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## Square Dancers Kick up Heels at Association for Retarded Citizens Award Ceremony



### From Every CFA Dancer to Another

Happy Halloween

Enjoy Your Turkey Day

May Santa Bestow Good Wishes

We Wish YOU the Very Best in the Coming Year;  
May 2005 be filled with happiness, joy and love.

**YELLOWROCKS!**



## President 's Message

As we pen this paper, we have not yet begun our term as president for 2004-05. However, we want to report on the July 5th Saturday dance in St. Cloud at the Senior Center. Thanks; in large part to the efforts of the Wagon Wheels, John Swindle, Phyllis Williams and the 2003-04 CFA Board, it was a large success. We had over 14 Squares in attendance on a very rainy night. A very special Thanks to the Wagon Wheels for the "refreshments" (an understatement) and the use of their beautiful dance hall!

At the General membership meeting in the afternoon prior to the dance the following officers for 2004-05 were elected: President Jack & Barbara Hoffman; Executive Vice President George & Shirley Knapp; Secretary Ailene Picheco; Treasurer Dewey & Donna Hendricks; Area Vice President Dan Foust; Membership Vice President Terri Little; and Blood Bank Vice President Jim & Jan McConaha. The appointed officers are: Insurance Chairman Randy & Carol Poole; Keepin' Posted Editor Tom & Eivor Brown; Historian Judy Frye; and the Area Directors: N. Brevard Woody & Mary Lou Coyle; S. Brevard/ Indian River Richard Duget & Vinnie Dallman; S. Lake/ W. Orange Dick & Dorothy Jarvis; N. Lake/ Sumter Bob & Jennie Courter; Marion Stoney & Pat Stone; E. Orange/Seminole Ian & Sandy Ogilvie; Osceola Mike Mikeal; W. Volusia Gale & Laura Boak; and, E. Volusia Kenly & Alice Spillman. The Membership Meeting was followed by a potluck dinner, which was bountiful and very good. Installation of officers will be conducted at the board meeting at 2:00 PM on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Randy & Carol Poole's house in Deland, followed by another Potluck Dinner.

The next dance is on October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Paradise Center in the Villages of Leesburg. Fliers are at your club; there is a map on the back. Paul Place calls and Joann Helton cues. Early rounds start at 7:30 PM.

It is about one week after hurricane Charlie came through Central Florida. We've contacted most, but not all, CFA Board members to see how they made it through the storm. So far, other than minor damage and tree damage, they made it OK. Many still do not have power. We hope and pray that all are OK and on the road to recovery from the storm. If anyone knows of square dancers in need of help, please let a board member know. The CFA has a small disaster fund just for such an occasions. We have also heard from the Southeast Association saying that they also have a fund if someone is in need of help.

Jack & Barbara Hoffman

## Especially Rewarding Dancing



### Dancing and awards

In the photo at left, Margie Kaczynski presents Jim Snyder with the Silver Dove award, one of many awards presented at the recent Association for Retarded Citizens Recognition Dinner. A group of square dancers, the Yellow Rock Squares, kicked up their heels at the dinner May 17. The dancers are a diverse group who practice regularly at the ARC program offices. The dancers included Bill Baker, Brenda Vest, Mark Fabbrini, Joe Sullivan, Paula Stewart, Martha Roehrg, Tommy Frampton, Rick and Marilyn Yates, Joe Burnside, Mary Kohl, Chris Gabriel, Raymond Swenson Peter and Jean Hitt, Tracey Stewart Toni Tompkins and Melanie Russell.

Editor's Note: Several years ago at a camping outing Rick Yates called the evening dance. We talked during that dance and he mentioned how he really enjoyed teaching the handicapped youngster how to dance. And he was passionate about it. He stated the rewards are tremendous; each dancer learns the call in a different technique; making the instructor's task more difficult but much more challenging and rewarding. The article above appeared in The Beacon, Midweek Edition, July 19-21, 2004. Good job Rick and Marilyn. Thanks to Carole Poole whose eagle eye clipped the article.

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## *The Gift of Life*

Are you or a family member headed under the knife? Here, I think is the most important benefit of the CFA Membership—our Blood Bank.

During my brain surgery in 1998; 14 units of blood were used to remove a blood thinner from my system over three days. It also replaced blood during and after the surgery. Jim McConnaha was instrumental in coordinating the need with the blood bank.

Account 54 with the Central Florida Blood Bank is our account; Jim and Jan McConnaha are the keepers of the keys. Let one know of your need and they'll work it.

Tom Brown

### **Blood Bank Request**

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## The Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square Dancing (ARTS)

In January of 2004, the American Callers Association's (ACA) Viewpoint addressed the ARTS Alliance. ACA is proud to have participated for the past 24 months with many square, traditional and round dancing groups who have been meeting to form an organization called the **ARTS** to revitalize square dancing.

The ARTS Alliance concept was a byproduct of the Callerlab Phoenix Plan, which was a study to determine why square dancing was declining in the numbers of dancers. The Phoenix Plan demonstrated that the decline was from changing life styles of groups like the Baby Boomers and Generations X and Y, rural image of square dancers, complicated entry program into square dancing, and the lack of sponsors. Formation meetings of the ARTS Alliance were held in Florida, Washington, D.C., Oklahoma City, and Orlando, Florida, and Portland, Oregon.

The ARTS Alliance mission is to generate public awareness and promote growth and acceptance of contemporary Square Round, and Traditional Folk dancing by encouraging and assisting in a coalition of allied dance groups. The ARTS Alliance will provide leadership and resources necessary to create an achievable marketing program. The ARTS Alliance will encourage, promote, and support healthy lifestyles through dance programs and events that provide fun and effective exercise for both mind and body, all within a unique system of social interactions.

### **What has the ARTS Alliance accomplished to date?**

Completed organizational actions includes **Constitution**, **Bylaws** and **Articles of Incorporation**

☞ Gained approval of a **501C3** Internal Revenue Service Non Profit/ Tax Exempt Status.

☞ **Elected Officers** through October 2005

President – Jim Maczko - U.S.A. West

Vice President – Henry Israel – American Callers' Association

Treasurer – Edythe Webber – United Square Dancers of America

Secretary – Jerry Reed - Callerlab.

Conducted **fund raising dances** to help the ARTS get started in San Diego, California and in Montgomery, Alabama with others scheduled for Birmingham, Alabama, and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

☞ Developed a plan to attract and gain a **corporate sponsorship** to

market square dancing to the non square dancing public.

✍ Developed a plan to attract and enhance **the image of square dancing** to one of fun, friendship and fellowship with exceptional health and social benefits.

✍ Developed a plan to seek and gain the assistance of **professional fund raising** companies to support the ARTS objectives.

✍ Developed a plan to seek and gain the support of a **lobbyist** organization with governmental and non-profit organizations.

✍ Conducting **marketing research** to conduct a national survey to learn more about who are our **"dancers."** Callerlab is conducting a demographic survey through its sources. United Square Dancers of America will be conducting a survey at the National Square Dance in Denver.

✍ Focus on **solution to problems** common to all member groups.

✍ Create a necessary **image of unity** that helps attract external support. The image of unity is coming to fruition.

✍ Limit itself to a **few main issues** not to the individual agendas of its members.

