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Holiday...*



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CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE
AND ROUND DANCERS' ASSOCIATION

From the President's Desk

Thank you, Central Florida dancers, for making our Fifth Saturday Dance a huge success. This was the first dance of our term as Presidents of the Association and having such tremendous support at the dance was fantastic. We had over 30 squares dancing to the fast paced calling of R. J. Hogan and, the floor was filled with round dancers two circles deep to the cueing of Pete & Jan Shankle. "Thank you" is also in order for the members of Whirl & Twirl who provided the wonderful food and, of course, to all the association members who helped set up and clean up.

Our 50/50 pot was \$90 and the intent was to distribute 3 ways—\$50, \$30, and \$10. However, those of you who were there know this was a small problem. Probably for the first time in CFA dance history there were 2 tickets with the same number for the first drawing. We have no idea how this happened but the situation was quickly solved with the 2 winners splitting the first and second drawings for \$40 each. What a night!

Our next Association Fifth Saturday Dance will be at the Fran Carlton Center on October 31. This is Halloween night, but just dress as square dancers and come on out. The caller for this dance is Whit Brown and the cuer is Daphne Martin. Please support this dance like you did the last one. Let's make the CFA dances events everyone wants to attend.

Our next board meeting will be held on Sunday, October 4, at Ryan's Steakhouse in Apopka. Lunch is at 1:00 with the meeting starting promptly at 2:00 p.m. This is a change of locations for THIS MEETING ONLY. Future meetings will be held at Shoney's in Sanford, as always.

Again—thanks for your support and we'll see you at the Benefit Dance on September 13.

—Bruce & Colleen Morgan, President

Our thoughts and prayers are with Dick and Vida Kaczmarek during Vida's extended illness. May each day fill you with strength and love.

— Your square dance friends

CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCERS'
ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 16, 1998
SUMMARY OF MINUTES

CORRESPONDENCE: A note was received from Ken & Sandy Brasfield, Federation Parliamentarians, for help with the Showcase of Ideas at the national convention.

AREA DIRECTOR REPORTS: Full reports are on file. Highlights follow:

Vice President: Rosemary Schirmer distributed flyers for the October 31 dance and directions for the new State dress. All directors were called upon to report damages from recent fires.

N. Brevard: Silver Squares has closed for the summer, will start again in October. Alamanders have graduated classes.

S. Brevard & Indian River: Granada Squares has a new caller, Otis & Linda Lutz. Colin Walton has retired and will do one night stands. Yellow Rockers celebrated their Tenth Anniversary. The billboards in S. Brevard are generating a lot of calls.

Marion: Rainbow Squares closed for the summer. Will resume the first Friday of September.

W. Lake/Sumter: Dancing Shadows closed for the summer. Orange Blossom Squares is starting a round dance class on October 8. Sunshine Promenaders will start beginner rounds October 5, squares on October 6.

E. Lake: Beginner class starts Friday, October 23, at Clerbrook. Jack Jenkins is starting a new round dance club, Levels II - IV, in Leesburg, the third Saturday of the month.

E. Orange & Seminole: Merry-go-rounders started a new Phase III class. Whirl & Twirl had a Kickup to Plus on August 15. Orlando singles are having large crowds each week.

W. Orange: New round dance club, Daphne's Diamonds, meets at Sun Resort in Apopka on Sunday afternoons. Class is from 2-4 p.m. Level II-III dance from 4-6 p.m. Garden Patch has a new location: 1910 Adair Street in Winter Garden. Pirates start a new beginner class on September 29.

Osceola: Kissimmee Squares start new classes October 14. Buckles & Bows start new classes October 13. Wagon Wheels start new squares September 11 and a new rounds class beginning September 7.

East Volusia: Dixie Squares have Open House scheduled for September 10 and 17. Spindrifters are closed for the summer and will resume October 7. Two couples that were former members of the Ocean Waves lost their homes.

BLOOD BANK: We currently have 342 credits. No withdrawals have been made this quarter.

KEEPIN' POSTED: October issue has not yet been set. Issue months will change to October, January, April and July to coincide with CFA's new year. Fall issue will be slanted toward renewing memberships.

MEMBERSHIP: There are currently 202 paid members for the 98-99 year, and 235 from 97-98 that have not yet renewed.

INSURANCE: We have had no claims this period.

HISTORIAN: Please send any articles from local newspapers about square dancing to Colleen.

1999 STATE CONVENTION: Registration forms are in abundance. Publicity chairman, Duke and Doris McCleskey are sending information to square dance publications and now have web page on line. Registration tables are set up at major dances, starting with the Knothead Konvention. We continue to look for help for our committees. Please put the word out and have any interested parties contact us.

FLORIDA FEDERATION REPRESENTATIVE: The Annual Meeting is October 18 at the Ramada Inn in Cocoa. Web page is receiving many hits. Jack & Zonie expressed thanks for an enjoyable year as presidents.

OLD BUSINESS:

AUDIT OF CFA BOOKS: Duke McCleskey and Bruce Morgan audited the books and ledgers for CFA. All accounts were found to be in order. Commended Jack and Barbara for their professional manner.

NEW BUSINESS:

George and Shirley Knapp are nominated by the Central Association for Florida Federation Parliamentarian. The Nominating Committee report will be given at the October 18 meeting in Cocoa.

Delegates to the Federation for 1999 are Bruce & Colleen Morgan, Will & Carol Barnhart, Jack & Barbara Hoffman, Ray & Barbara Stiver and Bob & Rosemary Schirmer. Alternate delegates are Tony & Corrine Brownell and Randy & Carol Poole.

Disaster Relief Benefit Dance: Bruce appointed a committee to establish guidelines for the distribution of funds collected at this dance. It consists of Bruce & Colleen Morgan, Will & Carol Barnhart, George & Shirley Knapp and Jim & Jan McConnaha. Proceeds collected at this dance will be carried as a separate line item in the Treasurer's chart of accounts. The fund will receive no regular CFA funds. The fund will be used to assist dancers, callers

and cuers who have suffered a loss in a natural or man-made disaster. A committee designated "CFA Disaster Committee" shall have the authority to accept donations and to make disbursements they deem necessary and shall make a complete report to the CFA Board of Directors at each regular CFA Board meeting. This committee consists of the current CFA President, Executive Vice President, Secretary and the Treasurer.

A plaque was presented to Bob & Rosemary Schirmer for two years of service as CFA presidents.

October 31 dance will be held at the Fran Carlton Community Center in Apopka. Whit Brown is the Caller and Daphne Martin is the Cuer. Halloween costumes are optional; there will be no prizes.

The next CFA board meeting will be October 4 at Ryan's in Apopka/Forest City at 2 p.m. Ryan's is on Hwy 436, 4 miles west of I-4 near Hunt Club Blvd.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray & Barbara Stiver, Secretary

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In Memorium

Long time square dancer, Howard A. "Mac" McDonald passed away June 7, 1998 of heart problems. Mac was 94 years young. He danced at the Whirl and Twirl Square Dance Club and at the Orlando Singles Square Dance Club. He was a popular Rollins College locksmith for 42 years and was fondly known as the "keeper of the keys." A stone in the college's Walk of Fame is dedicated to Mac. He will be remembered for the twinkle in his eyes. The square dance community in central Florida will miss dancing with Mac.

Letter from the Editor . . .



You have probably noticed that your *Keepin' Posted* magazine has a later date this issue. During the board meeting May 3, 1998, the bylaws were amended so that CFA would change its fiscal year to run from October 1 through September 30. This was done to allow the association's fiscal year to run concurrent with the Federation's fiscal year.

Accordingly, the editors suggested that we adjust the date of the magazine to coincide with the association's fiscal year. That was agreeable with the Board so future issue dates of *Keepin' Posted* will be January, April, July and October. Please send all items for publication to arrive one month prior to the above issue dates (see page 2).

Here's a break concerning your dues. Due to the above fiscal year date change membership dues paid in 1998 will be good until September 30, 1999. You'll get an extra four months membership for your dollars.

Officers elected in May will hold office until September 30, 1999 also.

Now for the bad news, effective October 1, 1999, initial membership will be raised to \$8.00 with renewals set at \$4.00. This was considered necessary due to increases in printing, postage, cost of halls, etc.

DISASTER RELIEF

TORNADO HITS SQUARE DANCER'S HOME

Ed Tabor of St. Cloud lost his home to a devastating tornado last spring. He lives alone and when he heard the sound of a huge train coming his way, he knew he was in trouble. He had the good sense to crawl beneath something and was unharmed except for cuts and bruises, plus being badly shaken. But he was ALIVE. The tornado destroyed his home, even sucking the windows from his car!

Ed's insurance company only offered him \$15,000 toward replacing his home, but this is a pitifully inadequate sum. Square dancers, both known and unknown to Ed have made donations in his time of need. In fact he has received donations from the Southeast Florida Callers Association, the Southeast Florida Square & Round Dancers Association, and the West Coast Dancers Association.

