

# The Grapevine

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## Monday Clubs

### JACKSONVILLE

#### Mandarin Marauders

Mainstream & Plus Squares  
Lessons – 6:30 - 7:30 PM  
Club Dance 7:30 - 9:00 PM  
Mandarin Senior Center  
3848 Hartley Road  
Jacksonville, FL

Callers - Shane & Ken Perez

Presidents - Rick & Kim  
Doucette  
904-403-0003

[Rickandkim@bellsouth.net](mailto:Rickandkim@bellsouth.net)

Banner chair - David Smith  
904-655-1791

[opdaves@comcast.net](mailto:opdaves@comcast.net)

**Temporary Location**  
**Henry T. Jones Community  
Center**  
**3856 Grant Road**  
**Jacksonville, Florida 32207**

### GAINESVILLE

#### Mixed Nuts/BAD Dancers

Advanced Square Dancing  
7:00 – 9:00 PM

Grace Presbyterian Church  
3146 NW 13th St.  
Gainesville, FL

Caller - Bill Chesnut

Contact - Gerry Jesk  
352-493-2842

[sparkandme@bellsouth.net](mailto:sparkandme@bellsouth.net)

or

Bill Chesnut  
352-256-8628

## Tuesday Clubs

### JACKSONVILLE

#### Rollaways

Round Dancing, Mainstream &  
Plus Square Dancing  
Square Dance Lessons 7:00 -  
8:30 PM  
Club Dance - 8:30 - 9:30 PM

Sandalwood HS Cafeteria  
2750 John Prom Blvd  
Jacksonville, FL

Caller - Mark Fetzer  
Cuer - Susan Snider

Presidents - Erik & Robin Burton  
904-738-7008  
[robnsnyder@yahoo.com](mailto:robnsnyder@yahoo.com)

Banner chair - Virginia Bomhold  
904-521-2754  
[Virginia.Bomhold@gmail.com](mailto:Virginia.Bomhold@gmail.com)

### JACKSONVILLE

#### Seabreeze Singles

Mainstream and Plus Square  
Dancing  
Lessons – 7:00 - 7:30 PM  
Club Dance - 7:30 - 9:30 PM

Arlington Presbyterian Church  
1300 Sprinkle Drive  
Jacksonville, FL

Caller - Jim Cosman

Presidents - Wayne & Laurie  
Ballaso  
904-725-8989  
[wb9669@aol.com](mailto:wb9669@aol.com)

Banner chair - Vickie BeLue  
904-707-8188  
[VBeLue02@gmail.com](mailto:VBeLue02@gmail.com)

### STEINHATCHEE, FL

#### Salty Bobbers

Mainstream and Plus Square  
Dancing  
Lessons – 7:00 - 8:00 PM  
Club Dance - 8:00 - 9:00 PM

Community Center  
62 SW 812th Street  
Steinhatchee, FL 32359

Caller - Charlie Pergrossi

Contacts - Don Stipp,  
[donstipp@hotmail.com](mailto:donstipp@hotmail.com)  
or

Jeanette Geer  
352-507-9425  
[slippedgeer@gmail.com](mailto:slippedgeer@gmail.com)

Banner Chair - Doug Moore  
512-605-7773  
[Dougmo52@gmail.com](mailto:Dougmo52@gmail.com)

## Tuesday Clubs (continued)

### LAKE CITY

#### Dixie Dancers

Round Dancing, Mainstream &  
Plus Level Square Dancing  
Square Dance Lessons 7:00 -  
8:15 PM

Club Dance 8:15 - 9:30 PM

Teen Town  
533 Northwest Desoto Street  
Lake City, FL

Caller - Bill Chesnut  
Cuer - Ralph Beekman

President & Banner Chairman  
Barbara Rosenthal  
386-466-2984  
[rar123@comcast.net](mailto:rar123@comcast.net)

### ST. AUGUSTINE

#### Joy Seas

Mainstream & Plus Square  
Dancing

7:30 to 9:15 PM

No dance on the second

Tuesday of the month

Coquina Crossing Clubhouse  
St. Augustine, FL

Take I-95 to exit 311

West on SR 207 1 mile, on left  
You MUST be through the gate  
by 8:00 PM

Caller - Mike Akers  
Contact - John & Mary Burzo  
904-797-7530  
[burzom@bellsouth.net](mailto:burzom@bellsouth.net)

