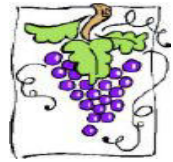




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President's Message

with Ouida Taylor & Thomas Tramel



Alooooo-ha! This is the Hawaiian greeting which Thomas and I enjoyed on our eleven day cruise to five of the Hawaiian Islands. It is also the theme for our Fall Festival this year. Although it may seem a little early to start promoting the Fall Festival, I don't think it is possible to start too early. This is a very special dance. Joe and Martha Hardcastle are making plans along with their committees. I know we the dancers are going to enjoy another fantastic Fall Festival.

The Northeast dancers are very charitable people and have been busy doing what they do best, helping others who are less fortunate. On January 11th, Silver Fox hosted The Circus Dance which benefits Dreams Come True. March 1st, Plus Fox hosted a Cancer Research Benefit dance. March 22nd, River Ramblers hosted a dance for the Shriners' Kids. On April 19th, Seabreeze Singles will host a dance which will benefit the City Rescue Mission. Dancers, you are appreciated very much for hosting and attending the dances. Again, neither the dances nor the charities would be successful without you.

Many of our dancers in the Northeast attended the Winter Festival in January and had a great time. While others of us, including myself, were not able to attend because of problems preventing us from dancing. We hear that we missed a wonderful dance. Perhaps more of us will be able to attend next year.

On February 2nd, the Gateway Caller

Association hosted the Sophomore Dance, a student dance. They have scheduled a Graduation Ball to honor the new dancers on May 3, 2008.

It is now time for clubs to start graduating their new dancers. Seabreeze Singles held their graduation on February 19th. Others will follow in the near future. That means a very busy time for the "Board" as we try to attend each graduation and anniversary when possible. If for some reason we do not make it to your graduation or anniversary, please forgive us.

By the time this goes to print we will have enjoyed the 5th Saturday Dance. We were honored to have Bill Chesnut and Ken Perez as callers and Rounds by Loretta Hanhurst. This dance was hosted by Teddy Bears and Seabreeze Singles. These are always fun dances and a big Yellow Rock goes to Erv and Jan for making the arrangements for the dance.

Last, but certainly not least, I hope each of you are planning to "Celebrate in 08" at the State Convention in Lakeland. Hopefully the Northeast will be well represented again. We are trying to make sure the convention artifact visits each club. If it has not been to your club please let me know and arrangements will be made to get it there. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully submitted
Ouida Taylor & Thomas Tramel



From the Editors' Desk...



It seems that the word of 2008 is **CELEBRATE**. It appears on billboards, T-shirts, store ads and in magazines. We hear it at sporting events, on the television and radio. We have been encouraged to celebrate square dancing at the Florida State Convention and party with the State Campers Association. Our regional associations hope to entice us to join them for more celebrations at their annual festivals. We celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, graduations and retirements. We celebrate when new life is born and celebrate the life of one who has died. This is a powerful word, such that I was intrigued to discover exactly what it means and how it is displayed in such a range of instances.

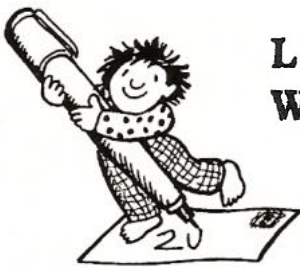
According to the 2006 American Heritage Dictionary 'celebrate' means, "To observe a day or event with ceremonies of respect; to make widely known; display, to engage in festivities; or to extol or praise." The thesaurus lists "observe, commemorate, mourn, get together, jubilate and party" as synonyms and related words.

Allow me a few observations. Our State Convention in May will truly be an occasion to engage in festivities and celebrate. Don & Ann Slocum have planned a truly marvelous weekend filled with hours and hours of dancing. The vendors will be plentiful and eager to assist you. The callers and cuers have selected music and dance steps to keep you challenged and energized to dance away your cares. There will be much to see and do, and all the while plenty of opportunities to visit with old friends and make new ones from the crowds of folks in attendance. Our cele-

bration will continue throughout the summer as dancers travel to Wichita, KS to participate in the celebration of square and round dancing, lines and contra dancing at the National Convention. Let's not forget the numerous and incredible festivals planned for the fall. The State Campers will host their annual Camp-O-Ree 'It's A Party!' in Bushnell, inviting campers and non-campers alike to gather and celebrate our hobby by dancing to the talented callers and cuers of the camping clubs. We then move into the Association festivals which allow us to travel the roads crisscrossing the state of Florida. Yes, there is much to celebrate at any square dance gathering.

But how you ask, are celebrate and mourn related? A quick look through the table of contents will reveal that many friends have died in recent months. While family members and friends are without a doubt, deeply affected when one dies, how we honor their memory is up to each of us. Rather than look at only what has been lost, let us also choose to pay tribute to what each individual has contributed to our community. Each of the persons remembered within our pages has left a bit of him or herself in our dance community. It may have been her smile which greeted you a dance, his leadership which challenged you, her tireless work on a committee, his numerous hours arranging a dance event, or her willingness to listen to another's view. We each offer some unique talent to our activity that will enhance our community long after we depart. Let us celebrate these gifts and honor those

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LETTERS, WE GET LETTERS.....

(This column is for YOUR comments. Let us hear from you! Please remember, letters should be in good taste and must be signed. Names will be withheld upon request)

Sarah & Charlie,

Thank you for the beautiful piece about Ed's death. We haven't danced in several years but still enjoy reading The Grapevine.

Thank you,
Marjorie Powe

Hi Sarah and Charlie,

Thanks for the latest info. I wanted to compliment you on the latest Grapevine. It is wonderful! You do such a nice job! Hope this finds you both well....

Janet Seiler-Doolen

Dear Editors,

I'm not able to dance yet, but I love your magazine. It's great to read about my friends. I miss them. Keep up your good work!!

Dot Luke

Dear Sarah & Charlie,

I've been really reading the Jan, Feb, March 2008 Grapevine and not "just scanning" as I did before. There

is much valuable info in this issue. We are going to share something from The Grapevine every Tuesday at the Grand Squares dances. Our guess is that many other readers are missing important information. In addition, this constant reminder may be a way to show other dancers the importance of becoming subscribers to this valuable tool. Please find our check for our renewal. This is a real bargain for so much information. Thanks for your efforts to keep us all up to date about our number one hobby.

Jerry & Donna Robey

Dear Editor,

Great start, Keith! Keep 'er goin'! There are some awesome goodies and great eats that show up on these tables each week and at the special events like the Christmas dinners that we have just had. Thanks for doing this!

Thanks also to the editors for including this feature in The Grapevine. It's fun!

Jane Dando

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dear ones with these memories.

So let us celebrate our chosen hobby - whether it's squares or rounds, lines, clogging, contras or any combination thereof. Let us display the characteristics of jubilation and praise as we gather for our club dances, camping weekends, regional and state festivals. Let it be said that you are excited and know how to **CELBRATE!**

Sarah & Charlie, editors

Surprise! Dance Couple of the Year

Written by Janette Sparrow

The Circus Dance presented by the Silver Fox Square Dance Club in January was an exciting event honoring their favorite Charity, Dreams Come True. They were able to raise a record amount of money for a chosen person's dream to come true.

Another outstanding event happened at the Circus Dance. One particular couple was unable to attend the Fall Festival on Saturday night for the presentation of Couple of the Year. So the secret was kept hush-hush until that special night in January. Charlie and Val Newsome knew that this extraordinary couple would be at the Circus Dance. Not only because they support nearly every special dance in the area but, because they are active and caring members of the Silver Fox Dance Club. The dancers in attendance were all aglow as they watched a proud Amber German escort her grandparents to the stage to accept their well-deserved award as Square Dance Couple of the Year.

Bud and Diane have danced for twenty-one years with a variety of

clubs. They now hold membership with Silver Fox and Teddy Bears Clubs. They were presented the Outstanding Performance Award by Silver Fox. They were Vice Presidents of The Teddy Bears for two years and Presidents for past two years. They continue to hold that office.

They have introduced many dancers into square dancing including Amber, who at her young age can dance circles around most of us. She is a delight to meet in a square. They greet each person personally, each with yellow rocks. They are the first to arrive and the last to leave all the dances, making sure that all of the tasks are completed and that nothing is left undone. They are the first to volunteer for committees including the NEFSARDA Fifth Saturday Dance.

We were not surprised when Diane said "We are speechless. We had no idea." as they accepted the award. They do not see their efforts as outstanding but the rest of us do. Congratulations, Bud and Diane for going the extra mile every time!



Dianne and Bud German of Silver Fox and Teddy Bear Squares. Granddaughter Amber was the first to congratulate them on receiving this award.

Congratulations



Norman Garvey and Jenell Hall were married on December 8, 2007 in a lovely garden wedding at Norman's home in Satsuma, Florida. They chose a beautiful afternoon for the ceremony with Ervin Oermann officiating. Her sister, Dorothy Jean Mathison, traveled from Randleman, North Carolina to be the matron of honor. They are at home in Satsuma. Norm and Jenell square dance with the River Ramblers and the Moose Promenaders.



EMERGENCY CALL FOR MEDICAL AID

E.C.M.A. is the abbreviation for Emergency Call for Medical Aid. This signal is designed for use by dancers to notify the caller of a medical problem in their square. When such a problem occurs, important minutes are often lost in the frenzy of waving arms and explanations which cannot be heard or understood across a crowded dance floor.

The method of an **ARCHED CIRCLE** will assure the fastest possible response time by medical personnel to an emergency on the dance floor. In this way, precious, perhaps lifesaving minutes, can be saved.

STEP ONE: When a dancer goes down, a second dancer attends him/her.

STEP TWO: Remaining couples join hands and take a step backward. This allows the injured person and attendant air and room.

STEP THREE: Raise joined hands as high as possible in the form of an arched circle.

STEP FOUR: On seeing this signal, the caller or club representative will immediately place an Emergency Call for Medical Aid.

This system was, to our knowledge, first introduced at the 33rd National Square Dance Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in 1977. It was their hope that callers and club leaders across the country would take the time to explain the arched circle E.C.M.A. signal to their dancers and familiarize them with both the procedure and its purpose. We feel that this is an important part of our being prepared in the event of an emergency.

Honoring Our Volunteers

Here's your chance to recognize an individual or couple who you feel should be honored for their contributions to the dance community. In the January 2008 issue, we asked you to begin thinking of folks in the dance community you think should be nominated for either of these awards. In order to assist you, we will list some of the suggested criteria.

NEFSARDA'S DANCE COUPLE APPRECIATION AWARD

1. A person who has contributed time and energy and works hard to bring in new dancers by inviting them to their club, bringing visitors to first nighters, etc. How long have they been dancing?
2. How long have they been dancing in the Northeast Association area?
3. A person who belongs to a NEFSARDA member club. What clubs they currently belong to?
4. A person who is involved in many aspects of dancing. A few examples are offices they currently hold or have held at the club level, and not necessarily at their present club[s].
5. A person who has worked to promote square dancing, clogging, or round dancing and NEFSARDA in general in their club, community & in the NEFSARDA area. What offices or positions they currently hold or have held above the club level? At the Association level, State level or National level
6. A person who demonstrate by their actions that they believe and in the motto "Square Dancing is Friendship Set to Music".
7. Write a narrative about the nominee(s) and of their contributions to square dancing. Also address why you feel they deserve this honor. (These contributions should not be restricted to the current year, but should encompass all of their dancing years.)

CIRCLE OF SERVICE AWARD

The Circle of Service, was the 'brain child' of Mori Sogolow of Plant City, FL, during the spring of 1985. The original title of the 'Circle' was "Wheel of Progress," but while Kit Waldorf of Pensacola, FL, the designer of the emblem, was completing her artistic enterprise, the title was changed to the "Circle of Service." The new title, together with Kit Waldorf's original design, was more than acceptable and ready for presentation to LEGACY at the June 1985 National Convention in Birmingham, Alabama.

This award for Dancers Only is accompanied by a citation which reads - "this circle is a symbol of Service to Square and Round Dancing. It is designed to be worn with PRIDE by dancers who, for three or more years, are determined to have made a significant contribution to the Square and Round Dance movement."

Presentation of this "Circle of Service" should be made to dancers only, as in "I'm Just A Dancer." Those who are presenting the Circle, must have themselves been the recipients, at an earlier date.

- Write a narrative about the nominee(s) and of their contributions to square dancing. Also address why you feel they deserve this honor.

CALLER'S CORNER

By Berni Murphy, a guest author



This article is different than most you will see in *The Grapevine*. The primary writer of the caller's article needed a "mental health day" so the pinch hitter stepped up to plate. The pinch hitter has a secondary role at all events, be there, be ready to help in any capacity and always be pleasant to the customer/player.

Square dancing is like so many other events in life; paying the bills, being part of the team, whether it is work, play or relationships. Each activity has to have a leader, in charge, and then the support of the team. When the leader does not have the support of the team things get interesting. In our area our square dance clubs all have an active leader and followers. This is evident at all the charity dances and other events to support our activity.

