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**November 17, 2010 – West Coast Association
Folding/Business Meeting** – Community Southern Bank, 3440 S. Florida Avenue

(1/4 mile north of the South Florida Avenue exit from the Polk Parkway and on the east side of the road), Lakeland – Folding starts at 6:00 p.m. – Business Meeting starts as soon as the Folding is completed; usually around 6:45 – 7:00 p.m. All Officers, County Reps and Committee Chairman are reminded to forward reports to the West Coast Secretary at leajda@earthlink.com when they will miss a meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. Every club is encouraged to send a representative. For info: sgdnxfan@aol.com 863-224-3393.

December 1, 2010 – Deadline for submissions to the February/March 2011 West Coast Dancer. For info: evhenning@peoplepc.com.

December 1, 2010 – Deadline for Northeast Association's The Grapevine. For info: thegrapevine@pergrossi.com.

December 1, 2010 – Deadline for submissions to the January 2011 American Square Dance magazine. For info: americansquaredance@gmail.com.

December 1, 2010 - Deadline for submissions to the USDA News. For info: usdanews@usda.org.

December 5, 2010 - Deadline for submissions to the January 2011 issue of the Bow and Swing. For info: bowandswing@gmail.com

January 15, 2010 – Deadline for Hall of Fame Nominations -
Nominees must have a minimum of 10 years statewide involvement in the Florida Square and Round Dance activity. Their contributions must encompass the entire state of Florida, not just 1 or 2 areas. This should require unselfish dedication of time and labor. Being an area president, Federation president, Caller/Cuer Association president and/or State Convention chairman is not enough. The Hall of Fame is seeking individuals or couples whose efforts have affected the majority of the State of Florida. The fact that one is nominated is a very high honor, whether or not they enter the Hall of Fame. Nominations should be submitted to the board of directors of any of the five area associations, Callers Association or Cuers Association who will then forward them on to the Federation. To download the application, go to <http://www.floridasquaredance.com/halloffame/index.html>.

February 1, 2011 – Deadline for Extra Mile Award Nominations

– This award is to show appreciation to both Callers and Cuers who go that EXTRA MILE without personal gain, in giving freely of their time and talents to the Square Dance activity. Nominations should be submitted to Charlie and Val Newsome at newsome.charles@comcast.com or 12368 Brady Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32223. To download a copy of the nomination form, go to <http://www.floridasquaredance.com/extra-mile.html>.

From the Editor.....



If you weren't at the Bartow Civic Center this weekend, you missed a really good Fall Fun Fest! Approximately 200 dancers enjoyed the calling of Ken Ritucci and Jack Lewis and the cueing of Jimmy and Carol Griffin.

After all of the dancing, some of us had to get up early on Sunday morning to attend the Federation meeting at the Stay Inn & Suites. It was reported at the meeting that we had a successful state convention back in May. As is stated in the bylaws, the proceeds were split equally between the Florida Callers Association, the Round Dance Council of Florida and the Florida Federation. The Federation share is then split equally with the five Florida associations.

Election of officers was also held with the following officers being elected and installed: President – Charlie and Val Newsome (Northeast); Vice President - Bob and Maria Spence (West Coast); Secretary - Jack and Barbara Hoffman; Treasurer (Central): Paul and Cheryl Miller (Northeast); Parliamentarian: Bud and Anita Taylor (Northeast).





Cuers: Jimmy and Carol Griffin
Callers: Jack and Aliene Lewis and Ken Ritucci



Grand March





Lance and Rita Baxter present President's Choice Award to Ann & Don Slocum



Co-Chairman of the Fall Fun Fest: Don and Ann Slocum

Photos courtesy of John Occhipinti and Yolanda Trainor

Health & Sympathy

Please be sure to also check the website for updates on dancers!

John and Penny Voissem's son-in-law fell at a store and hit his head. He is in critical condition. No other details at this time. The Voissem's are West Coast Pinellas County Reps.

How do I get in touch with?