### GAINESVILLE

#### Grand Squares

Basic, Mainstream and Plus  
Square Dancing  
6:30 - 9 PM

Westside Park Recreation Bldg.  
1001 NW 34th Street  
Gainesville, FL

Callers - Lon Ligon & Jim  
Duncan

Contact - Susie Moon Beachy  
352-283-1296  
[susie.mck.beachy@gmail.com](mailto:susie.mck.beachy@gmail.com)

[grandsquares@bellsouth.net](mailto:grandsquares@bellsouth.net)

## Wednesday Club

## Thursday Club

## Sunday Round Dancing

### CHIEFLAND

#### Clover Squares of Levy County

Mainstream & Plus Square  
Dancing  
3:30 - 5:30 PM

First United Methodist Church  
Fellowship Hall  
707 N. Main Street  
Chiefland, FL

Caller - Bill Chesnut

Contact - Gerry Jesk  
352-493-2842

[mignoncraig@yahoo.com](mailto:mignoncraig@yahoo.com)  
[Facebook](#)

### JACKSONVILLE

#### Moose Promenaders

Mainstream & Plus Square  
Dancing and  
Occasional Round Dancing  
Advanced Square Dance  
Lessons 6:15 - 7:00 PM  
Square Dance Lessons 7:00 -  
8:30 PM

Club Dance 8:30 - 9:30 PM

Moose Lodge 2020  
5051 Collins Road  
Jacksonville, FL

Caller - Bill Chesnut

Presidents  
Jim Maroldo 904-215-7922  
[jmaroldo@gmail.com](mailto:jmaroldo@gmail.com)  
& Laura Martin 941-928-8994)  
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Banner Chair - Kathleen Lovorn  
[katrinerober@aol.com](mailto:katrinerober@aol.com)

### JACKSONVILLE

#### First Coast Rounds

Round Dance Lessons  
4:00 - 5:00 PM

Phase 2-5 Round Dancing 5:00 -  
7:00 PM

St. Catherine's Episcopal Church  
4758 Shelby Ave  
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Cuer - Susan Snider  
904-908-5184  
[frausbs@aol.com](mailto:frausbs@aol.com)

## **Notes from the Grapevine Editors**

All of us are mindful regarding the dangers of the Corona Virus, and all dance clubs have ceased operations for the interim period. Hopefully we will be dancing with our friends again soon. We are now publishing a separate weekly, or periodic, newsletter with information about dance schedules and other information relating to the impacts of the virus. Therefore, we are not including much information about the virus in the Grapevine except for cancellations through April. All references to dance activities in April 2020 have been deleted from this issue.

The Grapevine is a free email publication. It is sent at the beginning of each month via email to square and round dancers in the NEFSARDA community and to other interested parties.

We encourage you to send us your club news (past and planned), flyers and pictures. It is best to send us your input at your earliest convenience (multiple monthly submissions are encouraged) so that we can include it in the upcoming issue of the Grapevine. We



prefer that your input be in Word, as an email, or as an attachment to an email - but not in PDF format. We prefer to crop your

pictures for you when we layout the Grapevine, so send them in their natural size. As Editors we reserve the right to make minor changes to format, grammar and spelling, but we try to keep your basic content as you intended. Please keep us informed of email address changes and new members to your club.



We always welcome your suggestions to make this a better and more useful publication. Use [squaredancejax@gmail.com](mailto:squaredancejax@gmail.com) for communication to us, or you

can also call Laura Martin on 941-928-8994 or Jim Maroldo on 904-215-7922.

## **Special Dances in Northeast Florida**

### **2020**

November 20-21

2020 Fall Festival – Catch the Wave of the Future, Palms Presbyterian Church, 3410 3rd Street South, Jacksonville Beach, Fl. – cuers Earle & Carol Collins and caller Steve Holzhausen (see the section on NEFSARDA for more information).

## **Round Dancing and Cuers in the Local Area**

### **Square Dance Clubs that Normally Offer Round Dancing with Each Dance**

The Dixie Dancers in Lake City – Ralph Beekman cues round dancing at Tuesday evening dances.

The Rollaways in Jacksonville - Susan Snider cues round dancing at Tuesday evening dances. She also often offers round dance lessons before the normal nightly dance. There are no lessons being conducted currently, but classes will be offered in the future.

The Square Wheels Camping Club – Ann Hadsall cues round dancing at the Square Wheels campouts.



