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The Gateway Callers Association presented their Sophomore Hoedown on Saturday, February 6th at Jax Heights Elementary School. The dance floor was hopping to the smooth moves of our talented callers and cuer. Experienced and new dancers joined together to dance away the evening. Be sure to welcome these new dancers to your square at your next dance.

President's Message

with Sam & Mary Starling



The Northeast has had a great first quarter. Many of our dancers from the Northeast attended the Winter Festival in Lakeland at the Lakeland Center on January 22 & 23. A good time was had by all. We enjoyed dancing to the Grand Square, Inc. callers.

Our first big dance for the year was the Circus Dance held on Jan. 29. This annual dance benefits Dreams Come True, the First Coast only locally based nonprofit organization dedicated to fulfilling the dreams of children battling life-threatening illnesses. This year marks the 26th anniversary of fulfilling dreams. The dance was held at Jacksonville Heights Elementary School. The callers were Ernie Rollen & Gary Murphy with Lisa Wall cueing rounds. Our hosts, the Silver Fox Squares, raised \$3,275.00. As always 100% of the proceeds donated will go totally and directly to fulfilling the dream of a local child battling a life-threatening illness.

I personally would like to thank all of our square dancers for their help in raising this money. I would also like to thank all those who donated their nearly new square dancing clothes to be sold for the benefit of these children.

The 5th Sat. on January 30th followed the Circus Dance. The theme was "Everyday's A Holiday When You're Dancing". Our callers were Bill Chestnut & Bobby Keefe, with Lisa Wall on rounds. It was a great week-

end & both dances were well attended.

In February we had the Moose Promenaders hosting the Presidents' Ball with guest caller John Sanders and cuer Lisa Wall. The Dixie Dancers held their annual Blue & Grey Dance at Rountree-Moore Toyota in Lake City, with guest caller Jack Lewis. The Seabreeze Singles once again sponsored their Sadie Hawkins Dance with plenty of moonshine on hand from Erv Oermann's homemade still. All these dances were well attended and a good time was held by all.

The Northeast held a fund raiser dance on March 7th to benefit the 2010 State Convention. It was a Sundaes on Sunday dance with ice cream sundaes available for all in attendance. Our thanks to our MC- Bill Chesnut and members of the Gateway Callers Association for an afternoon of great squares & rounds.

We are looking forward to the graduations of new dancer's coming in April & May. I hope some of the dancers out there will go to these graduations and support our newest dancers. The Gateway Callers Assoc. Graduation Ball in honor of these new dancers will be held on May 1, 2010. Hope to see you all there to help support the new dancers.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary & Sam Starling
President of NEFSARDA

Thank You

We would both like to thank everyone for their cards, phone calls, visits and most of all, their prayers, during Charlie's recent medical emergency. He's healing quickly and should be up to par soon.

As we've said before, square dancers are just like one's family. It seems they are always there to lend a hand, or a prayer, when it's needed.

Thanks to all of you for your care and concern.

Love, Charlie & Val Newsome

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From the Editors' Desk...



Dear Dancers,

Spring is typically the time of year when our newest dancers graduate from their workshops and begin to visit area clubs and attend festivals. As I was browsing past issues of our square dance publications I came across this timely article written by Bill & Bobbie Davis and printed in the January 1995 issue of *American Square Dance*. It appears that some topics never really change. Therefore, I am reprinting the article for your consideration.

Sarah & Charlie, editors

THE HELPING HAND

One of the most obvious and sometimes troublesome problems encountered in the process of integrating new members into a group of experienced dancers, is that of coping with the various degrees of experience and competence in the dancers. The situation also occurs when experienced dancers are intermingled with dancers who are learning the level for the first time.

Those dancers who have had previous experience at the level can be of most help by remembering that a learning situation is made easier if there is no confusion of instructions and a minimum of distractions for the learner. The natural inclination is often for the more knowledgeable dancers to try to help by giving verbal directions to the newcomer or even by attempting to physically steer the learner to the right spot. In the long

run, however, it is best for all concerned if the experienced dancers refrain from the urge to vocalize directions and let everyone concentrate on the instructions and directions from the caller.

If personal assistance within a square is deemed appropriate, a simple silent gesture toward the right position or direction is the most effective. Such a course of action will usually preserve goodwill within the square and avoid bruised feelings (and even bruised bodies) that can easily result from more aggressive assistance. Since part of the appeal of square dancing is the feeling of accomplishment that comes with "getting it right," it is best to allow a weaker dancer the opportunity for success on his own.

At the same time, the less experienced dancer needs to keep in mind the fact that efforts to help are not intended as any personal criticism. The thing to remember is that everyone wants the square he is in to succeed, and in square dancing all eight people must reach the right position in order for the square to make it. Less experienced dancers should recognize that the desire to succeed is often strong in experienced dancers. It would be well, then, for the "novice" to be somewhat tolerant of the others whose intensity perhaps causes them to be "pushy" or overly helpful.

A complication sometimes occurs when the experienced dancer, who is trying to help, is wrong. This is always

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a tough situation. If incorrect "help" occurs occasionally, the best course is to forget it. Even very good dancers are not perfect. If it persists, the best way to cope with it is to work through the caller or instructor. He is recognized to be the group authority, and as such is in the best position to handle the problem in a professional manner with a minimum of hurt feelings. It would, of course, be nice if everyone were very mature and aware of personal limitations as well as capabilities. But it is not a perfect world, so

we do our best. Our golden rule is: Help others as you would have them help you; accept help as you would like your help to be taken. And if someone rejects your help, don't pout and withdraw; keep smiling, it's only a game.

The thing that everyone should keep in mind is that a subtle helping hand is the best kind and when extended should be accepted graciously.

Bill & Bobbie Davis

American Square Dance

January 1995



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)

Hi,

Many years ago I joined the Seabreeze Singles and dance with them and other groups. I loved it!

Time has made me slow down but I still enjoy *The Grapevine*. If I can't dance right now, I can continue to support our magazine and always will! Keep up your good work.

Yellow rocks,
Dot Luke

Hello Sarah & Charlie,

We appreciate receiving the Joys & Concerns via email. We would like to air a concern we have regarding the sharing news of our regional clubs. Many folks do not use the computer and therefore may not be aware of changes in the dance schedule for our clubs. There should be someone in their club who phones the members when changes are made. We could

lose dancers if they find themselves at a dance location not realizing that the club was dark that evening. The same can be said for sharing Joys & Concerns with club members who either don't use the computer or aren't receiving your notices.

We don't want to lose the personal touch so important in our dance community. Consider taking the step to notify your fellow club members of news you hear regarding our fellow dancers and clubs.

Thanks for all you do for the dance community,
Chuck & Rheta Voss

Sarah,
You and Charlie are doing such a wonderful job with *The Grapevine* and the news bulletin. It is really professional and good to read! Thanks so much!

Take care.....Janet & Ken

NEFSARDA Delegates Meeting

January 10, 2010

Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM
The President welcomed the delegates, callers, and visitors.

Minutes of the last delegates meeting were approved.

Treasurers' report approved as presented and submitted for audit.

Joys and Concerns were shared.

Committee Reports

Classes/ Visitation: Joe Hardcastle presented 2009 Visitation Awards. He suggested that the requirements for receiving medals be lowered. A motion was made and passed for Gold - 30 visits, Silver - 20 visits, and Bronze - 10 visits.

Publicity: NO report

Computer Liaison: Clubs are requested to verify the information on their web pages and notify Sarah Pergrossi of all necessary updates.

Dance Couple of the Year: No report

Fall Festival 2010: A location is still needed. A preference would be for the availability of dry camping.

Grapevine: Subscription numbers continue to drop. Each club is asked to encourage your members and new dancers to take a subscription. Be sure you update your address with editors as magazines returned for invalid addresses costs upwards of \$1.25.

5th Saturday Dance: Next dance will be held on July 30, 2010. Various locations are being looked into for this dance.

Insurance: Linda Tester reported that 348 dancers are currently insured; 16 of our 20 NE clubs are participating in the USDA Dancer Insurance program.

Showcase: Information will be shared at the February Working Weekend

Historian: No report

State Convention 2010: Val Newsome discussed the upcoming Sundaes on Sunday dance to benefit the 2010 Convention - March 7th at the Moose Lodge in Orange Park. Remember to attend the Trails End Dance on Thursday, May 27th in Plant City.

Jack McKinney encouraged everyone to take ads in the Program Book. Renewal forms were distributed.

Florida Federation: A committee has been formed to select a new design for a Florida state outfit. Anita Taylor is chairing this committee.

Gateway Callers/Rural Callers: Gateway is hosting a caller training clinic on January 16th. Gary Murphy is the clinician.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Motion made and passed to replace the Association coffee pots used at our Association dances.
- Discussion held as to ways to encourage circulation of our Association magazine, The Grapevine.

Next meeting: Sunday, April 11, 2010. All dancers, callers, cuers and club delegates are encouraged to attend. Support your dancer association!



