

Keepin' Posted

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Help Katrina's Victims

- CFA and Florida Federation to Pledge Money
- Tony O and Grand Squares seek Million Dollar Assistance for New Orleans.

Convention News.

- Website
- Price Break

CFA Board Re-Elected!

President's Message

October starts our 2nd (and last) term as Presidents of CFA. We want to thank all of the board members that served so well this past year and those that have been elected for this coming year. Without **YOU** this board and organization could not function.

Since nothing much has happened as far as CFA functions are concerned since the last president's message, you are going to hear about our trip to the National Convention in Portland, Oregon. We left the State Convention on May 30th (Memorial Day) and headed for St. Louis, where we met-up with about 55-60 other RV'ers to head for the convention on the Lewis & Clark Trail. 21 days to Portland, with stops in all the states in between. We visited many attractions along the way, many related to the L&C expedition. We danced in 9 states and at most of the dances we were fed very well most had a sit-down dinner for us. A first for me was Hard Boiled Quail Eggs. I have mixed feelings about them. Don't ask Barbara, She didn't have any! We made many new friends among the caravan and even had one couple we knew from Florida, learned at least as much about our history as I did in High School.

The National Convention was a great success. We marched in the "Parade of States", danced some and had a great time. We came home through California, Kansas and Missouri doing family things and stopped in Indiana to see friends (McConnaha's & Coyle's), then came on home. Got home on July 25th, just in time to hit the ground running to get ready for the July 30th CFA 5th Saturday dance. It was a very good dance, called by Dale McClary and Cued by Pete & Jan Shankle.

Speaking of Dale McClary, many of you know, he had an accident on his Motorcycle and was in the hospital for surgery on his ankle and other injuries. At the time of this writing, he is in a rehab center and due to go home soon. He will have long recovery time. Cards and get well wishes are welcome..

Don't forget the upcoming 5th Saturday dance on October 29th at City Island Recreation Center in Daytona Beach. Jerry Reed will be Calling and Vera Smith will be Cueing. This will be the

last 5th Saturday dance until April 2006.

The Shamrock Swing will be held on the 2nd weekend of March 2006, so watch for flyers in your area soon

Happy Dancing

Jack & Barbara Hoffman

Editor Note: As we go to press, Dale is in Holmes Hospital in Melbourne waiting surgical evaluation after returning there last week.

An Open Letter to All Dancers Worldwide

Tony Oxendine
Grand Squares, Inc.

Square Dancers for Katrina Relief
September 4, 2005

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL DANCERS WORLDWIDE:

By now we have all seen the devastation left in the wake of hurricane Katrina. Thousands of people along the Gulf Coast have been left homeless. These people need shelter, food, and clothing. It is time for square dancers world wide to unite. Together, we can make a difference. Over the years, square dancers have shown themselves to be some of the most caring people in the world. There is not time to establish a new non-profit corporation for square dancers to donate to, so Grand Square Inc., a US 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation, has volunteered to funnel the monies collected. Make your checks out to Grand Square Inc., and CLEARLY mark on the check that the money is to be earmarked for the **SQUARE DANCERS FOR KATRINA FUND**. All donations are 100% tax deductible and ALL of the monies collected will be hand-delivered to the appropriate charitable organization(s). If you like, you can donate using VISA, MASTERCARD, or PayPal via our secure website - . Make your tax deductible check to: GSI Dancers for Hurricane Katrina Fund 1100 East Morehead Street, Suite 100 Charlotte, NC 28204 The Curlee family (founders of GSI) has donated warehouse space in Charlotte to house all the supplies that we collect. Area Charlotte dancers will provide the manpower to organize everything (handling the warehouse, loading trucks, etc.). If you would like to send packages, you may use the above address as well. Some (not all) of the needed supplies include the following: School

