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WORD STUDY

"He sees all and gives a hoot"

TOYS FOR TOTS
DANCE AT THE BARN
DECEMBER 12
Everyone welcome
MERRY CHRISTMAS

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FROM THE LOFT



This is the END. The last month of the millennium. There are no more months left and the days are numbered. We have a clean slate before us. What will we do with the new millennium? Can we make the new millennium a better one than the last? Certainly it should not be too hard. After all. in my lifetime

there have been more people killed in wars than at any other time in history.

On the positive side of the ledger, people are living longer and having a better quality of life. We have seen more and done more in the last 100 years than has been recorded in all of history. Indeed, we have more knowledge and information available at our finger tips than any previous generation could have even imagined. We are told that this is only the beginning. We are in the electronic age. Computers are faster and more powerful each and every day. What will we do with the information? We already have enough information to end civilization as we know it. Indeed, we could destroy all human life from the face of the earth. That power is within our grasp. The truly alarming fact is that we have some nuts out there that are trying to do just that.

But, just for a moment, let's look at the optimistic future. Let's look at what mankind is capable to do for good, rather than evil. Let's look at a future where mankind can work together, respecting our differences. Differences not only in race but in faith.

The last dream that was presented to the American people was presented by J. F. Kennedy. This was a dream of sending man to the moon and returning him safely to the earth in less than a decade. In the 60's this dream was turned into a national goal and the resources given to achieve this goal. Can we have a new goal for the nation? I think we can but I don't see any national leader stating it for us to rally behind. We follow our leaders. Unfortunately our leaders have been leading us down the path of destruction. The moral fiber of the country was twisted, bent and broken by the leadership of Bill Clinton. The congressional leaders took us farther down this same road. It now totally pervades our society. Television rein-

SATURDAY & SPECIALS AT THE BARN				
Dec	3,4&5	C1 Weekend Tim Scholl		
Dec	11	Contra Dancing – Live Band 7:00 – 11:00		
Dec	25	Merry Christmas There will be a Baile Latino Dance 6:00 PM to 1:00 AM		
Dec	31	Y2K Party Get your tickets		
Jan	1	YEAR 2000 Happy new Millennium		

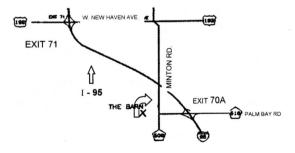
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YOUTH GROUP



We have had a very busy and rewarding month.

Three squares traveled to the County Fair in Cocoa to perform on opening night. We danced from 6:00 to 7:30 and had a great time. As the stage would only hold 1 square we rotated a square on the stage for every tip. That way we all got the chance to dance on the stage.

Our Saturday morning sessions are heating up as Otis is working on routines for us to do at the State Convention in Lakeland in May. Right now it looks like we could take three squares over to the convention.

One BIG surprise we had at the County Fair was one of our own group, Meghan Wolfgram, called for us. She did an outstanding job and we know she will be a big hit in square dancing.

As a result of the big write-up in the three weeklies in Brevard, we have nearly 30 new young people taking lessons on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:30. As the group is progressing so well, we can not start over every week to let new dancers join us, so they must take the 10 week course before joining us on Saturday mornings. We may double our size in January! We know we have a lot of work to do to get ready for the State Convention in Lakeland. All of the group have stated they are willing to do what is necessary to get ready.

Our next demonstration is set for December 12th at THE BARN. We will be part of the entertainment for the Toys for Tots Dance. We ask everyone to come and support this event. The Salvation Army will be there to collect the toys. Invite all your friends to come and be part of this event.

Sarah Humphrey, Youth Reporter

SPACE TRACKERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB, ROCKLEDGE

In order to spread the gospel about the fun and camaraderie of square dancing, Opal Heath, Space Trackers longtime member, arranged for several Exhibition Dances, around Brevard County. The Exhibition Dancers performed at the Flea Markets in Frontenac and Melbourne, as well as the Cocoa Beach Country Club and the Fair at the Cocoa Expo.

Banner Raid Chairs Linda and Henry King have done a terrific job of organizing Banner Raids and getting a record number of members, involved. This fall they have raided the Orlando Singles, Dixie Squares in Daytona Beach and Kiss-a-mee Squares. The Space Trackers have had visits from the Orlando Singles, the Wagon Wheels, the Canaveral Squares and the Spindrifters.

In the meantime, the new Fall Class is underway every Monday night at McLarty Recreation Center with enthusiastic new students, aided by faithful Square Angels to help them learn. It is amazing how quickly they learn under the careful teaching of Caller Whit Brown.

October saw a fabulous Halloween celebration in the form of a monster Bash on October 23 with guest caller Ron Libby along with Phyllis Williams cuing Rounds. What outrageous costumes! Space Trackers really excel when it comes to dressing for the occasion!

On Sunday, November 7 the Space Trackers held their Annual Club Picnic at McLarty Recreation area. Family and friends met outdoors for good food, good friends, good dancing.

