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MISSING??



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STUDENTS!!

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We need that 4th couple to
make up the square —

See our new *Handy-Dandy Monthly Dance Planner* pages
with listings of *Holiday Dances* and more!!

Enjoy the holiday season ahead and start planning for big events in 2010!!!

Welcome back, snowbirds—you have been missed.

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CFA PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Bob and Jennie Courter



The Shamrocks are coming!!!! The Shamrocks are coming!!!! Where? When? Why? Who? No they are not coming in October, but they will be here in March.

Since time is really moving along we sincerely need to get busy promoting "The 10th Annual Shamrock Swing," which will be on March 19 and 20, 2010 at The Villages. Our callers will be Tim Marriner and Bob Stern and our Cuers will be Jimmy & Carol Griffin. Advance ribbons are \$18 per person. Buy your ribbons early. Flyers should be available at your clubs, and with your area representatives. Remember to take a \$1.00 booster in the program book. One name per line for \$1.00. Area reps also have information about ads that can be taken by their local clubs, callers and friends. We need your support to make this another successful Shamrock Swing. It is now time to get started!!! Area reps please start promoting this great event. Remember the funds that are raised helps the CFA to host special dances and supply support to our area clubs.

At the August CFA Meeting our new Officers/Board was installed by Past President Judy Frye. They officially take over the reins of the CFA on October 1. However, since so many of us are just staying on there will not be much change in the Officers. We have two new area reps. Ailene Picheco will be doing Brevard/Indian River and Osceola. Jim & Lili-Ann Gallagher will be reps for E.Orange/Seminole. Please check the list of the CFA Board that is listed on another page in this publication.

Also at our meeting the Board decided to adopt and support our plan to bring a strong sense of unity between the CFA and CFCA groups for the upcoming year. We hope to be able to have a sharing of ideas and ways to help to promote square & round dancing. Our initial start was to have Caller Jean Lee & husband Dick attend this meeting. Jean is the Secretary/Treasurer for CFCA. You will also find a list of the CFCA members in this month's 'Keepin' Posted'.

This was a most inspiring meeting with a lot of good ideas coming forth. One other very important program we will all need to promote is to help increase our membership in the CFA. It is time for renewals and also time to encourage all club dancers to join the CFA. Some of the most important benefits of being a CFA member are the fact that if you are ill and require a transfusion the CFA has blood available in the blood bank. You also receive this publication, "Keepin' Posted" in the mail. When you attend the CFA dances you get a reduced rate for the dance. Terri Little Membership Vice President would like to make arrangements to attend one of your club dances to help promote joining the CFA. Club Presidents and Area Reps please contact Terri and help all of us to increase the CFA Membership.

Our 5th Saturday Dance on August 29 was well attended and it was a great dancing evening with Caller Bob Wilson and Cuers Pete & Jan Shankle. We were extremely pleased to meet Don & Brenda Whitaker, Caller for the newly formed Brendon Squares, and some of their dancers at the dance. This was also, our Past Presidents dance, and it was great to be able

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CFA PRESIDENTS MESSAGE—continued

to honor those past presidents who were able to attend: Don Lutz, Judy Frye, Carol & Randy Poole, Donna & Dewey Hendricks, and George & Shirley Knapp.

Please mark your calendars for the following Central Florida Callers Association benefit dance. The CFC will be holding a benefit dance for the "New Horizon Academy – School for Autism," at LaHacienda Center in TheVillages on January 16, 2010. This will be a Mainstream/Plus dance from 7 – 9:30. Tickets are \$5.00 per person. Donations will be gratefully accepted. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

We had to cancel our October 5th Saturday Dance because of the Florida Federation Meetings in the Panhandle and the necessity for so many of us to attend these meetings. Therefore the next 5th Saturday dance will be January 30 with Caller/Cuer Don & Loretta Hanhurst. Flyers will be forthcoming to all of the clubs.

We know that several of our CFA members have been ill, and some have left us for that dance hall in a very blessed place. We also know of several CFA families that have lost other family members as well. To all who are ill, we hope for a speedy recovery!!! For those who have lost love ones, we send our sincere condolences.

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon, and to hear from many of you regarding the 2010 Shamrock Swing. Until then, "Let there be Peace on Earth," and 'God Bless America!!!'

Bob & Jennie Courter
CFA Presidents



*****CFA BOARD OFFICERS—2009/2010

Left to right: Ailene Picheco, Secretary; Donna & Dewey Hendricks, Executive Vice Presidents; Jennie & Bob Courter, Presidents; Nancy & Dennis Taylor, Treasurers; Terri Little, Membership Vice President; and Angie & Keith Olds, Insurance Chairmen Vice Presidents.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Dick & Jeanne Lysobey



We are entering a very important time of the year for square dancers. This is when we all should be working to get new people into square dancing. Lesson are beginning, and if your club has not begun lessons, ask the powers to be, why not.

We are losing people fast, and clubs are folding. Maybe we should start making our club dances more interesting, and maybe we should think about what we are doing in the squares and listen to what is being called.

Both of us enjoy a the patter tip where there is no set pattern to the calls and the full list of calls (or a good majority of them) for that level are being used, including a little "all position" and maybe a little "hash" mixed in. We also like to get a little exercise and work up a "little sweat" (him, not her). After all, we are not that old.

Maybe we should make sure our clubs are friendlier. When we have visitors, we should talk with them and make certain they in a square, if they wish to dance at the moment, unless they would like to sit out to rest up. We have all been to clubs where you just sit by yourself without anyone coming over to at least say hello. We will not go back to those clubs again, and when someone asks about that club, we give them an honest answer to the welcome (or not) which we received — from our own personal experience, that is.

The next thing is CFA membership. There are over 800 square dancers in Central Florida, but at this time, there are only 250 active CFA members. Therefore, there are many people in our Central Florida area who are not members, and some are in your club. Ask around.

It cannot be the price! The fact that you get medical insurance coverage, the use of the Florida Square dancers Blood Bank, receive KEEPIN' POSTED, pay a reduced admission donation to all the great 5th Saturday dances should be reason enough to join the CFA — ALL FOR THE PRICE OF \$10 for new members (which includes the price of a CFA badge) and \$5 for yearly renewals. **Beat that price if you can!!**

Contact Terri Little, CFA Membership Chairman, at islandmom74cfl.rr.com and she will visit, or have your CFA Area Representative visit your club, explain about the CFA and sign up your people if they wish to join. You can also contact your Area Representative/Director whose names are listed in this publication.

O.k, now let's get back to concentrating on enrolling new (or repeat) students into our classes. New dancers are the "life-blood" of square dance clubs, so to keep our activity alive — get new people to lessons!!!

In the meantime, have great holidays, great dancing and good health!! See you here in January 2010 and we will get started on another super year of super dancing.

OUR FOND FAREWELLS TO —

JOHN WALL, 67, of Jacksonville Beach, died Sunday, June 28, 2009, while in Long Beach, CA, for the Roundalab Convention and the National Square Dance Convention. Born in NY, John retired as a US Navy officer in Florida in 1981 and subsequently worked as a defense contractor until his second retirement. He enjoyed square dancing with his late wife Dottie and The Rollaways Club. He continued his love of dancing with his second wife, Lisa, forming their own round dance club and participating in numerous local, state, regional, and national dance conventions. John enjoyed traveling the USA pursuing his passion for dancing with those he loved all his life.