When Betty Lee Talmadge presented the checks to Ed she said, "Square dancers are a part of one big family and our goal in life is to help one another in their time of need."

It is wonderful to hear of square dancers helping other square dancers without giving thought to anything, other than "he is a square dancer and he needs our

assistance."

Ed is a member of Buckles & Bows of Kissimmee and also dances with the Young & Restless and Wagon Wheel square dance clubs.

AN IDEA WORTHY OF OUR EFFORTS

After so many tornados and wildfires occurred in the Central Florida area this year, an idea was presented to the Central Florida Square and Round Dancers' Association that we, too, should have a disaster relief fund. We should have a special fund set aside to help our fellow square dancers when they are in need.

The Disaster Relief Fund was started September 13 with a benefit dance at the Whirl & Twirl club sponsored by the CFA. Callers and cuers came together to donate their time and talents for the benefit dance. Donations of \$5 per person were accepted for admission and all sorts of donations, both monetary and door prizes were received from people who had heard about the Disaster Relief fund on the internet. Dancers from Washington D.C., Arizona and Texas as well as from all over Florida helped us get our fund started.

This is a fund worthy of our interest, efforts, worldly goods and prayers. Let's help those in need!

Central Recognizes Couple of Year

The Central Florida Association presented the Couple of the Year Award to Jim and Jan McConnaha at the 5th Saturday Dance, May 30.



Jim and Jan came to Florida in 1974 from Indiana where Jim was at one time the "high sheriff" of Boone County and Jan was his "matron". Following two terms as sheriff, Jim took a position as vice president and director of public affairs for Allied Fidelity. They decided it was just as easy to fulfill Jim's travel obligations from Florida which, according to Jan "is a whole lot warmer than Indiana." So they took the southward trek to Florida settling on Merritt Island.

Jim retired from the Army Reserve in 1985 as a First Sergeant. Jan continued as executive to the president of an

architectural engineering firm in Melbourne.

They dance with the Space-trackers in Rockledge and have served the club as caller coordinator, chairman of many club specials, president, director, banner chairman and class coordinator.

In the CF&RDA they have held the offices of area vice president, vice president, delegates to the Florida Federation, president of the Association and are presently the Blood Bank Vice President.

They served the 46th National Square Dance Convention in Orlando as Convention Secretary.

Two years ago Jim and Jan were appointed as General Chairman when CFA hosts the 1999 Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention. They are currently very active in planning and coordinating the convention theme of "Mardi Gras Time in '99."

Jim and Jan have been honored with the Circle of Service, the Star Award and several citations and certificate of merit for their activities in square dancing.

When all else fails to occupy their time, there are four grown children and six grandchildren, computers and a motorhome for extracurricular retirement activities.

Congratulations Jim and Jan McConnaha. Now get back to work!



45th Florida
State Square & Round Dance Convention
Lakeland, FL
28, 29, 30 May 1999

MARDI GRAS TIME IN '99

A Little Planning Now

That's Right!!! A little planning now could be a way of making you life less complicated later. Time, as we all admit, has a way of sneaking up on us.

If you are one of the four hundred who purchased ribbons for the "Mardi Gras Time in '99" way back in May, then if you have not already done so, do not let "time fly away" before making your hotel/motel/RV reservations. In January, just prior to the Florida Sunshine Festival, eight hotel/motels in the Lakeland/Plant City area had no reservations left. The point: room spaces have a way of becoming full, long before the event month. If you do not have a listing of the hotel/motels in the Lakeland area, just pickup a registration form, and

you can make a selection from the 11 locations you will find on the back page

If you have not obtained your ribbons, please do not let too much more time pass before you send for them. From now until the end of October they are on sale for \$16.00 each. Now I know you could have gotten 'em for \$14 a while back, but keep in mind that the price will once again go up to \$18 at the **end of October**.

If there are no registration forms where you dance, Jim and Jan McConnaha will immediately rectify the situation and an ample supply will be sent you right away. Call them at (407) 452-2679.

Remember, the key to lots of FUN is Planning Now!!

ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!!

Sew and Save Chairmen, Otis & Linda Lutz, are selling tickets at just \$1.00 each for a Singer Sewing Machine to be given away May 30, 1999. If you want a ticket (or want to sell tickets), contact Otis & Linda Lutz at (407) 722-1664 or Jim & Jan McConnaha at (407) 452-2679.

The '99 Florida State Convention Fashion Show

I was able to sneak a peak beneath the curtain of secrecy surrounding the fashion show preparations underway for the '99 State Convention.

After poking around and asking some thinly veiled questions, I came up with a little information for you. Jack and Miki Krimmel are the Fashion Show Chairmen, while Ray and Barbara Stiver are their assistants for the script and story line, as well as the principal narrators during the show. Giff and Shirley Crippen are assistant for the parade activities. Background music (New Orleans style) will be under the direction of "Jazz Man Whit Brown."

The show is scheduled to be held in the Lakeland Civic Center on Sunday, May 30, 1999, at 1:00 p.m. on the floor of the main arena. The theme is "The Magic of Mardi Gras - A Parade of Fashions." The show will take place while a Mardi Gras Parade is in progress with models interspersed with mini floats and individual parade marchers.

Jack and Miki have expressed a need for volunteers to be a part of the parade as well as "street people" and "parade watchers". If you are interested in becoming a part of this show as a non-model, why not contact Jack and Miki Krimmel at (407) 777-3654.

45th State Convention to Feature Unique Sew & Save

The Sew and Save for 1999 is expected to be a far different event than any other Sew & Save of past conventions. New ideas! New displays! New events! New presentation media! The operative word is **NEW!** Multimedia will be very noticeable even before you enter the Sew & Save Hall! A computer will display a continuous slide show of events featured during the Sew & Save Clinic.

NEW this time will be **TWO** large TVs to display events as they are happening so that all will be

able to see and take part in the demonstrations. More varied crafts will also be available.

Square dance outfits will be only one of the many events featured. A special area will be provided for spouses who are in a "waiting mode". You can be assured there will be interesting happenings in this special area for the spouse.

When you enter, you will realize this is not the "run of the mill" Sew & Save Clinic. Otis & Linda Lutz, Sew & Save Chairmen, guarantee time well spent here.

Something for Everyone

45th Florida Convention Plans for Your Entertainment

The staff of "Mardi Gras Time in '99" is working overtime in order to present a truly fun time convention for each and everyone attending.

In addition to a full program of dance levels, there is a "national level" type Sew and Save, with live television transmissions, monitors, hands-on presentations, crafts, arts, prizes and yes, even a "stag-room" with entertainment for those long-suffering male counterparts.

The Mardi Gras Fashion and Floor Show is sure to entertain and capture the admiration of the most "case-hardened" anti-fashion show person. This one promises to fulfill the adage of "Time Well Spent!"

Vendors have already reserved their booths and a full compliment of square and round dance attire will be displayed and ready for your shopping pleasures.



Dancing was mentioned. Well how does this line up strike your fancy? At this time a hall is planned for All PLUS singing calls, with Country Western and Line Dancing between tips. Another hall will feature the full PLUS program with rounds between tips. There will be a full time round dance hall with a special Introduction of Rounds hall offered on Saturday morning. One hall will be dedicated full time to those who CONTRA dance. Separate halls for A-1 and A2, Challenge, Youth, Basic and Mainstream dancers will operate throughout the convention. Friday evening will feature a Singles hall with a full program of activities.

Much, much more is in the planning stages by the convention staff and the promise is: You're going to have lots and lots of fun during **MardiGras time in '99!!!** Get your **RIBBONS AND ROOMS** early!!



45th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention
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And Now . . .

A word from the General Chairman

Mardi Gras Time in '99 Kick-off is but a memory now. But we want to say "THANKS TO ALL OF YOU" who participated. We were very proud and it went off with hardly a hitch.

The float designed by Randy and Carol Poole's crew was outstanding and received a lot of applause from the audience. Of course, comments about the funeral procession picking up the "victim" of the street shooting were, "How did you keep him in the casket?" He is one strong dude. We are so appreciative of all the work done by John Saunders, John Barrett and all of the participants.

We had 16 Central Florida clubs participating in the Kick-off. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!!

Registrations sold at the 1998 convention totalled 400. Everyone on that committee did a great job, which was made even better when the money turned in matched exactly the number of tickets and buttons sold.

There is still a lot to do besides selling registrations. If you or your club do not have any registration forms, please ask your club president to contact the CFA Area Director OR you can call us at (407) 452-2697. We need these forms to get around to all clubs.

Don't be left out—volunteer with one of our committees. Help make their job easier and you'll have fun doing it. Let us know if we can be of help in contacting your favorite committee chairman.

—Jim & Jan McConnaha



MARDI GRAS TIME IN '99

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CUERS: Sharon and Larry Roberts, Lakeland, FL

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Things to See and Do

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Camping Information

Camping will be located at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. An unlimited number of sites are available, all with electricity and water. Three hundred sites will have full hookups. All sites are gravel and reasonably level, with paved access roads leading to them.