✍ To date **eleven national dance organizations** have joined the ARTS

These ARTS objectives are ambitious, critical and difficult to accomplish. The coming together of all the groups can make it happen. ACA is optimistic that in the long run, the ARTS Alliance leaders can effect a reversal in the decline of square dancing and views an optimistic future for square dancing. In support of the ARTS Alliance, ACA, through its newsletter has urged its member callers to host fund raiser dances to help support the ARTS Alliance Initiatives. You may learn more about the ARTS by checking Arts-Dance.org.

Any individual, club, caller, or association who wishes to communicate his/her opinions on this subject or communicate their success story in recruiting is encouraged to contact the American Callers' Association at or Dr. Patrick Demerath.

Until next time: Happy Dancing.

Circle of Friendship



## GET ON BOARD!

I've been dancing in Lakeland  
 All the live-long day,  
 Don't you hear the callers calling ~  
 "Rise up so early in the morn?"  
 Don't you hear the cuers cueing ~  
 "Charlie, blow your horn?"

Some dancers are in the locomotive,  
 Some dancers are in the diner,  
 Some dancers are just dancing  
 And nothing could be finer!

The train "whistle" is blowing  
 Don't you know?  
 Dancing in 2005  
 Will keep you alive!

So, "Get on Board" ~  
 All the dancers are on track,  
 Get your boarding pass now  
 And don't look back!

**Convention tickets are still only \$18.00.  
 Get your tickets now and SAVE!**

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**CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE &  
ROUND DANCERS ASSOCIATION**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Kay's Bar-B-Q, Cocoa**

April 25, 2004 Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER:** Presidents Dan and Arna Foust called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM. Mary Stewart gave the Invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Dan Faust welcomed the members that were present.

**ROLL CALL:** by Secretary, Ailene Picheco. Quorum present.

**MINUTES:** Bruce Morgan made a motion to accept the January 18, 2004 minutes – Jack Hoffman seconded. Motion passed.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Donna Hendricks distributed the treasurer's report to the members who were present. Jack Hoffman made a motion to file the treasurer's report for audit – seconded by Jim Mc Connaha. Motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE** Don and Arna were in contact with Don & Sharon Smith New Years. Don is not doing well.

**AREA REPORTS:** (complete reports available on request)

Area Vice President – George & Shirley Knapp reported. First we want to thank all of the Area Directors for their efforts in putting together our comprehensive a list of clubs and activities. Keeping in mind clubs shut down sometimes without warning and other clubs form without CFA knowledge. They represent Square Dancing in this nine county area. Any information they glean should be passed on for others to act. Current information is in the hands of the Insurance Chairman, Blood Bank Chairman, Membership Chairman and the Historian. We've made a good start but we need a data infusion every time there is a change in the club structure; officers, dancing times or dates, change of location, etc. All dancers can help too—sometimes you hear of changes within a club; pass on to the Area Director.

Every Board Member must support the Area Director's efforts by attending planned membership dances or other functions that promote the CFA in all nine counties we represent. Nothing is as disheartening as a membership dance at a club with no CFA Board Members. An involved Board begets involved dancers begetting involved clubs.

North Brevard – Woody & Mary Lou Coyle reporting. The Allemanders had a 13 square Luau in March. The Civic Center was decorated with palm fronds, large birds of paradise and tons of more greenery. There was a grass hut and even a waterfall! The Canaveral

Squares start a class May 2 at the YMCA, Brevard Community College, Cocoa. Classes: Sunday 2-4 p.m. The club dances Tuesday night at McLarty Recreation Center in Rockledge with Jerry Reed calling and Phyllis Williams cueing. The Palm Bay Promenaders dance at Trailer Haven in Melbourne on Thursday nights. Dale McClary is their caller and Bev Landwehr is their cuer. The Silver Squares have closed — the property was required for an airport expansion. The Space Trackers have a new Board of Directors: Dick and Vera Smith are Presidents and Andy and Esther Folley are Vice Presidents. They are hosting a benefit dance for Jack and Barbara Hoffman's Grandson, Tim Hoffman. He is confined to a wheelchair after a diving accident. CFA is sponsoring. It will be at the Ag Center in Cocoa this afternoon. Dick and Vera Smith still teach for Vera's Rounds at Sunnyside Extended Care Facility, Turtle Creek Road, Viera, Fla. Bev Landwehr is the instructor for the Run Around's at Crane Community Center on Wednesday Evenings. She is seeking another hall for the summer; the community uses this building for children's summer activities.

South Brevard & Indian River – Vinnie Dallmann and Richard Douget reported. The CFA Anniversary Cake went to the following clubs for signatures: Brevard All-County Picnic, Palm Bay Promenaders, Canaveral Squares, Allemanders, Twirlers; and, Wagon Wheels. The Brevard All-County Picnic had about 90 dancers and guests at the Suntime Rotary Park Pavilion. It was weather perfect; nice picnic with good food, great calling/cueing and entertaining skits. The Palm Bay Promenaders are doing well on Thursday nights. They'll graduate a class this week and had pretty good attendance this past winter. The Canaveral Squares are very active on Tuesday night with Phyllis Williams as their cuer this year. They actively pursue banner raids and welcome retrievals; attendance is increasing. The Allemanders held some very nice special dances this past year that were very well attended. Their small class that will graduate soon. The Barefoot Bay Twirlers will hold their last dance of the season on Monday April 26<sup>th</sup>. They've experienced a difficult year of poor attendance. They had a small class. Their many snowbirds fly back North in May requiring them to close early this year. The Wagon Wheels have the best facility around and have attendance problems. They no longer have a cuer but line dance between tips.

South Lake & West Orange – Dick and Dorothy Jarvis. The Apopka Pirates dance the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month at Fran Carlton Community Center in Apopka; John Swindle calling Mainstream and Plus; Rounds by Daphne Martin. Early rounds 7:30 – 8:00; dance 8:00 to 10:00. They'll dance all summer. Their Tuesday Mainstream

class graduated 8 people on April 13<sup>th</sup>. And they all joined the club. The dance on May 8<sup>th</sup> will be a Mothers Day dance with the Men cooking the Hot Dogs. Arnie Rabenberg, the President of the Pirates, would like to have the Shamrock Swing on a Saturday when they do not dance. The Clermont Squares are having their last dance of the season on April 27<sup>th</sup>. On May 4<sup>th</sup> Whit Brown will start the Summer Plus Fun Workshop. They have a cake walk during their dance — everyone gets in a circle and as the music plays they walk and put a dollar in a pot. A number is selected and then they count and the person with that number wins the cake. Their attendance is down from last year. The Garden Patch Squares dance every Thursday at the Vignetti Rec Center in Ocoee. Larry Patton does the calling and cuing. A lot of banner raids keep their attendance up. Royal Squares raided the night they graduated 6 people on April 8<sup>th</sup>. They plan a Mother's Day Dance on May 6<sup>th</sup> with the ladies receiving a corsage. They'll dance all summer with Rick Yates calling and Marylyn Yates cueing while Larry takes some time off. The Royal Squares dance the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays. Their last dance of the season is May 10<sup>th</sup> which will be pie night. Paul Place calls and Joanne Helton cues. They had a Mainstream class with 3 squares and a Plus workshop with 5 squares, but with the snowbirds going home, they have been combined into one class until June when we will end for the summer. We have had a very successful year of dancing. We start our dances again October 11<sup>th</sup>. Joanne Helton has round dance classes every Sunday 1-5.

