

Keepin' Posted

NUMBER 1

OCTOBER 2008

This Fall Season Means *New Association Officers; More Fun Dances; Family Time and Returning Friends*

**Remember
those not as
fortunate
as we.**

**Holiday
Season is
soon upon
us; we'll
spread
good will;
joy and
cheer
among all
people.**

'Tis a
season
to think of
gifts* what are
you going to give
to our dance activity*
volunteering is a gift we all
can give* batteries do not have to
be included as most volunteers
are self-starters and the gift may last
for many years* will you prepare
for or accept a leadership position in
your local, state or national organization*
will you work on a special dance or festival
to secure door prizes, arranging refreshments,
decorating, or help with set up or clean up on any of
the many other needed jobs* how about making
flyers or writing local newspaper releases or other
publications- perhaps recruiting, or an angel, driving
others to a dance at night* give yourself a gift by becoming a
volunteer* but if your work and other considerations prevent
you from becoming involved in a time-consuming task
you can give a smile or yellow rock to others* you may be
surprised at how many you receive in return* you can give a "thanks"
and applause to the caller, cuer & your club officers* you can give a
kind word and a gentle helping hand and encouragement to the new
dancers* they'll remember your kindness long after the dance is over*
it is in this spirit of giving that the CFA wishes each and every member
of our great square
dancing
family
a very
HAPPY
HOLIDAY
SEASON

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CFA Membership Application

Name **His** **Hers**

Address **Phone**

Zip

Home Club **Date**

Amount: \$ _____ **Dues: Each New Member \$ 10.00**
Checks Payable to CFA **Each Renewal: \$ 5.00**

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FOR CFA USE ONLY:
Badges ordered _____
Badges mailed _____
Bars given/mailed _____

Presidents Message

Hi CFA Members,

We thought we would start off with a brief overview of whom we are for those of you who may not know us. We started square dancing in 1990 as members of the OK Squares in Pinellas Park, Florida. We were snowbirds traveling between New Jersey and Florida; our business in New Jersey required us spending time up there. We officially made Largo, Florida our home base in '93.

We served as Treasurers, Secretaries and Presidents of the Left Allamanders in Largo, Florida, were members of the West Coast Association, serving as Treasurers, Secretaries, Vice Presidents and Presidents. We also worked on the 46th National Square Dance Convention as Vice Chairman of Clinics. In 2002 we moved to The Villages and became members of the Orange Blossom Squares. We've been Secretaries, Presidents Elect and Presidents of OBS and are the Training Directors. We have also been the North Lake/Sumter Area Directors for the CFA for several years. Even though we were members of the CFA we served as Treasurers for the 54th Florida State Convention. We are still members of the West Coast Association. We are also Chairpersons for the 2009 Shamrock Swing. Additionally, we have been married for 53 years, have three sons, three lovely daughter-in-laws, 1 grandson, 7 granddaughters and 1 great-grandson.

We look forward to working with and for all of the CFA members. We know we have a wonderful board to help and guide us, and will enjoy meeting all of you in the near future. This is not a job that we can do alone. We need your help, guidance and support. We would like to hear from you, if you have suggestions or concerns. Please feel free to contact us with any comments or requests. We want your input. Remember this is your association we are here to help keep it strong and productive.

There are a number of important events coming up, and we hope to see as many of you as possible at all of them. Our first 5th Saturday Dance will be on November 29, at Whirl & Twirl with Caller, John Swindle and Cues, Phyllis Williams. Two major events will be the 2009 Shamrock Swing, which will be held on March 20, and 21 at The Villages. We have full dance program planned with Callers Tony Oxendine and Bob Stern, and Cues Joanne & Ken Helton. Ribbons are \$17. Per person in advance: \$19 per person at the door: \$13. Per person all day Saturday and Friday or Saturday evening only \$11 per person. Check your club for Flyers or contact us for more information. We are also asking everyone to take a \$1.00 booster in the program book. A booster is one name per line that will be published in our Shamrock Swing program book. Reminder: CFA is also hosting the 55th Florida Convention with Randy & Carol Poole as chairpersons. More to come in the next issue.

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Well we have rambled on enough for this issue, please remember we need your help and support. Give us your suggestions. Before we close, we just want to thank Past President Judy Frye, for the wonderful job she has done over the past two years. Judy has been a great supporter of the CFA and has helped us by sharing her knowledge and wonderful records with us. We appreciate all that she has done for the association. We would also like to thank Jack & Barbara Hoffman for the wonderful job they did as Treasurers. However, we know all three of these people will be available to offer their support and expertise.

Many yellow rocks!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Bob & Jennie Courter

CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCERS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting

Bob & Jennie Courter's Home

August 30, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: President Judy Frye called the meeting to order. Judy welcomed all attendees and asked everyone to introduce themselves. Tom Brown offered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: By the Secretary

MINUTES: Barbara Hoffman moved to accept May 4, 2008 minutes; Tom Brown second; carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Jack and Barbara Hoffman distributed the treasurer's report. It was filed for audit. The yearly audit will be performed by Walt and Janet Becker and Dennis and Nancy Taylor after October 1, 2008.

CORRESPONDENCE: Judy read thank-you notes from the Yellow Rockers and Jean Hitt for our donation to the Yellow Rockers at the last 5th Saturday dance; and, RSVP notes from Doris McCleskey and Vivian Wilson sending their regrets for not being able to attend the President's Ball. Judy also received a call from PeeWee Stewart who is living with his daughter in North Carolina and is doing well.

AREA REPORTS

Area Vice President – Bruce & Colleen Morgan. Judy read the report from Bruce. He stressed the importance of updating the Club Information Sheets on a regular basis. Area Directors jobs

include updating keeping the club information via the info sheets and promoting the CFA and our dances ...Shamrock Swing, Convention, Party Weekend, etc.

Brevard/Indian River – Keith & Angie Olds Keith provided club information sheets for all clubs in Brevard and Indian River counties. Allemanders – no class planned, dancing 3 weeks a month. Barefoot Bay Spinners – open during summer, mainstream class in January. Barefoot Bay Twirlers have not started back up yet. Canaveral Squares – Blast Class starting September 6 with classes continuing on 5 subsequent weekends in September and October. Chain Reactors – Advanced club re-started by Dale McClary in Melbourne – not able to get info. Dixie Diamonds – dances Wednesdays. Promenaders – Plus class starts in October; Mainstream class starts in January. Space Trackers – starting class September 8, easy-round teach will start in October. Run A Rounds – Round dance classes will start October 5 at 1 p.m. at the Schecter Center in Satellite Beach. These classes cover through Phase II through IV.

East Orange & Seminole – George & Shirley Knapp – No report

East Volusia – Mary Lynn Hastings & Delores Browning – No report

Marion – Walter & Janet Becker Oak Run Twirlers – starts class this Fall with Whit Brown; Football Theme dance Sep 13 with Scotty Sharrer and Bev Landwehr. Round Dance – Bev Landwehr teaching Phase III Rumba and Cha Cha at Ocala Palms on Monday. Sternwheelers – classes start 10/6 with Bob Stern in Bellview. Circle Squares start back dancing on Sep 2nd with Don and Loretta Hanhurst; classes start 10/14; Phase III round dance class on Thursdays starting at 10 a.m. followed by DBD Workshop with Don and Loretta Hanhurst; A-2 classes beginning October 3rd at noon followed by A-1 classes at 2 p.m.; Fall Frolic on October 18th at 7 p.m. with Jack Lewis (Boynton Beach) and Loretta Hanhurst. Friendly Squares – will start back on 9/3 with R.J. Hogan and Bev Landwehr. Celebrity Squares and Prestige 55 – dance on Thursdays with Ken Perez.