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5th Saturday Dance

January 2010



Bill Chesnut, Lisa Wall and Bobby Keefe provided fantastic dance programs for all in attendance at the January 30th dance.

The NEFSARDA Banner winners were Rollaways, Moose Promenaders, Teddy Bears and Creekside Promenaders. Congratulations dancers!

Happy Birthday

NEFSARDA!



FL Association of Single Square and Round Dancers (FASSRD)

By Judy Frye (321 268-4450)

Hello, again from the Singles community of Florida. The plans for our annual dance being held at the historical Kenilworth Lodge in Sebring this October 9th & 10th are well under way. This year we have renamed it the *Flamingo Frolics* but it is still sponsored by the Florida Singles. By doing this we are in hopes of attracting more attendees. As is our usual premise our dances are *OPEN* dances for everyone, single, solo, coupled or married. We actually do have several married couples who attend on a regular basis so please come to enjoy this special week end of square and round dancing. The Kenilworth does have a great wood floor.

This really should be a banner year for fun because we have Ernie (Elvis is still in the building) Rollen doing the calling. And you all know what a great fun-time caller he will be. And his Frances will be there, too, to help keep things more exciting and interesting. Ernie has promised a fun filled workshop on Saturday afternoon, too.

Cueing the rounds we have scheduled Dick and Darlene Chase from North Fort Myers. If you attended the dance in Bartow last November you know just how good they are. They will be having a workshop on Saturday morning to teach us some new dances and help us to brush up on some steps we may be having trouble doing.

The Kenilworth Lodge is a very special place. You park your car on Friday and that's it. You don't have to move it anymore until you leave on Sunday, that is. The Lodge offers a nice Continental breakfast and for lunch and dinner you are within walking distance of a couple nice places to eat. No parking hassles. They have kept the Kenilworth in the 1920's décor but it does have modern amenities—indoor plumbing in case you are wondering. So please consider joining us, bring a square (or two) of your friends. Look for flyers or contact Mary Lou Pelz at pelzm@att.net or 904-733-1869 for ribbons and more information.

Until next time, may the good Lord take a liken to ya (Roy Rogers)

Judy Frye, President
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Parking Passes – For those that purchased these in advance – they will be available at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 830 Phillips Lane, Louisville. This is right out side the Main Gate of the Kentucky Fair and Expo Center. There will be a Dancer Hospitality Table for pick up. You will need to sign and pick up your passes there. Please make sure you pick up your pass before you pick up you packet, so you do not have to pay to park. That is one advantage of ordering these in advance so you could save a gate fee to pick up your packets. Passes are good Tuesday through Saturday. If you haven't ordered – please do so by May 31. The only way to get in without paying each time is with a parking pass. They will be higher at the door – if available.

Bus Passes from the Convention Hotels are currently \$50.00 per person; this will be going up to \$60.00 per person after May 31. Our Buses will run from the Convention Hotels to Expo Center unloading at Lobby B. – Note Registration Office for the 59th

National Square Dance Convention is located in Lobby A – once unloaded – take a left in the main hallway to the next lobby.

Have you converted your Early Registration? If not please fill out the long form that you received last November and order your Program Book, Syllabus, Wednesday Evening Special Event Tickets, and let us know if we can help with your hotel needs. Our Convention Hotels are filled first come basis, so please send in your form today. If you can't find the one we sent you, just fill out any blank form and send it in, or you can down load a copy of the form from our website: www.59thnsdc.com.

Volunteers needed to help in Registration during the Convention. Would you like a place to rest but get to meet new friends or get reacquainted with old friends? What better place than Registration to offer a warm greeting and hand out packets to the arriving dancers from around the world? If you are interested – please contact us at reg-housing@59thnsdc.com. We will also have a board in Lobby A near the Registration Area, if you decide later on to help.

Contact Board – Located in Lobby A – near the Registration Area will be a contact board where dancers can leave message for each other.

Registration Area for the Upcoming National Square Dance Conventions® will be Located in Lobby B, this is where the Bus Drop off area is also located. Please make sure to stop by

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and visit, get some information and register to attend the upcoming conventions!

PROGRAM UPDATES

KEYNOTE ADDRESS - The keynote address for the 59th National Square Dance Convention is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 25th, in Room C101, and will feature Tony Oxendine. Tony has chosen for his topic "Take 2 aspirin and call me in the morning". Come and see what Tony plans to do with that topic!!

ORGANIZATION ROUND TABLE - The Organization Round Table discussion which is open to all dancers, callers, club leaders and organization leaders will be held in Room C101 at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoon. Diane Gum of Colorado will be leading a discussion on "What Are We Doing Right". This is a "not to be missed" session and should be chock full of valuable information for all of our dance world!!

BID SESSION: Don't forget the BID SESSION on Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. in Freedom Hall. Come see what cities are considering bids for future conventions!!

SEW & SAVE: New patterns! New ideas! The Sew & Save is the place to get the latest scoop! Open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 each day of the convention so you can trace patterns, attend demonstrations of the latest techniques, get information on pattern adjustments, attend Make & Take sessions, and drop your tickets in the bags for a chance to win one of the over 100 door prizes, including a Cracker Barrel rocker, a beautiful handmade quilt, a handcrafted engine and passenger car for you train buffs, dresses, shirts, fabrics, slips, and

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DANCING SCHEDULE FOR THE 59TH NSDC

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CALLER'S COLUMN



By Gary Murphy

Have you thanked your caller lately? That thought crossed my mind recently when I called a dance in Tampa. At the end of the dance, after everyone had "circled the wagons" and said "Thank You!", they did one more thing which really caught my attention. Everyone, club members and visitors alike, formed a long line and then came across the front of the stage where they all shook hands with the Round Dance Cuer and myself and said Thank You. I have to admit it really made me feel special to have that many total strangers take the time to tell me they had enjoyed the dance and were already looking forward to my next visit to their club in September.

Everyone likes to be thanked for a job well done, and callers are no exception. We all do this for the love of the activity, and we all work hard at it. For every two hour dance, there are many hours of planning and practice to make sure the dancers get our best effort. And yet, so many times the dance ends and everyone is out the door in an instant, leaving the caller, their tax, and a couple of club officers finishing the cleaning and packing up equipment and carrying it out to the car.

The next time you go to a dance, before you head out the door when it's over, take a minute to thank the Caller and the Cuer. Not everyone forgets: I can name a dozen couples in this area who never leave the dance without coming up to the stage to say Thanks and to let us know they had a good time. Trust me, it means a lot to your caller when you take the time to say Thanks!

Speaking of saying Thanks, the Gateway Callers want to say a huge Thank You to all the dancers who came out on February 6th to support the Sophomore Hoedown at Jax Heights. At one point we thought it was going to be a pretty lightly attended dance. But the dancers of NEFSARDA didn't let us down and it turned into a wonderful night for our students. Let's see if we can do it again for the Graduation Ball on May 1st.

And finally, one more huge thank you! This year's Circus Dance hosted by the Silver Fox raised over \$3,000 for Dreams Come True. On behalf of the club, Lisa Wall, Ernie Rollen and myself, thanks to each and every one of you who took the time to come out and support this wonderful cause. Northeast Florida rocks, and you are all the best!



Father's Day

JUNE 20, 2010



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.



2010 Convention Fund Raising News

As Vice Chairman of Ways & Means for the Northeast for the 2010 Florida State Convention, here's what's going on at the present time.

We are, of course, continuing to sell **registrations** (\$27.00 until April 30th) and **buttons** (\$1.00).

Tote Bags are \$10.00 and selling very well. **Angel pins** - made by Jane Raymond - in red, white and blue are being sold for \$2.00 each. **Raffle tickets** for the flat screen TV to be given away at the convention continue to be sold for \$2 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$5.00.

Each regional association has been raising money for our 1st All-State Square & Round Dance Convention, but we continue to need your assistance.

Our last fund raiser will be the **Trails In Dance** on May 27th. More information on any of the above is available from us, or from the Convention Ways & Means Chairman, Paul & Cheryl Miller.

By Charlie & Val Newsome

2010 Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention

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Charlie Pergrossi
Northeast Caller

Happy Halloween

Lisa Wall, 2010 Cuer Chairman



Patricia Hagen,
West Coast Cuer



Bobby Keefe, Northeast Caller



Jack Lewis
Southeast Caller



Cost: Donation to the Convention

Early Rounds: 7:00 - 7:45 pm

Squares: 8:00 - 10:00 pm



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For More Information Contact: Paul & Cheryl Miller (850) 939-6688 or email: pe.miller@mchsi.com

News from the Federation with Charlie & Val Newsome



The Florida Federation working weekend was well attended as was the dance on Saturday night. The dance raised a little over \$1,000 for the 2011 State Convention.

Some of the highlights of the two-day Federation meeting follow.