North Lake & Sumter – Bob and Jennie Courter sent a report. Recently, I made the mistake of asking Anna a question at a dance at Sunshine Promenaders and the next thing I know Anna was saying, “Dan and I were going to talk to you and Bob about taking on the job of Area Directors.” Well so much for my big mouth! It is really a bit too soon for us to give an adequate report. However, we can tell you that the Sunshine Promenaders are doing well with two great callers, Ron Libby and Paul Place, and cuer Joanne Helton. They dance every Friday evening in Leesburg. The Orange Blossom Squares continue to have very successful Sunday evening dances with a variety of local, out-of-town, and national callers. After a quick trip to Atlanta for our granddaughter's graduation, we hope to see all of you at the 50<sup>th</sup> sometime on Saturday.

Marion – Bill Pulver and Marilyn Armstrong reported. The most encouraging sign of spring this year is the bevy of newly graduated Mainstream and Plus dancers coming out of Oak Run Twirlers, Prestige 55, Royal Palms, Top of the World, The Friendly Squares and Fountain Squares. All of these just in time for the State Convention.

The Friendly Squares has moved its Wednesday afternoon dance and class from Rolling Greens to Dancing Shadows, just west of Belleview on 484.

East Orange & Seminole – Bing and Marsha Bingham no report.

Osceola – Mike Mikeal reported. The Buckles and Bows still meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at the Senior Center on Shady Lane in Kissimmee. Attendance has been way down since the snowbirds have flown away. Jean and Don Gaskins will always be there but sometimes there is not even enough dancers for a square. If they can dance, Jean holds a workshop at 7:00 p.m. and the club dances from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. Pete and Jan Shankle usually attend and will cue if there are any round dancers. The Motivators have held elections with Eddie and Vivian Williford taking the helm as Presidents. The Treasurers remain George and Marge Neuman. Their Sunday afternoon dances, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, have been holding up really well. They dance 4 to 8 squares of A1-A2 and APD at 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. with C1 tips until 4:30 if anyone is interested. Their season winds down with but two more dances thru the end of May. Caller for the last two sessions will be Chris Phillips. In October they will resume their regular schedule at the new Senior Center in St Cloud on 17<sup>th</sup> Street.

The Wagon Wheel Rounders – Pete and Jan Shankle are no longer cueing for the Wagon Wheels. President Jack Whitney has cancelled all round dancing at this time. But Pete and Jan do still hold a Phase 2 teach and dance Wednesday mornings at the Beardal Center on Gore Street in Orlando. This is an open class from 11:30 to 12:30. Then in the afternoon they hold a regular round dance session from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. just to have fun and review what was learned in the earlier class. The Wagon Wheel Squares recently held elections with the new officers Presidents, Howard and Thelma Bitler; Vice Presidents, Walt and Marilyn Stemphoski; Secretary, Steve and Diana Kehr; Treasurers, Don and Alive Repsher. A planning meeting in early May will be a deciding factor. They hope to appoint a banner raid chairman at that time. The Wagon Wheels still dance in the same new hall, the Senior Center on 17<sup>th</sup> Street in St Cloud. Caller remains Dale McClary. The dance starts at 8:00 p.m. and lasts until 10:00 p.m. The Wednesday evening group is still moving right along learning new steps each time they meet. The group does have fun and enjoys line dancing with Dusty and Dot in-between the squares. The 4 Corner Squares – Ted Hughes from St Petersburg is taking over this club in the fall, since Mike Gormley has transferred to the Florida Keys. Ted will keep it a caller run club for the time being. There will be no round dancing. At the present time it is closed for the summer months but when the snow-

birds return by November, Ted will again start with plans of taking the present group of dancers and teaching them at a higher level and starting a brand new beginners class. The classes will be held on Thursdays starting with beginners from 6:30 to 800 p.m.. Dance will be from 8:00 to 9:30p.m.

East Volusia – Kenley & Alice Spilman no report.

West Volusia – Gale and Laura Boak reported. The Starlight Promenaders had a Valentines Dance and recycle sale in February. In March they had a Wearing of the Green Dance and in April they had an Ethnic Dinner Dance (with a lot of good food and a night of good dancing). The Honeybees had a Valentines Dance in February. In March they had a recycle sale and a St Patrick Day dance. In April they had a Bunny Hop/50's Dance. (They collected Easter Baskets for the Neighborhood House.) February was a good month for both clubs. They had six to seven squares each. Both will graduate a new class at the end of April or the first of May. The Honeybees lost one of their elder members who was very active in the club - Pauline Neelands. The Honeybees also put out a cookbook this year.

**MEMBERSHIP** Terri Little reported. Active Individual 2004 memberships as of 04/2504: 355

New Members: 32

Renewals: 323

Each Area Representative has a current roster of dancers in their area, which club they belong to, and their membership status as of today. Each Reps should canvas memberships at their area clubs during their visits. If you need more membership applications or information, please let me know. In March, 100 "pink sheets" were mailed non-renewing dancers. To date, 57 renewals are credited to this mailing.

**BLOOD BANK** Jim & Jan McConnaha reported. The CFA Blood Bank Account Number 54 continues in good health. Our balance has grown to 708 units thanks to the donations of about 8 members who continue to give at least monthly and some multiple times during the month. Not only is our account staying healthy, but our members seem to be also. Our donors continue to give on a regular basis, but we can always use more donors. If you know anyone, CFA member or not, that is giving or will give blood, please ask them to tell the blood bank to credit their donation to Account # 54.

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**INSURANCE** Randy & Carol Poole reported. These clubs are up to date with their insurance: Dixie Squares, Evergreen Round Dancers, Flagler Ocean Waves, Friendly Squares, Garden Patch Squares, Granada Squares, Hoedowners, Holiday Squares, Orlando Singles, Pirates, Royal Squares, Starlight Promenaders, Sunshine Promenaders and Wagon Wheels. Twenty clubs insured for 2004 with 1303 members enrolled.

No claims have been filed this year. All certificates have been mailed to the clubs. Please remind your clubs that all students that join your club after graduation have to be paid for.

**KEEPIN' POSTED** Tom & Eivor Brown reported. We're still running about 40 pages per copy. We get 400 copies, about 50 extra based on our membership. Publishing date conflicts with everything. When awards are presented at Shamrock Swing, we don't get to the printers until the publishing date. I suggest we slide the publishing date to February, May, August and November. If we make the change effective the first of the year, little difference will be felt. We are traveling this summer, departing from State Convention. Please get your inputs to me by Convention. Our mail will be forwarded on to us.

**50<sup>th</sup> FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION** Bruce & Colleen Morgan reported. We delivered the Program schedule to Bill Boyd for printing and it will be an insert in the May issue of Bow & Swing. We have already seen the cover of the Bow & Swing and we think you will really like it when it shows up in your mailbox in the next week or so. We delivered the large portion, the portion with the advertising, to Bill Boyd this past Thursday. We have \$3,080 worth of advertising this year. We have ads from California and Virginia in our book. This is the first year that a number of the advertisers have ever purchased an ad in the Florida Program Book.

We are on track for the entertainment each night. The Special Steppers will be in attendance; final payments on their hotel and bus transportation were made. We have forwarded the remaining money in their account to them so that they will have it available for food and other required items for their trip. We received another check in the amount of \$25.00 for the Special Steppers. We will give them this money during the convention. It will be a surprise to them. That brings the total amount collected to \$8,140.01. All of this was possible by the generosity of the dancers of Florida.

