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Federation President's Message

The 71st Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention is fast approaching. Have you registered yet? We will again be at The Center at Deltona, 1640 Martin Luther King Boulevard, Deltona, Florida.

Hotel information has just been released and we have four different options this year that will give us a special discounted rate. The details are further down in this issue. Please note that each hotel has a different deadline for the discounts.

Several committees still need to be filled. Please consider helping out. It's a big project to coordinate a convention and volunteers are needed.

Our next Federation meeting will be at the Northeast Association's annual festival in Jacksonville on Sunday, November 2nd. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the discussions, but please remember that only Board members can make motions and vote. This is the Fall meeting and we will be installing the 2026 officers as well as discussing several other matters.

I hope to see everyone in Jacksonville on October 30th – November 2nd!

For Linda Tester, President
By Penny Green

FCA President's Message



It's time to be thinking seriously about the Florida Round and Square Dance Convention coming in January. I know it seems like a long way off, but the time will pass quickly. Most importantly, coming in January. I know it seems like a long way off, but the time will pass quickly.

Most importantly, if you wish to be on the calling program for the convention you must submit your caller's profile to the FCA caller chair before July 31. As in recent years, your profile can be completed on-line at the Florida Callers Association website. The web site address is "flcallersassoc.org". Log in to the members area and choose "convention profile". Then simply indicate when and what programs for which you would agree to be scheduled and at the bottom of the form click "register".

We hope you will be available to call. The convention success depends on us callers being willing and available to call. Thanks for your consideration and I look forward to seeing your name on the convention calling schedule.

As I suggested last month, we callers should make an extra effort to promote and provide square dancing this summer. Hosting "fun nights" and offering lessons would be a couple of ways we can help increase the numbers in our square dance hobby. While during the fall and winter months we provide square dance opportunities for our "snow-bird" friends we should make and take the opportunity to offer lessons to our Florida "full-time" friends. Dave Muller and I are doing that in our community. We're brain-storming publicity and promotion ideas to attract dancers and even more importantly brain-storming a lesson program that will keep the dancers coming back and finishing lessons. The future of our square dance activity is dependent on our efforts to attract and keep new and younger dancers. We are encouraged by the old adage that success often comes with nothing more than trying one more time.

If, in the course of your summer, you strike upon a promotion or lesson system that works, please share it with all of us. We each need every good idea we can find to refill the ranks of our square dancers.

We also need new callers and they will most likely come from our new dancers. Think about the callers who, for whatever reason, have gone from our activity

in the recent years. Please use your knowledge and experience to encourage and help prospects who not only would like to dance, but might like to become a caller. You don't have to do it on your own. Our FCA membership is rich with experienced callers who can help teach prospects to become callers. I'm confident those experienced callers would be glad to help prospective callers. With electronic communication now so versatile, putting distant people together is a snap. We all ought to be looking for ways to use this technology to help prospective callers and enlist new dancers. Let's each make a special effort this summer.

NSDCA President's Message

Greetings from the **National Square Dance Campers Association**



Our 67th annual Camporee in Shreveport, LA is scheduled for **June 19th through the 21st**, when NSDCA clubs and dancers from all over the country and Canada will come together for a great 3-day Camporee packed full of square, round & line dancing, crafts, games eating (can't leave that out) and more fun than ever.



This year we are holding our 67th Camporee at the Louisiana State Fairgrounds which means if you plan to attend the 74th NSDC in Shreveport, LA this summer, you'll be camping right there. Our camporee is a **'Trail-thru to The National Convention' event (June 25 through the 28)**. So, head to Louisiana the week before the Convention and enjoy 2 great dancing events back-to-back. Pick a site for your camper at the fairgrounds and

stay right there. Enjoy our less formal Square Dance Camporee and have free time to relax, do some shopping or sightseeing, even make some new camping friends. The NSDC Convention is just a 10-minute drive away and best of all you don't have to move your camper. Plus, you can't beat the \$35.00/night campsite fee.

THESE 2 GREAT EVENTS ARE BACK - TO - BACK FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

67th Annual NSDCA Camporee – June 19th thru June 21

74th National Square Dance Convention – June 25 thru June 28

Both the NSDCA & the NSDC have coordinated some great campground activities to keep you as busy as you want to be. The 74th National Convention will be hosting events and afterparties at the fairgrounds during the week of the 74th Convention. What a unique opportunity! Come back early for the afterparties right in your back yard.

Our NSDCA Camporee dances are always open to non-members as well.

2025 NSDCA is offering (for a limited time) a membership promotion with some great savings opportunities for you.

- **Free Badges** with a new membership
- **50 % Discount for the 2026 Camporee in Texas.** 5 Winners names will be drawn from those attending our 2025 Camporee. (Campsite fees are not included in this discount)

So, what are you waiting for...Get registered TODAY at **NSDCA.org**

For additional information contact us today.