Space Trackers Annual Fall Fling on November 14 is an event to remember. This year the Space Trackers invited National Caller Tim Marriner to join Phyllis Williams to create an outstanding evening at the Travis Recreation Center in Cocoa.

The Annual Thanksgiving dance was held on November 20, with a delicious dinner followed by dancing with Club Caller Whit Brown and Rounds by Phyllis Williams. Turkey provided by the club and side dishes brought by members made for a fabulous feast.

Submitted by: Phyllis Tritsch

GOOD NEWS!!

December 1999



Jerry & Del Reed

At the Yellow Rockers dance the other night we were VERY VERY pleasantly surprised when Ben Johnson, President of the Yellow Rockers presented me a check in the amount of \$250 as a donation to the FOUNDATION For The Preservation and Promotion of Square Dancing. The Foundation was created as a tax exempt corporation as a way to promote square dancing through public relations projects, civic activities, grants, and other methods.

Recently there has been a tremendous outpouring of support for the Foundation. The genesis of this support was a record project started by two dedicated CAL-LERLAB members. These two members, Tony Oxendine and Doug Bennett, coordinated an effort to produce and sell the record "God Bless The USA" as a fund

raiser for the Foundation. Thus far this project has raised over \$25,000 for the Foundation. This money is earmarked specifically for the MARKET-ING of square dancing. Many other individuals have donated time, effort, and money to support the Foundation as well.

There is a club in California which has added 50 cents to the dance admission and this money goes to the Foundation. Many, many others have made cash donations. The support for the Foundation has been truly amazing.

The Foundation has selected a professional Marketing Advisor and plans are being made to conduct a survey to find out what the public thinks of square dancing, what is appealing about the activity, and what is not. We need to find out what brings people to the activity and why they do not

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stay. We need to investigate ways to better market our activity to get more people into classes.

CALLERLAB has established a Marketing Committee to work with the Marketing Advisor to develop a plan of action and to implement that plan. As with any marketing effort this one will take money. The tremendous outpouring of support during the past 8 months has been overwhelming.

When Ben handed me that check it was one of the greatest feeling I have ever had. I can only say a GREAT BIG THANK YOU!!! to the Yellow Rockers. You have shown you are committed to helping square dancing grow. The money will be very helpful in putting our marketing plan into action.

Thank you again to the Yellow Rockers. If you would like to support the Foundation, send tax deductible donations to: The FOUNDATION, 829 - 3rd Avenue S. E., Rochester, MN 55904-7313.

Bye for now and see ya in a square!!! Jerry & Del Reed

We have many different types of dancing at THE BARN. If you would like to try Contra Dancing, A lot of fun), it is scheduled for the second Saturday evening at 7:00 and they have a live band to dance to. They teach everything you need to know before the dance so anybody can come and join them.

Swing is on the last Saturday of every month. See Saturday schedule for the weeks they are dancing. They have many guests from across the state who come and demonstrate. This is a very interesting and varied dance night.

Line dancing is held twice a week on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10 to 11:30 and on Monday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:00. Monday is dedicated to easy and Tuesday and Wednesday is more advanced.

We have many special Challenge Dances at THE BARN. With the Mainstream Dance on Wednesday evening we have square dancing covered from Basic to C3. Come and join us in one of our programs. forces the downward spiral. Today the majority of our children do not live with their natural parents. More births are out of wedlock than within the God sanctioned family unit. It is a wonder that the new generation is as stable as it is. We have taught them all the wrong things.

We are holding our "TOYS for TOTS" dance at THE BARN on Dec. 12 from 4:30 PM to 9:30 PM. We will have all kinds of dancing during these hours. We will also have a demonstration by the YOUTH DANCERS and a really exciting introduction of a BRAND NEW CALLER to the area. You will enjoy dancing to her. Suffice to say you will be amazed. We are very proud to introduce this rising star to you. We will also do some ONE NIGHT STAND entertaining to get new people to the event. The Salvation Army will be there to collect all proceeds and toys for their Christmas program. Please come and experience this "last of the century" event. A new unwrapped gift for a toddler to teen age person is required for entry. We will have raffle tickets for you to buy for many items.

We started our new lessons on the 2nd of Nov. and had over 8 squares on the floor. With the arrival of the Wed. paper and the wonderful featured article on the front page, we picked up 3 1/2 more squares on the 9th. The story ran in the 2 South Brevard papers and Maggie Erickson told me it will run in the Central Brevard paper too. We thank the Today staff for their support of the Youth Group and a special thanks to Karen LeBlanc for her story.

This month we start an article by the one and only Phyllis Williams. I have always had a special respect for this fine lady and cuer. She ALWAYS is so professional and great at her cueing. We feel especially fortunate to have her associated with our efforts to provide not only a great place to dance but a great staff. Thank you, Phyllis, for contributing and joining the staff of not only THE BARN but THE BARN OWL. We look forward to your monthly articles. Phyllis has also volunteered to teach the youth round dancing.

