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

The President's Ball was a smashing success this year. It was held at The Barn in Melbourne and Carol and I want to thank Otis and Linda Lutz for all their hospitality for the weekend. We really enjoyed ourselves. On Saturday afternoon President Bruce and Colleen Morgan, conducted the general membership meeting with election of officers. Mary Stewart very efficiently installed the new officers at the end of the meeting.

The new board is Will & Carol Barnhart, President; Dewey & Donna Hendricks, Executive Vice President; Mary Kinser, Secretary; Jack & Barbara Hoffman, Treasurer; Ron & Lois Renwick, Area Vice President; Bill & Claire Poole, Insurance Chairman; Jim & Jan McConnaha, Blood Bank Vice President; and Esther Layne, Membership Vice President.

Judy Frye has agreed to act as our historian this year and George & Shirley Knapp will edit *Keepin' Posted* for another year.

Area Directors are: South Brevard/Indian River, Sheila Cootes; North Brevard, Asa Clark & Rosalie Turner; East Lake, Vernon & Eloise Cannaday; West Lake/Sumter, Dan & Anna Foust; Marion, Marvin Crabtree & Sinod Drew; East Orange/Seminole; John & Rose Taylor; West Orange, Arnold & Marie Rabenburg; Osceola, Bill & Pat Haskell; East Volusia, Harvey & Ella Shriver; West Volusia, George & Joan Knopf.

This board begins their term of office on October 1. Carol and I are excited about working with them, hopefully to build back our association to the size it was a few years ago.

Our next board meeting is October 10 at Shoneys in Sanford at 2:00 p.m. If you wish to eat lunch, please come at 1:00. We encourage you to have lunch with us as this is how we pay Shoneys for the meeting room.

The next Association dance is October 30 at the Dancing Shadows Hall in Bellview, just south of Ocala. Ernie Rollen will call squares for us and Jeannette Chauvin will cue rounds. We certainly look forward to greeting each and every one at this dance.

See y'all in a square.

Will & Carol Barnhart, Presidents

CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCERS'
BOARD MEETING
JULY 11, 1999
SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Following lunch, the meeting was called to order by President Bruce Morgan at 2:00 p.m. Invocation was given by Mary Stewart. Ron and Lois Renwick were guests.

CORRESPONDENCE: Colleen Morgan read a thank you note from Jim & Jan McConnaha for the clock/plaque.

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

VICE PRESIDENT AREA DIRECTORS: Rosemary Schirmer reported 664 passes for one of CFA's dances in 1999 for new dancers. Area Directors obtained the names and addresses for them. Dance flyers for the October 31 and January 29 dances are now available.

NORTH BREVARD: No report.

SOUTH BREVARD & INDIAN RIVER: No report.

EAST LAKE COUNTY: No report.

WEST LAKE & SUMTER COUNTY: Dan Foust reports Dancing Shadows Squares is closed for the summer. They are having round dance work shops on Sundays. Orange Blossom Squares will have a new square dance class starting October 4 and a new rounds class, date to be announced. Salt & Pepper Shakers won 2 trophies for the largest percentage of club members in attendance at the dances. Sunshine Promenaders has a new square dance class starting October 12.

MARION COUNTY: No report. Rosemary Schirmer wants to have Dan & Donna's new dancer packet reviewed. It may be beneficial to other area directors. Rosemary was informed that many of the clubs do have packets with square dancing information for their new dancers. Rosemary then reported that Irene Thompson had to have a shoulder prosthesis; the convention center has not contacted her.

EAST ORANGE AND SEMINOLE COUNTY: No report. Several board members had input in this area. Strato Squares has moved from Ben White Raceway to the Whirl & Twirl Hall and are still dancing on Thursdays. The Orlando Singles' contract at Ben White is up at the end of July, then they will be on a month to month basis. No new dance place has been found.

WEST ORANGE COUNTY: Report by Arnold Rabenburg. Pirates have special dances on their schedule: Pie Night, Barnyard Bash, Luau. A Branson club trip is being planned for May, 2000. September 14 & 21 are Open House for new classes. New classes start mid-September at Garden Patch Squares.

OSCEOLA COUNTY: Bill Haskell reports Young & Restless have cancelled their dances until October. Kiss-A-Me Squares is changing their dance night from Saturday to SUNDAY beginning in October. Buckles and Bows, Kiss-A-Me Squares, and Wagon Wheel Squares all have special dances and are planning for their new beginner classes.

EAST VOLUSIA COUNTY: No report.

WEST VOLUSIA COUNTY: George Knopf reports: Promenaders had many special fall dances. Their officers serve on a quarterly basis. Honeybees had a special Hat dance. They have lots of raids scheduled for this winter. Both clubs continue to collect food for needy organizations in their area.

BLOOD BANK: No report. Barbara Hoffman reported there is plenty of blood. No one has needed it.

MEMBERSHIP: Walt Becker updated the board on current membership. Currently there are 382 paid members for the 98-99 year; 18 honorary members. Walt mentioned we had lost 2 honorary members this year. He will check the records for their names.

INSURANCE: Bill Poole reported that 29 of the 33 Central Florida clubs responded to the CFA Insurance Program. Sunni Thomas's 3 clubs and Orange Blossom Cloggers did not renew. No claims are pending. Irene Thompson submitted an accident report, but has not returned the claim form. The balance in the checking account agrees with the bank statement.

FLORIDA FEDERATION: Jack Taylor reported that USDA is to pay each affiliate \$100.00 for each vote; Florida has 4 votes. The funds are from credit card profits—50% to assist handicapable clubs and 50% to go to affiliates. A \$500 scholarship to a high school student has been established. Criteria for selection from the applicants has also been established.

A square dance community internet is being sponsored for \$19.95 per month.

USDA sponsored rooms for 11 organizations to meet during the 2 day Florida Federation meetings in January. The focus was on how to promote square dancing. This included image, marketing, retention and recruiting of dancers.

During the National Council of Square Dancers Organization meeting on May 15 in Cleveland, it was recommended the expansion of acceptable square dance dress. This creates an enforcement issue. The current dress is not being enforced. USDA did not agree with the recommendations. Attire will be up to the individual club. Jack Hoffman stated the only dress code is paying admission.

CALLERLAB has secured a professional marketing consultant to assist with the promotion of square dancing.

KEEPIN' POSTED: George and Shirley are out of town. Barbara & Jack Hoffman passed out the current issue. They also noted the membership and renewal price printed in it was not correct, nor is the one in Bow & Swing. Both publications need to be corrected as there have already been several renewals that have had to be returned to obtain the new dues amount.

