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Happy 2001

FROM THE LOFT



Christmas is behind us and the election is decided. Al Gore gave a great speech before President Elect Bush gave his speech, which called for unity. New Years will bring, hopefully, a more stable political environment and sounder minds will prevail. This is the true start of the millennium and, while we did not have melt down with the '00 turnover in the computer world, we certainly have come close to a political meltdown in the world of politics. It is over – let's move forward in peace and harmony. Any other course will be disastrous for all of us.

The Yellow Rockers square dance lessons are progressing very nicely. As most of you already know, the Yellow Rockers are having very serious financial problems and both Jerry Reed and Vince Furtado are working with the club to see them through their hard times. We either hang together or we hang separately. The new class can add some very needed life to the club.

The Barn Dancers certainly worked hard on their Christmas Float and they really looked great in the Melbourne Parade of Lights. We have a new Mainstream Class that meets before the club dance on Wednesday and they also are doing quite well. The class all joined the Barn Dancers Wednesday Club and this club continues to grow. We also have the new "free" class going on Tuesday and they are a fantastic group of new dancers. I can not believe how well they are doing and we certainly look forward to adding an additional two squares to the Wednesday Club in February.

The Barn remains dark on Thursday and we are looking for a group to dance there on that night. We have two small churches using the facilities and we are happy to have them here in The Barn.

The Barn is getting a group together to visit Coral Castle in South Florida. It is a place that has been on TV many times and has been described as a place more amazing than the Great Pyramids and Stone Hedge. It is a

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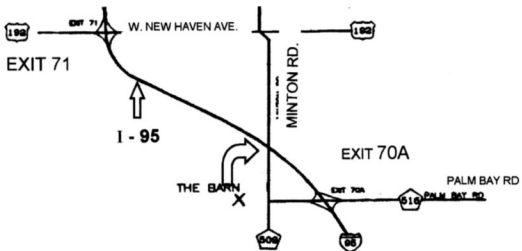
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castle that was built early in the 20th Century by one man. No one ever saw him build this castle and it is a real mystery as to how he accomplished this monumental task. Not only did he build it alone but he also quarried his own blocks, some of which are bigger than those used in the great pyramids. We are taking a 54 passenger bus and leaving The Barn at 9:00 on the 10th of February. This trip is part of our annual Memorial Dance and will include our Sunday Dance at THE BARN on February 11th. As of December 12th, we have 42 of the 54 seats filled. The cost is \$65.00 per couple (32.50 each) and includes the bus fare, tour with a tour guide and a meal after the tour on our trip back. We will eat sometime around 4:00. A snack will be nice to take with you. If you want to go, call 722-1664. As of December 14th the bus is full. We will take names in the event someone can not make it. Thanks to all for signing up for this trip.

On the front cover is a picture of some of our "Raindeer" that danced on the BARN DANCERS float in the Parade of Lights Parade in Melbourne. The club really worked together to get the float ready and then to present a great show to the attendees of the parade. It wasn't all work since the "work" days also turned into party days. We had excellent food as we accomplished our work on the float. We did not win a prize but the ones that worked so hard were all winners. Look at more pictures of this event throughout the BARN OWL.

January will see the arrival of Janet McBride, the Yodeling Queen from Texas. We do hope that you will attend this concert. The profits from these concerts will go to the Youth Club for their travel expenses to the State Convention and also to the International Square Dance Competition in the North West (either Canada or Washington State).

Linda and I wish each and everyone a very Happy New Year and all clubs a very successful year of dancing.



THE BARN DANCERS

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM **THE BARN DANCERS**



**JOE & BETTY
MANN**

We hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year. Our wish for a healthy, happy, and prosperous new year go out to all square dancers and their families. The past year has been a busy and enjoyable year and I am sure 2001 will be just as busy, and hopefully, just as enjoyable.

The Christmas float was a great success. At least we kept the lights on during the whole parade. Thanks to all the Barn Dancers that gave up their Saturdays to make the float come to life. We truly had a great group working on it. Sometimes the work leading up to the event is as much fun as the event itself. Unfortunately we did not win a trophy. We considered asking for a recount, but in the end we decided we were pleased with all the smiling faces and applause that greeted us as we danced and waved. We are looking forward to a rematch next year.

