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CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

From: The Editor of "Keepin' Posted"  
To: All Members

I am sincerely sorry that you did not receive February's "Keepin' Posted" as promised in the November issue. Until our Association can find another Editor and a reliable staff, "Keepin' Posted" will not be published in its original form. My faithful advisor and co-worker, Curtis McDowell, is no longer able to assist me due to an ever-increasing workload and more demanding family responsibilities. Due to the tremendous amount of time I am spending on my current responsibility as Registrar and Treasurer for the '83 Florida State Convention, I do not have the time to investigate the possibilities of a commercial replacement, bids, contracts, etc., for the technical work that Curtis, as a professional newspaper man, provided at no cost for our publication, and I have no desire to continue without Curtis. After two and one half years, I feel that it is time for someone else to take the helm. I am taking this opportunity to thank Curtis for the many, of his all too few, leisure hours he spent working with me and with our publication. We had a wonderful working relationship that was particularly rewarding to me because I learned so much from him. Because our families are close personal friends, I also want to thank both our spouses for their patience, tolerance, good humor, and never-ending support. I will endeavor to bring important news and information to you for the remainder of this Association year in simple letter form. My final bulletin will come to you before the new Association year begins on July 1st. It is my fervent hope that someone will come forth very soon to continue publishing "Keepin' Posted" because it is important that we have some way of communicating with all our members in an organized manner on a regular basis. I have thoroughly enjoyed being the Editor of "Keepin' Posted". Thank you for being such a kind captive audience.

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ASSOCIATION NEWS

What a great dance our Sweetheart Ball on January 29th at Daytona Beach turned out to be! We are still getting compliments on it. John Saunders was a 'super star' that night! He called a superb dance in a fine hall to over 30 squares. Pete Shankle kept our round dancers stepping and there were smiles all around. Even the spectators did some toe-tapping. They seemed to enjoy the spirit of fun and good fellowship as much as we did. Many thanks to the Dixie Squares for hosting our dance.

Come to Eustis RV Park on April 30th and share our annual Potluck Supper at 5:30 P.M. (Bring one of your delicious specialty dishes, enough for 6-8, and your own table service. The Association will provide the drinks.) Last year our Supper was like an old-fashioned church picnic with so many goodies that it was hard to decide what to take first from the buffet and when to quit. Plan to attend our Business Meeting at 6:30 P.M. This is the meeting when we elect new officers for the '83-'84 Association year which begins July 1, 1983. The Nominating Committee charged with the responsibility for this year's slate of officers is composed of the following members: Chuck & Betsy Johnson, Bob Jernigan, Jim & Maxine Rivers, Burt & Marie Egbert. Please show your support of their efforts and pay tribute to the outgoing officers by attending this important meeting. Then dance to the calling of one of our favorite callers, John Barrett, beginning at 8 P.M., and enjoy Dick Nordine on rounds.

We need volunteers to work on our Square Dance Week 1983 Committee. This will be a joint effort between our Association and the Central Florida Callers Association with Danny Robinson as General Chairman. Please give a little of your time and do your part to help make 1983 the biggest recruiting year for new dancers during Square Dance Week that Central has ever known.

LIFE LINE

Blood Bank Report - Donors October 1982 thru January 1983:

Mary Louise Bischof 2	Lois Kimbrough	Ben Schultz
Dick Bischof 2	Wayne Kimbrough	Jane Sewell
Betty Bruce	Harold Prather	Georgia Willis
Roland Hamel	Jim Rivers	Henry Willis

Balance in account as of January 29, 1983 . . . . . 77 units

GIVE THAT OTHERS MAY LIVE!

Dick Bischof, Chairman  
305-886-8582

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STATE CONVENTION NEWS

A Message from the '83 Convention Chairman:

Our 1983 Convention Committees are all working hard and making progress as the time is getting nearer for our big event - THE BEST EVER - CONVENTION, May 27, 28, 29, 1983, at Lakeland.

Association President, Bob & Carol Woodard, Security Chairman for this event, will be asking for volunteers to act as host and hostess on an hourly basis at the Convention. Please come forward! Meet, share, and make new friends. An hour of greeting folks and making them feel welcome will give you a chance to catch your breath while helping our Association promote a good convention. We will need at least 60 couples, so that no one couple will have to do excessive work. To volunteer, please contact one of the following: Bob & Carol Woodard, 305-574-4518; Leo & Mary Richardson, 904-767-1717; Howard & Vivian Wilson, 904-734-1339.

Buy your ribbons now and take advantage of the special discount price of \$9.45 per person through April 30th. See you at Lakeland!

