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FCA President's Message

Hey all Fellow Callers, Cuers and Square Dancers,

First of all I want to give a shout out to two of our Florida callers for being recognized at the Caller Lab Convention back in April when they were presented with certificates for **“50 Years of Calling”**.

Congratulations to Bob Stern and his wife Carol Stern his strongest supporter and Allen Snell and his wife Rosie Snell his strongest supporter. I am sure they have plenty of stories about square dancing over 50 years!

The Fund Raiser Benefit Dance for the 70th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention “Spin the Big Top” on May 4th, 2024 at the Port Orange Adult Activity Center in Port Orange had a great turnout with Bill Chesnut this year’s caller chairman and Sandy Sturgis the cuer chairman with 8 squares dancing.

The Florida Square Dance Federation with the theme for the 70th FSSRDC Convention “Spin The Big Top” on January 17 and 18, 2025 is now 230 days away. I am sure there will be many surprises in store for all especially after the opening night with all those clowns and mimes. If you have not gotten your tickets yet don’t delay for a great convention is in the works.

Wow, how this year is flying by as of June 1st, 2024 we are 138 days from the Florida Callers Association Caller Clinic. This year’s clinic runs from October 17, 18 and 19, 2024 and will be held at The Villages with Kip Garvey a caller from California being the clinician for the weekend. The weekend closes out the FCA Callers Clinic with the Plus Dance with Rounds from 7pm to 9pm on October 19 at The Villages, Seabreeze Recreation with Kip Garvey as the caller and Ruth &

Lloyd McKenrick are the cuers for the evening. So I hope all the callers are marking their calendars to attend the clinic and dancers are preparing to square up for a great dance. (For more details contact Keith Stevens at keithuns@yahoo.com).

June 16th is Father's Day and as the "Men Sashay" let's all wish a Happy Father's Day to all the Dad's out there dancers and non-dancers.

June 20th is the first day of Summer and is the start of many vacations or just a weekend of fun for a "stay-cation" at home. The month of June is a great month to get outside which may be to a theme park where you could ride the "ferris wheel".

Maybe you will head to the beach for some fun in the sun and sand where you can tickle your toes in the sand as you "step to a wave" and then you can "trade a wave" at the beach or "explode the wave" at many of the lakes or river locations to cool off. And don't forget here in Florida in the evening we can practice "box the gnat" as we battle the no-see gnats and mosquitos.

For the dancers and callers that are headed to the 73rd National Square Dance Convention in Milwaukee, WI starting June 26, 2024 have safe travels.

As always wherever you are dancing smile and make more new friends for a lifetime of dancing.

Until next time.

Rod Barngrover, FCA President June 2024.

Another Caller is retiring



It has been a few years since an old friend of Mine lived in Jacksonville and called in this town. Marie and I even attended his wedding. I am talking about Jerry Reed and his lovely wife Del. He lived in Jacksonville for nearly ten years. He called for the Plus Fox, the Swingin Saints, and The MotivA2tors (an A2 club) in Jacksonville. In late 1993 they moved to Rockledge on the Central East Coast of Florida. Around 1996 he became the Assistant Executive Director of CALLERLAB, the International Association of Square Dance Callers. Then in 1999 he became the Executive Director. He served in this position for ten years until 2009. When The Alliance of Round, Traditional, and Square - Dance (ARTS) was formed in 2002 to bring together the diverse groups making up the 'greater' American Folk Dance community, he took the position of Executive Director, a position he still holds. The ARTS provides effective public education of the square

dance image and the health and fitness benefits of related dance activities to obtain corporate sponsorship, without diminishing any of the autonomy, or unique qualities and programs of any individual affiliate member. - Stephen Bigelow

Best of the Bay Nomination

Congratulations to Grand Square Hall in Panama City! They recently made the 2024 Best of Bay Panama City Top five nominations in two categories – Place to Dance and Best Live Music/Concert Venue. They are now in the top five in each category and now they move on to the voting round. Users can now vote up to once a day for their favorites among the Top 5 to determine the winners! The Voting Round is June 10 – 24, 2024.