As of Nov. 3rd, we had 6 squares of students in Mainstream. We have a Mainstream class on Tuesday following the Basic class as there are 2 squares that can not come on Wednesday due to prior commitments. We also have a Mainstream Class on Wed. at 7:00. We had 4 squares at this session. If you know of any dancers that would like to take Mainstream or just refresh their skills, tell them to come on Tues. and/or Wed. We have a donation of \$3.00 per person and a max of \$6.00 per family. You also only pay for one session. So, you can come on Tues. and help the new class of Basic and stay for the Mainstream class, then come on Wed. and the total cost is a donation of \$3.00 per person. I thank Jerry Reed for teaching the classes while I was away. He will also have the classes on the week of Thanksgiving as Linda and I are traveling to Ohio for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

CANAVERAL SQUARES DECEMBER NEWS LETTER



IVER & MARY L.

On behalf of our club Skip Cleland, our caller. paid a richly deserved tribute to the memory of zealous square dancer. Russ Isenbletter. who passed away on October 30th Russ is remembered as a kind person, fully dedicated to his family, friends. square dancing. and bowling. He always had that "sparkle" eves, especially when he brought his charming Joan Cleland partner. onto the dance floor to his dancing engage friends into his love of the dance.

Being an angel to his daughter, Sarah Rollins, along with her partner.

Eugene Benoit, gave him overwhelming pride a few years ago. The four of them were seen at many a dance to the delight of everyone. Squaring up with Russ will be sorely missed by all of us. A Military Honor Guard honored our friend, Russ, who had served in both the Navy and Air Force. The Canaveral Squares extends our deepest sympathy to his four sons, daughter and their families, his dear friend and square dance partner, Joan Cleland, Skip and Jennifer Cleland, and friends. Our "minds eye" will place Russ in our square each week and always in our prayers.

Jean and Cecil Faulk, our Presidents, took the opportunity at each Raid and Retrieval, to promote our upcoming Charity Dance, Dec. 10th, with our proceeds of donations going to the Brevard Hospice, in honor of Russ Isenbletter.

What a view we had of the Indian River Lagoon, as we drove to Barefoot Bay for our evening dance with the Twirlers, in early October. Dancing to

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their caller, Dale McClary and cuer Jim Runnels, plus enjoying a little social time with all of them made for a fun evening we'll have to repeat again for their Charity Dance too. We traveled a bit again to dance to J. Louder's calls and Roy Brown's cues when a retrieval trip to Apopka, Oct. 9th, gave us time with our "Pirates" friends. Thanks for a fun night out, Pirates!

Our teams: Presidents, Jean and Cecil Faulk, Caller, Skip and Jennifer Cleland, and Cuer, Vince and Camille Furtado, along with the rest of the Board and Club members, wish you all a Very Happy Holiday Season and New Year!

As always, this time of year, we are enjoying our snowbird friends stopping by for a chat and dance. You folks are always welcome to help us Angel the friends you will be dancing with next year—come and get to know these Mainstream/Plus students. Our regular dance hours are 8:00 p.m.- 10:00 p. m. Sorry no early rounds since our class is working on their squares. Starting January 11, 2000, from 7 PM - 9 PM, Skip Cleland will be holding a Tuesday evening workshop entitled, "Let's Advance!" where Plus dancing beginners program will add to the weeks fun at McLarty Recreation Center. We would love to have you all explore the world of dancing on Tuesday and Friday evenings with us! REMEMBER NO DANCE evenings: Nov. 26th, Dec. 24th, and Dec. 31st. —

Iver & Mary Duedall

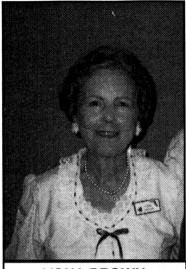
SALE

On the 13th of November Joe and Betty Mann headed up a team of dedicated workers to hold a rummage sale at THE BARN. Joe and Betty started well before the 13th and on the 12th they were hard at work getting the merchandise all set up for the sale. There was a great variety of "stuff" for sale, from homemade goodies to a trailer to clothes to surge protectors and UPS systems. There was a steady flow of cars into the BARN'S parking lot as the following volunteers worked hard and long to do a great job.

Joe and Betty Mann
Ed and Bonnie Howard
Bev Reynolds
Bill Rigsbey
Fred and Mary Ann Parrish
Betty's friend Gail
Over \$250 was raised for the BARN'S building fund.

Thank you for a job well done.

PALM BAY PROMENADERS DECEMBER NEWS



VONA BROWN

Hello and a Ho!,Hol Ho~. MERRY CHRISTMAS from all of us here at the Palm Bay Promenaders. The sights and sounds of Christmas are all around us. Everyone is nicer, and love deepens. Everyone seems caught up in the Christmas spirit. Some of you lucky people may already have started your Christmas shopping. Personally, I always wait until after celebrating Thanksgiving.