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SEVEN QUALITIES OF A HEALTHY GROUP

Submitted by **Tom Gray**, Alberta, Canada

Adapted from an article by **Leith Anderson**

- 1) **A HEALTHY GROUP HAS A SENSE OF FUN AND ENTHUSIASM.** You walk in the room and you can feel it. People are happy to be there. People are there to dance, the floor fills quickly, the caller doesn't have to plead to fill a square. Things are happening. There is an ambiance of warmth and excitement.
- 2) **A HEALTHY GROUP IS —OTHERS CENTERED.** A healthy group is immediately interested in new people, what they need, and how their needs can be met through the club. It is sensitive to peoples' feelings. Are singles, especially ladies, welcome and given opportunities to dance? Since my wife doesn't dance, I often visit as a single. Some clubs have greeters to welcome everyone; others leave the visitor to wander in and fend for himself. The worst club ignored me completely. The best club introduced me to an angel who took me around, pointed out the bath-rooms and coffee table, introduced me to other single dancers as well as club exec, and danced the first set with me. Now **that** sure made me feel welcome! In one club, during my first year, I danced as part of a "new dancers class" where everyone was a beginner, and I politely (if some-what impatiently!) stood and watched for 30 minutes while Square Thru 4 was taught, from what I later learned, was an unusual position. Excruciating! In another club, the beginners were divided up among experienced dancers and the same move was learned well in 10 minutes. Sure made a difference! And what about those clubs where you are called to square up, then made to stand around during 20 minutes of announcements that really could have been posted on a bulletin board in the first place?
- 3) **A HEALTHY GROUP IS UNDERSTANDABLE.** Healthy clubs tend to speak in terms everyone can understand, rather than repeat jargon that constantly reminds outsiders they are not 'in'. Since square dancing uses a highly technical language, this requires both sensitivity and effort. Although a large part of this falls to the caller/teacher, there is much that can be done. A written list of common terms, handouts of the steps taught that night, angels who say, 'face me' rather than 'quarter right' will all help newcomers learn the language and feel part of the group.
- 4) **A HEALTHY GROUP ACCEPTS PEOPLE WHO LOOK LIKE ME.** I quote directly from Anderson: "Our level of comfort can be high or low, depending on how quickly we find someone else who looks like us. In a room full of women, a man thinks 'I'm in the wrong place!'... In a gathering where everyone is young and casually dressed, the older person in a business suit feels out of place. Draw your own conclusions.
- 5) **A HEALTHY GROUP HANDLES PROBLEMS WITH GRACE.** What happens when the sound system squeals or drops into embarrassing silence? When the club is behind budget or attendance is dropping, is there a denunciation for lack of support, or a challenge

toward in-creasing attendance and building membership? What makes a healthy club is not the absence of problems. It's how the problems are handled.

- 6) **A HEALTHY GROUP IS ACCESSIBLE.** We're not talking wheelchair ramps. Is there clear and easy access to getting questions answered, meeting new people, joining in, and becoming part of the group? Do you allow new dancers to visit other clubs, join banner raids, or attend club dances? Or do you make it hard to join by insisting on graduating from lengthy lessons to qualify for membership? By having entry point lessons only once a year? By insisting that people have to have a certain level of expertise to join or participate in club activities? All these things discourage people from joining. When I missed a night at square dancing during my first year, I came back and felt lost. How do you accommodate people who miss a night or two? Are they phoned and invited to catch up classes, given tutorials during breaks, or simply told to come back next year when lessons start again?
- 7) **A HEALTHY GROUP HAS A SENSE OF EXPECTANCY.** Listen to hallway conversations over a few weeks and decide if the primary verb tense is past, present, or future; if the tone is positive or negative. I'm sure there'll always be some who grouch, but if you're also hearing, "That was fun!" or "I'm sure looking forward to the dance next week", you're on track. A healthy group has both present fun and reminiscences of past enjoyment. Most healthy groups are hopeful groups. They are full of plans as well as happy memories. They —expect future fun. They —expect to grow, and they have plans in place to produce and handle that growth.

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2010 McDonald Dance

Thanks to the generosity of the square dancers from all over the West Coast area the 25th Anniversary of the MacDonal'd's Parents Group dance was a HUGE success...