1999 STATE CONVENTION: Jim and Jan McConnaha were not present, however, Jack Hoffman read the report they prepared. (See report on file.) Setup on Friday was like a "Chinese Fire Drill", but with everyone's help, it all came together on time. Security kept things safe and running smoothly, especially at the off loading site. A new mix of plus singing calls alternating with country western and lines was well received and also brought more traffic through the vendor area.

Registrations were approximately 1850. Final bills are being paid now, so the bottom line is not yet available. Jim & Jan enjoyed working on the 45th State Convention and want to thank all those who helped make it such a success.

Bruce Morgan stated he has received state convention buttons for 2000. He suggested CFA purchase the remaining buttons to sell for the association putting on next year's convention. They agreed to and sold buttons for us. Mary Stewart made a motion that CFA buy the remaining buttons; Rosemary Schirmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bruce also had the Traveling Banner and gift bag full of registrations. Each club is to put their name on the banner and pass it on, along with the registration bag. Bill Haskell agreed to carry it on from Bruce.

HISTORIAN: Colleen Morgan reported the scrapbook will be worked on when other pressing duties are completed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bruce recognized the Spellmans for doing an excellent job setting up at the January CFA dance in Daytona Beach. The dance was well attended.

Bruce mentioned he has the small plaque for the Showcase of Ideas from the National Convention. The Florida Showcase was popular at the convention.

Pee Wee Stewart reviewed the stipulation that the person(s) receiving the Couple of the Year Award must be CFA members. All the paperwork says Couple of the Year. Bruce said that the name implies couples only, appearing to leave singles out of the award. Jack Taylor suggested it be either "dancer" OR "couple of the year". Will Barnhart recommended the award be named Dancer(s) of the Year. Mary Stewart stated the plaque would be printed as Dancer of the Year if won by a single person.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ron Renwick reminded us of the new 10-digit dialing to go into effect soon. Orange County will remain area code 407.

Bruce reported the Florida State Convention will remain on Memorial Day Weekend, as voted by majority.

New Florida logo appliques are now available in pastel colors to match the new state outfit. They are \$2.00 each. Barbara Hoffman suggested they be for sale at the 5th Saturday dances. Also available are static cling signs with space for your phone number. These were made to promote square dancing at no cost to the association. It was recommended they be given away at the CFA dances as members and guests sign in at the door.

Bruce appointed an audit committee to review the accounts. Will & Carol Barnhart and Jack & Zonie Taylor will review the records prior to the change of officers.

New membership bars are ready. Walt Becker prepared packets for each area director. All new members will get membership through October 2000. Jack & Barbara Hoffman have labels to go over the old pricing. They asked that all

area directors pick up old membership applications to avoid wrong amounts being sent for payment.

The next dance will be July 31 at The Barn in Melbourne. Henri Arsenault will call and Phyllis Williams will cue. This will be the General Meeting and President's Ball. The meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. and include the installation of officers. Pot Luck Dinner at 5:00 p.m. and the dance will begin at 7:30 p.m. During the dance we will introduce all past presidents in attendance, the new board, and announce the Dancer(s) of the Year. Don & Bonnie Bell from the Northwest Association will attend to promote the 2000 Florida State Convention.

Bill Haskel recommended every new officer receive a copy of the By-Laws, Constitution and job description when becoming a member of the board. Will Barnhart said booklets were being put together for this purpose.

Bruce stated the job of Historian is too important to be added to another board member's duties. He thanked the nominating committee for a job well done. The Barnharts thanked their committee, the Rabenbergs and Haskels, for their assistance. Will then read the proposed slate of officers for the 1999-2000 term for CFA. (see page 2 of *Keepin' Posted*.)

Bruce announced the next board meeting is October 10, 2:00 p.m. at Shoney's in Sanford. Janet Becker mentioned that is a holiday weekend, but it was decided to keep that date regardless of the holiday.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray & Barbara Stiver, Secretary

On the Sick List

Remember these folks in your prayers

Dick Hulburt, who as of September 6 was at home on full oxygen awaiting word from Shands Hospital in Gainesville concerning his evaluation for a spot on the Lung Replacement List. He hopes to receive another lung and "be back up and running in a year or two." We hope so, we miss his smiling face.

Word was received September 10 that Esther Layne was hospitalized in Illinois as a result of an auto accident. She had some bad facial cuts and a broken limb, but reports say she will be all right with time. She will stay in Illinois with her son until she is perfectly well and able to come home. Let us pray it will be soon.

CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCERS'
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JULY 31, 1999
SUMMARY OF MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce & Colleen Morgan, President
Will & Carol Barnhart, Vice President
Ray & Barbara Stiver, Secretary
Jack & Barbara Hoffman, Treasurer
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Walt & Janet Becker, Membership Vice President
Jim & Jan McConnaha, Blood Bank Vice President, Past President,
'99 State Convention Chairman

AREA DIRECTORS:

Asa Clark & Rosalie Turner, North Brevard
Otis & Linda Lutz, South Brevard & Indian River
Vernon & Eloise Cannaday, East Lake
Dan & Anna Foust, Lake & Sumter
Arnold & Marie Rabenburg, West Orange
Bill & Pat Haskell, Osceola

GUESTS: Ron & Lois Renwick, Sheila Cootes, Joe & Lydea Vick, Judy Frye, Mike Michael, Mary Kinzer.

PAST PRESIDENTS: PeeWee & Mary Stewart, Jack & Zonie Taylor, Esther Layne, Duke & Doris McCleskey, Randy & Carol Poole.

AREA DIRECTOR REPORTS: Full reports are on file. Highlights follow:
Vice President: Rosemary Schirmer reported that flyers for the next dance are ready for distribution.

North Brevard: No Report.

South Brevard & Indian River: Many dances and activities at The Barn. Several classes will be starting offering 10 weeks free dance lessons.

East Lake: No Report.

West Lake & Sumter: Dan Foust reported on summer activities at Sunshine Hall.

Marion: No Report.

East Orange & Seminole: No Report.

West Orange: Report by Arnold Rabenburg. All clubs are forming new classes for the fall.

Osceola: Bill Haskell reports Young & Restless have canceled their dances until October. Kiss-A-Me Squares is changing their dance night from

Saturday to SUNDAY beginning in October.

East Volusia: Fall classes are being organized in their area.

West Volusia: No report.

BLOOD BANK: Jim McConnaha reported that the bank has 380 units available. There has been one request for blood from Dottie Faulkner. The blood bank needs donations due to low supply secondary to summer vacations and decreased donations.