Howard & Vivian Wilson

Our Convention Publicity Chairman speaks:

An outstanding program of square dancing, round dancing, and clogging awaits your pleasure at the '83 Convention. If you have made a 1983 Convention Outfit, better known as "The Candy Striper", feel free to wear it in the Old Fashioned Grand March planned for Saturday night unless, of course, you plan to wear your club dress. Remember that the Special Steppers will be with us. The Mayor of Lakeland assures us our dancers will receive a Red Carpet Welcome. The Convention PICTURE will not be complete without YOU. Send your registration in TODAY. Come to Lakeland so you won't miss out on all the fun!

Leo & Mary Richardson

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NATIONAL CONVENTION UPDATE

As of February 28th there were 19,058 registrations from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and eight foreign countries for the 32nd National Square Dance Convention to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, June 23, 24, 25, 1983. Some 40,000 dancers are expected. If you have never attended a National Convention, give it some thought this year. Plans sound fantastic - it's going to be something very special. The Parade of States on Saturday evening should be spectacular.

There will be 14 halls for all levels of square dancing, 3 halls for round dancing, 1 hall for contra dancing and, for the first time at any National Convention, a special hall for Cloggers. The Clogging Hall will be open continuously for 3 days and will include workshops and clinics. Dancing will begin in each hall at 9 A.M. and won't stop until 11 P.M.

To date over 240 vendors will exhibit their wares for your shopping pleasure. Their colorful displays add unbelievable glamor - a beautiful sight to behold.

The Fashion Show will have as its theme "Thoroughbred Fashions". Freedom Hall, the main arena where this show will be held, will have an exact replica of Churchill Downs, home of the world-famous Kentucky Derby. Models from 37 states and Saudi Arabia will display the latest in square dance attire. Detailed plans, all of which are impossible to relate here, call for the hall to have the historic twin towers of Churchill Downs, a carpeted "infield", the "track", the "winner's circle" made of flowers, spectacular lighting and even some live horses at the finale. A live band will provide background music, and the Stephen Foster Story Singers will provide entertainment.

The Showcase of Ideas, the area where square dance groups from all over the world share their organizational and promotional ideas, will have a complete garden setting, landscaped with waterfalls, shrubs, flowers and lawn furniture. (The Florida Federation always has one of the finest displays. If you plan to go to Louisville and you are asked to give an hour or so to help host Florida's Showcase, please do so. It's a fun experience you'll always remember.)

There will be a special Youth Hall for the hundreds, perhaps thousands, of young square dancers where they will have their very own miniature Convention. While they are welcome to dance anywhere, they will have everything available at their own home base.

Louisville promises the best Singles program ever. The Ramada Inn-Hurstbourne will be their headquarters and a special trail-end dance is scheduled there for solo dancers Wednesday night, June 22nd. It is important that solo dancers register as singles and wear their "singles" ribbons. For further information, Singles may call (502) 239-1698.

Exhibition dancing will not just be held before each evening's dancing program begins but will be almost continuous this year with performances by the World Famous Cowboy Hall of Fame dancers from Oklahoma; The Squarenaders, a precision dance team from California; a youth unicycle square dance team from Ohio; The Maycroft Square Tappers, a youth exhibition group from Michigan, to name just a few.

There will be an Emergency Telephone manned from 9 A.M. until 1 A.M. each day. This line will be connected directly to the Control Center. Dancers can leave this number with family members at home in the event they need to contact you. The number is (505) 366-9592.

Come June, Louisville is "THE PLACE TO BE IN '83"!

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ONE MORE IMPORTANT MESSAGE . . .

With our President's permission and full support, I apologize to Ray & Barbara Holt for our Association because of the unprecedented action taken by The Florida Federation of Square Dancers near the close of The Federation working weekend meeting in January when The Holts were quietly removed from

# 30th Florida State

# Square & Round Dance Convention



**SAVE ! ! - ADVANCE REGISTRATION**

October 1st thru April 30th **\$9.45**  
incl. Tax per person

Convention Box Office **\$10.50**  
incl. Tax per person

**MAY 27, 28, 29, 1983**  
**LAKELAND CIVIC CENTER**  
**LAKELAND, FLORIDA**

RIBBONS, MOTEL, CAMPING AND  
GENERAL INFORMATION WILL BE  
MAILED AFTER RESERVATIONS  
ARE RECEIVED. . . .  
\$20.00 charge for any checks returned. . .