You will notice some changes with the convention center this year. The entertainment and opening ceremonies on Friday will be in the Plus Hall – Exhibition Hall West. We will rent the arena on Saturday and Sunday. Please watch for signs as the arena will be arranged

differently. A curtain divides the arena into 2/3 and 1/3; it will be down all weekend. The fashion Show on Saturday afternoon will be the first time that you will be in the arena during this convention in the small end. The dividing curtain is the backdrop for the Fashion Show. Opening ceremonies on Saturday and Sunday are scheduled for the larger 2/3 section of the arena. The stage backs up to the dividing curtain. Best seat above the tunnel. The Grand March, directed by George Knapp, will enter the arena from the two doors on the corners of the arena. Dancers can use the entire length of the concourses to assemble. We ask all the dancers to be in the stands and watch the exhibitions. The people that put on the shows donate their time and talents and they deserve as large an audience as possible. There will be plenty of time to assemble for the Grand March. George made signs to designate where each association should sit so they can easily assemble and be ready for the Grand March.

Registrations have picked up because now is the last time to purchase ribbons at the \$20 price. 850 ribbons sold at this time. We expect right at or over 900 before the Convention door open on Friday night. If you know of anybody planning to attend the convention but have not purchased their ribbon yet please let them know that time is running out.

The Shamrock Swing was a success. The basket auction was the best money maker that we have had so far. We had 21 baskets donated by 15 clubs throughout the Central Association. We even had one basket donated by the Northeast Association and 2 additional baskets donated by individuals. Some of the baskets were really fought over. There were 2 couples bidding on one basket right up until we closed the auction down. We think that everyone had a great time with the whole idea and we hope the people that won the baskets received something that they really wanted or needed. We want to thank all the clubs, associations and individuals that went to all the work to put these baskets together and get them to the dance. They were all beautiful. Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> we held the drawing for the 3 night hotel stay during the convention. The winning person was Fred Collum from Milton, Florida. He was not present but I called him on Monday after the Shamrock Swing and informed him that he won. He was really pleased and is looking forward to staying with us. He already had a room with us so that released a room for Randy & Carol to rent to someone else. Speaking of the Holiday Inn we are sold out.

Our continual fund-raisers: The Serger Raffle. The Serger is over an \$800 value. The Afghan Raffle. The Afghan was donated by our Ways & Means Chairman Margie Heffner. The tickets for these are \$1.00

each or 6 for \$5.00. They need not be present to win. They don't have to be dancers. Anybody can win. Take them to your church functions and any other function you attend. We need everybody to sell tickets. Now is the time; promote the auctions and drawings. Only 35 days until they will be given away.

All the Florida Federation Delegates are invited to our after party in the Holiday Inn Ballroom. Our After-Party Chairperson, Terri Little, promises a great time. Don't miss the fun. Also if you have any short skits that you would like to do please see Terri. She will be glad to add you to the list of performers. Please see Terri, she will probably want you to bring things for the Hospitality Room.

Colleen & I have placed a sign-up sheet at our club for our Club Dinner. Two sections—the first section for the name and the second for the Dinner. More people sign cause the not committed to ask questions about the convention and why are you going. Several people bought ribbons after seeing that their friends are attending. A designee contacts a restaurant to make the reservation in the Club name. This is even more enticement for the dancers to attend. You know how square dancers love to eat. Well, none of our dancers wants to miss a group meal so more and more are signing up every day. Right now, we have over 50 dancers on the list and we still have over a month to go.

Get out to all the dances that you can and promote, promote, promote. You are our best sales persons. Ask for the mike and talk about the convention.

Remember, this is the Florida State Convention!!! It takes everyone to make the convention a success. If all the dancers in the state don't support and promote all the conventions then we won't be able to continue to have them. Let's all get out and do what we can to help this fun weekend grow back to the level it once was.

The Convention Center doors open on Friday at 9:00 am. Please, anyone who can be there to help assemble everything, please be there. Jack & Zonie will need help with the History Room, Randy & Carol will need help with the Showcase. Peg & Bill Gowen will need lots of help in the Sew & Save Room. PeeWee & Mary Stewart will need help with the Vendors. Kenly and Alice will need help with the decorations, Plus Colleen & I will need help with some decorations that Kenly & Alice don't even know we have. There will be plenty of things for everybody to do. Plan to be there.

**HISTORIAN** Judy Frye reported. Pictures from the Shamrock Swing are in order just waiting for the balance of pictures to be submitted by other people who also took some. The regular scrapbooks are just about up to date. It is fun trying to make them attractive and fun to

look at. This is a history of the CFA and we are not always a serious group. Someone once said, and it has been our credo ever since, "Square Dancing is fun set to music" and we surely agree to that. I would like to say again, Congratulations to Ailene Picheco and to Gale and Laura Boak for being selected as our Dancer of the Year and Couple of the year, all three are deserving of the prestigious recognition. Their dedication to square dancing is what keeps this organization going strong.

**FLORIDA FEDERATION** Randy & Carol Poole reported. February 28 & 29 the Federation Working Weekend was held in Lakeland. It was well attended and much accomplished. Each Association was given patterns and directions for the new state dress. The goal is to present this dress at the National Convention in Denver during the Parade of States. We would like to see all Floridians march under our banner in the new dress. Association reps were given a schedule for staffing the showcase in Denver—always a fun job. The give-a-ways this year are refrigerator magnets and maps and fans left over from last year.

Jack & Zonie will retire as Historians at the October meeting. They have done an excellent job with all the albums. Manny and Sherry Gonzales from Northeast Association are in training now to take over the Historian position. They ask the President of each association or an appointee to forward association pictures, with captions including names and dates, to the Historian. The Association magazines should also be sent to the Historian.

The Federation will no longer print the Square Dance Handbook we have been giving to new dancers. They suggest we use USDA pamphlets and the internet. An Association could also come up with their own information booklet.

There is a statewide committee working on making major changes to the state convention. If you would like to hear first hand what their ideas are, plan on attending the next Federation meeting at the Lakeland Convention Center May 30, at 9 AM in the Hollingworth Room Hall A.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Shamrock Swing, 2004 Final Report – Jack & Barbara Hoffman reported. We could not use the 2003 facility this year. We chose The Osceola County Council on Aging Senior Citizens Center. The Center will not allow for growth. We contracted Callers and Cuers and ordered the ribbons; then started the publicity. The facility change caused a late start in publicity nor did we have ribbons to sell at the 2003 Swing.

Promotion started July, 2003. The ribbons and flyers were passed out

to all officer and area directors at the July 27<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Dancers in green attended many of the major dances around the state. The Associations and other dance promoters graciously gave us table space. The Federation Delegates were especially supportive. Besides attending, they offered to sell ribbons in their area.

Our publicity person sent articles to the Bow & Swing and all area publications. Bow & Swing was especially generous in giving us several ads through the year and the cover on the March issue. We did not insert flyers in the publications.

We used the Plus/Mainstream format this year, with the main hall being Plus with Rounds and the second hall being Mainstream. We had a Seminar conducted by Tony on various Square Dance subjects with emphasis on dancer retention—about 45-50 people attended it. The seminar was held at the Hotel on Saturday morning starting at 9 a.m. The afternoon on Saturday consisted of workshops (both Round and Square Dance) from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Due to a heavy fall and holiday schedule, we started soliciting for ads in early January. As was the case last year, we kept to well known names and stayed near the hotel and dance facility. Success was limited for the same reasons as last year (i.e., many places don't budget for two-day affairs with limited attendance). We had better luck getting ads from "Mom & Pop" establishments rather than chains.