North Lake & Sumter – Bob & Jennie Courter Orange Blossom Squares – dancing every Sunday. Fountain Squares – danc-

ing Thursday evening. Recreation Plantation – will start first Friday in November. Don and Loretta Hanhurst are working with four couples in Stonecrest in an attempt to start a new club. We have been busy promoting renewals and new memberships for 09.

Osceola – Tootie Hasson & Ailene Picheco Motivators – start on October 19 at 2 p.m. with a C-1 tip after with Ron Libby and Chris Phillips. Spin-A-Rounds – starting back in September with lessons for all levels; special square dance on September 24th with Lottie Ainsworth.

South Lake & West Orange – No Director – No report

West Volusia – David & Liz Garrett Honey Bees – starting back on September 8. Starlight Promenaders – Roland Morin is taking Whit Brown's place as caller (Whit was hired by Whirl & Twirl); dance on Wednesdays if the hall is dry (flooded due to storms); class starts on October 1.

MEMBERSHIP: Terri Little reported there are 299 Active Individual 2008 memberships as of 08/30/08(49 New; 250 Renewals); Area Rep reports will be mailed next week.

BLOOD BANK: Jim & Jan McConnaha reported that the CFA Blood Bank Account Number 54 continues in good health. Present balance of 909 units. You do not have to be a CFA member to donate to Account #54. However, you must be a member or part of a member's family to withdraw from this account. Any member who donates a pint of blood will receive free admission to one CFA dance. If you have any questions or need to make a withdrawal, contact the CFA Blood Bank Vice President, Jim & Jan McConnaha (321-636-6841) or preferably e-mail to: jim-jan@juno.com.

INSURANCE: Randy & Carol Poole reported. Ending balance as of August 30, 2008 of \$861.89. There are 21 Clubs insured for 2008 with members enrolled totaling 1092. Four accidents reported in 2008. One claim has been filed. Keith and Angie Olds will be taking over as Insurance Chairman. The insurance rate for 2009 has been set at \$4.25. This is an increase of 15 cents.

KEEPIN' POSTED: Tom Brown reported that the October issue will be his last issue as Keepin' Posted editor. He provided several suggestions for improving the publication. If anyone is interested in taking this on, please contact Tom Brown at

tbrown2045@cfl.rr.com or any member of the CFA board.

HISTORIAN: Still looking for someone, need a volunteer or suggestions.

FLORIDA FEDERATION: Randy & Carol Poole reported on the Federation. Governor Crist has declared September “Square Dance Month”. The Coordinating Committee was officially disbanded. The Convention Procedures Committee presented a draft of proposed procedures. The vote on this procedure will take place at the November meeting. The Working Weekend will be held February 28 and March 1 at the Stardust Hall in Plant City. There will be a fund raiser dance at this same hall for the 2010 State Convention. Admission ribbons to the Winter Festival were passed out to the officers to sell. The next meeting will be Sunday, November 23 at 9 a.m. at the Piccadilly Restaurant, 200 Monument Road, Jacksonville. This meeting is in conjunction with the Northeast Association’s Fall Festival on November 21 and 22. Next year’s officers will be elected and installed at this meeting. Everyone is invited to attend. Jack and Barbara Hoffman have been nominated to take the office of Parliamentarian on the Florida Federation board starting next year. Carol read the nomination letter that will be presented to the Federation in November.

OLD BUSINESS

Shamrock Swing 2009 – Bob & Jennie Courter. Ron and Sharon Paul are the co-chairmen. Our meeting was very productive. All committees reported. To date 104 ribbons, 333 boosters and 3 ads have been sold.

55th Florida State Convention 2009 – Randy & Carol Poole. We have our contract with the Lakeland Civic Center. Our dance halls have been selected and now the Caller Chairman and Cues Chairman will schedule the callers and cues. There will be a “meet and greet” for the Singles on Friday night. Advertising has started. Carol has a list of upcoming major dances that you can sign up for to attend and promote our convention. The host hotel is Holiday Inn. Terri Little is taking hotel reservations. In April is the Party Weekend at Deer Haven. The TV raffle was such a success that we have decided to raffle a 17” laptop computer.

Last Meeting Updates – Judy Frye. Bruce Morgan is putting

Keepin' Posted publications over 1 year old on the website. It is progressing nicely. The CFA board meetings are going to be more centrally located for everyone's convenience. The areas have been rearranged to make it more convenience for the Area Directors. Doug and Marge Harris (caller/cuer from Sunshine Strollers at Port St. Lucie) called Judy and indicated that their club members are interested in joining CFA (they would normally belong to the Southeast Association). After some discussion, it was decided that Judy would follow up with the Southeast Association to see if they could assist this club.

NEW BUSINESS

Donation for Paul Place – Judy asked if CFA would like to make a donation in honor of Paul Place. After some discussion, it was decided to not make a donation in order to not start a precedent.

Judy will get the address and provide it to the board and Keepin' Posted for publication if any individuals are interested in donating.

GSI Funds – Judy asked for suggestions on how to spend this year's \$100 from GSI. She looked into window clings, which are roughly the same price as the magnets we got last year, but must be bought in larger quantities. There was some concern expressed about the damage the magnets can possibly do to the vehicle it's attached to. Nancy Taylor suggested the magnet could be held on the car's window by using a strong magnet on the inside of the window. Jack Hoffman made a motion to purchase additional magnets (identical to what we purchased last year); Bob Courter seconded; the motion carried.

Webmaster – Honorary Life Membership – Bruce Morgan spends a lot of time maintaining our website, which includes club updates, downloading historical publications and any other changes/additions to our website. Randy Poole made a motion to make Bruce and Colleen Morgan honorary life members; Jack Hoffman seconded; the motion carried. Judy has a certificate and will present it to them at the next 5th Saturday dance.

Ad in Northeast Program Book – Randy Poole was contacted about placing an ad in the Northeast Program Book. He asked if CFA would like to place an ad about the convention. They are offering a full-page ad for \$30. Bob Courter made a motion to place an ad in the program book; Jack Hoffman seconded; the mo-

tion carried.

Nomination of New Officers – The slate of officer chosen by the Nominating Committee was read by Terri Little: **President – Bob & Jennie Courter; Executive Vice President – Dewey & Donna Hendricks; Secretary – Ailene Picheco; Treasurer – Dennis & Nancy Taylor; Vice President Blood Bank – Jim & Jan McConnaha; Vice President Membership – Terri Little; Vice President Insurance – Keith & Angie Olds; Vice President Area Directors – Bruce & Colleen Morgan**
Next Board Meeting – TBD by new President

Next 5th Saturday Dance – November 29th, Whirl & Twirl, Orlando, John Swindle and Phyllis Williams

Adjourn – Tom Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Jack Hoffman seconded; the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
 Terri Little, Acting Secretary

CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCERS ASSOCIATION

General Meeting
 La Hacienda
 August 30, 2008

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

SECRETARY REPORT: Keith Olds made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes; Jack Hoffman seconded; the motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Terri Little read the slate of officers provided by the Nominating Committee:

President – Bob & Jennie Courter
 Executive Vice President – Dewey & Donna Hendricks
 Secretary – Ailene Picheco
 Treasurer – Dennis & Nancy Taylor
 Vice President Blood Bank – Jim & Jan McConnaha
 Vice President Membership – Terri Little
 Vice President Insurance – Keith & Angie Olds
 Vice President Area Directors – Bruce & Colleen Morgan

Judy Frye asked for additional nominations. Jack Hoffman made a motion to close the nominations and elect the slate as read; Tom Brown sec-

onded; the motion carried. Carol Poole conducted the Initiation of Officers Ceremony

5TH SATURDAY DANCE: The next 5th Saturday dance will be held November 29 at Whirl & Twirl in Orlando. John Swindle will call and Phyllis Williams will cue.

