention Polo Shirts in hand; however, we want to be sure we have sufficient shirts for those who would like to purchase them. They will be \$25 each and if you desire a pocket they will be \$28 each.

Limited numbers are available for sale at the Convention. We expect to have a better selection of sizes when we start our Statewide visits later in the fall.

Ribbons are available starting Saturday Afternoon.

Thanks in advance for supporting YOUR State Convention.

See you soon.

Garland & Carole McKenzie

## Hitch-N-Go

**June 2005 Campout**, June 24-26, Manatee Hammock, Titusville, FL., phone, (321) 264-5083, East side of US 1, 3.7 miles south of SR 50

Hosts: Dale & Bobbie Collins

Theme--Flag Day

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

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Pot Luck supper

8:00 p.m. dance and After Party

Sunday: continental breakfast

**July 2005 Campout**, July 22-24, Florida Camp Inn, Daventon, FL., (865) 424-2494, On west side of US 27, 4 1/2 miles north of I-4 and 2 miles south of US 192

Hosts: Lee & Joyce Whitten

Social weekend--no dancing

All meals on your own, however, we would like to eat

together (everybody bringing their own) Maybe, eating out together for one meal.

**August 2005 Campout**, August 26-28, Jetty Park, Port Canaveral, FL., phone (321) 783-7111, From Jct. of A1A & George J. King Road, go east about 3/4 mile to Jetty Road. Park is at end of road at the ocean. If approaching via SR528 (Beeline) follow B(green) exit signs to south cargo terminals. Continue east past Sterling Cruise terminal to Jetty Park.

Hosts: Dick & Nancy Fournier

Social weekend--no dancing

Friday: dinner on your own

Saturday: Fun/Sun Boat Cruise

Dinner: Pot Luck

Sunday: Continental breakfast

George & Marvel Jenkins

## Dance Down Under!

**YOU'RE INVITED TO:** Australia's 47th National Square Dance Convention, 20-24 April 2006, Gosford, Central Coast NSW (approx 1.5 hours north of Sydney)

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.  
On the web

## Dixie Squares

2005 has been a busy time at Dixie Squares of Daytona Beach. Our Presidents Jim & Karen Albright have done an outstanding job organizing special events leading up to the state convention. The club, along with Class Coordinators Maurice & Valerie Millard, celebrated the graduation of nine new dancers on May 5<sup>th</sup> with a Cinco de Mayo theme. The highlight of the evening was the piñata made in the exact likeness of our caller. The grads got their swings in but "Little John" survived

and was able to conduct a farewell tour prior to the May 26th retirement party to beat all parties for Gentleman John Barrett and his Lady Mo, (who also celebrated her birthday with us). Yellow rocks mixed with tears filled the hall as we danced farewell to our wonderful caller of 25 years. Happy trails to you, and come visit us soon.

Plus workshops are held at 7:00 p.m. each week prior to the regular dance, and many of us join in for a few brush up moves. You are welcome to do so also.

Our bannermeisters, Paul and Joy Barnes, have planned many summer raids. Contact them for a visit soon at 671-6164.

This summer, The Dixie's will welcome Guest callers, including Whit Brown, Bill Chestnut, Paul Place, Danny Robinson and John Saunders to start. The Dixie's have planned a special theme for each dance throughout the year, and you can bet your dancin' shoes a good time will be had by all.

Don't forget we dance at 8:00 PM at City Island, and as we like to say in the South, Y'all come see us, now.

Ann Dunsworth

## Circle of Service to Ailene Picheco

Ailene Picheco was awarded the Circle of Service Award by Judy Frye in a ceremony at her home club, the Canaveral Squares this past March 8. Several Circle recipients attending the dance formed a circle in the center of the hall while Ailene was escorted into that inner circle by Ceil & Jean Faulk.

Ailene has been a square dancer for less than ten years but has become a very important advocate of our activity. She is presently in her third year as President of the Canaveral Squares; she was their Vice President immediately prior. Before she graduated from Space Tracker classes, she was involved with the 1999 Convention Kickoff, "Mardi Gras Time in '99". She is Class Coordinator for the Trackers. Her Tracker history is replete with work: on the Board of Directors, Secretary for two years. Vice-President; and, Chairing several committees including one Fall Fling. And she still has time to be the Secretary of the Central Florida Square and Round Dance Association, now in her third year. The CFA rewarded her with the 2004 Dancer of the Year

award. She is the Secretary for the Florida Association of Single Square and Round Dancers.

Ailene helped organize many "Relay for Life" Fund Raisers using square dancing as her media; having three squares plus dancing to Skip Cleland at midnight in the Cocoa Beach High School football field/track.

You can spot her by the Minnie Pearl hat full of dangles she wears at dances.

## City Supports Round Dancing

### Recreation Center now offers round dancing

BY JENNIFER TORRES  
FOR FLORIDA TODAY

While most people have heard of ballroom dancing, the term round dancing is a little less familiar, but no less fun, according to its enthusiasts.

Like ballroom, you dance with a partner. The difference is this dance is choreographed, so there is less emphasis on lead and follow.

The dance is led by a "cuer," who tells the dancers what moves they should perform, much like a caller in a square dance.