John is survived by his wife, Lisa, and her daughters, Sara, Grace, Theo, Angie and Katie; daughter, Jeannine Morgan (Peter) and their children Anna, Brigid, Dorothy and Josephine of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL; son, John Joseph Wall (Terri) and their children Monica, Jacob, Katie and Martin of Jacksonville, FL, and daughter, Theresa Claudio (Alfredo) and his children Challen and Taylor also of Jacksonville. Other surviving family members include his sisters Patricia Carussi and Dorothy Frare, Both of NY.

ELIZABETH "BETTY" BEATTIE, 88, of DeLand, FL, passed away in July of 2009. Betty was the widow of long-time cuer Bill Bettie, and leaves behind three daughters and one son.

Bill and Betty came here from south Florida and held round dance lessons in their spacious garage at their home on McGregor Rd. in DeLand many years ago and taught a huge number of area dancers the fine points of round dancing. Betty learned the man's part in round dancing so single women could learn to round dance. Betty was a faithful member of the Honeybees in DeLand and the Starlight Promenaders Square and Round Dance clubs in DeBary for many years.

A Celebration of Life service and a memorial luncheon in Betty's honor was held in DeLand on September 13th. We all miss Betty—a sweet and gracious lady.



INJURIES, SQUARE DANCE INSURANCE AND PRESCRIPTION CARD NEWS

September 2009 – USDA Article

Injuries while attending a square dance are infrequent, but they do happen. If you are injured while dancing, make sure you report it to the folks putting on the dance. It's very important everyone is aware you were hurt, even if it's not serious. An injury can seem to be no big deal; it was just a simple fall. However, the next morning you can barely move. You go to get a checkup and it turns out to be serious!

This is why all clubs and their dancers should have the USDA Dancers Insurance. This insurance (while a secondary insurance) does help when your primary insurance doesn't cover all your expenses. If a visiting dancer is hurt while at your club dance, and your club isn't covered by any insurance (including the USDA insurance), the club can be involved in a law suit over paying for the injured dancer's medical expenses.

The USDA Dancers Insurance is extremely inexpensive, but provides \$1,000,000 combined single limit of liability for bodily injury and property damage per occurrence (subject to \$100 property damage deductible per claim) while participating in scheduled and sponsored dancing activities. \$100,000 limit for damage to premises rented to you.

For more information, please read the USDA NEWS Volume XX, issue 3 July – Sept. 2009 Page 10.

Paul & Cheryl Miller, Florida USDA Representatives

SQUARE DANCE INSURANCE

September 2009 - USDA Article

Recently, Penny Green, editor of the DANCERgram, included several articles in the June 29th issue beginning on page 13. Clubs were encouraged to enroll their students who will be covered at no charge until they finish Mainstream and become members of the club. What deal? Additionally, the club receives a \$1,000,000 liability policy which will protect officers and members if an accident should happen, even if the club is dancing at a different location than it normally might. Coverage will also extend to demos, participation in community activities and travel to a dance activity, as long as the proper forms have been submitted in advance. Medical expenses are also covered; after the dancer's primary insurance company has paid its share of the costs. All this can be had for a mere \$4.25 per dancer per year. That's right, only \$4.25 will help protect both the dancers and the club. Why aren't more clubs lining up to take advantage of this wonderful plan arranged through the USDA? Your club is too small? No problem, as there is coverage available for a minimum payment of \$45 per year.

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INJURIES, SQUARE DANCE INSURANCE AND PRESCRIPTION CARD NEWS (continued)

We encourage all to consider participating even if you dance in a hall sponsored by your community. Sometimes their insurance coverage does not extend to others using the facilities. Most callers and cuers also carry insurance but it may not provide coverage for the dancers.

We urge you to access the USDA web site at USDA.org and click on Dancer Insurance Program for more information, or e-mail us at Ireason@htn.net if you would like us to e-mail you information and enrollment forms.

Don and Marianne Reason, West Coast Assn. Insurance Chairmen.

PRESCRIPTION CARD

DISCOUNT PRESCRIPTION CARD AVAILABLE

This month's USDA Article is taken from the USDA NEWS Vol. XX, Issue 3 July—Sept. 2009 Page 27.

United Square Dancers of America has developed 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 will receive \$.25 for each prescription that is filled. The 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!** Just cut out the card at the bottom of this article for your use or 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!

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Submitted by:

Paul & Cheryl Miller

Florida USDA Representatives

2010 Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention Benefit

Saturday-February 27, 2010

Whirl & Twirl

6949 Venture Circle

Orlando, FL 32807

Dance to be held in conjunction with the Florida Federation of Square
Dancers "Working Weekend" February 27 & February 28, 2010.

Bob Stern
2011 FSSRDC,
Caller Chairman

Roland Morin
2011 FSSRDC,
Caller Co Chairman

Phyllis Williams,
Cuer
Mims, FL

Cost: Donation at Door

Early Rounds: 7:00-7:45 pm

Squares: 8:00-10:15 pm



Proceeds will benefit the "2011 FSSRDC"

For More Information Contact: Paul & Cheryl Miller (850) 939-6688 or email:
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Having trouble with amour? Ask these kids-they've got it all figured out:

Q: How do you decide who to marry?

A: No one really decides before they grow up. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. *Kirsten, 10*

Q: What do you think your mom and dad have in common?

A: Both don't want any more kids. *Lori, 8*

Q: What do most people do on a date?

A: On the first date, they just tell each other lies, and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date. *Martin, 10*

CALLER'S CORNER

By John Saunders

Before taking someone into a higher lever workshop or dance, make it mandatory that they continue to dance at their regular club. This would make sure that they dance at least twice a week and that they not lose contact with other dancers who could not devote the extra time.

When a dancer applies for membership in a closed level club, it should be mandatory that the dancer retain an active membership in an open regular club.

Excerpt from October 2008 American Caller's Assn. Newsletter



PICTURE PERFECT??

The callers above danced the evening away at the 5th Saturday dance on August 29, 2009, hosted by the Starlight Promenaders in Debary. From left to right are: Jean and Dick Lee, Don and Brenda Whitaker, Whit and Dee Brown, John and Gail Swindle, Roland Morin and Liz and Bob Wilson (Bob being the only one in the bunch who had to work that night). Oh, well, another time Bob!!

Oh, yes, let's not forget Millie the Shamrock Swing mascot, who is up on the stage. She really gets around for one so young—

SINGLES SECTION

Dance Partner, Dance Partner, come out wherever you are!

By Penny Green

Many times I am asked "How can I find a partner?" or "Where can I find a partner?" Then there are the times I am asked "Will I get to dance if I go to that dance?" or "Will there be someone for me to dance with, if I go to that dance?" Believe it or not, it's not always women asking me these questions!

There is no pat answer for any of these questions; but I can tell you, you won't find a partner sitting at home waiting for a phone call or only dancing at your home club. You have to get out there and "network".

Networking is a not-so-new "buzz word" in the business world. The Webster definition is: the exchange of information and services among individuals, groups or institutions; specifically, the cultivation of productive relationships for employment or business. Now you're probably asking "how do you take this and apply it to square dancing?" It works in very much the same manner as it does in the business world; you get out there and talk to people, meet people, make sure people know your name and that you are a dancer and available for dancing.

First, always have business (or social) cards with you that have at least your name, phone number and email address (if you have one). These come in very handy if you should meet a partner; just give him/her a card and say something like "if you ever need a dance partner, I hope you'll consider asking me." Perhaps he/she will give you a card in return.

