

Dear dancers,

This will be the last Newsletter for 2020, unless I receive notices of changes, otherwise nothing new to report. Next Newsletter will be issued on January 3. This being so, *we wish you a Merry Christmas, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year* while you read mentally hum the song.



Note from Carlyn and Tim Austin

Charlotte Promenaders will not be open for the 2021 dancing season. Given the pandemic bursting out of control in so much of our country and the enormous care to keep everyone following safety protocols, we feel it is too risky to put any dancers in danger. For now, we will simply look forward to the 2022 season when, with God's grace and effective vaccines, we will dance again at Charlotte Promenaders.



Highlights for this week

- There will be no dances in Arcadia for the next 3 Fridays: Dec 18, Dec 25 and Jan 1. Dances will resume on January 8
- Temple Twirlers are dancing this Monday, Dec 14, **no dance on Dec 21**, followed by a dance on Dec 28.

Looking ahead

- Mike Gormley and Ed Richey are hosting a New Year's Eve dance on (you guessed) December 31st, 2020. See flyer below.
- Dave Magee is planning to start Squares and Rounds at Aligator Park tentative date January 5, 2021.
- Crystal Lake Squares will start dances and lessons in January, see details under Wednesday listings
- Pamela and Jeff's Southern Stars weekend festival, will be held January 8-10, 2021, also classes will start in January, see full announcement under "*Upcoming events and Miscellaneous Announcements*"
- The Florida State Squares and Rounds Convention has been postponed to March 4 and 5, 2022

Reminders

The end of this Newsletter is reached when you see "**Squares and Rounds go hand in hand**". *Upcoming events and Miscellaneous Announcements* section near the end shows notes and flyers of future events as available.

Photos

The pictures this week are a potpourri of Christmasy, wintery and such images collected from the Internet. Will have to do as advanced Merry Christmas wishes.

Yellow rock.

Roger



Monday Dec 14

TEMPLE TWIRLERS

>>> *dance today Dec 14 - Christmas Dance next dance on*

December 28

Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 2707 W. Waters Avenue (northeast corner of Habana Avenue), Tampa
Early Rounds 7:00 pm, Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 to 9:30 pm - square dance attire preferred.

Dancers, please use the entrance marked "Gage Hall" on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway.

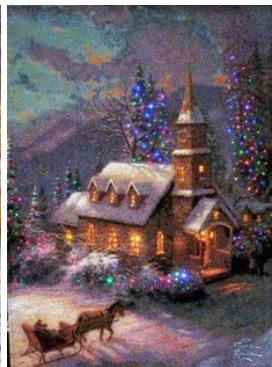
Contact: Holly Murphy, hollysclan@aol.com

Temple Twirlers has a YouTube page where all their photography is being posted - videos and stills. Subscribe at tinyurl.com/twirlersyoutube.

Steps being taken to achieve safe dancing:

- 1 - There will be temperature checks at the door, if you are found to be 100.4 or above, you will not be admitted
 - 2 - You must sign a waver. Insurance will cover normal things such as getting hurt, etc, but not from getting Covid-19. The church doesn't cover this either
 - 3 - You must wear a mask while at the dance, except when eating, unless you have something from your doctor saying otherwise.
 - 4 - You must bring your own food and drink. No sharing please. This will be hard as you know how square dancers like to share.
 - 5 - We will have hand sanitizers at each table. You are required to sanitize after each tip.
- We truly want to dance!!! If all goes well we hope to be back to a full schedule in 2021. Yellow rock!

12 14 Christmas Dance Marty Vanwart / Tom Bunn
12 28 Mike Cox / Jimmy Griffin



Tuesday Dec 15

ALLIGATOR PARK DANCES

>>> *tentative start date January 5, 2021*

Regular Plus dances every Tuesday 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, casual dress, Caller: Dave Magee, Cuer: Judy Barnhill. Location: Alligator Park, 6400 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda, Fl.



Wednesday Dec 16

CRYSTAL LAKE SQUARES >>> *starting in January*

Location: Crystal Lake Village, at 237 Maxwell Dr, Wauchula, FL 33873, 2 miles north of the Wauchula on the east side of Route 17. Caller/Instructor: Mike Gormley

Info: Mike Gormley, [419-376-0557](tel:419-376-0557) or email mike@mike-gormley.com for details: http://www.mike-gormley.com/square_dance/Crystal%20Lake%20Squares.htm

January 13, 2021 - March 24, 2021 - Crystal Lake Squares Square Dance Workshop, Mainstream and Plus as needed - , - 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$6 per dancer. Caller: Mike Gormley. For info: mike@mike-gormley.com or 419-376-0557

January 20, 2021 - March 24, 2021 - Crystal Lake Squares Beginner Square Dance Class - 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Cost: \$6 per dancer. Caller: Mike Gormley - using the CALLERLAB Condensed Teach Order List. For info: mike@mike-gormley.com or 419-376-0557

January 13, 2021 - March 24, 2021 - Crystal Lake Squares Phase II Round Dancing, 2 step and waltz dance teaches - 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$6 per dancer. Cuer: Mike Gormley. For info: mike@mike-gormley.com or 419-376-0557 Note: January 13th time will be 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm (only)

If you plan on attending the series, let Mike Gormley know. It helps in the planning, considering the Covid environment. Masks, sanitation, etc. will be in accordance with the Crystal Lake Village and Florida State guidelines.