HELP WANTED: It was announced that CFA needs a Historian and editors for Keepin' Posted. Volunteers were requested.

55TH STATE CONVENTION(2009): Randy Poole provided information about the 55th Convention (2009), Fun Weekend (April 17 & 18) and the 17" laptop raffle.

9th Annual SHAMROCK SWING: Jennie Courter provided information about the Shamrock Swing (March 20th & 21st).

ADJOURN: Jack Hoffman made a motion to adjourn; Richard Bradley seconded; the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Little, Acting Secretary

SHINE UP YOUR DANCIN' SHOES

IN FACT *SPIT SHINE YOUR SHOES*

ROCK AND ROLL TIME IN 2009 IS ONLY 8 MONTHS OUT!

That may sound far off, but in order to make it the best convention ever, WE MUST MAKE EFFORTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR., ALL YEAR LONG. The Board and committee members are working hard, but your job is just as important. PROMOTE....PROMOTE.....PROMOTE. The Florida State Square and Round Convention - May 22, 23 and 24 2009 needs you. Our goal is for the 55th to ROCK.. so we can ROLL away with smiles of success and look forward to the 56th!

You could not spend \$27.00 per person in advance (or \$30.00 at the door) in any better way than to "keep the beat in your feet". And its an awfully inexpensive weekend loaded with entertainment and friendship.

Many of you already know; we raffled a 42" LCD TV raffle last year and the winning ticket was #347975, held by Ben Bassford of Orlando. He is not a square dancer; he bought his ticket from a dancer who works for him. Congratulations Ben...and now here is your chance.....A Hewlett

Packard Laptop Computer is being raffled off at the 55th Convention and you do not have to be present to win. Tickets are now being sold by CFA members and the Convention committee at the low, low price of \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Adding to the fun, and to the treasury, there will also be a beautiful quilt raffle....same time, same price, same rules. Just think of the good chance you will have of winning if you buy a few tickets monthly from now until the drawing on Sunday evening, the 24th of May. Remember - you don't have to be present to win. The committee thanks you in advance for having your dollars present at the drawing!

What better way to plan a party than to hold a Party? Mark your calendar for April 17, 18, 19, 2009, the dates of the Third Annual Party Weekend in Paisley Florida. It is for the benefit of the 2009 and 2010 State Conventions and is sponsored by the Central and Northeast Associations. Watch your publications for advertising, and pick up a brochure where available....you won't regret it....it will be one fun weekend. See you there! Reservations are getting hard to find—make them early!.

Joanne Engum, Publicity Chr.

SHAMROCK SWING

MARCH 20 & 21, 2009

Committee meetings are happening in The Villages. They're all about planning a FUNNnn DANCE in March. The 9th Shamrock Swing is sponsored by Central Florida Square and Round Dance Association and will welcome you to The Villages La Hacienda Rec Center. For your dancing pleasure, Tony Oxendine and Bob Stern will share the calling duties. Cuers will be Joanne & Ken Helton. Two Halls feature Main-stream, Plus, DBD, Advanced and Rounds.

Advanced Ribbons are \$17 per person. They will be \$ 20 at the door. I might add, you can't; money back, now questions asked, up till the time the doors open. U CAN'T LOOSE! The Microtel Inn & Suites is our host hotel this year.

Be a Booster! For a Buck, your name will be entered in the Program Book as a supporter of the Shamrock Swing. You can receive full details by contacting: Bob & Jennie Courter, Chairmen Phone (352) 751-1009 Email: For your shopping pleasure within walking distance are many shops. Kirkland, Island Images (resort wear), The King'Gallery (fine art gallery), Kilwins Chocolates & Ice Cream, Chico's, Bijou and Nejma's Boutique (clothing & fashion accessories), Scentsational (candles), Starbucks, Tervis Tumbler, Banner Mercantile, Pathington,Inc., All Things Fine (imported giftware), Turtle Bay (casual wear), The Olive Tree (unique and lovely decor accents).

Restaurants within walking distance are: Ruby Tuesday, Margarita Republic, Amigos Tex-Mex, TooJays Gourmet Deli, McCalls Tavern, Pauly's Pizzeria, Bourbon St. Restaurant and Jazz Club, Panera Bread Bakery Cafe.

Several other shops and restaurants are around the Spanish Springs Town Square. Some of the Restaurants in the outlying areas within The Villages are: Bob Evans, Perkins, Dennys, Chili's, Arby's Bonefish Grille, Longhorn Steak House, Outback Steak House, Beef O'Brady's, Chick Fil A, Crispers and Subways. Over by the Host Hotel - Microtel Inn and Suites - is Oakwood Bar-B-Que.

Bob & Liz Wilson, Media

BENEFIT DANCE

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Here is Ask ARTS #10

Dear ARTS,

We heard there were a number of "Dance America" benefit dances across the United States. Tony Oxendine called ours in Merritt Island, FL on Feb. 8th and raised \$855 for ARTS-Dance. People came from as far away as 150 miles to attend. How much money was raised altogether for ARTS by these events?

Thanks,
Space Coast Dancer

Dear Space Coast Dancer,

I am pleased to report the success of the first annual "Dance America," fundraiser held for the ARTS-Dance organization. Twenty-one area dances were held and \$9,576 was raised altogether! The Denver, CO area donated \$250 but did not hold a dance so as not to compete with local clubs, and the Laurel Mountain Federation, PA was snowed out, but 6 clubs in the federation made donations totaling \$189 anyway.

Many thanks to all those who organized dances and those who supported them! Approximately 1,904 dancers attended and 103 callers provided entertainment.

Hopefully, these benefit dances provided opportunities for local publicity, thus raising awareness of the presence of the dance activity in local areas.

At the most recent ARTS meeting at the Wichita National Convention, we voted to make these dances an annual event. These fundraising efforts will eventually help finance the cost of a nationwide publicity campaign.

Please check our website at www.arts-dance.com.

Thank you,

Jerry

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The **Bid Session** at the 58th NSDC will take place Terrace Theater at the Long Beach Convention Center, just prior to the keynote speaker on Friday morning, June 29. The participants are competing for the 2013 convention. Conventions are planned for 2010, in Louisville, KY, and 2011, in Detroit, MI. At the 57th NSDC two excellent presentations were made for the June, 2012 convention were made by Spokane, WA and Oklahoma City, OK. Spokane won the bid for 2012. Oklahoma City will again be bidding for the 2013 Convention.

Camping at the 58th NSDC is right at the Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center, so it's very convenient for coming and going to the convention activities. Really neat that you won't need a bus pass, huh? The RV camping is dry, with electricity provided. There is a four night minimum for \$55.00 per night, a real good deal compared to the Long Beach hotels. When you send in your registration long form with requested RV space, you will receive a profile to fill out. Spaces will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. If you plan to camp together, arrive together. Sign up for the Route 66 tour and you can start camping June 22, that night is reserved for the Route 66 tour participants, and those with June 23 tour events scheduled. All other camping starts on June 23, 2009.

Education at the 58th NSDC Besides all the dancing, we will offer many educational opportunities. The Organizations Round Table is a two-hour panel meeting for an exchange of information between square dance organization leaders. The Showcase of Ideas is an opportunity for all square dance organizations to put their information on display. National and international square dance clubs and associations will be represented, as well as CALLERLAB, CONTRALAB, ARTS and USDA.