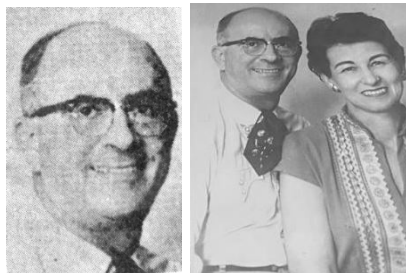
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FLORIDA HISTORY



Baylis, Gene E. – born 1908 (dec'd 15 Sep 1971) & Ima F. – born 1914 (dec'd 2010) Gene was a caller and a cuer. They were the conceivers of the Knothead Convention.

Obit from Bow & Swing, Nov 1971: “Gene Baylis – well known to dancers, died on Friday, Sep 15th, 1971, after a long illness. A member of the Florida Callers

Association, Charter member and 1st president of the Round Dance Council of Florida, Gene contributed to the recreation in many ways.

His pet project was the organization of the Square Wheelers, a group of paraplegics who became so proficient in complicated wheelchair maneuvers that it won the group national acclaim. Gene's dedication kept the Square Wheelers active until he became ill and was unable to spend the time with them as instructor.

Gene and wife Ima composed many dance routines. One of the best loved is 'Dreamy Melody'. At the 10th anniversary of the R/D Council 8 charter member couples honored the Baylises with a demonstration of 'Twilight Waltz' composed by Gene & Ima and taught by them at the 1st Holiday for Rounds held in Clearwater in 1959.

By profession Gene was an architect, a graduate in architecture of the University of Miami and the University of Florida. He designed the Crossway Airport Inn Motel, the Octagon Tower Apts (across from the Miami Beach Convention Hall) and the James Ave. condominiums, to name a few among many."

Both buried in Woodlawn Park North Cemetery & Mausoleum, Miami, FL.

1983 - inducted into the **FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCERS HALL OF FAME**

1959-1960 – Round Dance Council of Florida Leader (President - Gene)

1956-1957 - Florida Callers Association President

71st Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention

It's getting closer! We still need volunteers! There is a lot of work to do. The work will be lighter for everyone if there are more hands (and minds) involved.

We have four new hotels for the next convention with a special square dance rate at each

Homewood Suites Lake Mary
Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Orange City
Comfort Inn & Suites Orlando
Hampton Inn & Suites (by Hilton) Lake Mary

Go to this link to make your reservations online and to see the details on each hotel. <https://www.dancergram.com/aa-FWS/convention/hotel.html>

71st Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention

Survive The Curse at the 71st

January 16-17, 2026

The Center at Deltona

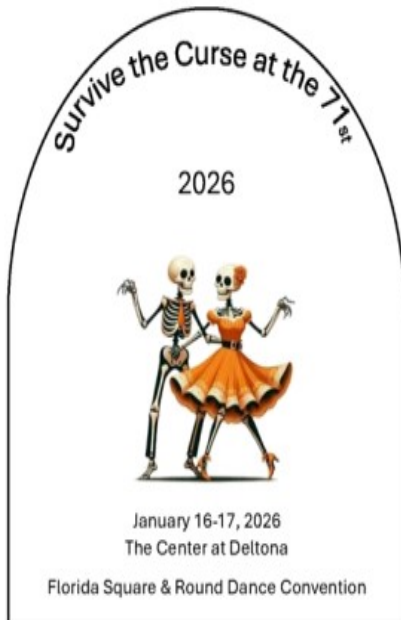
1640 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd.

Deltona, FL 32725

Trail End Dance:

Thursday, January 15, 2026

COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!



Be sure to also register for the Friday night Dinner

Visit www.floridasquaredance.com for more information and to register.

50th Tennessee Square and Round Dance Convention

Who's going to be there? Check for flyers at www.dancergram.com.

Callers	Cuers
Rod & Carol Barngrover	Judy & Dwayne Barnhill
Alan & Marcie Hall	Don Brown & Ellen Bell
Nick & Lynette Hartley	Earle & Carol Collins
Darrin & Tammy Hartley	Dennis Viscanti & Elaine Mikenas

NOTE: Many of these callers and cuers do not live in Florida but they winter here and are members of our state organizations and the Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association (SCCA).

**NSDC
BID
SESSION**

**Where Are
We Going
for the 77th
NSDC
in 2028?**

Friday, June 27 • 9 AM
Shreveport Convention Center
Exhibit Hall 2 (Auditorium)

If you are participating in the Leadership Certification Program the morning Bid Session is one of two mandatory convention events to attend. The second is the Keynote Address.

Attend the electrifying Bid Session as the potential host city makes their proposal. Hear about this future convention city, facilities, and why you don't want to miss the National Square Dance Convention® in 2028!

An official announcement will be made during the Closing Ceremonies on Saturday, June 28, at 5 p.m. in Exhibit Hall 2 (Auditorium) concerning the results of the Bid Session.