Always go to the dances whether you know if you are going to dance or not. You never know if there will be someone there who is looking for a partner. There might be someone there who is only in town for a week; or in the area on vacation or business for two or three weeks; or maybe someone has just moved to the area. If you miss just that one night, you might miss your one opportunity to have a partner. I have two or three partners I met this way; I happen to be at a dance one night when they showed up; they left with my contact information; and when they are back in the area, they call me to meet them at a dance.

When you arrive at a dance, don't sit down and stay there waiting for someone to come to you to ask for a dance. If it's your first time to visit the club, let them know at the door that you are solo if anyone needs a partner. I recommend that if you don't know if the club welcomes solos, that you call ahead to find out before you go. Unfortunately, there are still some clubs around that do not welcome unattached singles at their dances! If you have a solo ribbon or badge, wear it to the dance so the other dancers can easily identify you as someone needing a partner. I recommend standing by the door so you can observe who is arriving and if a solo arrives looking for a partner, the people at the desk can find you easier.

Singles Section (continued)

Don't shy away from attending conventions and weekend festivals! Most, if not all, of them have singles sections; take advantage of them. How else will you find the other singles looking for partners in a place with several hundred or thousand dancers? Some conventions have a Singles Room, a Singles Get-Acquainted Dance, a Singles Host Hotel, or even Singles After-Parties. Take advantage of these too; you'll get to meet a lot of the other singles.

Several states have their own Singles Association with an annual weekend and there is a national singles organization with an annual convention (Dance-A-Rama) on Labor Day weekend which is held at a different location every year. These are always fun weekends; you can plan them around your vacations and tour the area while you are there. There are tours scheduled in conjunction with the Dance-A-Rama so you can see some really interesting things when you attend these dances.

Our national organization, Single Square Dancers USA®, has a directory of all the singles friendly clubs in the United States, promotes a website to find partners (dancepartner.com), has an electronic newsletter (SSDUSAGram) which lists a large number of the singles dances around the country, and has someone who helps link roommates for the conventions and festivals.

It also helps to participate in all of the singles square dance activities i.e. join your state singles association, the national singles association (Single Square Dancers USA®), singles after parties, singles conventions, singles dances, etc. Believe it or not, there are some single dancers who only go to singles activities so you won't meet them at couples activities.

I have danced single for most of the past 25+ years and it took me a long time to build a network, but I can safely say there are very very few dances in Florida that I go to now that I don't know somebody. In fact at the last state convention, my partner asked me if there was anyone there that I didn't know.

It's scary to go to that first festival or convention, but once you go that first time it becomes easier and easier because you meet more and more people each time. Even if you don't learn everyone's name right away, you'll start recognizing faces and seeing them at other dances.

In order to be successful in building your network, you have to remember to always be friendly, maintain your dancing skills (no one wants to dance with a bad dancer), don't be pushy, and don't try to "dominate" a partner. We're all in the same boat so let's help each other out and make sure everyone gets a chance to dance.

UPCOMING DANCES

SHAMROCK SWING 2010

Central Florida Square and Round Dance Association presents their 10th annual Shamrock Swing in The Villages on March 19 and 20, 2010, at La Hacienda Recreation Center, 12300 Avenida Central.

The callers will be Tim Marriner and Bob Stern with round dance cuers Jimmy and Carol Griffin. There will be two halls featuring Mainstream, Plus, DBDE, Advance and Rounds. Finnegan's Place will be serving light refreshments during all of the dance times.

Ribbons are \$18 per person in advance; \$20 at the door. Daily admission is available at the door at \$14 pp all day Saturday, Friday or Saturday evening, only \$12 pp.

You can help support the Shamrock Swing also by being a Booster. Donate \$1 and your name will be entered in the Program Booklet as a supporter of the Shamrock Swing.

You have a choice of two host hotels, each being \$80+ tax for a standard room. Both hotels are across from La Hacienda dance hall. Comfort suite has two queen beds or a king with a refrigerator and microwave. Holiday Express offers two queen or king size bed. A suite will be \$99+ tax.

Both hotels have a free deluxe continental breakfast. Please call them direct and identify yourself as a square dancer attending the Central Florida Square and Round Dance Shamrock Swing in 2010. Comfort Suites number is 352-259-6578 and Holiday Express is 352-750-3888.

Virginia's Western West will be a vendor at the Shamrock Swing again this year.

All area reps of CFSRDA clubs have information. You may contact them for further information and flyers or contact Bob and Jennie Courter, Chairmen, at 352-751-1009 or e-mail cour4720@thevillages.net. NOTE: We also have ribbons.

2010 FLORIDA STATE SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CONVENTION May 28, 29 and 30, 2010

The Steering Committee of the 56th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention are shining their "traveling shoes" and packing their bags as they prepare to invade the many regional festivals in the coming weeks. Having recently returned from the Georgia State Convention in late September, they are heading to DeFuniak Springs for the NW Fall Round-Up. They will then begin to meander the state with scheduled stops at the FL Campers Camporee in Bushnell, the West Coast Fall Fun Fest in Bartow, the O'Leno Hoedown in High Springs, and the Fall Festival in Jacksonville. Of course there will be numerous side trips to area club dances and visitations with friends will be a high point. Our traveling dancers will pause for the holidays at home before continuing their journey to visit and promote the upcoming State Convention. So you can see the opportunity to purchase your convention ribbons will be ever so easy as you support a regional festival near you.

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UPCOMING DANCES (continued)

2010 FL ST. CONV. (continued)

Last month we shared some of the fund raising items being sold by the State Convention. Have you purchased your shirt or tote bag yet? We've heard that many great conversations about square dancing are occurring as a result of wearing the convention shirt out in the community or using the tote bag for groceries at a local supermarket. What an easy way to announce your passion for square & round dancing then by wearing your shirt! So many of us collect canvas bags from everywhere – book stores, coffee shops, professional organizations and now you can purchase yours to support square dancing, and show you care about saving our environment. You can contact your association Ways & Means Chairman to purchase your items. Unsure who to call? Then contact Cheryl & Paul Miller at 850-939-6688 or pe.miller@mchsi.com and they will direct you to a person in your area.

Don't forget to order your ribbons before April 30th 2010. After this date, there will be no mail-in registration and you must purchase your ribbon at the box office for \$30.00 per person. BUY EARLY AND SAVE MONEY! There is a money back guarantee until 5:00 PM on Friday, May 28, 2010 – no questions asked. You won't find a better deal than that! You can contact our Convention Registrars, Carole & Garland McKenzie at 352-822-7678 or carolemc@embargmail.com, 6600 NW 61st Avenue, Ocala, FL 34482. Speaking of registrations, there was a slight error on the printed blue registration forms. Please note that the zip code for the McKenzies should read 34482. They will be happy to help you with your ribbon purchase.

Check out our website for all the up-to-date details, contact information, and registration form, by visiting <http://www.floridasquaredance.com/convention/index.html>. If you don't use the Internet, and haven't seen anyone with registration forms or ribbons, then contact the General Chairman, Anita & Bud Taylor at 904-272-6551, and they'll have you connected to someone in your area to answer all your questions. MORE NEWS NEXT MONTH! Remember, **Everyday's A Holiday When You're Dancing!**

Charlie & Sarah Pergrossi
Publicity Chairman

IMPORTANT BENEFIT DANCES:

1. Central Florida Callers Association is having a benefit dance for New Horizon Academy School for Autism on January 16, 2010 at La Hacienda Center, The Villages.

Complete information is on the inside back cover of this issue.

2. 2011 Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention Benefit Dance will be held on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at Whirl and Twirl.