By the time this goes to press, we will have already had our Homecoming (Anniversary) Dinner dance which will be held on Nov. 18. This is always a great time for fun and fellowship with former Presidents, former members etc., and of course lots of delicious food. The Promenaders was formed in 1984 Our first Presidents were Jack & Sandra Hayhurst.

Upcoming Events.

November 25 - No dance - THANKSGIVING December 16 - Special Christmas dance. Bring your favorite Christmas finger food. December 31 - Barn's Gala New Years Eve Dance. If you have not done so, get your ticket now. Don't be left out.

BANNER RAIDS: November 18 - Allemanders Raided the Promenaders November 16 -The Promenaders Raided the Silver Squares.

Remember to support the TOYS FOR TOTS dances held after the first of December.

Dates & times will be announced later,

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Welcome back to more of our snowbirds: Vic & Barbara Moss, and Steve & Nel Rizzuto. We missed you, and are very happy to have you back.

Tom Monforte will be spending Thanksgiving in Seattle attending his Grandson's wedding. Hurry back Tom, we will miss you.

Wayne Guice's Round Dance lessons are very well attended. That's good news. Now the bad news. Wayne was traveling late at night on lonely SR 532 when he killed a bear that came across the road. Wayne said he had never gone hunting in his life - so killing a creature like that was a bummer. Still, Wayne you were a very lucky man. Wayne's Round Dance classes are held each Wednesday from 7:30 - 9:30 PM.at 678 Wickham Rd., Melbourne. This is Phase I I and Phase I 11. Come join the fun!

It was with sadness that we learned than one of our members, Marge Ayres passed away on Nov. 7 in PA. Ken Tafel, her square dance partner reported that she was in the Nursing home only 4 days. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the Ayres family in their loss.

I have no reports of any illness at this time. Please keep me informed as I have no way of knowing unless I hear from you.

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

05 Ed Litwhiler

07 Nel Rizzuto

08 Kevin Carnes

14 Betty Webster

16 Laura Carnes

19 George Woodruff

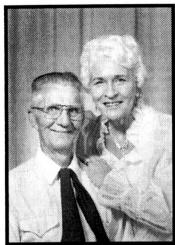
19 Rita Greiner

08 Jerry & Dottie Aubrey 26 Stan & Jean Wyckoff

Have a very MERRY CHRISTMAS, and may God richly bless you with good health, and lots of fun dancing in the coming NEW YEAR!

VONA BROWN 723-9467 e-mail vobrown@juno.com

DECEMBER Wagon Wheel Squares - St. Cloud



BETTYLEE & BILL TALMADGE

The Barn Owl

Wagon Wheel - St. Cloud.

The Wagon Wheel Square Dance Club has made a slight change in our programming. Beginning January 2000 and then again in March, May and July we will have a Guest Caller and a Guest Cuer.

This would be an ideal time for your club to come raiding - or retrieving - and also get to hear a caller or cuer you might never have danced to before. In January on the 4th Friday, that's the 28th, we will have the bass singer from the quartet The "Red Boot Boys" Mac McCall from Fairfax, Virginia.

If you've never danced to Mac, then we have a treat in store for you. He is a terrific caller - one that you can easily understand and you'll love the way he puts the square dance calls together. Do let our Banner Chairman, Phyllis and Bob Randall, know that your club is coming to visit that evening.

On rounds with Mac we will have Jim Runnels. He is a great showman and our dancers look forward to the variety of rounds that he presents for us. Jim drives all the way to and from Vero Beach to St.

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Cloud just to cue an evening of rounds for us. What a terrific guy.

Then because this is a new program for us, we are going to do just every other month till we get to the summer months. So, in March, on the 17th, we have that fabulous "Elvis" impersonator Ernie Rollen from Middleburg, Florida. He ought to have a wild evening while calling this dance for us because this is St. Patrick's Day and we know everyone will be wearing green. Dancers all dressed in the same color always presents a big problem for a caller who doesn't know the dancers real well. He has to spend the entire evening trying to get everyone back to their right corner. Ernie often, while using his portable mic, will come out onto the floor and dance while he is calling the dance. Unique! And a lot of fun for the dancers, especially if they aren't expecting this to happen.

Well, the New Year is just about here, so, we, the Square Dancers of the Wagon Wheel Squares want to send best wishes to everyone. May the New Year bring you the best of the best, and oodles of fun square dancing with all of your friends.

BettyLee and Bill Talmadge

THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE AIR? DO YOU FEEL IT?

Do you know one wonderful happening taking place May 26, 27, 28, of 2000? This event you won't want to miss at Lakeland Florida at your Lakeland Center. Here the most activities and fun you can crowd into one convention will unfold right before your very eyes. Come catch the dancing rage of the new age.

Will you be there with us to swing on a star? We hope to help you feel "The Excitement" and to make your heart beat a little faster and your feet dance with joy! In every hall we plan for good old fashion fun. Our plans are in the works for good square dancing, rounds, lines, contra and yes clogging magic! Campers, Youth, Cloggers, Dancers, Callers, Cuers, Dress Designers, and Men are helping us now! So buy your tickets and save.