Florida will be bidding on the 2028 National Square Dance Convention at this Bid Session. Make plans to be there and show your support!

Square Dance Bash on the Bayou

JUNE
19, 20 & 21
2025



67th NSDCA
INTERNATIONAL
CAMPOREE

Three Full Days of Camping & Dancing Fun
"Squares, Rounds, Lines & Workshops"
Shreveport Louisiana Fairgrounds

3701 Hudson Ave. Shreveport, La 71109

Registration Forms are on line **NSDCA.ORG**

Fun Things To Do In Shreveport-Bossier City, Louisiana

Gambling, Riverfront Dining, Outlet Shopping, Mardi Gras Museum.
Shreveport Aquarium, Farmers' Market, Discovery Center, Petting Zoo,
The American Rose Garden (June is National Rose Month) 20,000
different varieties of roses, Craft Breweries, great Restaurants and more...

2025
Camporee
T-Shirts
\$20.00



Available in
2 great colors

Purple
&
Lavender

Trail-In
Dance
June 18



Check this out!



The 74th National Square Dance Convention
is at the Shreveport Convention Center
June 25th - 28th, 2025
less than 10 miles from us...AND you can stay
camped right here!

Contact: Susan Wolford - 256-673-0170

E-mail: 67th.nsdca@gmail.com

Hosted by: NSDCA BOD

It's Party Time!

Extend the fun! Join the 74th National Square Dance Convention® in Shreveport, LA, for one or all of these great After Parties!

THURSDAY AFTER PARTIES - JUNE 26

Square Dance	10-11 PM	*SCC, Level 1 Live Band Hall 3 <i>Sponsor: 75th NSDC (Waco, TX) and 76th NSDC (Loveland, CO)</i>
Round Dance	10-11 PM	SCC, Level 2 Exhibit Hall 2 (Round Dance Hall) <i>Sponsor: 75th NSDC (Waco, TX)</i>
Youth Party	10-11 PM	SCC, Level 2 Round Room (Youth Hall) <i>Sponsor: 74th NSDC (Shreveport, LA)</i>
**Campground Dance	10 PM-12 AM	LA State Fairgrounds Hospitality Bldg

FRIDAY AFTER PARTIES - JUNE 27

Square Dance	10-11 PM	SCC, Level 1 Live Band Hall 3 w/Ghost Riders <i>Sponsor: United Square Dancers of America (USDA)</i>
Round Dance	10-11 PM	SCC, Level 2 Exhibit Hall 2 (Round Dance Hall) <i>Sponsor: Association of Round, Traditional, and Square Dance (ARTS)</i>
*Campground Dance	10 PM-12 AM	LA State Fairgrounds Hospitality Bldg
***Bowling After-After Party	10:30 PM-1 AM	Holiday Lanes (Requires purchased tour ticket) <i>Sponsor: 74th NSDC (Shreveport, LA)</i>

SATURDAY AFTER PARTIES - JUNE 28

Square Dance	10-11 PM	SCC, Level 1 Live Band Hall 3 <i>Sponsor: 77th NSDC (Bidding City)</i>
Round Dance	10-11 PM	SCC, Level 2 Exhibit Hall 2 (Round Dance Hall) <i>Sponsor: 76th NSDC (Loveland, CO)</i>
*Campground Dance	10 PM-12 AM	LA State Fairgrounds Hospitality Bldg

**Shreveport Convention Center, 400 Caddo St., Shreveport, LA*

***Louisiana State Fairgrounds, located at 3701 Hudson St., Shreveport, LA
Campground After Parties will be held in the Activity/Hospitality Building.*

****After-After Party tour ticket includes bowling with Elvis, shoes, ice cream and snack bar, karaoke, and more. Ample parking at Holiday Lanes, shuttle will be available for additional \$5 between the Shreveport Convention Center and Holiday Lanes, 3316 Old Minden Rd, Bossier City, LA*

74th National Square Dance Convention®'s
CAMPERS TRAIL-IN DANCE

Monday, June 23, 2025, 7 p.m. until ...
Louisiana State Fairgrounds Activity Bldg.
3701 Hudson St., Shreveport, LA

Look for the RV campers, the building will be nearby!

Host Caller & Emcee – Joey Duhamel from Louisiana

Contact Info: Joey Duhamel, (870) 209-3646 or email JDCalls@yahoo.com

Donation
Dance!

All Dancers
are Welcome!

All Callers
Invited
to
Call!

Welcome National Square Dance
Campers Association to Shreveport!
The NSDCA is hosting the Bash on
the Bayou June 19-21 for their
67th NSDCA International Camporee
www.NSDCA.org






Register to Dance on the Wild Side at www.74NSDC.com


Florida Federation of Square Dancers

The Official Site of the
Florida Federation of Square Dancers
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Your Source For Current & Historical Florida Federation, Association and Club Information
 with links to Club, Association, National Convention and more websites and Facebook pages
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