The typical site will accommodate up to a 40-foot camper, and a limited number will accommodate larger units with slide out rooms.

Showers and flush toilets are located near the camping area, and dump stations are on site for use at any time without an additional fee.

Convert your Pit Pass

DON'T FORGET!!!! If you bought an Indiana Early Bird—that is if you registered early, prior to the Charlotte National Convention—you need to convert that "Pit Pass" to a standard registration. Unless you have a white ribbon from Indianapolis that says, "I am Registered", you have not done all you will need to do.

Use the standard registration form and fill in all requested information. If you want to purchase additional merchandise (program books, National Squares, cook books, special event tickets, tours, etc.) you must send the required

funds for these items, but not registration money. Where you would indicate the amount for the registration fee, write in "Pit Pass."

It is simple to convert the Pit Pass to a registration, but the conversion does take some careful thought to ensure that you get the things you want and that the information provided is accurate.

You are not registered until the completed registration form is returned to the 48th NSDC Registration and Housing Office.

DON'T DELAY!!

DO IT TODAY!!!

LITTLE STINGS

An eastern fable tells of a potentate who demanded that there should be brought to him the stingers of a thousand bees killed because one of their colony had dared commit lese-majesty by stinging the hand of royalty. When they were delivered in a tiny golden thimble, the king was so amazed to find that a thousand of the hypodermic points made such a little mass that he issued a manifesto to the effect that hereafter no person within the bounds of the kingdom should complain at the sting of a bee.

The lesson of the fable is that petty annoyances hurt because they are exaggerated in the mind, that when they are seen in their actual proportions they are so slight as to merit only contempt. How much comfort would come to the majority of persons if they could but see the tiny size of the bee stings that lead them to acts of petulance, words of anger, expressions of reproach. The bee sting annoyances have caused lifelong breaches of friendship, broken up families, and caused anger and resentment to take the place of love and loyalty.

—From USDA News, Oct. '92

ROUND DANCE COUNCIL

Of Florida

At the 22nd Annual ROUNDALAB Convention in Columbia, SC, June 21-23, 1998, longevity awards were given to those teachers who have served the round dance community. Two couples from Florida were recognized. Certificates for 10 years of teaching were given to Tom & Audrey Philips. Receiving a Small Banner Plaque for 15 years was Carl & Carol Rod.

The following has been selected by the Round Dance Council of Florida as Rounds of the Month:

Phase II - Jul./Sep.: Uno Two Step; Collipi; Spec Press.

Phase III/IV - Jul./Sep.: Best of My Love; Shikata; Spec Press.

Phase V/VI - Jul./Sep.: Love's Power; Goss; Spec Press (Telemark 412).

Classic - Jul./Sep.: 'Til Tomorrow; Palmquist; Windsor 4-537.



and from **CALLERLAB.....**

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SOCIAL DANCING

Jazz up your fitness routine with a regular dose of dance. It's true. Whether you're swirling across the floor to a Strauss waltz or doing a do-si-do to the commands of a square dance caller, you're getting exercise—and probably having fun, too.

Dancing pairs you with more than a partner. From burning calories to socializing with friends, dancing offers these health benefits:

- **Calories:** Dancing can burn as many calories as walking, swimming or riding a bicycle. During a half-hour of sustained dancing you can burn between 200 and 400 calories. One factor that determines how many calories you'll expend is distance. In one study, researchers attached pedometers to square dancers and found each person covered nearly five miles in a single evening.

- **Cardiovascular conditioning:** Regular exercise can lead to a slower heart rate, lower blood pressure and an improved cholesterol profile. Experts typically recommend 30 to 40 minutes of continuous activity three to four times a week. Dancing may not provide all the conditioning you need, but it can help. The degree of cardiovascular condition depends on how vigorously you dance, how long you dance continuously and how regularly you do it.

- **Strong Bones:** The side to side movements of many dances strengthen your weight bearing bones (tibia, fibula and femur) and can help prevent or slow loss of bone mass (osteoporosis).

- **Rehabilitation:** If you're recovering from heart or knee surgery, movement may be part of your rehabilitation. Dancing is a positive alternative to aerobic dance or jogging.

- **Sociability:** Dancing contains a social component that solitary fitness endeavors don't. It gives you an opportunity to develop strong social ties which contribute to self-esteem and a positive outlook.

What does this say to us, dancers?? It says, **turn off that TV set, get up off that couch or that reclining chair and let's go DANCING!!** —ed.

The Future of Square Dancing

by Jon Jones

I predict that if some drastic, immediate changes are not made, what we know today as Modern Western Square Dancing will be nearly dead within ten years in the United States.

The attendance at the recent National Convention in Charlotte, NC, was a very good measuring device of slightly more than 13,000 people. The average ten years ago was approximately 19,000 people. Because of this, many vendors are quitting because they can't sell enough merchandise to stay in business.

My source of information indicates that Canada is down from 45,000 people to 29,000 people involved in square dancing within the past ten years. Over the same ten year period, Texas has decreased from 16,000 to 9,000 dancers. The Dallas-Fort Worth/North Texas Area alone has decreased from 6,000 to 3,000 dancers.

DO YOU HEAR WHAT I AM SAYING? Wake up America! We are losing the battle because we are not doing what is required to get new dancers into the activity. New dancers are the life blood of square dancing. New dancers buy merchandise from the vendors. New dancers help pay for the halls, callers, cuers, etc.

One reason we are not getting

new dancers is our existing dancers are not recruiting their friends like they used to. Most of us agree that this is the best method for getting new dancers. Well, why are existing dancers not recruiting others into the activity? Because it takes too long to learn!! It takes too long to learn all the programs to be able to dance an entire evening at most clubs and in the main hall at local, state and national conventions. Many current new dancers have told me they love square dancing but they will not encourage their friends to get involved because the lessons are too long for each program. These programs include mainstream, plus and rounds. Round dance cuers should be helping a caller promote and recruit new dance classes. Are they?

Some will say, "Here we go, talking about programs again. I wish we would quit talking about the programs." I say, "How can we quit talking about the programs?" The programs are what we use at every dance. The programs are what we teach to new dancers that takes too long to learn. This is also what is keeping them from recruiting their friends. When are we going to see the light?

We often hear the program is not the problem. Notice I refer to "program" (singular). If we had only "one" program I would agree this is

not the problem. However, through Callerlab, we have eight programs. When you add DBD (dance by definition), we automatically increase the programs to a total of sixteen. We keep dangling an ear of corn out in front of the dancers to learn more. We must put a lid on the PROGRAM.

The proposal of "Target 2000" did not pass at the Callerlab meeting this year. The vote was a tie. If Target 2000 is not the answer, then somebody needs to develop an alternative soon or we can kiss this activity goodbye!!

Recently I heard a club president tell their new dancers they must go dancing two to three times per week to keep up with the club. Just a few weeks ago I saw a full plus club graduate a mainstream class and the new dancers were told they would have to go elsewhere to learn plus before they could join the club. WOW! What have we created?

In the past two years of traveling almost all the way around the world, I have been able to call two mainstream dances. All the others had plus mixed in or were full plus.

Many people keep saying the programs are not the problem. This is ridiculous! We had better start a short entry program and provide dances for these new dancers to have fun or we may as well hang up the mike. Highly recognized callers must prove that a smaller program will work. Plus, Advanced and Challenge callers as well as round

dance cuers must stop recruiting new dancers into their programs before they are ready. Clubs in these categories must do the same.

A long time caller friend, now retired, made the following statement. "We have trained our dancers to their level of incompetence." How true this is. We have tried to make professional dancers out of people who just want to have a good time and not be bored. All too often callers are boring, so the dancers look elsewhere and many times to a higher level program, or they quit.

We must also do a better job of advertising! This takes money and time. Probably a lot of people have the time to do what is necessary, but where will the money come from? Square dancing has become the world's "Best Kept Secret".

There are local and state organizations that have a surplus of money that could be used to advertise square dancing. Every avenue of television, radio and billboard publicity as well as web sites should be pursued.

Our theme at Callerlab this past year was "Pathway to the Future". The pathway has many obstacles, but none that cannot be overcome. It is time to unite all our efforts toward advertising to recruit new dancers. Once we get these new people, we must let them know it only takes a short time to learn and enjoy our favorite hobby.

IT CAN BE DONE!!

USA West at Las Vegas in '99

With a final "Thank 'em All 'Round" concluding activities at San Francisco's Moscone Center the evening of July 25, hundreds of square and round dancers from around the world started making plans to attend the Third Annual USA West Square Dance Convention to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, August 11-14, 1999.

Planning next year's USA West Convention has been well underway for over a year, involving square and round dancers from throughout Nevada. Activities, which will be primarily held at the Las Vegas Convention Center, provide an opportunity to dance to callers and cuers from across the world, educational sessions for group leaders, and an opportunity to

see the latest in dance fashions through a fashion show and multiple apparel vendors.