Supplies Building Supplies Clothing Medical Supplies - SEALED (Bandages, Aspirin, etc) Non Perishable Food Housing Supplies (Toilet Tissue, Paper towels, Cloth Towels, etc.) Children Supplies (disposal diapers, toys, etc.) **TIME IS CRITICAL.** Our goal is to send a check and truckloads of supplies to the affected areas on October 3, 2005. We will be in contact with FEMA to find out exactly where to deliver everything, and to determine what organization(s) to give the monies collected. Our goal is to send at least one semi-truck full of supplies and to hand over a check for **ONE MILLION DOLLARS.** We will be updating the website - - on a daily basis to keep everyone abreast of our progress. Please check the site often. We need to get the word out quickly to as many square dancers worldwide as we possible can. If you have a website, please post a prominent link to ours on your page. If possible, send this letter out to any friends you have on the internet. Many of you have already donated to local charities for this same purpose. However, if we, as a square dance community, can come together for the good of all, look at the impact that this may have. Imagine if we can actually write a check for a million dollar\$. Surely it will be picked up by CNN or one (maybe all) of the major TV networks. Finally, square dancing can be shown in a positive light to a worldwide audience. It is truly a win-win situation. We will be doing a wonderful civic deed for people desperately needing assistance, and just **MAYBE** we'll get some coverage for it as well. Some fund raising ideas: Special fund raising dances, Admission could be money or some type of supplies Donate the proceeds of a regular club dance Collect money at all of your club dances from now until October 1 Solicit money (supplies) from your area business Contact your local or state dance/caller association for a donation Sponsor a club Yard Sale Or you can come up with some of your own. Our goal is to raise one million dollars in 30 days. Let's show the world that square dancers, in addition to being the nicest people in the world, are also the most giving. If you have any further questions, please email us at info@squaredancers4katrina.org. We will keep you updated via the website. We thank you in advance, Tony Oxendine Grand Square Inc. The following dance leaders support the efforts of the Square Dancers for Katrina Fund: Kim Curlee (President, GSI) Everette Curlee (Founder, GSI) Tim Crawford (Chairman, CALLERLAB) Ray Brigrance (President, ACA) Wayne and Janice Bowman (Chairmen, 56th NSDC) Charlie and Kitty Holley (President, USDA) Dick and Linda Peterson (President, NEC) Dave and Sherry Hubbard (Chairmen, 57th NSDC) Ray and Sandy Hutchinson (Chairmen, 58th NSDC) Jim Maczko (Chairman, ARTS) John McKinstry (President IAGSDC) Lee and Barbie Ashwell (Chairmen, 55th NSDC)



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

Unknown author



**CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE &
ROUND DANCERS ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SENIOR CENTER, ST CLOUD, FL**

July 30, 2005 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Presidents Jack & Barbara Hoffman called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM. Judy Frye gave the Invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Presidents Jack & Barbara Hoffman welcomed everyone. CFA members present were Frank & Jackie Adams, Fred & Sally Bond from Whirl & Twirl and Doug & Margery Douget from Canaveral Squares. Also Mike Mikeal from the Wagon Wheels.

ROLL CALL BY AILENE PICHECO

MINUTES: Judy Frye *made a motion to accept the July 31, 2004 minutes of the previous general meeting as written* - Tom Brown *seconded*. Motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Donna Hendricks distributed the treasurer's report to all members present. Jack Hoffman filed the report for audit.

CORRESPONDENCE: Barbara Hoffman received an email from the North West Association. They are hosting the 53rd State Convention and need help. If you are able to assist them, please let Barbara know and she will tell you who to contact. There will be two get well cards to sign tonight at the dance for past presidents unable to attend -Vivian Wilson and PeeWee Stewart.

AREA REPORTS:

Area Vice President: Dan Foust no report.

North Brevard: Judy Frye reported the Space Trackers are dancing between two and five squares each Saturday evening at the Ag Center in Cocoa. In June a "Beach Party" was planned for "on the Beach" really but the best laid plans etc, etc. They did manage to finish eating a very nice picnic furnished by the members when it started to rain...and rain it did!! Several of the soaked members did go on down to the Allemanders to dance. The Allemanders even let the Trackers steal their banner. In July they held their "Rah! Rah! America" dance July 2nd. This was a "Sundae Saturday Dance", ice cream and toppings were served. In August they plan

a "Pirates of the Trackers Dance" where everyone is asked to come in a pirate costume with prizes being awarded. This will also be the annual Hairy Antelope Party. September is their Anniversary Dance. Everyone is asked to wear black, white, silver or gold. The Canaveral Squares dance at McLarty Rec Center in Rockledge Tuesday nights. In Jerry Reed's absence they've had guest callers, Dale McClary and John Swindle. They have gone on a few banner raids and retrievals but with the summer attendance down, it is a little hard to get enough to make a trip. Raids will pick up in the fall. In August they plan to start an accelerated Mainstream class - the teaches go Friday evening, Saturday during the daytime and Sunday in the afternoon for three weekends. They will then be ready to dance at any Mainstream club. This worked very well last spring when they held Plus Classes on two consecutive weekends. Plans are in the making for their first semi-annual Cinderella Ball to be held next April for their 46th anniversary. Ms. Mouse says it will be a really fun affair, and don't miss it. More info at the next meeting.

South Brevard & Indian River - Tom Brown reported. The Barefoot Bay Twirlers will have a new caller when they start dancing in the fall. Steve Ekin has agreed to call on Monday nights and Vera Smith will cue the rounds.

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

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

Marion: Stoney & Pat Stone. No report.

