SWF Square and Round Dance Newsletter for the week of December 11

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- Date: Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 10:49 AM EST

Dear dancers,

Reminder: today, Sunday, December 10 there is an afternoon of Round Dancing (levels 2 to 4) at Strawberry Square with Judy Barnhill cueing, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. See flyer below for details.

Jean's class has been invited to do a line and square dance demo at the Port Charlotte Seniors Center this coming Thursday, December 14, in the morning. Please call Jean for details and directions at 860-917-0793.

Note for contact persons of dances not listed: please send me your respective schedules if you wish it to be included in future newsletters.

Highlights for this week

- A1 refresher with Darrin Henry on Monday, refresher 6:00 to 7:30 pm, A dancing 7:30 to 9:00 pm.
- Beginners Workshop with Jean Wydra now on Mondays, 10:30AM to 12:00PM, at the VFW Port Charlotte
- Arcadia is NOT dancing this coming Friday, Dec 15, the hall is unavailable
- Check all flyers at the end of the Newsletter

Looking ahead

- New Year's Eve Farewell to 2023 dance on Dec 31, 2pm to 4pm, Advanced dancing at 1:30pm Flyer below.
- Mike & Eddie New Year's dance 123 123 (or 12/31/23) in Sebring, see flyer below
- Sunseekers Squares > Square Dance lessons starting on Jan 2, flyer below
- Charlotte Promenaders 2, starts on Jan 4, Harold's Recreation Center, flyer below
- Square Dance Cruise next March > see flyer below
- Happy Promenaders. Marjie's dances, return this season, see flyer
- It is never too early to plan to attend the 49th Tennessee Square and Round Dance Convention next August

Reminders

Beginners classes/workshops (Mondays and Wednesdays): If you know people that have danced in the past but stopped, and would like a refresher to restart, please encourage them to come over. Angels are always welcome.

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 future events flyers as they become available.

Photos

This week's pictures are from our visit to Israel last May. It was our first overseas trip (with our usual Fr Terry's group) since 2019. Today's pictures feature Jerusalem.

Yellow rock. Roger



Monday December 11 ADVANCED LESSONS AND DANCING

Location: Herons Glen, 2250 Herons Glen Blvd, North Fort Myers A1 refresher: 6:00 to 7:30 pm, dancing: 7:30 to 9:00 pm, until Dec 18, with Darrin Starting Jan 8 A2 lessons 6:00 to 7:30 pm, dancing 7:30 to 9:00 pm, with Darrin and Alan \$6.00 per person for the evening Leaders: Darrin Henry & Alan Hall Info: 765-620-3813

BEGINNERS SQUARE DANCE WORKSHOP >>> teacher Jean Wydra

Time: **10:30 AM to 12:00 PM**, no charge Location: VFW Hall (Veterans of Foreign Wars) 23204 Freedom Avenue, Port Charlotte, FL. Contact: Roger Friedmann at <u>r.friedmann97@gmail.com</u>





Tuesday December 12 SWINGIN' GATORS SQUARES AND ROUND DANCES

Regular Plus dances every Tuesday 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, casual dress, today's guest caller: Ralph Peacock, Cuer: Judy Barnhill Location: Alligator Park, 6400 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33950.

SUSAN'S FUN ROUNDS

Regular ROUNDS only for more info, Ilona Wix <<u>ilonah.1@netzero.net</u>. Dances 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm workshop, 7:00 to 8:30 dancing Cuer: Susan Wolford Location: Horizon Village, 9200 Littleton Road, North Fort Myers, Fl. Guidelines:. Masks are optional, social distancing when appropriate.

SUNSEEKERS SQUARES >>> starts January 2

Square Dance lessons Beginners Class, 4:00 to 6:00 pm Location: Alligator Park, 6400 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33950. Contact: Dwayne Barnhill 606-302-1731

Wednesday December 13

BEGINNERS SQUARE DANCE WORKSHOP

Location: Eagles at 23111 Harborview Road (corner of Harborview and Kings Highway), Port Charlotte, FL, no charge Contact: Jean Wydra 860-917-0793 Time: 10:30 am to 12:00 noon





Thursday December 14 HORIZON VILLAGE DANCE

Regular Plus dances 3:00 to 5:00 pm every Thursday, casual dress (or pants), early rounds at 2:30 PM guest caller **Ralph Peacock**, Cuer: **Judy Barnhill**. Location: Horizon Village, 9200 Littleton Road, North Fort Myers, Fl.

PINE RIDGE PROMENADERS >>> 2024 season starts on January 4

Dances Thursdays 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Our location is at Sunshine RV Resort located south of Lake Placid on SR 70, just east of US27. Contact Al Jilly at 847-209-3443 or Diane Lucey at 585-465-7466. Schedule for January:

01 04 Welcome Back Dance with Ed Richey

- 01 11 Oldies but Goodies Dance with Robert Arias calling, Judy Barnhill cueing
- 01 18 Cookie Night Dance with Ralph Peacock
- 01 25 Hawaiian Night Dance with Walter Zatorski

CHARLOTTE PROMENADERS 2 >>> Jan 4 to March 28

Harold Avenue Regional Park at 23400 Harold Avenue, Port Charlotte, Florida 6:30 to 7:00 PM Round Dance Workshop 7:00 to 9:00 PM Squares and Rounds around 8:00 PM A1 tip 9:00 tp 9:15 PM A1 tip Contact: Susan Wolford 256-673-01700 or <u>2susanwolf@gmail.com</u>





Friday December 15

ARCADIA DANCES >>> next dance on December 29

Dances first, third and fifth Friday (unless otherwise announced) at the former Palace Dance Hall, 1627 NE Floridian Circle, Arcadia, FL, Caller: **Robert Arias**; Cuer: **Judy Barnhill. 3:00 PM to 5:00 pm**. Plus and Mainstream tips and rounds. For info: Mary Dow 941-380-5336.