WHERE TO SQUARE, ROUND

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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDN
	MELBOURNE	BAREFOOT BAY BAREFOOT BAY TWIRLERS	MELBOURNE SILVER SQUARES 1300 S. Airport Blvd.	MELB
	C-1 Dixie Diamonds THE BARN 3820 Minton Road 2:30 - 4:30 PM	7:15-7:45 Early Rounds 8:00-10:00 Plus Dance Dale McClary, Caller Jim Runnels, Cuer Information 254-0150	7:30 - 10:00 Plus Jerry Reed, Caller John Swindle Caller Vince Furtado, Cuer Information 768-2217	Line Dancing Glenda Ortiz Information 2
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New square dance lessons start every 10 weeks on Tue

AND LINE DANCE IN BREVARD

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10:00-11:30 53-1564 AM CLASS structor AM DANCE	BAREFOOT BAY BAREFOOT BAY BAREFOOT BAY SPINNERS Community Center 12:45 - 2:45 Mainstream Dale McClary, Caller Information 254-0150 ROCKLEDGE Canaveral Squares McLarty Rec. Center Barton Blvd. Round Dance Class 7:00 - 9:00 PM Vera Smith, Cuer MELBOURNE PALM BAY PROMENADERS "THE BARN" 3820 Minton Road 6:30 - 7:45 class 8:00 - 10:00 Plus Dance Dale McClary, Caller Wayne Guice, Cuer Information 722-1664	ROCKLEDGE CANAVERAL SQUARES McLarty Rec. Center 790 Barton Blvd. Plus Dance/Rounds Lessons 7 - 8:30 PM 8:00 - 10:00 Plus/Rounds Callers Skip Cleland, Jennifer harmonizing Vince Furtado, Cuer Information 635-8125 MELBOURNE "THE BARN" 3820 Minton Road A2 FUNSHOP/DANCE 7:30 - 9:30 PM Jerry Reed, Caller Information 633-1306 A1 Class 6 - 7:30 ROCKLEDGE COUNTRY WESTERN DANCING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL 3435 S FISKE BLVD. Line and Couples Dancing MC and Instructor Curt Wiysel Teach 7:30 to 9:00 PM Requests 9:00 to 11:30 PM Phone 631-5759	ROCKLEDGE SPACE TRACKERS McLarly Rec. Center Barton BMd. 7:30 - 8:00 Rounds 8:00 - 10:30 Plus Whit Brown, Caller Phyllis Willilams, Cuer (1st & 3rd Sat) Guest Caller 2nd & 4th Information 452-2679 SATELLITE BEACH ALLEMANDERS Satellite Beach Civic Center 8:00 - 10:30 Plus 1,2 & 3rd Saturdays John Saunders, Caller Vince Furtado, Cuer Information 676-5741 MELBOURNE SATURDAY NITE LIVE Special as set up by callers/cuers Call for Information 722-1664 See page 3 Last Saturday of the month is SWING NIGHT 7:00 to -	
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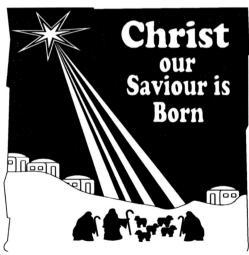
To our many friends in the DANCING WORLD

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

For our friends of other than the Christmas faith we wish you a very happy Holiday Season and a very prosperous new millennium.

Thank you for your support and words of encouragement during the last year.

Otis and Linda Lutz
Jack and Zonie Taylor
Jerry and Del Reed
KO and Phyllis Williams
Dale and Carolyn McClary
Vince and Camille Furtado
Wayne Guice and Bev Landwehr



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PHYLLIS WILLIAMS



Becoming a "regular" in The Barn activities has proven to be rewarding and special to me. Certainly meeting new round dancers is a happy experience; and certainly catching up on acquaintances from years past brings on more happy experiences. But the frosting-on-the-cake is working as a round dance instructor/cuer and teaching people to round dance.

We are meeting on Sunday evenings with the first session from 4:30 to 6:00 and the second session from 6:30 to 8:00. Dress is casual. The early period is somewhat easier and covers Phase II with just a hint of III. The later session falls mainly into Phase II+1 or 2 while including

an amount of Phase III in the program, also. Some come for just one session while others take part in both. This depends on the dancers themselves. Waltz and rumba are two of the favored rhythms so they are found in both sessions with the addition of a bit of cha cha, two-step, and tango in the later session.

Because K.O.'s physical condition does not allow dancing anymore he is not able to join me, but I am privileged to have a gentleman in each session who assists me. Some years ago K.O. was a caller, a cuer, and a teacher so he knows how rewarding it is to be on the dance floor. Whenever I return from the Barn he is waiting to hear all about the evening's events. We are happy to be a part of The Barn activities. We wish you happy holidays, too.

Phyllis

Each and every month Phyllis will be doing an article for THE BARN OWL. We are really pleased to add Phyllis to the contributors of articles that we will publish each and every month.