Yolanda and I cannot thank everyone enough for participating in our used square dance clothing drive, the Pennies for Independence project and most of all for attending the dance... I will admit that the butterflies come every time at the last minute for me but the rewards are so great. To see a floor full of square dancers enjoying themselves is a reward in itself. We thank the callers and cuers who helped us to enjoy our activity to the max. We thank Strawberry Square for the use of the beautiful hall. We thank all the square dancers who promoted the dance and sold ribbons at their dances. It was a great team effort and it paid off wonderfully...



This year the total amount raised by the donations, clothing sales, and ribbons sales came to an amount larger than we had anticipated...

In 2008 we (the square dance community) gave to the MacDonald's Parents Group the sum of \$1,539.00.

In 2009 we (the square dance community) gave to the MacDonald's Parents Group the sum of \$2,287.00.

In 2010, which was the Silver Anniversary of this dance, we (the square dance community) will be presenting proceeds in the amount of \$2,506.00 to MacDonald's Parents Group for their organization.

I would say we did good.... but it could not have happened without the full SUPPORT of our wonderful square dancers in the West Coast area....🇺🇸

Thanks again for all that you helped Yolanda and I to accomplish this year.....

All the square dance clothes that were left over after the dance were donated to the West Coast to help raise money for the 2011 State Convention to be held in Lakeland in May, 2011... I have none left in my possession.....Please support that effort as well... It all goes for a good cause so that our 2011 convention will be a success.....

Flo [Byington] and Yolanda [Trainor].....



I carry ribbons and flyers for the following dances:

January 20 – 22, 2011 – **Florida Winter Festival** – Lakeland, FL

January 30, 2011 – **5 Caller Extravaganza and Pizza** – Lake Wales, FL

May 27 – 29, 2011 – **57th Florida Square and Round Dance Convention** – Lakeland, FL

What's Happening This Week?

Week of November 15, 2010

NOTE: Yellow highlighting is a change from last week's issue.

Monday – *Twilight Twirlers* – Bonita Springs Community Building at Reynolds and Old 41 – Rusty Hinge Workshop 6:30 p.m.; Mainstream 7:00 p.m. – rounds and lines on tape – Caller: Howard Cole. For info: Howard Cole at 239-691-5670 f (hwcole@att.net) or Leo Malinowski at 239-775-8111.

Hampton Promenaders – Ariana Beach Club, 321 Ramsgate, Auburndale – ER 7:00 p.m., Squares and Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Cuer: Allen Snell. For info: dmountain@tampabay.rr.com or jgsap988@yahoo.com.

Woodmere Park – 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (off Jacaranda Blvd.) - 10 - noon – MS Review/Plus Class; 1:00-3:00 – A-2 Dance; 3:00-5:00 – Plus Workshop. Caller/Instructor: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481/ redbates@juno.com.

Kings Point Swingers A-2 Dance – 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox. If you have danced this level before, you can come at 6:00 p.m. for a rusty hinge workshop. Visitors to Kings Point should tell the gate you are attending a Kings Point Swingers event at the Clubhouse Studio. For info: Sonny 813-634-8212 or George 813-642-0900.

Temple Twirlers – Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 2707 W. Waters Avenue (northeast corner of Habana Avenue), Tampa – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Ron Reardon, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace - costumes welcome – finger food. Dancers please use the entrance marked “Gage Hall” on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. For info: wlfloyd@aol.com or gaylepullara@aol.com or flobyington@yahoo.com.

Tuesday – *Ding-a-Lings First Dance of the Season* - Rice Creek RV Resort, 10714 Hwy. 301 South, Riverview – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. - Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Ron Reardon, Cuer: Pat Hagen – square dance attire preferred. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. For info: chrounds@capital.net.