MEMBERSHIP: Walt Becker will update membership rosters. The year begins October 1, 1999. New members fees are \$8.00 and renewals are \$4.00. Renewals started at the last board meeting. Jack Hoffman requested everyone check the flyers at the clubs to be sure they have the new price stickers.

INSURANCE: No Report.

FLORIDA FEDERATION: George & Shirley Knapp are out of town. Jack Taylor reported on the dress code as recommended at the last USDA meeting. The current dress code is not being enforced. Final outcome was that dress code will be left up to the individual clubs. PeeWee Stewart added that Bow & Swing has a good article on dress code. The next Federation Meeting will be in October at DeFuniak Springs.

KEEPIN' POSTED: No Report. George & Shirley Knapp are on vacation. Barbara Hoffman stated the Keepin' Posted was mailed out two weeks ago.

OLD BUSINESS:

1999 State Convention: Jim & Jan McConnaha stated that a new mix of plus singing calls alternating with country western and lines was well received and also brought more traffic through the vendor area. Registrations were approximately 1,850. Final bills are being paid now so the bottom line is not yet available. Jim & Jan enjoyed working on the 45th State Convention and want to thank all those who helped make it such a success. They presented Bruce with a check in the amount of \$1,500 which represented the return of the seed money for the convention. Once all bills are paid, he expects to be submitting another check to CFA. Jack Hoffman mentioned that a good percent of the funds came from the 50/50 sales.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bruce introduced Henri Arsenaault and his wife, Sheila.

Randy Poole expressed concerns about the closing of the Ben White facility. Bruce stated that Strato Squares has moved to the Whirl & Twirl Hall on Thursday nights and is doing well. Sheila Cootes stated that the Orlando Singles will dance on Friday nights at the VFW on Edgewater

Drive. No one was sure about the other clubs; there is limited time left for the use of the building.

Bruce thanked Bob & Rosemary Schirmer for all the help given to CFA over the years.

Mary Stewart stated the need for a change to the by-laws. She suggested CFA let clubs join the association rather than individuals. Clubs would pay \$15.00 plus \$1.00 per member. Individuals could buy badges and subscribe to Keepin' Posted. Other associations charge \$7 for their publications. The new officers' goal should be to have each dancer be a CFA member. Mary also suggested that to make CFA more visible, award monies be could be offered to clubs for graduating new dancers. A study committee was formed to address these issues.

Ella Shriver suggested each club have a representative invited to the board meetings versus area directors. This would create a direct line to the clubs.

Duke McCleskey reported on some insurance issues in the absence of Bill & Claire Poole. A number of clubs are not insured. Those clubs at Ben White Raceway need to submit a change of venue to the Pooles when they change locations. Any dance demonstrations also need to be submitted for insurance prior to the event.

Ron Renwick requested an overview of the insurance and asked, "If a dancer paid his insurance premium and danced at an uninsured club, is the dancer covered?" Duke: "Yes."

Ron: "If we invite uninsured dancers for a raid, are they covered?" Randy Poole responded: "If your club is found to be negligent, it will pay the claim."

Bruce announced the Dancers of the Year and stated that the awards will be made during the dance tonight. Dancers of the Year for 1999 are: Jack & Zonie Taylor, SusanElaine Packer, and BettyLee Talmadge.

Bruce stated that registration forms and buttons for the 2000 state convention will be available at the dance tonight.

Bruce turned the meeting over to Will & Carol Barnhart for the election of officers. Will read the proposed slate of officers. The slate was accepted as read. PeeWee & Mary Stewart performed the installation of new officers.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. A pot luck dinner and dance followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray & Barbara Stiver, Secretary



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State Convention Date Change

Jim & Jan McConnaha, Chairman

Florida State Square & Round Dance Coordinating Committee

Earlier a review of the effect of a change of date for the Florida State Convention was made. To all the dancers who took the time to complete the survey form, we extend a very sincere Thank You.

Your effort has shown a very strong interest in the well being of the convention and this article is to let you know the results. **Three** Florida organizations determine how, where and when the State Convention is held: the **Florida Federation of Square Dancers**, the **Florida Callers Association**, and the **Round Dance Council of Florida**.

The date change was explored to possibly increase the attendance at our state conventions. After much debate during meetings of the three organizations in May, all three voted to continue the convention on the Memorial Day weekend.

Why? Some reasons are:

1. An earlier date would increase the dancer's cost in motel and camping rentals as well as availability problems.

2. An earlier date is an infringement on the callers', cuers', and prompters' most lucrative time of the year. All of them volunteer their time at the state convention.

3. Many of the Florida dancers are still working. The holiday weekend gives them an extra day to travel. Considering that many live as much as 8 hours away, the extra day is vital to their attendance.

4. The organizations did not comfortably feel that an earlier date would increase attendance sufficiently to warrant a change.

The earlier date for the state convention has been proposed, debated by all three organizations, and the decision made. Now we ask those that were interested enough to complete the survey to join us in attending the future state conventions. Our Florida State Conventions, you will find, are by far one of the very best State Square and Round Dance Conventions in this United States.

Thank you for supporting the Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention.

Reprinted from *Bow & Swing*, July '99

Message from the CFA Past President

This article will be the last for us since our term of office ended September 30th. We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to everyone that helped make the past 15 months successful ones for the Central Florida Square & Round Dancers' Association. Your enthusiasm was the key to the success of our association dances, special Disaster Fund dance and, most importantly, the 1999 Florida State Convention. All of these events were great fun and were well attended. The Central Florida Square & Round Dancers' Association knows how to throw a party!

We want all our members to know that we will still be active in the square dance community in Central Florida and will help when and where we are needed. We are currently Special Events Directors at the Whirl & Twirl Square Dance Club and you will see us at the association meetings as immediate past president. We plan to attend the Florida Federation meetings and will serve on special committees when requested. So you'll be seeing us around.

Your new Presidents, Will & Carol Barnhart, are looking forward to a great year. Please support the 1999-2000 Board the way you supported us! You can start by attending the next CFA 5th Saturday Dance, October 30. This dance is at Dancing Shadows Hall in Belleview with Ernie Rollen calling and cueing by Jeanette Chauvin. It will be a Halloween dance but you don't need a costume; just come as square dancers and have fun!

Thanks again to our board, dancers, callers and cuers for making our year as your Association Presidents a very successful and rewarding year!

Bruce & Colleen Morgan



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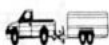
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Howard & Jettie Crowe

From the Editor's Desk. . .