12 15 >>> no dance, hall is unavailable

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MAPLE LEAF DANCES SQUARES AND ROUNDS >>> dances start on January 12

Dances at a new location: Harold Avenue Regional Park at 23400 Harold Avenue, Port Charlotte, Florida Dances every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month **3:00 to 5:00 pm**

Mainstream and some Plus cost \$7.00 per person, singles are welcome

Caller: Homer Magnet cuer: Judy Barnhill

Contact: Roger Friedmann at 941-624-0871

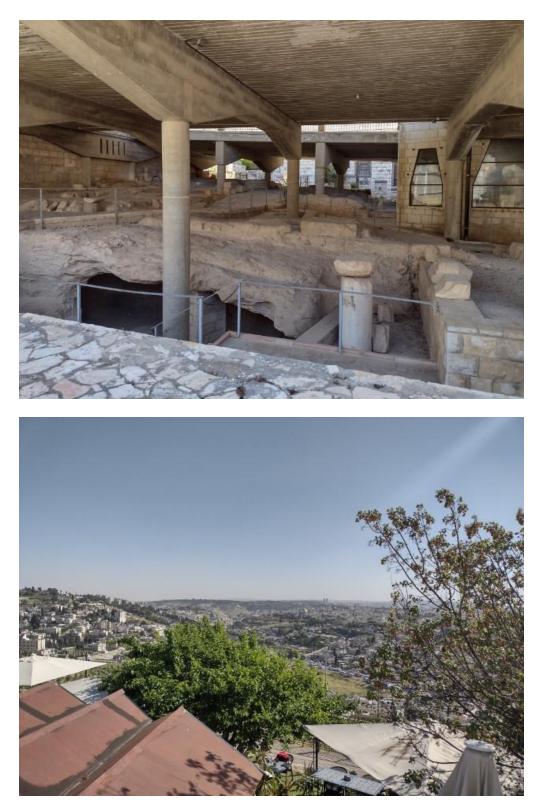
Note: Dates chosen to alternate with Arcadia dances

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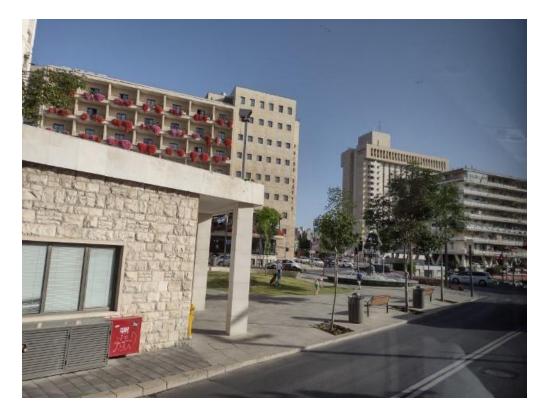


Saturday December 16





Sunday December 17





Upcoming Events and Miscellaneous Announcements







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Ring in 2024 with an early afternoon New Year's Eve celebration

December 31, 2023

1:30 – 2:00pm Advance Dancing 2:00 – 4:00pm PLUS and Rounds/Lines

Darrín Henry Judy Barnhill

Harold Avenue Regional Park Recreation Center 23400 Harold Ave - Port Charlotte FL



Drinks will be provided Snacks/Finger food welcome

Information: Judy 865-216-7808 Darrin 765-620-3813







SQUARE DANCE LESSONS

WHAT: New Beginners Class WHEN: Starts Tuesday, January 2, 2024 (Classes Every Tuesday from 4 P.M. to 6 P.M. through March 2024)

WHERE: Alligator Park Clubhouse

6400 Taylor Road Punta Gorda, Florida

WHY: So Many Benefits

- Easy to learn. Unlike most dancing, a square dance caller tells you what steps to take and when to take them.
- It's healthy! Improves blood circulation and the body's ability to use oxygen reducing risk of heart disease. Tones and shapes muscles.
- Provides mental stimulation by keeping the mind active and alert.
- Relieves tension and stress causing the body to relax, and helps with getting a good night's sleep.
- Inexpensive social activity which crosses all age groups, and an easy way to meet new people and form lasting friendships.
- An enjoyable and fun activity done to music with lots of laughter, and without drugs or alcohol.
- Once you learn the basics, square dancing is the same all over the world.

(Info: Dwayne Barnhill 606-302-1731 or tn2001@yahoo.com)



Where: Harold Avenue Recreational Park 23400 Harold Avenue Port Charlotte FL

Thursday, 6:30 - 7:00 pm, Round Dance Workshop 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Square & Round ~8:00: A1 Tip A1 Tip: 9:00 - 9:15 pm

Season: January 4, 2024 through March 28, 2024

For more information: Susan Wolford: 256-673-0170 2susanwolf@gmail.com







HAPPY PROMENADERS DANCES RETURN FOR 2024

Marjie Tobey's THREE Dances in Estero Return for Another Season!

LOCATION: Riverwoods Plantation, 4600 Robert E. Lee Blvd East, Estero.

DATES: Sundays, January 14, February 4, and March 10, 2024.

TIME: 2 pm to 4 pm.

CALLER: Ralph Peacock for MAINSTREAM and PLUS.

CUER: Judy Barnhill.

INFORMATION: Sandra Schwartz at (203) 300-2418 or sandra1813@ymail.com





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 cartoon and the words "



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