Callers are unique as part of the team in that an important part of the caller is the callers' wife or support person. She/he is always available for the partner and the list of fun activities include: maintaining the schedule so no bookings are missed, listening to the practice sessions when new music is being chosen, debating if new equipment is needed, maintaining the wardrobe, showing up for events, gassing the vehicle, assisting in moving the equipment/supplies, tolerating stage fright, and being an "overall gopher". Now these duties are in addition to being a partner/friend, a parent, a grandparent (the most fun), work (out of the home), and maintaining a household.

As part of the move into the 21st century for our activity I am suggesting we let the support person for the caller be encouraged to change her/his title to business manager. It is a standing joke at our house that the caller is the talent and the support person is the brains behind each event.

This article is tongue in cheek and not meant to offend anyone but encourage people to take square dancing back to a FUN activity. We take ourselves so seriously that we forget that square dancing is "fun set to music".

As a non writer I will probably not be asked to "sub" again but thanks for listening and see you in a square.

Congratulations to Sarah & Charlie Pergrossi

on the birth of their newest grandchild, Lydia Jordan Gardiner. She was born to their daughter Kimberly and husband Andy Gardiner. Big brother Ethan is thrilled to have a new playmate. Lydia was born on January 17, 2008 in Temple, TX.



Cuer's Comments

by Lisa Wall



Conventions and their Workshops

Have you gone to a convention and seen the listings for workshop and wondered if you should take part in the morning and afternoon sessions? Maybe you don't feel you have the stamina to dance during the daytime and fully enjoy the evening program. If that is the case then you have answered the question. Do only what you think you can enjoy. Some people learn a tremendous amount from just watching or shopping. (Yes, shopping is a required workshop at all festivals). If your stamina is up to it and your credit card is tired then how do you decide what dance workshop to attend?

You have decided to take a workshop but which one will be the best choice? They are all open to everyone so you can take any or all that time will allow, and some people do just that. But a basic guideline for the first one would be to attend one that is at your current dance level. This gives you a chance to see just what is expected of you in the time allotted for the workshop. It also gives you a chance to practice the figures you already know without a lot of learning pressure. After that you should try several that are one level above your current dance level, you will be surprised how much you know or don't know. If you are having a lot of troubles don't let this discourage you, keep your SYLLABI (Cue sheet handout given at most Teaches) and bring it back to your Teacher. The workshops are like people, everyone is different and just because it says it is an easy dance does not mean it really is. Some choreographers like to make their dance unique by modifying figures or changing to another rhythm during the same dance. I know many a phase 2 dance that is not easy for even the more experienced dancers. After you have taken several workshops you will get a feel for whom and what you like. Usually sometime during the day they will "Showcase" the dances to be taught the next day. You are welcome to video record these sessions unless it is forbidden by the organization sponsoring the event; it is always polite to ask in advance.

If you convince yourself and your partner to attend a workshop remember to have fun. Don't let yourself get too frustrated with the dance or your partner. We all learn different ways and have good and bad days. If you leave the session having learned a few new things and had FUN then you were a SUCCESS.



Mother's Day

MAY 11, 2008



ARTS - Benefit Dance

By Ailene Picheco (321) 452-7963

Square and Round dancers came from as far away as Jacksonville, Palm Coast, and Orlando to dance to internationally known square dance caller, Tony Oxendine, from Sumter, SC, and local cuer, Phyllis Williams. Approximately one hundred and thirty dancers supported the benefit dance for ARTS-Dance, Inc.

The dance was held February 9th at the Woody Simpson Recreation Center in Merritt Island, and raised \$855 for ARTS-Dance, a non-profit organization with the goal of gaining 50,000 new dancers for the activity.

ARTS is an acronym for the Alliance of Round, Traditional, and Square Dancers. Funds raised will help finance a nation-wide effort to educate people about the physical, social, and psychological benefits of these dance forms. A number of similar benefit dances will be hosted in various regions across the nation during the month of February.



Pictured from left to right:
Ailene Picheco, Tony Oxendine, Kim Curlee,
Phyllis Williams, Jerry & Del Reed

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Trip to Dance-A-Rama 2007

By James H. Weismore

A small contingent from the Seabreeze Singles Square Dance Club (Shirley White, Smitty Smith, Barbara and Frank Myers, Jim Weismore, and Betty Smith) made a trip to the 2007 Singles Dance-A-Rama Convention which was held in North Little Rock, AR.

Our trip started from Jacksonville, FL on August 24, 2007 with side stops before and after the convention. The first stop was in Tupelo, MS. to visit the birthplace of Elvis Presley, then it was on to Memphis, TN to take in Graceland the home of Elvis.

Monday, August 27th we were on to Branson, MO where we stayed for three days and took in three shows, and plenty of good eating at some really nice restaurants. Now came time to head to North Little Rock and four days of square dancing and seeing the sights. Two other club members joined the group in North Little Rock (Diane Stewart, and Phyllis



(Laney) Stewart. While there everyone visited the Clinton Presidential Library, the USS Razorback, and the old settlement of Little Rock. We also ate at some very fine restaurants. Monday Sept. 3rd Diane and Laney flew home and the rest of us headed for Texas to meet up with friend and club member, Helene Lawton, who lives in Avinger, Texas.

All arrived in the small town of Daingerfield and met with Floyd Curry who escorted the group to his farm. After everyone got to meet each other, all went to eat a fantastic Catfish Dinner at a local restaurant. After dinner the group went back to Floyd's to play cards and spend the evening with Maggie Curtis the Mayor of Lone Star Texas. After breakfast the next morning we had a short sight seeing tour of the area and then traveled on to Shreveport, LA. That evening it was off to a square dance at the Southern Swingers, a local club and a visit to the casino.

The group traveled on to New Orleans where we took the ferry ride across the river to the city and then followed up with a trolley car ride to tour the city. Even though signs of the devastation were still evident, the city looked to be returning back to normal. Afterward it was to continue our trip to Biloxi, MS. As we drove through the Hurricane Katrina devastated areas it was evident of the massive destruction that took place. Biloxi was finally reached and after checking into our motel we decided to visit a few more casinos.

By the next morning everyone was ready to head towards home. Except for the numerous Cracker Barrel stops (Porch Sales) the trip ended back home in Jacksonville early evening on September 7th.

It was agreed that a good time was had by all and plans were already in the making for next year's Singles Convention in Nashville Tennessee. We'll look for you to join us at the convention and on the road!

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*The Grapevine sends sincerest
sympathy to...*

The family of Cheryl Gano

Mrs. Cheryl Irene Gano, age 57 of Marble, NC, passed away Friday, January 18, 2008 at Murphy Medical Center. Mrs. Gano was born Wednesday, November 22, 1950 in Duval County Florida, to the late James O'Hara and Irene Pretatt O'Hara. A music major at the University of Florida. Mrs. Gano loved to quilt, crochet and square dance. Cheryl was a former member of the Rollaways Square Dance Club, Jacksonville. She was a former Girl Scout and Girl Scout leader. She was a life long learner, and at the time of her death she taking classes at Tri-County Community College in Murphy, NC for her BSN degree in Nursing.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Becky Cheryl Lyons. Survivors include: mother, Irene Akins; husband, Jack Gano of Marble, NC; daughter, Lori Flores of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.; step-daughter, Jill Arlene Gano; 9 grandchildren, Kysa, Xzyla, Jace, Keelan, Michael, Madeline, Zoe, Jill, and Noah, 2 sisters and 1 brother, Sharon, Carolyn and Tommy; 2 step-sons, Kevin Gano and David Gano.

Our prayers go out to Cheryl's family and friends.



This month's USDA Report focuses on our Handicapable Dancers. The following article was taken directly out of the USDA NEWS Volume XIX, Issue 1 Jan. - March, 2008. We love to visit our own Pensacola Special Steppers and dance with them. They are all wonderful dancers and we have a great time whenever we visit.

**Alan & Portia Bruning,
Chairman USDA Handicapable Committee**

There are a number of developments in the Handicapable Square dance community that we would like to bring to your attention. First, there is now a National directory of Handicapable Square Dance clubs. It was developed through the cooperative efforts of CALLERLAB, the United States Handicapable Square Dance Association (USH) and the United Square Dancers of America (USDA). The Directory not only lists the Handicapable clubs but also includes tips on how to start a club and how to become an effective teacher/caller. If you would like to obtain a copy of the directory, contact CALLERLAB (the directory is free, but there is a nominal mailing charge). If you review it and discover that a Handicapable club has been omitted, contact CALLERLAB's Handicapable Committee Chairman, Michelle McCarty at michbrit@optonline.net.

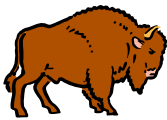
In addition to the directory, the first Handicapable newsletter has "hit the press". HANDICAPABLE NEWS is a newsletter covering what is going on in the Handicapable dancing world. The first published issue has been posted on the web. To locate it, type "HANDICAPABLE NEWS" into your internet search engine and click on the resulting "Handicapable News". The newsletter will be published and posted on the web about 3 or 4 times a year. If you have some things you would like included in the next issue, contact the Editor, Michelle McCarty, at michbrit@optonline.net.

The next National (USH) Handicapable Convention will be held in Mobile, AL on July 24-26, 2008. The very first Handicapable Convention was held in Mobile, AL and twenty years later, it is returning to the city where it all started. If you are interested in attending the convention, contact Dean Emery, President of United States Handicapable Association at 9354 Johnson Rd. Mobile, AL 36695 (251) 633-8212 or dean2@ushandicapable.org. As representatives of USDA, we attended the last Handicapable Convention in Baton Rouge, LA and found it to be a very rewarding and humbling experience.

This past summer, the Handicapable Hall at the National Square Dance Convention in Charlotte, NC was a happening place. There were callers from all over calling for the Handicapable groups. Some of the callers were new to calling for Handicapable groups, but they did a wonderful job and had a terrific time. We would encourage everyone to visit the Handicapable Halls at the upcoming Nationals: Wichita, KS, Long Beach, CA and Louisville, KY.



Paul & Cheryl Miller
Florida Federation of Square Dancers
USDA Representatives



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Sew & Save At Wichita

Be sure to stop by the 57th NSDC Sew & Save Area June 25-28. Check out the Clinics and Demonstrations that have been planned. Utilizing the information in each of the classes, you will have everything needed to be completely attired for any dancing occasion.

We will address designing your clothes; how to make clothes fit to look your best; making your own pettipants and crinolines and sewing tips for skirts, ruffles, etc. You will be shown how to make your own accessories such as: belts, purses, sweatshirt jackets, scrapbook covers (scrapbook for storing all your ideas), and much more. Because "You are in Kansas, the Wheat State," and a special treat, a Taste of Wheat Weaving is being offered. Don't miss any of the sessions.

Remember to ORDER a Sew & Save Book on the Registration Form. There are many helpful hints and tips for any type of sewing. With articles about the presenters and the subjects they will be teaching, it is a "Sewing Session Guide." A limited number of the books were printed. Order your on the Registration Form and have it waiting in Wichita. Leaving without a "Sew & Save Book" would be like a "Hot fudge Sundae without the Fudge."

REGISTRATION

Dancers, who have not registered, are urged to complete their registrations and mail quickly. Dancers, who registered early on the short form and have not returned the full Registration

Form, are encouraged to convert immediately. A large number of pre-registered dancers have not converted to receive their purple ribbons. The personal information on the Registration Form is used to prepare the Convention Badge, your ticket to the 57th National Square Dance Convention®.

To insure availability when you arrive in Wichita, a Convention Program Book, Round, Contra, and Clogging Syllabi, Sew and Save Book, Cookbook, National Squares Magazine, Bus Pass, Wednesday Night Special Event ticket, and Tour Ticket need to be ordered.

The "At The Door" fees go into effect June 1, 2008. The Registration fee becomes \$60 per person; the Program Book will cost \$10 and Bus Passes increase to \$50 per person. To save money, don't delay, mail your registration today!

A Special Presentation

The Education Committee is pleased to announce a special presentation of dances that were an important phase in the West and Midwest Dance History. The cast includes dancers from the Colorado Dancers, High Country Dancers and Rocky Mountain Dancers, under the direction of Calvin Campbell assisted by Judy Campbell, and Bob and Allynn Riggs.

The audience will be treated to a seventy-five minute educational program in Concert Hall of the Century II Performing Arts & Convention Center. The dances will include squares, contras, round dances, and Sicilian Circles.

Web site

The official Web site of the 57th NSDC is: www.57nsdc.com. Please visit often and check out all the details of your 2008 National Convention. The Registration Form may be downloaded from the web site.



Stepping Out with Maxine & Billy

Line Dancing Highlights

Hi, I'm Billy. I am a clogger, line dancer and I enjoy other forms of dance. As a clogger I am a member of the Cloggin' Robbins and the Senior Cloggers. Maxine and I were part of the Cloggin' Robbins as they performed at the Jacksonville Landing as part of the city's gala celebration of Christmas.

Clogging is great fun, exercise and can give a person a great sense of accomplishment. But some folks may feel that clogging is a bit on the active side for their body. Please remember that line dance can add just a bit more physical and mental exercise to you evening of dance.

