

DANCERgram

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FCA President's Message

Hey all you Fellow Callers, Cuers and Dancers,

I hope everyone had a wonderful time at the convention this year at the new venue at the Deltona Convention Center. With all the comments in regards to the venue and all the calling and dancing I think everyone had a great time and everyone is looking forward to next year.

I want to thank each and every one of you for the great honor for the Extra Mile Award that I was presented after the nomination from all the dancers. I am humbly grateful for your support and I hope to continue to share the joy of square dancing with others for many years to come.

As we start to enter into the spring months I hope that everyone gets their tickets early for what sounds like a great convention next year.

The Florida Square Dance Federation has chosen the theme for the 70th FSSRDC Convention "Spin The Big Top" on January 17 and 18, 2025. I am sure there will be many surprises in store for all especially after the opening night with all those clowns and mimes. You never know what they might have in store for the fund raiser dancers this year. Watch out if they come at you with a bucket!

Please go out and support your local clubs including with the helping with the new dancers and the lessons for beginners I know that the clubs can all use more "angels".

Until next time I hope you get a chance to clover-leaf in your squares sometime for this month of March. So Shamrocks and Yellowrocks.

Rod Barngrover FCA President

Florida Caller to Receive 50-year pin at CALLERLAB Convention.

Caller Bob Stern will be receiving his 50-year pin from CALLERLAB at their convention in March. This is an award for 50 years of calling.

Bob calls in the Leesburg area.

If you would like to send congratulatory messages to Bob his email address is bobstern4@gmail.com or his phone number is 315-697-2751.

Bob Poyner Announces Retirement

At our recent State Convention, Caller Bob Poyner announced his retirement from calling. His resume is below:

Bob started calling in Niceville, Florida, in October 1963. He was in the U.S. Air Force and in his second year of a four-year commitment. He was working in the ER of the hospital at Eglin AFB in Niceville. He worked a 24 hours on and 48 hours off schedule.

While on his off 48 hours, a buddy and he went to the beach for some sun and rest. We met two girls who could only go to a square dance that night, so his buddy and he decided to go even though they didn't know how to dance. When they got to the dance, the owner of the residence recognized him. Sgt. Parsons was one of the ward masters at the hospital.

The dance was a teen club called Torch Teens and he wanted to know how Bob found out about it. Bob told him his story and let him stay. They were giving a going away party for Ann Coon; she was leaving to go to a business college in Jacksonville. Bob really liked what he saw that night and told his buddy that he was going to marry that good looking blonde someday. He knew that if he wanted to date her in the future, he had to learn how to dance. He asked Sgt. Parsons at work the next day to help him find a class. Bob joined the class and on their fifth night of class, the caller (Don Waite) told them it was their last class because he didn't have enough airmen in the class, and he was losing the hall on base. Bob had to learn how to dance, so he went to Don's club off base and sat on the sideline for a couple weeks until Don's wife (Lucille) made him dance with her. After a couple weeks of this Don gave him two Singing calls to practice; it seems his wife told him Bob would make a caller.

That was the start of it all. Don was Bob's mentor for the next three weeks and he told Bob he had taught him all he could and that he felt Bob was better

than him. Don helped Bob get his first class going in Choctaw Beach, Florida. It was a group of teens and their parents. The class taught Bob a lot and helped him understand all the ins and outs of calling a good dance.

It took him awhile to win Ann and her family over. When she came back from college, they dated and she helped him with the class and to build the club. They were married February 20, 1965. Bob took over as caller for the Torch Teens after they fired the caller for coming to the dances drunk a few times. Bob also became the caller for Don's club when he was transferred to Alaska. Bob was the caller for the three clubs for a little while until they merged the two teen clubs into one and they danced in Niceville.

Bob finished his tour of duty January 12, 1966, and moved to Plainfield, Illinois. While working full-time, he was club caller for seven to nine clubs in the Chicago area. He called in several states, averaging four to six nights a week teaching and calling.

He was a member and officer in the Chicago Area Callers' Association and the Illinois Callers' Association. He was on staff for several weekend festivals with national callers. Tom Miller and Bob put together a weekend in Chicago for 17 years and the next year's weekend would be sold out and had a waiting list before the weekend was over.

After retiring in 1990, Ann and Bob moved to DeFuniak Springs, Florida. He called for three clubs from Basic through A-2 levels. Bob has attended and called at over 50 National Square Dance Conventions and has been on the sounding committee at over 40 Nationals.

He has been a member of CALLERLAB since 1975, and has served several terms on the CALLERLAB Board of Governors; Northwest Florida Callers' Association since 1993 serving one term as President, and Florida Callers' Association since 1993, serving as an officer from 1997 - 2001, serving as President in 2000-2001. He served a second term on the Board from 2013-2016. He has also served as Vice President of the Alabama Callers' Association.

Bob is now a retired caller and will stay busy with all the little problems that will arise at home that need my expertise. He is known as a jack of all trades and can fix most all things broken.

Bob and Ann's son, Bobby, has been calling for over 30 years in the Chicago area, travels a lot, and calls at several festivals out of state.