R&R Gators – Alligator RV Park, 6400 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda – Plus/Rounds 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Caller: Dave Magee, Cuer: Russ Collier. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

Maple Leaf Squares – Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Highway (I-75 Exit 170 go SW 1 ½ miles), Queensway Hall – alternating Plus and Mainstream tips 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Dave Magee. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

J and C Spin-a-Rounds – Pinellas Park Auditorium, 7690 – 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – Phase IV – V 6:30 – 8:15 p.m., Advance – Beginners Mixed Rhythms 8:30 – 10:00 p.m. For info: spinards@tampabay.rr.com or 727-525-7809.

Wednesday – Strawberry Square C-2 Workshop Dance – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Caller: Art Springer. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491.

Strawberry Square Club – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL - Workshop: 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Alternating Mainstream/Easy Plus 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Clyde Stocker**. Banner raids welcome. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491.

Kings Point Swingers Round Dance – Kings Point Main Clubhouse Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City Center – A1/A2 workshop 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Advanced Rounds 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Cuer: Mike Cox. Visitors please wear your square dance badge and tell the guard at the entrance gate that you are attending the dance at the Clubhouse Studio. For info: 813-634-8212 or 642-0900 or mc8152@verizon.net or 813-649-0754.

Cultural Center Squares – Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Pt. Charlotte - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds - Caller: Art Miller; Cuers: Jennie Martin and Russ Collier. For info: 941-380-5336, mdow@embargmail.com, or 863-494-2749.

Thursday – Shufflin' Squares – Lake Ashton Clubhouse, Thompson Nursery Road (across from the entrance to Eagle Ridge Mall), Lake Wales – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. - Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Gary Brown; Cuer: Carl Rod – casual attire. For info: eschwartz23@tampabay.rr.com.

Pine Ridge Promenaders First Dance of the Season and Thanksgiving Dance – Sunshine RV Resort, Rt. 70 (1,000 yards east of Hwy. 27, Lake Placid - Early Rounds as scheduled, Mainstream/Plus 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Sam Dunn – finger foods. For info: 863-699-2789.

Pioneer Village - Pioneer Village, 7974 Samville Rd. North Ft. Myers, FL – Mainstream with Rounds – 9:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon - Caller: Len Siegmann; Cuer: Ruth Siegmann - \$3.50 per person. For info: 239-940-6121 or marcy_stwrt@yahoo.com.

Maple Leaf Squares A2 – Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Highway (I-75 Exit 170 go SW 1 ½ miles), Queensway Hall – 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon – caller: Dave Magee. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

Curliques – Estero Woodlands Clubhouse – Estero, FL – Workshop: 6:30 p.m.; Plus dance 7:00 p.m. – Caller: Howard Cole – rounds and lines on tape. For info: Howard Cole at 239-691-5670 or hwcole@att.net.

Promenade Squares Thanksgiving Dance – Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – ER 7:15 - 7:45 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:45 - 9:45 p.m. - Caller: Dick Demerit, Cuers: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin. For info: icecce@tampabay.rr.com or 727-799-3068.

Dunedin – Dr. William E. Hale Senior Activity Center, 330 Douglas Avenue, Dunedin – Beginners 6:30 – 7:30 – Squares (all sets) 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. - \$5 per person – Caller: Allen Snell. For info: settarose1@verizon.net or 727-809-3429 or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429 or mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net.

Citrus Squares – First United Methodist Church, 21501 W. Highway 40, Dunnellon - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Caller: Ellis Lindsey. For info: lalecl@aol.com.

Friday – **Buttonwood Bay First Dance of the Season and Ice Cream Sundaes** – 10001 U.S. Highway 27 S., Sebring – ER 7:00 p.m., Squares 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: TBA; Cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: Vern Wright 863-655-2634 or Roger McElfresh 863-655-4243.

Strawberry Square C3-A Workshop Dance – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – 12:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. – Caller: **Red Bates**. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491.

Woodmere Park – 3951 Woodmere Boulevard (off Jacaranda Blvd.), Venice - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, C-1 Dance – Caller: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481/ redbates@juno.com.

Strawberry Square A2 – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – 12:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. – Caller: Keith Stevens. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491.

Curliques – Estero Woodlands Clubhouse – Estero, FL – Workshop: 6:30 p.m.; Plus dance 7:00 p.m. – Caller: Howard Cole – rounds and lines on tape. For info: Howard Cole at 239-691-5670 or hwcole@att.net.