Phyllis will be teaching the Youth Group round dancing in the near future. We want them to know square dancing first and thank Phyllis for volunteering her time to this group.

BANNER RAID CONTACTS

Allemanders	Don & Elaine Paul	407-777-8352			
Barefoot Bay Spinners	John & Terry Kavorkian	561-664-5534			
Barefoot Bay Twirlers	Georgia Gallo	561-664-6402			
Buckles & Bows	Jean Gaskins	407-892-6420			
Canaveral Squares	Asa Clark/Rosalie Turner	407-633-4447			
Grand Squares	Otis & Linda Lutz	407-722-1664			
danceworld@net4u.net					
Kiss-A-Me Squares	Paul & Thelma Marx	407-933-4787			
Palm Bay Promenaders	Bill & Pat Ludwick	407-723-7090			
Pirates (Apopka)	Tony Brownell	407-568-6254			
Saturday Night Steppers	Steve Ekin	561-567-2803			
Silver Squares	Ed & Mary Litwhiler	407-676-9535			
Space Trackers	Henry & Linda King	407-635-9814			
Sunshine Strollers	George Springer	561-466-7923			
Treas. Coast Squares	Charles & Joyce Sweeny	407-664-5221			
Wagon Wheels	Phyllis & Bob Randall	407-892-9792			
Yellow Rockers	Candice Klein	407-725-5174			

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1/2 tsp. salt

2 eggs

5 tbsp. margarine melted

1/2 cup milk

1 tsp. Vanilla



Mix ingredients thoroughly and pour into greased 8 x 8 baking pan.

Mix 1 cup brown sugar, 1 cup chopped nuts and 1/3 stick melted margarine.

Spread over mixture . Bake at 350° for 35 minutes.

Sent in by Pat Lutz of Loveland, Colorado

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DECEMBER YELLOW ROCKERS NEWS



JIM AND JANE HART The Yellow Rockers would like to wish all of our square dancing friends a joyous holiday season. We hope everyone eniovs the festivities with family and friends and as we enter a new millennium remember all the important events that we have seen and been a part of in our lives

in our lives.

We want to thank Bob and Janet

Boorom for an outstanding job as our nominating committee. They came up with a wonderful slate of officers that were voted in for the 1999-2000 year. They are as follows:

President Ben and Sue Johnson with help from Paul Taylor
V.Pres Walt and Jean Hanke, assistant V.P. Connie Plummer
Secretary John and Bonne Smead help from Kaye and Phil Couey
Treasury Paul and Phyllis Alcorn help from Stu and June Sale

Banner Chairperson Candice Klein

A big thank you to these kind people for accepting their positions.

Also at the General Meeting it was voted on to donate \$250.00 to The Foundation of the Preservation and Promotion of Square Dancing. The Yellow Rockers challenge all other Clubs to contribute to this newly formed Foundation and if anyone would like more information, contact Jerry Reed, who is becoming the director of CallerLab in November.

Charlie kept us busy during November with Banner Raids and Retrievals. Nov. 8 the Canaveral Squares came to retrieve their banner. Nov. 9 we went to the Silver Squares to steal their banner. Nov. 15 found us hosting the Wagon Wheelers who came to steal our banner. Nov. 20 we went to the Allamanders to steal their banner. It is always great fun to dance with our friends from other clubs.

WORD STUDY OF THE WORD

THE LOVE OF GOD

Last month we looked at the wrath of God. This month, as we enter the season of LOVE, we will look at the Love of God.

The Love of God, is greater far, than tongue or pen can ever tell. It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell.

Oh! Love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong! It shall forever more endure – the saints and angels' song.

Thus wrote F. M. Lehman in the wonderful song we sing. It is beyond the capabilities of man to write how great is the Love of God. He writes that even if the ocean were ink, and every man a scribe, we could still not write a complete story of the Love of God! It is this love that sustains us, that gives the world hope in spite of what we see and hear. God's Love is greater far than any other thing that has ever happened or will happen in the universe.

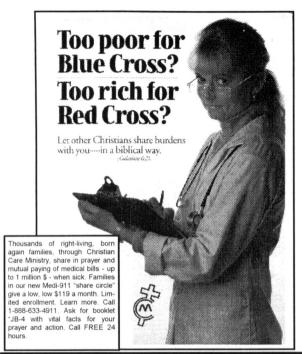
God's Love for us starts before the foundation of the universe was laid. When all was in chaos God gave the light of His love into a darkened universe and said "Let there be Light, and Light was". In the very preparation of this earth for our abode God also prepared a way for us to be re-united with him. The Love was in the beginning with God and He became the Light of the World and He was God. This same Love was in the beginning with God. He is even with us now. "Fear not for I am with you, even to the end of the world" is His promise that is still true today. God's Love is the one dependable certainty in the world today. All else may fail but God's Love remains.