Most of our square dance clubs have line dance as part of their evening fun. You can even learn to line dance at home. There are many videos available; Line Dancing for Seniors by Dr. G. Longley, Line Dancing for Seniors by Jo Bridges, and Line Dancing by Wiley Hicks are a few. Also, the Duval county Community Education Program offer classes in line dance and in clogging. For information about clogging lessons with the Cloggin' Robbins you may call Donna Robbins at 904-737-8514.

All forms of dance can contribute to your health and fitness. In the magazine, This Active Life, Rina Rapuano states, "The Alzheimer's Association lists square dancing among the activities that helps ward off the disease by engaging both the mind and the body. It's no wonder that seniors are lining up to square off." That statement could also include clogging and line dance. I challenge you to remember the old saying, "try it, you might like it." It is fun, fun, and oh so good for you!



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News from the Federation with Charlie & Val Newsome

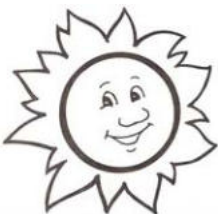


The Florida Federation held its "Working Weekend" and meetings during the Shamrock Swing. The first meeting began at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 8th; with all working committees meeting immediately afterwards. Then, on Sunday morning, March 9th, at 9:00 a.m. we reconvened when any recommendations coming from the committees to be acted upon. Much business took place on these two days, such as the adoption of the 2008 Budget, final plans for the Showcase of Ideas, etc. If you attended the Shamrock Swing, we hope you took time out to attend these meetings and learned more about the Federation. You can even sign up to serve on one of the committees.

The highlight of the weekend, of course, was the Shamrock Swing hosted by the Central Association. We are sure you didn't miss any of the great dancing Friday and Saturday; and even though, we are both not dancing yet, we were pleased to see you there!

The Florida Winter Festival weekend proved to be an excellent and fun weekend. We've heard nothing but raves from everyone who attended. So, if you missed it in 2008, make sure you start making your plans to attend in 2009.

Don't forget to CELEBRATE IN 2008 at the 54th Florida State Convention in Lakeland, May 23rd-25th, 2008. We know you'll see all your dancing friends there! We also know that Don & Ann Slocum and their committee have been working extremely hard to bring a FUN weekend filled with GREAT dancing to you. If you aren't registered, DO IT NOW!



Since the Federation will also be meeting at the State Convention in May, we'll have news from both the March and May meetings for you in the July issue of *The Grapevine*!!

Until we meet in a square.....
Charlie & Val Newsome
Florida Federation Treasurer

?? Moving ??

If you are moving, please let the EDITORS know before you move. *The Grapevine* is sent by bulk mail and IT WILL NOT BE FORWARDED! This means if we don't have your CORRECT address, you won't get your issue. We do not always have "extra" copies to replace the one a subscriber did not get. The subscriber will be asked to pay for a new issue plus the cost of first class postage.

Once the mailing is in the hands of the Postal Service, we lose all control of it, and we cannot assume responsibility for anything not under our control. If you don't receive your issue by the 10th of the month, contact THE EDITORS immediately so we can try to help you find out why!

Thanks, The Editors

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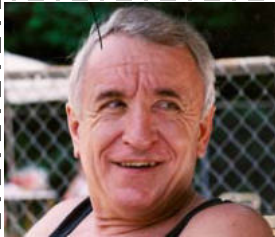
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In Memoriam of

William J. Knierim, Jr.

July 9, 1932 – February 21, 2008

Bill Knierim, 75, passed away on February 21, 2008. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Lula and William J. Knierim, Sr.; his step-son, JC David. He is survived by his wife of 16 years, Monina Ramona Knierim, his sons, Kevin and Michael, a daughter, Lisa Ivanov (Peter), step-son Roger David, step-daughter, Monica David, and two grandsons, a brother Patrick, and 3 sisters, Sr. Imelda, Sr. Bernadette and Rosemary Littlefield. Upon graduating from college, Bill passed the Bar Exam and had an illustrious career with the DEA, NFL, and Mobil Oil Co. He was working for the Jaguars when he began square dancing and was known to fellow dancers as the "P" Doctor!

Bill and Monina (along with their daughter Monica) began lessons with the Rollaways in 1996. Bill and Monina were Presidents and officers of the Rollaways for several years. They were very active members. When Bill was at a dance you knew it...you could hear his laughter throughout the hall. He never complained and was always thinking of others first! I think if you had to describe Bill to others, your first word would be "laughter". He was always laughing and brought it out in others! Bill was a very devoted husband and father and grandfather. Bill will be truly missed.

A Catholic Mass was held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Saturday, March 2, 2008, followed by a memorial gathering at Monina's home.



What's Cooking?

In the Kitchen with
Virginia Patton

Have you ever thought “If I have to go to one more covered dish/pot luck event and bring the same dish, I’m going to....”? You want to bring something that stands out, is fun and exciting. So, how about Mexican? Can’t you hear the castanets, see the Flamenco dancers and smell the aroma that is unique to the Spanish culture? Okay, maybe my imagination is going a little overboard. Maybe you could just go to Tack Bell, but that would be pretty obvious.

Question: Isn’t it going to be too spicy? Answer: Don’t worry about Mexican food being too spicy. Contrary to popular belief, it is actually pungent and mild. Mexican cooking is truly a blending of robust ingredients bound together by taste and culture. If you like it spicy, you can always add it after the dish is cooked. What about “Doesn’t all Mexican food really taste alike?” Actually the regions of Mexico have distinct cooking traditions created by climate and local ingredients. Or, “If it tastes good it’s probably fattening.” This could be a genuine concern, but the recipes below were approved by the American Heart Association. These recipes are made with low fat, healthy diets in mind and they even taste good! If you don’t want low fat – don’t use the low fat ingredients.

End of questions and doubts – let’s eat!

Mexican Fried Rice

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| 1 tablespoon oil | 1 cup uncooked rice |
| 1 clove garlic, minced | 2/3 cup chopped canned chilies |
| 1/2 cup diced tomatoes | 2 cups broth (chicken, beef, vegetarian) |

Heat oil in skillet and sauté the rice, stirring until golden brown. Add remaining ingredients. Cover and simmer slowly for 30 minutes or rice is done. Now, how easy is that?!

Enchilada Bake

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| 2 cups chili beans | 1 green pepper, chopped |
| 1 clove garlic, minced | 1 tablespoon chili powder |
| 1 16-oz can diced tomatoes | 1 cup low-fat cottage cheese |
| 1 teaspoon cumin | 1/2 cup low fat yogurt |
| 1/2 cup grated low fat cheddar cheese | Cooking spray |
| 1 teaspoon butter | 8 corn tortillas |
| 1 onion, chopped | |

Join Sarah & friends for... Stitchin' Time



While the temperatures are warming up as spring has arrived, now is the time to take advantage of great sales on fleece at local sewing supplies stores. Remember the cool evenings as you traveled to and from dance events that called for a jacket? But traditional coats and jackets can be quite cumbersome over a full square dance skirt. In this issue I'll share some easy directions on how to create a Poncho with fleece. This information can also be found in *Sew Heavenly* from the 56th National Square Dance Convention in Charlotte, NC June 2007.

Fleece is a wonderful fabric to work with because it doesn't fray and therefore needs no finishing on the edges. There are so many different patterns available that selecting your fabric will be the most difficult task. Once you make a selection you will need 1-1/2 yards of fleece and a complimentary color of embroidery thread.

Cut the selvage off the fleece. Selvage is the edging of the fabric that is woven so that it will not fray.

Fold your fleece into a square and cut to make it even. Next, fold the square into a large triangle and fold it again. Cut the center tip off with a very small cut through all 4 thicknesses.

Now open the poncho up and cut the opening evenly in both directions to fit for pulling over your head.

Lay a 4" square of cardboard in each corner and cut the fleece out. Cut fringe 4" deep around all four sides.

At the neckline, hand sew a blanket stitch around using the embroidery thread with full thickness.

Your poncho is finished except for the trim. Using buttons, appliqués, sequins, fabric paint, your creative spirit can be set free to design it anyway you desire.



(Continued from page 22 What's Cooking?)

Process cottage cheese and yogurt in blender until smooth. Sauté onion, garlic and green pepper in butter. Add beans, tomatoes and spices. Simmer 10 minutes or until most of the liquid evaporates.

In a sprayed 9"X13" casserole dish, layer 1/2 of the tortillas, 1/2 of the bean mixture, 1/2 of the cheese yogurt mixture, and 1/2 of the grated cheese. Repeat. Bake at 350° for 15 to 20 minutes. Olé!

Editor's Note: We are pleased to introduce our new Food Editor, Virginia Patton. She and her husband Randy dance with the Rollaways and Square Wheels. Virginia invites our readers to send along their favorite recipes and comments. You can reach Virginia at rpatton3@bellsouth.net. Welcome aboard Virginia!

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Publicity Release for the 54th Florida State Convention 2008



CELEBRATE in 2008

The 54th Florida State Convention, May 23, 24, & 25th, 2008

It is said that 'if you build it they will come'. We are hoping that if we work hard to put together a good square dance program 'they will come'. The 7 dance halls and the Callers and Cuers programs are all coming together and being finalized. We are traveling around as much as we can to advertise and offer ribbons for sale to let the dancers know that we are going to be ready for them. We've had other committee members helping out as much they can to get the word out. Again I'm asking -begging- the Callers and Cuers to please urge your dancers to attend the Convention. We have attended several dances with new dancers and they had not heard of the State Convention. The State Convention is a good place for the new dancers to get a chance to dance to many different callers and get a lot of floor time. Everyone can benefit from the workshops during the day.

Besides all the dancing (20 hours in all) there are a few other things at the convention:

Our Crafty Dancer reports plans for craft instructions being given, they will have sessions on every day of the convention and will have giveaways and hourly drawings, with a special drawing on Sunday. They have lots of fun planned. Check our program book for the times.

Ailene Picheco has taken on the chair for the Singles committee, so all you Dancers Without Partners, check out the Singles Hall on Friday night.

The Fashion Show, under the coordination of Bob & Maria Spence, is going to be taking a different slant and really not going to be about what we wear, come see what they are saying about your friends.

Hope to see you on the dance floor,

Ann Slocum, Publicity Chairman, AnnDonSlocum@juno.com

It's time to celebrate! We need Booster names for the state convention book! \$1.00 for each name. Snowbirds won't be here in May, but they can help support the convention by being a Booster. Tell your club officers to put a sign up sheet out at every dance and collect names & money, and do make them legible. Also, we need ads - from callers, cuers, associations, clubs, special dances, individuals and businesses (retirement homes, restaurants, car dealers, repair shops, motels, etc.). Remember, this is a statewide convention - we are all a part of the state convention and need everyone's support to keep square dancing alive and well.

Please mail ads, booster names & money to me and thank you for your hard work and support!

Jack & Kathy McKinney, 2008 St. Conv., Program Book Chairmen
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Joys & Concerns

In this issue we have a lot to celebrate and just as much to keep in prayer. Please include these square dancing friends in your prayers:

Helen Williams will continue with her bi-weekly chemo treatments and recent results show a slight improvement. While not exactly the report hoped for, any improvement is to be celebrated.

Marie Bigelow of Plus Fox, continues her chemo treatments for cancer.

Jettie Crowe is continuing to improve from her recent knee replacement surgery. It was great to visit with her and Howard at a recent dance.

Celebrate with **Linda Allen**, of Seabreeze Singles, as she retired in January from the Department of Revenue with the State of Florida.

James Kindred still has several more weeks of radiation treatment for the tumor on his leg. He has recently learned that he will need treatment for a malignant spot on his lung.

Bronze Cagle, of Yellow Rockers, is home continuing his rehabilitation from severe back problems.

We are thrilled to learn that **Jerry Sullivan** of Mandarin Marauders, has finished his treatment for prostate cancer with successful results reported.

Delighted to report that **Judy Frye** is recovering from her recent fall at a dance. In addition to a cracked elbow she received multiple bruises.

Hannelore Register continues to regain her strength from recent surgery.

We are thankful that **Leila Lindsey** is recovering well from a fall from her horse during a parade over the Christmas holidays. She is currently attending therapy sessions to regain full use of her wrist and hand. Her horse Blessing has made a full recovery as well.

Carmen Tedrahn, of Mandarin Marauders, is recovering well from her recent knee surgery.

Ernie Weeks, of Gypsy Squares, is still recovering from pneumonia. Please keep him in prayer.

We are thankful that **Mary Rozzano** has completed her treatments and 99% OK.

Barbara Meyer is up and about after her recent knee surgery. She will be dancing full time very soon.

Macie Jackson is recovery very well after her recent surgery.

Virginia Oswald, of Grand Squares has recently had back surgery and is recovering well.

Bob Raymond, former editor of *The Grapevine*, has a small tumor on the pituitary gland. Please keep him and Jane in your prayers.

Charlie Newsome is troubled by knee problems. He is consulting with his doctor regarding possible surgery.