Spinning Wheels Thanksgiving Dance - Mango Recreation Center, 11717 Clay Pit Road, Seffner – ER 6:15 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 6:45 – 8:45 p.m. – Caller: **Art Springer**, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com or helenm720@aol.com.

B&S Flutterwheelers – **NO DANCE** For info: rbourassar@tampabay.rr.com.

Snell's Bo's & Bell's – Largo Community Center, TBA, Largo – 7:30 – 9:45 p.m. – Caller: Allen Snell, Cuer: Pat Fiyalko. For info: settarose1@verizon.net or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429 or mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net.

Sun City Swingers - **NO DANCE** For info: suzannelynch3@verizon.net or gail3357@gmail.com.

Saturday – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Welcome Back Snowbirds Dance** – Brandon Community Center, 402 Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: SusanElaine Packer, Cuer: Pat Hagen – finger foods – square dance attire preferred. For info: Patti [813-571-7786](tel:813-571-7786)/patti44@yahoo.com or Betty 813-685-3826.

Strawberry Square – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – 12:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. – Caller: **Art Springer**, Cuer: **Pat Hagen**. For info: <http://www.strawberrysquaredancing.com/>. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further

information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Linda Lynn 813-659-9040, Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702, Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Palace Promenaders – Palace Square Dance Hall, 1647 NE Floridian Street, Arcadia – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: **Art Miller**, Cuer: Jennie Martin – casual – park in back of the building - \$8 per couple. For info: Jennie Martin – 863-494-2749; Mary Dow – 863-494-6062/ mdow@embarqmail.com.

Sunday – **The Motivators First Dance of the Season** – St. Cloud Senior Center, 3101 – 17th Street, St. Cloud – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. A-2, 4:00 p.m. C-1 Tip – Caller: Chris Phillips - \$4 per person. For info: 407-344-9260 or loisdancer@aol.com.

Suncoast Squares - King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 – 5th Avenue North, St., Petersburg (parking lot at the rear of the building and enter through the rear door; the church is across the parking lot from the Metro Center) - 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. - Caller: Mike Cox. For info: suncoastsquares@yahoo.com.

Pioneer Village - Pioneer Village, 7974 Samville Rd. North Ft. Myers, FL – Mainstream with Rounds – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. - Caller: Len Siegmann; Cuer: Ruth Siegmann - \$3.50 per person. For info: 239-940-6121 or marcy_stwrt@yahoo.com.

Happy Promenaders - Hitching Post RV Park Rec Hall, Naples (Directions: From Rt. 41 (Tamiami Trail East), turn south onto Barefoot Williams Road (west of Rt. 951/Collier Blvd. and just east of the Hitching Post strip mall). Take first left turn toward pool and Rec Hall.) Caller: Red Bates; Cuer: Mike Alexander. Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream and Plus Squares 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. For info: call Jan (239) 642-8612 or playwalt@comcast.com.

Clover Leaf Leprechauns - 900 North Broad Street (U.S. 41 N.), Brooksville, FL – ER 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., A-1 tip 4:15 p.m. – Caller: **Bob Stern**, Cuer: Judy Doane – finger foods. For info: 352-270-8469 or <http://www.geocities.com/leprechaun34601>.

B&S Flutterwheelers – **NO DANCE** For info: rbourassar@tampabay.rr.com.

Huggables - King of Kings Church, 10337 U.S. 19 (between SR 52 and Ranch Road), Port Richey - casual dress – Mainstream/Plus 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. - Caller/Cuer: Allen Snell. For info: 727-809-3429 or 727-809-0323 or settarose1@verizon.net or mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net.

Orange Blossom Squares – La Hacienda Center, The Villages 352-259-6040 – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Don Hanhurst**, Cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: hal.baumann1959@gmail.com or 352-259-6552.

West Coast Classes and Workshops and National Caller and Cuer Colleges

Please provide start date, start and ending time, level (beginner, Mainstream, Plus, etc.) exact address (with city) where class and/or workshop will be held, instructor's name, contact name, email address and phone number.