East Orange & Seminole: Ian & Sandy Ogilvie reported. The Hoedowners still meet every Sunday at the Casselberry Senior Center, under the direction of President Eleanore Weston and caller Gene McCullough. The club holds a plus workshop every Sunday from 1:30 to 3:00 and continues into the plus dance from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Also included in this very full program, are line dance instruction by Norma Newton, and round dancing cued by Dick and Darlene Nordine. Beginner classes are scheduled to begin on Sunday September 18th. Special social events are listed in their club calendar, and include such events as pie day, an ice cream social, pizza party. Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, and others. The Orlando Singles have been busy trying to increase attendance at their renovated hall since the new board took

over in May. They had a very busy June with a Sadie Hawkins dance with the man bringing in desserts to auction. The women got to bid to have the pleasure of eating and then dancing with the man who's dessert they won. It was a great mixer and profitable fundraiser. In July they held a Christmas in July dance complete with all the usual Christmas decorations and a turkey potluck dinner. Both were well attended and these are planned to be annual events. The club is looking forward to new classes starting this fall with two, possibly three, free open house evenings in September for new dancers to have the opportunity to see how much fun square dancers have. A new board took over at Whirl & Twirl this past May. New presidents are Dick and Rowena Wilson. Danny Robinson is club caller and Pete and Jan Shankle are the club cuers. The club continues to boast a large attendance and upcoming events include Bingo on Oct 1st, the Larry Letson dance on October 10th, and a garage sale at the home of Jim and Lillian Gallagher on Oct 28th. Other special events and activities are shown on their club calendar. The dance program still includes Wednesday night mainstream with line dancing, and Friday night plus dances with rounds. For August 5th through the 9th, Danny will be on vacation. John Saunders (5th) Paul Place (10th) and Bill Chesnut (9th) will help out. A successful CFA membership drive was held at one of the Friday club dances in June. Pete and Jan have been holding round dance lessons at the club every Thursday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. and will be starting the beginner waltz next week (August 4th). A new fall beginner square dance program is scheduled to begin with "Shindig" on October 18th.

Osceola: Howard & Thelma Bitler reported. The Motivators are closed for the summer. They start dancing in September. The Wagon Wheels dance every Wednesday. They start at 7:30 with line dancing and square dancing from 8:00 to 10:00. They have contra and line dancing between the square dancing. Beginning the first Friday in October Dale McClary will call squares from 8:00 to 10:00. Early rounds at 7:30 with Bev Landwehr.

East Volusia: Kenley & Alice Spilman. No report.

West Volusia: Gale and Laura Boak sent a report. The Starlight

Promenaders have raids and retrievals every month. Cuer Daphne Martin has a beginning round dance class. Caller Whit Brown started a DBD workshop from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. In March we had a recycle sale and an Easter Parade with hats from the prettiest to the most outlandish. Dick and Jeanne Lysobey and Jerry and Mary Jo Dunagan received their Star Award. In April they had two demos (at Merrill Gardens and at the Enterprise Festival) a Poor Mans Potluck dinner dance and our general meeting. In May they had a nine-foot Maypole with 15 ribbons and Whit Brown goaded the dancers thru a complicated maze of utter nonsense. And they all won prizes! Caller in training, Roland Morin, called a tip on the 25th of this month. Twenty six Starlight Promenaders attended the State Convention in Lakeland and twenty nine of our members were at John Barrett's Retirement party. In June they had a Patriot's Day dance. A Watermelon night is scheduled for July and an Ice Cream Social in August. Plans are being made for a Benefit dance to help "Victims of Domestic Abuse of Volusia county" in September. The Honeybees had two special dances scheduled in March; an Easter Hat dance and St Patrick's day dance. In April they had a 50's dance and both men and women were stylish in their 50's outfits. May was the final dance of the season, which included a potluck dinner. John Saunders announced his retirement as their club caller. We understand that the club plans to have Rick Yates call beginning September 12th. The club will not dance June, July or August.

MEMBERSHIP - Terri Little reported.

Active Individual 2005 memberships as of 07/30/05: 299

New Members: 36

Renewals: 263

BLOOD BANK - Jim & Jan McConnaha no report.

If you know anyone, CFA Member or not, that is giving or will give blood, please ask them to tell the blood bank to credit their donation to Account # 54.

If you have any questions or need to make a withdrawal, contact the CFA Blood Bank Vice President, Jim & Jan McConnaha at Phone: (321) 636-6841 or E-mail:

INSURANCE - Randy & Carol Poole reported. 22 clubs in-

sured for 2005 with 1361 members enrolled. Three accident reports have been received this year. We now bank at Bank of America due to the closure of SouthTrust bank.

KEEPIN' POSTED - Tom & Eivor Brown reported. Keepin' Posted has stayed the same size; if fewer clubs send in articles, they are longer, more clubs, shorter articles. The Federation publications are communicating better and sharing items of common interest. It surely amazes me that with clubs migrating from paper to imagery on the web, paper publications continue to flourish. Keepin' Posted is now transferred to CD and mailed to Bill and Randy Boyd for the printing. They have completed their involuntary upgrade to digital printing. We said at the Federation and say again - we sincerely thank every dancer, every club, every club officer, every organization and officer in the square and round dance communities for their considerable support. It has been immeasurably appreciated.