Grand Square Hall is one of two square dance halls in the Florida Panhandle., and is home to Swinging Squares.

Over 52nd Year of Swinging Squares!
Grand Square Hall Panama City
Emerald Coast's Biggest & Best All Wooden Dance Floor
1105 Bob Little Road in Panama City, FL 32404

Ted Kennedy, Guest Caller
Friday, June 21, 2024
6:15pm Mainstream & Plus (No Rounds)
\$6 cash admission includes snacks
Family Friendly (No smoking or alcohol) * Plenty of free parking

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Square Dancing every Friday night in June 2024

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JUNE 7, 14 AND 28: 6:15pm to 7:00pm Plus Workshop then 7:00pm to 8:30pm Mainstream & Plus. Miriam Merriwether, Caller.

JUNE 21: Guest Caller Ted Kennedy at 6:15 pm (No Rounds)



Follow us on "Swinging Squares Grand Square Hall Panama City" Facebook page

EDITOR'S NOTE: This would be a good way to draw attention to your dance hall!

ACCIDENT PROCEDURES

Below are the procedures for injury and non-injury incidents that occur at functions where square dancing is involved.

1. If someone is injured or falls at a dance, only the square with the downed dancer should stop dancing. Everyone else should continue dancing. If the downed dancer needs medical attention, the person in charge should ask for a medically trained person to assist.
2. The other members of the square with the downed dancer should form a circle surrounding the downed dancer and lock hands. The downed dancer can decide if they want to get up and leave the floor, get up and return to dancing, or stay down and request further assistance. If the dancer decides to stay down, the circle raises their hands in the air to signal to the caller to stop the dance for medical assistance.
3. An Accident Report should always be completed at the time of the incident. It is at the discretion of the downed dancer and the person in charge if a report is filed. If there is no injury, then no accident report is required to be submitted but the hosting organization should keep the completed accident report on hand as it could be needed in the future.

Completing an accident report is the responsibility of the President (or otherwise appointed person) who is in charge of the dance at which the incident occurs and should be done as soon as possible.

4. The person in charge should clearly explain that they have 48 hours (and even more time if needed) after the incident to submit an accident report.
5. Filling out and filing an accident report does not constitute an automatic insurance claim. The accident report is filled out and submitted to the Federation or Association Insurance Coordinator who then submits it to the USDA Insurance Coordinator. If the dancer required medical attention, then the USDA Insurance Coordinator will require additional paper work to be filled out by the dancer. This paper work is then submitted to the insurance carrier and will be followed up with the dancer. Most accident reports do not result in insurance claims because the costs are usually mitigated by the dancer's primary insurance carrier.
6. Training the dancers on the procedure for incidents is the responsibility of the individual clubs within the association. Insurance Chairmen are responsible for providing any updated information on recommended procedures to the clubs that is provided by the USDA Insurance Coordinator and to be available for questions that the leadership of the individual clubs might pose. The clubs should train and/or review the procedures periodically with their members, and at least once with each student during class time.
7. "Common sense" prevails as the number one guideline for handling incidents that occur at the square dance functions. Common courtesies such as following up with a phone call the next day after a slip and fall to make sure that the dancer is ok, minimizing the drama at the event, not moving a downed dancer with a back injury, and respecting the wishes of the downed dancer, are just to name a few courtesies that are important.

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The 2025 Convention Committee Needs Your Help!

We are 223 days from the 2025 Florida Square and Round Dance Convention, and we still have ten open positions on the committee! Please consider volunteering.

The open positions are

Campers – There is free camping at the Center, but it is dry camping. This person will need to contact area campgrounds and negotiate a special square dance rate for our people. You will also be responsible for promoting the State Convention to the campers.

Dangle Dances – You will need to decide on some theme dances. For this convention, think Circus! Then you will need to discuss with the badge vendor about the design of the dangles for each theme. You will probably want a committee to help you during the dance to hand out props. The caller chairperson will assign the callers for this dance and you will coordinate with them regarding the themes.

Entertainment Chairperson – We have started having a dinner show on Friday night of the convention. This person will need to make arrangements for a caterer and show.