Frances Rollen has recovered from her recent illness and brief hospital stay. It is wonderful to see her back at the square dances.

Ken van Westendorp, of Mandarin Marauders, has been admitted to an assisted living facility due to memory loss problems.

Vern Bender, of River Ramblers, has fractured his shin and foot in 3 places. He is home recovering.

Val Newsome is showing great improvement in use of her knee. She hopes to be

back on the dance floor very soon.

prayers are with Jamie and his family.

Our prayers go out to those men and women serving our country overseas. Bobby Hampshire-Iraq, grandson of **Ellie Hampshire**, Square Wheels.

Evan McQuiston, son of **Mary & Henry Britten**, has had additional procedures related to his bone graft surgery. He remains at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, DC.

Jamie Pistole, grandson of **Thomas Tramel**, continues to make progress in his rehabilitation at Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas. He is beginning to walk with his artificial limb. Our



OUR HEARTS ARE SADDENED

Jack Horne, **Cheryl Trescot's** father passed away on December 2, 2007.

Linda Rigg's son, Johnny Wesley Drury, passed away on Friday, December 14, 2007.

Caller **Bob Poyner's** mother passed away on Friday, December 21, 2007.

Peggy Ligon's mother, Mary Ellen Lewis, passed away on December 28, 2007.

Bill Brown's father, Charles Brown, passed away on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 of lung cancer.

Dick Lee's mother, Esther Lee, passed away on Saturday, February 2, 2008. Esther enjoyed dancing with the Space Trackers.

Chuck Breedlove's younger brother, Richard died on February 14, 2008.

Chuck Donaldson of Chiefland, FL passed away on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 after a courageous battle with cancer. His memorial service was held in Chiefland, FL on Sunday, March 16, 2008. Chuck was once the caller for a local square dance club, The Young at Hearts. He and his wife, Joan, were members of Square Wheels. We will include more information in our next issue as it becomes available.



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June 15th



Lisa Wall



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Rollaways -----Tuesdays 8:30 to 10:00PM (phase II & III)

Silver Fox ----- Even Fridays 8:30 to 10:00 PM (phase II & III)

Teddy Bears ----- Even Saturdays 7:30 to 9:30 (phase II & III)

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FOR 2008/2009

APRIL/MAY/JUNE SCHEDULE CHANGES

Mar 28	Not Cueing Silver Fox (RDCF Spring Weekend)
Mar 29/30	Cueing at Round Dance Council of Florida Spring Weekend
Mar 30	First Coast Rounds NOT Dancing (RDCF spring Weekend)
Mar 31	Cueing at Yellow Rockers 5 th Monday Madness
April 1	Not Cueing at Rollaways (School Closed)
April 3	Not Cueing Intro to Waltz Class (School Closed)
April 3	Touch of Class Not Dancing (School Closed)
April 10	Touch of Class Not Dancing (Moose Anniversary Dance)
April 10	Cueing Moose Anniversary Dance
April 19	Cueing Seabreeze Singles City Rescue Mission Dance
May 3	Cueing Student Graduation Dance
May 8	Touch of Class last dance until Sept
May 11	First Coast rounds NOT Dancing (Mothers Day)
May 15	Cueing Moose Pirates Ball
May 22	State Convention "Trail End Dance" Strawberry Squares
May 23	Not Cueing at Silver Fox (State Convention)
May 24	Not Cueing at Tedd Bears (State Convnetion)
May 25	First Coast rounds NOT Dancing (State Convention)
May 31	Cueing NEFSARDA 5 th Saturday Dance at Jax Heights Elem
June 3	Not Cueing at Rollaways (Family Commitment)
June 6/7	Cueing at "Watermelon Festival" Chiefland Fl.
June 17	NOT Cueing at Rollaways
June 16-30	VACATION
June 20-25	CUEING AT ROUNDALAB
June 25-30	CUEING AT NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION
July 1	Not Cueing at Rollaways
July 6	First Coast Rounds NOT Dancing

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There are many people to thank for this dance being the success it was. Thank you to the callers: Gary & Berni Murphy and Charlie & Sarah Pergrossi. Thank you to the cuer: Lisa & John Wall

So many people brought food to the dance to tempt even the most die-hard dieter to leave their diet behind and indulge. A special thank you goes to Robert Padgett who donated the hot dogs and buns to this dance.

Gratitude to all those who showed up early and stayed late for set-up and clean-up. Thank you to Jane Dando for the successful clothing closet.

To the Plus Fox square dance club it would not have been a success without you standing behind and helping from the very inception of this idea.

To the many dancers who bought ribbons and you showed up or if you couldn't make it.

A prayer goes out to all those who are suffering from this horrible disease, survivors, and those we have lost. Let this dance in some small way help find a cure so that sometime in the future maybe no one need suffer or die from cancer.

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Thank You!

NOTICE!!

In our never ending quest to satisfy ALL of our readers, we have strategically placed errors and typos within the confines of this publication for those who are always looking for them. If only one person finds a 'goof', then we have accomplished our task.

THANK YOU!

Sarah & Charlie



NATIONAL SQUARES

Going to the 57th National Square Dance Convention® in Wichita, Kansas, June 25-28, 2008?

Subscribe to *National Squares Magazine* for \$7.00 a year and receive all the detailed information. Subscription form available on the Convention Website at: www.57nsdc.org (click on Links, then National Squares). Send payment to: National Squares, 532 Walnut Point Drive, Matthews, NC 28105-1558.

If planning on attending a National Convention, *National Squares* is a "Got To Have" item for information on the current National.

*****When planning for your special dances — plan ahead and check this Calendar of Events, AND call or email The Grapevine editors for the most current information in order to avoid conflicting dates. Thanks !! — NEFSARDA**

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The online Calendar of Events is updated monthly, check back often at <http://www.floridasquaredance.com/northeast>

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NORTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION
2007 CLUB DIRECTORY

A = ADVANCED B = BASIC C = CHALLENGE L = LINES
M = MAINSTREAM P = PLUS R = ROUNDS

Sunday

FIRST COAST ROUNDS "R" Every Sunday. Class 6:00-7:30 PM, Club Phrase II & III 7:30-8:30 PM, Club Phrase III & IV 8:30-9:30 PM. Arlington Congregational Church of Christ, 431 University Blvd. North, Jacksonville, FL (This is one block south of the Arlington Expressway on University Blvd.) Cuer-Instructor: Lisa Wall. Contact Lisa & John Wall (904)241-0384

Monday

YELLOW ROCKERS "M/P/L" Every Monday. Club dance 7:30-9:30 PM, Jax Heights Elementary School, 7750 S. Tempest St, Jacksonville, FL. Caller: Charlie Pergrossi (352)463-3829. Contact Shirley White (904)388-1463 or Smitty Smith (904)779-7626

Tuesday

DIXIE DANCERS "P/R/L" Every Tuesday. Dance 7:00-9:30 PM, Teen Town, 533 NW Desoto St, Lake City, FL. Caller: Bill Chesnut (352)475-2550, Cuer: Ralph Beekman (386)752-2544. Contact Annette Conk (386) 935-1548.

GRAND SQUARES "M/P" Every Tuesday. Dance 7:30-9:30 PM, 1910 NW 53rd Ave (Union Hall), Gainesville, FL. Caller: Lon Ligon (352)377-1828.

ROLLAWAYS "M/P/R/L" Every Tuesday. Class 7:00-8:30 PM, Club dance 8:30-10:00 PM, Sandalwood High School, 2750 John Prom Blvd, Jacksonville, FL. Caller: Ken Miller (904) 268-4492. Contact Virginia Bomhold (904)744-7181.

JOY SEAS "M/P/L/R" Every Tuesday **except for 2nd Tuesday**. Class 7:00-8:00 PM, Club dance 8:00-9:30 PM, St. Augustine, FL (Coquina Crossing). I-95 South, exit 311, West on SR 207, 1 mile on the left, **You must be thru the gate prior to 8:00 PM**. Caller: Mike Akers (904)797-7554, **VERY IMPORTANT** to contact Mary Burzo at (904) 797-7530 to verify dance availability.

SEABREEZE SINGLES "M/P" Every Tuesday. Club dance 7:30-9:30 PM, Arlington Presbyterian Church 1300 Sprinkle Dr. Caller: Jim Cosman (912) 882-4006. Contact Shirley White (904)388-1463 or Smitty Smith (904) 779-7626, Banner chairman Betty Smith (904)772-9131.

Wednesday

FUN-N-FROLICS "A" 2nd & 4th Wednesday. Dance 7:00-9:00 PM, Jax Heights Elementary School, 7750 S. Tempest St, Jacksonville, FL. Caller: Jim Cosman (912)882-4006. Contact Russell & Carolyn Ueber (904)223-9347 or Bob & Miriam Hinkle (904) 268-6643. **NO BANNER STEALING PLEASE**

PLUS FOX "P" 1st & 3rd Wednesday. Dance 7:30-9:30 PM, Jax Heights Elementary School, 7750 S. Tempest St, Jacksonville, FL. Caller: Gary Murphy (386)755-2329. Contact Stephen & Marie Bigelow (904)771-7249.

Ask yourself ...
not what square dancing
can do for you — what do **you**
do to promote
square dancing...

Thursday

MANDARIN MARAUDERS "M/P/L" Class 7:00-8:00 PM, Club dance 8:00-10:00 PM, First Christian Church, 11924 San Jose Blvd in Mandarin, Jacksonville, FL. Caller: Lawton Smith (904)389-3349. Contact Sergei & Karen Zelenkov (904) 287-5411. Banner chairman Fran & Debbie LiPira (904)380-6882.

MOOSE PROMENADERS "P/R" Every Thursday. Class 7:00-8:30 PM, Club dance 8:30-10:00 PM, Moose Lodge 5051 Collins Rd, Orange Park, FL. Caller: Bill Chesnut (352)475-2550. Contact Bill Brown (904)282-5445. Banner Chairman Jackie Hamlin (904)731-9181.

RIVER RAMBLERS "M/P" Every Thursday. Class 6:30-8:00 PM, Club dance 8:00-9:30 PM, Putman County Shrine Club, 112 Yelvington Rd, East Palatka, FL (Just off US 17 approx 1/2 mile south of SR 207). Caller: Ernie Rollen (904)891-5822. Contact Vern Bender (386)336-3887. Banner chairmen Tom & Jean Moore (386)325-4118.

VAGABOND SQUARES "M/P/R" Every Thursday, Club dance 7:00-9:30 PM, Hale Recreation Center, 215 NE Duval St (CR 136), Live Oak, FL. Caller & Cuer Ralph Beekman (386)752-2544. Contact Paul and Laura Fortner (386)362-4226.

TOUCH OF CLASS "R" Phase III-V. Every Thursday. Club dance 7:30-9:30 PM. Sandalwood High School, 2750 John Prom Rd, Jacksonville, FL. Cuer: Lisa Wall. Contact John & Lisa Wall (904)241-0384.



Friday

FLAGLER OCEAN WAVES "M/P/R" Every Friday. Class 6:30-8:00 PM, Club dance 8:00-9:30 PM. Council on Aging/Wickline Center, 800 S. Daytona Ave, Flagler Beach, FL. Caller RJ Hogan (352) 376-2428. Cuer Irene Knapp Smith (386) 409-3399. Contact Jack & Gen Conn (386)740-1652. Banner chairmen Bonnie-jean & Drew Esterly (386)441-7969.

GYPSY SQUARES "M/P/L" 1st full weekend each month. Dance 8:00-10:00 PM. Various campgrounds. Caller: Bill Chesnut (352)475-2550. Contact Jay & Terri Peck (386)672-8677

SQUARE WHEELS "M/P/R" Every 3rd Friday & Saturday. Dance 8:00-10:00 PM Various Campgrounds. Caller: Bill Chesnut (352)475-2550. Contact Martha Zimmerman (352) 336-5311 or (352) 226-0118.

SILVER FOX SQUARES "M/P/R" Every Friday. Class 7:00-8:30 PM. Club dance 8:30-10:00 PM, Jax Heights Elementary School, 7750 S. Tempest St, Jacksonville, FL. Caller: Ernie Rollen (904)282-2335. Contact Mary & Sam Starling (904)786-3311 or Mark Fetzer (904)908-5184.

Saturday

TEDDY BEARS "M/P/R" 2nd & 4th Saturday. Club dance 7:30-9:30 PM. St. Matthews Lutheran Church 6801 Merrill Rd, Jacksonville, FL. Caller: Gary Murphy (904)262-2909. Cuer: Lisa Wall (904)241-0384. Contact Bud & Dianne German (904)781-1532. Banner chairmen John & Mary Ann Lawrence (904)246-3279.

NEFSARDA 5th SATURDAY DANCE:

Every 5th Saturday at various locations. Please consult Special Events Calendar in the back of this publication. Contact: Erv & Jan Oermann (904)777-1501

Attention Club Leaders, Callers, & Cuers

The Grapevine would like to publish information on your dance classes and workshops. While the fall is when many groups organize their new classes, we know that workshops and new dancer classes actually begin whenever a need arises. Send us the information and we'll include the details in the next issue. We need to know: the start date, the beginning & ending times, level (beginner, mainstream, plus, etc.), the exact address with the city, where the class and/or workshop will be held, instructor's name, contact person with phone & email address.