HISTORIAN - Judy Frye reported. Most of the pictures I have taken or collected have been mounted into the various scrapbooks. The "50th State Convention Book" is in various stages of completion. It's been hard as I am still getting pictures with no information on them so cataloging them has been hard. I will be asking for negatives so that reprints may be made or asking for the name of a special event that helped raise money for this convention. This is my last call for pictures relating to this convention, what is received after August 15th will be placed in the back of the book under "Miscellaneous Snapshots". If your club is doing a special party or event, especially things like parades or community participation, take pictures and submit to me. Also, I am now starting to gather some things to submit for the Florida Federation's history Book. The CFA is a big part of the Federation and we should be recognized.

FLORIDA FEDERATION - Randy & Carol Poole reported. The last Federation meeting was held May 29, 2005 in Hollingsworth A at the Lakeland Center. Paul and Cheryl Miller did an outstanding job with the Showcase of Ideas. Central Association should be very proud of their display that Barbara Hoffman created. A big yellow rock to Jack and Barbara Hoffman for transporting and setting up the entire Showcase Display. Paul and

Cheryl Miller (North West Association) have agreed to be Florida's delegate to the USDA. Jim and Jan McConnaha have been appointed chairman of a committee to investigate alternate locations to hold the State Convention. The next meeting will be held Sunday, November 6, 2005, 9:00 A.M. at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, Boynton Beach. All dancers are invited to attend. There will be a dance on Saturday night at the Civic Center. Accommodations may be made at Holiday Inn , Catalina, 1601 North Congress Ave, Boynton Beach, FL., \$84.00 per night. 1-866-733-8554 (toll free) before October 14, 2005.

OLD BUSINESS

Shamrock Swing 2006 - Randy Poole reported. The hotel has changed to La Quinta on Lee Road. Please pick up new flyers and dispose of old flyers. The Federation Working weekend will be the same weekend as the Shamrock Swing.

2006 Convention Hotel - The hotel for the 2006 convention is still under negotiation.

55th Florida State Convention 2009 - Randy & Carol Poole reported. We met with the Lakeland Center and they have penciled us in for 2009. They will not give a written contract until 12 months out. We have appointed our executive board, and the caller and cuer chairmen. We also have a volunteer to be the Fashion Show Chairman, Judy Frye has volunteered to be the convention historian and the liaison to the federation historian. Paul Drimmel has agreed to be our country western Chairman. We are still open to suggestions for a theme. So give it some thought and email us your ideas.

Shamrock Swing 2007 Bruce and Colleen Morgan have agreed to chair. The caller and cuers are penciled in. It was brought up that fundraisers for the Shamrock Swing will cut into fundraising for the convention. Bruce Morgan *made a motion that there will be no fundraising for the Shamrock Swing dances. It was seconded* by Jack Taylor. Tom Brown then *moved to Table the motion*. Ian Ogilvie *seconded*. Motion tabled until next meeting. The fundraiser will continue tonight as scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

Internet Maps - Bruce Morgan reported. "Google" is working on a map feature. I envision a map of Florida which can be broken

down by Associations and further by clubs. The Federation can have their own website for less than we are paying now. Clubs can have their own websites also. I just wanted to bring this to the attention of the board before going to the Federation with the proposal. I am passing out forms that each club must complete with their exact dance location for the map program to work. Please have every club fill one out and return to me.

Club Map Books - Jack & Barbara Hoffman reported.

We are currently working on getting maps to all CFA clubs to make a booklet to distribute to all the clubs. This will coincide with the internet maps.

Election of Officers The Nominating Committee read the nominees for the CFA Board 2005-2006 year. Nominations from the floor were opened. No nominations made, Judy Frye *moved that the nominations be closed* - Randy Poole seconded.

Jack Taylor *moved that the nominations be placed on one ballot and approved as new board*. Seconded by Bruce Morgan. Motion passed. Installation of officers will be after the first tip tonight.

5th Saturday Dance, October 29th, 2005 The Dixie Squares in Daytona Beach will host the next 5th Saturday Dance at the City Island Rec Center. Jerry Reed will be the caller, and Vera Smith will cue.

Our next meeting The next meeting will be held at Randy & Carol Poole's home in Deland. October 9th, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. followed by a potluck dinner.

ADJOURN Tom Brown *moved the meeting be adjourned*. *Seconded by Judy Frye. Motion passed*. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ailene E Picheco

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

Author Unknown

We received this e-mail from an interested dancer. It was edited for this insertion.

Subject: Re: FW: CHANGES

Just some input from us on square dancing.