Thursday Dec 17



Friday Dec 18

ARCADIA DANCES >>>
8 ROUNDS ONLY

no dances from today until Jan 1 resume dancing on Jan

Dances every Friday at the former Palace Dance Hall, 1627 NE Floridian Circle, Arcadia, FL, Caller: Robert Arias; Cuer: Judy Barnhill. 7:00 PM to 9:00 pm. Plus tips and rounds. For info: Mary [941-380-5336](tel:941-380-5336).

Guidelines: Social Distancing as appropriate, masks are optional, bring your own food and drink -- none will be provided as per guidelines from the Square Dance Association and if you have any symptoms of an illness please refrain from coming.



Saturday Dec 19



Sunday Dec 20



Upcoming Events and Miscellaneous Announcements



MIKE

New Years Eve Western Square Dance

Featuring

**Ed Richey &
Mike Gormley**

Thursday - December 31, 2020

9:00 PM - 12:30 AM

*First Christian Church
510 Poinsettia Av.
Sebring, FL*

You must be Pre-registered for this dance!
Reservations must be made by December 20, 2020

Mail your check for \$15 per person payable to
Mike Gormley
4907 Barnum Street
Sebring, Florida 33876

*Snacks, pizza,
noise makers & 50/50*

MS-Plus- and limited rounds

Square dance attire optional

Questions?
Contact Mike @ 419-376-0557
mike@mike-gormley.com

Ed @ 734-716-1148



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Southern Stars Fest

— a frolic in Florida —

With Pamela and Jeff Johnson

218.256.1873 | rapidballroom@gmail.com

January 8-10, 2021 | Stardust Dance Center | Plant City, Florida
Phase 3-5 Round Dance Weekend Event

\$50 per person preregister | \$55 after Jan 1, 2021 | Limited to 50 couples
Camping available on site | See back for a list of area Hotels

Friday

7:00 Registration/Syllabus
7:30-9:30 Party Dance 3-5 & Treats
(With Phase 3 View & Do)

Saturday

10:00-12:30 Phase 5 Clinic/Teach
12:30-2:00 Lunch on your own
2:00-4:00 Phase 4+ Teach
7:00-7:30 Phase 5-6 Requests
7:30-9:30 Party Dance 3-5 & Treats

Sunday

10:00 Coffee, Fruit and Croissants
10:30-12:30 Review / Clinic

Healthy Treats for evening dances appreciated



website: RapidBallroom.com

-----Southern Stars Registration-----

Mail full payment or **\$25 deposit** check payable to Pamela Johnson with the form below to:
Pamela Johnson, 28838 Oak Bend Drive, Grand Rapids, MN 55744

If Registering after Nov 1*

Mail to: Pamela Johnson, 506 Empress Way, Lakeland, Florida 33803

Name(s) _____ Telephone#(____) _____ - _____

Address(es) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

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Message from Pamela and Jeff:

Are you ready to get back to dancing? If so, our weekly classes are about to start at the Stardust in Plant City! The Southern Stars weekend festival, which is held January 8-10, 2021 will also take place. Due to our regular house rental not being available, we are moving back and forth, from Plant City, to my dad's house in Ft Myers, during the month of December. Due to this change, **our weekly Tuesday night phase 4+ class will start January 5, 7:00-9:00, instead of earlier in December. The Friday night "Do Over" Dance practice will begin on January 15, 2021, 7:00-9:00.**

Right now we have 4 registered dancers for Southern Stars Fest. **Please respond to this email ASAP, to let us know your intentions for both the Southern Stars Fest and our weekly classes.** The craziness of Covid, makes it all the more important, you let us know if you will be attending.

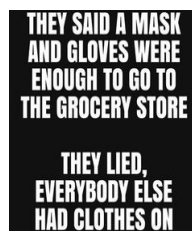
Above is the (pre-covid) flier for Southern Stars. Please note we are not asking dancers to bring snacks to share. Jeff and I will wear masks when needed, you may do so as well if you so choose.

Hotel info from the back of the flyer:

HOTELS: (All 10 - 15 minutes from the hall) Hilton Garden Inn (863) 647-0066 Fairfield Inn & Suites (813) 757-6202 Staybridge Suites (863) 225-2886 Comfort Inn (813) 707-6000

Looking for an extended stay? Might want to try Travelodge in Lakeland for special low weekly/monthly rates. (863) 858-4481 Limited Camping (must reserve) : Dry Camp: \$10 per night Water & 50 amp \$25 per night Many restaurants and quick lunch options close by or ... bring your lunch to the hall and eat with us

CLARIFICATION for new readers: this newsletter is issued on Sundays with info for the coming week. It lists days of the week starting with the Monday immediately following the Sunday of issue. Under each day of the week header there is a list of the dances offered that day, complete with location (street address and town), caller/cuer, contact person's phone and/or email, times plus other info such as dance level(s), attire, bring food to share, etc as applicable. In order to emphasize changes, special events, etc, the very first section of the newsletter, **Highlights for this week**, only lists changes to regular dances of the week or reminders of special events. Similarly the **Looking ahead** section lists advance notice of events to take place later. For full information on any dance mentioned in the **highlights for this week** section please scroll down to the appropriate day of the week header to find the info you are looking for. The end of the newsletter is reached when you see a small picture of a dancing couple and the words "Squares and Rounds go hand in hand".



Squares and rounds go hand in hand