We were away for 3 months this summer traveling in our motorhome. We saw some wonderful sights (places we had never been) and had a great time, but Oh, how good it is to be home!

Our "snail" mail got all messed up, some things we know were sent have still not arrived, and our e-mail was overloaded. So if you sent us an article that is not included in this issue, we are sorry.

DANCING'S THE RAGE IN THE NEW AGE 2000

LAUGHING FOR THE FUN OF IT

Laughter is a physical activity. When one laughs, heart rate and blood pressure increase. After laughter subsides, the rates drop below the base rate. Energy expenditure and metabolism increase, skeletal muscle tension decreases. The respiratory rate is stimulated. Deep breathing and coughing resulting from laughter help clear the lungs and increase the blood gas exchange. Oxygen-rich blood is carried to the brain.

Laughter can bolster the immune system by increasing lymphocyte proliferation, natural killer cell activity, and immune response in saliva.

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These positive effects of laughter on the immune system strengthen the body's ability to fight off illness for up to two days.

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Space Trackers Present Circle of Service Awards

The Circle of Service Award is an honor given to dancers who have served over three years in their home club as well as being actively involved in square and/or round dance activities outside their club. The award can only be given by someone who has previously received it.

June 12, 1999, Jack & Barbara Hoffman presented Mary Kinzer the Circle of Service award for her work at Space Tracers as well as her involvement in the 1997 National Convention, Registration Co-Chairman for the State Convention, and her involvement in CFA activities. Even though

Mary can't dance much anymore, she is always willing to help.

That same night, Jim & Jan McConnaha presented Giff & Shirley Crippen the Circle of Service Award for their work in the Space Trackers Club, most recently as president, CFA activities, their involvement in the 1997 National Convention and working in various areas for the '99 Convention, most noticeably, building floats for the fashion show.

Both these awards were well deserved and we hope the recipients will wear the "Circle of Service" proudly as they attend dances.



Mary Kinzer receives roses from Barbara Hoffman prior to receiving Circle of Service Award.

Circle of Service Award is presented to Giff & Shirley Crippen by Jim & Jan McConnaha.



Central Florida Presents 1999 Dancers of the Year Awards

At the 5th Saturday Dance in July, Central Florida Square and Round Dancers' Association honored their Dancers of the Year. The award was based on the high visibility of efforts to promote square and round dancing in the state, combined with an obvious love of the activity. More than one candidate couple met the criteria so multiple awards were presented.

The first award was to **Jack and Zonie Taylor**, a very active couple, always seeking new ways to expand our activity. They are on the board of The Barn Dancers and attend national conferences on square dancing. They have received the Couple of the Year award previously, however, last year as President of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers they traveled over 30,000 miles in Florida (at their own expense) spending a week in each region and visiting as many clubs as possible. **Jack & Zonie** served on the United Square Dancers Association board as the Central Area Vice President for the past three years (the maximum term limit) and this year were appointed Chairman of the National Folk Dance Committee.

A second and third award went to two people who are not a traditional couple. **SusanElaine Packer** and **BettyLee Talmadge** are a team in their efforts to promote square dancing in every manner possible. Very few people associated with square dancing in the USA don't know these two special ladies. Together they have planned and organized dancing events all over Central Florida, including Disney World since 1971. These Disney events gave our activity high visibility world wide by including local dancers and having square dancing included in almost every Disney televised parade.

Individually, **SusanElaine** has contributed by doing it all: dancer, caller, recording artist, choreographer, and in her spare time, making badges, dangles, ribbons, etc. **SusanElaine** is truly appreciated as a member of our organization.

BettyLee has not only arranged the Disney events, but she is also editor of *Dancin' News*, a quarterly publication promoting square dancing with a circulation of 1,450 magazines. She endlessly promotes her love of square dancing. She can be seen at almost every local, state, and national event, spreading the word that Central Florida has the greatest dancers, callers, cuers, and the best dancing events anywhere.

Huge Yellowrocks to you **Jack, Zonie, Susie** and **BettyLee**.

CFA Sponsors Booth at Volusia County Fair

CFA is sponsoring a booth at the Volusia County Agriculture and Youth Fair to promote square dancing in Central Florida. The fair dates are November 4 at 4:00 p.m. through November 14, 6:00 p.m.

The booth will be manned at all times by Volusia County square dancers. All other dancers are invited to participate.

Square dance information will be available on all clubs in Central Florida as to their location, dance days and times

along with a VCR-TV running a square dance promotional tape continuously.

Our goal is to attract people for the new classes and to bring former dancers back into this fun activity.

A table will be set up to display class flyers. All clubs in Central Florida may display their information by getting it to **Randy Poole, 1541 Lakeside Drive, DeLand, FL 32720**, phone 904-734-5295. Or you may contact **John Saunders** at **904-428-1496** for more information.



Bruce Morgan presents a check to Randy Poole for tables at fair

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Imagine a convention center with lots of space for all levels of dancing, glass windows providing beautiful views of the city, places to sit **down** to rest, and, of course, food vendors on site. Then see yourself strolling the two blocks to the famous Inner Harbor complex via a skywalk right from the convention center.

You'll take in the harbor view—sailboats, paddleboats, visit-

ing tall ships and the historic U.S.S. Constellation (which you can tour). Then it's time for a snack or even a full meal at one of the many **restaurants** in the harbor pavilions, and then **shopping** for some Baltimore souvenirs.

Before heading back for more dancing, you'll take a ride around the harbor via water taxi. If you purchase a "Letter of Marque", it entitles you to ride all day, getting on and off to visit tourist attractions.

Sounds nice doesn't it? That's just the beginning. You can be part of the excitement. BUT FIRST YOU HAVE TO REGISTER. Check the web site, write to the address above or fax the Housing office. DO IT TODAY so you're not left on the dock as we set sail June 21-24, 2000 for the **49th** National Square Dance Convention.

WHERE TO STAY ON THE BAY DURING BALTIMORE 2000©

Now that you've decided to register, signed up for a few tours, purchased a cookbook and bus passes, subscribed to National Squares (the place to get the inside scoop on what the convention is all about), it's time



to think about where to stay. We have several options from which you may choose:

(1) Hotels down town and around the beltway. **All**

hotels listed on the registration form will be served by our shuttle bus service (using air-conditioned coaches). See the maps and descriptions on the reverse side of the form.