Last Wednesday we picked up the flyer from "OUR CLUB", giving the various Banner Raids. It contained no club addresses or dance times of the clubs "OUR CLUB" wanted to raid.

Saturday we wanted to go to the raid to "ANOTHER CLUB", to help out "OUR CLUB". No address on "OUR CLUB" flyer. So I looked up "ANOTHER CLUB" in 'Bow and Swing' - the entire entry said 'THAT CITY - no club news this month'. I couldn't even find "ANOTHER CLUB" in the 'where to dance by region' section - which only listed addresses on about half the clubs it listed anyway. This was the June issue - current issues seem to be hard to come by...

So then I looked in a copy of Keepin Posted. It has NO list of clubs nor addresses. Again, it was an old issue - April - and again, current issues are hard to come by. But neither of the issues I had contained information on where clubs were.

So we did not support "OUR CLUB" raid to "ANOTHER CLUB".

Do we wonder why square dancing is going down hill? No, we don't wonder.

Square dancing in general, and central Florida in particular, needs better publicity. Useful publicity. Addresses. Times and dates of dances. Dance level. Other cities, other states do this, why can't Florida?

If we want square dancing to continue - in Central Florida,

in Florida anywhere, in the US anywhere, we need to get the word out as to where clubs are dancing, when they are dancing, in easy to find formats.

If you have any influence in the Keepin Posted, or Bow and Swing, maybe you can get a simple list of clubs, and where they are (addresses, not just city), and when they dance, into those two publications. It would be a good start! Perhaps a nice simple list right in the center of the booklet, where it falls open anyway?

We would have liked to dance at "ANOTHER CLUB" for "OUR CLUB". There could be other dancers just like us. See 'ya tonite at "OUR CLUB".

"An Interested Dancin' Couple"

Our Response:

At the last CFA meeting, President Jack and Barbara Hoffman and Bruce and Colleen Morgan asked all Area Representatives to contact all Club Presidents within their respective areas. The information will be used to update the websites and to provide online maps and possibly map booklets for CFA dancers.

The onus of the burden is on each and every CLUB. Updates to all information in the public eye must occur for the word to get out. That includes the National Directory as well. We will do our part .

While I cannot speak for Bill Boyd and the Staff of Bow and Swing, knowing Bill, he'll do everything in his power to get the word out; he too has to rely on the CLUB.

NO NEWS IS BAD PUBLICITY!

Eivor and Tom Brown
Editors

Shamrock Swing

It is getting about time to start making plans for the Sixth Annual CFA Shamrock Swing. Tickets are on sale from all the CFA Board Members at the very reasonable rate of \$13 per person (in advance; \$16 at the door) for both Friday and Saturday events. Now there are not many places you can go to dance an entire weekend with Tony Oxendine, Whit Brown and Jimmy & Carol Griffin for that price.

The Shamrock Swing is again being held at the First Presbyterian Church of Maitland, 341 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, Florida on March 10 & 11, 2006. We'll have workshops Saturday for both squares and rounds.

Jim and Jan McConnaha, Chairman, will have more to say about that later as the schedule matures.

We had to change the host hotel this year. Arrangements have been made at the LA QUINTA INN, 626 Lee Road, Orlando, FL., 407-645-5600. Make your reservations early and identify yourself as a square dancer. Use Code CFA. The charge is \$71.36 per night, tax included and includes a free full breakfast at the Holiday House Restaurant in the hotel lobby.



Remember, get your tickets and hotel room early. I know it seems a long way off, but since the holidays are almost upon us, it will be so easy to get busy and overlook this dance. We want to see you there.

Shirley Knapp

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

Unknown author

Central Florida Square & Round Dance Association



Invites YOU to the
6th Annual Shamrock Swing
March 10 & 11, 2006

First Presbyterian Church of Maitland,
341 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, Flor-
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Whit Brown

Cueing: Jimmy & Carol Griffin

A FULL WEEKEND of Dancing, Workshops and Fun. The
schedule will be out shortly.

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Holiday House Restaurant in the hotel lobby.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Following the attacks in London, East Anglian Ambulance Service launched a national "In Case of Emergency (ICE)" campaign. The idea is that you store the word "ICE" in your mobile phone address book, and against it enter the number of the person you would want to be contacted "In Case of Emergency". In an emergency situation ambulance and hospital staff will then be able to quickly find out who your next of kin are and be able to contact them. It's so simple that everyone can do it. Please email this to everybody in your address book. It won't take too many 'forwards' before everybody will know about this. It really could help the emergency services in doing their job. For more than one contact name use: ICE1, ICE2, ICE3 etc. ----- I entered mine as 'aaa ICE' and then the contact name, so it will show up as the first phone number in the list

Editor - we got this e-mail from several different people. It seems logical and should work if all know about it.