Bob received the Extra Mile Award at the Florida State Convention in 2007. Below is a list of all the Florida State Conventions where he was either the Caller Chairman or the Co-chairman.

- Hat Full of Tricks 1996 -- Ben Williams Chairman, Bob Poyner Co-Chairman.
- We Need You In 2002 -- Bob Poyner Chairman, Ben Williams Co-Chairman
- Follow The Bird to The 53rd – 2008 Patty Ping Chairman, Bob Poyner Co-Chairman
- Life’s A Beach – 2013 – Bob Poyner Chairman, Keith Stevens Co-Chairman
- Power To See The Future – 2020 -- Bob Poyner Chairman, Charlie Pergrossi Co-Chairman.

Contracts

Did you know that CALLERLAB has a standard contract for our use in scheduling callers and cuers? It was updated a few months ago to include SSD and it’s now a fillable form! This contract contains all the information a caller or cuer needs to know about an event. The form can be found at <https://callerlab.org/download/standard-contract-of-a-calling-date/>. NOTE: Always remember that when you schedule a caller or cuer you confirm they are BMI/ASCAP licensed. There is a statement about this on the contract form.

70th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention

Plans for the 70th convention are well underway. It may seem early to promote the convention, but the early bird gets the discount and gets the hotel reservations before they are completely booked. It’s a little over 300 days until the convention so it’s not too early to start preparing!

There are some important dates to keep in mind regarding registration. Below is the list of deadlines for various price increases.

Advance Registration

Before June 1, 2024

Full Convention - \$45.00

Weekender* - \$35.00

Single Day - \$30.00

June 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024

Full Convention - \$50.00

Weekender* - \$37.00

Single Day - \$30.00

November 1, 2024 through Convention Dates

Full Convention - \$55.00

Weekender* - \$40.00

Single Day - \$30.00

*Weekender: Friday evening and all-day Saturday

Cancellation Deadline - **January 17, 2025**

Service Charge for N.S.F. or Returned Checks **\$35.00**

Spectator Tickets - Free - Pick up at the Registration Booth

Your ribbons will be held for pickup at the convention. Then you won't have to worry about losing them before the convention!

Don't forget your ribbons for the dinner show on Friday night. These tickets are \$45 per person, but you have to make your reservation by **Friday, January 3, 2025**. This is a catered dinner so we have to let the caterer know how many people to plan for.

All these prices are per person in USD (tax Included)

Don't forget all these purchases can be done online! Just go to <https://form.jotform.com/app/233290918815159> and you can also purchase any of the fundraising items and make your hotel reservation at the Host Hotel at the same link!

Fundraising is such an important part of a convention. There will be one raffle drawing for a \$500 VISA gift card and another one for a pair of tickets to the dinner show.¹ Another fundraising item is square dance socks. These are the bands that dancers put around their shoes so they can grip the floor when dancing. The tickets for the gift card are one for \$1; 10 for \$5; and 25 for \$10. The tickets for the dinner show are 1 for \$2; or six for \$10. The deadline to purchase the tickets for the dinner show is January 16, 2025, and the drawing will be at the Trail-End Dance on Thursday night.

Publicity is another important part of planning a convention and everyone can help with this. It's not just up to one person to do all the publicity. What can you do? You can purchase personal ads and thank someone, congratulate someone or advertise your home business, etc. Your club members can have their name listed on a booster sheet for \$1 per name. Fill a page of booster names and you'll have enough to pay for an ad for your club! All of the clubs, callers,

¹ If you win the drawing and have already purchased tickets for the dinner show, you will be refunded the money.

and cuers are welcome to purchase ads. Another big fundraiser that we used to have is ads and/or coupons from area restaurants and businesses. It would be great if some of the dancers that live in that area could work on this since they would be familiar with the businesses in that area. If you go to this link [/https://www.dancergram.com/aa-FWS/convention/2025forms/2025_Boosters.pdf](https://www.dancergram.com/aa-FWS/convention/2025forms/2025_Boosters.pdf), you will find the forms for booster ads, personal ads, and advertising. There is also a form if you would be interested in just making a donation.



**Promenade Squares
Annual**



SQUARE DANCE CLOTHING RE-SALE

Ladies' and Men's dance attire & MORE!

(ONE DAY ONLY)

Wednesday, March 13, 2024



**Broderick Recreation Center
6101 66th Ave. N. Pinellas Park
6:00 – 8:00 PM**



**SHOP FOR SQUARE DANCE CLOTHES
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(CASH DONATION)



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Fri. Dinner Show \$45pp

Dry camping on site

Phase 2-5 Rounds

Trail End Dance Thursday nite

Two full days of Dancing

MS, PLUS, A2 SQUARES

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4:15-6:30 pm
The Center at Deltona**



**Deadline to
purchase is
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Check back for details as the
convention gets near!

**Your purchase will help
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Pay with cash, check or credit
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Get your tickets from
convention committee
members or from your local
association

Drawing to be held at the 2025 Florida
State Square and Round Dance Convention
on, Saturday, January 18, 2025.
You need not be present to win.



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