(2) A unique campground surrounded by water on 3 sides. It's a shaded park situated in suburban Anne Arundel County south of downtown. Some electrical hookups will be available (assigned as registrations are received); there are water, showers and also dump stations. A hint for campers: the campground will offer a great view of the tall ships that will be sailing up the Chesapeake Bay into Baltimore's

Inner Harbor during our convention.

(3) Campus Housing at Towson State University 12 miles from downtown. This is dorm housing at its most luxurious - air-conditioned rooms, free parking, full breakfast provided for those staying in campus housing at no additional cost. There are even some apartments you may rent. Shuttle bus service to downtown will be provided for pass holders; we strongly recommend using it. This housing is available June 20-24, 2000 only.

Detailed fact sheets about these housing options may be obtained from the Registration and Housing Office. Fax them at 301-262-0764. Or write us at 49th NSDC, P.O.Box 300, Greenbelt, MD 20770-0300. Or you can check out our web site: (members.aol.com/balt2000/balt2000/balt2000). **DO IT NOW** so you're not left on the dock when we set sail the convention **June 21-24, 2000.**



SET YOUR SAILS FOR BALTIMORE 2000© It's Worth Visiting For The Restaurants Alone

Baltimore's reputation for good food goes back a long way. The nineteenth century literary giants Oliver Wendell Holmes and Ralph Waldo Emerson both dined well in our city. Holmes described Baltimore as the "Gastronomic capital of the Union".

Not to be outdone, Emerson came up with the phrase "gastronomic capital of the Universe"! Another reason to set your sails for Baltimore 2000©.

From seafood to steak we've got it all, at restaurants large and small, encompassing all price ranges and gastronomic preferences. In addition to the usual American fare, including a Hard Rock Cafe and ESPN Zone, there are some unique treats in store for you:

SEAFOOD—especially crabs. A tee shirt at a souvenir shop at our Inner Harbor put it this way. "Baltimore is crabby but nice"!



Exactly right. We prepare these crustaceans in many ways—broiled, baked, steamed, fried. After trying them all (we dare you!) or if you are not that adventurous, move on.

LITTLE ITALY is for lovers and fine Italian food. You will enjoy your visit to this ethnic neighborhood near the harbor. From pasta to pizza, they aim to please. Don't forget the cannoli



for dessert.

HAUSSNERS, a Baltimore tradition. Specializing in German cuisine, this venerable landmark offers art with your food. You'll enjoy this area. There are also many other ethnic restaurants: Greek, Polish, French, Asian.



Don't forget you have to get on board before you can start eating. Write us at 49th NSDC©, P.O. Box 300, Greenbelt, MD 20770-300. And be sure to visit our website. It's members.aol.com/balt2000/balt2000/balt2000.html. See you there.



Baltimore—The Star Spangled City

Captain John Smith sailed up the Chesapeake Bay into what is now the Inner Harbor in 1608. Today's visitors don't have to arrive by boat, although many pleasure boaters still do. Baltimore is easily accessible by air, rail or automobile.

Once here, you'll find that the unique water taxi system at the Inner Harbor takes you from place to place with ease and enjoyment.

All hotels listed on our registration form will be served by the convention shuttle busses. Be sure to buy a bus pass when you register.

In Baltimore, your choices for fun are endless. No matter what your interest we have the place for you, be it an historic place (**Ft. McHenry**), a shopping place (**Harborplace**), a museum place (**B & O Railroad Museum**) an unusual place (**Fells Point**) or an eating place (**Little Italy**).

The city tours offered by our convention will take you on journeys to many of these places, and your guides will have interesting stories to tell you.

Baltimore has many nicknames. One is the "city of firsts". Notable among them are the umbrella and commercially prepared ice cream. You may not need the former as the weather in June is usually very pleasant, but you'll probably want to stroll down to the harbor to sample the latter!

Plan to attend the 49th NSDC© in Baltimore and see for yourself. Put a red ring around June 21-24, 2000 on your calendar now. Better yet, circle the entire last two weeks of June and add the exciting preconvention trip to NYC and the post convention cruise to New England and Canada to your itinerary. For tour brochures, registration forms and other information write 49th NSDC at P. O. Box 300, Greenbelt, MD. 20770-0300.

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Set Your Sails For Baltimore 2000© The Vacation With A View

No matter where you go in our city, in Maryland or the surrounding states you are treated to visual delights. They may be from nature, from the hands of man or a combination of the two. Those of us who live here have our favorite vistas and we list a few below.

In Western Maryland enjoy the majestic mountains, green valleys, lakes and streams of Garrett County, favorite summer playground of Marylanders for almost 100 years. This would be a great place to cool your feet and refresh your spirits on your way home from Baltimore.

In Central Pennsylvania you can visit many historic sites related to the Civil War: Gettysburg, Antietam, Harper's Ferry to name a few. Then there is the Amish country, with its rolling hills, verdant fields, good food and wonderful crafts. Sharing the road with an Amish family in its horse and buggy takes you back to a gentler time.



Along the Delaware and Maryland coastline you are treated to the soothing sounds of waves rolling up on the beach



and to an unspoiled view of the Atlantic Ocean. Baltimoreans have been going down to

the ocean since Victorian times; plan to join them after the convention and take home a tan along with your memories of a great dancing event.

If you take our 49th NSDC© tours to Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and Mount Vernon, you'll also take home many visual memories. Seeing the gigantic Statue of Lincoln at his memorial, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, the view from George Washington's front porch at Mt. Vernon, and the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall in Philadelphia are views you won't want to miss.

*"Let's go
Dancing"*

Herbs From Heaven

The Onion (*allium cape*)

Beverly S. Culver

The onion is so widely grown as a vegetable that we tend to forget the fact that they have healing powers as well.

The onion contains smaller doses of garlic's antibacterial and antifungal components.

Documented benefits include the prevention of infection in wounds and burns, inhibit blood clotting and lowering cholesterol levels in people who eat high fat diets. Recent research suggests that onions increase the production of high-density lipoproteins, which in turn are believed to help clear the arteries of fatty deposits.

Onions boast a host of unproven folkloric applications for such things as:

-- curing baldness. Rub onion juice on the head and lay in the sun;

-- treating burns. Lay sliced onions on the surface of the burn;

-- erasing freckles. Mix onion juice with vinegar and rub on freckles, age spots, or warts.

Although the onion has known to be too strong for sensitive stomachs, the onion stimulates digestion and cleans the intestines. Onions affect sweating and are used in Chinese medicines to lower blood pressure.

Slices of raw onion, or an inhalant of fresh onion juice mixed with honey are an old-fashioned remedy for bronchitis and asthma.