Included in this year's program in San Francisco were representatives from Japan to Germany, a variety both pleasing and challenging to the dancers. The Las Vegas convention is expected to draw an even wider variety of participants due to the diverse attractions provided by the 24-hour-a-day tourist Mecca.

Additional information on the Third Annual USA West Square Dance Convention is available in the web at <http://www.square-dancing.com/USAWest/NV> or by fax at (702) 435-4189. (Note: square dancing IS hyphenated in the web-site address. ed.)

In Memorium

Some of you long-time square dancers may remember George D. Barton of Winter Park, FL. George died Saturday, June 27, 1998. He was a Life Member of the Florida Callers Association and President of the FCA in 1956. Mr. Barton was 91 at the time of his death. Our sincere sympathy goes out to his wife, Edith.

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Where to Dance in Central Florida

Note: We have designed these pages so they may be removed and kept handy. We will try to keep them current, however, changes do occur. **Be sure to call first before visiting a club.** —Ed.

SUNDAY

CASSELBERRY HOEDOWNERS

Casselberry Senior Citizen Center
MS/Plus - J. Louder (407)645-2603

MOTIVATORS

Indiana & 8th, St. Cloud
A-2 DBD - Guest Callers
(407)957-1643

DAPHNE'S DIAMONDS

3000 Clarcona Road, Apopka
Ph II/III D. Martin (407)880-1189

ORANGE BLOSSOM SQUARES

La Hacienda Rec. Ctr., Lady Lake
Plus w/Rds - Guest Callers
(352) 753-3505

PARTNERS-IN-PROGRESS

Sandrift Rec. Center, Titusville
C-1/C-2 - Skip Smith (407)267-8910

RUNN-A-ROUNDS

678 N. Wickam Road, Melbourne
Ph. V/VI - J. Rannels (561)770-2236

STRATO SQUARES

Canal St. Rec. Ctr., New Smyrna Bch.
Advance - J. Saunders
(904)428-1496

WHIRL & TWIRL ROUNDS

6949 Venture Circle, Orlando
Ph. II/III - R. Brown (407)671-8903

MONDAY

HERON CAE TWIRLERS

Heron Cae MH Park, Vero Beach
MS - G. Mattson (561)778-2054

HONEY BEES

DeLand Activity Center
Plus - R.J. Hogan (904)228-0070

MIRROR IMAGES

Fran Carlton Center, Apopka
Ph. II/III - S. Thomas (407)889-2178

PARTNERS-IN-PROGRESS

Coronado Bch Rec. Hall
New Smyrna Beach
A-2 - Skip Smith (407)267-8910

SALT & PEPPER SHAKERS

Spruce Creek South Comm. Center
MS/Plus - W. Ishmael (352)347-9126

SLIP PIVOT ROUND DANCERS

Ben White Rec. Center, Orlando
Ph. III/IV - W. Guice (407)877-8677

YELLOW ROCKERS

The Barn, Melbourne
Plus - J. Reed (407)724-5379

YOUNG & RESTLESS

Good Samaritan Center, Kissimmee
MS/Plus - SusanElaine
(407)894-2227

TUESDAY

BUCKLES & BOWS

1009 Shady Lane, Kissimmee
Plus - J & D Gaskin (407)892-6240

DANCING SHADOWS

Rte. 484, Belleview
Plus - Guest Callers (352)245-3945

FELLOWSHIP SQUARES

First Methodist Church, Port Orange
Plus - L. Patton (904)767-9342

GRANADA SQUARES

Senior Center, Ormond Beach
Plus - J. Saunders (904)253-8928

GRAND SQUARES

The Barn, Melbourne
MS - C. Walton (407)722-1664

GROVELAND/CLERMONT SQS.

Jenkins Auditorium, Clermont
Plus - Whit Brown (352)394-3319

KLASSY KATS RDC

Beardall Senior Citizen Ctr., Orlando
Ph. IV-VI - J. Augenblick
(407)894-5115

MERRY-GO-ROUNDERS

Senior Center, Casselberry
Ph. III - S. Thomas (407)889-2178

PARTNERS-IN-PROGRESS

Presbyterian Church, Merritt Island
A-2 - Skip Smith (407)267-8910

PEARLY SHELLS RDC (1:00 p.m.)

Ormond Beach, Sica Hall, Holly Hill
(Behind City Hall)
Ph. IV-VI-A. Philips (904)672-3886

PEARLY SHELLS RDC (6:30 p.m.)

Senior Center, Ormond Beach
Ph. II/III - A. Philips (904)672-3886

PIRATES - BUCCANEERS

Community Center, Apopka
MS/Plus - J. Louder (407)869-4804

RUNN-A-ROUNDS

Vero Beach Heritage Center
Ph. III/IV - J. Runnels (561)770-2236

SUNSHINE CONTRAS

4688 SR 44, Wildwood
Prompters: Ricker & Brown
(352)787-9513

WEDNESDAY

ADVANCE DANCE

Vero Beach Community Center
A-2/C1 - G. Mattson (561)778-2054

PEARLY SHELLS

Sica Hall, Holly Hill
All Ph. - A. Philips (904)672-3886

SLIP PIVOT RDC

678 N. Wickam Rd., Melbourne
Ph. III/IV - W. Guice (407)877-8677

SPIN DRIFTERS

Coronado Civic Center,
New Smyrna Beach
Plus - J. Saunders (904)254-4823

STARLIGHT PROMENADERS

38 S. Shell Rd., DeBary
Plus/Rds - J. Barrett (904)775-0958

WHIRL & TWIRL

6949 Venture Circle, Orlando
MS - D. Robinson (407)859-5056

THURSDAY

BAREFOOT BAY SPINNERS

Community Center, Barefoot Bay
Mainstream - D. McClary
(561)664-5612

CANAVERAL SQUARES

McClarty Rec. Cen., Rockledge
Plus/Rds - S. Cleland (407)635-8125

DIXIE SQUARES

City Island Rec Ctr, Daytona
Plus/Rds - J. Barrett (904)761-6976

GARDEN PATCH SQUARES

Vignetti Recreation Center, Ocoee
Plus - L. Patten (407)880-3588

HOLIDAY SQUARES (Nov-Apr)

Holiday Travel Park, Leesburg
Plus/Rds-Guest Caller/J. Chauvin
(352)728-3341

ORANGE BLOSSOM SQUARES

Villages of Lady Lake
MS/Plus - W. Ishmael
(904)753-1842

ORANGE BLOSSOM SQUARES

Comm Center, Vero Beach
Plus - W. Brown (407)562-5966

PALM BAY PROMENADERS

3820 Minton Rd., Melbourne
Plus/Rds-D. McClary (407)722-1664

PEARLY SHELLS ROUNDS

Sica Hall, Holly Hill
Ph. III-IV - A. Philips (904)672-3886

PINECASTLE SQ. DANCE CLUB

Oak Ridge & Orange Ave., Orlando
MS - D. Hulbert (407)859-1224

STRATO SQUARES

Ben White Raceway, Orlando
A-2 - J. Saunders (904)4281496

SUNNI'S ROUNDERS

Fran Carlton Ctr, Apopka
Ph. IV-V - S. Thomas (407)889-2178

FRIDAY

CANAVERAL SQUARES

McClarty Rec. Ctr, Rockledge
Plus - S. Cleland (407)635-8125

DIXIE DIAMONDS

The Barn, Melbourne
A2/C1 - J. Reed (407)722-1664

FLAGLER OCEAN WAVES

800 S. Daytona Ave., Flagler Beach
Plus/Rds - R.J. Hogan (904)446-1719

ORLANDO SINGLES

Ben White Rec. Center, Orlando
Plus - J. Barrett/J. Fioretti
(407)831-1513

PARTNERS-IN-PROGRESS

Canal St. Rec. Ctr., New Smyrna Bch.
C-1 - S. Smith (407)267-8910

RAINBOW SQUARES

1st United Methodist Ch Fellowship Hall
Dunnellon -MS/Plus - J. Roop
(352)748-2356

SUNSHINE PROMENADERS

5688 SR. 44, Wildwood
MS/Plus - K. Helton (352)330-0790

WAGON WHEEL SQUARES

Senior Center, St. Cloud
MS/Plus- D. McClary (407)892-5989

Keepin' Posted for October

SATURDAY

ALLEMANDERS SQ. DANCE

Civic Center, Satellite Beach
Plus - J. Saunders (407)676-5741

J & M ROUNDS

Ben White Rec. Center, Orlando
Ph. III-V - J. Augenblick
(407)894-5115

KISS-A-ME SQUARES

Community House, Kissimmee
Plus - W. Brown (407)933-4787
2nd & 4th Sat.

KOA ROCKERS

12343 Narcoossee Rd., Orlando
Plus - D. Gaskins (407)277-8247

PIRATES

Fran Carlton Ctr, Apopka
Plus - J. Louder (407)869-4804
2nd & 4th Sat.