Attendance was up over last year from 31 squares to 35 plus squares.

We were very pleased with this location and the people we had to work with at this facility. The only problem was the size and slightly inadequate A/C.

We need to try to find a facility we can depend on every year. The facility we used this year might fit this bill except for its size. However, we were told that an expansion program is anticipated and may be in place in the next 2-3 years.

When soliciting ads or picking them up, have a copy of previous years program book with you to show them and be prepared to help them create their ad if they don't have one ready. The level of dancing (Plus & Advance or Mainstream & Plus) doesn't seem to make much difference on attendance. However, it is our opinion that keeping Mainstream in the program is generally better for the Square Dance community and encourages more new dancers to attend.

5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dance – The 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dance will be held July 31, 2004 in St Cloud at the new Senior Center, on 17<sup>th</sup> Street. John Swindle will be the caller and Phyllis Williams the cuer. There will be a General Meeting at 3 p.m. The election of officers will be held at that time. A pot luck at 5 p.m. with the dance starting at 7:30 p.m. with

early rounds.

*Terri Little made a motion that the new officers will take over on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004 with the Installation of Officers at the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dance in October. Jim McConnaha seconded. Motion passed.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Shamrock Swing 2005 – Donna and Dewey Hendricks reported.

Chairman Dewey and Donna Hendricks, along with Dan & Anna Foust, our Co-chairman, reported that they have purchased Ribbons, and have passed out some for people to sell and if anyone would like to have 10 tickets to sell to help us out, please contact me. I have them with me today. We have hired two callers, Nick Hartley and Whit Brown and Cuers Jimmy and Carol Griffin. Have sent in our security deposit to the First Presbyterian Church of Maitland and are in the process of getting the flyers finalized. Will be submitting our first article to Bow & Swing and Keepin' Posted for the September issues. Will be attending as many special dances in the surrounding areas and club dances in the Central Area as possible to promote the Shamrock Swing 2005. Will also be visiting businesses in the area for ads for the program book. We hope to be as successful as the 2004 chairman Jack & Barbara Hoffman.

### Other New Business

Whirl and Twirl will be dark on May 28<sup>th</sup> for the Convention and also July 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 7<sup>th</sup> to refinish the floor.

Our next meeting –The next meeting will be held at 3:00 PM, July 31, 2004 at the New Senior Center, on 17<sup>th</sup> Street in St Cloud. It will be a general meeting with the election of officers, a pot luck at 5:00 p.m. with the dance starting at 7:30 p.m. with early rounds.

**ADJOURN** –Tom Brown *moved we adjourn. Seconded by Woody Coyle. Motion passed.* Meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ailene E Picinco

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## Recognizing a stroke

This might be a lifesaver if we remember these three questions! Is It a Stroke? This was published in a monthly newsletter where a friend of mine lives and she sent it on. I had never heard this advice before and hadn't a clue. Perhaps, you hadn't either and would like to file it away in the back of your head.

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say any bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

*\* Ask the individual to smile.*

*\* Ask him or her to raise both arms.*

*\* Ask the person to speak a simple sentence.*

If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9\_1\_1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher. After discovering that a group of nonmedical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to learn the three questions. They presented their conclusions at the American Stroke Association's annual meeting last February. Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage."

PASS IT ON.....

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

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MINUTES OF FLORIDA FEDERATION  
OF SQUARE & ROUND DANCERS MEETING  
MAY 30, 2004

The meeting was called to order, at 9:00am by President Shirley Cornett. Mary Stewart gave the invocation and Shirley led the delegates in the pledge of allegiance. Jack McKinney called the roll and stated a quorum was in attendance. Shirley Cornett welcomed all the

guests and also Bill Boyd, editor of the Bow & Swing, as the new recipient of the Hall of Fame award.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** The February minutes were accepted by a motion from Don Slocum and seconded by Pee Wee Stewart.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Sue Brown reported the status of all accounts. The report is available upon request. It was filed for audit.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT:** Report available upon request.

**SUNSHINE REPORT:** Shirley reported Ken Brown(Southeast) is still very ill.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Fred Cornett received a letter from Mr. Carey of the West Coast enclosing a news article from Minnesota stating that some clubs in Minnesota had a TV program about square dancing and maybe the Florida Federation would be interested. Fred is going to turnover the information to the Education and Publicity Committee in February to review and make a report.

**NEC REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:** Jay Richards, a member of the National Executive Committee, proposed a National Square Dance Award program. He proposed senior games in each state. He is developing Florida senior games at The Villages in December 2005. Also, he proposes age strata for youth and baby boomers. NSDC will provide a National Dance-Off for these three groups at the National Square Dance Conventions each year. He suggested looking for a national corporate sponsor and developing a television special for the Dance-Offs". Fred stated that the Executive Board will review the proposal and present a recommendation to the Federation delegates in October or the working weekend in March.

**COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:** Available upon request.

**ASSOCIATION REPORTS:** Available upon request.

**PUBLICATION REPORTS:** Available upon request. (Panhandle Press, no report) Fred introduced Conrad Protzman, President of the Round Dance Council of Florida, who reported that the 4 W's, the publication for the Southeast, has a fully computerized website listing all the dances in the Southeast. The website is 4wdance.org.

**STATE CONVENTION REPORTS:** Available upon request. (Don Slocum stated there was no report for the West Coast, however, they have already begun fundraising and filling committee chairs)

**FLORIDA SQUARE DANCE HALL OF FAME REPORT:** Available upon request.

**HISTORIAN REPORT:** Available upon request.

**U.S.D.A. REPORT:** Jack Hoffman reported that the Federation will receive \$400 from the U.S.D.A. credit card program at the National

Convention in Denver. Dave and Shirley Nihart are resigning after 4 years as Treasurer of the U.S.D.A. Fred thanked them for their contribution.

**U.S.D.A. INSURANCE REPORT:** Bruce Morgan reported that we have 75 clubs and 3,183 dancers insured.

**ASCAP-BMI REPORT:** Report available on request.

**PRESIDENTS' MEETING REPORT:** The association presidents discussed moving the working weekend due to a conflict with a major dance in the Northwest. Cheryl Miller made a motion that the Federation move the working weekend to the first weekend in March. The motion was approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Convention Vendors** Copies of the proposed State Convention Vendor Changes were given to all of the delegates. Charlie Newsome made a motion that the Federation approve the proposed changes. Three vendors spoke during the discussion period. The motion was approved.

**Convention Coordinating Committee:** Fred reported that the coordinating committee had worked on revising the State Convention guidelines. He stated that he had received some feedback and felt that we were not ready to vote on any changes at this time.

**Nominating Committee:** Fred Cornett appointed Tom Hancock as Chairman of the nominating committee.

**Next Meeting:** Shirley Cornett reported that the next meeting will be in Defuniak Springs on October 31, 2004.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 11:45am

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack and Kathy McKinney, Secretary

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## Charlie Came Calling

Thought we'd publish some of the e-mails from our caring dancers. We know many lives were touched and may brighter moment be on the horizon.