The Publicity Committee collected publications for our publications display. Reports & Statistics are needed for the Education Committee final report. Data such as attendance and start/end times for all education programs, such as seminars, panels, clinics, bid session, etc. will be collected. The bid session takes place Friday morning at 9:00AM in the Terrace Theater. Cities are bidding on the 62nd NSDC, 2013.

Panels, eleven to be exact are on the schedule, with a panel of three to six knowledgeable people discussing a relevant topic; each is chaired by a moderator and designed for audience listening in a classroom setting.

Seminars are also an audience-listening activity and are presented in a classroom setting with one or more persons providing a presentation. Twenty-one are scheduled on a variety of subjects.

Tour Opportunities While at the 58th NSDC The Social & Special Events Chairman and all their wonderful helpers have scoured the "Southland" looking for great tours. They've found many wonderful tour opportunities. You can see them online at <http://www.58nsdc.org>. Here are some highlights of the many tours available:

Disneyland® Park & Disney's California Adventure® Park. A 3-day package for only \$139 (it's almost that much for one day alone!).

Knott's Berry Farm. What was once an actual berry farm is now 160 acres of world class rides and attractions.

LA Fashion & Jewelry Districts. Bargain hunters, this is the tour for you. The Fashion District is the hub of the apparel industry on the West Coast.

Hooray for Hollywood.

The Getty Museum.

Catalina Island.

Dolphin & Whale Watching.

Harbor Cruise.

And, of course, the big one?. The Post-Convention Mexican Riviera Cruise. Learn all about the many tours by logging onto the website.

Great Sound at the 58th NSDC® We'll use standard square dance equipment and provide hearing enhancement equipment as needed. We do not plan to use any house sound from the Convention Center. Our Sound Committee will set up and monitor the sound during the convention. Each hall will be sounded by the committee for the best equipment placement. We look forward to providing some of the best quality sound you have heard at a national convention.

Plan now to come to Long Beach, California, in June, 2009 for the "Greatest Square Dance Event In The World."

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By Day of Dance, City , Club Name

SUNDAY

CASSELBERRY HOEDOWNERS

Casselberry Senior Citizen Ctr,
200 N. Triplet Lake Dr.
1:30-2:30 Class/Workshop; 2:30-4:30
Mainstream/Plus Dance w/Rounds.
Caller: Gene McCullough
Cuer: Dick Nordine
Ph: (407) 273-2561 (Norma Newton)
Email: hoedownerscaller@cfl.rr.com.

DAYTONA BEACH

YELLOW ROCK SQUARES

ARC Building off Jimmy Ann Drive
and 5th Street
3:00-5:00 We need Angels! Handi-
capable club! We love dancers to join
us for fun.
Caller: Rick Yates Cuer: Marilyn
Yates
Phone: 386-734-2110 (call to verify
schedule)
Email: yatesrichard@bellsouth.net

THE VILLAGES

ORANGE BLOSSOM SQUARES

La Hacienda Center, The Villages
7:00-9:30 Plus Dance w/with Rounds
Callers: Local and National Guests;
Cuer: Joanne & Ken Helton
Phone: 352-753-2325 Banner Raids:
(352) 751-2395
Email: ewils36@aol.com
Website: www.obsquares.org

SUNDAY (Cont'd)

SATELLITE BEACH RUN AROUNDS ROUND DANCE CLUB

David Schechter Community Ctr.
1089 S Patrick Dr.
1:00-2:15 Ph. 2 w/teach;
2:15-3:30 Ph. 2&3 w/teach;
3:30-5:00 Ph. 3&4+w/teach
Cuer: Bev Landwehr, Orin Blair assists
Phone: 352-241-4645

ST. CLOUD

MOTIVATORS

St. Cloud Sr. Center, 3101 17th St.,
1st-3rd Sundays
2:00-4:00 A-2 Dance;
4:00-4:30 C-1 Tips
Callers: Guest
Phone: 407-957-7392, 407-892-9665,
407-846-0460

MONDAY

BAREFOOT BAY TWIRLERS

Barefoot Bay Civic Center 625 Bare-
foot Blvd. Barefoot Bay, FL
7:30—9:30 Mainstream w/Rounds
Caller: Steve Ekin
Cuer: Vera Smith

BELLVIEW

STERN WHEELAERS

Dancing Shadows - Rt. 484 east of
SE47.
3:00-5:00 A-2 Dance
Caller: Bob Stern
Phone: 352-259-1236
Email Rpstern@aol.com

MONDAY (Cont'd)**DAYTONA BEACH SHORES
EVERGREEN ROUNDERS**

Daytona Beach Shores Community Center; ALA next to the fire and police station, October through April
6:00-8:00 Ph. 3 workshops;
8:00-10:00 Ph. 3 thru 5 dance
Cuer: Irene Knapp
Ph: 386-409-3399 or 386-689-3677,
E-mail: georgeandirene@cfl.rr.com

**DELAND
HONEY BEES**

Deland Activity Ctr, 751 S Alabama Av
7:00-8:00 Beg. Class (Oct.-Apr);
7:00-8:00 Plus Class (May-June);
8:00-10:00 Plus Dance w/Rnds (Oct, June & Sept.), 7:00-9:00 Plus wkshp. (most wks Jul-Aug.) no rounds
Caller: Rick Yates; Cuer: Jim Cowen
Phone: 386-738-2122
Email: ljhines@netzero.net

**MELBOURNE
DIXIE DIAMONDS**

Crane Community Center,
1440 Mosswood
6:00 Advanced Lessons
Caller: Jerry Reed.
Phone: 321-633-1306
E-mail: JReed123@aol.com

**OCALA
OAK RUN TWIRLERS**

2:00-4:15 Plus Dance
Caller: Whit Brown
Ph: 352-873-1734 or 407-353-2976
Email: WhitBrown2@aol.com

**OCALA
PALM SQUARES**

5000 N US Hwy 27
7:30—9:30 Plus Dance
Caller: Dan Hanhurst
Phone: 352-369-1380

MONDAY (Cont'd)**VERO BEACH
HERON CAE TWIRLERS**

Heron Cae Mobile Home Park
7:00-9:00 Mainstream Dance
Caller: Gib Mattson (contact first for code)
Phone: (561) 778-2054

TUESDAY**APOPKA
C-1 Class**

Fran Carlton Center, 11 N. Forest
7:30-9:30 Easy C1 Dance
Caller: Ron Libby
Phone: (352) 259-3188 or
352-409-1369
Email: ronlibby@aol.com

**APOPKA
PIRATES**

Fran Carlton Center, 11 N. Forest
7:30-9:30 Beg. Cl. info (407)645-5627; 7:00-9:30 MS Dance w/Rusty Hinge "+" Plus Class
Caller: Roland Morin
Phone: (352) 259-3188; Banner Raids 407-645-5627) - Starting May 23

**GAINESVILLE
GRAND SQUARES**

1910 NW 53rd Ave., Carpenters Union Hall
7:00-7:30 Workshop; 7:30-9:30 Plus/
Mainstream Dance
Caller: Lon Ligon;
Phone: (352) 377-1828
Website: www.geocities.com/
grandsquaresclub/
GrandSquaresClub.html



TUESDAY (Cont'd)**LEESBURG****ROYAL HIGHLANDS**

Royal Highlands Great Hall, Rt. 27 & Monarch Blvd.,
 Sept. - June - 1:00-3:00 Basic & Mainstream Class; 3:00-5:00 Plus class
 May-Oct - 2:30-3:00 Plus Workshop;
 3:00-5:00 Mainstream Dancing
 Caller: Paul Place 352-365-1319
 Phone: 352-314-9275 or 352-787-9822