Please keep in mind that this information needs to be communicated out to new dancers! It's not a secret!

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November 1, 2010 – **Woodmere Mainstream Review/Plus Class** - 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (off Jacaranda Blvd.) - 10-NOON – MS Review/Plus Class; 1:00-3:00 – A-2 Dance; 3:00-5:00 – Plus Workshop. Caller/Instructor: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481/ redbates@juno.com.

November 1, 2010 – **Strawberry Square Beginner Square Dance Lessons** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. - Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Linda Lynn 813-659-9040, Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702, Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

November 1, 2010 – **Strawberry Square Plus Workshop** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Linda Lynn 813-659-9040, Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702, Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

November 3, 2010 – **Auburndale Beginning Round Dance Class** – Ariana Beach Club, 320 Ramsgate Road, Auburndale – 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Cuer/Instructor: Carl Rod - \$4 per person per session. For info: 863-293-9369 or carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com.

November 3, 2010 – **Auburndale Phase II/Intro to Phase III Class** – Ariana Beach Club, 320 Ramsgate Road, Auburndale – 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. – Cuer/Instructor: Carl Rod - \$4 per person per session. For info: 863-293-9369 or carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com.

November 4, 2010 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Beginner Square Dance Class** – Palm Terrace Rehab Center, 1919 Lakeland Hills Boulevard, Lakeland – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette – 44 per person per session. For info: sqdnxfan@aol.com or 863-224-3393.

November 4, 2010 – **Strawberry Square Phase 2 Round Dance Workshop** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. – Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491.

November 4, 2010 – **Strawberry Square Phase 3/Intro to Phase 4** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491.

November 4, 2010 – **Strawberry Square Phase 2/Intro to Phase 3 Round Dance Workshop** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491.

November 6, 2010 – **Leprechauns' Plus Workshop** – Harmony House at Cloverleaf Farms – 10:00 – 12:00 noon. Caller/Instructor: Bob Bourassa. For info: 352-796-8254.

November 7, 2010 – **Strawberry Square Beginner Round Dance Lessons** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. - Cuer/Instructor: Charlie Lovelace. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Linda Lynn 813-659-9040, Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702, Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

November 9, 2010 – **Strawberry Square C-1 Class Workshop** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Caller: Keith Stevens. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491.

November 9, 2010 – **Strawberry Square A-2 Review/Workshop** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Caller: Keith Stevens. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491.

November 10, 2010 – **Hérons Glen Beginner Square Dance Lessons** – Herons Glen Clubhouse, US-41 and Charlotte County Line, N. Fort Myers – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee - \$3 per person per week. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

November 11, 2010 – **Maple Leaf Squares A1 Lessons** – Maple Leaf Squares, 2100 Kings Highway (I75 exit 170, go southwest 1 ½ miles), Port Charlotte – 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. –

Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee - \$3 per person per session. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

November 12, 2010 – **Dixie Grande Squares Beginning Square Dance Class** – Grace Lutheran Church, 327 Avenue C, SE, Winter Haven – 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Caller: Carl Rod. For info: 863-293-9369 or carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com.

November 12, 2010 – **Dixie Grande Squares Plus Workshop** – Grace Lutheran Church, 327 Avenue C SE, Winter Haven - 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: Carl Rod. For info: 863-293-9369 or carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com.

November 12, 2010 – **Maple Leaf Squares Beginner Square Dance Lessons** – Maple Leaf Golf and Country Club, 2100 Kings Highway (I-75 exit 170 go southwest 1 ½ miles), Queensway Hall, Port Charlotte – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. - Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee - \$3 per person per week. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

November 12, 2010 – **Maple Leaf Squares Plus Workshop** – Maple Leaf Golf and Country Club, 2100 King Highway (I75 exit 170, go southwest 1 ½ miles), Port Charlotte – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee - \$3 per person per workshop. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

November 16, 2010 – **Lake Ashton Advanced Workshop** – Lake Ashton Health and Fitness Center, 7900 SR 653, Winter Haven – 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Keith Stevens – casual attire For info: keithuns@yahoo.com or 863-326-9774.