SALT & PEPPER SHAKERS

Spruce Creek Community Center
MS/Plus-Guest Caller (904)347-6463

SPACETRACKERS

McClarty Rec. Center, Rockledge
Plus - W. Brown (407)452-2679

SUNSHINE CONTRAS (1st Sat.)

5688 SR. 44, Wildwood
Prompter D. Ricker/A. Brown
(352)787-9513

SUNSHINE PROMENADERS

5688 S.R. 44, Wildwood
Ph. II-IV - J. Helton (352)330-0790
4th Sat. ea. month

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Canaveral Squares

—Rockledge

Hello everyone! Our appreciation and thanks go out to two industrious committees, of the 44th and 45th State Conventions, who have worked hard for us all. We are eagerly anticipating the 45th after we enjoyed the 44th so much. The 44th State Convention committee presented fine callers, cuers, entertainment, etc. for our enjoyment. Of course, we all enjoyed dancing to our own caller, **Skip Cleland**, and a few times **Jennifer** harmonized singing us some great songs at the convention. Sunday evening the 45th State Convention committee took over the helm presenting a fabulous show of synchronization.

We have a new floor at our hall now and the Space Trackers brought along new plus graduates on the banner raid May 29; a great new group of graduates we hope to see again. This dance took the sting out of not dancing to our caller and cuer for five whole weeks! It wasn't easy, **Skip and Vince**.

Our Father's Day and Pie Dance, June 19, is a great pie & dance memory. Our good friends, the Allemanders didn't let us keep

their banner very long since they stopped by for a sampling of pie and dance also. We always enjoy their company! Our July 3 Firecracker Dance and Hot Dog social were great events we will do again. We had a good old-fashioned watermelon roll competition on Aug 7 at our Watermelon Roll Dance. The team of **Skip & Jennifer Cleland** and our cuer, **Vince Furtado**, brought some nice ballads and old summertime favorites to help make it a festive occasion.

Our banner chairpersons are working up some fun excursions for us in August, so watch for us and pick up your Thanksgiving dinner/dance tickets when we come to visit you. Better yet, come see us on Friday evening.

LOOKING AHEAD- Special Dances: Beginning September 4, our hours will be 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. See you on September 11 for the Country Hoedown when all you Hillbillies who enjoy a casual night out can wear your duds and kick up your heels to some mighty fine dancing.



Our October 30 Halloween Dance will be a "Create Your Own—Mix and Match." So put the final touches on those costumes and come dance the night away.

Tickets for the Thanksgiving Dinner/Dance, November 13, will be ready by August.

December 4 Deck the Tree Dance will begin our December donations along with the December 11 Christmas Dance for Washington Square Home. NOTE: NO DANCE on November 27 and December 25.

SQUARE DANCE CLASS:

Starting September 4 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Round 'em up and get 'em out to our lessons on time to enjoy the first two lessons in September (the 4th and 11th). Our class coordinators, Jim & Jane Hart, 407-632-4295, are anxious to receive word of anyone interested in learning basic square dance techniques. Check after the class on the 11th in case we did not reach a minimum number of students to keep the class going.


We would love to have you all explore the world of square and round dancing fun and friendship in the cool comfort of McLarty Park Recreation Center on Friday nights with us.

—Iver and Mary Duedall

Dixie Squares

—Daytona Beach

The Dixie Squares have enjoyed a very busy summer this year. Besides the state and national conventions, we had our annual Watermelon Roast on June 14. Everyone enjoyed the food, games and a bit of dancing.

July 2 was our Indoor Picnic: hot dogs, salads and all the extras that make a picnic good.  Many of our members wore red, white and blue outfits to celebrate the 4th.

July 16 brought our members in crazy hats and T-shirts. This was a night of good fun for all.

July 30 was Pizza Night. Our members and guests enjoyed pizza and soft drinks between dances.

August 20 was our Luau Pot Luck Dinner, an event always well attended. A wide variety of foods and beautiful decorations make the luau a favorite with everyone.

We are looking forward to our Open House on September 10 and September 17. Classes begin on September 24.

Our northern friends will be returning soon and our club will be in full swing again.

Come and visit us. We would love to share our Dixie spirit with all of you.

—Teri & Jay Peck

Flagler Ocean Waves

—Palm Coast

Flagler Ocean Waves has two more Open House nights set to introduce everyone to the fun of square dancing: August 28 and September 4. Classes start on September 11.

Remember! We are not dancing during July, but we will be banner raiding! Two successful baner raids were just completed at the Starlight Promenaders in Debary and the Gypsy Squares at Bulow Campgrounds.

New members who joined us recently are: Betty Lynn Blatchford, Norma Grier, Dale and Wendy Hendrix, Jim Ingalls, Pat and Bill Kampf, Bernie and Betty Koft, Larry and Rita Olynick, Ann Marie Paxia, Jack Shuler, George Smith, and Dick and Patsy Tomlinson. August 28 was our watermelon social.

The picture of our new Presidents, Shirley and Paul Dean, was taken at R. J. and Joanie's cookout. We all had a super time.

—Bea Beckenbach



*Paul & Shirley Dean
Flagler Ocean Waves Presidents*

Garden Patch Squares

—Ococee/Winter Garden

Garden Patch Squares enjoyed a wonderfully casual

summer. Many of our dancers have been just dropping by our dances (when they could locate the halls). Well, we are proud to announce the "butterfly" has found a home. We are dancing at Vignetti Recreation Center at 1910



Adair, Ococee. At this writing, we would like to give a huge THANK YOU to all our members and guests who have been so faithful in attending our flitting about the city while we were locating our new home. In all the moves, we are happy to say that **Larry and Daphne** only had one week vacation from calling and cuing. You both have been great, Thank You.

We are also very grateful to our wonderful President Bonnie Kucharzyk for the many many hours of leg work that went into locating and arranging the whole move. Thank You, Bonnie, we would never have gotten this accomplished without your dedication and devotion. At this time, we would like to say a heart felt thank you to Erv and Gwen Hersee for making it possible to dance in the recreation hall at their church. You are wonderful to have shared the facility with us.

Remember Peggy Birk? She is the grand lady who helped organize Garden Patch Squares nine years ago. She is doing very well and has moved to her own apartment in a retirement home in

Indiana. Of course she has been talking square dancing and when they can locate a caller, the activities chairperson will help organize a "club" in the retirement home. What ambition Peggy, you are great. She keeps up with all of us by reading our local magazines. Anyone wishing her current address can contact any Garden Patch member. Peggy would love to hear from all of her friends.

Please come see us at our new home. Classes will begin Sept. 17 and we are looking forward to a wonderful year of new dancers. Until we see you in a square, may God bless. Our banner chairman has been busy so we WILL see you soon. Happy Dancing.

—Joe & Maxine Carr

Granada Squares

—Port Orange

Here it is, the middle of summer with La Nina making it hottern' blazes; folks tearin' out of town for vacations and visits to Aunt Ethel and Uncle Egbert; the snowbirds have long since "flew de coupe" back up nawth and we are still dancin' up a storm with very good crowds every Tuesday evening. There doesn't appear to be any one reason for our continuing good fortune either. Maybe it's a combination of things like having **John Saunders** calling, **Audrey**

Philips cucing, being near the ocean with all the good seafood places and a club membership that, when they say, "It's *GOOD* to see you," rings a sincerity and truthfulness that makes visitors feel good themselves!! Hope that those of you who haven't been around for awhile will pick it all up and come on over again for a spell.

We've been banner raiding right smart, too. In April we had the pleasure of bein' with the Bass Capitol Squares and the good ol' Dixie Squares.

May found us over at the Flagler Ocean Waves and then south to the Spin Drifters. Then in June a couple of squares braved the raging forest fires near Bulow Woods and danced with the Gypsies. We strutted our stuff with maracas, tambourines and sombreros in the traditional and famous Granada Squares interpretation of the Mexican Hat Dance at the Starlight Promenaders.

July found us dancing at the club and raiding Deland's Honeybees but with our hearts in our throats as the fires invaded Ormond Beach and our neighbors both north and south of us. Lots of folks were busy, each in their own way, doing their best to help out in the massive community effort to support all of those valiant firefighters who came to help protect our lives and property.

Our "specials" this summer were a Pic Night in June that almost

overwhelmed us with the pie turnout. (Actually ended up auctioning off some of them to the club's treasury benefit.) The Firecracker Ball was just what the name implies as well as describing the club members' personalities!! They keep things hoppin' and poppin' around here! July's activity was a thing of "beauty to behold" as we had our Beach Party. We had two clubs raid us that night. Dixie Squares and Spin Drifters know of the great spread the club provides on special nights. They enjoyed us almost as much as we enjoyed having them over to our place.

September 8 is Football Follies night. This always gets a good laugh!