From Bruce Morgan:

Good News!!!! We have finally heard from Bob & Ginny Osborne, our Presidents. They are fine and their home is damage free. They,

like the rest of us, have a lot of tree limbs down in their yard. They also have no power or phone. Even their cell phone will not work at their home. There are a number of Cell Phone Towers that are out of commission. They stopped by the club and there is power at the club as of right now. We WILL be dancing Wednesday as long as Danny gets home from West Virginia. Since there are a number of people that still do not have power the dance Wednesday will be casual. Please come and join us and we can swap hurricane stories. The dance will start at 8:00 PM just like normal and we'll have a grand ole time.

Hope to see you then.

Rob & Dawn Shrewsbury \_ you can hold your normal Thursday night dance

Mark Traynor \_ you can hold your normal 3rd Saturday night dance.

Bruce

#### **Another from Bruce:**

We are finally back on line and sleeping in a cool house. Our power went off around 9:15 Friday evening during the worst part of the storm and it finally came back on at 8:15 this evening. Forty-seven hours with out power. I would not have made a good pioneer. After that long, I was really ready for a hot shower and a hot meal. We finally got both tonight. We had no damage to the house, just a lot of trash in the yard from the trees.

There probably are some others that had damage but the only one that we know about at this time is Danny Robinson. He and Ann are in West Virginia and will not return until Tuesday evening. They have a tree down on their house. Not a lot of damage but it will have to be fixed. It doesn't look like there is any water getting into the house but without being repaired shortly it will come to that. Danny and Ann know about it and have already asked someone to look at it for them. We are hoping everything turns out OK for them.

Whirl & Twirl survived without a hitch. The only problem is that we still don't have power. Hopefully we'll get it before Wednesday night when we are supposed to have our first dance after the storm. All you Whirl & Twirl dancers please keep checking your e-mail for further updates.

Rob & Dawn, I'll send you a note Wednesday night as to if we have power or not. Then you can decide what you plan on doing for Thursday.

Bruce

**From Garland and Carole McKenzie:**

Dear Square Dance Friends,

Hope all of you weathered these storms. If you or any dancers in your are sustained significant damage, please send us the details. Southeast Association still maintains a Disaster fund to help Squared Dancers who have sustained losses due to disasters. Last week at our meeting the gave the financial report. When the disaster fund was listed and I thought we haven't had to use that in a long time. Little did I know that Florida would be hit by two storms this week.

You all are in our thoughts. We are fine here.

Garland & Carole McKenzie

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**Round Dance Weekend**

For Round Dancers October 16 and 17, 2004, the place to be is the lovely Stardust Dance Center of Plant City! !!! The Round Dance Council of Florida presents its Fall Weekend of Rounds at the Phase III and IV levels.

Beginning with a complimentary Continental Breakfast at 9:00 AM., the dancing will commence at 9:30 A.M. with several teaches of new dances during the day. On Saturday night there will be programmed dancing of new and old favorites lasting until 10:30 P.M.

On Sunday morning after the Continental Breakfast, the schedule will include a clinic presented by those super teacher/cuers, Jimmy and Carol Griffin. Fun and laughter just happen spontaneously when the Griffins are doing their instructing.

It's a weekend to look forward to and fliers are available at most clubs with directions to the Plant City Hall printed right on the back of the fliers.

Phyllis Williams

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**Florida Association of Single  
Square and Round Dancers**

By the time you read this article, many of us (hopefully a bus load) will be heading to Atlanta for the 34th National Singles Dance A Rama in Atlanta. It's always exciting to make new friends and renew friendships. I run into several singles at these conventions who have vacationed in our area and were put in contact with me to find places for singles to dance in

central Florida.

I recently took a trip to Las Vegas for my company, and I was able to locate a dance where singles are welcome. They don't have a singles club in Las Vegas, so I was told many of the singles dance at this Friday night dance. I made new friends and will probably see some of them in Atlanta, and they may come to Florida on vacation sometime and they will have someone to contact when they get here.

This is one of the "gifts" of attending these conventions and festivals. I can honestly say that I can probably attend any dance in the state of Florida and I will probably know at least one person. I even attended a dance in Beaufort, SC (near Hilton Head) last summer and I actually knew a couple there. I had met them at some of the Georgia Singles dances I have attended. My circle of friends has grown so much in the past few years since I have started attending all of these dances.

I know it is scary to attend a dance by yourself, not knowing if you will know anyone or if you will have a partner. That shouldn't keep you away. You already know how to square dance; that makes you a member of the square dance family so you can go anywhere and you will already have friends. Did you know there is a National Square Dance Directory that lists just about every square dance club in the country. Surprise, do you know there is a directory for singles clubs and the couple clubs that welcome singles? It's appropriately called the Yellowrock Directory. That's where I checked first to find a dance in Vegas. Not a singles club in the entire state! So I got on the internet and searched for "Las Vegas Square Dancing". I found a club dancing on Friday night and sent an email. The next day I had a response with all the information on where and when they dance. It's that simple!

Just like a baby, you have to start with "baby steps". If Atlanta is too far away for you to start attending these dances, then why not come to something local, like our Single\_Rama in Sebring October 8th & 9th? Then you'll know people when you attend the Florida State Convention in Lakeland in May. You'll want to stay at the Singles Host Hotel that weekend so you can get to know even more singles. And then you'll be ready for out of state dances.

I encourage you to start participating in some of these singles dances. What would you be doing if you aren't out dancing? Probably sitting at home alone. Don't forget \_ square dancing is friendship set to music!

For more information on these dances and others, please check our website at [floridadancing.com/fassrd](http://floridadancing.com/fassrd), or email me at [sqdnfan@aol.com](mailto:sqdnfan@aol.com) or call 863-967-5004.

Yellowrocks

Penny Green

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# Club News

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## Barefoot Bay Spinners

The summer has been good to us even though most of our dancers took off for the summer. We have been dancing all summer to the calling of Dale McClary and John Swindle. Dale introduced one PLUS figure a month to our mainstream club and it went over quite well. We have no intention of becoming a plus level club but have tried to get our dancers interested in our sister club, the Twirlers who also dance here in Barefoot Bay on Monday evening at the plus level. We have at least one special party dance a month and plan to have another party in September. The chicken luncheon was great and the ice cream (with all the toppings) went down so smooth. Looking forward to pizza next month. Our caller Dale is having a hip replacement and we have lost his services until the end of September. Our last two dances have been with "tapes" and has worked out great. We have been able to work with dancers that may be having trouble with a certain figure. We can stop the tape and walk thru this figure and then proceed on with the tape. John Swindle is still calling live on the fourth Thursday of every month. Our very best to Dale and a speedy recovery

Spinners Harold Brooks

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## WHIRL & TWIRL

Summer is almost over and probably most of us are looking forward to some cooler weather. Children are back in school, but somehow traffic on our roads has increased. Who knows?

Whirl and Twirl had a lovely dance on August 11, Watermelon Night. A very refreshing treat. The same was planned for Friday, August 13, however, Hurricane Charlie put a damper on that. The dance was cancelled early Friday so we all got an opportunity to prepare for the storm. Our members had many trees down, lots of limbs and debris to pick up, but very little damage to our homes. Thankfully, our clubhouse was spared? only minor damage to signs. We all give thanks for our blessing.

Our club was closed the first week of July to refinish the dance floor. Looks like new now and somehow it even dances better. We graduated 17 members and initiated them into the club in July. We hope they will enjoy many years of great dancing with us.