Take Responsibility: God gave us the know-how to take care of our bodies. The body is such an amazing thing, it is created to function perfectly and on it's own. With common sense, proper care, and nutrients our bodies will serve us throughout a long, healthy life.

It's our responsibility to educate ourselves in order to be able to better provide supplements and know the uses of them in order to live a healthier, more productive life.

Reprinted from *The Rustburg Villager*,
Aug. 1999

(and George wonders why my good cholesterol level is so high—I eat onions! distaff editor)





Barefoot Bay Spinners

—Barefoot Bay

Hi! The Barefoot Bay Spinners square dancers meet on Thursdays in building "A" from 12:45 to 3:00. We have had a fairly good turnout of dancers this summer.

I've been out for awhile. I had some surgery, but I'm coming along fine. Bobbi Bollinger is recovering from her knee surgery and is walking without a cane most of the time. Barbara Popp is recovering from her illness as well. Usually we have more women than men at our dances, but the tables have turned and at the present we have more men than women. Glad to see Mae and Bernie MacNamee back.

We did not dance the first two weeks of August due to some renovating of the stage area in our building. We had an ice cream social August 26.

In September we will have five weeks of dancing. All will be at our regular 12:45 time. But on September 23, we will have a luncheon starting at noon.

We have two new members, Faith Coddington and Robert Simon. Welcome to you both.

We have a demonstration coming up at Sterling House in Vero Beach on September 14.

Our 50-50 specialists are still going strong. Congratulations to Viv Richmond and San Davies.

Hal and Marge have led us thru a hot summer with Hank and Bobbi subbing at times. Ed and Elaine have done a nice job in the kitchen. All of our officers are really terrific.

Our first meeting for the winter season will be October 7 at 12:10. Square dance attire required.

The snowbirds are starting to return and we'll be happy to see them. More makes for merrier. The new season calendars will be out soon, keeping track of our winter schedule.

Think about those Halloween costumes. I'd like to see more people sign up for the state convention as well.

Remember: Yellow rock your partner.

Until next time, Load your boat.

—Emily M. Bedell

CANAVERAL SQUARES

—Rockledge

Our Presidents, Cecil and Jean Faulk, on behalf of the club, honored our long time members, Carey and Lila Slack, at our May 21st dance. The admiration and thanks from the

club goes out to Carey and Lila along with a Certificate of Service Award for their meritorious service as our presidents during the years our club had, sometimes, only one or two squares dancing at McLarty Park. During the late 70's and early 80's, our past caller, Bob Parkhurst, along with his wife Jessie, called Carey and Lila their club coordinators since they wore more than one hat to coordinate all the many club duties. In acknowledging this award, Carey said they were always thankful for the assistance and support they received from long time members.

Active members who still talk over old times with Carey and Lila are Bill and Connie Andrus, Sheila Cootes, Cecil Faulk, and Carl and Lena Wolfe.

We got over to The Barn's Yellow Rocker's dance on June 11 to enjoy an evening of dancing to their caller, **Jerry Reed**, and cuer, **Vince Furtado**, while retrieving our banner and enjoying friends and tasty desserts.

Ah, what fun we had at the Kiss-A-Me Squares, on a banner retrieval July 10. Dancing to their caller, **Whit Brown** and cuer, **Jan Shankle**, fun was had by all as we visited friends and danced to songs that warmed our hearts.

We stopped by for a retrieval on August 21st, and to tell Vince Furtado that we are looking

forward to his return each Friday starting October 1. Dancing to their caller, **John Saunders**, gave us all thoughts of enjoying him again at the Knothead Konvention in September. Thanks Allemanders for a fine evening of dancing by the beach.

While our caller **Skip Cleland** was away, July 16th and the 23rd, we were able to request dances. We so enjoyed dancing to **John Swindle** when he helped us entertain at the American Cancer Society's 4th Annual "Relay for Life" Team Event. To keep volunteers and participants entertained while they worked on their pledge goals March 20, **John** inspired us to dance in the heat of the day. This time no heat, but just his great tunes and friendship gave us two evenings of dancing pleasure.

Welcome Back, **Vince Furtado**. October 1st is the return of our cuer. It was nice to have him as our guest cuer June 18 and July 4 for our special dances, yet it was a loss for those who didn't get around to dance with **Vince** and visit his lovely wife, Camille, at other clubs he cues for nearby.

LOOKING AHEAD: Classes: Our caller, **Skip Cleland**, began our Basic dance class Sept. 17. They are hoping enough couples signed up for the class, so do give Jane or Jim Hart, 407-632-4295, a call to receive last minute details for Friday evenings 7 p.m. fun.

Special Dances: Open House Sept.

17 & 24 is set up to greet newcomers into our class so come and join in the fun. Lucky us, **Vince Furtado**, our cuer, is coming back for the season starting Oct. 1st. Amateur Caller Night will have us dancing to the aspiring callers on October 1, too. October 15, **Susan Elaine Packer**, will be our Guest Caller from Orlando, so don't miss it. Halloween's dance is October 29. Thanksgiving Dinner Dance is November 12. Come to our Charity Dance, December 10. NO DANCE evenings are November 26, December 24 and 31.

—Iver & Mary Duedall

Dixie Squares

—Daytona Beach

Once again the Dixie Squares have been very busy this fall. On September 9, the Dixies celebrated their 40th Anniversary with a great party at City Island. Some of our very first members came out to meet and mingle with our newer dancers. Our Open House was also held September 9 and 16. Classes began September 23. Our students are catching on quickly with the help of our Dixie Angels.

On October 14 we will hold our Silent Auction. Some great items are being donated by local merchants and club members. We anticipate enthusiastic bidding and a good time for all.

October 28 is our annual Halloween Party. Prizes will be awarded in several categories for costumes.



November will see our recycle night on the 4th. Always a good bargain to be found there. Turkey Trot is November 18 when we will hold a food drive for the needy. We know our club members will be very generous in their donations, as always, and we thank them for it.

Tickets for our annual New Year's Eve celebration are on sale and going quickly. If you are planning to attend, be sure to contact one of our officers as soon as possible.

The officers and members of the DIXIE SQUARES wish all of you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

—Jay and Teri Peck

Fellowship Squares

—Port Orange

We can hardly believe that summer is over and we are back into the fall and winter doings. The heat took its toll on our attendance, but we stayed with it, never skipping a beat. The warm weather really got to our caller one week. He came all the way over to our hall from Apopka before he realized he had forgotten all his equipment!! An SOS was sent out to **Art Butlak**, who

graciously brought his.