Complete information is on page10 of this issue.

Please try to support these events!!

CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCERS ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting

Perkins Restaurant, Orange City, FL

August 29, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Presidents Bob & Jennie Courter called the meeting to order at 3:58 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Judy Frye

Bob & Jennie Courter welcomed everyone. Our guests were: Mary Kinzer, Garland & Carole McKenzie.

ROLL CALL by Ailene Picheco

President	Bob & Jennie Courter	
Executive Vice President	Dewey & Donna Hendricks	
Secretary	Ailene Picheco	
Treasurer	Dennis Taylor & Nancy Taylor	
Area Vice President	Bruce Morgan	
	Colleen Morgan	(Absent)
Membership Vice President	Terri Little	
Blood Bank Vice President	Jim & Jan Mc Connaha	(Absent)
Insurance Chairman	Keith & Angie Olds	
State Federation Rep	Jack & Barbara Hoffman	(Absent)
2009 Convention Chairmen	Randy & Carol Poole	
Keepin' Posted Editor	Dick & Jeanne Lysobey	
Historian	Phyllis Williams	

Area Directors

Brevard/Indian River	Richard Bradley	(Absent)
South Lake/West Orange	Dan & Anna Foust	(Absent)
Marion	Walter & Janet Becker	(Absent)
North Lake/Sumter	Ron & Sharon Paul	
East Orange/Seminole	Virginia Barnes	(Absent)
Osceola	Ailene Picheco (Motivators) & Tootie Hasson (Spin-A-Rounds)	(Absent)
East Volusia	Kenly & Alice Spilman	
West Volusia	David & Liz Garrett	
Past Presidents	Judy Frye	
	Don Lutz	

MINUTES

Terri Little made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 25, 2009 Board Meeting as distributed –Carol Poole seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT

Dennis Taylor distributed the treasurer's report to all members present. There was a problem with the bank adding extra charges because of lower balances.

Bruce Morgan made a motion to combine the disaster fund with the CFA treasury but keep a separate line item for the disaster fund – Randy seconded. Motion passed.

Report was filed for audit.

CORRESPONDENCE – Thank you note from Randy & Carol Poole for the plaque and flowers presented at the State Convention. They appreciated all the support they received to make this convention "successful and fun."

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AREA REPORTS

Area Vice President - Bruce Morgan reported. There were very few updates received for the website. Keep your club information up to date.

Contact Bruce at: brucemorgan@cmbaramail.com

Brevard/Indian River - Ailene Picheco reported.

The Allemanders are losing money. They did not have a class this year. And attendance is very low. They are dancing the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of each month and will go back to 1st, 2nd and 3rd Saturdays in October. The Canaveral Squares completed a "Blast Class" last weekend. Jean Lee was our caller/instructor. There were 10 people taking the class. Seven had danced before and picked it up fairly well. Three people were new and are having difficulties because they do not attend the club dances regularly for the extra floor time. The Canaveral Squares open the club dances to the new dancers after the second weekend of lessons. A Plus class is scheduled for the first weekend in October, first weekend in November and the 2nd weekend in December. Anyone is welcome to attend and brush up on the Plus calls. In January or February they plan a new beginners class.

The Space Trackers are gearing up for their new class starting the Monday after Labor Day, September 14. They had a good class last year. Five new dancers joined the club after graduation. They are working on a Rusty Hinge workshop for the summer.

The Palm Bay Promenaders are hosting the "Toys for Tots" dance this year on December 6th, 1:30 PM, at Tropical Haven (across from the airport). Attendance was down so much at Barefoot Bay that they decided to cancel the benefit dance and the Promenaders opted to pick it up. All callers and cuers are welcome to participate and all dancers are invited. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy per dancer.

The Brevard County Parks and Recreation Department has increased rent in all their facilities.

This affects the Canaveral Squares and the Space Trackers who dance at McLarty Rec Center in Rockledge. It will double the rent they are paying now.

There is a new club at The Great Outdoors in Titusville. Jean Lee is the caller. They will start dancing again in October. More info to come.

I will be checking out all the clubs as time permits and report more next time.

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West Lake & Sumter - Dan & Anna Foust - No Report.

Contact Dan & Anna Foust at:

Marion - Walter & Janet Becker - No report.

Contact Walter & Janet Becker at: wbecker108@cfl.rr.com

North Lake & Sumter - Ron & Sharon Paul reported.

Despite the Orange Blossom Squares not having a permanent dance hall this summer due to the renovation of La Hacienda, they have had an average of 10-12 squares at the Sunday evening dances. The Villages has notified them enough ahead of time which hall they would have, so they are able to keep the dancers informed where the dances will be held.

The current class of students will graduate on September 15th, and the new class will begin the following week, the 22nd. A new program for DBD has just started on Thursday evenings.

Orange blossom Squares holds their election of officers on September 6th, and the new officers will take office effective October 1st.

Fountain Squares has held weekly dances this summer. Since their current class hasn't graduated, the dances have been primarily Mainstream, with the Plus calls they've learned being mixed in. They have averaged 4-5 squares this summer.

Variety Rounds with Joann Helton will be starting 4 new classes on October 13th. These classes will all be the same day, 10:00 beginner 2 step, 11:15 Jive or Swing class, 1:00 Phase II and III, and 2:00 Phase IV. These classes are at the Fruitland Park Recreation Building in Fruitland Park.

Both Recreation Plantation and Old Mill Stream Strutters remain closed. These clubs both being in Camp grounds,

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don't begin their dance season again until the snowbirds start migrating back South. Recreation Plantation will return to dancing in December, and Old Mill Stream Strutters in January.

Contact Ron & Sharon Paul at sharonandron@gmail.com

East Orange & Seminole – Virginia Barnes – No report.

Contact Virginia Barnes at: virbarnes@aol.com

Osceola – Tootie Hasson – No report

Ailene Pichoco reported.

The Spin-a-Rounds are not dancing any more on Wednesday nights according to Jan Shankle.

The Motivators dance A1 and A2 from 2 to 4 PM with a C1 tip at 4 PM, at the St Cloud Senior Center.

They will begin their fall schedule on October 18 with Chris Phillips calling.

There is a new club starting at the Senior Center in St Cloud. It is called Heel & Toe. John Swindle is the caller and there will be a different cuer each month. They will dance on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 6 PM (Plus workshop) and the dance is from 7 to 9 PM Alternating Mainstream and Plus with emphases on "Fun and Something a little different". Join us at their inaugural dance on Sunday, September 13. Join now and become a Charter Member.

Contact Ailene Pichoco at: apichoco@juno.com

West Volusia – David & Liz Garrett reported.

Starlight Promenaders are off to a good start for this fall! We are having a "Fun Night" Sept 9th. It will be held at the Debarry Civic Center where we have our regular dances. See you there!

The lessons will be held on Thursday nights from 7:30-9:30 in the Debarry Town Hall, 16 Columbia Road.

Phone: 386-668-2024 Ext. 322.

The club's caller, Roland Morin, will be doing the lessons.

The "Back to School" dance was held Aug 5th with lots of donations, thanks.

Sept 23rd we are having a "Fiesta" Dance so wear your most colorful attire. We will have a great dance and welcome raiders.

The Honey Bees have been closed for the summer but we will resume our dances on Monday, Sept 14th with Gene McCullough calling. Gene held workshops on Monday nights all summer. It was a great experience and well attended. Many thanks to Gene and Marty.

Contact David & Elizabeth Garrett at: eejnlc@netscape.com

East Volusia – Kenly & Alice Spilman reported.