OCALA**ON TOP OF THE WORLD****CIRCLE SQUARES**

Arbor Club 10060 SW 94th ST
 5:30-7:00 Beginners Class;
 7:00-9:00 Plus Dance w/ Rounds
 Caller: Don Hanhurst
 Cuer: Loretta Hanhurst
 Phone: 352-873-6811
 Email: lockrfsm@aol.com

**ORMOND BEACH
GRANADA SQUARES**

Melrose & US 1, Senior Ctr.
 6:30-8:00 Beginners Class; 8:00-10:00
 Plus Dance w/Rnds
 Caller: John Saunders
 Ph: (386) 767-6216 or (386) 760-2610
 Banner Raids: (386) 253-8928
[http://floridadancing.com/
 granadasquares](http://floridadancing.com/granadasquares)
 Email: granadasquares@cfl.r.com

ROCKLEDGE**CANAVERAL SQUARES**

McLarty Park Recreation Center, 790 Barton Blvd.
 7:30-9:45 Plus Squares w/Rounds
 Caller: Jerry Reed Cuer: Phyllis Williams
 Phone: 321-452-7963
 Banner Raids: 321-268-4450;
judy98@netscape.com
 Email: Apicheco@juno.com
 Website: www.canaveralsquares.com

WEDNESDAY**BELLVIEW****FRIENDLY SQUARES**

Dancing Shadows, Rt. 484 East of SE47
 1:00-3:00 Beginners Class (Oct-May); 1:00-3:00 Plus Class (May-Sept); 3:00-5:00 Plus Dance w/Rnds
 Caller: RJ Hogan
 Cuer: Irene Knapp-Smith
 Phone: 352-624-0057
 Raids: 352-236-1240

DEBARY**STARLIGHT
PROMENADERS**

38 S. Shell Road
 7:00-8:00 Class/Workshop
 Caller: Whit Brown
 Cuer: Daphne Martin
 Ph: 407-322-4454 or 386-789-8018

LEESBURG**SUNSHINE PROMENADERS**

Masonic Lodge, 200 Richey Rd. (by Bowling Alley)
 7:00-9:15 Plus Dance
 Callers: Ron Libby and Darrell Figg
 Cuer: Joanne Helton
 Ph: 352-669-6812 or 352-323-1720
 Banner Raids: 352-259-5904

MELBOURNE**DIXIE DIAMONDS**

Eau Gallie Civic Cntr, 1551 Highland Ave.
 7:30—9:30 A1/A2 Dance
 Caller: Jerry Reed.
 Phone: 321-633-1306
 E-mail: JReed123@aol.com

WEDNESDAY (Cont'd)**NEW SMYRNA BEACH****SPINDRIFTERS**

Coronado Civic Ctr., Flagler & Pine St.
(beach side)

6:30-8:00 Oct-Apr New Dancers;

8:00-9:45 Workshop & Dance w/Rnds

Caller: John Saunders

Cuer: Irene Knapp (Rounds and Lines)

Phone: 386-428-1496

Email: johnnsa@aol.com

OKLAWAHA**PILOT SQUARES**

Lake Weir Chamber of Commerce,
Route 25

2:00-4:00 Adv.; 4:00-5:00 C-1 Dance

Caller: Ron Libby

Phone: 352-259-3188 or 352-409-1369

Email: ronlibby@aol.com

ORLANDO**WHIRL & TWIRL**

Whirl and Twirl Square and Round
Dance Center, 6949 Venture Circle

8:00-10:00 Progressive Mainstream
and some line dancing

Caller:

Phone: 407-6792882

Banner Raids: 407-331-8198

Jack-frye@embarqmail.com

Email: whirlandtwhir@yahoo.com

ST. CLOUD**WAGON WHEEL SQUARES**

St. Cloud Senior Center, 3101 17th St.
(Oct-April)

5:30-6:30 Beg. Class Ron Reardon

6:30-7:30 Adv Beg. Class Reardon

7:00-8:00 Plus Class Dan Erwin

7:30-8:00 Line Dance: Dot & Dusty
Wilkinson

8:00-10:00 Squares and Line

Reardon & Wilkinson

Phone: Steve & Diana 407-847-6055

Email: Kherbear@earthlink.net

WEDNESDAY (Cont'd)**VERO BEACH****ADVANCE DANCE**

Vero Beach Community Center

A-2 Dance 7:30-9:30

C-1 Tips 9:30-10:00

Caller: Gib Mattson

Phone: (561) 778-2054

THURSDAY**ANTHONY****CELEBRITY SQUARES**

United Meth. Church, 2396 NE
97th Street RD

7:00—9:00 Plus Dance

Caller: Ken Perez

Phone: 352-629-0437

BAREFOOT BAY**BAREFOOT BAY SPINNERS**

Barefoot Bay Community Center, 626
Barefoot Blvd.

12:45-2:45 Mainstream NO Rounds

Caller: Dale McClary

Phone: 772-664-5562

DAYTONA BEACH**DIXIE SQUARES**

City Island Rec Cntr, 108 E Orange

6:30-8:00 Class(Oct-May); 7:30-8:00

Workshops(May-Sep); 8:00-10:00

Plus Dance w/Rnds

Caller:

Cuer: Irene Knapp

Phone: 386-760-9641

Banner Raids: Paul Barners

386-671-6164

Email: joengum@cfl.rr.com



THURSDAYCont'd)
MERRITT ISLAND
SPACE TRACKERS

Merritt Island Presbyterian Church;
 155 Cone Rd.
 1st, 2nd & 3rd Thursdays
 7:30 Early Rounds,
 8:00-10:00 pm Plus/Rounds
 Callers: Whit Brown 1st & 3rd,
 Guest 2nd
 Cuers: Phyllis Williams
 Ph: 321-433-3098 or 386-846-8996
 Email: jeanlee43@bellsouth.net

OCOEE

GARDEN PATCH SQUARES

Vignetti Rec. Center, 1910 Adair St.
 7:00-8:15 Class or Workshop, 8:00-
 9:45 Plus Dance w/Rnds
 Caller: Bill Boyd
 Phone: 407-886-7151
 Raids: RoyAnne Martin 407-282-8341

PALM BAY
PROMENADERS

Trailer Haven, 1205 Eddie Allen Rd.
 (between NASA and Hibiscus off Air-
 port Rd.)
 7:30-8:00 Early Rounds; 8:00-10:00
 Plus Dance w/Rnds
 Caller: Dale McClary
 Cuer: Bev Landwehr
 Phone: 321-254-7679
 Raids: Claire Maheu 321-783-7630;
 Email: cbmaheu@aol.com

SUMMERFIELD
FOUNTAIN SQUARES

Ballroom of Community Ctr., Del
 Webb Spruce Creek Country Club,
 Hwy. US 27 & US 441 (2nd & 4th
 Thursdays); 7:00-9:00 Plus Workshop
 (1st, 3rd & 5th TH.), 7:00-9:00 Plus
 Dance (2nd & 4th TH.)
 Caller: Don Hanhurst
 Phone: Ron Lockwood 352-347-9025
 Lockcom1@earthlink.net

THURSDAYCont'd)
WINTER SPRINGS
ROUNDS

Winter Springs Senior Citizens Center,
 400 N. Edgemon Drive (1 mile East of
 17-92 off 434)
 7:00-8:30 Class;
 8:30-10:00 Dance Phase II-V
 Cuer: Dick and Darleen Nordine
 Phone: 407-327-7027
 Email: rnordine@juno.com