The National Convention in Indianapolis was well attended, including our caller, **Larry Patten**. In his absence we had **Gene McCullough** for a most capable substitute.

In July we had an old-fashioned dance night which incorporated line dances and contras. The August special night was the traditional ice cream social. In between the specials we honed our skills. We also welcomed the Dixies and Honeybees, who picked up our banner.

Though we are feeling the pressure of competition from other types of dancing, with determination and help from "lady luck" we should survive.

—Barbara Charbonneau

Flagler Ocean Waves

—Flagler Beach

We're up and running again at The Wickline Center Council on Aging Building in Flagler Beach. Casual dress for August's heat, then back to normal in September. (Exit 91 on I-95, East on 100, over the new bridge, first right, you're there!).

Bonnie and John Palatini are our presidents. They can be reached at 904-445-2740.

R.J.Hogan is our caller from 6:30-10:00 p.m. **Wayne Guice** cues from 8:00-10:00 p.m.

August 20 we're serving hot dogs with all the trimmings, called our Hot Dog Social, come and grab a bite.

September 3, 10 and 24 we'll have Open House to entice some new dancers to join our classes and some fallen-away dancers to brush up on their calls.

September 17 is Root Beer Float night. Doesn't that sound inviting?

New classes begin on October 1 from 6:30-8:00 PM. **R.J.Hogan** will teach all the calls week by week.

October 29 will be our Halloween Dance. We wonder what Shirley and Hank will cook up this year.



November 12 we will recycle clothes. Don't hesitate to bring them for our new dancers to add to their wardrobe.

November 19 is Pie Night. You know what that means. Bring your appetite.

December 10 has been set for our Christmas Party. Start thinking of some new delicious dishes to bring.

Harvey and Ella Shriver have been busy rounding up our dancers to steal banners. Now the clubs will come to retrieve them. Call them at 904-439-3814.

Look at our web site at: floridadancing.com/flaglerow.

—Bea Beckenbach

Hoedowners "Pairs & Spares"

— Casselberry

We dance every Sunday afternoon, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., at the Casselberry Senior Citizens Center and we love to have visitors! Our very talented callers are **Jim Louder, Kris and Kathy Olsen.**

Open houses for our beginners classes are September 12 and 19. No partners needed. Mavis Hewett is busy phoning prospective dancers and we expect to keep our callers and "angels" busy.

The spotlight this issue is on our hostess, Virginia Arent.

Fortunately, Virginia is an experienced marathon runner as she not only is our hostess on the "run" but she also coordinates the round dancing. Thanks, Virginia—don't know what we would do without you!

Thanks also to the members who are participating in the exhibition for the annual Octoberfest put on by the Casselberry Parks & Recreation.

Other activities include a raid by the Pirates and retrieving our banner from Whirl and Twirl.

Write for club or class info at jimndad@juno.com. We look forward to seeing you across the square!

—Norma Newton

Honeybees

—Deland

In July and August we celebrated with a watermelon party, an ice cream social and a back to school night. We were raided by the Starlight Promenaders and the Granada Squares. We raided the Pirates, Fellowship Squares and Granada Squares.

September 20 was our Hawaiian Night. Open House is scheduled for September 27 and October 4 for potential dancers to come and try their skill at no charge. Mainstream lessons begin October 11.

Bob Mosley has taken over the responsibility of Raid Chairman and the number of raids has increased markedly. We raided the Orange Blossom Squares and Starlight Promenaders in September, and were raided by Flagler Ocean Waves.

October 25 is our Halloween Party. All are encouraged to come dressed in their favorite costume.

Pie Night will be held November 8 and the 22 will be our Thanksgiving event called "Share the Bounty". In December, the Christmas dinner is scheduled for the 13th. Details regarding the November and December events will be contained in the next issue.

Come dance with the Honeybees, the friendliest club, on

Monday night in the Deland Activities Center, 751 S. Alabama Avenue. Mainstream lessons begin at 6:30 p.m. and the Plus dance is from 8 to 10 p.m. Our square dance caller is the great **R. J. Hogan** and our round dance cuer is the one and only **Jim Cowen**. The last tip is "hot hash."

—Jerry & Ida Hoskins

—Tim & Mary Meyer

River Ramblers

—East Palatka

(ed. note: *River Ramblers* is in the *Northeast Association*. It appears they have been raiding across the border—all in good fun. We are happy to include their article in our club news.)

We are enjoying the wonderful dance hall at the Putnam County Shrine Club and the support we receive from the Putnam County Shrine.

We graduated 10 new dancers in June after they completed their written test, danced blindfolded, danced in paper grocery bags, and danced with balloons under their arms. Congratulations to Marion Carr, Marian & Charles Coe, Don (DG) & Jan Davis, Dan & Judith Jones, Wes & Sarah Wightman, and Alesia Zieran. We were honored at graduation as the Board of Directors from the Northeast Florida Square and Round

Dancing Association (NEFSARDA) spent the evening with us.

We have had a super summer improving our Plus dance skills with the weekly Plus workshops. Our club is becoming a Plus club with announced Mainstream tips as we continue to improve under the direction of our super caller, **Ernie Rollen**. To top off a complete evening of dancing, Frances Rollen teaches us line dances such as the Boot Scootin' Boogie, New York, Electric Slide, and Ruby. In the future, we are looking forward to incorporating round dancing into our program.

July 1 we had a Red, White and Blue dance with a complete evening of patriotic music. Thanks, **Ernie**.

During this summer we have had some of our members stop by enroute to other trips; we visited with Ruth and Bob Izzard and Mary Lou and Russell Barnhart. We have had visitors from the Flagler Ocean Waves, Middleburg Mavericks, Sam Conner from Anniston Swinging Stars in Alabama, Laura Bradshaw from the Ocala Friendly Squares, and Ray & Pauline Hemby from Texas. We are looking forward to August 19 when the Moose Promenaders from Jacksonville come to visit.

On May 21, we took our riverboat for a banner retrieval to

the Flagler Ocean Waves and on June 15, our boat floated to the Granada Squares to get our banner. July 12 we went down the river to the Honeybees in Deland and stole their banner. Thanks to Tom and Jean Moore for scheduling the banner raids. Our riverboat is a real hit and we have fun on our trips as we dance to other callers.



On July 29 the Granada Squares came with their sombreros, maracas, and tambourines to retrieve their banner. What a terrific parade! In addition to visiting with our friends from Granada, we enjoyed the frozen Dirt Cake Betty Bickham made for us. It was REALLY good and I'm sure there weren't any calories in it!!!!