Photographer – It's always good to have photos for historical purposes. You will need to walk around and take candid shots, as well as photos when awards are presented. You do not have to be a professional photographer to do this. If you like taking pictures, we sure could use your help!

Vendor Chairperson – You will contact last year's vendors to ascertain if they want to come back and arrange for other vendors. They do not have to be only dance vendors. We have had crafts, jewelry, purses, t-shirts, etc. There are contracts to be completed and signed and collection of rental fees for the booth space.

Assistant Vendor Chairperson – This position will assist the vendor chairperson and will fill in if the vendor chairperson is unable to finish his/her obligation.

Vice Chairman Central Association – This person will promote the convention and take fund raising samples to the dances in the Central area.

Vice Chairman Northwest Association - This person will promote the convention and take fund raising samples to the dances in the Northwest area

Vice Chairman Northeast Association - This person will promote the convention and take fund raising samples to the dances in the Northeast area

Vice Chairman Southeast Association - This person will promote the convention and take fund raising samples to the dances in the Southeast area.

All of these positions can be filled by any dancer, couple, solo, two couples, two solos, any age, male, or female. Your dance level or length of time dancing does not matter.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the 2024 chairpersons, Dawn DeWitt or Charles Tharp at ddewitt03@bellsouth.net or 561-252-7729.



2026 Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention Needs a Chairperson!

Even though this convention is two years away, planning needs to start now! A theme needs to be decided on, decorations, and set up your committee. If you like to plan parties, here is your chance! This position needs to be filled now so you can also “learn” from the 2025 chairperson as they coordinate their convention.

If you are interested in this position, please contact the Federation presidents at calvinmaki@bellsouth.net – 561-715-8285 or Ann Maki at anncmaki@gmail.com – 561-715-8286.

70th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention

Advance Registration

June 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024

Full Convention - \$50.00

Weekender* - \$37.00

Single Day - \$30.00

November 1, 2024 through Convention Dates

Full Convention - \$55.00

Weekender* - \$40.00

Single Day - \$30.00

***Weekender: Friday evening and all-day Saturday**

All Ribbons & Tickets will be picked up at the Convention Registration Booth

Friday Dinner & Show

4:15 - 6:30PM

Purchase by Friday, January 3, 2025

\$45 Per Person

Above prices are **PER PERSON** in **USD** (Tax Included)

Cancellation Deadline - **January 17, 2025**

Service Charge for N.S.F. or Returned Checks **\$35.00**

Spectator Tickets - Free - Pick up At The Registration Booth

**The Registration form can be found at
[/https://www.dancergram.com/aa-
FWS/convention/2025forms/RegistrationHSExp.pdf](https://www.dancergram.com/aa-FWS/convention/2025forms/RegistrationHSExp.pdf)**

**Online Registration is at
<https://www.jotform.com/app/233290918815159>**

FALL 2024 CONVENTION BENEFIT DANCE



**Alternating
MS & PLUS
5:15-7:15 pm
Adv. Tip
7:20 pm**

**DAVE
VIEIRA,
CALLER
CO-CHAIRMAN**

**CONVENTION
REGISTRATION,
DANCE SOCKS
and RAFFLE
TICKETS
AVAILABLE AT
THE DANCE**

**EARLY
ROUNDS
4:30-5:15
pm**

**SANDY
STURGIS,
CUER
CHAIRMAN**

**ADMISSION
PRICE:
DONATION
AT
THE
DOOR**

**70 TH FSSRDC
SPIN THE
BIG TOP**

**50/50
Raffle to
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024

Convention Chairman
Dawn DeWitt & Charles Tharp
561-252-7729 & 561-252-6236
ddewitt03@bellsouth.net

**Wildwood Community Center
Washington & Jefferson Room
6500 Powell Road
Wildwood, FL 34785**

**Friday night
Dinner/Show**
**Get your
tickets here!**
\$45 per person

\$45pp



Friday, Jan. 17, 2025
at
The Center at Deltona

4:15 pm to 6:30 pm

**Deadline to
purchase is
1/3/25**

Check back for
details as the
convention draws
near.



**Your purchase will help
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2025 convention**
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