- Several **new Delegates** to the Federation attended the meetings and we hope they will continue to be with the Federation for many years.
- The most significant action taken was the delegates voting on new Federation attire. The picture of the ensemble is already on the Web Site, so take a look at it, read the instructions, then get one made in time for the State Convention. If you have any questions about the dress, where to find fabric, etc., you may contact Anita Taylor at 904- 272-6551. Anita was chairperson of the committee and will be able to answer all your questions. I, personally, think the material is very pretty and will make a beautiful dress, tie, etc.
- There was a motion made to combine two of the standing rules; however, since it is in our Bylaws and/or Standing Rules, it must be researched before the action.
- We want to remind everyone of the 2010 Florida State Convention and the **Trails End Dance** on Thursday before the Convention kicks off on May 28th. Make your reservations for Thursday so you can attend the dance and help support the 2010 Convention on this, their last, fund raiser. If you don't have your reservations, make them now. Don't get left out while your friends are in Lakeland dancing for 3 days. Call us, or Anita Taylor for more information. Don't forget to keep on buying those tee shirts, tote bags, and raffle tickets for the TV to be given away at the Convention.
- The Central Association will be presenting their **4th Annual Party Weekend** at the Deerhaven Retreat & Conference Center on April 16th-18th. This weekend of fun and dancing is to support the 57th Florida State Convention which will be held in May of 2011. Contact Randy Poole, 386-734-5295, for more information and for registration. We are also selling raffle tickets for a \$100 Visa card for the benefit of this convention. The card will also be given away at the 2010 Convention.

The next Florida Federation meeting will be held on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. during the State Convention in May. Since you ALL will be at the Convention (right?), plan to come to the meeting and watch your delegates and the rest of the Federation in action.

Remember, "SQUARE DANCING IS FRIENDSHIP SET TO MUSIC!"

Charlie & Val Newsome
Vice Presidents, Florida Federation 904-683-3512



What's Cooking?

In the Kitchen with Virginia Patton

A pot by any other flavor would still be just as good....

Whether you call it pot luck, covered dish, dinner on the grounds, etc., this is a time when everyone wants their dish to "shine". Don't we all secretly (or openly) want to have everyone like our dish so much that the pan doesn't even need to be washed. One of the neat things about both square dancing and camping is there always seems to be an opportunity to cook and share one of our favorite dishes, not to mention acquire a new favorite dish from one of our fellow dancers.

The following dishes were brought to the Square Wheels #128 annual Christmas party and I was asked if I could put them in my next food column. I'm putting the name of the person that brought the dish so if you have any questions about the recipe, please contact them - not me. I'm pretty sure that I won't have an answer for you or it will be the wrong one.

Copper Pennies

2 lbs of carrots, peeled and sliced. Parboil and then drain.

Combine the following in a sauce pan and simmer:

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| 1 Green pepper, diced | 1 Large onion |
| 1 Stick butter/oleo | 1 Can tomato soup |
| 1/2 Cup sugar | Pinch of salt |

Put drained carrots in a 2 quart casserole, pour mixture over and stir through. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. (Sue Fogle)

Pecan Pie

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 3 Eggs | 1 Cup white sugar |
| 1 Tbsp butter | 1/4 cup whipping cream |
| 1 Cup dark Karo syrup | 2 Cups pecan meat |
| 1 Tbsp vanilla | Pinch of salt |

Cream sugar and butter, add syrup, well beaten eggs, salt and vanilla. When well mixed, add coarsely chopped pecans. Pour into uncooked pastry shell. Bake in moderate oven 375 degrees 40 minutes or until firm. Serve cold (Martha Zimmerman)

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SQUARE DANCING LOST A DEAR FRIEND **Robert "Dutchy" Stormes 1914-2010**

Robert was known as Dutchy to his friends. He was born August 17, 1914 and died March 6, 2010 of natural causes at the age of 95. Dutchy and his longtime friend Mikki Harrell, were active members of the Rollaways Square Dance Club in Jacksonville, FL.

Robert is survived by his daughter Louise Stormes, sons Robert Jr. and Geoffrey Love, sisters Sidneybelle Spurgin and Frances Wright, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren, longtime friend Mildred Harrell, numerous nieces, nephews and friends as well as his extended family at St. Paul's by the Sea Episcopal Church.

He served his country in WWII and was retired Army with honors. He later retired from service at Duval County. He will be missed. Services were held on Saturday, March 13, 2010, at St. Paul's by the Sea Episcopal Church, 465 N. 11th Avenue, Jacksonville Beach. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Paul's by the Sea.

Our deepest sympathies are with Mikki, and Robert's family and friends during this difficult time.

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Blue-Grey Festival Banner Winners

Blue-Grey banners were presented to the winning clubs with the highest percentage of attendance at the 2010 Blue-Grey Dance, February 13th. This year's winners were Moose Promenaders & Dixie Dancers. Congratulations!



NEWS & NOTES

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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



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USDA has produced quality club leadership and educational materials for use by dancers and leaders to promote and perpetuate the dance activity. Tri-fold Information Sheets are free, and Pamphlets and



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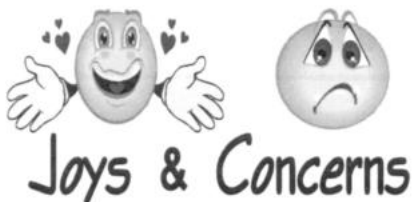
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If planning on attending a National Convention, *National Squares* is a "Got To Have" item for information on the current National.



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:

What a joy! **Jane Dando** is doing well after her open heart surgery.

George Galik, president of Southeast Association, has suffered two strokes since late February.

Bessie Stovall, of Teddy Bears, is recovering well after her recent surgery and hospital stay. She is delighted to be home recovering.

Marie Bigelow continues to struggle with the effects of cancer.

Tony Vicent, of Seabreeze Singles, is suffering with severe pancreatitis.

Tom Stidham, of Rollaways, is recovering from recent surgery.

Alan Mobley, of Creekside Promenaders, is suffering with pneumonia.

Ouida Taylor, of Dixie Dancers, is making great improvement after her recent back surgery.

Dick Lysobey, editor of Keepin' Posted, continues to face medical challenges. His positive attitude will aid in his recovery.

Charlie Newsome, of Teddy Bears, is showing great improvement after facing difficulties with his sinuses.

John Burzo, Joy Seas & FANSDC, is delighted that his recent foot surgery was a success.

Donna Smith continues to work with physical therapy as she recovers from her hip surgery.

Greta Stanton, of First Coast Rounds & Touch of Class, is making strides on her recovery from a recent knee replacement procedure.

Pinky Moore, of Dixie Dancers, is doing beautifully after her second knee replacement.

Jean Lee, caller and dancer of Cocoa, FL, has been diagnosed with a return of cancer. She has begun chemotherapy and appropriate treatments.

Monroe Morrell, of Dixie Dancers, continues to recover in the VA Nursing Home Rehab facility of Lake City.

If you know of any woman currently undergoing chemotherapy treatments for cancer, she may be interested in learning of a web site which will donate FREE housecleaning service once a month for 4 months while receiving treatments. Please visit www.cleaningforareason.org.



Our prayers go out to those men and women serving our country overseas, and to their families.

Jacob Daily, grandson-in-law of June & Bobby Keefe, deployed in Afghanistan.

Brandi Tomich, daughter of Rich Tomich, deployed in Afghanistan for her 2nd tour of duty.

G. Harvey Shriver

A memorial service celebrating the life of G. Harvey Shriver, 85, of Flagler Beach, was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at Christ Lutheran Church, 2323 N. State Street, Bunnell. Mr. Harvey passed away on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at Florida Hospital Flagler.

He was born on June 8, 1924 in St. Petersburg, PA to the late Robert Elliott and Emma Rebecca Shriver (Taylor). On October 1, 1950 Harvey married Ella Paulsen in Waterloo, IA. He worked for John Deere for 34 years, during which time he was active as a Boy Scout leader. In 1982, Harvey and Ella retired to Flagler Beach and they volunteered at the Flagler Beach Historical Museum and he was a member of the Flagler Beach Lions Club. He loved fishing, gardening and camping. They visited all 50 states together and were active with the Flagler Ocean Waves Square Dance Club, traveling with them to the Caribbean, Europe, Russia, Scandinavia, Great Britain and China.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Ella; sons, Eric L. and his wife, Belinda of Sawyer MI; Jeffrey L. and his wife, Fran of Burbank, CA; daughter, Rebecca L. Shriver and her husband, Randy Rice of Freeport, IL; five grandchildren and four step-grandchildren. Arrangements are under the trust and care of Craig-Flagler Palms Funeral Home.

The dance community lost a dear friend. Our deepest sympathies to Ella, their family and their many friends.



Keep those prayers and cards coming - they mean a lot to someone who is ill. Please keep us posted on any news of sick or bereaved dance members. We also love to share in your joy - so pass it along! If you wish to be included in our emails of Joys & Concerns, contact the editors.

