

SWF Squares and Rounds Newsletter for the week of January 1st - HAPPY NEW YEAR! (no pics)

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Dear dancers,

And just like that ... drum roll ... today is New Year's Eve. We wish you all y'all a **Happy New Year !**

All y'all coming to the Ring in 2024 Dance in Port Charlotte this afternoon (Dec 31) are invited to come to Judy and Dwayne's after the dance for a time of finishing the finger foods and socializing. Address: 12652 Lake Suzy Ave, Lake Suzy, FL

Please join the Pineridge Promenaders this Thursday, January 4th at 7 pm at Sunshine RV Resort for our first dance of the season. We are located on Rt. 70 just east of the Rt. 27 intersection where there's lots of construction. Ed Richey is calling. We look forward to seeing you. Check out our website: Pineridgepromenadersssquaredance.com

No dances on New Year's Day. Other dances restart this week, check down below.

Highlights for this week

- Sunseekers Squares for beginners are starting this Tuesday, 4:00 to 6:00 pm at Alligator Park
- Arcadia is dancing this Friday, January 5
- Weekly dances restart on Tuesday, January 2nd
- **Check all flyers at the end of the Newsletter**

Looking ahead

- **Florida State Convention** coming up January 19 & 20 see flyer below
- **Square Dance Cruise** next March > see flyer below
- **Happy Promenaders.** Marjie's dances, return this season, see flyer, first dance on January 14
- **49th Tennessee Square & Round Dance Convention next August – see flyer at the end of the Newsletter**

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 Ahava by the Dead Sea on the way to Masada and views of Masada National Park.

"Masada is a rugged natural fortress, of majestic beauty, in the Judean Desert overlooking the Dead Sea. It is a symbol of the ancient kingdom of Israel, its violent destruction and the last stand of Jewish patriots in the face of the Roman army, in 73 A.D. It was built as a palace complex, in the classic style of the early Roman Empire, by Herod the Great, King of Judaea, (reigned 37 – 4 B.C.). The camps, fortifications and attack ramp that encircle the monument constitute the most complete Roman siege works surviving to the present day." More here:

<https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/1040/>

Yellow rock.

Roger

Monday January 1st >>> Happy New Year

ADVANCED LESSONS AND DANCING >>> restarting on Jan 8

Location: Herons Glen, 2250 Herons Glen Blvd, North Fort Myers

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 >>> not dancing today, Jan 1st

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 r.friedmann97@gmail.com

Tuesday January 2nd

SWINGIN' GATORS SQUARES AND ROUND DANCES

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.

Info: Dwayne Barnhill 606-302-1731

SUSAN'S FUN ROUNDS

Regular ROUNDS only for more info, Ilona Wix <ilonah.1@netzero.net.

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.

SUNSEEKERS SQUARES >>> **starts today 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 January 3rd

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 January 4

HORIZON VILLAGE DANCE >>> **restarts today, Jan 4**

Regular Plus dances 3:00 to 5:00 pm every Thursday, casual dress (or pants), early rounds at 2:30 PM

Caller **Homer Magnet**, Cuer: **Judy Barnhill**

Location: Horizon Village, 9200 Littleton Road, North Fort Myers, FL.

PINE RIDGE PROMENADERS >>> **2024 season starts today, 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.

Full info for the club can be found here: Pineridgepromenaderssquaredance.com

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

Guest caller: see weekly list below, cuer: Susan Wolford

7:00 to 9:00 PM Squares and Rounds around 8:00 PM A1 tip

9:00 to 9:15 PM A1 tip

Contact: Susan Wolford 256-673-01700 or 2susanwolf@gmail.com

01 04 Ralph Peacock

01 11 Alan Hall
01 18 Don Bachelder
01 25 Dave Muller
02 01 Ralph Peacock
02 08 Mike Gormley cuer: Mike Gormley
02 15 Curt Braffet
02 22 Don Bachelder
02 29 Alan Hall
03 07 Jim Davis
03 14 Ralph Peacock
03 21 Mike Gormley
03 28 Robert Arias

Friday January 5

ARCADIA DANCES >>> dancing today January 5

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.

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MAPLE LEAF DANCES SQUARES AND ROUNDS >>> *starts next week, 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 30

Sunday December 31

Upcoming Events and Miscellaneous Announcements

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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