This month we had the Silver Squares come over to The Barn to retrieve their banner. We enjoyed their visit and dancing with such a distinguished group. We are glad to see that most of their members have returned and look forward to dancing with them again.

On the 20th we will have our gift exchange. We have decided to do this via a Chinese auction, so people will have a chance to try to select their own gift. It should be a fun night.

In January we have two members that are having birthdays. Happy Birthday wishes to Kathy Hinzman (1/11) and Harriet Pierce (1/29). We would also like to wish all Brevard square dancers **BEST WISHES AND HAPPY DANCING.**

Joe Mann

FROM THE BARN KITCHEN

CRACKER COOKIES

1 cup brown sugar / saltines

2 sticks butter

12 oz. Chocolate chips

Nuts

Preheat oven to 400°

Line cookie sheet with foil
Spread saltines on sheet in one layer

Melt butter and add sugar
Boil 3 minutes
Pour over crackers
Bake for 7 minutes

Spread chocolate chips on top of mixture with spatula
Sprinkle with chopped nuts
Refrigerate
When cold, break into pieces

Submitted by Linda Hudson

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Christmas Love

Each December, I vowed to make Christmas a calm and peaceful experience. I had cut back on nonessential obligations-extensive card writing, endless baking, decorating, and even overspending. Yet still, I found myself exhausted, unable to appreciate the precious family moments, and of course, the true meaning of Christmas.

My son, Nicholas, was in kindergarten that year. It was an exciting season for a six year old. For weeks, he'd been memorizing songs for his school's "Winter Pageant." I didn't have the heart to tell him I'd be working the night of the production.

Unwilling to miss his shining moment, I spoke with his teacher. She assured me there'd be a dress rehearsal the morning of the presentation. All parents unable to attend that evening were welcome to come then. Fortunately, Nicholas seemed happy with the compromise. So, the morning of the dress rehearsal, I filed in 10 minutes early, found a spot on the cafeteria floor and sat down. Around the room, I saw several other parents quietly scampering to their seats. As I waited, the students were led into the room. Each class, accompanied by their teacher, sat cross-legged on the floor. Then, each group, one by one, rose to perform their song. Because the public school system had long stopped referring to the holiday as "Christmas", I didn't expect anything other than fun, commercial entertainment-songs of reindeer, Santa Claus, snowflakes and good cheer. So, when my son's class rose to sing, "Christmas Love", I was slightly taken aback by its bold title. Nicholas was aglow, as were all of his classmates, adorned in fuzzy mittens, red sweaters, and bright snowcaps upon their heads. Those in the front row-center stage-held up large letters, one by one, to spell out the title of the song.

As the class would sing "C is for Christmas", a child would hold up the letter C. Then, "H is for Happy", and on and on, until each child holding up his portion had presented the complete message, "Christmas Love".

The performance was going smoothly, until suddenly, we noticed her, a small, quiet, girl in the front row holding the letter "M" upside down totally unaware her letter "M" appeared as a "W". The audience of 1st through 6th graders snickered at this little one's mistake. But she had no idea they were laughing at her, so she stood tall, proudly holding her "W". Although many teachers tried to shush the children, the laughter continued until the last letter was raised, and we all saw it together.

A hush came over the audience and eyes began to widen. In that instant, we understood-the reason we were there, why we celebrated the holiday in the first place, why even in the chaos, there was a purpose for our festivities. For when the last letter was held high, the message read loud and clear:

CHRIST WAS LOVE.

And, I believe, He still is.

From my niece Patty Martin in Ohio



Mort and Helen Lee, members of the BARN DANCERS Wednesday club, were recently spotted at a very lovely Victorian Tea Party. It appears that Mort was so taken by his Victorian Tea Lady that he poured a little to much tea. Way to go Mort.

YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club is off for the Christmas – New Years Vacation. We will start the first Saturday in January to begin to prepare for the State Square and Round Dance Convention in May. We hope to have as good a performance as we did last year.

On January 20th and 21st we hope to have good attendance at the Yodel Concert and raise traveling money for our trips. If you have not gotten your tickets yet, please call and we will see that tickets are available for you.