Ralph Beekman



Ann Hadsall



Susan Snider

### Special Square Dances with Round Dancing

#### 2020

- May 21 Moose Promenader dance at 7:00 pm (square dancing and rounds) with Susan Snider
- June 11 Moose Promenader Tab's for Tom Dance at 7:00 pm (square dancing and rounds) with Susan Snider
- July 23 Moose Promenader Pink Cadillac Dance at 6:30 pm (early rounds and then square dancing and rounds) with Susan Snider
- August 27 Moose Promenader dance at 7:00 pm (square dancing and rounds) with Susan Snider
- September 17 Moose Promenader dance at 7:00 pm (square dancing and rounds) with Susan Snider
- October 15 Moose Promenader dance at 7:00 pm (square dancing and rounds) with Susan Snider
- October 29 Moose Promenader Halloween Dance at 7:00 pm (square dancing and rounds) with Susan Snider
- November 12 Moose Promenader dance at 7:00 pm (square dancing and rounds) with Susan Snider
- December 3 Moose Promenader Kay Walker Toy Drive Dance at 7:00 pm (square dancing and rounds) with Susan Snider
- December 17 Moose Promenader Christmas Dance at 6:30 pm (early rounds and then square dancing and rounds) with Susan Snider

### Camping Club - Square Wheels (Chapter 128)

Caller – Bill Chesnut Cuer – Ann Hadsall

Mary Chesnut  
(352) 475-2550, cell (352) 214-5880  
[marynut4@gmail.com](mailto:marynut4@gmail.com)

Don MacGregor  
904-375-1252  
[dmacgr@comcast.net](mailto:dmacgr@comcast.net)

Gail or Gary LaRue  
352-861-1583  
[glarue2775@gmail.com](mailto:glarue2775@gmail.com)

#### 2020

- May 15 - 16 Recreation Plantation RV Resort, 609 Highway 466 Lady Lake, FL 32159 (352) 753- 7222 Ext 466 (800) 448-5646 Rally rate is \$35.00 plus tax. Must call to make a reservation and pay one night deposit.
- June 29 - July 2 63rd International Camporee – see National Square and Round Dance Conventions in the section that follows.
- August 21-22 Wild Frontier Campground, 3101 NW 16th Ave. Ocala, FL 34475 – phone 352-629-3540 – The campground is on US 441 N just behind American Choice RV. The rate is \$35.00 including tax. Please make your own reservations. All campsites are 50 Amps. Bring a 30 Amp reducer if needed.
- September 18-19 Southern Oaks RV Resort, 14240 SE Hwy 441, Summerfield, FL 34491 - phone

352-347-2550. The rate is \$34.00 (subject to change). Please make your own reservations.

- October 22-24 FANSDC 45th Annual State Camp-O-Ree – Southern Palms RV Resort, One Avocado Lane, Eustis, Fl. 32726. “Halloween Haunting” will be the theme.
- November 20-21 NEFSARDA Fall Festival in Jacksonville Beach - Camping at Hanna Park or the Mayport Naval Base
- December 4-5 Christmas Party at the Lake Oklawaha RV Park - 15991 N. E. 243rd Place Road, Ft. McCoy, Fl. 32134. 352-546-5500. The rate is \$29.70 including tax. Please call the campground to make your reservation, including one night’s deposit.

## **NEFSARDA and the Florida Federation**

The 2020 Fall Festival, Catch the Wave of the Future, will be held on November 20th and November 21st at the Palms Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville Beach, Florida. The caller will be Steve Holzhausen and the cuers will be Earle and Carol Collins. Jane Dando (904-652-6002) and the Rollaways Chapter of Upsilon Sigma Delta are the Chairmen. Early registration is \$15 (\$20 at the door) which can be sent to Jane Dando, 5541 Bristol Bay Lane, Jacksonville, Florida 32244. The host hotel is the Hampton Inn Oceanfront, 1515 1st Street, Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250 904-241-2311. The host campground is Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park - [hannapark@coj.net](mailto:hannapark@coj.net). Dancing on Friday runs from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Saturday has teaching rounds from 10:00 am to noon, square dancing with local callers from 1:00 to 4:00 pm and festival dancing from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Please bring food items to donate to the church’s food pantry.

### Initiative to Attract New Dancers

The NEFSARDA Board has appointed a committee to investigate ways in which we can bring attention to our activity of square and round dancing and to attract new dancers. The board is amenable to allocating monies for this endeavor.

The committee would like to hear ideas from each club in our area. What would help your club? What would you need to support your idea? The committee has discussed ideas such as big banners to display at demonstrations, advertising, trying to get access to the schools, and signage where permits are not required.

Please contact Tom Herscha with your thoughts and ideas by emailing to [tahpeh@comcast.net](mailto:tahpeh@comcast.net) or calling 904-406-0275.