October will rock with Octoberfest on the 13th and the Halloween Dance on the 27th. Come dressed in your best costume or whatever your mate will allow you to

get out of the house with for either or both of these occasions. AND, in keepin' with the idea of saving some of the best 'til the last (of October), here's a real temptin' tidbit for you. Why not make reservations for a St. John's River Cruise aboard the Victory III from downtown St. Augustine and a Ghost Walk? Finally, to round out the quarter, our Fancy Dress Ball is on November 17 with "Prince **John Saunders**" calling and "Princess **Audrey Philips**" cueing starting at

8 p.m. until the "pumpkin coach" leaves at 10 p.m.

We now have a Web Page for all those folks in the computer world with access to the Internet. Our Web site address is <http://www.floridadancing.com/granadasquares>. Our yearly schedule is featured to keep you apprised of our going's on. As if that wasn't enough forward thinking by the membership, we have an e-mail address also: **A C Du C@aol.com**. When you write, we ask that you use "Granada Squares" as the subject so your mail is highlighted on our screen. Your mail is too important to be inadvertently overlooked or deleted. We'd really like to hear from you.

'Til next time, Happy Dancin'!!

—Ralph Stokes

Honeybees

—DeLand

The second quarter was highlighted by the 44th Florida State Convention in Lakeland, followed closely by the 47th National Convention in Charlotte.

We graduated three squares of new dancers, increasing the enjoyment level at the club dances. The Plus Workshop continues under the tutelage of our caller, **R. J. Hogan** completing all of the Plus calls and a little bit more.



In July we had our watermelon social and were raided by the Granada Squares. August brought the ice cream social and hobby night. On September 21 the dance theme was "Remember When"; dancers brought memorabilia from the past.

On September 28 we had Open House. Those individuals who want to learn about square dancing may do so at no charge.

Come dance with the Honeybees, the friendliest club, on Monday night. The dance is held in the Deland Activities Center, 751 S. Alabama Avenue in Deland from 8 to 10 p.m. Our square dance caller is the one and only **R. J. Hogan**. Our cuer is the great **Jim Cowen**. The last tip is "hot hash."

—Jerry & Ida Hoskins

—Tom & Mary Meyer

Orlando Singles

—Orlando

Hope you had fun at both the State Convention in Lakeland and the National Convention in Charlotte. If not, you missed some great times. The state was especially fun as we made new friends and renewed old friendships even though there was no separate Singles Hall. (This only matters if you are a genuine Single!) The national was fun, too, but every

Single I spoke with expressed problems with the set-up in Charlotte. Noteably, the level of dancing (mainstream only), the floor (carpeted) and the location of the hall (not on the same level as the rest of the square dance halls.)

We, in Central Florida, have the opportunity to benefit from these experiences as we host the 1999 State Convention next May. If you haven't been asked to serve, call Bev Landwehr, President of FASSARD and Singles Coordinator for State, and make a commitment!

The Orlando Singles dances for the summer have already included a Mother's Day Dance, a Father's Day Dance, a Flag Day Dance, an Armed Forces Day Dance, a Memorial Day Dance and the Fourth of July Dance. All of these dances honored those to whom we are thankful and for what we have and are today.

The Singles also tend to plan dances with a food theme: a Hot Dog Dance, a Cup Cake Dance and a Mexican covered dish blew everyone's diet out of the water.

Banner Raid/Program Co-Chairman Carol Zywica and James Plank have planned upcoming raids to the Starlight Promenaders in DeBary, the Space Trackers in Cocoa, the Pirates in Apopka and the Orange Blossom Squares in Lady Lake. Also, at the club's request, Caller **John Barrett** has put together a Mystery Knothead

Trip and if we not-yet-Knotheads survive, you'll get a report next issue as well as the skinny on the Knothead Convention in Lakeland.

Sad news: member Howard MacDonald died June 7 at the age of 94. "Mac" was still dancing, though limited, less than two years ago, and he still loved receiving and giving "Yellow Rocks". I tend to believe that the hugs added to his longevity. He is missed.

All of the Singles and Callers, Joe Fioretti and John Barrett, along with Cuer, Phyllis Williams, want to make you welcome at the Ben White Recreation Hall. Our Plus Workshop gets under way at 7 p.m., early rounds

8:00-8:15 and dancing continues until 10. We're still having a FUN party every Friday night. Come see us.

—Louise Elliott



Pirates

—Apopka

Ships Log, 09 May 1998: The Buccaneers prepared grub for their lassies in honor of Mother's Day. Following the bountiful feast of hot dogs and the fixin's, there were 10 squares to enjoy the evening of dancing.

Ships Log, 18 May 1998: Our raiding party set sail to Deland and the Honey Bees. We had 21 Pirates in uniform and a good time was had by all.

Ships Log, 22 May 1998: 60 of our Pirates walk the plank to Lakeland and the Florida State Convention. Skuttle-butt around the tavern is that the Pirates have had the largest representation of dancers over the past 10 years and this year was no exception. "Way to go, Mates!"

Ahoy, Lads and Lassies! Boy it's been a scorcher—have to find the First Mate to do a little dance to bring on the rains!

Ships Log, 13 June 1998: "Red, White and Blue" Dance brought out the patriotic. It was nice to see a room filled with squares of patriotic color, good food, good callin' and of course fun dancin'. Whirl & Twirl and Dixie Squares raided and helped fill the hall with about 16 squares.

Dot Lucy was honored with a pin for having attended 150 raids. Boy, that's a lot of dancing, Dot. Congrats and see you on the dance floor.

Walt and Janet Becker were given pins for participating in 25 raids. Shiver me timbers, Buccaneers, that's a lot of toe tappin' fun.

Ships Log, Tuesdays: Come on down and join in the fun of APD (All Position Dancing). We start at 7:00 p.m. and go until 8:30 and then we have a few tips of Plus Workshop from 8:30 until 10:00. Sail on over to Fran Carlton Community Center for a few laughs

and some fun square dancing.

Pirates were busy in July what with APD dances every Tuesday evening. Then we had a great turn out for our annual Ice Cream Social Dance on July 11. We had a couple of raids, too: one to the Singles on July 17 with 44 dancers and then again on July 28 to Ormond and the Granada Squares.

Our regular dance on July 25 brought a busload of dancers from Tampa, the Tampa Twisters. They were doing a Mystery Dance and also earning their Knothead! Our Ships Hold had 17 squares and it was a fun evening. Ahoy, Mates, come back and dance with us again any time.

The Pirates have kept very busy this year and look forward to cooler weather and more dancin'. Come on down and join us if you can.

See ya on the dance floor.

—Tim and Suzy Hill

Rainbow Squares

—Dunnellon

The Rainbow Squares have recently moved from Holder to Dunnellon. We are now dancing every Friday night, except the fifth, at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Dunnellon. Al and Barbara Martinez, our club presidents, have made the move a smooth transition.

Jim Roop is our club caller, but once a month we have a guest caller.

We graduated only one square this year, but boy are they good! They whizzed through the plus calls just like old-timers. We are hoping for a larger class next year.

Under the leadership of George and Francis Perdue, our raiding parties and flag retrieving dancers have been straying far and wide.

The Rainbow Squares club has been recruited to dance on-stage as entertainment for the big Labor Day Celebration on September 7 in Wildwood. The annual celebration is sponsored by the Wildwood American Legion and is held on the shore of beautiful Lake Miona. Nearly a thousand people attend the annual event each year.

We will begin dancing our fall program on September 4 at 7:00 p.m. in Dunnellon. Come dance with us; everybody is welcome.

—Jim Roop

Space Trackers

—Rockledge

The long, hot summer is over and soon all of our snowbirds and travelers will be coming back to join us. We're looking forward to seeing them at the dances.

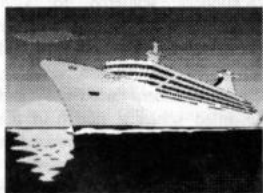
The Fall Fling dance will be one not to miss. On October 17 we have the good fortune to have **Dee**

Dee Dougherty coming to the Travis Recreation Center in Cocoa. Our own wonderful **Phyllis Williams** will be here for the round dancing, too. Get your tickets now and plan to join us. Contact Jack & Barbara Hoffman at (407)453-3941 or our presidents, Giff & Shirley Crippen at (407)242-1004 for details. We promise it'll be a night to remember.

Our Monday night workshops are continuing through September 7 and Whit Brown has been able to teach us a few things even while we were intent on having fun. We welcomed 18 new dancers who graduated in June and they have been coming to the workshops. They were able to earn many new dangles in July when the workshop included some strange places to dance: the pool, the restroom, the street and on the grass. Square dancers can go anywhere and have a great time! When the Canaveral Squares took our banner, some of us were seen dancing at Ashley's Restaurant, too.

The next class for new square dancers will begin with two free lessons on September 14 and 21 at McLarty Park Recreation Center, 790 Barton Blvd., Rockledge, from 7:30 to 9:30. Whit and our angels are looking forward to meeting and dancing with many new friends. Call Mary and Boyd McCaul at (407)254-7395 for information.

Boyd and Mary have also been busy planning a square dance cruise to Nassau in January. This is for any interested square dancers, so we hope folks from other clubs are signing up for the trip. **Whit Bown** will be sailing with us and helping us get our dancing sea legs in shape.