This noncompetitive social ac-

#### At a glance

- Round dancing is choreographed couple dancing.
- Dancing is performed in a circle that moves around the dance floor in one direction with a caller directing the movement.

tivity for all ages is being offered by the Satellite Beach Recreation Department.

Beverly Landwehr serves as the cuer and teacher, with the assist-

ance of Orin Blair.

The Round Dance group meets every Sunday afternoon at the David R. Schechter Community Center, 1089 S. Patrick Drive, Satellite Beach.

Beginners are welcome from 1 to 2:15 p.m.

Phase two dancers come from 2:15 to 3:30 p.m. and phase three/four dancers (more advanced) meet from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

New members are encouraged to attend. ■

For more information, call Beverly Landwehr at (352) 241-8645 or Bev Perkins at 433-9922.



*Jennifer Torres, for FLORIDA TODAY*  
In the round. Dancers Beverly Landwehr, right, and Orin Blair perform a round dance at the David R. Schechter Community Center in Satellite Beach.

Editor Note: This article was printed in Florida Today, date not known. I missed it.

Did you see the demo these two did at Convention? T'were a great display of skill, timing and coordination.

## Allemanders

Greetings to all from Satellite Beach. The summer doldrums are upon us; how do you deal with them. The Allemanders go to the State Convention; we raid and we retrieve. Visits are always fun and they help our clubs survive during the summer after our winter guests return

home.

The State Convention was great and a "Tip of The Hat" to all of those dancers from the Northeast involved in setting up this fun dance weekend. Another Allemander "Tip of The Hat" to our neighbor to the north, Ailene Picheco, President of the Canaveral Squares, for receiving the Circle of Service Award. We always enjoy dancing with the Canaveral Squares and look forward to them visiting with us this month on a retrieval.

June 11<sup>th</sup> was a real "Knee Slapping" event with us. John Saunders, our caller, and Dale McClary "his son", had a Knobby Knees Contest. Trust me, there were NO winners! A fun(knee) time was had by everyone. The evening started with John Saundering up onto the stage—delighted his knees were showing. We were not impressed even though Linda had done a tremendous job of camouflaging those knees; she had nothing to work with. Of course, we all knew Dale would try to capture the moment by making a grand entrance. His supporters, Palm Bay Promenaders, also knew it. As he entered the hall, a great cheer arose. Carolyn had done a great job - she put horror masks on Dales scarred knobs. What a pair they both picked on each other. Both kind of look like the young boy who has to pee - - hitching up their britches to reveal only the knees. Four judges rated the knees; the final votes gave each contestant one knee; John left; Dale right. The final picture was a task getting the proper knee on the correct side; hilarious!

We're having a busy month with visits by the Canaveral Squares and the Barefoot Bay Spinners plus our trip over to the Palm Bay Promenaders. Our annual "Christmas in July Dance" will be jointly celebrated with the Barefoot Bay Spinners who will be coming to steal our



Delegates of dance. Members of the Allemanders square dance club celebrate 49 years of dancing at the Satellite Beach Civic Center. From first row, left, are Maxine Robb, Lynne O'Donnell, Elvor Brown, Bob and Carol Aumann, Olive and Reg Leonard, Dorina Smodell and Pat and Bob Earl; in second row, left, are Richard Bradley, Eleanor Beck, Tom Brown, Laverne Miller, Shirley Brunton, Marion Kutz, Jean and Walt Hanks; in third row, left, are Wally Robb, Dick Beck, Ed Miller, Bob Brunton, George Ammon and George Smodell.

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## Our Condolences

Our heartfelt condolences to Penny Green and daughter Jenny on the loss of her ex-husband at the Jekyll Island Ball.

## Pictures



Judy Frye pins Ailen Picheco  
after escort by Jean Faulk  
(story pg. 31)



John Barrett watching as  
Mo starts to leave with Pi-  
ñata John

John and Mo Barrett leave after 25 years as  
Dixie Squares caller. Good Luck, God  
Speed, and Please Come on Back every  
once-and-a-while. Yellow Rocks!



## Plan Ahead - Attend YOUR National Square Dance Convention

June 21—24, 2006	55th	San Antonio, Texas
June 27—30, 2007	56th	Charlotte, North Carolina
June 25—28, 2008	57th	Wichita, KS

### *More Pics*



Did ya see Dancin with the Stars? Our half time show included the Quick-Time. Sure is a lot of work. Don't think I could bend like that either.



Ernie Rollen does Elvis Presley. Did a Great Job too.



Kind of got caught short when this disappearing anonymous fan tossed him her Petty Pants.



Gee, what words come next?  
What should I do with these?



Donna Robbins and her  
Cloggers



They worked hard and did a  
great job too.

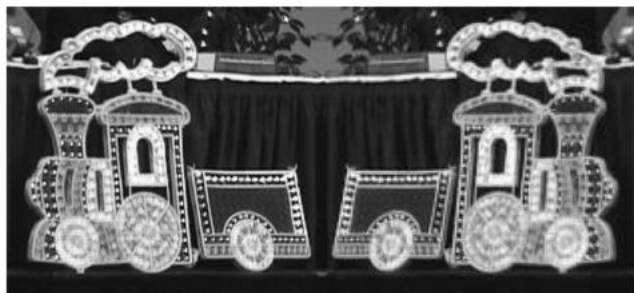


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**5th Saturday Dance**  
**April 30, 2005**

**Senior CENTER**  
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