Please note: As outlined in guidelines for The Grapevine, our services are offered to Association member clubs, but we will include information on other clubs' & organizations' classes as space permits.

AND FINALLY, HOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED!

SQUARE DANCE RULES OF 1876

1. The music is to consist of a fiddle, a pipe, or a hurdy-gurdy. No chorus is to be sung until the dancing is over.
2. No lady is to dance in black stockings, not to have her elbows bare.
3. To prevent spitting, no gentleman will chew tobacco or smoke.
4. No whispering to be allowed. If anyone should be found to make insidious remarks about anyone's dancing, he or she shall be put out of the room.
5. No gentleman will appear with a cravat that has been worn more than a week or a fortnight.
6. Long beards are forbidden, as they would be very disagreeable if a gentleman should happen to put his cheek beside a lady's.
7. No gentleman is to squeeze his partner's hand, nor look earnestly upon her, and furthermore, he must not pick up her handkerchief provided it were to fall. The first denotes he loves her, the second, he wishes to kiss her and the last that she makes a sign for both.

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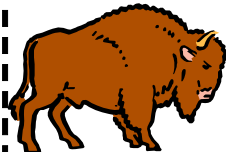
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2008 CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>ANNIV. #</u>
Dixie Dancers	September	30th
First Coast Rounds.....	June.....	8th
Flagler Ocean Waves	August.....	33rd
Fun 'N' Frolics	March	52nd
Grand Squares	June.....	33rd
Gypsy Squares	December	18th
Joy Seas.....	April.....	17th
Mandarin Marauders.....	April.....	23rd
Moose Promenaders	April.....	18th
Plus Fox	January	21st
River Ramblers.....	April.....	10th
Rollaways	April.....	20th
Seabreeze Singles	September	32nd
Silver Fox	June.....	23rd
Square Wheels.....	September	27th
Teddy Bears	June.....	24th
Touch of Class.....	September	
Vagabond Squares	November	14th
Yellow Rockers.....	April.....	2nd

EDITORS' NOTE: If your club's anniversary is not listed, or if it is incorrect, please let us know as soon as possible. Check the Calendar of Events for dates of clubs' anniversary dances. Thank you. *The Editors*



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NEFSARDA'S 5th SATURDAY DANCE



May 31, 2008
Early Rounds: 7:30
Squares: 8:00-10:00

Callers: Gary Murphy
Ernie Rollen

Cuer: Lisa Wall

Jax Heights Elementary
7750 S. Tempest St
Jacksonville, FL

Donation \$3.00

Polynesian
Theme



Host Clubs:
Moose Promenaders
Yellow Rockers

Contacts for dance
information
Erv or Jan
904-777-1501

In Memoriam Patsy Peay



Patsy Peay, of Palm Coast, passed away peacefully December 4, 2007. Mrs. Peay was born in Aurora, NC and moved to Florida in 2000. She was a housewife and mother. She enjoyed family, friends, sewing, square dancing, crafts and shopping. She was a member of Flagler Ocean Waves Square Dance Club.

Patsy is survived by her husband of 34 years, John Peay of Palm Coast. Also their sons, Jeffrey Howell (Pattie) of Jacksonville, Jay Peay (Brandice who is expecting) of Eure, NC; her grandchildren, Jennifer and Landen Howell of Jacksonville, and Nathaniel Peay of Eure, NC; her sisters, Bernice Hopkkins of Washington, NC, Fay Smith of Vanceboro, NC and Betsy Slade of Washington, NC; and her brother, Larry Tingen of Washington, NC.

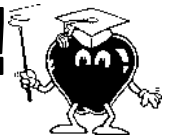
A memorial service for Patsy was held on Saturday, December 8, 2007 at the Wickline Center of Flagler Beach. Memorial donations may be sent to Stuart F. Meyer Hospice House of Palm Coast or The American Cancer Society of Daytona Beach.

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The square dance community offers our sincerest sympathy to John and their family. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

Graduations should be special!

By Val Newsome



Charlie & I attended the Moose Promenaders Class Graduation last April (2007) and were so impressed with the Class Coordinators and what they had done for the graduating dancers, that we wanted to share the excitement with you!

To tell the story I'll have to start from the beginning. Bill Dando passed by the Moose Lodge one evening in April of 2005 and saw that they were starting Square Dance lessons; he went home and posed the idea of attending the classes to his wife, Jane. They signed up and took lessons from Bill Chesnut during the term 2005/2006. Now, during this time, they liked the dancing so much they also attended classes at Silver Fox, where Ernie Rollen was the instructor. They became such enthusiastic dancers, when I asked Jane about it, she said the Square Dance Bug bit Bill real "hard".

When it came time for them to graduate in April, lo and behold....they couldn't attend their graduation due to a scheduled business (?) trip to Las Vegas! Well, they got to Vegas and said to themselves, why not go square dancing? They made some inquiries and called the "Good Time Squares", whose caller is Andy Finch. When they asked about coming to dance with them, they were told well, you may come over, but it is our graduation night. Unbelievable!! Jane explained that they were supposed to be graduating from their club that same night in Jacksonville. That was all Good Time Squares needed to hear....they then insisted that Jane & Bill come on and graduate with their class. They were welcomed warmly and took the "exam" -- Andy put them thru all the moves that had been taught -- and passed. They were given the mortar board hats, and issued a diploma just like every other graduate there. They went through the candlelight ceremony and had pictures taken. They received the same Book that all graduates were given. Jane and Bill say that the club immediately laid "claim" to them and made them feel a real part of the club. They still keep in touch with Jane & Bill by email and a Newsletter, updating them on what's going on at the Good Time Squares. I'm sure, if given the chance, Jane & Bill would jump at the chance to again visit them one day.

They were so impressed with the "family" of square dancing, that when the Moose Promenaders were looking for Class Coordinators for the 2006/2007 Class, guess who took the job? You got it -- Bill and Jane! They took it because they wanted to help make other beginner Square Dancers feel as welcome as they had felt.

And here's where we met them and I started wanting to put this article together. The book they were given in Vegas contained information about the club for each graduate. So, Jane & Bill prepared a book for each graduate at Moose in April 2007. I asked to see one of the Books -- it contained the club roster, club schedule of dances, information about the club, miscellaneous information about square dancing, etc. Well, I saw all kinds of possibilities.....here is a ready-made way to let all the graduates know about The Association, The Federation, and so much more. Now, don't misunderstand, information about the club is IMPORTANT and NECESSARY. Dancers should always

be LOYAL to their club; but, if we gave them a little more knowledge, think how that might make them feel like an even greater part of Square Dancing.

So, I've talked with NEFSARDA Class Coordinator, Joe & Martha Hardcastle, who will be happy to furnish any/all clubs with information on NEFSARDA. We'll get the History of NEFSARDA, what the Association is and does, Association officers, etc. We will also get them the current officers of the Florida Federation, what it is. All of this material can be furnished to the clubs who want to really make their graduates feel special.

Jane is again preparing her Book for the graduates this year and she's asked for the information about the Association and the Federation. How about you? How would you like to really make your graduates feel special and a part of not only the club, but the Association and Federation as well? Just purchase some 1" binders and start getting the information together for them. Telephone numbers are listed below.....and if we don't have everything you need, we'll get it for you. Call Joe & Martha Hardcastle at 904-268-2869 and/or Charlie & Val Newsome at 904-683-3512.

I need to let you know that Bill & Jane are also Class Coordinators for Moose again this year; and they are currently serving Silver Fox as Vice Presidents. Bill and Jane Dando are great promoters of Square Dancing and they say they hope to serve Square Dancing more as their time and energy affords them to do.



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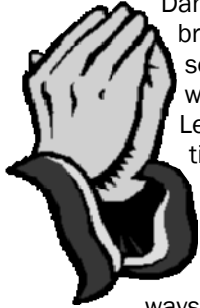
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Square Dancing lost a dear friend...

Ernest E. Young of Satsuma, died suddenly Monday, March 3, 2008. He was a native of Ashland, KY, and resided in Putnam County since 1985. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Young worked for 36 years as an electrical maintenance foreman with Armco Steel Company in Ashland, KY. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of San Mateo and a 32nd degree Mason. He enjoyed fishing and square dancing, and was involved in several square dancing clubs. Ernie and his wife, Theresa, danced with First Coast Rounds, Touch of Class, Flagler Ocean Waves and the River Ramblers, and enjoyed visiting so many more.

He is survived by his wife of two years, Therese V. Young, of San Mateo; three sons, Ronald Young, Raceland, Ky., Larry Young, San Mateo, and Danny Young, Ashland, Ky.; stepson, Roger Belgau, Palatka; brother, Melvin Young, Baton Rouge, La.; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one step-grandson. Services were held on Thursday, March 6th in Palatka, with the Rev. Leroy Lewis and Father Jim May officiating. Memorial donations may be made to the First Baptist Church of San Mateo. Additional services and burial were held in Ashland, KY.



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Theresa, their family and many friends. Cards and prayers are always welcome.



Circus Dance Banner Winners

First place was 1st Coast Rounds. There was a three way tie for second place by, Moose Promenaders, Rollaways, and Teddy Bears. Everyone in attendance had a wonderful time dancing under the big top!

NEFSARDA Delegates Meeting

January 13, 2008

Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM
Invocation by Erv Oermann followed
by Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of the last delegates meeting were approved with a few corrections.

Treasurers' report approved as presented and submitted for audit

President welcomed a visitor from River Ramblers and several callers.

Joys and Concerns were shared.

Committee Reports

Bylaws: The bylaws will be revisited every two years. They have been completed and available for distribution.

Publicity/Classes/Clubs: Visitation numbers were updated for each club. Joe Hardcastle announced the winners of the 2007 Awards - 1st place: Teddy Bears, tie for 2nd place: Rollaways & Seabreeze Singles, 3rd place: Silver Fox.

Computer Liaison: Sarah Pergrossi reported that the NE web site has been updated to reflect new officers & contact personnel. Everyone is reminded to check the Calendar of Events for monthly updates.

Dance Couple of the Year: The 2007 recipients were announced at the Circus Dance. Congratulations to Diane & Bud German.

Fall Festival 2007: Shirley White & 'Smitty' Smith reported that the weekend was a success and thanked everyone for their assistance.

Fall Festival 2008: Joe & Martha Hardcastle have begun working with committee members. The theme is Aloha! The caller will be Tim Crawford and Kit & Sandy Brown will be the cuers.

Grapevine: Sarah & Charlie Pergrossi reported that graduation dates are being set and shared by clubs, and

they welcomed two new reporters to the team - Janette Sparrow and Vern Bender.

5th Saturday Dance: The dance for March will be on the 29th with Bill Chesnut & Ken Perez as callers, and Loretta Hanhurst as the cuer. It will be held at Sandalwood High School. The host clubs are Seabreeze Singles & Teddy Bear Squares.

Historian: no report

Insurance: \$100 was voted upon to help defray office costs for club insurance.

Showcase: More information will be shared after the Federation meeting in March.

SOS: It was decided that this committee should be disbanded and clubs needing assistance contact Board members.

State Convention 2010: no report

Florida Federation: Charlie and Val Newsome reported that the next meeting will be at the Shamrock Swing in March.

Gateway Callers: Reminder that the Sophomore Dance will be Feb. 3rd at Jax Heights Elementary School.

Rural Callers: no report

Old Business: Kathy McKinney reminded club delegates, callers and dancers that the State Program Book needs ads and booster names.

New Business: A letter was received from Tri-County Dancers announcing that they had disbanded effective October 2007. It was accepted by the Board with regrets.

Next meeting: April 13, 2008 at Piccadilly Cafeteria, Jacksonville. Everyone is invited to attend. Clubs please send your delegates to represent your interests.



Club News

A warm welcome to all our club reporters, both new and returning. We are appreciative of your efforts to keep us informed on the activities of your club. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Sarah & Charlie, editors

DIXIE DANCERS

Annette Conk (386) 935-1548



Club members gathered for a group photo at their anniversary dance in September.



Glimpses of the Blue-Gray





FLAGLER OCEAN WAVES

Bill & Sharon Hepburn (386) 446-1597

The Black and White dance on January 4 welcomed the New Year with our members and friends dressed in their elegant black and white outfits. The dance hall looked like a ballroom.

In February, our Canadian Friends and our favorite Snow Birds were back in Florida. We welcome their smiles and dancing styles to our Friday evening dances. Mardi Gras colors on February 1st were accompanied by masks and beads. Those who didn't wear beads were decorated as they came through the door. Thanks, Bonnie and Elaine for making the hall, the refreshment table and the dancers so festive.

On the 29, Leap Year Day gave us the chance to have a Sadie Hawkins Pot Luck supper. The women had dance cards but the poor guys didn't, so they had to keep their eyes open for women asking for a dance. Dog-patch costumes were seen, but Gail Pflaster and Connie Grey got creative. How long has it been since you

heard of "Daisy Mae" and "Moonbeam McSwine"?