The Granda Squares have had a good summer attendance. Class will be starting in September.

The Flagler Ocean Waves have been off all of August. They just started dancing again August 21. Hope to start a class in September.

The Spin Drifters have been dancing on a limited basis and hope to dance more starting this fall.

The Dixie Squares have had a strong summer and are planning for their 50th Anniversary dance on Sept 10th. Many old friends are planning to attend and y'all are invited too! It will be a FREE dance.

Jack and Ilene Lewis will be back to call on New Year's Eve with Irene Knapp-Smith cueing. It will be at the City Island Rec Center. Brian Hotchkiss will be visiting in January.

Contact Kenly & Alice Spilman at: alspilman@nol.com

MEMBERSHIP

Terri Little reported

Active Individual 2009 memberships as of 08/29/09	250
New members	13
Renewals	237

New membership rosters are available for each area representative. Those who are not here will be placed in the mail next week.

It was suggested sending an invitation to insured dancers to join CFA.

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BLOOD BANK

Jim & Jan McConaha sent a report.

One of the major benefits of belonging to the CFA is access to the Central Florida Blood Bank. These facilities collect blood from donors and then, as members have a need for blood, it is made available at no charge. One thing to keep in mind, you don't have to be a member of CFA to donate to account 54. Non-dancing family members and friends can give to this account if they don't have an account they give to ordinarily.

CFA members had a large amount of blood on deposit as of the end of July 2009. At that time we had available 977 units. We are very fortunate to have this many units. Why do I say this? Two reasons.

1. Our dancers seem to be in pretty good health and so do not very often request blood and
2. This account was built up some years back. People today are not contributing.

Since January, we have had only four CFA members contribute. Three of them multiple times. Any member who donates a pint of blood to our account, Number 54, receives 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 McConaha, (321) 258-6272 or E-Mail to: jimjan@juno.com.

It was noted that Don Lutz, present today, started the Blood Bank during his presidency in 1977-1978.

INSURANCE

Keith & Angie Olds gave a detailed Insurance Report that showed an ending balance as of July 31, 2009 of \$805.61. There are 881 members in 19 clubs renewed for 2009. Full report filed with minutes.

Contact Keith & Angie Olds at: angicolds@juno.com or keitholds@att.net

KEEPIN' POSTED

Dick & Jeanne Lysobey reported

This is the first issue to be printed, labeled, tabbed (with sealer tab added) and mailed by the printer. It relieves the printing of the address labels (by Terri Little), picking up magazines from the printer, attaching labels, sorting and mailing by the editors. Hopefully, this arrangement will be successful.

We are getting more input from clubs regarding additions, corrections and deletions from club listings. Also, news from clubs special dances is being sent to us. We would love to receive pictures, if possible, along with some of the news items. Thanks for all your help.

September 5th is our deadline for receiving news articles, so there is still time for you to send them to us.

DEADLINE FOR JANUARY, 2010 ISSUE will be NOVEMBER 23rd, since we will be away December 6th to December 13th.

Can't believe the October issue will be our 5th as editors. Time flies!

Contact Dick & Jeanne Lysobey at: rl1013@earthlink.net or jcanne@earthlink.net

HISTORIAN – Phyllis Williams reported.

My report is practically nil as only today will I be able to pick up the Historical Records stored with Bob & Jennie. I plan to be organized on future reports.

I do want to add that I have pictures taken at the 5th Saturday dance in Ocala last may 30th.

Contact Phyllis Williams at: pw32754@att.net

FLORIDA FEDERATION

Jack & Barbara Hoffman sent a report.

Want to remind you that the State Conventions are now sponsored by the state, so we must all push for our dancers to attend. This year CFA's theme is Christmas, so anytime during the year wear a Christmas outfit and ask to speak at a dance and remind everyone about the convention.

Next years' convention is collecting ladies square dance outfits, which are in good condition, to put on E-bay to sell.

This is another thing we need to be telling our dancers about.

Our next Federation meeting will be November 1st at 9:00 a.m. in DeFuniak Springs, at the Community Center. The Northwest will have a dance on October 30th & 31st Friday evening they are having a Costume Contest. If you plan on going Terri will have some flyers for you.

Contact Jack & Barbara Hoffman at: jackbarb@juno.com

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Special Florida Federation Report – Bruce Morgan reported.

Because of the reduction on dancers in the Northwest and Southeast, it may be a problem getting someone to fill the Federation Board each year if there are not five associations.

Bruce Morgan made a motion to change Article 3 of Corporation that more than one couple from each association may serve on the Board. The wording needs to be changed from "five" to "regional" associations. Kenley seconded. Motion passed.

All associations must vote on this before the Federation Meeting in November.

OLD BUSINESS

55th Florida State Convention 2009 - Randy & Carol Poole reported.

The 55th Square Dance convention is history, well almost. We still need a couple reports to put together the final report. I just got word that the Visitors Bureau check is in the mail.

It was a very successful dance, (We think.) I know it will be for CFA as their share should be over \$4,000.00. We had just over 800 in attendance.

Once again Carol and I want to thank all of you for your support and hard work in making our Job much easier. We hope to deliver the distribution checks soon.

Contact Randy & Carol Poole at: carpoole@earthlink.net or carol1541@earthlink.net

57th Florida State Convention 2011 – Terri Little & Ailene Picheco reported.

There will be a benefit dance at Whirl & Twirl in February during the Federation Working Weekend.

Flyers are ready. It is also online at www.floridasquaredance.com

58th Florida State Convention 2012 – Garland & Carol McKenzie reported.

The State Convention is put on by the entire state beginning with the 2010 convention. All Florida will work together to make these conventions successful.

Shamrock Swing 2010 – Bob & Jennie Courter reported.

Renovations are under way at the LaHacienda Center in the Villages. It appears that they will be complete by October/November. It also seems as though we will have a very similar setup as we had last year, with three halls being available to us. To date we have sold 111 ribbons, and 212 boosters.

Now is the time for someone new to step forward for 2011.

Contact Bob & Jennie Courter at: court14720@thevillages.net

NEW BUSINESS

2010 & 2011 Conventions -

5th Saturday Dance – October – It was voted earlier, by email, to cancel the 5th Saturday dance in October because of the Federation meeting being held the same weekend, and a majority of the board would not be able to attend.

Next 5th Saturday Dance – January 30, 2010. Don Hanhurst will call and Loretta Hanhurst will cue. There will be gift baskets to bid on.

Central Florida Callers Association – Benefit Dance for New Horizon Academy School for Autism on January 16, 2010 at LaHacienda Center, the Villages. CFCFA callers and cuers. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00-9:30 \$5.00 per person. Donations accepted.

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Nominating Committee - Ailene Picheco read the slate of new officers.

Robert & Jennie Courter - President
Dewey & Donna Hendricks - Vice President
Ailene Picheco - Secretary
Dennis & Nancy Taylor - Treasurer
Bruce & Colleen Morgan - Area Vice President
Terri Little - Membership Vice President
Jim & Jan McConaha - Blood Bank Vice President
Keith & Angie Olds - Insurance Vice President

Floor was opened for other nominations. None were made.

Bruce Morgan *made a motion to close nominations - Dick Lysobey seconded. Motion passed.*

Donna Hendricks made a motion to elect the slate of officers as read. Bruce Morgan seconded. Motion passed.

Next Meeting - Will be scheduled sometime before the January 5th Saturday Dance.