OUR HEARTS ARE SADDENED

Please keep these families in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their loved ones. Our sympathies to their families and friends.

Mel Henderson passed away on January 19, 2010. He danced with Seabreeze Singles and was an avid round dancer, having belonged to Touch of Class.

Bonnie Palatini, of Flagler Ocean Waves, shared the news that her father died on March 8th. He loved going to the dances to visit with everyone and enjoyed the delicious snacks. He was very fond of the Flagler Ocean Waves.

Howard Crowe, of Rollaways, suffered the loss of his brother and another brother's wife.

Howard W. Thomas, brother-in-law of Maxine Thomas, of Gypsy Squares, died on December 31st, 2009.

Stepping Out with Maxine & Billy

Line Dancing Highlights



Now that the holiday season is behind us and most of the many special dances are over; it is time to continue our dancing at a slower pace. One thing I have done is to enroll in a dance class. My co-author and I are learning Advanced Dancing on Wednesday nights with Jim Cosman.

Oh, I'm suppose to be promoting the skill of clogging! Well, guess what! We have also stepped up our clogging experience to another level which is new to both of us. This group meets on Thursday evening at the Orange Park Senior Citizen Center. It has been an exposure to clogging steps not previously known by us. It is fast moving with two hours of almost non-stop instruction & dancing. The group is composed of mostly median and senior women. There is nothing slow about those folks. Maybe you can find some time to improve your dancing skills and raise your level of enjoyment.

See you on the dance floor....Billy Luper

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FOR SALE: Square Dance skirts and blouses, crinolines and dresses - sold as sets or individually. Most are sizes 8-10. Wide assortment of colors and styles. Call Kate McCaul in Mandarin area of Jacksonville for prices and details - 904-262-4632.



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do to promote
square dancing...



REMINDER
NEFSARDA DUES ARE
DUE JULY 1, 2010

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ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Donna bought shoes with taps on the bottom,
one pair for her and one for little Jon.
He loved those shoes. He was so glad he got 'em,
he went to bed that night with tap shoes on.

They took clogging lessons and got so good,
that Jon showed some steps to some kids on their street,
then Donna had to teach the whole neighborhood,
Fifty cloggers, one-hundred happy feet.


One of those first Cloggin' Robins, Maxine,
has been kickin' and clickin' with them for years.
So has Eddie, the guy who loves to scream
and stomp his feet so loud the deaf can hear.

But he's not the only one making that noise.
He gets help from Luann, Nancy and Joyce,
Linda, Billy, Susan and Alexandra.
Kevin, Karen, Peggy and Amanda.

There's Laura, Laine, Patricia and Brandi,
Brittany, Tiffany or is that Tammy?
And then there's that old guy down in the back
his shoes are older than we are. That's Mac.

No other club puts on a better show
or has as much fun when they're out there cloggin'.
It's been that way for twenty-five years or so.
Now if you like that, you can thank Donna Robbins

Miles MacEachern



WANTED

Dave Nihart would like to purchase more of the
Chocolate Covered Peanuts he bought at the
Circus Dance for Dreams Come True in January
2010. They were delicious! If you have information
regarding this yummy product please contact
Dave at 904-641-5218.

Join Sarah & friends for...

Stitchin' Time



Short Crochet Cape

While at the Blue-Gray Festival in February, I came across a beautiful crochet shawl created by Hazel Hauck. It was just one of the beautiful items in the Silent Auction. As a result of being outbid for this lovely item, my interest in creating a crochet cape or shawl was born. I have located this simple pattern for a Short Cape to share.

This cape falls about elbow length. It is quick and easy to crochet. It is full enough to hang loosely over the shoulders but not get in the way while dancing, so it is perfect for chilly dance halls, or cool spring or summer evenings.

Materials:

6 oz. of 4 ply yarn
Size H crochet hook

Abbreviations:

ch = chain
dc = double crochet

No gauge is available

Chain 66, turn, dc in the third chain from the hook and dc in each chain across, ch 2, turn. (64 dc stitches).

ROW 1: DC in the next 6 dc (2 dc in the next dc, dc in the next 5 dc) repeat 8 times. 2 dc in the next dc, dc in the remaining 7 dc to the end, ch 2, turn. (72 dc stitches).

LOOPS:

Row 1: Ch 4, sc in the second dc from the hook, (skip 1 dc, chain 4, sc in the next dc) across, turn.

Row 2: Ch 4, sc in each loop across.

Rows 3-8: Ch 5, in each loop across.

Row 9: Ch 5, same as row 3 except increase two loops at each shoulder and the center back loop.

Rows 10-20: Repeat row 3

Rows 21 - 26: Ch 6, sc in each loop across.

Finish with fringe by cutting 4 pieces of yarn 7 inches long; fold double and loop the ends through a loop along the lower edge. Repeat in each loop across the bottom.

Drawstring: Ch 240, turn, sc in second ch and in each ch across, finish off. Lace drawstring through the first row of dc at the neck edge. Join a tassel to each end of the drawstring.

Tassel: Cut 14 pieces of yarn 7 inches long for each tassel. Tie with a short piece of yarn in the center of the tassel to the end of the drawstring.

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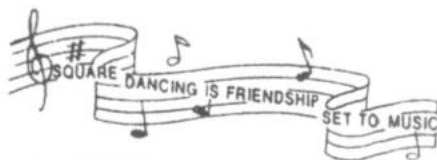
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April 29 Class Graduation

May 20 Pirate's Ball with rounds by Lisa Wall

June 17 Ice Cream Social

July 29 Pink Cadillac Dance with rounds by Lisa Wall



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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. We are asking you to begin thinking of folks in the dance community who 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, but not necessarily all (ie. 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 shows by their actions that they believe and demonstrate by their actions 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.)
8. This award is announced at our annual association event - Fall Festival. The completed nominations should be submitted to Shirley Nihart by mid-September.

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Do you like to know what's going on in our square dance community? Do you have ideas you want to share? Do you like to be involved? Well, if you've answered yes to any of these questions, then we have the answer for you. NEFSARDA will be assembling a new slate for the officers of the Board in the near future and we want you to be involved! If you enjoy square or round dancing and want to help the community of dancers, then you are qualified! The Board is made up of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary. Contact your club delegate or Board member for details.

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FIRST COAST ROUNDS "R" Every Sunday. Class 6:00-7:30 PM, Club Phase II & soft IV 7:30-9:30 PM, St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, 4758 Shelby Ave, (near Park St & Cassat Ave.) Jacksonville, FL. 32210. Cuer-Instructor: Lisa Wall (904)699-7833.

Monday

CREEKSIDE PROMENADERS "M" Every Monday. Mainstream class 6:30- 8:30 PM at Westminster Woods on Julington Creek, 25 State Rd 13, Jacksonville, FL 32259. The club will dance from 8:30 - 9:30 PM. Mainstream Club with announced Plus. Caller: Ken Miller.

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 & Cuer: Ralph Beekman. 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" Every Tuesday. Class 7:00-8:30 PM, Club dance 8:30-9:30 PM, Sandalwood High School, 2750 John Prom Blvd, Jacksonville, FL. Caller: Ken Miller. Contact Walt & Dianne Syphard (904)221-1368.

Success seems to be largely a matter of hanging on after others have let go.

JOY SEAS "M/P" 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, *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. Contact Shirley White (904)388-1463 or Smitty Smith (904)779-7626, Banner chairman Betty Smith (904)772-9131.

QUARTERMORES "A" Every Tuesday. Dance 7:00-9:00 PM, St. Catherine's Episcopal Church 4758 Shelby Ave (just off Cassat Ave), Jacksonville, FL. Caller: Bobby Keefe. Contact Bobby & June Keefe or Stephen & Marie Bigelow (904)771-7249.

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. Contact Russell & Carolyn Ueber (904)223-9347 or Bob & Miriam Hinkle (904)268-6643. **NO BANNER STEALING PLEASE**

Thursday

MANDARIN MARAUDERS "M/P/L" Class 7:00-8:00 PM, Club dance 8:00-9:30 PM, First Christian Church, 11924 San Jose Blvd in Mandarin, Jacksonville, FL. Caller: Lawton Smith. Contact Dan & Agnes Porfilio (904)

448-8136. Banner chairman Sergei & Karen Zelenkov (904)287-5411.

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. Contact Tom & Pat Herscha (904)406-0275. Banner Chairman Bob Walker (904)264-1590.

RIVER RAMBLERS "M/P" Every Thursday. 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: Mike Akers. Contact JW & Margaret Edlin (386)467-2689 or 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. Contact Roberta Simpson (386)362-2456. Banner chairman Bob Hunnicutt (386)638-0144.

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 (904)699-7833.

Friday

FLAGLER OCEAN WAVES "M/P/R" Every Friday. Workshops 6:30-7:30 PM, Club dance 7:30-9:30 PM. Council on Aging/Wickline Center, 800 S. Daytona Ave, Flagler Beach, FL. Caller RJ Hogan. Cuer Irene Knapp Smith. Contact John & Bonnie Palatini (386) 445-2740. Banner chairmen Elaine & Roland Hebert (386)446-2642.