November 16, 2010 - **Sun City Swingers New Beginners' Class Open House** – Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Van Coble. Classes begin November 23, 2010 in room 3 at 7:00 p.m. For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

November 18 - 22, 2010 - **San Antonio Caller College** - Atrium Inn, IH 35 exit 175, Schertz, TX - Strictly for NEW callers (zero to two years calling experience). Instructor: *Nasser Shukayr* (CallerLab Accredited Caller Coach). Full Callerlab curriculum. Focused on how to get started as a caller: How to scare up a group of people to call for; How to teach them to dance; How to keep them dancing; How to book and call a square dance party. Enrollment limited to ensure adequate Mike Time -- register today! Questions? Phone Nasser Shukayr 956-622-0557 or email NShukayr@gmail.com. Flyer and application: <http://www.nshukayr.com/sacc2010.pdf>.

January 5, 2011 – **Estero Intermediate Level Square Dance Workshop** – Park Clubhouse – 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. – this class is for last year's class members – Caller: Howard Cole. For info: Dale Anders 239-560-2572.

January 7, 2011 – **Woodmere Park Beginning Square Dance Class** – 3951 Wood Park Boulevard (off Jacaranda Boulevard) – Venice - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481/ redbates@juno.com.

January 8, 2011 – **Strawberry Square Phase 4-5 Dance Workshop** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – time TBA – Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491.

January 23, 2010 – **Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association Clinic** – Lake Ashton Golf Club, 4141 Ashton Club Drive, Lake Wales, FL – 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Clinician: Ken Ritucci. Program will include Insight into Modern Choreography, New Ways to Use Old Calls, Add Fun and Spice to Your Presentation, and Improve Your Calling Techniques. Directions: 20 miles south of I-4 on US Rte. 27 and 1.5 miles west of US Rte. 27 on Thompson Nursery Rd. (at the entrance to the Eagle Ridge Mall). \$25 per person which includes clinic, sandwich and beverage. Limited space available. Reservations required. Contact Keith Stevens 863-326-9774 or email keith@keithstevens.com.

June 22 – 25, 2011 – **Grand Square International 5th Annual Caller School** – 60th Annual National Square Dance Convention, Detroit, MI – Caller Coaches: Tony Oxendine, Jerry Story, Vernon Jones and Ken Ritucci. Covers all experience levels. Full CALLERLAB curriculum. Modules – Singing Call Techniques – Sight Calling – Showmanship and Much More. You must be registered for the 60th NSDC to attend. Register early! Limited to first 50 callers. For info: Tony Oxendine at tony@tonyoxendine.com or 803-840-0746.

August 18-22, 2011 – **Norcal Callers School** - Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church. Sunnyvale, California – Callers: Ken Ritucci (Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach), Randy Dougherty (Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach), and Scot Byars. Programs for Beginning and Experienced Callers Cost: \$325.00 per caller. For reservations, a \$100 deposit is required. No charge for accompanying spouse/partner. Food and lodging not included Program: Starts Thursday, August 18th at 7:00 p.m. Ends Monday, August 22nd at 12 noon. For more Info contact Ken Ritucci, 132 Autumn Road, West Springfield, Massachusetts 01089. Phone: (413) 734-0591 Email: kenritucci@aol.com.

October 6 – 10, 2011 – **Northeast Callers School** – Mill-a-Round Dance Center, off Route 1293, Manchester, NH – two levels of programs: beginner and experienced. Topics of Discussion: Mechanics of Choreography, Timing, Voice/Delivery, Smooth Dancing/Body Flow, Programming, Teaching, Music/Rhythm, Choreographic Management, and Ethics/Leadership. Callers: Ken Ritucci, Norm Poisson, Sandra Bryant, Mike Sikorsky and Keith Stevens. \$350 per caller (\$100 deposit). For info: 413-734-0591 or kenritucci@aol.com or www.northeastcallerschool.com.