The Florida Federation of Square Dancers is a state-wide organization of square and round dancers that is organized into five regional associations and many clubs. Along with the Florida Callers Association and the Round Dance Council of Florida, they host the annual state square and round dance convention. The Federation maintains a web site with information for the Florida square dance community - [floridasquaredance.com/](http://floridasquaredance.com/). The monthly Grapevine publication is linked on this web site.

### Dreams Come True

The money raised by the square dance community for Dreams Come True certainly is being well spent. The little boy in the picture below is Zion. He has Cerebral Palsy. He and his family are going to Disney World with the help of Dreams Come True. Mark and I (standing on the right) went to Zion’s party. We took Bud and Dianne German with us (seated on the right). Bud and Diane are well known in the square dance community. They have been longtime supporters of Dreams Come True.

Susan Snider



## **Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention**

LIGHTHOUSE #2 - JUPITER INLET AT JUPITER BEACH



The name “Jupiter” is quite old. It predates the arrival of the Europeans. Native Americans called the area *Jobe*, but some English cartographers decided that it looked like *Jove*, the main god of the pagan Roman pantheon and renamed it *Jove* which eventually got translated into Jupiter.

The original lighthouse was to have been built two miles north of Fort Jupiter in the early 1830's to be used as an aid for coastal navigation and to bring supplies to the Fort. However, the project was abandoned because of the Second Seminole War. In 1853 Congress authorized the building of a new lighthouse. The new (and present) site was selected in 1854. Construction was not easy. It had been slowed by shifting sands and a Third Seminole War, and then it became nonoperational for a period of time. Rebel partisans disabled the lens so that the light could not function, and it did not for over a year. As time passed the lens was restored and the Lighthouse was finally relighted in July 1860 on the eve of the Civil War.

During the war a Captain James Armour helped guide the Union soldiers who found and retrieved the missing lens and put the light back into service. He served the next 42 years as the lighthouse keeper. Armour also helped the Union Navy capture Confederate blockade runners heading from Jupiter and the Indian River Inlet to Nassau.

The Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse is 108 feet tall with a focal plane of 146 feet – focal plane is how far the light is visible out in the ocean. The Coast Guard indicates the height from “mean high tide to the focal plane” is 146 feet. Thanks to the lighthouse elevation it may be seen about 20 miles or more at sea by low riding boats. Aircraft and taller boats will see it much sooner. The elevation is thanks to the Native Americans who had created a mound of shells on which the Lighthouse stands.

More interesting facts about the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse can be found in the book “Florida’s Fabulous Lighthouses” where I found the excerpts above. The book can be purchased from Carol Douget, Convention Chairman. Contact her at [cldcpa@yahoo.com](mailto:cldcpa@yahoo.com).

Even though there is the scare of the VIRUS going around, you should still be thinking of getting your ribbon(s) for this convention early, before May 31, 2020, while they are still \$35.00 for the weekend. Let Carol Douget or Linda Reid, registration chairman, ([reid20@bellsouth.net](mailto:reid20@bellsouth.net)) know if you or any of your clubs would like registration forms.

Judy Anderson

## **National Square and Round Dance Conventions**

### **2020**

- June 17-20 [www.69nsdc.org](http://www.69nsdc.org)  
[reg2020@comcast.net](mailto:reg2020@comcast.net) (Note – there are several Trail-In dances associated with this dance as well as an Alaskan Cruise.) **This event has been cancelled.**
- June 29-  
July 2 [63rd NSDCA International Camporee – Roaring into the 20's](#) in Lebanon, Tennessee at the Gladeville Community Center (June 29) and at the Wilson County Exposition Center (July 1 & 2), 945 E. Baddour Parkway – John & Dolly Ide 352-208-2980 or 352-598-7162 [johndide2016@outlook.com](mailto:johndide2016@outlook.com), or Sue House 615-714-7153
- July 20-22 [17th US Handicapable Square Dance Association Convention](#), The Edgewater Hotel at the Aquarium and Conference Center, 402 River Road, Gatlinburg, Tennessee, 800-277-0362 – Rick Yates 386-734-2110 – note the dates are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
- July 29-  
August 1 [21st Canadian National Square and Round Dance Festival](http://www.squaredance.bc.ca/2020), Surrey (Vancouver), British Columbia – 604-584-5506 or 604-534-0969 [www.squaredance.bc.ca/2020](http://www.squaredance.bc.ca/2020)
- September 3-6 [50th Single Square Dancers Dance-A-Rama Festival](#), Cherry Valley Hotel, 2299 Cherry Valley Road SE, Newark, Ohio – Velma Doyle [info@ssdusa.org](mailto:info@ssdusa.org), [www.ssdusa.org](http://www.ssdusa.org)