We have been invited to perform again at The Frog Leg Festival in Fellsmere. We are told that Fellsmere is going for a worlds record this year on the number of frog legs served. Our dance time is January 20th at 10:00 in the morning. We have to hurry back to be able to attend the Janet McBride Concert at THE BARN at 2:00 PM.

WHERE TO SQUARE, ROUND A

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p><u>MELBOURNE</u></p> <p>CAMPFIRE DANCERS Chapter 082 4th weekend (STARTS ON A FRIDAY EVENING)</p> <p>THE BARN Class – Phase II & III Rounds 5:00 - 7:00 PM Phyllis Williams</p>	<p><u>BAREFOOT BAY</u> BAREFOOT BAY TWIRLERS 7:15-7:45 Early Rounds 8:00-10:00 Plus Dance Dale McClary, Caller Jim Runnels, Cuer Information 254-0150</p> <p><u>ROCKLEDGE</u> SPACE TRACKERS McLarty Rec. Center Barton Blvd. 7:30 - 10:00 Class Whit Brown, Caller Information 452-2679</p> <p><u>MELBOURNE</u></p> <p>YELLOW ROCKERS "THE BARN" 3820 Minton Road 6:30 – 8:00 class 8:00 - 10:00 Plus Dance Jerry Reed, Caller Vince Furtado, Cuer Information 722-1664</p> <p>LINE DANCING GPBSC 10 -11:30 AM Glenda Ortiz Harney, Instructor Information 253-1564</p>	<p><u>MELBOURNE</u> SILVER SQUARES 1300 S. Airport Blvd. 7:30 - 10:00 Plus Jerry Reed, Caller John Swindle Caller Vince Furtado, Cuer Information 768-2217</p> <p>"THE BARN"</p> <p>Line Dancing 10:00 - 11:30 AM Glenda Ortiz Harney Info 253-1564</p> <p>BARN DANCERS New classes 7:00-8:30 Class 8:30 – 9:30 Mainstream Otis Lutz, caller Information 722-1664</p> <p>THE BARN Class – Phase IV & V Rounds 4:45 – 6:45 PM Phyllis Williams</p>	<p><u>MELBOURNE</u> "THE BARN" Line Dancing 1 BEGINNER LINE Sylvia Schell 777-3649</p> <p>FUN WORKSHOPS 7:00 – 8:00 Otis Lutz Instr</p> <p>FUN DANCE BARN DANCE 8:00 – 9:30 Otis Lutz Caller 722-1664</p>

New square dance lessons start every 10 weeks on Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

AND LINE DANCE IN BREVARD

SDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><u>JURNE</u></p> <p>0:00-11:30 NE DANCE</p> <p>HOP</p> <p>uctor</p> <p>RS</p>	<p><u>BAREFOOT BAY</u> BAREFOOT BAY SPINNERS Community Center 12:45 - 2:45 Mainstream Dale McClary, Caller Information 254-0150</p> <p><u>ROCKLEDGE</u> Canaveral Squares McLarty Rec. Center Barton Blvd. Round Dance Class 7:00 - 9:00 PM Vera Smith, Cuer</p> <p><u>MELBOURNE</u> PALM BAY PROMENADERS "Trailer Haven" 7:30 rounds 8:00 - 10:00 Plus Dance Dale McClary, Caller Wayne Guice, Cuer Information 984-9393</p> <p>THE BARN SWING LESSONS 6:30 - 7:30 John & Laura Beers 727-2457</p>	<p><u>ROCKLEDGE</u> 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</p> <p><u>MELBOURNE</u> "THE BARN" 3820 Minton Road A2 FUNSHOP/DANCE 7:30 - 9:30 PM Jerry Reed, Caller Information 633-1306</p> <p><u>ROCKLEDGE</u> 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</p>	<p><u>ROCKLEDGE</u> SPACE TRACKERS McLarty Rec. Center Barton Blvd. 7:30 - 8:00 Rounds 8:00 - 10:30 Plus Whit Brown, Caller Guest Caller 2nd & 4th Information 452-2679</p> <p><u>SATELLITE BEACH</u> ALLEMANDERS Satellite Beach Civic Center 8:00 - 10:30 Plus 1,2 & 3rd Saturdays John Saunders, Caller Vince Furtado, Cuer Information 676-5741</p> <p><u>MELBOURNE</u> SATURDAY NITE LIVE Special as set up by callers/cuers Call for Information 722-1664</p> <p>Last Saturday of the month is SWING NIGHT 7:00 to -</p>