FRIDAY

LADY LAKE

PLANTATION SQUARES

Route 466 Recreation
 December thru April
 7:00_9:30 Plus Dance
 Caller: Bob Stern
 Cuers: Loretta Hanhurst
 Email: rpstern@aol.com

OKLAWAHA
PILOT SQUARES

Lake Weir Chamber of Commerce,
 Route 25
 2:00-4:00 C-1 Dance
 Caller: Ron Libby
 Phone: 352-259-3188
 Email: ronlibby@aol.com

ORLANDO
SINGLES

College Park Presbyterian Church, 118
 E. Par Street Corner of Par and Formosa
 7:00-8:00 New Dancer Class; 8:00-8:15
 Early Rnds; 8:15-10:00 Dance w/Rnds
 Caller: Roland Morin
 Cuer: Bev Landwehr
 Ph: 407-366-5186 or 407-297-6236
 Banner Raids: Janice Lessard 352-409-
 3092

FRIDAY (Cont'd)**ORLANDO****WHIRL & TWIRL**

Whirl and Twirl Square and Round
Dance Center, 6949 Venture Circle

8:00-10:00 Dance

ER 7:30 (Plus/E/DBD)

Caller:

Cuer: Pete and Jan Shankle

Phone:

Banner Chairmen: Jack & Mel Frye
407-331-8198;

jackfrye@embarqmail.com

Email: whilandtwirl@yahoo.com

Banner Raids: Dottie Hammon
407-645-5627

Robert Canfield 407-231-3203

SATELLITE BEACH**ALLEMANDERS**

Satellite Bch Civic Ctr., 565 Cassia

1st-3rd Saturdays;

8:00-10:00pm Plus & Rounds

Caller: John Saunders

Cuer: Bev Landwehr

Phone: Burnetts 321-773-6420 or Pauls
321-777-8352

SATURDAY**APOPKA****PIRATES**

(2nd and 4th Saturdays)

Fran Carlton Center, 11 N. Forest

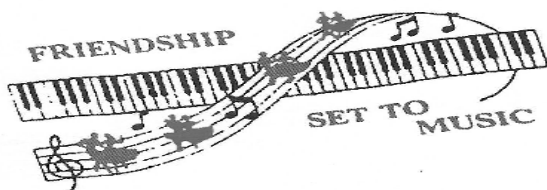
7:00-7:15 Early Rounds

7:15-9:15 Plus Dance w/Rnds

Caller:

Cuer: Daphne Martin

Phone: 407-645-5627 or 321-231-3205



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

Author unknown

Attention Account 54 Dancer In Need

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

When you need blood, your Area Director is a key player. He/she will contact Jim or Jan McConnaha, our VP Blood Bank. They'll contact the Blood Bank to arrange the transfer of the blood product. To help the process; please provide the **following** information:

Date of Request: _____

Patient Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ St. _____ Zip _____

Phone Nbr.: _____

Hospital: _____

Address: _____

City _____ St. _____ Zip _____

Expected Date Blood Needed: _____

PS. The system works. Over the years it has help sustain the quality of life for several cancer patients. By the way, remember October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Got your Pink Ribbon? I DO!

CLUB DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITIES

INTRODUCTION

Most clubs are organized in a basic club format with officers or leaders performing their duties in a very similar manner. Clubs may use different titles for their leaders but the duties and responsibilities are basically the same.

The following is a list of typical duties and responsibilities for a position that may meet the needs of most clubs but may require some variation or tailoring depending upon the type and organization of the club.

CLUB DELEGATE

Responsible for the interchange of information between the Club and the area Association.

Attend and actively participate in all the area Association and Club meetings.

Represent the Club, vote for the Club and express the club's position on Association functions and operations.

Volunteer and accept on behalf of the club any responsibilities, appointments, or any obligations deemed necessary in the best interests of the association and the Club.

Disseminate all information and data to the club Board of Directors obtained at the Association meetings.

Be thoroughly familiar with the constitution, by-laws, Policies, procedures and operations of the Club and the Association.

Support area and state square dance organizations, festivals, activities, conventions, etc.

Participate in all club functions.

Assist in the preparation of the dance facility at least 30 minutes prior to start of function.

Assist in the set up of chairs, tables, banner, bulletin board, literature display, etc., to be completed 15 minutes prior to start of the dance or activity.

Set an example for other officers and Club members to follow to include; dress, badge, promptness, enthusiasm, knowledge of the square dance community activities, etc.

Perform other duties as assigned by the President.

You can find this tri-fold at <http://www.usda.org/trifold/IS05603.pdf>. You can find many other interesting articles at <http://www.usda.org>.

Paul & Cheryl Miller

DISCOUNT PRESCRIPTION CARD AVAILABLE

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United Square Dancers of America has a program with Creative Benefit Design, Inc. and PHARMACARE to provide DISCOUNT PRESCRIPTION BENEFITS. This plan is unique since your cost is zero! That's right—NO COST TO THE USER! Enjoy average savings of 30% or more! The plan is available to ANYONE—ANY AGE—NO RESTRICTIONS! This discount card is accepted at over 45,000 pharmacies nationwide, by virtually every major pharmacy, including Osco, Walgreen, Eckerd, Wal-Mart, KMart, Albertsons, Publix, CVS and Target. In addition, if you use an independent drug store, they are probably familiar with PharmaCare, or they can set it up with a simple call to the number listed on the card! United Square Dancers of America receives \$.25 for each prescription is filled. Funds generated for USDA are applied to a variety of educational and other USDA programs that support the dancers.

Every month many folks are using the PHARMACARE card to save substantially on their drug expense. YOU CAN SAVE TOO! Get cards for you and your friends by contacting the USDA Prescription Card Chairman listed below. Take the card to your pharmacy and ask them to apply the discount to all your prescriptions, both standing orders and new prescriptions. You can start to obtain REAL SAVINGS on your prescriptions! Begin using this pharmacy discount card and enjoy your savings! To print out a prescription card, go to <http://www.usda.org/CARDS.htm>.

For more information about the Prescription card program contact:

PRESCRIPTION CARD CHAIRMAN

Bill Flick

400 Pete's Way

Boothwyn, PA 19061

(610) 358-2306

E-mail: usda.prescription.card@usda.org

Words from the Editor

DANCERGram, 7/28/2008, Penny Green, Editor

We had our West Coast Folding/Business Meeting last Wednesday. One discussion topic was promoting square dancing and how to get more people in class and to the club dances. Needless to say, this isn't just discussed at the West Coast meetings; it is discussed at every meeting we attend - USDA, Federation, club, committee, callers and cuers meetings - it's written about in square dance publications, on square dance websites, in emails, etc. It was stated that we need to do something because it's getting worse and worse. When told that West Coast is doing everything we can, we were asked what exactly we are doing. What are we doing besides getting together every other month to fold the West Coast Dancer?:

Many attend the Florida Federation meetings and the annual festivals held by the other associations to network with other dancers and learn what has worked and not worked for them and to promote our dances and our Fall Fun Fest.

Our officers' names are on the Florida Dance Web to receive questions from anyone searching the internet for square dance information for the State of Florida.

The Dancer is published by the West Coast Association and is distributed free of charge to all dancers. This newsletter contains all the class and dance information that YOU provide to the editor, plus information and flyers we receive from other associations, the Federation and the USDA.

We hold eight to ten membership dances throughout a 16 county area to promote square dancing and the West Coast Association in your area.

We support demos, classes and clubs with our attendance. I think I can safely say everyone that is active at the West Coast level is also a member of at least one club and maybe two. We also attend benefit dances and class dances.

We partner with the Suncoast Callers & Cuers to not only

Editor Note: While Penny is talking about the West Coast; the same is happening here in Central Florida. I've taken liberties by editing then article hopefully without changing Penny's original intent.