Note that our club will be closed on March 21st which is Good Friday. We, also, don't dance on May 23rd because of the State Convention.

Amateur Caller & Cuer Night is planned for March 28th, so any readers who want to try to do some calling or cueing, you are welcome to do so with us. Yours truly may try again - it is a humbling experience.

Irene, our cuer, has been nursing her foot as it heals from the surgery. We have noticed that she is limping much more gracefully these days and that she can tap that injured foot to the music very well. We were happy to see her with shoes on both feet for Leap Year Day! R.J. was limping last week, too, but the chiropractor helped him feel better. Their recovery makes us all happy!

Happy Spring time to all,
Keep your dancin' shoes on,

*In Loving
Memory of
Esther R.
Roby*



*Loving
Mother,
Grandmother
& Friend*

Esther Roby passed away on February 20, 2008 in Jacksonville, FL. Her memorial service was held on February 25th at the Beaches Senior Center.

She was preceded in death by her son Larry Heid. She is survived by five daughters Gloria Medley, Evelyn Youngen, Lila Hand, Kathy Host and Karen Rutledge; 17 grandchildren, many great grandchildren and 1 brother.

Esther enjoyed square dancing with her many friends and family. She began dancing with the Rollaways and later joined the Seabreeze Singles.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Mrs. Roby's family and friends. Please keep them in your prayers.

MOOSE PROMENADERS

A Plus Level Club

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Club: 8:30-10:00 PM



Caller:



Bill Chesnut

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LOOK FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

April 10

Anniversary Dance - Rounds with Lisa Wall

April 24

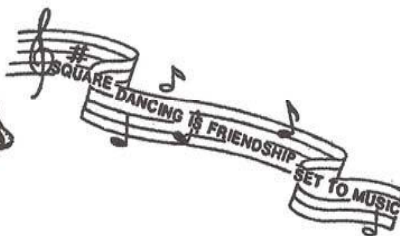
Graduation Dance

May 15

Pirates Ball - Rounds with Lisa Wall

June 19

Ice Cream Social



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FUN 'N FROLICS

Carolyn Ueber (904) 223-9347



Advanced dancing is soooo much fun. The mental and physical exercise involved just can't be beat. What a joy it is to dance to Jim Cosman. He always keeps us on our toes and makes our dances really interesting.

We've been dancing regularly this winter, and having a great time as always. We've been missing Verna Mae & Bud and John & Sandy Humble lately ... hope they'll be able to come back soon. It was great to see Worlie & Lavern Mathis back after Worlie's scare with the esophagus problem. Hope everyone gets well soon or stays well, and that we'll be back to dancing full strength.

We've been hearing about two workshops teaching folks at the Advanced level. One group meets in Gainesville on Thursday eve-

nings with Bobby Keefe and the other meets on Friday afternoons at Top of the World with Don Hanhurst. Another advanced group of dancers meet on Monday nights at Central Office Plus in Gainesville. The Mixed-Nuts enjoy the talents of Bill Chesnut. Our group hopes to travel to each workshop in the near future and visit our new Advance dancers. It would be wonderful to have all the advanced dancers join us one Wednesday night. The Fun 'n Frolics meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, from 7 - 9 pm at Jax Heights Elementary School, 7750 S. Tempest St., Jacksonville.

Hope to see you in a square soon.



GRAND SQUARES

Jerry & Donna Robey (352) 377-5676

We've had a busy spring with so much happening. Special thanks to our club web master Lou Boehlein for keeping us all informed on our terrific web site. If you haven't seen it, we encourage you to check it out at www.lonligon.com/grandsquares.html. As Lou writes, we are a group of individuals who enjoy getting out of the house and turning off the TV and enjoying the socializing, fun and friendship of square dancing together. It's FUN, HEALTHY and relieves the STRESS in our lives. And we get to meet some of our wonderful neighbors and make some new friends in the community. The Grand

Squares dance at the Carpenters Union Hall, 1910 NW 53rd Ave, in Gainesville and visitors are always welcome.

We continue to have classes on Tuesday nights at 6 pm for mainstream and plus followed by our regular Tuesday club dance at 7:30 pm. We are excited to graduate several new dancers in May. In addition, we are excited about the advanced square dance class that has been taught by the veteran caller, Bobby Keefe. Eight couples have completed the A1 class.

45 Another new addition to our dancing schedule has been the introduction of the Squares on Saturday (SOS)

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dances in an effort to provide more dancing opportunities for North East Florida dancers on weekends. The Saturday dances will usually be on the second Saturday of each month; however you are encouraged to check the web site for particulars.

We held a "Mystery Dance" in March at which a number of out of town dancers received their knot head badges. We also enjoyed a St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance in March and an Income Tax Dance on April 15th. Dancers wore "poor clothes" and

those who could afford it, after paying taxes, brought treats to share.

Plan now to attend our 22nd annual Watermelon Festival on June 6 and 7 in Chiefland, FL. For more info contact Peggy Ligon at (352)377-1828 or Mary Chesnut at (352) 475-2550. We hope to see you all at the Watermelon Festival, as well as the 54th annual Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention, where we will Celebrate in 2008.

Keep dancing, and remember to "Smile".



JOY SEAS

John & Mary Burzo (904) 797-7530

Christmas was a wonderful season. Shiner's Dance for the Kids on March 22nd.

We had a great time with all of us in our holiday colors and Santa peeking out here and there. We had many snow birds fly in this year, Janet came back and also went to the Winter Festival. We will see her again in 2009. Bob and Dale Allen from Vermont had a great time and will be back next year, also some from New Hampshire and Binghamton NY, those birds are only here for January and February but they'll be back. The River Ramblers came to visit us. It's always a real pleasure to have them. They are a lot of fun. We'll be going to their

We are going to have our Graduation and Anniversary on April 15th. Now that's a great day for a party!



Dancing with the Joy Seas and caller Mike Akers is always a treat!



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MANDARIN MARAUDERS

George Treiber (904) 260-9294

Fun and fellowship just keeps finding its way to Mandarin Marauder's Square Dance Club. After an event filled 2007, 2008 started off by continuing that high level of activity. Every Thursday from 7:30 to 9:30PM you'll find club members square dancing, line dancing, munching on delicious refreshments and enjoying socializing with visitors and club members alike. Lawton Smith, our caller continues entertaining us with his excellent voice and challenging tips. Bev Treiber teaches one or two line dances a night between Square Dance tips, often to old time favorites like Sammy Davis Jr's "Candyman" or more contemporary songs like "Cupid Shuffle by Cupid. Line dancing isn't just for country music after all.

In addition to the dances, over thirty club members and friends enjoyed an excellent performance of Neal Sadaka's "Breaking Up is Hard To Do" at the Alhambra Dinner Theater on Jan 18th. What a show! February 14th brought our "Chili and Chocolate" Valentine's Day Dinner Dance where club members enjoyed a pot-



pourri of chili for dinner and an assortment of more traditional Valentine's day chocolate deserts and other goodies. Carol and Cliff Calvert graciously hosted the club with a fun game night at their home on March 7th.

Our activities Chair's, Jo and Bob King are planning a 15 day bus trip for next fall thru New England and into Canada to see the fall foliage. The bus portion of the trip will start and end in Philadelphia, Pa with air arrangements from Jacksonville to Philly and back. If you're interested in joining us, or want more information, contact Jo at (904) 230-1458 or via e-mail at bjking567@yahoo.com.

Club members led by Debbie and Fran LiPira have continued dancing around and bringing home banners. We currently have 3 other club's banners.



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MOOSE PROMENADERS

Hazel Clark (904) 778-0134

The President's Ball was February 7th with guest caller Tony Oxendine and club caller, Bill Chesnut as the master of ceremony. The President's Ball is our yearly event with the Promenaders to honor presidents of the NEFSARDA clubs. This year's winner is Mark Fetzer and Susan Snider, presidents of Silver Fox. Susan is a nurse and Mark is owner of the Lakeshore Bicycle and Fitness shop. They go cycling 2 or 3 times a week. Mark is a new member of the FL Callers Association – Green Badge holder. We had an evening of great dancing and lots of food. Plan to attend this special event next year. Tony will be back!



On April 10th we'll celebrate the 18th Anniversary for the Moose Promenaders. We want to extend a special "Thank You" to Doris & Wendell Spears for opening and closing the club facilities every Thursday evening.

The Promenaders will be wearing club colors of blue and white for the evening.

Bill Chesnut, club caller, and class co-coordinators, Bill & Jane Dando, will have the dance class graduation on April 24th. We have 26 students and they are doing great! Plus Class workshops will begin the week after graduation, May 1st.

Over the Memorial weekend, the Moose Promenaders will travel to Lakeland for the 54th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention. Mary Chesnut brought the 2008 artifact to the President's Ball, while we encourage support of this annual event through announcements and flyers.

We're having an Ice Cream Social on June 19th. Come join us for that evening of great dancing with lots of ice cream and cake.

Special thanks are extended to Dave and Shirley Nihart for their hard work and effort to ensure that all our members are covered by insurance.

Jim Maroldo keeps our website up to date with dance schedules, photos and club information. Bookmark our address so you can visit often, www.moosepromenaders.com. We dance every Thursday evening at the Moose Lodge #2020 in Jacksonville.

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We promise you that You will have a good time when you visit Plus Fox Square Dance Club. Gary Murphy, with the willing assistance of his wife, Berni, calls and cues for us on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Leap into Spring by dropping by Jax Heights Elementary School on Tempest St. (a few blocks off 103rd St.) and dancing some tips with us.

The Cancer Research Benefit Dance on March 1st was quite successful. The final tally of monies raised for the Cancer Society was \$1,409.00. Gary Murphy and Charlie Pergrossi did a fine job of calling, and Lisa Wall had the dancers whirling with her cueing.



RIVER RAMBLERS

Vern Bender (386) 965-8558

In January several Rambler dancers made it to the Circus Dance with Silver Fox. We all had a great time dancing with the Foxes and their visitors, called by Ernie Rollins. Later in the month we took our riverboat stacks, whistles, and paddlewheel to the Joy Seas dance in St Augustine to steal their banner. As usual, we thoroughly enjoyed dancing to Mike Akers and with all the Joy Seas dancers. John Burzo had a small problem with balance during the photo session and wife Mary was quick to catch the Kodak moment on camera.

The River Ramblers also attended the Presidents Ball at the Moose Promenaders. Our club does not have a president (we have a steering Committee) and were not eligible to be recognized in the presentation. We still had a fantastic time dancing with some fine square dance folks and the awesome Tony Oxendine calling the squares.

Red and white colors flooded the dance floor on our Valentines Day dance but, even more colorful will be the dancing in the street for the Azalea Festival in Palatka on March 1st. We continued to travel this month. The club had dancers at the Blue-

Grey dance with the Dixie Dancers of Lake City. This is an event that everyone should attend. The Dixie Dancers have perfected this dance. It was just fantastic.

Good fortune has smiled on our club in that Mrs. Ann Helm is visiting the south for the winter and she has been conducting round dance lessons just prior to our regular square dance. Beginning waltz classes started on the 6th of February. Interest is high and we are enjoying Ann's expertise in instruction. Class starts at 5:30 and go to 7:00.

In March we had our St Paddy's Day dance on the 13th and the Square'em up for the Shriner's Kids dance on the 22nd. Ticket sales were high for this annual event. There were several excellent callers and lots of food for everyone. The best part is that we are able to help a lot of kids in need. The list of caller's for the Benefit Dance included, our caller and President of the Gateway Caller's Association, Mr. Ernie Rollins, calling along with Ernie was Bill Chestnut, Jim Cosman, R.J. Hogan, Bobby Keefe, Ellis Lindsey, Charlie Pergrossi, John Robbins and Lawton Smith.



Dancers filled the floor for the Holiday Dance in Palatka with River Ramblers.



"MARSU"

ROLLAWAYS

Coralee Garrett (904) 221-8905

We began 2008 with a busy schedule in January. Early in the month we visited the Yellow Rockers to retrieve our banner. We had a very nice evening dancing and socializing. At our club dance the following evening we had a couple from West (by gosh) Virginia come to dance with us. (I lived there for eight years so I can say that!) On the 15th, we held our annual Chili Night. There were all kinds of chili – mild, hot (and I mean HOT) and even white chili. There were 20 crock pots full of chili for everyone to taste and vote on as the best. Our winner again this year was MaryAnn Lawrence. Many thanks to the Mandarin Marauders and our other visitors for joining us and helping to make our Chili Night a huge success! At the end of the month, the Rollaways attended the Circus Dance to offer our support to this worthy cause, and once again we won a banner. Go Rollaways!