**EACH PAID RESERVATION**  
( complete package purchased prior to 12 pm FRIDAY MAY 27th )  
gives one free chance - DOOR PRIZE  
**\$500.00 DIAMOND RING!**  
WINNER'S NAME to be drawn

Following Grand March on Saturday night. . .  
( NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN )

## DANCE REGISTRATION

**SQUARE DANCE ATTIRE REQUESTED AT ALL SESSIONS**

MAIL CHECKS AND RESERVATIONS TO:  
30th FLORIDA STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION  
P.O. Box 4338  
Winter Pk., Fl. 32793

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LAST (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ HIS \_\_\_\_\_ HERS \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
CHILDREN'S NAMES \_\_\_\_\_  
(No charge for children who do not dance, unless they are spectators, but all children must be registered.)  
TOTAL ADULTS & CHILDREN WHO WILL DANCE  SEE RATES  
AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## THE CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

CHECK ONE: NEW \_\_\_\_\_ \*\$7.00 single/\$14.00 couple RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_ \*\$4.50 single/\$9.00 couple

NAMES(S): \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_ Hers \_\_\_\_\_

If new, please print the name(s) you want on your badge(s).

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME CLUB(S): \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\*CURRENT RATES:

Annual dues	\$4.00	single/ \$ 8.00 couple	1.00	9.00	8.00
'82-'83 bars	.50				
RENEWALS	\$4.50				
New badges	2.50		5.00		
NEW MEMBERS	\$7.00		\$14.00		

Mail to:

Roland & Marcy Hamel, Treasurer, 1910 Hammerlin Ave., Orlando, FL 32803



AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_

Check or Cash

Received by \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Central's list of Delegates to The Federation. To thoroughly explain this unfair, unjust, and completely unwarranted turn of events would be impossible in this limited space. However, in all fairness to The Holts, a few comments do seem appropriate concerning this very complicated and somewhat bizarre situation.

The Florida Federation of Square Dancers is a fine organization, one of the most recognized and respected in the nation. It is governed by the Board of Delegates made up of representatives from all five Associations from throughout our State. The Delegates, for the most part, are well-meaning, hard-working, sincere and thoroughly dedicated folks working together to promote Square Dancing within their own Associations and throughout the State. There are times, however, when The Federation, like any other organization, (human nature being what it is), gets bogged down in a situation where it votes much too hastily on a motion made from the floor that is lacking in facts, sound judgment, and/or good taste. Such motions, when passed, unwittingly inflict personal embarrassment, hurt feelings, and undue mental anguish on those effected. Such was the case when at the November 1982 meeting of The Federation a motion was made from the floor and passed to add an amendment to the By-Laws which states, "To avoid a Conflict of Interest, no individual or spouse receiving income from square dancing shall be eligible to serve as a voting delegate." The reason given for this motion was supposedly to prevent problems with IRS. The reasoning here has little basis in fact and directly effected The Holts who are Vendors. Conflict of Interest is not an IRS problem; it is an internal problem handled very simply every day by thousands of non-profit organizations without necessitating any change in their By-Laws. The IRS rules do state that "No part of the net earnings of any club organized for pleasure, recreation or other non-profit purposes shall inure to the benefit of any member. The Holts do not now and never have received any Federation earnings. This action was unwise and not at all in keeping with the high standards of The Florida Federation.

The By-Laws clearly state that all dancers in good standing in their own Associations are members of The Federation. Therefore, it is logical to assume that any dancer in good standing can be appointed by his own association to be a Delegate to The Federation. The Holts have been members in good standing in our Association for many year. It is well known within The Federation that they are Vendors and, at the time of this action, that Ray & Barbara were the Co-Chairman of the '83 State Convention hosted this year by Central.

The Holts were justly offended by The Federation action and resigned as Co-Chairman of the '83 State Convention. They reasoned that, after all their years of devoted service to square dancing, if The Federation feels they are not deserving of the right to vote as Delegates for Central, should the occasion arise, then they should not be Co-Chairman of a Convention sponsored in part by that same Federation. We deeply regret this decision by Ray & Barbara but we can certainly understand and sympathize with it. We hope that they will continue to work for Central because they have introduced hundreds of new dancers to our Association and are very popular with our members. We want and need their support and good will!

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#### DANCE SCHEDULE

April 30th - POTLUCK SUPPER & DANCE - Eustis - John Barrett & Dick Nordine  
July 30th - ANNUAL RENEWAL DANCE - Merritt Island - Bill Marquis & Phyllis Williams  
October 29th - HALLOWEEN DANCE - Maitland - Whit Brown & Joe Augenblick

### **The Human Touch**

the game of life is the best game of all,  
and those who play it most successfully are friendly,  
helpful, inspiring human beings.

Betty Bruce  
Editor