ADJOURN - Meeting adjourned at 5:28 PM.

Installation of officers - Judy Frye conducted the installation of the new officers to the board following adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ailene E Picheco; Secretary

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CLUB NEWS

BAREFOOT BAY SPINNERS - Barefoot Bay

The Barefoot Bay Spinners will resume dancing Thursday afternoon beginning on September 3rd. The Spinners dance mainstream from 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. at Building A in Barefoot Bay. Our caller is Sammi Teufel. All square dancers are invited to attend. For further information, call George at 772-664-3207

BAREFOOT BAY TWIRLERS—Barefoot Bay

The Barefoot Bay Twirlers will begin it's dancing season on Monday evening, November 9th. The Twirlers dance plus with rounds from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Building A in Barefoot Bay. Our caller is Steve Ekin and our cuer is Vera Smith. All plus level dancers are invited to attend. For further information, call George at 772-

CANAVERAL SQUARES—Rockledge

Our caller, Jerry Reed, has departed for a well-deserved extended vacation to the Northeast part of the country. He will be gone for about three months. In the meantime, Jean Lee is filling in for him the first Tuesday of each month, and John Swindle is doing the honors for the other dates.

Jean Lee recently had a Blast Class accelerated mainstream class. Some were re-treads, but also some new dancers. These students are now dancing with the club and doing very well. Good work, Jean. Lessons will continue on Oct. 3 & 4; Nov. 7 & 8; & Dec. 12 & 13 for Plus calls. Info: e-mail apicheco@juno.com or 321-652-0680

Summer has taken its toll on our numbers of dancers. Until the new class finished we were down to two squares. With the new infusion of dancers we were able to have four squares dancing last week.

Summer is also the time when it is more difficult to arrange banner raids. As our numbers diminish and we all age (except me) the distances we are willing to travel grow smaller. It is very difficult to get enough dancers to travel outside our own small radius. This is a shame as many of us belong to more than one club and the true meaning of raids is lost. It is just a fact of life that we don't enjoy traveling away from our own little areas anymore.

We are, for the present, still dancing at McClarty Park Recreation Center on Tuesday nights. We are still the least expensive club in the area, so come on down and dance with us.

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FOR REAL? *One time I was riding the escalator and I tripped. I fell down the stairs for An hour and a half!!*

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CELEBRITY SQUARES/PRESTIGE 55—Anthony

As the summer draws to a close and some of our members are back from the north we are eagerly awaiting the cooler days of fall. We've already gone on some Banner Raids in September and had our Hat Dance on September 17th. A new class begins on October 15th.

We dance on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Anthony. We welcome any visitors and encourage any dancers to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship with our caller Ken Perez.

Tom Warren

DIXIE SQUARES - Daytona Beach

We hope everyone made it to the Dixie Squares 50th Anniversary Dance on September 10th. It was just wonderful. We have to thank Paul and Joy Barnes, Sally and Fred Bond, Alice and Kenly Spilman, Mary Lynn Hasting, Delores Browning, Lilliann Gallagher and the many other club members who made the dance go off without a hitch. We have the best caller, John Swindle. He added much magic to the event. Irene Knapp-Smith always keeps the round dancers flowing around the room. We know the next 50 years will be just as wonderful.

We had 2 Open Houses: September 17th with Sundae Night and the 24th with Pizza Night. Classes began for real on September 31st and we are drawing a large group. We keep our dancers because of our great volunteers of angels. We love new dancers. Come join the fun at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at the Orange Ave. Rec Center.

We have a Luau night on October 1st at 7:30 p.m. Come in your grass skirts and learn how to swing your hips. We do this to show the Sugarfoots we are a fun club.

The Dixies will again have one of their great New Year's Eve Dances. It will be at the City Island Rec Center, where they dance weekly, 108 E. Orange Ave., Daytona Beach. It starts with Irene Knapp-Smith cueing early rounds at 8:30 p.m. Jack Lewis of Hollywood, FL, will be calling and entertaining starting at 9 p.m. until whenever after midnight. Ask anyone who was at last year's dance and they will tell you what a great time they had. There will be refreshments all evening. For further information, call Kenly Spilman at 386-761-6976 or Joy Barnes at 386-671-6164.

On January 14th the Dixie Squares will have a special dance with a guest caller, Brian Hotchkies from Australia (Down Under) and our great club caller John Swindle (Up Over). It will start at 7 p.m. and go until 9:30 p.m. or so. It will be a great time. Come in your best Australian garb or as a kangaroo so Brian will feel at home. We can guarantee you will have a great time and be glad you came. It is at the City Island Rec Center. For info, call Paul Barnes at 386-671-6164 or Kenly Spilman at 386-761-6976.

Maryann Kuchar and Paul Barnes

CLUB NEWS (continued)

DIXIE SQUARES—*Postscript from Paul and Joy Barnes, Dixie Presidents*

What a great dance!!! John was on his A game, Irene was cueing in double-time. It was outstanding. Let's do it again next week. Well, we guess we will have to wait until New Year's Eve. Thanks to all who came and I am sorry for those of you who couldn't come. We had 168 guests and we guess 124 were dancing. We had people from Jax, Melbourne, St. Pete— all around. We had Doc and Martha and others from the 1960's. I tried to recruit some to start dancing again, but not much luck. Sally Bond did a great job decorating, Alice had the food well coordinated and others did well making it a success. It would be wonderful to have the hall that full regularly. Thanks to all who made it a success and those who visited and made the floor vibrate with the fun. **EDITOR'S NOTE:** *Callers John Saunders (Linda), John Barrett (Mo) and Roland Morin were there and John and Roland each called a great tip.*

GRANADA SQUARES

HAPPY FALL, Y'ALL!! It's been a wonderful summer at Granada's with great attendance (averaging 5-1/2 squares for the entire summer) in spite of our travelling members. But summer is gone and we're looking forward to our "Snowbirds" return!!! Hurry back, we've been missing you.

John Saunders is back to great health and he's more fun than ever!!! We give all the credit to Linda...and God. We're so thankful for his return to good health.

Open House for our Beginner's Class was on the 8th and 15th of September and the first of our two Food Drives on the 29th. October brings our Halloween Dance on the 27th, November 10th if our "Famous" Chocolate Decadence Night, including a chocolate fountain. December 15th we "break bread" together at our annual Christmas Dinner, always a beautiful affair.

Please join us anytime you're in the neighborhood. We dance on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Ormond Beach Senior Center, 351 Andrews St., Ormond Beach, FL 32176. John Saunders calls a PLUS workshop from 7 to 7:30, with alternating recorded rounds and Linda sues fun, fun line dances. I hope you dance!

Sally Bond

HEEL & TOE SQUARES—St. Cloud

NEW CLUB

NEW CLUB

Announcing a NEW square dance club: Heel & Toe Squares, St. Cloud Sr. Center, 3101 17th St., St. Cloud, FL. John Swindle is the caller and Pete and Jan Shankle are the cuers. We dance on the second Sunday of each month, except for October, when we will dance on Sunday, October 25th. Plus workshop is from 6 to 7 p.m., and dancing from 7 to 9 p.m. with alternating tips of Mainstream and Plus, with emphasis on FUN & SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT.

Contact: Johncaller@bellsouth.net, Ph: (321) 636-2997 or minimercury@embarqmail.com, Ph: (407) 339-1499

HOEDOWNERS - Casselberry

We dance at the Casselberry Recreation Center, 200 N. Triplet Lake Drive on Sunday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Our hall is currently undergoing renovations, so we are meeting at our usual time at the Whirl & Twirl hall on August 30th and September 6th. Our caller and cuer, Gene McCullough and Dick Nordine, keep us well entertained.