The trip is January 28-31, aboard the Fantasy and costs \$342 per person. What a deal! Call Boyd & Mary to get on board. (407)254-7395.

We'll be having a pizza party and demo on September 9 at Ci Ci's on Merritt Island. Be there at 7. Then October 30 a band of Tracker thieves will head to Jenson Beach on a Knothead trip, so watch out Suncats. We'll be looking for treats and ready with tricks. We're also planning our annual Thanksgiving feast and dance on November 21. Before you know it, Christmas will be upon us. Time flies when you're having a good time.

See you at the dance.

—Gene & Sarah

Starlight Promenaders

—DeBary

Once again, those lazy, hazy days of summer came upon us, snow birds headed north, vacationers scattered to visit families or their favorite summer haunts and our attendance dwindled during July and August. However, the Promenaders had a busy and fun-filled schedule that held the interest of those that remained at home and attended our dances.

Our last big event before the big exodus was the 44th State Convention, where the Promenaders did themselves proud with a representation of 38 members taking part in the grand march and eight more cheering them on from the grandstand. The following evening saw 40 Starlighters on the floor in the kick-off, including 10 members of our newly graduated class!

At our May 20 dance, Lou and Muriel Chabot were presented with the STAR award by President Randy and Carol Poole for their many services to the club and square dancing in general. They have served the club in a number of capacities over the past 14 years. To mention a few, they served as



vice president, raid chairman, class coordinators and on numerous committees within the club. For four years, they were editors of *Keepin' Posted*, chairmen of the fashion show for the 1993 state and 1997 national conventions. They have received the Couple of the Year Award on two occasions.

On the same evening, special Angel Awards were presented to Phil and Bobbi Morse for 15 years, Evelyn Waite for 13 years and Ed Balestrieri for 10 years. Five year membership bars were presented to Walter and Marie Schmidt. Dorothea Bormann received her Promenader Royal Raider bar for attending 125 raids. Dorothea is one of our oldest members and is still actively taking part in raids.

June 17 was our Father's Day Dance and annual Pie Night. The ladies took over for the evening and the men brought pictures of themselves with their dads or their children and prizes were awarded to those who identified the most correctly. The Pirates came to retrieve their banner and were pleased to find they picked a "double header" night. The previous Friday, we raided the Orlando Singles with 23 dancers and the following Thursday, 15 Promenaders travelled to Ormond Beach to

retrieve our banner from the Dixie Squares. On both trips, our new graduates were well represented.

After a two week layoff due to the National Convention in Charlotte, activities started again with an Ice Cream Social on July 15. On July 29 we held our 39th Anniversary Dance and although the crowd was smaller than we would have liked, everyone attending enjoyed both dances. The following Saturday, ten Promenader couples joined in the Mystery Knothead trip planned by **John Barrett** for all of his clubs. They met at Wal-Mart and danced in the parking lot to earn their "black top" dangle. From there, they drove caravan style to Palatka where they picnicked and danced on the grass and earned their "grasshopper" dangle. Then on to Jacksonville and the Knothead Ceremony and dancing with the River City Squares.

August 5, a visit by the Orlando Singles swelled our attendance for the evening, and further August activities included a raid by nine of our couples at the Granada Squares. On August 19 we were happy to see the attendance improved as we held our annual Watermelon Night, chaired by Henry and Betty LaCouture. We

were happy be invaded by 16 dancers from the Dixie Squares. The same evening, Virginia Roy received her Super Promenader bar for attending 20 raids.

Future special dance dates include a Western Dance chaired by Irving and Marie Meyer on September 16 and a Caller/Cuer Appreciation Dance on September 30, with Randy and Carol Poole and Lou and Muriel Chabot in charge.

Our new class is scheduled to start on Wednesday, October 7 with Phil and Bobbi Morse as new class coordinators. We are hoping we can brag we have a large class in our next report.

—George & Joan Knopf

Wagon Wheel Squares

—St. Cloud

Summer is almost over, time for classes to begin again. Wagon Wheel Squares will put on a demonstration at the Osceola Mall on September 7, and our Open House and classes will begin on September 11 at 6:30 p.m. We hope to see a lot of eager dancers-to-be turn out this year. Our regular dance is at 8 p.m. at the Senior Center in St. Cloud. Come join us; visitors are always welcome.

While our caller, **Dale McClary**, was on vacation in August we enjoyed the calling of **Allen Snell** and **John Saunders**. It's a fun night dancing to either of these callers. Our special August dance was a Hawaiian luau, with appropriate attire and goodies. We'll enjoy pizza on September 4,



and in October it's going to be "hobo stew" night on the 16. One thing about square dancers, they do know how to have fun eating!

Many of our members have been traveling this summer, all over the United States—from Washington to Pennsylvania and points in between, and most of us found dances to go wherever we were. You're never without friends when you're a square dancer.

Come dance with us on Friday nights at the Senior Center in St. Cloud. **Dale McClary** is our caller, and **Pete and Jan Shankle** do the honors on the rounds.

—Royce and Carol Arter

Whirl & Twirl

—Orlando

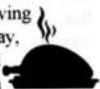
Fall is a very busy time of year, both for members and the club. Whirl and Twirl will

hold an Oktoberfest October 3 at 7 p.m. with Oompa music and our own DJ, Jim Moore. There will not be any square dancing that night, but how about the Polka?? What a great opportunity to invite friends for an evening of food, fun and frolic. Root beer and German food will be featured.

Many members have been travelling over the summer, and it was so nice to see them returning. Hope you have remembered to invite family and neighbors for one of the Shindig nights, October 6, 13 and 20.

Halloween parties will be held October 28 and 30. Cash prizes will be awarded the best costumes, so get your thinking hats on.

The last Wednesday evening pot luck dinner for the year will be October 21 at 7 p.m.

Our Thanksgiving celebration is Friday, November 20 for all dancers with a  scrumptious dinner at 6:30. Mark your calendars now.

Also, please reserve December 31 for the Annual New Year's Eve Dance. All arrangements are finished and flyers are out. Time to buy your tickets from any board member.

Christmas parties will be Wednesday, December 16 and Friday, December 18.

Come dance with us. **Danny Robinson** calls a great Mainstream Dance on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 with line dances between tips.

Friday evening is our Plus Dance with Early Rounds by **Roy Brown** followed by the dance with **Danny** from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

—Dick & Rowena Wilson

Happy Holidays



Uses for Old Panty Hose

Don't throw out your panty hose just because they have a few runs. Here are 10 ways to recycle nylons after they have died:

1. Fill stuffed animals or decorative pillows with discarded hose.
2. Stick them on the end of a yardstick to snag cobwebs from the ceiling or dust from under the refrigerator.
3. To stop animals from nibbling on your greenery, fill a panty hose leg with mothballs or pieces of leftover bar soap and wrap it around the base of the shrubbery.
4. Polish pewter with old panty hose. It won't scratch the pewter.
5. Tie up plants with strips cut from old hose. The nylon is much gentler than string on the plant stem.
6. When sending packages, fill empty space by stuffing Styro-foam peanuts into the legs of the hose and tying off the ends. The item you're sending will be protected and the recipient won't have to deal with a mess.
7. Fill a section with soap scraps and use it as a soap mitt.
8. Make a butterfly or minnow net by removing the strings from an old tennis racquet. Then stretch the end of one hose leg over the racquet and attach it to the frame.
9. Buff freshly polished shoes with old hose.
10. Strain old paint through the nylon to remove any lumps or debris.

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New Florida State Square Dance Outfit

(See picture on page 43)

The Florida Federation adopted a new State Dress at the May meeting. The dress was designed by Elsa Huddleston from the Southeast. This outfit was selected by ballot from three outstanding dresses that were shown.

The ladies dress is an eight gore white skirt on the outside with eight hidden rainbow-colored gores on the inside which flare out when twirled. The colored gores represent the following: yellow, the sunshine state; blue, the ocean; pink, the sunset; green, the continuous green season. The top is a white peasant blouse with tiered sleeves of green and yellow topped with a blue ruffle. A pink bow sits at the center top of the ruffle to pick up the remaining rainbow color of pink.

The man's white shirt has alternating rows of the same rainbow colors on the yoke. The pants can be white or one of the rainbow colors.

Fabric: All the material is at Wal-Mart. The rainbow colors are all Spring Palencia combed broadcloth and sold for \$1.87/yard. A slightly heavier white fabric is used (Polished Pearl @ \$3/yard) so the hidden pastel panels would not show through as they would a lighter fabric.

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| Polished Pearl (White #606) | 4-2/3 yards |
| Spring Palencia (Blue #5276) | 1-1/4 yards |
| Spring Palencia (Daffodil #01217) | 1-1/8 yards |
| Spring Palencia (Soft Pink #01834) | 1-1/8 yards |
| Spring Palencia (Light Green) | 1-1/4 yards |

The above yardage is based on size 12 measurements.