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Kiss-A-Me Squares	Paul & Thelma Marx	321-933-4787
Palm Bay Promenaders	George & Carolyn McCollough	321-726-9874
Pirates (Apopka)	Tony Brownell	321-568-6254
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Space Trackers	Mary Lou Coyle	
Sunshine Strollers	George Springer	561-466-7923
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Wagon Wheels	Phyllis & Bob Randall	321-892-9792
Yellow Rockers	Connie Plummer	

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Silver Squares	Russel & Eileen Miller	
Space Trackers	Judy Frye	321-268-4450
Yellow Rockers	Ben and Sue Johnson	

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.

JANET McBRIDE

THE YODELING QUEEN

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All performances are limited to 200 seats so get your tickets early

**All profits from these performances will go to the
YOUTH SQUARE DANCE CLUB**

THE MELBOURNE LIGHT PARADE



Why are these dancers smiling when they have a driver that looks like he doesn't know anything.



Before the parade we all met at Homer's for dinner. We all know that square dancers can have fun no matter what they do.



Here are our "LEADERS?" Joe and Betty Mann did a great job in the planning and building of the float.



Now Terry, you can not do wheelies or make sudden starts or stops. Looks like he is listening – doesn't it?



Our driver and "candy" ladies. They walked a long ways.



Our Raindeer and Caller. They did a lot of dancing on the float.

Barn Owl Round Dance Report



Happy, Happy New Year to All!!!

It is really grrrrreat to be active in the Round and Square Dance activity and planning for a brand new year. It is especially rewarding to me to be Instructor for the Sunday night Island Rounders at the Barn. This Phase II and III group have had "Classics" as their dance goal for the entire year of 2000. Here are some they are familiar with. (Please note I did not say "perfected" - I said "familiar with" which means they are comfortable to get up and dance): Spaghetti Rag, Roses for Elizabeth, Woodchoppers Ball, Feelin', Alice Blue Gown, Non Dimenticar, DeJa Vu, Tango Man-

nita, Axel F, Answer Me, Night Train. All of these classics open the vista of taking part in regular programming at State Level dance affairs and at Special Events throughout our state. Often the Classics are rated by Roundalab at the lower end of the level-of-difficulty-scale. But they are quite challenging to us and result in a good feeling of accomplishment as we work our way through. We do have fun as "perfection" is not what we strive for. With gusto and with good feelings we add them to our list of what we are ready to get up and dance.

It is interesting to note that the Round Dance Council of Florida maintains a web site which has resulted in our group welcoming travelers and winter people as they pass through Melbourne. Isn't it great to have them pull out their dance shoes and join in with us at The Barn. The Classics are really dances that everyone enjoys.

Till next time, gang ----- Happy Dancing.

Phyllis

On December 17th, Phyllis' Round dance group was having their Christmas Party and Linda and I were at home. Linda called to me and said there was a loud explosion at THE BARN. I went over and as I got there the dancers came out and told me they had no electricity. Upon investigating we found that a squirrel had just been electrocuted! Sorry Phyllis.

Wagon Wheel Squares – St. Cloud

Greetings from Osceola County! We had a great Guest Caller in October, Duane Rodgers from Illinois. He calls for the Orange Blossom Squares of Lady Lake while in Florida. He called a terrific dance. Already we are having dancers asking how soon we can have him back.

We also had Irene Knapp, of Edgewater, to do our rounds. Irene always does a colossal job of cueing. She had some terrific dances for us to do and we thank you, Irene.