We enjoy socializing with each other outside of our club dances on Tuesday evenings. Many of our members met up at the Alhambra Dinner Theater for a fun night. One of our own, Sue Fogle was brought up on stage and was crowned the Princess of the evening! Sue was a good sport and made us very proud! Some of the Seabreeze joined us and Ed Turner was selected out of the audience too! Ed was very funny and good sport as well. On February 1st, a group from the club went to the IMAX Theater and had lunch at the Caddyshack to celebrate the birthday of our president, Virginia Bomhold. Virginia unknowingly brought her own cake. One of her co-workers baked it and her mom placed it in a box for her to bring to us. It was great!

February has continued to be

choked full of activities for the Rollaways. Our first dance of the month was on Fat Tuesday, also known as Pancake Day. We celebrated in true Mardi Gras style with MaryAnn Lawrence donning her chef's hat to fix delicious pancakes with all the trimmings. We had a King Cake brought by Tom & Esther Stidham. Tradition has it that whoever finds the tiny baby doll in the cake will bring the cake next year. They also will receive good luck all year! Many club members attended the Blue-Grey dance in Lake City over President's Day weekend. We were on hand to support our own Lisa Wall and her round dance clubs as they walked away with two of the banners.

Ted and Dorothy Dornfeld (our snowbirds & Minnesota Rollaways) are in Jacksonville escaping from what Ted calls an "old fashioned winter" (translation... very cold with lots of snow). They were here just in time to be crowned King & Queen of our Mardi Gras night.



Our hearts are saddened by the passing of Esther Roby, a fellow dancer, grandmother and great-grandmother of Dawn Guilmette and her children. We also suffered another loss with the passing of our past president, fellow dancer and dear friend, Bill Knierim. Our sympathy goes to Monina & Monica Knierim and family. We miss your laughter and kindness Bill.

Until next time,
Coralee

ROUND DANCING WITH FIRST COAST ROUNDS & TOUCH OF CLASS

Mary Rozzano (904) 241-0384



December was a busy month for everyone. On December 4th we went to Daytona Beach for a lovely evening of dancing with Irene Knapp Smith at their 7th Annual Christmas Party. For some it was their first time at a total round dance evening. We are so proud of our dancers and so glad we can do things together with our sister club Touch of Class. What fun to visit other clubs and participate in their dance activities. Our own Christmas party was held jointly by both our round dance clubs and a great time was had by all with lots of goodies to eat.

For New Years, many members of First Coast Rounds went south to dance with Dixie Squares. Paul Place called the squares and Irene Knapp Smith cued the rounds in Daytona Beach. All had a great time welcoming the New Year. Dancers from Touch of Class traveled to Myrtle Beach, SC for a four day weekend to celebrate New Years featuring Blackford', Pierce', and Collipi's. What a wonderful chance to dance to all this great talent we have in our activity.

Everyone enjoyed the Winter Festi-

val in Lakeland.

We all danced our feet off and had enough teaches and dances to please every appetite.

Now on to the Blue-Grey Festival in Lake City and everyone had a great time with lots of events to see and do. For our dancers, we had Bill Chesnut doing squares and our own Lisa doing the rounds at Teentown on Friday evening. On Saturday we had Bill Chesnut as Master of Ceremonies for the evening with Paul Place on squares and Lisa Wall & Ralph Beekman on rounds. It was a really great evening! Once again we came home with a banner for the most attendance for our round dance club. Way to go..ROUND DANCERS RULE!

The beginning Waltz class being held at Touch of Class for 1st Coast Rounds has been well attended and progressing at a great pace. While the Move-Up Waltz class has done really well and is now looking forward to Foxtrot and learning a new rhythm. Touch of Class members have been working on Moon River a Phase IV plus 1 Waltz.

Blue-Grey Festival Banner Winners

NEFSARDA President Ouida Taylor presents banners to the winning clubs with highest percentage of attendance -

First Coast Rounds,
Touch of Class Rounds,
and Gypsy Squares #168





SEABREEZE SINGLES

Jackie Hamlin (904) 731-9181

The Seabreeze Singles have been really busy. During our January meeting the concurrent officers agreed (and we were unanimously elected), to serve another year. They are Shirley White, President; Smitty Smith, Vice President; Jackie Hamlin, Secretary; and Mary Lou Petz, Treasurer.

Graduation for our new dancers was February 19th.

Our annual Sadie Hawkins dance was February 26th with great food - mustard greens, corn bread, ham bone soup and of course, Erv & Jan's

m o o n - s h i n e . Their c o c t i o n continues to get bigger and better every year.

We had a shot-gun wedding as well. We had big crowd from several clubs.

March promised to keep us busy with the Fuzzy Naval weekend March



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IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOE CANO

Joseph G. Cano, 84, of Chiefland, died at his home on Sunday, January 27, 2008. He was born in Key West on April 8, 1923. Joe retired at age 50 from the U.S. Naval Station in Key West as a civil service power plant electrician.

After his retirement, he opened Joe's All-Breed Dog Grooming in Key West. He was a graduate groomer from the Kennedy School of Dog Grooming in Tampa. He and his family moved to Chiefland in 1982, where he also groomed dogs for several years.

Joe was a member of Brown Lodge #41, Free & Accepted Masons of Chiefland, the Ocala Scottish Rite bodies, Mahi Shrine Club in Miami, the Order of Eastern Star #251 in Chiefland. He was also a member and organizer of the Key West Police Reserve Unit.

Joe (and his wife) learned to square dance at Clover Squares in Williston some 25 years ago, graduating with Herb & Gerry Jesk, in May of 1984. He later danced with Suwannee Twirlers in Chiefland, visiting and dancing with many other clubs and at many festivals.

He loved to be outdoors and spent many hours tending his farm. He attended Fowlers Bluff Baptist Church.

Surviving him are his wife of 34 years, Marian; two sons, Terry Cano of Studio City, California, and David Cano of Chiefland; one daughter, Holly Curto of Gainesville; and 2 grandsons.

A memorial service was held on February 16, 2008 at 2:00 PM. Donations in his memory may be made to Haven Hospice, 311 NE 9th Street, Chiefland. Cards of Sympathy may be sent to his wife, Marian, at Marian Cano, 8090 N W 56th Street, Chiefland, FL 32626.



14 & 15 at Jekyll Island, GA. This annual event is co-sponsored by the Singles Associations of Florida and Georgia. Everyone who attended had a marvelous time. You should make plans to attend next year!

Have you marked your calendar for this year's City Rescue Charity Dance? It will be at Jax Heights Elementary School on Saturday, April 19th. Our own Jim Cosman will be the caller with Lisa Wall on rounds. The

City Rescue provides a great service to our community and well deserving of our help. There will be a white elephant table as well.

We'll look for you in Lakeland at the FL State Convention at the end of May. Everyone is welcome to come and dance with us every Tuesday at the Arlington Presbyterian Church.

Remember: *"Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there."*

SILVER FOX

Lillie Brugh-Irzaray (904) 266-1083



We would like to start by saying a big Thank You to our square dance family. Once again you have poured out your hearts, dug deep into your wallets and donated generously to our Annual Dreams Come True benefit dance. Thanks to your generosity we proudly presented a check to Dreams Come True on March 7th in the amount of \$2,891.00.

And now a few updates for our new officers: Mark Fetzer & Susan Snider are our Presidents, Bill & Jane Dando, Vice Presidents, Dave & Janet Britton, Treasurers and Dan & Paulette Kilts Secretary. Congratulations to all.

In addition to Mark Fetzer & Susan Snider being our Presidents, they were also chosen as Presidents of the Year at the Presidents Ball held

on February 7 at Moose Promenaders.

We are happy to report that our club Taw, Frances Rollen is doing much better. She gave us a bit of a medical scare but thanks to all of your prayers she avoided surgery and is doing much better.

Please mark your calendars for the following special dances: May 9 we will celebrate our caller's anniversary calling for our club and also pay tribute to our Mothers in honor of Mother's Day. On June 20th we will have a potluck dinner to celebrate our club anniversary. You can check *The Grapevine's* Calendar of Events for all our club events.

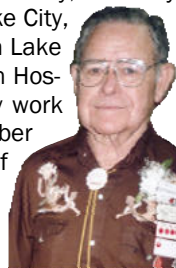
In closing remember to yellow rock your partner and keep dancing.



Joanna Blinn from Dreams Come True, is surrounded by dancing clowns, Bud & Dianne German and Silver Fox president, Mark Fetzer.

In Memory of M.L. Bedenbaugh

Mr. Mansfield L. "M.L." Bedenbaugh, 87, of Lake City, died Friday, February 29, 2008 at the Health Center of Lake City. He was born in Lake City, FL, the son of Raymond A. & Mary Bedenbaugh and had lived in Lake City all his life. He was retired from the Veterans Administration Hospital with 30 years of service there. He loved to do carpentry work and odd jobs for his family and friends. He was a lifelong member of Bethel United Methodist Church and served as Chairman of the Cemetery Committee until last year. In his spare time he was an avid square dancer and was a charter member of the Dixie Dancers and the Square Wheels Camping Club. He loved being with his family and friends.



Mr. Bedenbaugh was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Bessie Pearl Thames Bedenbaugh (1997) and daughter, Cynthia Angela Bedenbaugh.

Mr. Bedenbaugh is survived by three daughters, Shirley Hollingsworth, Lake City, Leler Murphy (Joe George), Memphis, TN and Charlotte Talbird, Dublin, GA; three brothers, Edwin Bedenbaugh, Roy Bedenbaugh (Esta Mae), both of Lake City and Jerry Bedenbaugh (Toby), Palatka, FL; one sister, 5 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews. Special friends, Oudra Thomas, Budell, Dawn and Ashley Witt also survive.

Funeral services for Mr. Bedenbaugh were conducted on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at Bethel United Methodist Church in Lake City with Rev. Ken Hamilton officiating. Interment followed at Bethel Methodist Church Cemetery. Donations may be made to Bethel Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, or to Gideons International, Lake City, FL.

We extend our sincere sympathy to ML's family and friends. Cards and prayers are always welcome.



TEDDY BEAR SQUARES

Gaye Feuer (904) 743-1087

The Teddy Bear Squares had a great Christmas dance and a Super Football Fan dance. In March we had a jolly time at the Irish Stew Night. You are invited to our April 12th dance celebrating the 4th Anniversary of Gary Murphy and Lisa Wall calling and cueing together for us. On May 10, do join us at our Mothers' Day dance.

Traveling around town, we won an attendance banner at the Circus Dance in January. Club members visited the Moose Promenaders and "stole" banners at Mandarin Marauders and Rollaways.

As St. Patrick's Day approaches, put a Spring in your step and dance with us Teddy Bears.



Celebrating at the Christmas Dance with the Murphys, Germans and Walls.

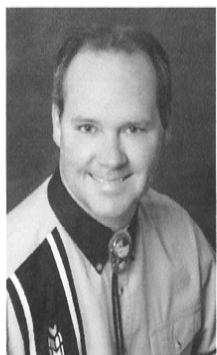
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Mary & Henry Britten



VAGABOND SQUARES

Paul Fortner (386) 362-4226

The Vagabond Squares did an exhibition dance for the residents there on Thursday, December 27, 2007. It was a fun occasion for them and the dancers also. It was good to see James Bell who used to dance with the Vagabond Squares; he really enjoyed the visit and the dancing. The residents are asking us to come back again and do some more dancing as they enjoyed it very much.

The St. Valentines dance on Thursday February 14th was a success. Everyone was sporting their red, white or pink and enjoying the evening with their Valentine.

Our new student dancers are doing very well. The scheduled graduation dance is on May 15, 2008 in Live Oak at the Hale Recreation Center on NE Duval Street in Live Oak. We begin dancing at 7:00 PM and everyone is invited to attend and join in the festivities.



2007 Visitation Awards were presented at the January Delegate Meeting by Joe Hardcastle. 1st place was awarded to Teddy Bears, 2nd place was a tie between Rollaways and Seabreeze Singles, and 3rd place was awarded to Silver Fox. Congratulations to everyone. Visitations increase the fun dramatically!

YELLOW ROCKERS

Billy Luper (904) 771-7041

As I was writing this article I thought of Bronze and Virginia Cagle. They have always written a good report on the Yellow Rockers and have supported the activity of square dancing for many years. As you read this report take time to remember Bronze as he is experiencing health problems, and his supporting dear wife, Virginia.

The Yellow Rockers are dancing on Monday nights, with workshops beginning at 7 PM. We have been experiencing small groups, but with our visitors we have had a very enjoyable evenings. Our caller, Charlie Pergrossi, keeps the evening moving as he has us on our toes by mixing up the calls. Maxine Thomas keeps the dance floor full with line dancers between tips. She always has a new line dance to

teach or is refreshing the old routines. A very interesting evening of dance was experienced in February when the club had a Club Badge Dance. It was fun seeing the many badges of clubs near and far, past and present, and the ways they were displayed. We also had the opportunity to earn new dangles. The dangles were the Venus, the Blackboard and the Pickle.

Our March Spring Dance was well attended as folks enjoyed squares with Charlie and rounds with Lisa Wall. We are looking forward to our upcoming monthly special dances. Our 2nd Anniversary Dance will be held in addition with our Students' Graduation in April. Check out the Calendar of Events for more of our special dances.