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HOEDOWNERS (continued)

The Crazy T-Shirt and Pizza Dance was on August 16th; winners of the Crazy T-Shirts were Eleanor Weston, 1st, (T-shirt has a boy & girl facing each other, and the boy says to the girl "no, you can't touch it-you already broke yours off") and the Lowder family, Brantley, Luangel and Bailey, 2nd, (whose shirts read "Thing 1, Thing 2 & Thing 3"). Judges were Michael Craft, Dawn Tuza and Mary Ocheltree. View photos at www.hoedowners.net.

Following is a schedule of special dances and events:

- Oct. 25—Halloween Dance
- Nov. 15—25th Anniversary Dance
- Dec. 20—Christmas Dinner Party/Dance



Watch for announcements of Hoedowners 25th Anniversary Dance on November 15th! Join your friends at our Sunday afternoon dances—we love to sing along with Gene!

Norma Newton

HONEYBEES—DeLand

We began our new dancing year on September 14th and it was great to see our friends again.

An Open House was held on September 28th and a second Open House is on October 5th, from 7 to 8 p.m., and dancing is from 8 to 9:30 p.m.

Jo Santoro

ORANGE BLOSSOM SQUARES - The Villages

They are still renovating La Hacienda Recreation Center so we move along here on reporting a change of venue for our Sunday evening dances. As we mentioned in the last issue the month of September we are dancing at Mulberry Grove Recreation Center—On October 4th we will also be dancing at Mulberry Grove. The address is: 8445 SE 165 Mulberry Lane (Just South of Hwy. 42 off Buena Vista Blvd. Phone number at Mulberry Grove is: 352-259-6040). October 11th thru October 25th we will be dancing at the Laurel Manor Recreation Center, 1985 Laurel Manor Drive (Hwy. 466 & Buena Vista Blvd. Phone number at Laurel Manor is 352-751-7110). At the present we do not know if we will be back in La Hacienda Rec Center starting in November or using another rec hall. Please contact Jack & Mary-Ann Hostetler at 352-259-1388 for further information.

We will be welcoming back the Seasonal Dancers during these next few months as they return. We will be anxious to hear how their summer was this year. It is so nice to have them back in the squares on our dance floor. Norb & Patt Metzger have started up the banner raids for this next season. Orange Blossom Sqs. were busy going on banner raids during the month of September to Oak Run Twirlers and Friendly Squares. October 1st they are planning to go to Celebrity Prestige Squares to steal their banner.

Liz & Bob Wilson, Media

STARLIGHT PROMENADERS—DeBary

Summer is over, snowbirds are slowly returning from the north, and all is well with the world!! Considering the number of snowbirds who flew the coop, so to speak, we had a summer full of great dancing, thanks to our caller, Roland Morin and cuer, Daphne Martin.

We hosted the CFA 5th Saturday Dance on August 29th, with 9 squares on the floor at one time while others rested up. Bob Wilson called and Jan Shankle cued. It was great seeing so many of our friends who we don't get to see too often. Some of our caller friends were also in attendance: Whit Brown, Jean Lee, Roland Morin, AND John Swindle AND THEY enjoyed having a "holiday" from working. A caller and his wife from Germany also visited.

October is the month for our annual Halloween Dance, October 28th. With Randy and Carol Poole handling this event, you KNOW it will be great, and we hope Carol will make another delicious batch of her Witches Stew. Costumes are optional—but always a lot of fun!

November 11th will be our Veteran's Day Dance, and a super way to say thanks to our service veterans, a lot of whom are members of our club.

December is the time for the DeBary Christmas Parade (we won 2nd place in the Adult Division last year, so we'll try again). It's a lot of fun coming up with ideas every year and working together. December is also time for collecting toys for a worthy charitable organization, and our fun, fun, Christmas Dinner/Dance scheduled for December 16th. You are all invited to join us for dinner — just bring a covered dish to share — and enjoy the friendship!

Please enjoy all of the upcoming holidays AND all the holiday dances scheduled: Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Eve!!! Wow, what a busy few months. Count our blessings, think of others, share your happiness and pray for a quick end to the overseas messes and having our service people home safe and sound real soon!!

Hope to see you all in a square somewhere!!

Dick & Jeanne Lysobey

WHIRL AND TWIRL—Orlando

Our raid activity is in high gear. In early July, we had a surprise incoming raid from the new dub in Geneva. The BranDon Squares brought their entire new class and danced Mainstream with us. We also had an incoming raid from the Casselberry Hoedowners in early August. On August 21 a busload of 52 dancers braved a rain-storm to swarm down on us from Ocala and The Villages. This raid was organized by Pete Finan after talking with Whit Brown about our great dance floor and how much fun Whirl & Twirl has doing an evening-ending Hot Hash. They filled the hall and were not disappointed! We had 15+ squares during the night and 6 squares

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WHIRL AND TWIRL (continued)

stayed to dance a high-energy Hot Hash. The next night 50 of our members raided the Pirates in Winter Springs! Thanks to Sandy and Ian Ogilvie for organizing this raid for us. The Villages' Orange Blossom Squares will raid us on October 9. November and December promise to be active months also. It's always nice to see and dance with old friends. Please contact Presidents Deb or Bruce Popson at 407-679-2882 for raid information.

On September 11th we held our annual Italian Night potluck and General Meeting. The current Mainstream class graduated on September 23rd with new members initiated the following week. Whit will start teaching another Mainstream class October 6. The first two Tuesday nights are free so bring your non-dancer friends and join us. Saturday night, October 3rd at 8 p.m., Whirl & Twirl will host the Orange Blossom Chorus singers with an evening of barbershop quartet music for your listening pleasure. Check admission price at contacts listed below. In late October, we will hold our Halloween dances. We look forward to seeing some really good costumes. Then of course in November we have our Thanksgiving potluck dinner dance and a dinner dance is scheduled on New Years Eve.

Lottie Ahnsworth put on her "Louisiana Hoedown" dance at Whirl & Twirl on September 20th. It is always a delight square dancing to her calls. Pete and Jan Shankle cued the rounds. Our Special Events people and Presidents Deb and Bruce Popson continue to plan and schedule some great events for the coming year. Sunday evening, October 11th, we are pleased to have national caller Tony Oxendine call for us! Jimmie and Carol Griffin will cue rounds. All you square and round dancers are invited to join us for a grand time.

Whirl & Twirl has a super caller in Whit Brown and expert cuers in Pete and Jan Shankle. Remember—*square dancing is a circle of friends!* We square dance Mainstream at 8 p.m. each Wednesday with some line dances between tips. On Friday at 7:30 p.m. we have rounds followed by Plus dancing at 8 p.m. Pete and Jan Shankle continue their basic (two-step) round dance class each Thursday at 7 p.m. followed by intermediate round dancing until 10 p.m. for the low cost of \$2 per person! Please visit our website at www.whirlandtwirl.org for more information. Contact us at 407-679-2882 or e-mail at whirlandtwirl.org.

Ray Helmuth

NOTE OF INTEREST:

Our own Central Florida square dancer, Geneva Edge, a member of Whirl and Twirl, was interviewed at the NSDC in Long Beach, CA, on the TV show, The Ultimate Cake Off, shown on the Learning Channel.

