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To: Florida Email Tree Contacts and Others

It's getting closer! The 67th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention will be in Daytona Beach on March 18 – 19, 2022. "Lighting the Way to Friendship and Fun" is the theme and the decorations will be lighthouses. The publicity chairman has written several articles about all the lighthouses in Florida. If you've missed the articles, you can find them at www.dancergram.com/Flyers/lighthouses.pdf.

There will be a Trails End Dance on Thursday, March 17th, so come a day early so you can come to this dance. The details for this dance have not been finalized.

If you purchased your ribbon(s) for the 2020 Florida Convention and did not receive a refund for them, those ribbons are still good for the 2022 convention. If you don't remember if you have ribbons or you have lost them, please contact Linda Reid, Registration Chairman, at 321-255-4738 or reid20@bellsouth.net. You can mail your registration or see your Association's Ways & Means Chairman who will have ribbons and registration forms. **PLEASE DON'T WAIT UNTIL WE GET CLOSER TO THE DATE TO REGISTER FOR THE 2022 CONVENTION. THE PLANNING COMMITTEE NEEDS TO KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE ATTENDING SO THEY KNOW HOW MANY TO PREPARE FOR.** If for any reason you can't make it to this convention, you will be cheerfully refunded the amount you paid for the ribbons.

We are returning to the Daytona Beach Ocean Center, 101 N Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida. The Ocean Center has agreed to let us dance in the halls without masks; however, when you leave a hall, you must have a mask on. The Ocean Center parking lot is \$10; however, if you move your vehicle from the lot, you have to pay \$10 to return to the lot even on the same day.

All the callers scheduled for the convention are members of the Florida Callers Association and all the cuers are members of the Round Dance Council of Florida.

Due to other events booked in Daytona Beach that weekend, we have only been able to negotiate a special square dance rate at two hotels. Both hotels

are giving us a \$139 + tax per night rate. Be sure to ask for the square dance rate! Make your reservations soon; our block of rooms is filling up fast. The two hotels are (1) Homewood Suites (host hotel where the after-parties will be held), 165 Bill France Boulevard, Daytona Beach (four miles from the Ocean Center) - 386-258-2828. (2) Home2 Suites, 200 Fentress Boulevard, Daytona Beach – 386-400-2300.

There are also campgrounds in the area. (1) **Sunshine Holiday RV Resort**, 1701 North U.S. Hwy. 1, Ormond Beach – 386-672-3045. The Rally Rate is \$28 per night, under Square Dancers. Make your reservation early as they have limited full hook-up sites available. (2) **Daytona RV Park - Speedway KOA**, 3003 W. International Speedway Boulevard, Daytona Beach – 386-257-6138. The rate is \$51 per night. Make your reservation early. The approximate distance is 25 minutes to the Ocean Center. (3) **International RV Park**, 3175 W. International Speedway Boulevard, Daytona Beach – 386-239-0249. The rate is \$28 per night. Ask for Sean and tell him you are with the square dancers. He only has approximately 10 sites available. (4) **Daytona RV Park South KOA**, 2430 S. Nova Road, S. Daytona – 386-767-9170. This park and International RV Park are sister parks and each park has only approximately 25 sites available. The approximate distance is 35 minutes to the Ocean Center. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Scott at 9054-264-9392 or mjanescott@bellsouth.net.

We always have raffle drawings and this convention is no different! There will be a drawing for a 65" x 74" quilt that was sewn by Terri Little and quilted by Peggy Huston. Each square of the quilt has a picture of a lighthouse. All their time and materials were donated. The tickets are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. The other two drawings are for a lighthouse built and donated by Tom Leaf and Richard Douget. They are 5 feet 5-inches tall, made of Marine Plywood, pressure treated and painted red and white stripes. There is a working light on top. This is a perfect addition to your garden or the entrance to your house. The tickets are 1 for \$2 or 6 for \$10. There will two winners for this drawing. See your Association Ways & Means Chairman to purchase your tickets, All of these drawings will be held on Saturday, March 19th at the convention. You do not have to be present to win. When you purchase your tickets, you will be asked to put your name and contact information on the back of the tickets that will be put in the pot.

There are also other fundraising items to be purchased from your Association Ways & Means Chairpersons. They are polo shirts with the convention logo for \$25 each or 2 for \$45, Gold Star Sponsor buttons for \$25 each, and convention buttons for \$1 each. The Gold Star Sponsor buttons are affectionately called

“DON'T HARASS ME” buttons. If you have one you will be able to dance at the Trail End Dance on Thursday night for FREE and no one will ask you to purchase any of the fundraising items. If you want to be a Gold Sponsor, please see a Ways & Means representative to pay for it, and the convention chairpersons Richard and Carol Douget will send you the button(s).

We need volunteers to make this a successful convention! The vacancies are assistant facilities, Federation after-party, dangle dance, 50/50 co-chair, entertainment, and hospitality. Anyone can volunteer. Years of dance experience, level of dance, and age are not requirements for these positions. Singles, couples, and partners can fill the positions. It takes a lot of workers to put on a convention! If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the convention chairpersons Carol and Richard Douget at cldcpa@yahoo.com or 410-952-7408.

We have advertising in our program booklet. Anyone can purchase an ad from a business card size to a full page. They can be business ads or personal ads (congratulations, happy birthday, thank you). The deadline for ads is December 30, 2021. Please contact Ailene Picheco, Program Book Chairman at 321-652-0680 or apicheco@att.net for additional information.

If you need additional information, please go to <http://floridasquaredance.com/convention/index.html>.

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