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MARY K. STEWART

BELOVED WIFE, MOTHER AND FRIEND

Mary K. Stewart of Edgewater, died Monday, March 3, 2008, at Hospice House of New Smyrna Beach. She had been undergoing cancer treatment for some time and under hospice care for several months.

She was born in Jacksonville and came to this area in 1981 from Orlando, where she was a supervisor for the City of Orlando Recreation Department. Mrs. Stewart was highly involved in square dancing for over 50 years. She and her husband Pee Wee were long time members of the Florida Federation and inducted into the Florida Square Dancing Hall of Fame. She also enjoyed fishing.

Survivors include her husband, Alva (Pee Wee); son, John McDonald, Jacksonville; stepson, Rick Stewart, Benton, Miss.; stepdaughter, Connie Causey, Loris, S.C.; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Graveside funeral service was held on Thursday, March 6, at Sea Pines Memorial Gardens, with Chaplain Mark Spivey, Hospice of Volusia/Flagler, officiating.

Mary will be greatly missed and we extend our sincere sympathy to her husband Pee Wee, her family and their many friends.



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You've been reading about Camping and Dancing, but have you also been wondering what really happens on a square dance weekend camp-out? Does everyone pitch a tent, cook outside and dash for the bathhouse? Camping and dancing may have started that way but today, most campers pull into a campground in their 30-ft RV or 5th Wheeler. We don't really "rough it" any longer. But, some things haven't changed! We enjoy square dancing, round dancing and line dancing. We share delicious food and have LOTS of fun!



Each October the Florida Association of

National Square Dance Campers (FANSDC) holds its annual festive - The Camp-O-Ree. During that weekend, campers and non-campers gather to dance, attend workshops, eat lots of delicious food, enjoy sporting events, and take pleasure in the company of dancing friends from near and far.

Consider yourself invited to this year's event! **It's A Party** will be held October 9th-12th in Bushnell, FL. Flyers are available at your nearest club dance or contact Charlie & Sarah Pergrossi, 352-463-3829 for more details.



Camp N' Dance

News from our Camping Clubs



Square Wheels #128, Gypsy Squares #168, Drift Arounds #093

Campers always enjoy the holidays and the parties they bring. The Gypsy Squares partied at Suwannee River Hideaway in Old Town, while the Drift-arounds were at a secret location for another great time. The Square Wheels held their holiday party at Grace Presbyterian Church in Gainesville. Everyone agreed a wonderful time was held at each celebration!

Gypsy Squares and **Square Wheels** combined in February for the Blue-Grey Trails End Dance, followed by the Blue-Grey Dance sponsored by Dixie Dancers. Once again the weekend was a success; even Abe Lincoln and Robert E Lee were there. If you missed it, try to get there next year.

Because Easter was early this year Square Wheels and Gypsy Squares combined again in March. They were at Pacetti's RV Park, where once again many of our friends who come from Jacksonville came to dance with them. Thank you Bill & Mary Chesnut.

Have you visited the new and improved Square Wheels web site? Check out the news and schedule from our club at:

<http://floridasquaredance.com/squarewheels/index.html>.

The **Driftarounds** were at Lake Oklawaha, Fort McCoy in February. They had their annual auction. It was great to see everyone buying and selling all those priceless treasures. They will be at Olde Mill Stream, Umatilla April 11-12-13, 2008. Come on down and dance with Jim Cosman. There's nothing like camping and enjoying a weekend of rest, reading, playing games, and then dinner. Of course always great dancing, we love it, try it some time.

Mary Burzo & Karen Lowe

The Limonaders #139 & Florida Wheelers #143

These two clubs co-camp regularly, thus doubling their fun and dancing pleasure. **The Limonaders** report that the December camp-out at Lake Oklawaha was great with caller Clyde Stocker doing his usual outstanding job keeping the floor hopping. Holiday trimmings of turkey with dressing could be found on the potluck table along with many other delicious choices. Guest dancers from **Sunshine State Pioneers #018** found their way to the park and enjoyed the evening dances as well.

January found these two clubs camping at Ocala Ranch in Ocala. It was a special weekend as The Limonaders celebrated 24 years as a club. Chapter #018 once again joined in for the weekend festivities.

Valentine's Day was honored by a special skit presented by Charlie & Roberta Feathers of **FL Wheelers #143**. Caller, Clyde Stocker had some love-a-ly music for the dance floor while the Queen of Hearts made an appearance.

We'll be at Blueberry Hill in Bushnell in April and Olde Mill Stream, Umatilla in May. You are always welcome to join us for the weekend or drop in for an evening of dance. Please remember that we don't camp during the summer months from June through September.

Strawberry Travelers #153

NSDCA Chapter 153 had a super time and dance at Lake Oklawaha February. Joined forces with Jacksonville Chapter 093. Jim Cosman made us look good on the floor. Every once in a while he didn't call what we were doing. Nothing new, but we have fun. A few of our members made it to the auction 093 put on. Came back with some things they could not live without. Had

a good ole grin on their faces, so knew they enjoyed themselves. Saturday evening our famous outdoor chefs did wonders with the filets they grilled. Was an out of the world experience with food that was brought to share. Need to keep dancing to burn it all away. March 14 - 15 will be our social at Hillsborough River State Park. Drive on over and spend the weekend. April 11 - 14 will take us to the Florida Camp Inn in Clermont. Will be dancing up a storm. Looking forward to seeing some of you. Until the next square,

Ed & Jolene McWain

Hitch-N-Go #082

Our Hitch-N-Go campout the last weekend of December was bittersweet as we said farewell to our caller Ron Reardon. We send along our best wishes for good health and happiness. They will be greatly missed.

We had special guests at our December gathering. Some time ago, one of our couples, George & Sandy Oakes, had encouraged club members to send cards and letters to a Marine serving his second tour in Iraq. The young marine is Corporal Philip Pete. Philip and his parents joined us for our Saturday dinner. Afterward, the club adopted Philip as an honorary member of #082.

Our weekend was followed by a "mystery trip" arranged by Presidents

Dick & Nancy Fournier. We traveled from Olde Mill Stream to Lake Louisa State Park in Clermont. It was so relaxing to spend a few days there to welcome in the New Year.

At our January gathering we welcomed our new caller, Charlie Pergrossi. We had a grand time meeting and chatting with him, and also dancing to him! Our weekend was hosted by the 2007 officers. The club celebrated its 33rd anniversary with a cake decorated in edible red, yellow and even black - our club colors. We installed a new Executive Board Saturday night: President Dick & Nancy Fournier; Vice President Lee & Joyce Whitten; Secretary Tom & Jeanne Hartwig and Treasurer Dave & Kelly Benne.

In February we enjoyed a pleasant weekend of dancing and fellowship. We had visitors from #080 to join us. Many of the RV park residents came to watch us dance, so Charlie held a Beginner Tip and everyone in the room gathered on the floor for a square dance. It was easy to see how all of them totally enjoyed the dance.

We're headed to Davenport in April and Lakeland in May. Everyone is welcome to join us for a weekend of camping or evenings of dance. We enjoy rounds on Saturday night as our cuers Jan & Pete Shankle join us then.

Jeanne & Tom Hartwig

ISN'T IT FUNNY!!

FUNNY how little a \$5.00 bill will buy at the supermarket, and how much it buys at the square dance.

FUNNY how slowly thirty minutes pass at the dentist's office, and how fast 2½ hours goes by at the square dance.

FUNNY how much it costs for a college credit, and how little it costs to learn to square dance.

FUNNY how many people long for a friend, while others make many new friends at the square dance.

FUNNY that you see no drinking and hear no foul language at the square dance.

FUNNY how "Dear Abby" thinks that everyone needs a hug now and then, and we receive many hugs and yellow rocks from dear friends at the square dance.

ALL OF THIS WOULD BE FUNNY...if so many people were not missing out on all this wonderful fun and fellowship.

Planning For The Future!!!

CALENDAR OF COMING SPECIAL EVENTS

(Locations in Jacksonville unless otherwise indicated)

April 2008

3Anniversary Dance (10th) - Palatka River Ramblers
4 & 52009 State Convention Party Weekend Deer Haven Retreat
8Anniversary Dance (20th) & Students' Graduation..... Rollaways
10Anniversary Dance (18th)..... Moose Promenaders
12Gary & Lisa's 4th Anniversary Dance..... Teddy Bears
15Income Tax Dance - Gainesville Grand Squares
15Anniversary Dance (17th) & Students' Graduation..... Joy Seas
18Spring Fling..... Silver Fox
19City Rescue Benefit Dance Seabreeze Singles
21Anniversary Dance (2nd) & Students' Graduation..... Yellow Rockers
22Students' Graduation..... Dixie Dancers
24Students' Graduation..... Moose Promenaders
25Club Colors Installation of Officers..... Flagler Ocean Waves

May 2008

2-4Co-Camping Wkend - Ocala Ranch RV Park Sq Wheels & Gypsy
3Graduation Ball Gateway Callers Association
8Mother's Day Dance - Palatka River Ramblers
9Ernie's Anniversary, Sha-Na-Na & Mother's Day..... Silver Fox
10Mother's Day Dance Teddy Bears
12Mother's Day dance Yellow Rockers
15Students' Graduation..... Vagabond Squares
15Pirate's Ball Moose Promenaders
15Cowboy & Cowgirl Dance - Palatka River Ramblers
16Garden Night Dance - Flagler Beach..... Flagler Ocean Waves
22Trail End Dance - Plant City 54th FL State Convention
22Dark for the FL State Convention River Ramblers
23Dark for the FL State Convention..... Flagler Ocean Waves
23Dark for the FL State Convention..... Silver Fox
23-25 ...54th FL State Convention - Lakeland Hosted by West Coast
24Dark to support the FL State Convention Teddy Bears
26Dark for Memorial Day holiday..... Yellow Rockers
30Dark for Memorial Day - Flagler Beach..... Flagler Ocean Waves
315th Saturday Dance - Jax Heights Elementary NEFSARDA

June 2008

6-7Watermelon Festival - Chiefland Grand Squares
12Father's Day Dance - Palatka River Ramblers
16Father's Day Dance..... Yellow Rockers
19Ice Cream Social⁶⁴..... Moose Promenaders
20Anniversary Dance (23rd)..... Silver Fox
23Dark for support of National Sq Dance Convention..... Yellow Rocker
24Anniversary Dance (33rd) - Gainesville..... Grand Squares

- 25-28... National Sq & Round Dance Convention Wichita, Kansas
- 28..... Anniversary Dance (24th) Cake & Ice Cream SocialTeddy Bears
- 30..... Dark - No Dance..... Yellow Rockers

July 2008

- 4..... Dark for Independence Day Silver Fox
- 12..... Christmas in July - Keystone Heights..... RCA & GCA
- 12..... Dark in support of Christmas in July danceTeddy Bears
- 25..... Ice Cream Social Silver Fox
- 26..... All American DanceTeddy Bears
- 28..... Baseball Dance..... Yellow Rockers
- 31..... Pink Cadillac Dance.....Moose Promenaders

August 2008

- 9..... Back to School bring school suppliesTeddy Bears
- 28..... Amateur Calling Night.....Moose Promenaders
- 30..... 5th Saturday Dance - Tynes Elementary NEFSARDA

September 2008

- 1 Dark for Labor Day..... Yellow Rockers
- 4..... Open House to New DancersMoose Promenaders
- 8..... Dark - No Dance..... Yellow Rockers
- 11..... Open House to New DancersMoose Promenaders
- 12..... Mexican Fiesta/Back to School Silver Fox
- 20..... Anniversary Dance (27th) - Pacetti's Marina Square Wheels
- 25-27 ... Myrtle Beach Ball - Myrtle Beach, SC Barbara Harrelson
- 27..... Fall Funfest wear Fall colors.....Teddy Bears
- 30..... Anniversary Dance (30th) - Lake City Dixie Dancers

October 2008

- 3 & 4 Thrill in the Ville Lisa & John Wall
- 9-12 FL State Camp-O-Ree - Blueberry Hill RV Park, Bushnell FANSDC
- 10..... Columbus Day Silver Fox
- 24-25... 34th Annual Round-Up - DeFuniak Springs..... NW Association
- 24-25... 29th Annual Single-Rama - Sebring FASSRD
- 25..... Ghost & Goblins Night - best costume contestTeddy Bears
- 30..... Halloween Dance.....Moose Promenaders
- 31..... O'Leno Hoedown - O'Leno State Park Square Wheels

November 2008

- 1-2..... O'Leno Hoedown - O'Leno State Park Square Wheels
- 7-8..... Fall Fun Fest - Bartow West Coast Assoc
- 8..... Veteran's Day Salute to the Military - bring picturesTeddy Bears
- 14..... Pilgrim Dance..... Silver Fox
- 21-22... Fall Festival - Jacksonville NEFSARDA
- 22..... Dark to support the Fall Festival₆₅.....Teddy Bears
- 27..... Dark due to Thanksgiving HolidayMoose Promenaders

Check online each month for the most current Calendar of Special Events!

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