It was great to see so many of our dancers attend our 31st Anniversary dance. We had a wonderful time. We invited all of the members to wear their club outfit. This is possibly only the second time we've worn these colors to one of our own dances. Our Anniversary Dance was very special. We consider ourselves fortunate to have so many Past Presidents that are still members of the club. There are only four dancers of that original group still around and still dancing. Wagon Wheels has three of them every evening. They are Sarah Sebek, Mike Mikeal, BettyLee Talmadge. There is also, BettyLee's daughter SusanElaine Packer who doesn't dance with us, as she is the caller for the "Young & Restless."

To celebrate this special occasion we invited our Caller, Dale McClary to "bring back some memories" of those days so long ago. He called songs that were popular at the time the club was formed. We invited our Cuers, Jan and Pete Shankle, to perform a special dance for us. What a graceful couple.

In November we had Guest Caller Clyde Stocker from Winter Haven, and on rounds Jack and Nell Jenkins from Leesburg. What a marvelous evening they all gave us. Jack and Nell were invited to do an exhibition for us and they chose a beautiful IV Cha. Unique dance.

This was followed by our Class/Club Sunday Picnic which was very well attended with over 80 dancers and guests. This is a day of fun, food, dancing, and fellowship. Phyllis and Bob Randall again volunteered to chair this event and they had many, many volunteers assisting them. Games were played, and we did some square and round dancing.

For Thanksgiving the Wagon Wheel dancers filled several baskets that were delivered to one very happy couple. Jack and Bev Whitney were in charge of the delivery of the baskets.

Every December the St. Cloud Senior Center hosts the Queen's Ball on the first Friday. Each club sends a representative to the Queen's Ball to perform. She must be over 55 years of age, and perform on stage for 3 minutes. We are happy to announce that our own Thelma Bitler came in as first runner up this year.

The Ball was followed by the St. Cloud Christmas Parade. After spending hours decorating a wagon and the van, a large contingent of dancers rode on the float in the parade, while a great many others decided to walk. Mrs. Claus and 3 little elves, plus a great many reindeer plus Rudolph were also in the parade.

Our Christmas project this year is to furnish toys for the children at "Help Now," the Osceola County Abuse Center. When Louise Owens spoke to the ladies at the Center they were in a meeting trying to figure where to get enough money to buy gifts for the children for Christmas. When they heard what Louise had in mind, they said we are "the answer to their prayers." The list of needed toys were given to the club members who signed up to bring a toy for a boy and one for a girl. Some of the dancers donated money as they seldom get out to visit toy stores. It isn't Christmas yet, but we have 60 toys already promised, and \$280.00 already donated. When BettyLee Talmadge (covering for Louise who has had surgery recently) gave the final details of our "Toy Party" - forty-three Space Trackers were raiding us and they immediately took up a collection. When their final count was completed, they donated \$73.00 toward gifts for the children. What a club! They are so supportive!

BettyLee and Bill Talmadge

JANUARY YELLOW ROCKER NEWS

HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone! We hope the holiday season was a wonderful one for all of our square dancing members, friends and family. It was great to see so many squares dancing during December. The New Year's Eve square dance is held at the Barn. The callers and cuer for the dance are: Dale McClary, Otis Lutz and Jerry Reed and Vera Smith.

The Yellow Rockers had a wonderful Christmas dinner on Dec. 4. Many thanks to the "committee" who organized the dinner and to all of the wonderful cooks for making the evening such a success and so much fun. We extended an invitation to the class taking lessons on Monday evening and it was nice to see quite a few of them here.

We want to say a special thank you to our officers for last year. We sincerely appreciate all of your hard work.

President - Paul Taylor
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We also want to welcome our new officers for the coming year:

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Vice Pres. - Jean and Walt Hanke
Secretary - John and Bonne Smead
Treasury - Ed and Cecile Ellis
Banner Chairperson - Connie Plummer

BIRTHDAYS

Jan 4 Lou Darras Jan 7 Sue Johnson Jan 13 Conway Huie
Jan 13 John Smead Jan 15 Ken Fuller

ANNIVERSARIES

Jan 10 Steve and Neljane Rizzuto

Jerry Reed reports that the class is doing very well. They are progressing and will soon be working on their "plus level dancing". Keep up the good work. Many thanks to all of the angels who come out to help and dance with the class.

See 'ya in a square,
Jane Hart
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