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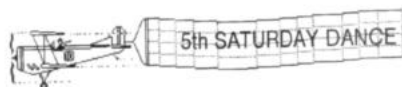
Caller: Bill Chesnut. Contact Dale Fredrickson (904)269-9717.

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

SILVER FOX SQUARES "M/P/R" Every Friday. Plus Workshop 7:00-8:00 PM. Club dance 8:00-9:30 PM, Jax Heights Elementary School, 7750 S. Tempest St, Jacksonville, FL. Caller: Gary Murphy. Contact Mark Fetzer or Susan Snider (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 & Cuer: Lisa Wall. Contact Bud & Dianne German (904)781-1532. Banner chairmen Walt & Dianne Syphard (904)221-1368.



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1st All State Florida Square & Round Dance Convention

The 56th Florida State Convention
May 28, 29 & 30, 2010

The days are flying by so fast. We have only 2 months 'till our FL State Square & Round Dance Convention in Lakeland. Everyone has been busy for months preparing for this big event. With all the help from the committees of dancers, callers and cuers, we WILL have the best state convention in history! We cannot fail as we have dancers throughout all of Florida that are giving their all, and they are being joined daily by additional dancers eager to assist in this wonderful event.

Have you gotten your convention ribbons yet? The April 30th deadline is quickly approaching! This is the final date for all mail-in registrations and the pre-convention price of \$27 per ribbon. Don't wait too long! Remember if you purchase your ribbon early and later learn that you aren't able to attend the Convention, your money will be refunded if our Registrar is notified by 5 pm Friday, May 28th.

The Florida Callers Association and Round Dance Council have finalized and approved their dance programs for 2010 State Convention and they assure us of a fantastic program in every hall. There is a lot that goes into planning a Convention and all of the time donated by all of the Callers and Cuers in preparation is appreciated by the dancers. So, if you have a fun time with a certain Caller, or Callers and Cuers, tell them!! Ask your caller if he/she is "Programmed" for this year. If they aren't, encourage them to join in. If he/she is programmed, they'll have a "Hot Green" color ribbon that says "I'm Programmed" --- so... don't be square ~ be there!!!

Special offers will be available during the Convention weekend. You will have the opportunity to purchase your 2011 Convention ribbon at the lowest price available! There will also be a Silent Auction of Gift Baskets conducted throughout this festival weekend. The proceeds from this silent auction will benefit the 2012 FL State Convention. Plans for future conventions are already underway...so don't miss out on these fantastic opportunities.

Clubs are always trying to find reasons for a "Club Outing". Why not make your club outing in 2010 to Lakeland, Florida at the 56th Florida Square and Round Dance Convention? So much excitement, even the travel to Lakeland will be an adventure you will remember for years to come. Now is the time to begin that planning stage for the fun and fellowship of attending a State Convention.

Whether you are traveling with a group or on your own you need to make your lodging reservations now! There has been an important update for you. Due

to an increase in the room rates at the Holiday Inn Lakeland North, it has been decided to switch our host hotel accommodations to **THE IMPERIAL SWAN HOTEL AND SUITES**, 4141 South Florida Avenue, Lakeland. The rate is \$53.74 for a King or double Queens. Suites are available. For reservations call 863-647-3000 and ask for the Square Dancer rate. The Convention has reserved only 50 rooms, so call soon. You can always cancel if you decide otherwise at a later date. It takes about the same amount of time to travel to the convention center as from the hotels near I-4. There are eating places and shopping within walking distance from the hotel. Remember to make your reservations to include the Trails End Dance on Thursday evening, May 27th at the Strawberry Squares hall in Plant City. If you have any questions regarding making reservations please contact Randy Poole at 386-734-5295 or email him at rpoole19@cfl.rr.com.

We're sure that you have been clearing space in your home for the **46-47 inch LCD HDTV** you plan to win! What...you haven't purchased your raffle tickets yet? Don't you want a new LCD flat-panel HDTV for your home? Raffle tickets are available throughout the state and they are only \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Ask about how you can purchase your tickets at your next dance.

Your winnings will include a 46-47" Class/1080p/120Hz/LCD HDTV with Remote and Power cord, a Swivel stand and the owner's manual. The television will be purchased prior to the 2010 Florida Square & Round Dance Convention and will be displayed at the convention. It will be given away during the 56th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention on Sunday, May 30, 2010. You don't have to be a dancer to purchase tickets, and you don't have to be present to win!! All proceeds will benefit the 2010 Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention.

Check out our website for all the up-to-date details, contact information and registration form, by visiting <http://www.floridasquaredance.com/convention/index.html>. If you don't use the Internet, and haven't seen anyone with registration forms or ribbons, then contact the General Chairman, Anita & Bud Taylor at 904-272-6551.

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Club News

DIXIE DANCERS

Ivan & Ann Hadsall (386) 497-2834



February was a busy month for the Dixie Dancers as we hosted the 31st annual Blue-Grey Olustee Battle Re-enactment and Festival Square Dance at the Toyota showroom in Lake City. In spite of a cold, rainy start to the festival on Friday night, the Trails End Square Dance was very well attended. By Saturday the weather was greatly improved for the square dance demo that we did in Olustee Park for the entertainment of the visitors to the downtown festival. Bill Chesnut was the caller for the four squares dancing. Many of the Square Wheels dancers participated in the demo with us. Bill was also the Master of Ceremonies for the Blue-Grey Dance on Saturday evening. The Grand March was impressive. Many of the costumed re-enactors also attended the dance. Jack Lewis was the guest caller. His interesting and innovative calls were lots of fun to dance to. Lisa Wall and Ralph Beekman were the round dance cuers. Lisa and Ralph both have large repertoires and cued for every level of dancer. Thanks to Bill, Lisa, Ralph and Jack and Elaine Lewis for a great evening of dancing. If you weren't able to attend this year, we hope you'll be here next year on February 19th. We look forward to seeing you.





A big Thank You to everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards and phone calls I received during my recent surgery. The first three weeks after surgery I did not do well at all, as most of you know. It was very uplifting to know you cared and you showed that by your actions.

Thanks for being my extended family.

Editor's Note: Happy birthday Ouida from your square dance family!



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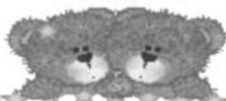
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Web Site: www.dixiedancers.net

Caller: Bill Chesnut
Blue-Gray Dance Sponsor



FUN 'N FROLICS

Carolyn Ueber (904) 223-9347



The Fun 'N Frolics started an Advanced Class this fall and it is going very well, with our caller Jim Cosman doing a wonderful job teaching the new Advanced student dancers the joy of dancing at this level. We are dancing every week so that the students have continuity in their lessons. The club members have been wonderful "angels" and our advanced dancing is improving as a result. Our December dance was a gathering of the club members, the class members and friends who haven't been able to

dance with us recently because of health problems. It was a wonderful evening with finger foods, punch, dancing and lots of socializing. It was soooo good to see everyone having such a good time.

The Fun 'N Frolics dance at Jax Heights Elementary School every Wednesday from 7 - 9 pm with our caller Jim Cosman. If you are an Advanced Dancer, we'd love to have you come dance with us.





GRAND SQUARES

Jerry & Donna Robey (352) 377-5676

Grand Squares in Gainesville under the leadership of our caller, Lonnie Ligon.

We dance on Tuesday nights at the Carpenter's Union Hall, 1910 NW 53rd Av. At 6:30 PM we have basic class instruction and at 7:00 PM we have mainstream classes and at 7:30 PM we have plus classes with the club dance at 8 PM.

In January, the Grand Squares had a sock hop with a surprise guest appearance by "The King" himself, ala Lonnie "Elvis" Ligon. A good time was had by all.



In February, we had a sweetheart dance. We also enjoyed the guest calling of RJ Hogan and Charlie Pergrossi while Lonnie took a well deserved vacation.

March will begin with a St. Patrick dance on March 9th. The club will be

dark on March 16 due to elections, but many dancers will drive to Lake City and dance with the Dixie Dancers.

We are looking forward to attending the 56th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention in Lakeland, FL on May 28th-30th where we will celebrate, "Everyday's A Holiday ... When you are dancing." Dancers are encouraged to participate in a variety of dances and callers to expand their dancing skills and to fellowship with other dancers. Many special dances are scheduled for this Spring, and we encourage all dancers to take advantage of the many wonderful opportunities to dance in Florida.

Donna and I have now danced in all 50 states thru the USDA Travelers Program. We had a wonderful trip to Hawaii this past January and we were able to dance in our 50th state. We danced at the 45th Annual Aloha State Square & Round Dance Festival in Honolulu with featured callers, Nasser Shukayr, and Doug Davis. We strongly recommend the Travelers Program.