A couple of our members are on the sick and injured list. Tom Hidding fell and we are happy to announce that he had NO broken bones. Joe McCartin will be seeing the surgeon this week to determine when he will be scheduled for open heart surgery. Wishing your both a quick recovery.

As we look forward, we will have Open House on September 2 and 9 and will be starting a class for new dancers on September 16. Be sure to tell anyone you know from this area about us.

—Jean Lee

Starlight Promenaders

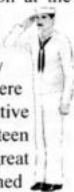
—DeBary

Summer has just about ended and soon the snow birds and vacationers will be filling our halls again. Prior to the exodus, the Promenaders were well represented at the 45th State Convention in June. Forty-three Promenaders travelled to Lakeland to join in the fun. Twenty-three of them took part in the Grand March as the club led the Central Florida group onto the floor, while the rest of the gang cheered them on from the podium and the grandstand.

Tom and Mary Meyer received their Promenader Bar for attending ten raids during the summer. At that time, President Bob Barr introduced Heidi Anderson, daughter of Ann Roan, a graduate and class valedictorian at Seminole Trinity Christian School in Sanford.

Fourteen raiders from Wagon Wheels joined us in June. The following week, we were invaded by 14 Honeybees who, like us, enjoyed the calling of **Whit Brown** and the cueing of **Daphne Martin** while **John** and **Roy** were at the National Convention. The next week, **John Swindle** was our caller and **Daphne** filled in again as the cuer.

Also in June, the club gave a square dance exhibition at the Sanford Naval Base's reunion. Naval personnel from all over the country who were assigned there while the base was active were in attendance. Eighteen Promenaders received a great hand after they finished dancing. **David VanNess** filled in as caller for that night.



In July, 16 dancers from Granada Squares raided us. **John Barrett** was back with us and **Roy** and **Daphne** shared the cueing. Bill and Claire Poole took over as our club president and Bud and Pat Pearl are vice-president. Both couples have occupied these offices in the past.

Fellow Promenaders Ron and Ann Rowan have been accepted and are taking lessons at the CALLERLAB to become professional callers.

Our last evening out with the Promenaders before we vacationed in the green, green mountains and balmy seashore of New Jersey was a raid on the Pirates of Apopka with twelve members of the red, white and blue having a great evening to the calling of **Jim Louder** and our own **Roy Brown's** cueing. For all of us it was a great evening and well worth the drive through the Florida "sunshowers."

August 2, nineteen Promenaders traveled to Deland to retrieve our banner from the Honeybees. Once again **R. J. Hogan** and **Jim Cowan** did a fine job of calling and cueing.

September promises to be busy as we are visited by the Flagler Ocean Waves, Fellowship Squares, Honeybees and Granada Squares to either steal or retrieve banners. We will travel to St. Cloud to retrieve our banner from Wagon Wheels.

Bud and Pat Pearl will take over as president October 1 and Randy and Carol Poole will fill the office of vice-president.

Promenaders are making plans to join in with a number of clubs from Volusia County to take part in a booth to promote square dancing at the Volusia County Fair in November.

Our new beginners class is scheduled to begin October 13. Free dances to those interested in learning to square dance are September 29 and October 6.

In the meantime, the Promenaders wish you all a fun-filled Halloween, a happy Thanksgiving, and if the next issue of Keepin' Posted doesn't reach you by December 25, a Merry, Merry Christmas, and a wonderful 2000!

—George & Joan Knopf

Whirl & Twirl

—Orlando

The second annual camp out was held at High Banks in DeBary on Labor Day weekend, with a picnic for non-campers on Sunday. Great way to kick back and relax before the busy Fall season.

Starting on October 12, new classes will begin again, taught by our caller **Danny Robinson**. Now is the time to call in those chips, pick up friends and bring them to the clubhouse for the Shindig. Dick and Marcella Brandeberry are coordinators for the new class. Rounds classes also began September 19, with our club Cuer **Roy Brown**.

Halloween will be coming at the end of October, with prizes for the best costumes. Get your thinking caps on, and your sewing machines out.

A fund raiser for the club (line dancing, sock hop etc.) is scheduled for Saturday, November 13, so please keep that night free. Details from Dick and Helen Baltzell or Jim and Connie Moore. Jim will provide music for the evening, and Connie will lead the line dancing.

Thanksgiving dinner is Friday, November 19, at 6:30. This is a Mainstream and Plus dance. Christmas dances are

Friday, December 17 and Wednesday, December 22. I hope all members have made plans to attend our Special New Year's Eve Dance to see in the year 2000 on Friday, December 31. Tickets are on sale already for this event: see any board member.



Happy dancing.

—Rowena Wilson

Makes You Wonder

Subject: The astronaut pen

During the heat of the space race in the 1960s, the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration decided it needed a ball point pen to write in the zero gravity confines of its space capsules.

After considerable research and development, the Astronaut Pen was developed at a cost of about US \$1 million. The pen worked and also enjoyed some modest success as a novelty item back here on earth.

The Soviet Union, faced with the same problem, used a pencil.

*From The Rustburg Villager, Rustburg, VA
August 1999*

The following article arrived too late to be included with other Club News. ed.

Space Trackers

—Rockledge

Space Trackers kept busy all summer with a weekly "fun shop" every Monday night to help dancers hone their skills, and practice some of the more complex calls, under the direction of **Whit Brown**.

Everyone enjoyed the "Hairy Antelope" party August 14. The following Monday night those in attendance were able to earn six badges for various dances. Our club celebrated our 16th anniversary on September 18.

Beginner's class begins September 20 at McLarty Recreation Center with the first two lessons being free. After that,

the cost is \$2.50 per student. Our caller, **Whit Brown**, offers classes that are easy to follow and fun to do. Last year's class was a perfect example with 24 students staying the full course and joining the club as full-fledged dancers.

Planning ahead is the name of the game for Space Trackers. We have a Fall Fling planned for Sunday, November 14, at the Travis Recreation Center in Cocoa, Florida. **Phyllis Williams** will cue the rounds and squares will be by national caller, **Tim Marriner**.

At the last board meeting, Judy Frye was unanimously approved to replace one of our board members who was forced to resign due to illness in the family. We know that she will do the same kind of job that she always does and we are happy to have her back on the Board of Directors.

—Phyllis Tritsch



Seven young girls from the "Operation Barnabas Team" presented their puppet ministry for Space Trackers. These girls were staying with the daughter of club members, Andy & Esther Folley. They are a very uplifting group and will renew your faith in young people.

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