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MOTIVATING DANCERS TO RECRUIT NEW DANCERS

From John Saunders

How can we get the dancers more motivated to help find new class members. I know you'll hear the same old excuses of we have asked all of our friends and we don't know anyone else to ask. Remind them that every time they get the car serviced or buy groceries or get a hair cut they come in contact with someone. This one on one contact worked in the past and will work now.

However, as callers and leaders we cannot depend on the dancers alone to do this recruiting. We as callers must be there to do our part to help. Look back on the times when your recruiting program was most successful and remember what you did. Try to repeat some of those positive things and you may find that they still work. You may not get the big crowds that you used to get, but if you can increase your numbers by a couple of squares each class you can be successful. If you have a club membership of 40 dancers and each dancer actually puts the class flyer in the hands of just 10 people, then along with what you can give out and any demos you can do, I would bet that you can see results. We used to encourage dancers to bring new dancers to the first night or two of classes. We should still be doing this. Another thing I've noticed in our area is the increased number of demos we are asked to do at this time of year. These demos would be more useful if they were done closer to the start of a new class, so ask the sponsoring group if they maybe could change them and tell the reason why. Don't sell any idea short. Any promotional idea is worth looking at and you never know what will work at a given time in a given area. The dancing part of our activity has not changed. The dancers like to dance and the callers like to call. The way we perceive our activity has changed and I don't think all the perceptions are good. Try to remember what got you into the activity and kept you in the activity. Remember what you liked about square dancing and promote the heck out of those things. The things you don't like, make sure they are not brought up to new dancers. Sometimes you have to back up to go forward. Maybe it's time for us to look back and then be able to look forward. Remember the old hoe-down record "Back Up and Push." Thanks, John.

Reprint from American Caller's Association Newsletter "A Statement from the Past" July 2009

HOW TO GET NAMES OF POTENTIAL DANCERS

By Ed Foote

If your club does demos for the public during the year, such as at malls, shopping centers or fairs, you have a ready source of potential new dancers. Unfortunately, most clubs do not take advantage of this situation. They may hand out a flyer announcing the date of the beginners' class, and that is usually all that is done.

Simply handing out a flyer puts the burden on the recipient to remember when the class will occur and to be enthusiastic about attending. Surveys have shown that this does not work, that people need to be personally invited to the class and often taken there. Even the word "class" scares some people away. Despite the publicity of the findings of these surveys over the years, clubs routinely ignore these findings and continue to advertise a class by handing out flyers or putting an ad in the paper. Then they wonder why they have a few or no people for their class.

SOLUTION: At a demo where potential class members are in attendance (usually any place except nursing homes or retirement homes), do the following:

How to Get Names of Potential Dancers (continued)

1. Announce at the demo that everyone watching will receive an invitation to a free dance in the future. This should hold them for a few minutes.
2. Be sure to invite people in the audience to participate in the demo, and have club members actually go into the crowd and lead people to the floor. People will be much more likely to give their name if they have participated or seen others participate.
3. After one brief demo, announce again about the free dance. Say that in order to receive this free invitation, you will need peoples' name, address and phone number.
4. Immediately have another demo with people from the audience. Have club members circulate through the audience collecting this information. Each club member should have some note cards and a pen. Do NOT merely pass around a sheet of paper – people are much more likely to give this information if they can talk one-on-one with a dancer.
5. Tell all club members ahead of time NOT to say this is for a beginners' class or lessons. This will make people feel they are committing to something, and they will be reluctant to give their name. The key phrase is: "This is for a free dance."
6. Be sure to start collecting the names BEFORE all the audience participation is over. If you wait until the end, the crowd will scatter before you can get to most people. Ideally, have at least 3 audience participation sessions of 5 minutes or less. If you have enough time, you can alternate back and forth with a club demo of no more than 5 minutes, followed by an audience participation demo.
7. Tell club dancers who are dancing with audience members to get the names of these people before they leave the floor.

AFTER THE DEMO, THEN WHAT?

1. Make a list of all the names, addresses and phone numbers. One month before the start of your class, send everyone on the list an invitation for a free dance. Do NOT say it is for a class – that could scare people away. Be sure to include an RSVP person to contact.
2. Two weeks before the dance, phone all those from whom you have not received an RSVP. This will likely be most of the people.
3. For those who are undecided, phone again 5 days prior to the dance. Offer to have someone bring them to the dance. But if someone gives an outright "no", do not phone again. You don't want people to feel pressured.
4. Keep the names of any who do not attend the dance and contact them the next year. And the next. And the next.

If you follow all these steps and do 3 or 4 demos a year, this should give you a ready supply of contacts and hopefully a reasonable beginners' class.

*****TIME OUT*****

A doctor examining a woman, who had been rushed to the Emergency Room, took the husband aside and said, "I don't like the looks of your wife at all", "*Me neither, doc*" said the husband, "*but she's a great cook and really good with the kids.*"

IT'S TIME TO BRING OUT "THE LIST" - By Mike Seastrom

This is the time of year when you bring out that list you've been keeping and really make it count. You've been working on it all year and you've been keeping it updated for many years now. Since many clubs will be starting a new dancer class sometime soon, and it just so happens that your club is too, that list will come in very handy. That list will be one of the best resources for having a successful class. What list you say? Well let's sit down and talk!

In this day and age when most clubs can use any marketing idea they can get their hands on, this is one that can really work for you. It's called the "Friends of Any Club List" and if your club doesn't already have one start it now.

It can be assigned to any person or couple, but it probably already fits under an existing club office. I'd say maybe, "Membership". Some clubs will call the office, "Sunshine", but whatever works for your group is just fine. Make a point to have a report given on "The List" at each Board meeting. By reporting on its content and status each month or so, you'll find that more people will be able to provide input about these "friends" of your club as well as to add names to it. It absolutely needs to be assigned to a specific person or couple, because if no one is responsible for it, it won't get done.

This person or couple should be fairly well known in your club and should hopefully know everyone in the club by name, by face or at least in some way. It's great if this is the same club office that is responsible for collecting your club dues, (if your club has yearly or monthly dues), or it can be the club persons or couple that sends out "get well", "happy birthday", or "sympathy" cards to your members when appropriate. If your club doesn't already have someone that "sends out the sunshine", get that system working for you too. There is nothing more important in retaining existing club members than having the care and support from their dance club in times of celebration or need.

Anyway, let's get back to the "Friends of Any Club List". It's the list of couples or people that have or have had any connection to your club. This list is made up of names that come from many sources, so let's name just a few. Anytime your club has an activity where non-members are invited, participate at any level, or in some way are connected to your club, their name(s) is put on "The List". Even if they just stick their head in to watch at one of your dances or events, get their contact information so they can be invited to your next open event.

Start your "Friends of Any Club List" today and help your club open its doors to more people joining your group. It's so much fun to spread the joy of our dance and share this great pastime with others. Do as many of these "little things" as you can and they'll add up to be big things for your club down the road.

Excerpt from article in American Square Dance Magazine—August 2009

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59th National Square Dance Convention-Louisville, KY—www.59thnsdc.com

60th National Square Dance Convention-Detroit, MI—www.60thnsdc.com

National Square Dance Directory (information and contacts for clubs in the U.S., Canada and around the world)—www.nsdirectory.com

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SCENES FROM 5th SATURDAY DANCE, AUGUST 29TH IN DEBARY



Pictured in the picture at left is a hard-working couple at the Shamrock Swing table, selling boosters as well as ribbons for the dance.

It was great to have a large number of dancers stay until the end of the dance and join the "friendship circle". A wonderful way to end a wonderful evening.



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