52ND FLORIDA STATE SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CONVENTION WEBSITE & REGISTRATION

Hi All,

We are now on the Web. If you or anyone you know need information about our convention or cannot find a registration forms, find them at www.floridadanceweb.com. When you scroll scroll down the lefthand side there is a link to our convention website with another link for a downloadable registration form.

Carole & Garland MacKenzie



Harvest Moon Ball

NEFSARDA'S 52nd ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL
November 18 - 19, 2005

Staff Coordinator & Emcee: **Gary Murphy**

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Saturday Evening's Featured Cuer: **Jackie & Gene Tyre**

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ALL TRAILS LEAD TO LAKELAND

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! News from Registration Chairmen, Bob Sorensen and Ann Skinner. **Save Money** on your ribbons for the 2006 State Convention now! They are \$23 now. They go to \$25 on Nov. 1, and to \$27 on May 1, 2006. The sooner you buy your ribbons, the more \$\$ you save! You may purchase one-day ribbons at the door. Spectator ribbons will be available at no charge at the box office inside the convention center. Let's not forget our young dancers—for those under 16 half price ribbons purchased by April 30. Bill Boyd's in the September's Bow & Swing suggested giving convention ribbons as Christmas/holiday gifts for friends. What a great idea! Remember: It's not too early to start thinking about what to put in your wagon as you load it up to follow the trail to Lakeland in May, 2006!

CLUB NEWS

Space Trackers

August was a scorcher. Snowbirds have the right idea. Aug. 13th was our Pirates of the Trackers dance and our annual Hairy Antelope night. Many eye patches and sounds of "ARRRRRRR", not to mention a parrot or two! The BEST PIRATE awards went to Richard Douget, Fiona Wright, and Paul Taylor. We also had several Admiral Badges earned that night...just ask Win Shoemaker, Joan Galloway, Dick and Jean Lee, to name a few. August 20th, we were back at McLarty; the Ag Center re-did the floors.

John Swindle filled in for Dale McClary after his accident. Jerry Reed also guest called for us in August.

October promises to be VERY exciting (not to mention SCARY!) - Halloween Fright Night dance on October 8th. Bill Chestnut will be our caller, Phyllis Williams our cuer, and our dancers will be in costume. If the Pirate dance is any indication, the costumes will be FABULOUS. Come dance with us and see what ghouls and goblins show up! Fall Fling on the 15th. This year's caller is Tim Marriner. Ribbons are available - contact me islandmom74@cfl.rr.com for info.

See you in a square!

Terri Little

Hoedowners

The Hoedowners have had a very busy summer with lots of fun dances at the Secret Lake Park Senior Center. Our dance program includes squares, line and round dancing. Our President and Treasurer, Eleanore Weston and Eileen Charest, stay very involved by planning special dances and fun events for us. Every Sunday afternoon we enjoy the calling of Gene McCullough and cueing by Dick Nordine. We are very proud of our June graduates and we have all benefited from the Mainstream and Plus workshops which will continue until the classes begin for new dancers.

The Hoedowners are sponsoring free introductions to square dancing on September 18th and 25th, with classes commencing October 2nd. We look forward to introducing others to our favorite activity and trust we will have another enthusiastic class this fall. Our caring "angels" are always ready to lend a helpful wing, (arm/hand) and whispers of encouragement.

Virginia Barnes, our Raid Chair, scheduled several raids this summer and planning more raids this fall. We want to thank members and visitors that attend our fun Sunday afternoon dances; your participation and support is important and appreciated. We love visitors and you are welcome! See you Sunday!

Norma Newton

Clermont Squares

We're back to dancing this month, Tuesday evenings, Clerbrook Resort RV Park on Highway 27, about 7 miles north of Clermont. Early rounds at 7:00 with Joanne Helton and squares from 7:30-9:30 with Whit Brown. Whit had a class this summer along with Paul Place and his class. The group has graduated mainstream and are going great. They are eager to keep dancing now. With this in mind, Clermont Squares will be featuring more mainstream tips at our Tuesday night dances, with announced plus tips thrown in. The two class groups sponsored a mainstream dance on Tuesday, August 30 which was a tremendous success. People actually stayed until it was over instead of sneaking out the door early. This proves that with the right callers, mainstream can be a very challenging and fun dance. We want to invite any mainstream dancers that are reading this to come dance with us. Another special mainstream dance is planned for September 27. Then, the club dances will start the week after. Whit and Paul are discussing plans for future classes but their plans aren't finalized as of this writing. Hope to see you in our square.

Bob and Bobbe Hutches

Wagon Wheels

I'm sure by now everyone in the state has heard that our caller, Dale McClary was in a motorcycle accident in August. He fractured both the tibia and fibula in his right lower leg. Carolyn says he is now artificial from the hip to his ankle. As near as the doctors can tell neither his hip or knee implant were damaged. They put a rod and pins in his leg during the first surgery and then did a second surgery to stabilize these bones. We're told he will not be able to put any weight on that leg for 12 weeks. As for therapy, we're all waiting to hear what the doctors say about that.