"staff" the Membership Dances, but to promote classes and workshops.

Sooo..what do YOU do to promote square dancing?

Do you attend Federation meetings and annual festivals?

Does your club have current information on the Florida Dance Web for those searching the internet for square dance information in your area?

Does your club submit articles to the Dancer and is your club information correct?

Do you promote and attend the Membership Dances?

Do you belong to the West Coast Association? All of the West Coast Membership Dances are free to members. Why not try visiting some of the Membership Dances out of your area?

Do you participate in demos? Do you angel at classes? Are you a member of a club? And I don't mean just a paying member; I mean a working member who serves on committees, greets at the door, helps with refreshments, helps set up, helps clean up, etc.

It's not just up to the West Coast Association to do the promoting; it's up to all of us - the . No one can be with you for every conversation to ensure you talk about square dancing. I can barely have a conversation with anyone that dancing isn't mentioned. We can't take you by the hand to the dances, conventions and festivals.

Ask not what square dancing can do for you but what you can do for square dancing. Dances don't just happen; people arrive thirty minutes to an hour early to set up tables and chairs, start the coffee, put up decorations if needed, lay out the flyers, hang the banners and get the sign-in table set up for business. Then there are people working in the kitchen; if there are refreshments, they have to be set out for the break and then cleaned up afterwards. Then after the dance, everything has to be put away, tables and chairs taken down and the kitchen clean up.

The amount of work is the same whether for one square or for ten; there is always an expense for the caller and cuer and hall rent no matter the group size. The caller and cuer still have to do the same amount of planning and preparing for any size group. What kind of support do we show when dancers arrive five minutes or less before the first tip and then leave after the refreshments and 50/50 drawing? This is discourteous to the caller, cuer, and, the host club. They've gone to a lot of trouble to have a nice dance for

you, you paid for a 2 - 2- 1/2 hour dance, and then you only stay for about an hour or hour and a half tops. Let's try being a little more cognizant of what we are doing to promote and support square dancing. Are we telling our friends, neighbors, family about the fun that we have at a dance? Do we visit other clubs even when there's not a banner raid? Do we visit clubs outside our area? Do we angel at classes? Do we volunteer for demos? What is promoting? It's not scheduling a set time and deciding we are going to promote. It's not just doing demos. It's not just telling people about classes. Promotion is a constant thing; it's as easy as a casual conversation at the dealership when you're having work done on your car; or at a restaurant when you're waiting for a table; at the barber shop/beauty shop. And yes we need new dancers, but don't forget the dancers we have. We can't lose them; they'll drop out if they think someone doesn't care about them. This "PROMOTION" thing is a continuous thing and has to be done by ALL of us, from the basic dancer to the advanced dancer. It's not just up to the West Coast officers and the callers and cuers.

AND WHAT ABOUT RUNNING FOR OFFICE

It's that time of year again when we wonder if we'll have new officers to install at the President's Ball. And I always wonder why dancers think they can't be an officer. We heard all the excuses - I'm too busy; I haven't been dancing long enough; I'm not a good enough dancer; I don't know how to do it; I travel too much, etc. Well, I have an answer for every one of these excuses.

For the one that's too busy— "If you want something done, give it to a busy person"

For the one whos has done everythong at club level -"I would think it would be easier at the association level since we don't dance every week; we don't have association meetings every month; we try to handle everything by email, but don't let that hold you back we can work around it.

For the poor dancer—"What does dance level have to do with holding an office? You're the ones we'd like to get to know; you have fresh ideas that we'd like to hear about.

For the traveler—Being a West Coast officer and getting out there meeting people and dancing at different locations gives you

the opportunity to practice your dancing.

Many of the Association job responsibilities are things you do in your personal life - scheduling, budget, finances, insurance, etc. Surely you can apply them to a "business"? Many members still active have held the very job were are seeking recruits for and they will help you get acquainted with it. Not only that, you did at the club, it is the same for the Association! You can DO IT!

The Membership Dance schedule is set several months prior to the start of the new term; in fact, the 2008/2009 dances are already scheduled and published in the Dancer. The Folding/Business Meetings are the fourth Wednesday of the month in January, March, May, July, September, and November. This gives you enough time to plan your travel around these dates. If for some reason, you can't make it to a Membership Dance or meeting, there are people who would be willing to fill in for you.

Yes, we would like you to make a four year commitment, starting at secretary and progressing through the "chairs" (treasurer, vice president and president), but as you have seen over the past few years this hasn't been happening. The reason for this progression is to make you a better President. However, if you don't feel comfortable making a four year commitment we would be happy to have your help for a year.

We have someone who has offered to take the office of secretary, so we still need a treasurer, vice president and president. Solos can hold any of these offices so don't let that be a deterrent! I was secretary, vice president and treasurer as a solo, as was Shirley Pfeffer.

Won't you consider being of service to the West Coast Association? If you have any questions, please contact any of the current officers (who are all past presidents). There are also other past presidents who would be happy to discuss this with you (Fred and Jan Smith, Don & Ann Slocum, Shirley Pfeffer, Elvin and Dolores Mahan and me).

Beautiful Oriental Plates

“Beautiful Oriental Plates” is the quilt name donated to the 55th State Convention by Eivor Brown. The history of the wall hanging is a little unique. The ladies of the Moonlighters, a group of the Seaside Piecemakers of Satellite Beach, held a raffle for the Holiday last year. Each lady would make an “oriental plate” for piecing into the final 46 X 55 in. Wall hanging. Eivor won the pieces at the raffle and decided to donate the finished hanging to the Convention as a fund-raising item. The nine plates from top left were made by: Bette George (TL); Marilyn Rutkowski (TC); Priscilla Kalajian (TR); Lois Hinton (ML); Eivor Brown (C); Laxmi (MR); Anne James (BL); Clarice Weathers (BC); and, Eivor(BR). The Eivor stitched the pieces together; gathered the backing material;

and, turned The Quilt Place of Rockledge loose on their long arm for the quilting. She edge banded it and gave it to the 55th Committee. Enjoy it and the history of the piece.



Your Club News

Orlando Singles

Well, again I missed several of our regulars, but I believe everyone was pleased to have Mina back dancing with us and Grant looking great after his vacation out west. Doreen stopped in long enough to get information on our upcoming beginning square dance lessons. She promises to return to take refresher classes and to learn the arky portion of our great past time. Remind other ladies of that opportunity this fall.

Also please tell all your friends, neighbors, co-workers about our two FREE "Introduction to Square Dancing Nights" on September 19th and 26th for new dancers with classes starting on October 3rd. Roland will be here and ready to start at 7:00 P.M. Roland continues his work shop every Friday before our regular dance. Please come early and enjoy some extra floor time, and get a little help with problem calls.

Our "Sock Hop" was certainly fun with poodle skirts and blue jeans on several of our dancers and some oldie music from the 50's. Again there were great goodies, including cold watermelon, homemade banana bread and brownies among other items on our refreshment table. Goodies alone, but with Roland's Calling and Bev's cueing, sure make the Orlando Singles THE PLACE TO BE ON FRIDAY EVENINGS.

Murray received belated birthday yellow rocks and best wishes. Jo Santora was our 50-50 winner and Alice Brutsche our cry baby for the evening. My thanks for everyone's participating and for everything they do to make our dances a success.

Please check the back table each week for upcoming special dances. Yellow Rocks,

Virginia

HITCH -N-GO

NSDCA Chapter 082

WHO - Ten couple members of 082 plus our 9 year old granddaughter (Ashley).