Looking Ahead

February 11, 2011 – **19th Annual Snowflake Frolic** – Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 East Ocean Avenue, Boynton, beach, FL – 78:00 – 10:00 p.m. – Callers: Jack Lewis and Scotty Sharrer, Cuer: Jerry Viola. For info: 954-420-0188.

April 8 – 10, 2011 – **5th Annual Party Weekend** – Deerhaven Retreat & Conference Center, 47924 NFS 540-2, Paisley, FL – Caller: Roland Morin, Cuer: Lisa Wall – Friday: Pot Luck Dinner 5:30 p.m., Binger 7:00 p.m.; Saturday: Full Breakfast 7:30 – 9:00 a.m., lunch served at noon, dinner at 6:00 p.m., Square (Mainstream/Plus) and Round Dancing 7:30 p.m.; Sunday: full breakfast Sunday morning. Gates open at noon on Friday – come for the full weekend or the Saturday dinner and dance. For registration form, pictures and more info: www.floridasquaredance.com/convention/partyweekend/deerhaven.html.

September 15-17, 2011 - **40th GSSDA Convention "Everyone Dosado -- GSSDA is the Big 4-0"** - Macon Centreplex Coliseum, Exit 2 off I-16, 200 Coliseum Drive. Macon, GA - many talented callers – Cuer: Georgia Round Dance Teachers Assoc. members - all levels of square dance, Contra, workshops, Rounds and lines - advance Ribbons \$25.00 – **Friday:** 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.; **Saturday:** 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. - 50/50, Door Prizes, Workshops, Refreshments, Vendors, Auction. For info: Nancy Feek 770-684-6661; address: 111 Lake St. Rockmart, GA 30153, njfeek103@wmconnect.com or www.gssda.com.

Links

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Websites

<http://floridasquaredance.com/>

For statewide dance information

<http://www.squaredancesites.com/florida2011/>. (57th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention)

Associations/Organizations

<http://scafl.com>. (Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association)

<http://www.flcallersassoc.org/> (Florida Callers Association)

<http://www.usda.org/> (United Square Dancers of America)

www.iagsdc.org (International Assn. of Gay Square Dance Clubs)

<http://www.floridasquaredance.com/fassrd/index/html> (Florida Singles)

<http://scafl.com/> (Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association)

<http://www.callerlab.org> (CALLERLAB)

<http://www.americancallers.com> (American Callers Assn.)

<http://www.roundalab.org/> (ROUNDALAB)

<http://ssdusa.org> (Single Square Dancers USA[®])

<http://www.nsdca.org> (National Square Dance Campers)

<http://www.arts-dance.org> (Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square Dance [ARTS])

<http://www.59thnsdc.com> 59th National Square Dance Convention - Louisville, KY

<http://www.60thnsdc.com> 60th National Square Dance Convention - Detroit, MI

<http://www.nsddirectory.com/> (National Square Dance Directory - information and contacts for clubs in the U.S., Canada and around the world)

Vendors

www.travelinghoedowners.com (Square Dance DVDs – Both Instructional and Dance)

www.swskirts.com (Jan Southwest Style Skirts & Pat's Tees)

www.suzieqcreations.com (Suzie Q Creations)

www.Bobsengraving.com (division of Suzie Q Creations – covering southwest Florida)

<http://www.aronssquaredanceshopandpatterns.com/> (Aron's Square Dance and Western Wear Shop)

<http://www.calyco.com/> (CaLyCo Crossing - a full line square dance shop)

<http://www.tictactoes.com/> (Tic Tac Toes - shoe vendor)

www.sheplers.com (Sheplers - the world's largest western stores and catalog)

www.PerfectPetticoats.com (Perfect Petticoats)

<http://www.grandsquare07.com> (Grande Square.com – square dance clothes and accessories)

Square Dance Halls

www.Strawberrysquaredancing.com (Strawberry Square)

Callers/Cuers

<http://www.samdunn.net/> (Sam Dunn)

<http://home.rr.com/jcspin> (Jimmy and Carol Griffin)

www.2fwd2.com (Lisa Wall)

www.keithstevens.com (Keith Stevens)

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