Now about the Wagon Wheels. We are ever so happy to announce that we will be back dancing on Friday nights, beginning

the first week in October. It's been a quiet summer with no Friday dances. We hope "YOUR" club will come visit us and we invite you to steal our banner. We'll dance the first and third Fridays throughout the winter months. We've scheduled Round Dancing at the Friday dances with Bev Landwehr (the first Friday) and Vera Smith (the third Friday of each month).

When we made calls to various callers and told them of Dale's accident, they were so gracious and went out of their way to help.

On our first night back, October 7th, we'll have Jim Louder calling for us. There are so many "Louder" fans in the area that I'm sure we'll have a great group of dancers visiting us and helping the Wagon Wheels return to dancing at our Friday night dances.

Watch for our club news in "Keepin' Posted" for information about our guest callers. We have Scotty Sharrer from Canton, Ohio, now living in Delray Beach. Also on our list is Bob Scott from Virginia, living in Inverness, Darrell Figg from Traverse City, Michigan, Susanelaine Packer of Orlando (on the weekends she is in town) and Mac McCall (with his fabulous bass voice) from Fairfax, Virginia. We'll give you more information as the months go by.

We've been dancing Mainstream level on Wednesday nights for quite some time and we have a great group of dedicated dancers who come out for every dance. Dan Erwin, originally from Michigan, has been calling our Wednesday Mainstream dances plus he's been teaching a class this summer on Wednesday evenings. Beginning in September Dan will continue teaching our class and if you or any of your friends need refresher lessons, come out and dance with us. The class is FREE and you'll love Dan!

Beginning Wednesday September 14th we'll have Caller Paul Place (from Clermont) for our Wednesday Mainstream dances. On the nights Paul cannot make it because of previous commitments we've scheduled Susanelaine Packer of Orlando, and from Michigan, Darrell Figg.

We also do Line Dancing with Dot and Dusty Wilkinson on

Wednesday evenings. She cues and teaches so you can join the gang any time you are interested.

That's all the news from St. Cloud and we invite you to join the Wagon Wheels beginning on Friday, October 7th. We'll be watching for you.

BettyLee Talmadge

Whirl-N-Twirl

Greetings from Whirl & Twirl, home of the "Couple of the Year", Larry and Marge Heffner. We are so lucky to have them. Many important dates are coming up in September and October. Saturday, October 1 is our 5th Annual Bingo Night with prizes. In charge of this rollicking event are Dick Baltzell, Jack Frye and Colleen Morgan. The 5th annual Larry Letson Dance coming up on Monday, October 10th. This Plus dance features national caller, Larry Letson Tickets are available at Whirl and Twirl for \$6.00 per person while they last. If any are available on the 10th, cost will be \$7.50 per person.

Square dance classes for beginners or to brush up on your rusty skills begin with Danny Robinson at Whirl and Twirl on Tuesday, October 18th at 8:00 pm. The first evening is free. Come on back if you have been out for awhile and want to get in the swing again, or if you want to learn for the first time. Dancers, bring your friends who want to get into this fun activity. Like Garage Sales?? If so, come to Whirl and Twirl Annual Garage Sale Friday October 28 and/or Saturday, October 29th at 950 Lake Marion Drive, Altamonte Springs, FL. You might find a real treasure there, or something you just can't live without. Fridays at 7:30 early rounds are well attended with Pete and Jan Shankle. They are conducting classes on Thursday nights at 7:00pm. These are going very well and are adding dancers on the floor on Fridays. Whirl and Twirl still have Mainstream on Wednesday nights 8:00pm and Plus on Fridays 8:00pm at the Whirl and Twirl Dance Center. For info, call 407-339-3121.

Jim and Wilma Needham

Hitch-N-Go

September 2005 Campout, Sept. 23-25, Florida Camp Inn, Davenport, Fla.

Hosts: Ron and Sue Reardon, Tom and Jeanne Hartwig

Theme: Luau

Friday: Dinner on your own, 8:00 pm Dance and After Party

Saturday: 5:00 pm Pot Luck supper (suggest bringing Luau themed eats!); 8:00 pm Dance and After Party (wear your Luau-themed or bright, colorful, flowery attire)

Sunday: Continental breakfast (Danishes)

October 2005--State Campout, Oct. 21-22, at Okeechobee KOA

November 2005 Campout, Nov. 18-19, at River Forest, DeLand, Fla.

Hosts: Dot and Vic Anderson, Dan and Sue Ann Eversole, Bob and Joan Ketchum

Friday: Dinner on your own, 8:00 pm Dance and After Party

Saturday: 5:00 pm Pot Luck supper, Hosts furnish turkey.