WHAT - Not a whole lot! Walked on the beach, walked on the pier, watched the boats go in and out, some went out on the boats, some left the campground to eat, sat around the campers chatting and hunkered down several times during rain/thunder storms.

WHEN - Fourth weekend of June

WHERE - at Jetty Park in Cape Canaveral, FL

WHY - To enjoy a social, non-dancing weekend at the beach.

DID THEY HAVE FUN? - You bet!

Jeanne Hartwig

ORLANDO Singl es

More than usual laughs, balloons, dangles, great food, colorful and wonderful dancers! WOW what a FUN evening. If you missed last night's dance, you truly missed another great evening at the Orlando Singles. Jo Santora, one of our newest members greeted our members and guests, many of who were the Garden Patch members from Ocoee. In their color yellow and green and pulling their wagon load of plants, one of which I was pleased to present to Jo. The Garden Patch members retrieved their colorful banner that we had been holding and in turn gave us passes for two to their club. Those passes were given to Janice and Dave, a thank you for the wonderful entertainment they provided for the evening. Balloon dancing, boot snatching, the Venus deMilo dance all challenged many of us who laughed the evening away. Janice presented dangles to everyone who participated and also presented special dangles to several others. Linda Wasserman received one for dancing barefoot while raiding the Starlight Promenaders, June Gage received a "Siamese Twin" dangle and Ann Weiblen a very loyal guest received a "Bleeding Heart" dangle due to several little mishaps resulting in blood shed.

June Gage was our 50-50 winner, Jo Santoro our cry baby; both donating their winnings back to club! Big thanks to both of them and everyone who participates. Also my thanks to everyone who brought in all the

great refreshments and helped to assist Roland and Beverly to make the evening the fun event it was. We missed several of our regulars but Carole Ann was back to dance and report on new grand daughter, and Doreen Smith stopped by to visit.

Martha Falucca asked dancers to join her with the Casselberry Hoedowners at the Casselberry City Hall for a demo during Casselberry's annual Celebration on Saturday evening. Janice reminded us of the upcoming raid to the Melbourne Promenaders on the 23rd. Everyone was invited to join the Starlight Promenaders this Wednesday, the 13th for their Luau evening complete with grass skirts and great dancing to Whit Brown and Daphne Martin. And of course you all are encouraged to return each and every Friday evening to dance with us to the great cueing of Bev Landwehr and Roland Morin's calling. Yellow Rocks,

Virginia

BAREFOOT BAY TWIRLERS

The Barefoot Bay Twirlers are off for the summer but we are looking forward to an exciting new season beginning Monday, November 10th. Then we will be dancing Monday November 17th and 24th. The Toys for Tots dance will be Sunday December 7th at Barefoot Bay and our only other dance in December will be Monday December 15th which will be our Christmas Party Dance. Our 2009 season will begin on Monday, January 5th, 2009. We dance plus with rounds from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. Our caller is Steve Ekin and our cuer is Vera Smith. All plus dancers are welcome and encouraged to join us. Any questions call George at 772-664-3207, or e-mail at Geoseney@comcast.net.

Satellite Beach Allemanders

The Allemanders have enjoyed a laid back summer. Our birds are gone; fown north for the summer; the Fay and her 27 inches rain has grown a lot of ground cover and over course the dancing has been just Johnny keen as Linda kept that ole Saunders kid on his toes. Bev Landwehr keeps our rounders alert as she pushes them forward. Last weekend, we enjoyed the rounds of Miss Phyllis Williams, a very gracious cuer. She wowed even John enough to get on the floor—the audience was stunned. And the bad news was I don't think anyone got a picture; in fact; I don't even think there was camera in attendance. He can step on out though; but Linda is the better dancer! Sadly, last Saturday was the lat of our casual dances—twas fun in shorts and comfy club shirts tho. We get

back on our regular schedule of dancing the first three Saturdays of the month in October. Our new Presidents have kept up a lively pace this summer—Paul Revell and Karen Kosnik have certainly started with a lot of spunk. As our birds return to their home roost; old friendships will renew and the kindred dancing spirit will ignite again. We dance 1st thru 3rd Saturday evenings at the Satellite Beach Civic Ctr., 565 Cassia from 8:00-10:00pm Plus & Rounds. Our Club Caller is John Saunders and Club Cuer is Bev Landwehr. Hope to See you in a Square, SOON! Yellow Rocks!.

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A Seventieth Anniversary

Al(Doc) and Martha Hixon recently celebrated their seventieth anniversary at the Granada Squares with a small group of family members—43 as they prepared to leave on a three day cruise to the Bahamas. For those that don't know, Doc got John Saunders started calling and says he taught him everything he knows. Doc frequently called here in Central in days gone by. Both he and Martha were in great shape—she was getting after him and he was trying to get away with **7** more. And he had been in the hospital earlier that week.

Their Children were introduced after the first tip and the bantering between Doc; John Saunders and John Barrett began. I think Doc won. We heard about Saunders trip to call at the nudist camp and Barrett's drawers as only Doc can tell the story.

The rest of the family was introduced just in time for Linda's line dancing. And most of them stayed up. Even she relented after telling the condemned parties that one selection would go for the next twenty minutes. If looks had feeling, Linda would have been hurt.

Doc and Martha **O** enjoyed seeing the many friends who attended. Some travelled several hundred miles to pay their regards and surprise the couple. Caller Chuck Durant came down from Georgia, another they had not seen for twenty years walked in and the jaws dropped. Instant friendship renewed.

And the cake was the centerpiece—neither got frosting on the other's nose. But they did do a bit of the Anniversary Waltz. In fact, Doc and Martha were line dancing the night away.

Many happy days and wishes for this wonderful couple who have given much to the dancing community. Thank you and Happy Anniversary.

ON A VERY SAD NOTE

Don Smith, caller for Happy Promenaders in East Naples, admitted himself to hospital and passed away. We extend our utmost sympathy to his family, friends and clubs.

Dick Wilson of Melbourne. Our sympathies to Pauline and their friends and fellow dancers on his passing.

Henry King of Rockledge, a member of the Space trackers. Linda and family will miss Henry and his humor. The Trackers will too. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Paul Place, caller. Passed with grand-daughter Amanda tending his needs. The Captain has transitioned to calling a better square in a better place. Our thoughts and sympathies go to family, friends, clubs and the many dancers callers and cuers he has shared the stage with and for.

Mary Riley Belcher, mother of Larry Belcher, southern Ala-

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OUR NEW DANCERS

New dancers are the most important people
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New dancers are not dependent on us;
we are dependent on them.

New dancers are not an interruption of our dance;
they are the purpose of it.

New dancers do us a favor when they come in;
we are not doing them a favor.

New dancers are part of our square dancing;
they are not outsiders.

New dancers are human beings with feelings;
they deserve to be treated with respect.

New dancers come to us with wants and needs
to be filled; it is our obligation to fill them.

New dancers deserve the most courteous attention
we can give them. They are the lifeblood of
square dancing. Without them, we would have
no square dancing.

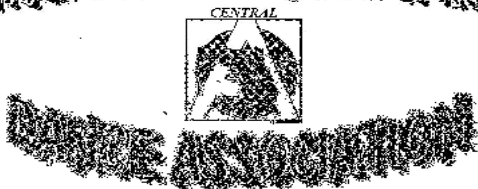
You were once a new dancer. Don't ever forget it!

Happy Hal Petsche

I remember how easily a caller can humble me without even trying real hard—Tony O had me begging for mercy doing only runs for a complete tip; John Saunders crosses the floor by calling walk around ... There but for the grace of a couple of year experience and a little knowledge go WE. Let's be nice for they are us.

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