Potluck dinners have continued throughout the summer. They're held the last Wednesday evening of each month. We always look forward to the potluck dinners as they are a good time to talk, get acquainted, try new recipes, and eat someone else's cooking. Always a treat!

We are having a first at Whirl & Twirl? a huge Garage Sale. Jim and Lili-Ann Gallagher have graciously offered their garage and yard for a club fund-raising event. As of this writing, it is still a week away and we are busily gathering our "treasures" we no longer need for the sale. We're looking forward to a great success.

Plus level square and round dancers are invited to our annual Larry Letson Dance on Monday, October 11, 2004. Phyllis Williams will cue rounds which begin at 7:30 p.m. Squares begin at 8:00 p.m. Ribbons are \$6.00 per person (advance) and \$7.50 per person at the door. Get your tickets at Whirl & Twirl.

We are getting ready for our FALL SHINDIG. Our class coordinators, Mike and Kathy Craig, are planning a rip-snortin' good time with Danny Robinson on the mike. Date of the SHINDIG is October 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. This, of course, is a FREE party night. New class begins October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Come dance with us at 6949 Venture Circle, Orlando. We dance Mainstream on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 with line dancing between tips. Our Plus dance is Friday evening with Roy Brown cueing rounds beginning at 7:30 and Danny Robinson calling squares beginning at 8:00.

Shirley Knapp

## Space Trackers

Space Trackers are concentrating on our Big Bash for October which will be the Fall Fling featuring Dee Dee Doherty as the caller and Jimmy & Carol Griffin as the cuers. This dance will be at the Travis Recreation Center on Michigan Blvd. in Cocoa on October 16th. It will begin, as usual with early rounds at 7:30 and continue with the regular program at 8:00. Refreshments will be furnished by the club members which usually brings out the best of our cooks for all to sample. In addition, our Chairmen Giff and Shirley Crippen will be sponsoring a pumpkin decorating contest for all to enter. Prizes will be awarded and they promise to be special. We hope that all will come and find thier pleasure in dancing to a fine caller and great cuers and enjoy the fellowship of many friends at this dance. Ribbons are currently on sale from any of the Board members but will also be available at the door at a slightly increased cost. We hope to greet you all there!

Our first dance in October will have to be moved to a temporary location as the floors at the Ag center will be under rennovation. Please check our web site for the latest info on the switch or call any of the officers or board members for the scoop on the site for this dance!!

November will feature our annual Thanksgiving Dinner for our members with the regular dance following it as is our usual practice. This heralds the opening of the holiday season with our snow birds returning from thier northern sojurns.

December brings along the Christmas Dance on the 16th. when everyone wears all their finery in red, green, gold, silver or white. This sets the tone for the season and we will probably continue our tradition of requesting teddy bears for children in distress over the holidays and after. You'll hear more of this later on, I'm sure.

As for our guest callers scheduled for the rest of this year you will find names like Bill Chestnut, Red Bates, Susan Elaine Packer, Darrell Figg and of course Dee Dee to mention a few. Our faithful club caller, Whit will be on hand as usual as will our regular cuers, Phyllis Williams and Vera Smith.

We sure hope to see you in our circle or square real soon.

From all the Space Trackers to all our community of friends we wish all a Joyous Christmas season and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Have a great day - wish you were here in sunny Florida with us!

Vera & Dick

## Prestige 55

The dog days of summer are upon us. As with many of the Florida clubs our numbers are low for the summer months and we have almost forgotten what our northern friends even look like. However, we march on. The local clubs support each other to help keep the numbers up. And of course, there must be special parties.

Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup>, Betty and Fred McAteer hosted a beach party at their home on Lake Weir in Marion County. Over 20 people representing 3 clubs attended. Special dangles were awarded for dancing... on the dock... in the sand... in the grass... and in the water with the little fish nibbling at the toes. You should have seen some of the members on the jet ski. Naturally, there was plenty to eat. A great time had by all.

Fifth Tuesday potluck, again with lots of great food, was held before the dance on the 29<sup>th</sup>.



## Allemanders

It has been a pleasure to have a good number of guests at our summer dances. Often folks from neighboring clubs come to dance to John Saunder's calling and Vince Furtado's cueing. Sometimes they come on a banner raid, sometimes "on their own." They are always welcome. Also, it is encouraging to have dancers from other places find us on dance nights. We try to get dances mentioned in the local papers as frequently as possible; that does help out-of-towners learn about our activities.

Your reporter has heard whispers of two well-known callers competing in a Most Beautiful Legs contest in the near future. That does seem unbelievable, doesn't it? If such an event does take place, you can be sure it will be reported here.

The Allemanders continue with the summer schedule of dancing on the 2nd and 3rd Saturday evenings this month. In October the regular schedule of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Saturday dances will resume.

Donna Noeske

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Day 1:** The tour will depart the hotel at 8:00 am and travel west to Tillamook for a visit of the **Tillamook Creamery** where one can sample the cheese and savor an ice cream cone. Then it's on to Newport to explore the **Oregon Coast Aquarium's** "Passages of the Deep". Afterwards enjoy a 1-hour narrated bay or ocean cruise with naturalist guides aboard the 65-foot "**Discovery**". We'll travel south and browse historic **Old Town Florence**, then enjoy an included welcome dinner and overnight in Florence with views from every room and miles of beach for strolling.

**Day 2:** The morning will start with a 1-hour **Giant Dune Buggy Tour** and a chance to see the **Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area**. There will be lots of opportunities for pictures, including the **Umpqua River Lighthouse**, Oregon's first, built in 1857. This small area on the Pacific Coast contains the world's supply of **Myrtlewood**. Then we'll stroll **Shore Acres**, noted for its gardens and stunning ocean vistas. We'll travel to **Grants Pass** for the evening and an overnight stay with a pleasant view from your room.

**Day 3:** You're sure to enjoy the **jet boats**, navigated and narrated by skilled guides on the scenic **Rogue River**. We will tour the **Dogs for the Deaf** campus and learn how this special program makes a tremendous difference in the lives of both dogs and people! Next we'll visit the **deepest lake** in the United States at **Crater Lake National Park**. A Forest Service Guide will explain the eruption of Mt. Mazama and the creation of deep and blue Crater Lake. A farewell dinner is included at **Diamond Lake Resort** where we'll stay the night.

**Day 4:** After breakfast, we'll travel to **Wildlife Safari**, where exotic animals roam freely on grasslands and wooded areas. There will be a brief stop at Rice Hill for Umpqua ice cream, and as we head north you will enjoy the Willamette Valley on your return trip to Portland.

Includes: Motorcoach transportation, lodging, baggage handling, admissions to attractions described, taxes, tips, 2 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners and a professional tour guide.

Visit [www.54nsdc.com](http://www.54nsdc.com) for more information

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## What's Right About Square Dancing?

- Square Dancing is fun (smiles and laughter)
- Square Dancing promotes friendship (an always there support group)
- Square Dancing promotes teamwork (8 people working together)
- Square Dancers are travelers (clubs, specials, conventions, raids)

## Honeybees

After our summer break the Honey Bees Square and Round Dance Club in DeLand resumed dancing starting with a Pot Luck supper on Sept. 13, 2004. We held Open House on September 27 and October 4, at which time we encourage new people to visit us and see what we are all about. They join us in some beginner dancing and of course socializing and snacking. This is a great time to encourage them to keep coming back to learn to dance. We also let them know the wonderful health benefits of square dancing. My husband has had heart bypass surgery and also has diabetes. Our doctor was very impressed that we are square dancing and he said it is one of the VERY BEST exercises that we can do. He highly recommends square and round dancing for every one.