For more information on these or other club activities contact us at www.lonligon.com. Hope to see you in a square soon.

Jerry & Donna Robey

PLUS FOX

Stephen & Marie Bigelow (904) 771-7249

The Plus Fox Square Dance Club has closed its doors. Thanks to all the dancers who have visited and danced with us over the past 22 years. We'll miss you!





JOY SEAS

John & Mary Burzo (904) 797-7530

We are out there beating the bushes for more dancers. They are coming little by little. We just found out that one couple from North Carolina that stopped in a few times when they were in the area, just bought a house in Coquina Crossing. I can't tell if they liked our dancing or just want to get out of the cold weather. They are great people and we are glad to have them. Hope you all had a great St. Patrick's Day. We're still dancing and having fun, all is well in St. Augustine. That's all Folks



MANDARIN MARAUDERS

Ralph & Mary Eusterbrock 904-264-0069

The holiday season had some great square dances especially our White Elephant Exchange Christmas Dance. I'm sure everyone got exactly what they had always wished for ????

At our first dance in January it was back to business for the Marauders. We had a club meeting where we voted to raise the attendance charge by one dollar. Also discussed some special dances that will be coming up. Then it was on with the square dancing and round dancing. As usual everyone enjoyed the plentiful snacks brought by our members.

Jan. 14 & 21 we had some excellent dances called by Lawton Smith and fun round dances led by Bev and George Treiber. Our students are moving right along learning new calls every week. The next dance was our chili and hot dog supper attended by 40 dancers. Everyone enjoyed the chili and the dancing.

On Feb. 5 Fran and Debbie LiPira hosted a Bunko party at their home. We did not get to attend but I hear it was really a lot of fun. Thanks Debbie and Fran.

Feb. 11th we had another great evening of square dancing thanks to the excellent calling of Lawton

Smith. The hall was beautifully decorated for Valentines Day thanks to Eleanor Smith. Everyone was festive in their red and pink colors. George and Bev Treiber had us line dancing to "Somebody Loves Me" and "Boom Boom Goes My Heart". We all enjoyed the Valentine treats brought by the members.

Mandarin Marauders went to the Rollaways for a banner steal February 16th. The club was having their pancake evening and celebrating Mardi Gras. They served a King Cake in the New Orleans tradition for "Fat Tuesday" with baby Jesus hidden inside. Sergi was served the piece of cake with the baby in it. In the Roll-away tradition, the person who gets the baby will have good luck for the coming year and must provide the King Cake the following year. So Sergi



and Karen will be going to the Rollaways next year with the King Cake.

The Mandarin Marauders Club is having a garage sale. It will be held April 10th from 8:00AM to 2:00PM at Ron & Judy Rodrique's home,

1200 Creekwood Way, Jacksonville.

We would welcome any square dancers to come to our dance and maybe we'll see you at the big garage sale.

MOOSE PROMENADERS

Hazel Clark (904) 778-0134



The Presidents' Ball was February 11th with guest caller John Saunders with Bill Chesnut, our club caller, as Master of Ceremony. The Presidents' Ball is an annual event with the Promenaders to honor presidents of clubs of NEFSARDA. This year's winner was Tom & Pat Herscha of the Moose Promenaders.



Tuesday, February 23rd the Promenaders traveled to the Seabreeze Singles and captured their banner with Bob & Kay Walker. The Singles were having their annual Sadie Hawkins Dance.

April 8th will mark the 19th Anniversary of the Moose Promenaders. It will be a special night for us. Blue and white outfits will cover the dance floor.

April 29th will be the Graduation of our new dancers. Arney & Gloria Hilpert have been working with the

dance class. The Promenaders and club caller Bill Chesnut appreciate all the help with the class.

May 6th will mark the beginning of our Plus Class, which lasts for six weeks. Our new graduates are encouraged to attend these workshops.

The Pirates Ball will be May 20th. All dancers are encouraged to come dressed as marauding pirates. We'll have lots of fun with dancing, games and door prizes.

Memorial weekend will find the Promenaders traveling to the 56th Florida Square & Round Dance Convention in Lakeland, FL. Buy your ribbons and start making your plans for this great annual event.

The Promenaders have a great line-up of dances planned for the summer months. An Ice Cream Social will be held on June 17th. Our annual Pink Cadillac Dance has been scheduled for July 29th. This provides an opportunity for our dancers to raid their closets for flared poodle skirts, well worn jeans and T-shirts, saddle ox-fords and penny loafers. Don't forget to bring along your camera to capture all the fun!

We are located at the Moose Lodge #2020 on Collins Rd in Jacksonville. We dance each Thursday evening with classes from 7 - 8:30 PM, and plus level dancing from 8:30-10:00 PM. Visit us on the web at www.moosepromenaders.com.



EDWARD T. WILLIAMS

Beloved Square Dancer

Edward T. Williams, 74, passed away Friday, January 22, 2010. After serving 20 years in the U.S. Navy, Ed and his family retired to the Jacksonville beaches community. Ed went to work for various companies; most recently Sherwin Williams. He was an active member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and a long time member of the Northeast Florida Square and Round Dance Association. He and his beloved wife Helen were active members of several square dance clubs including Teddy Bear Squares and Square Wheels.

Ed is survived by his children Edward Williams, Jr. (Kathy), Pamela Pickett, Tom Williams; grandchildren Janelle Williams, Joshua Pickett, and Sarah Pickett, and great-grand child Kloe Trapp. He is also survived by numerous brothers and sisters in PA. He is predeceased by his wife of 52 years, Helen; parents and 2 sisters. A Funeral Service was held on Wednesday, January 27th, in Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with Rev. Dana Brones officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to Community Hospice of NE Florida, 4266 Sunbeam Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32257

Our deepest sympathies are with the Williams family and friends. Ed and Helen will be missed by many in the dance community.

SEABREEZE SINGLES SQUARE DANCE CLUB



Caller: Jim Cosman

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ROLLAWAYS

Linda Tester (904) 249-8347

Oh My Gosh, What a winter we have had! Did you know that on Friday, February 12, 2012, that every state except Hawaii had snow fall on that day? Yep, it's a fact. I, for one will be so very thankful for the warm weather. How about you?

If you want a hot time, come join us on Tuesday nights. Our class is really doing great and we have had the Silver Fox students come visit. That's the way I learned to square dance 30 plus years ago. We went at least two nights a week to classes. I encourage class members to dance as many nights as possible. Not only does it help with your dancing skills, you meet a lot of nice people.

Our annual Chili Cook Off was a sizzling success. With over 12 pots of chili and lots of guests, our own Anna Oleen came out the winner with her venison chili. Of course she had just a little help from her fiancé, Kevin Nickolsen who provided the venison.

A big THANK YOU goes out to our Banner Chairman, Tom and Esther Stidham. With-

out their great leadership we would not have won the Silver award for visitation for 2009. We have had a great turnout for our banner raids and club visitations. Keep your eyes open for the Rollaways at your next dance!

Speaking of turn out. Wow. The Blue-Grey dance was so much fun. The Rollaways were out in full force. First the Trails End Dance on Friday, the Street Dance on Saturday afternoon and then the Saturday Night Dance. It doesn't get much better than that!

And what would Tuesdays be without our Mardi Gras Fat Tuesday and pancake night? Another fun time with lots of food, fun and visitors. As they

say, "LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULEZ." Let the good times roll.

In support of the 2010 Florida State Convention, the Rollaways enjoyed the Sundaes on Sunday dance. Fun, fun, fun. Ice cream and square dancing on a Sunday afternoon. It doesn't get much better than that!

Until next time, stay warm and see you around the square.



Mother's Day

MAY 9, 2010

The Rollaways

Every Tuesday

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Club Dancing: 8:30 to 10:00 PM

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CUER: LISA WALL

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SEABREEZE SINGLES

Margaret Cahan (904) 777-1579

Wow, we have been busy this quarter. The cold weather hasn't stopped us. It has just invigorated us.

January 14th we had 4 car loads of dancers who visited the Daytona Dixie Squares to meet and dance under the calling of the most popular caller of Australia, Brian Hotchkiss. There was a large crowd at this dance and we had a terrific time. Brian Hotchkiss is a very personable caller with some cute Australian songs. I understand he spent the next several weeks touring Florida calling at various clubs. Thanks Brian. Hope to see you next year when you come to Florida just for a holiday.

Not only do our dancers dance on Tuesday night at Seabreeze Singles but many of them dance at various other clubs during the week on a regular basis. They are a busy group.

In February a group of our dancers traveled to Lake City for the annual Blue Grey dance. I have had reports that even though it was rainy and very cold all had a terrific time.

February 23rd Seabreeze hosted their annual Sadie Hawkins dance. Many dancers came in mountain poor man attire - coveralls, straw hats, checkered blouses and shirts. Everyone had their corncob pipe. You can see by the photos, we had all the modern conveniences ready for the enjoyment and comfort of our dancers. In the photos, Jan and Erv Oemann are standing in front of their modern,

state of the art moonshine still. You can see a display of the jug sizes available to take your moonshine home in. After a wonderful banquet of "road kill" stew, turnip greens and cornbread, we danced until we were ready to drop. It was a funnnn evening. You should have been there.