There are many Hebrew and Greek words in the Bible that are interpreted as "love". Many times in the Bible the word "love" is attached to feelings toward another person and means affection, sexually or otherwise. Other times it means in the "social or moral" sense. Still other times it mans "brotherly love".

We may choose to love someone as a dear friend or as a brother.

God's Love is best described by the word "love" as in Strong's Concordance which is numbered 3563. This Greek word really is a combination of all the above meanings and goes on to state that this love is of the Head, Heart and results in understanding. It is a DIVINE love. This usage includes the love we have for our spouse, children, parents and friends. It is an unending love that has no beginning or end. It includes affection and benevolence. It

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is God's caring for us and providing for us. It also includes JUDGEMENT. Judgement is love. To our new age of tolerance, judgement could in no way be considered love. To judge is, by its very nature, to have a standard. When we carry tolerance to its logical conclusion, there can be no judgement and there is no right or wrong. If we stop to think for a moment, we will see that when we go the complete circle of tolerance, it brings us right back to a standard as we are constantly judging whether we are being tolerant or not. This in itself will lead us to a whole new intolerant state. WOW!

But at this time of year we are reminded that God, while we were yet alienated to Him, loved us so much that He sent His Son to dwell among as and to become one of us so that He could experience all the things that we experience and to become our savior. He laid down His glory and dwelt among men as a man so that His life could atone for our sins. So that our judgement would fall upon Him. We are free from the judgement of sin. His love covered our sin so we could live forever. That is the gift of Christmas, eternal life

Eternal life! It is not something that we are born with. We are born to die. After that the judgement. But, God is LOVE. He gave His Son, to be born on his earth so that God's LOVE which includes the element of judgement, could be complete and give us everlasting life. Now there are those that think you are born with everlasting life, those that believe in reincarnation and those that believe in an eternal hell of everlasting torment. I only point to the Bible where God said He came that we may have everlasting life. It is God's gift of LOVE to us. He did not send His Son to determine if we have a good eternity or a bad eternity, He came to give us the gift of everlasting life. See the following verses: Mt: 19, Mark: 10, Luke: 10, 18, John: 3, 5, 6, 10, 17. In all of these verses and many more, we are told that Jesus came so that we could have everlasting life.

I've found a friend who is all to me, His love is ever true. I love to tell how He lifted me and what His grace has brought me. Some glorious morning sorrow will cease, Some glorious morning all will be peace. Heartaches all ended, our days of toil complete. Heaven will open and Jesus will come to take us home into His glorious Kingdom. This is the story of Christmas. This is the story that is known throughout the world for all time. It is the yearning that was placed in our hearts from the foundation of the world. To be at peace with our Maker. To know that the Love of God is sufficient for ever. To know that we will even be reunited with our loved ones who have gone before. To those who lost their mate this past year you can rest assured that the Love of God is sufficient to see you through this special time of the year when we think so very much of family and the love we miss by the loss we endured this past year. Have a very Merry Christmas.

Otis and Linda Lutz

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Please help us keep this information correct. When you change officers, or have a change for the summer, please call us with the information. We will gladly make the changes.

BAREFOOT BAY TWIRLERS

The Barefoot Bay Twirlers have had a very busy fall season. They hosted a banner raid from the Allemanders on October 18th when they arrived with 7 couples. The Canaveral Squares visited on October 25 and stole our banner and the Orange Blossom Squares raided us on November 1st.

In conjunction with the Barefoot Bay Spinners, we welcomed back our "snowbirds" members with a turkey dinner and dance on November 8th, an annual affair.

The Spinners visited the Saturday Night Steppers on November 13th to steal their banner and gave a demonstration dance at Roseland Publix Supermarket from 5 to 8 PM on November 16th. Dale McClary accompanied our dancers on the demo.

We are planning on hosting the annual "Toys for Tots" Dance at our recreational building "A" on December 5th. All are welcome. Bring an unwrapped gift for a child from toddler age to teen as your entry to the dance.

Two of our members, Audry Banfield and John Pentangelo were married in Sept. Congratulations. Two of our members, Jack Barry and Thor Giske have had knee replacement surgery. Jack has recovered from his September surgery and Thor is recovering form his October 26th surgery.

The Twirlers wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a spectacular year 2000.

Roberta Ballard

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TIME TO GIVE THANKS

The Floorplay Dance Club of Brevard will be having a Thanksgiving Pot luck dinner/dance Saturday November 27th 7 PM-12 PM at Danceworld (The Barn) W. Melbourne. 407-722-1664 Directions only. Come out to dance, party (and work off that Turkey dinner!). \$6 donation per person at the door. Bring a covered dish. We have a blast!

Dance to great music, enjoy all kinds of food and relax with your friends and new acquaintances. We'll have dance mixers, a 50/50 drawing, door prizes and of course, it's a non-alcoholic, non-smoking dance.

Thanks for your support and HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Please call or email us for information on our Floorplay monthly dance, instruction or upcoming events.

Laura & John Beers 407-727-2457; Max10well@juno.com

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It was wonderful to see so many friends back for the winter at our Snow Bird Dance on Nov. 8. A big WELCOME BACK to all of you - we have missed you.