Please bring items that would complete a Thanksgiving dinner. 8:00 pm Dance and After Party

December 2005 Campout, Dec. 30-31, at Olde Mill Stream Campground, Umatilla.

Hosts: Wally and Maxine Robb, Bob and Terry Danza, Tom and Eivor Brown, Jim and Laureen Kelly, Ed and Laverne Miller, Dave and Kaye Benne, and Ace and Ann Taylor

NEW YEARS EVE PROGRAM

Friday, Dec 30

3:00 pm - Officer Meeting; 5:00 pm - Pot Luck Dinner and Membership Meeting; 8:00 pm - Casual Dance

Saturday, Dec 31

1:00 pm Games of your choice, bring your favorites.

THERE WILL BE NO GROUP DINNER ON SATURDAY, AS HALL WILL BE DECORATED FOR NEW YEARS EVE. COOK AND GATHER ON YOUR OWN.

NEW YEARS EVE - Dress in your finest Square Dance clothes for the dance and party.

7:30 pm - Early Rounds; 8:00 pm - Squares and Rounds
10:00 to 11:59 pm - New Years party with ballroom dancing.
HOST COUPLES WILL FURNISH FONDUES OF CHEESE, BROTH, AND CHOCOLATE. ALL ATTENDEES SHOULD BRING ITEMS TO DIP IN THE FONDUES (BREAD FOR THE CHEESE, MEAT CUBES OR SHRIMP FOR THE BROTH, AND FRUIT FOR THE CHOCOLATE, ETC.) EVERYONE SHOULD BRING THEIR BEVERAGE OF CHOICE.

12:00 am - Welcome in the New Year and return to their campers when partied out.

Sunday, Jan 1 - THERE WILL BE NO PANCAKE BREAKFAST. PROBABLY NOT TOO MANY INTERESTED. ALL ATTENDEES SHOULD TAKE SOME TIME AND TRY TO REMEMBER WHAT RESOLUTIONS THEY MADE THE NIGHT BEFORE.

Allemanders

Hello and goodbye again. We're back from NC and WI, but we head for China on the 14th , along with many of our stalwart members. Rest assured, while there we will try to recruit new members for our class, which we will try to get going in October. Hope you who stay behind will try to do the same in the local area. We need at least one full square of new dancers, preferably couples. If we don't get enough, we'll refer anyone interested to another club.

Laverne and I want to thank the members that have kept things going in our absence, especially the Don & Elaine Paul, Marion Kutz, and Dave & Kaye Benne. And a special thanks to the Dick & Eleanor Beck for the outstanding "Christmas in July" dance. Also we send thanks to the Space Tracker "Ducks" who "waddled" and raided as their picnic was deluged. It was a pleasure to host our friendly "Saturday Night Competitors".

Camille Furtado would still like to gather some pictures of their retirement nights last spring. If you have any, please give them to the Pauls or Millers. She would appreciate it very much.

Ed and Laverne Miller

Barefoot Bay Twirlers

YES, there will be a dancing season starting October 3 2005. Steve Ekin from Vero Beach will be our caller. Squares from 7:30 to 9:30 pm with early rounds at 7:00. Going to contract for the first 4 Mondays of the month and when there is a 5th Monday will have a guest caller, if this is OK with you and the other club members.

Please let all your dancing friends know that the Twirlers are NOT closing and with all of your help we can become a strong and active club again.

Thank you for all of your support.

Harold L. Brooks

Royal Squares

The Royal Squares dance on the 2nd and 4th Monday start the season October 10 with early rounds at 7 PM with Joanne Helton. Paul Place will start calling squares at 7:30 at Mainstream and Plus. On Tuesday afternoons from 1-3 PM, Paul will have beginner lessons in the Great Hall in Royal Highlands followed by a Plus workshop from 3-5 PM. We welcome all our friends to come and enjoy dancing with our club for the start of another year.

Bruce Ferris

An Editor's Word of Thanks

Eivor and I would like to thank each and every one of you dancers and callers who called, carded or e-mailed us following my recent heart surgery. Many thanks. **THE WARMTH OF YOUR CONTACTS ONLY CONFIRM SQUARE DANCERS ARE THE BEST. GOD BLESS WITH YELLOW ROCKS.**

Tom & Eivor



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	55th National Square Dance Convention®	Press Release
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	June 21-24, 2006	
	<i>"Circle Eight in the Lone Star State"</i>	
	News Release	

Welcome to the Lone Star State – Texas

Texas, from a Native American word meaning friends, invites you to attend the 55th National Square Dance Convention® in San Antonio June 21-24, 2006. We look forward to hosting our friends from around the world as they dance to the best callers, cuers, directors and prompters there are.

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