We are looking forward to the annual Fuzzy Navel Dance to be held March 26th in Jekyll Island, Ga. This is a fun dance where we stay in the same motel on beautiful Jekyll Island beach where we dance. We have two nights of dancing with some of the Georgia clubs and callers. It is fun to dance with clubs from Georgia because they have a few different twists on their dances from what we see in Florida all the time. It also gives us an opportunity to make new friends who you can count on seeing from year to year. See you there this year I hope.

Until I see you again, I am your dancing friend,

--- Remember, the editors will assist you in any way they can. Call or email them!

SILVER FOX

Stephen Bigelow (904) 771-7249



The annual Circus Dance was a great success. We donated 3275.00 to Dreams Come True. Thank you to all who helped and attended the dance in making this benefit dance a reality.

Silver Fox will be dark on March 19 and April 2, 2010. The dance for April 9, 2010 has been relocated to St Catherine's Episcopal Church

We will be graduating our new class on April 23, 2010. It will also be a High School Graduation Theme dance. Come see the pictures of some of your friends as they show off their pictures when they graduated high school. Bring some of your own. I know my picture had lots of hair and none on the chin.

Starting with the dance on June 11, 2010 we will not be able to dance

at the school. So for the summer, we will be relocating to St Catherine's Episcopal Church 4758 Shelby Ave. 32210.

Come out and join us for a wonderful dance called by our own Gary Murphy. We look forward to seeing you soon.



The Silver Fox raided the Rollaways and retrieved their own banner.



Gary Murphy and Ernie Rollen watch over the announcement of the 2010 Circus Banner winners. Susan Snider presented these attendance awards to First Coast Rounds, Teddy Bears, Moose Promenaders & Seabreeze Singles.



TEDDY BEAR SQUARES

Gaye Feuer (904) 743-1087

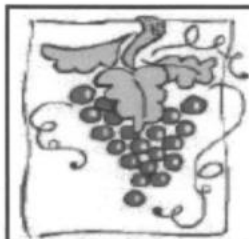
Welcome to the Teddy Bear Square Dance Club! We are planning lots of fun in the upcoming months. On April 10, we will celebrate Gary and Lisa's 6th Anniversary, as caller and cuer for our club. We will honor Mothers on May 8 at our Mothers' Day dance. Everyone can enjoy delicious treats at our Cake and Ice Cream Social in June.

We are indeed fortunate to dance to the great calling of Gary Murphy, with law Berni's help, and cueing of Lisa Wall, who has had to carry on

alone, since the passing last year of her able spouse and helper, John. We all miss John more than words can say.

Also, we wish a quick recovery to our club treasurer, Donna Smith, who has been laid up with a broken hip and shoulder. Donna, our love and prayers are with you.

Mosey on over to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church at 6801 Merrill Road, on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. As the tune says, "Come dance with us".



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VAGABOND SQUARES

Bob & Voncelle Hunnicutt (386) 638-0144

The Vagabond Squares continue to dance on Thursday night at the Hale Community Center, Live Oak, Florida.

On Thursday, December 10, 2009, the Vagabonds welcomed two new dancers to the square dance community. Elaine Boatright and Jim Sinor have learned to dance with us in Live Oak. As you can see they have mastered the art of dancing with shoeboxes, so we know they have graceful feet while laughing and listening.

At the end of January we started a new class of dancers. We are thrilled to see such interest in square dancing in our community.



Camp N' Dance

News from our Camping Clubs



Square wheels #128

The cold weather didn't discourage our happy dancing feet. Santa visited us at our Christmas party at Grace Presbyterian Church. There was plenty of dancing and lots of gift trading or stealing. That's always fun as you never know what you will be bringing home. In January we were at Wild Frontier which is always a good time. We had an up and coming cuer, Ed Hauck with his wife Hazel, visit our weekend. He did a great job and we are look forward to have him again. The Blue-Grey was a huge success. We had about 6 squares dancing at the Gazebo in town, and the dance that night was fantastic great.

Gypsy Squares #168

Gypsy Squares had a New Year's Eve party at Pacetti's RV, St Augustine. We had a wonderful time with many dancers arriving from Jacksonville to enjoy the festivities. Happy New Year!!! During January we rested. In February, after the Blue-Grey many of the Gypsies went to the Mardi Gras celebrations in New Orleans. That was great! Everyone should go at least once in their life. We were there to collect beads for Florida's Camp-O-Ree in October. The theme is Mardi Gras Magic. We do what we have to do to get the job done!

Drift Arounds Squares #093

This was a wonderful, cold winter, but we kept warm with plenty of fun and dancing. The Christmas party is always a great success. There was dancing, eating, games and a big fire. During January, February and March

we were at Lake Oklawaha, Fort McCoy. It's such a great place to dance. In February we had our annual auction where we sell our trash and treasures. It's so much fun buying all this stuff we don't need and some times it will show up again next year. For April we are going to try a new campground - Wekivia Falls Resorts, Sorrento, FL. Hope it works out.

NSDCA International Camporee

Many of our camping chapters throughout Florida are involved in the planning of our International Camporee in Orlando July 20-22, 2010. Everyone, campers and non-campers, are invited to attend this fabulous event. This multi-day event is held in a different state each summer, with local camping/dancing chapters acting as organizers and hosts. Dancers from across the USA and Canada travel to enjoy dancing, eating, games and visiting with friends.

It is certainly an event not to miss. If you don't have a camper, there are numerous hotels nearby and you are welcome to attend all 3 days or just drive in for one evening. You can obtain all the details by visiting www.nsdca.org and click on the Camporees link or contact the General Chairman Martha Zimmerman. Check out our ad on page 11 of this issue as well. We will look for you there!



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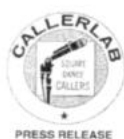


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Press Release from Callerlab

DIRECTIONS - January/February 2010 issue



FUTURE OF SQUARE DANCING by Jim Mayo

We, Modern Western Square Dance (MWSD) callers and dancers, are pretty much in agreement that our activity is not thriving. Certainly it does not come anywhere close to the popularity it once enjoyed. There are several possible explanations for this. Summarized, they are society has changed, MWSD has changed, or some combination. We all know that society has changed. People do not have the free time they once had and they are much less willing to commit to anything which requires regular attendance. If we are honest, we will admit that MWSD has become much more complicated than it was in the heyday of its popularity. So we can agree that the way square dancing is at present does not match the needs of today's society.

Those who love square dancing know it could be adapted to whatever society needs. At some level we also know that square dancing will have to change if it is to see a revival. This form of dance activity will need to be easier to enter. Those who are involved now are not much interested in trying some new form. We like it the way it is. We want clubs with a commitment to membership. We want people to go through a course that teaches at least the 70 calls we all know. We realize that folks can not just "walk in" and take part. They have to go through the training - and we like it that way.

What we have not been willing to acknowledge is that training is not only the class. We know, but don't really say, that after class the new dancer will still not be able to dance comfortably at most of the dances that will be available. The new dancer will have to go for another year of dances at least, before they will be comfortable dancing with folks at an open dance - no matter what the advertised program.

If we made a "new" form of square dancing what could it be like? Where could it be started? Who would come? Would they be people we wanted as our friends? Most of "us" are older and were brought up in a different kind of world. It's not surprising that we do not recruit successfully in a new group of people. Perhaps we callers should try to find or create a different form of square dancing that would serve folks who are not just like us. If we did that, we should not expect today's dancers to recruit our new customers.

If we start with a blank page and redesign square dancing to serve today's people what could it be? I would suggest that it should be easier to learn and that it should not require people to show up at every session even while they are learning. It should provide an opportunity for folks to enjoy each other as well as the dancing. After all, that was one of the most important aspects of MWSD even though we never recognized how important it was until quite recently. A new type of square dancing should also continue to provide both physical and mental exercise. These aspects are both popular with our prospective new customer base. It would be good if we could find some organization to help us reach a new customer base. Ed Gilmore said "Find some people and do what you have to do to get them

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Where could we look for people? Churches are an obvious possibility. Much of what we have to offer is the kind of thing that churches stand for. We should not expect to recruit people away from the churches. We should offer a program that provides a social experience within the church. Another possibility is to look for support from community organizations such as service clubs, recreation departments, the YMCA or YWCA. They helped us get started 50 years ago. Or we could just use a community recreation facility and run it ourselves. I know of one such example that has been going and growing for a couple of years.