Our Christmas Dinner Dance will be held on Dec. 13. The Yellow Rockers will provide the meat and paper products and everyone should please bring a covered dish. The dinner will begin at 6:00 and dancing at 8:00.

Don't forget the wonderful New Year's Eve Dinner Dance here at the Barn on Dec. 31. See Otis for tickets.

December Birthdays

December Anniversaries

Dec 7 Niljane Rizzuto
Dec 17 Wayne Wright
Dec 19 Rita Grenier

Dec 28 Bernie & Cheryl Boydston

Happy Holidays to all. Jim and Jane Hart, Secretary summerplace1@juno.com

Bill's and Otis's Most Excellent Adventure

We spent our "test" run at the Earnest and Dallas Lutz Family Park at Danceworld. Bill arrived and parked his van in front of the garage of our house. I had my back pack on and was walking around the area waiting on Bill to show up. He arrived and put on his back pack and we walked to the picnic area, Bill was a huffing and a puffing. He said, "Otis, that plan of walking one hour and resting 15 minutes, well, maybe we had better change it to walking 15 minutes and resting an hour."

We set up our tents and walked into the barn and got coffee. We then sat around talking and when all the dancers had gone we crawled into our tents. I should have said I crawled as it was a sight to watch Bill get into his tent (see picture and you will know what I am talking about). Well, the agreement was we would spend the night there. When I got up I observed that Bill's truck was now parked out by the park! I said "Bill, what is going on?" He said "well I couldn't sleep so I got into the van and went to Walgreens for some nose drops". He had even gotten a pillow to sleep on. He had two in the van but did he get me one?? NO! I asked him if he had slept in the van and he said no. I am wondering if he went home to Pat to sleep? Maybe if YOU ask him you can find out what happened that "test night". In any case, Bill decided that the tent was never bought for him and that it was his 2 year old grandson's tent he borrowed to "try" out for the night. Yea, Right on Bill! In any case we went, after we ate breakfast that we did prepare, to the Sports Authority and Bill purchased a new tent. It is a good thing that we had this practice run or, for sure, we would have been home after one night.

Emotions run hot and cold. Can we really do it? It is amazing how quickly the 5th of Nov. came around. We really didn't get in all the training we should have. Now here it is the 5th and Bill is here to load my backpack and a clean set of cloths to wear home after the adventure. Sure is going to be rough being without Linda for two weeks. Of course Pat and Linda think we will not last two days, let alone two weeks. Of course Bill and I think this is good motivation to do our thing.

We leave Melbourne and head to Bill's son's place north of Atlanta, GA. Bill is driving and I am sleeping. We want to be on the trail the 6th of Nov. early so we can get to a good campsite by the water falls to set up camp on our

first night on the trail. This is the picture taken by Bill's son. Rus, as we start out on our most excellent adventure. We are loaded with supplies and high on optimism. than this tent!

You can see that Bill, when laying down, is taller

November 5th. Bill and his son Russ and yours truly are in Bill's van heading for the "jump-off" site. Russ is driving and Bill is the navigator (1st BIG mistake). We are looking for USFS Road # 42. This will save us from walking the approach train which we were told is the hardest part of the whole Appalachian Trail. WELL! We drove over roads where Bill and Russ had to move boulders and fill in holes to get the van through. Some 3 hours later I spotted a camp fire and went over and asked the hunters where the AT was. He said we were near the Approach Trail! (These hunters, fortunately were not the type from the movie "Deliverance"). We ended up, not only doing the Approach Trail but an additional 2 miles extra! This was a start? As Russ drove off Bill said "Otis, we are committed". And thus started our "walk in the woods".

It was 11:30, cold, windy and VERY dark when we finally found a spot level enough to erect our tents for the night. We certainly did not think of taking time to eat. It was difficult enough to get the tents set up and us in them at that late hour. At 6:30 the next morning we were up and had oatmeal and coffee and started up the trail. We could not believe how steep the trail was. It was more a series of steps, big ones at that, rather than a trail. Our packs were very heavy and we soon were puffing. All day long we went up the trail leading to Springer Mountain. We did not stop for dinner. We were not hungry. We drank lots of water and stopped where there was a spring in the trail and used our water purifying system to replenish our platypus and bottles. On we went - up that BIG mountain. This is not the type of walking Bill and I were used to here in flat Florida. Huffing and a puffing, resting and drinking the water, ever up. Finally, the summit is in sight and after several more rest stops, we walked to the top of Springer Mountain. We were where we thought we would be to START the adventure. We had come over 10 miles and wondered why we ever started. Bill even asked ME why I had such an idea and how I talked HIM into coming. We set up our tents on top of Springer Mountain along with 4 other hikers



that were there. There was a shelter about .2 miles up the trail but we were told it was full of mice so we were very happy to stay where we were. At the left is the marker showing the Southern Start of the AT. If there is interest in this story, we will continue next month.

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