Gale & Laura Boak, whom many of you know, dance with us most every Monday night. They are a wonderful couple and are excellent in promoting the CFA. We have some fun activities lined up for this year, including our Halloween Dance on Oct. 25. November we have 3 special nights, the 8th is our Veteran's Dance, the 15th our Recycle Sale and the 29th our Western Night dance. We should have some pretty darn good lookin' Cowboys and Cowgirls that night. In December we will have our Christmas Dinner and dance on the 13th. We will NOT dance on December 20th and 27th. Dancing will resume on January 3, 2005 and we are asking that everyone wear Black and White that night.

John Saunders is our caller and we absolutely love John and his lovely wife Linda. They make everything so much fun and are both so involved with their clubs. To tell you the truth though, I don't think John would survive without Linda right there with him, but lets face it ladies, most of our husbands, or significant others, wouldn't – right ladies. Next time we'll probably hear the men's side. Jim Cowen is our cuer and has been with us for 20 or more years. He and his cute little wife Mary are a huge asset to our club. Jim is so faithful in being there to cue and Mary keeps herself constantly busy in the kitchen, filling in dancing when someone needs a partner, square and rounds both, and doing anything else she can be helpful with.

We dance PLUS on Monday evenings from 8 to 10:00. Lessons are from 6:30 until 8:00. DeLand Activity Center, 751 South Alabama Ave., DeLand (In Earl Brown Park)

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JUDY HINES

## Clermont Squares

Not much to say yet. Clermont Squares will be back dancing on October 5 with our super-duper caller and cuer, Whit Brown and Judie Ishmael. Added to that special note is the fact that it's ice cream night. We welcome everyone to wear casual clothes if they wish. Now I ask you.....can you find a more fun way to spend your Tuesday night? We'll hope to see you in our square.

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## My Squirrel Proof Feeder

Ace Taylor



## Prestige 55 (more)

Prestige 55 is kicking off our new fall classes in mid-September. Naturally, most of last year's class has already volunteered for angel duty and are looking forward to it.

Some of our members helped Ken with a demonstration dance at a bridal shower...yes, you read that right. The shower had a country theme and was attended by over 100 family and friends of the bride and groom. We did a demonstration and then got the attendees up for a try. They were mostly young people and they seemed to love it. Hopefully, we can add some of the youthful enthusiasm to our local clubs.

I read where some parts of the north are already seeing some cold nights. That is a sure sign that it won't be long until our snowbird friends start their slow migration back to Florida. We look forward to seeing some of them.

Audrey Dahl celebrated a birthday in August which was much to her chagrin. She still maintains she is only 29. A little birdie told me the truth and she is really 39.

To all the readers, we dance on Tuesday evenings, if you are going to be in the Ocala area, see the club listings for details and stop by we would love to have you. By the way, November 2nd is election day and we will not be dance. Well, maybe some will but we won't go there.

Mike Cox

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## Dixie Squares

The Dixie's spent the summer enjoying many fun filled special dances. The Indoor Picnic got the season off to a good start, and the "Summer Swing" dance keep things swinging \_ right up to the Ice Cream Social Dance in August and through to the Tacky Dance in September, which filled the hall with an array of interesting attire...and lots of smiles. Open House and the Clubs Anniversary Dance kicked off the fall season.

Pie Night and the clubs second Open House is scheduled for October 7th, and we are sure it is the excellent calling and cuing as well as all of those home made pies that make this one of the years most successful dances. Plan to be there, and to attend the other special dances at the Dixie's:

October 14th Regular Class Begins  
October 21st Teddy Bear Charity Dance  
October 28th Halloween Costume Party  
November 11th Veterans Day Dance and Recycle Night  
November 18th Toys for Tots Charity Dance  
November 25th Happy Thanksgiving from the Dixie's (no dance)  
December 16th Holiday Dinner Dance  
AND....the big event of the year.....  
December 31st New Year's Eve Dance....come join John and Irene and all of the Dixie's and ring in the New Year in true fun and friendship style, dancing and snacking the night away at our gala affair. Tickets are on sale now, and are going fast, so get yours now....and we'll square up!

Yellow Rocks

Joanne Engum

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## Canaveral Squares

The Canaveral Squares have had a busy summer. Our class graduates Mainstream in September with an accelerated weekend of lessons. This is a first in the area and we plan to do more during the coming year.

We hope everyone survived Charley with minimal damage. If you need help, contact your local association. I have found that square dancers are a family and always look out for one another.

We raided the Dixie Squares in Daytona Beach and they were the first to see our new banner raid routine. We are anxious to show it off to all the clubs in the Central Florida Area when we go to steal their banners.

Our dances start at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday nights, with Jerry Reed calling the squares and Phyllis Williams on the rounds. We finish around 9:30 p.m. to make it an early night. Mainstream dancers are always welcome. Let us know and we can alternate tips. We are an easy-going club. Come join the fun.

Jerry travels out of town quite often, so that gives us a chance to bring in some great guest callers from the area. John Swindle, Dale McClary, and Sonny McCartney are but a few. Check out the TGIF section of Florida Today to see what's happening each week. Phone: (321) 452-7963 or (321) 635-8815. Email: [apicheco@juno.com](mailto:apicheco@juno.com) or

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## Royal Squares

The Royal Squares are off to an ambitious start for the fall dance season. Our dances begin this month. We reconvene our beginner/mainstream class that started in the spring for review sessions that will lead to graduation at one of our dances very soon. We convene a new beginner/mainstream class this month and the plus workshops will start as well.

We kick off the season with a regular dance on Monday October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm with **Joanne Helton** on hand to cue early rounds. We **square up at 7:30pm**. Club caller **Paul Place** will keep us moving for the evening. We dance on the wonderful hardwood floor of the Great Hall in the Royal Highlands community. Our dances occur on the second and fourth Monday of each month October through May. Paul and Joanne join us for each dance. Come and enjoy an evening of plus dancing to one of the best callers and cuers in the area.

A new beginner/mainstream class will begin on Tuesday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the Great Hall at Royal Highlands. **Paul Place**, a skilled instructor with the patience of Job, will lead the class and is, perhaps, the best teacher in the area. We anticipate a great turnout for the new class.

**Paul will convene the fall two hour plus workshop at 3pm on Tuesday October 26<sup>th</sup>** immediately after the beginner/mainstream class. All dancers, both beginning and seasoned plus dancers, are welcome. Dress is casual. Fun is to be had and skills will be developed and enhanced.

The Royal Squares are off to an ambitious start for the 2004-2005 dance season. We look forward to the renewed friendships, fun, and camaraderie we all enjoy with one of our favorite pastimes. See you at the dances.

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# Central Florida Square & Round Dance Association



*Invites YOU to a* 5th Saturday Dance  
October 30, 2004

The Paradise Center in the  
Villages of Leesburg

Calling: Paul Place

Early Rounds 7:30 p.m.

Cueing: Joann Helton

Squares 8:00 p.m.

**Directions:** From US 27 N, turn right on Boone Court (1st Street after underpass) through gate; turn right onto Paradise Drive. Go one block. Center on Left.

**Admission:** CFA Members \$3.00, Guests \$4.00

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