Why isn't this happening? I think it's because we don't want square dancing that is different from what we have created. We cling to the old model because this is what we know and feel comfortable with. Our caller schools still focus primarily on choreographic management and sight calling. They urge new callers to learn how to "provide variety." What that really means is keep it changing, never repeat a routine, and use all the calls looking for ways to use them differently. We seem committed to keeping square dancing complicated. Callers are not taught that they have to go out and find people and then give them a good time with whatever calls they can be taught easily. Most callers are committed to the belief that repetition is "boring". I would suggest instead that we call it "dancing".

One night parties are a good way to present square dancing to the public but they are seldom a source of regular work for callers. If they repeat, it's a couple of times a year, not the weekly or twice a month that we would like. They pay well and they could help us to introduce the idea that square dancing does not have to be difficult, but they are not an alternative for regular square dancing. To find that alternative we need brave callers to set out on a new course. Our CALLERLAB Winning Ways material describes some different approaches and I know a couple of these approaches that are surviving and thriving. I don't see many other callers or dancers that are interested in following those paths. Until we find some folks willing to break out from the old patterns, I doubt that we will see a rebirth of interest in the activity we have loved. If you are a caller having success with a different approach, I'd love to hear from you.

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Florida Federation of Square Dancers State Dress for 2010

Dress with Sweetheart neckline or Skirt and blouse with Sweetheart neckline
Anita Taylor designed the outfit that the Florida Federation has named the

"OFFICIAL STATE SQUARE DANCE OUTFIT"

What follows is a description, written by Anita, describing the making of the Dress or skirt, blouse and man's tie.

This is the new Federation Dress voted on by the delegates of the Florida Federation. Thanks goes out for all the suggestions for the dress and especially the committee of ladies, that worked with me to design this dress. This can be made as a dress or skirt and blouse. I believe it could also be made in a long version. However I would make the gores going all the way down, instead of the gathered panels going around. You may want to leave off the ruffle. The state logo is the same logo used on the previous dress. If you have that dress, it is suggested that you take off that logo and use it on this dress. Each Association probably has a few of these logos left over from last time. The solid color reminds us of the ocean. The print looks like the sand after the tide has left. This dress is different from the previous dresses we have had. I hope you enjoy it.

Material can be bought at Wal-Mart and Jo Ann's.

4 yards of the **solid** fabric - Purchased at Wal-Mart.

Color: Cotton Club - Ocean Teal, number: 8576988820

Price: \$2.77 per yard

4 yards of the **print** fabric - Purchased at Jo Ann's

You may want to order more for a man's vest.

Color: Keepsake Calico - Met Turquoise, Number: 400087444351

Price: \$6.99 per yard

If you do not have a Wal-Mart in your area that sells material, someone can purchase the solid color for you. I have already requested 2 more bolts at my local Wal-Mart. However, you can ask for it at your Wal-Mart. When you go to Wal-Mart to purchase your material, it might be helpful to take the print material from Jo Ann's to be sure the color matches.

The fabric at all Jo Ann's is ordered when the supply gets low. If your Jo Ann's doesn't have enough of the fabric, you can request that they special order it. You can use a coupon even if you order. Also, if several of you go in at the same time and order the fabric you can use the same coupon. You do have to pay for it in advance.

The skirt is your standard 8-gore skirt with alternating panels of the solid fabric and the print fabric. You will need 4 gores of each color. Arrange the skirt so that the print panel is in the middle of the front, with a solid panel on each side. The state logo is to be placed on the solid color panel on the right side of the front of the dress. An approximate 6-inch ruffle will be added to the bottom of the gores. The print fabric will be used to make the ruffle.

The bodice would be made of the solid fabric using whatever neckline you would like to make. Since not all people like the same neckline, you can

choose what neckline you want. The number one choice is the sweetheart neckline, but you could use a round neckline, v-neck or square neckline. The uniformity comes in the way the neckline is accented. You would use about a 2 inch accent of the print fabric on the outside of your neckline. I would suggest using two facings on the neckline. The one on the inside of the bodice of the solid fabric and the other facing of the print fabric on the outside of the neckline.

The sleeves would be your favorite puff sleeve, made out of the print fabric. In the middle of the sleeve at the elastic band, we suggest a gold bow with ribbon hanging down a little.

This dress can be worn over a gold, white, or same color as the dress crinoline. You may want to accent the dress with a gold belt or a belt made out of the print.

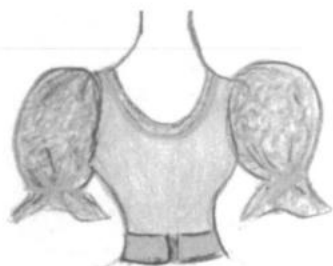
Men have it easy. They should wear navy blue pants with a white shirt. It would be very hard to find a man's shirt in these colors. The men could have a reversible vest if they like a vest. They should have a tie made of the print fabric.

We have hopes that folks will have these new state outfits ready for the upcoming State Convention and wear them again at the June 2010 National Square Dance Convention in Louisville, KY.

Anita Taylor 904-272-6551

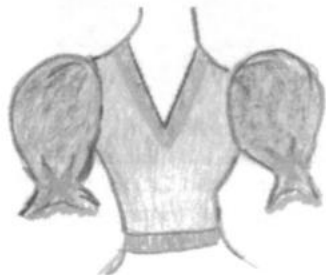


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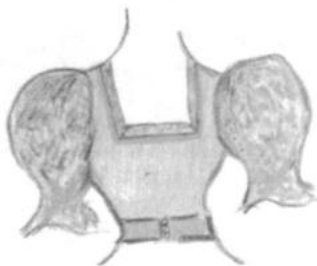


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April 2010

- 1 Dark for holiday Mandarin Marauders
2 No Dance due to Good Friday - Flagler Beach FOW
8 Anniversary Dance (19th) Moose Promenaders
10 Gary & Lisa's 6th Anniversary Dance Teddy Bears
10 Garage Sale Mandarin Marauders
11 Delegates' Meeting 3:00 PM NEFSARDA
16 Poor Boy Dance - Flagler Beach Flagler Ocean Waves
16-18 ... 4th Party Weekend - Deerhaven, FL 2011 FL State Convention
23 Students' Graduation "High School Graduation" Silver Fox
27 Students' Graduation Rollaways
29 Anniversary Dance (25th) Mandarin Marauders
29 Students' Graduation Moose Promenaders
30 Inauguration of New Officers & Celebration - Flagler Bch FOW

May 2010

- 1 Graduation Ball Gateway Callers Assoc
8 Mother's Day Dance Teddy Bears
9 Mother's Day
15 City Rescue Benefit Dance Seabreeze Singles
20 Pirates Ball Moose Promenaders
21 Mystery Dance - Flagler Beach Flagler Ocean Waves
27 Trails In Dance - Plant City, FL 56th FL State Convention
28 Dark to support the FL State Convention Flagler Ocean Waves
28-30 ... 56th FL Sq & Round Dance Convention - Lakeland

June 2010

- 4-5 Watermelon Festival - Chiefland Pergrossi & Young at Hearts
4 Anniversary Dance & Potluck 6:30 PM Silver Fox
17 Ice Cream Social Moose Promenaders
23-26 ... 59th National Square Dance Convention - Louisville, KY
26 Cake & Ice Cream Social Teddy Bears

July 2010

- 10 Christmas in July - Keystone Heights RCA/GCA
10 Dark to support Christmas in July dance Teddy Bears
16 Ice Cream Social dance Silver Fox
20-22 ... International Camporee - Orlando NSDCA
24 All American Square Dance Teddy Bears
29 Pink Cadillac Dance Moose Promenaders
31 5th Saturday Dance - Tynes Elementary, Middleburg NEFSARDA

August 2010

13	Black Cat Dance	Silver Fox
14	Back to School Dance (bring donated supplies).....	Teddy Bears
21	St.Catherine's Church Benefit Dance	Silver Fox
26	Roaring 20s Dance.....	Moose Promenaders
27	Back to School dance	Silver Fox

September 2010

2-5	40th National Single Dance-A-Rama - Virginia	
2.....	New Dancer Open House	Moose Promenaders
9.....	New Dancer Open House	Moose Promenaders
10	School Supplies Dance	Silver Fox
16-18...	Georgia State Convention - Macon, GA	
18	Anniversary Dance (30th)- Pacetti's Marina	Square Wheels
25	Fall Funfest	Teddy Bears

October 2010

9-10	Flamingo Frolics - Sebring, FL.....	FASSRD
22 - 23.	Northwest Round-Up - DeFuniak Springs, FL.....	Northwest Assoc
21-23...	FL State Camporee - Blueberry Hill, Bushnell.....	FANSDC
28	Halloween Dance	Moose Promenaders
29	Halloween Costume Dance.....	Silver Fox

November 2010

5-6	O'Leno Hoedown O'Leno State Park, High Springs	Square Wheels
12-13...	West Coast Fall Fun Fest - Bartow, FL.....	West Coast Assoc
13	Veteran's Day Salute to the Military.....	Teddy Bears
19-20...	Fall Festival.....	NEFSARDA
25	Dark for Thanksgiving	Moose Promenaders

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