Skirt Pattern: Use any gore pattern from an 8-gore skirt, but be sure it does not allow for ruffles at the bottom. This skirt does not have a ruffle. This gore pattern will be the pattern for the **white outside gores**.

NOTE: To reduce the bulk of gathers around the waist, fold the edges of the gore pattern under slightly on both sides lengthwise. This reduces the gore width a little and the skirt lays more smoothly over the petticoat and you don't have so many gathers at the waist. *If you do this, be sure to measure this adjusted gore across the top, multiply by 8, and subtract the seam allowances to be sure you do not reduce the pattern too much.* You can also reduce the bulk of gathers around the waist by sewing small darts in the outside gore.

To make the pattern for the **inside gores**, fold both long edges of the outside gore toward each other until the top is about 3" across and the bottom hemline edge angles out to about 11" across. Trace this onto paper and label it as the **inside colored gore**.

Pin the **outside gore** to the white fabric lengthwise with the grain and cut out 8 gores. Since the fabric is lightweight you can save time by overlapping the folded material until you have 8 layers and cutting all 8 at one time.

Pin the **inside gore** pattern to each of the pastel colored fabrics lengthwise with the grain and cut two of each color.

SEWING THE SKIRT: Using a 1/2" seam, stitch the panels together in the following order: yellow, white, blue, white, pink, white, green and white. Repeat with the remaining panels and you will end up with a complete circle of alternating colors with white panels. Press seams open.

With skirt wrong side out, measure down 9" at the seam line that connects a yellow and white panel. Mark this point. Holding the two yellow/white seams together (yellow/white seam to yellow/white seam) pin together to the marked point making sure seams are even. Beginning slightly left of the seam line, stitch together to the marked point to form the pleat. Back stitch to reinforce. Repeat process at all colored/white seams forming 8 pleats. Press pleats flat making sure outside gores meet and hide the colored pleat. Baste 1/4" across top raw edge to hold pressed panels flat.

Adjust bias hem facing to form a casing for the 1" elastic at the waist. Measure and hem your skirt.

Tiny colored bows are sewn (or pinned) at the juncture of each pleat (the 9" mark). Each bow is the same color as the pleat below it. To make the bows, cut two strips of each color diagonal to the grain measuring 1-1/4" x 14-1/2". With right sides together, fold bow in half lengthwise. Stitch using a 1/4" seam allowance. Trim seam. With a threaded needle, take a stitch in bias at one end. Pass needle, **eye first**, through tubing. Press. Knot ends. Attach to skirt.

THE BLOUSE: The material for the blouse is included in the above yardage. To make the front and back of the blouse (Polished Pearl fabric), use a simple peasant blouse pattern.

The neck ruffle (blue) is made from two strips of 17-1/2" x 7" fabric cut on fold line (35" x 14" each) sewn together to form a circle and with a narrow hem at both top and bottom lengthwise raw edges. Sew the wrong side of the ruffle to the right side of the blouse and allow 3/4" to stand above the top of the blouse. Sew through both the ruffle and blouse to make a casing for a 1/4" elastic to be inserted.

The tiered cap sleeves are yellow and green. The yellow, being the shorter part, is the top of the sleeve and separates the blue ruffle and lower green part of the sleeve.

Another tiny pink bow sits right below the gathers to pick up the pink of the hidden pleat of the skirt.

THE MAN'S SHIRT: To make the back yoke, trace the yoke of a finished white shirt to make a pattern, then measure the widest point of the yoke across the back and divide by four (the four pastel colors). Add the seam allowance and cut the four strips of colored fabric. Sew them together and then cut a yoke from your pattern. The back strips are about 4-1/4" each for a size 16 shirt. The front yokes are made the same way, except that only two colors are on each side. As you face the shirt, it has **blue and yellow on the left and green and pink on the right.**

Any questions, call Elsa Huddleston at (954) 484-4553. SEE PICTURE ON PAGE 43.



Hanging Christmas Stockings



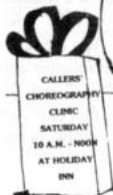
The custom of hanging stockings on the mantle to receive small gifts originated with St. Nicholas, the Turkish version of our own Santa Claus. Long ago, St. Nick was supposed to have provided dowries for the three daughters of a poor nobleman. He threw bags of money through their windows (in one version, down the chimney), where the gifts happened to fall into a stocking that was hung out to dry by the fire.

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SUMMARY OF MINUTES

AREA DIRECTOR REPORTS: Will Barnhart reported that all areas are running smoothly. Full reports are on file. Highlights follow:

BLOOD BANK: There are 338 units available with no withdrawals.

MEMBERSHIP: As of 5-19-98 there were 422 total members (paid and honorary), 57 new members. 365 member renewed.

INSURANCE: Three clubs have not renewed.

FLORIDA FEDERATION: The Federation adopted a new state dress. The Hall of Fame committee will meet shortly and determine guidelines for future meetings. The Federation web page has been updated. The address is <http://www.floridadancing.com>. The USDA has a new address: <http://www.usda.org>. The annual meeting is October 18 at the Ramada Inn in Cocoa.

1999 STATE CONVENTION: The Kick Off was a success. Over 400 registrations were sold. All vendors were contacted and signed up for next year. The 1999 Convention is on track and on schedule.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bylaws Amendment: Copies of amended bylaws were passed out.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers: The following officers were installed by Mary Stewart: Bruce & Colleen Morgan, President; Will & Carol Barnhart, Vice President; Ray & Barbara Stiver, Secretary; Jack & Barbara Hoffman, Treasurer; Walt & Janet Becker, Vice President for Membership; Vice President for Blood Bank, Jim & Jan McConnaha; Insurance Vice President, Bill & Claire Poole and Area Director Vice President, Bob & Rosemary Schirmer. Area Directors are: Asa Clark & Rosalie Turner, North Brevard; Otis & Linda Lutz, South Brevard & Indian River; Dan & Anna Foust, West Lake & Sumter; Vernon & Eloise Cannaday, East Lake; Tony & Corinne Brownell, East Orange & Seminole; Arnold & Marie Rabenberg, West Orange; George & Joan Knopf, West Volusia; Harvey & Ella Shriver, East Volusia; Dick & Altho Domine and Joe & Irene Thompson, Marion; and Bill & Pat Haskell, Osceola.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana & Steve Kehr, Secretary

History of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers

The first recorded evidence is an organizational meeting in Jacksonville in the fall of 1957. The first regular meeting was held in Melbourne on January 12, 1958. The Charter was ratified and filed in Osceola County on March 19, 1958. Out of this meeting also came the National Convention in Miami Beach in 1962.

The new Federation consisted of four area Associations: Southeast, formed in February 1956; Northeast, formed in January 1957; Central, formed in February 1957 and West Coast, formed in October 1957. They were joined by the Northwest in November 1972, forming a Federation of five Associations covering the full state of Florida.

During the first several years only one annual meeting was scheduled, this in October. Other meetings were called as needed. During these meetings 1 national and 3 state conventions had been successfully planned and carried out. The national convention had an attendance of 10,336 (Florida 5307) in the worst weather of any other National before that time.

Other decisions and actions at these meetings dealt with state conventions procedures as to programming, increase interest in round dancing, advertising and money split. For several years in the mid and late 60's, efforts to keep Bow & Swing going was one of the primary concerns. This had the backing of most dancers and callers. Through the efforts of the Federation and Callers Association and editors Al Cody, Henry Purcell and Jack & Marie Pierson, not one issue was missed and it remains a very necessary part of the state square and round dance activity.

In 1971 when some dancers formed the Ridge Association and wanted to divide the West Coast, Chet Vetter was appointed by the Federation to study the situation and come up with a solution. His recommendations were followed and the West Coast operates that way to this day. Other dates of interest was May 22, 1972 when the state convention was moved to Memorial Day weekend and October 22, 1972 when the Coordinating Committee was formed and first met.

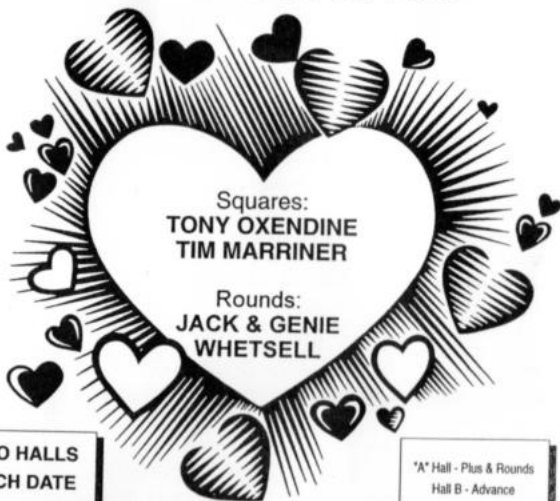
In 1991 Worley and Nan Carrier began working to bring the National back to Florida. As Bid Chairman and General Chairman they were successful in obtaining and directing a successful National Convention at the Orange County Convention Center, Orlando in June of 1997.

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