### **2021**

- June 23-26 [70th National Square Dance Convention](http://www.70nsdc.org), Jackson, Mississippi [www.70nsdc.org](http://www.70nsdc.org)  
[register70@yahoo.com](mailto:register70@yahoo.com) 921-412-8140

### **2022**

- June 22-25 [71st National Square Dance Convention](http://www.71nsdc.org), Evansville, Indiana, [www.71nsdc.org](http://www.71nsdc.org)  
[register70@yahoo.com](mailto:register70@yahoo.com) 765-662-2553

### **2023**

- June 21-24 [72nd National Square Dance Convention](http://www.72nsdc.org), Mobile, Alabama [www.72nsdc.org](http://www.72nsdc.org)  
[register70@yahoo.com](mailto:register70@yahoo.com) 205-908-1058 [registration@72nsdc.com](mailto:registration@72nsdc.com) - register online at [www.72nsdc.com](http://www.72nsdc.com)

## **Dance Club News**

### **Clover Squares of Levy County – Chiefland – Caller Bill Chesnut**

The Clover Squares of Levy County have a new location!!

The First United Methodist Church in Chiefland, Fellowship Hall

707 N. Main St. (right off US19/US 98 with US 27 running nearby)

Chiefland, Florida

We had our Valentine's Sweetheart Dance. The winner of a flower arrangement was none other than our Vicki Todd. In March we were able to squeak in a St. Patty's Day Dance before the virus crises. Art and Gary won free dance tickets from the good leprechaun. A good time was had by all.

We meet on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Bill Chesnut is our Caller. If you're in the neighborhood on a Wednesday, please stop by and join us.

Scoop Jesk

Future Themed Dances, Special Events and Other News

- None identified

Dixie Dancers – Lake City – Caller Bill Chesnut & Cuer Ralph Beekman

Future Themed Dances, Special Events and Schedule Changes

- None identified

First Coast Rounds – Jacksonville – Cuer Susan Snider

The club has suspended dancing for the foreseeable future.

Grand Squares – Gainesville – Caller Lon Ligon & Jim Duncan

Future Themed Dances, Special Events and Schedule Changes

- None identified

Joy Seas – St. Augustine/Elkton – Caller Mike Akers

Mandarin Marauders – Jacksonville – Callers Ken & Shane Perez

Our normal dance location, the Mandarin Senior Center, has been under renovation for some time. It is near completion, so we might be dancing there when we return to dancing. Call Rick Doucette on 904-403-0003 or David Smith on 904-655-1791 for information.

Rick advised that the Mandarin Marauders Square Dance website on “Word Press” has been updated. Use this link for view the web site - <https://mandarinmarauders.wordpress.com/>.





And finally, Jerry Sullivan has been thru some old pics of MM and thought that he would share ... ENJOY!!!



Mandarin Marauders class of 1992/93



Karen at Clay Wheelarounds, fall 1993



Karen, Warren Pare, Hannah Register at annual New Years Eve Dance  
Rock Square Dance Club, 1994



Lawton Smith, Snooky Netting doing a Line Dance 1995 J. H. Sullivan

Pat Chidester

Future Themed Dances, Special Events and Other News

- None identified

Mixed Nuts/BAD Dancers – Gainesville – Caller Bill Chesnut

Earlier in the month of March we were happy to have the return of Lynne Capehart, who was out due to hip surgeries and, of course, the loss of Barney. Please come on by and dance with us on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Grace Presbyterian Church, located at 13th Street and 32nd Avenue in Gainesville, Florida.

Scoop Jesk

Future Themed Dances, Special Events and Schedule Changes

- None identified

Moose Promenaders – Jacksonville – Caller Bill Chesnut

The Moose Promenaders' Second Annual Spring Fling has been cancelled and will be rescheduled.

Future Themed Dances, Special Events and Schedule Changes

- May 21, 2020 - Round Dancing with Square Dancing
- June 11, 2020 – Tabs for Tom Dance (with round dancing)
- June 18, 2020 – Ice Cream Social
- July 23, 2020 – Pink Cadillac Dance (with round dancing)
- July 30, 2020 – Bill Chesnut's Anniversary Dance

- August 20, 2020 – Amateur Caller Dance
- August 27 - Round Dancing with Square Dancing
- September 3, 2020 – Dance Lessons start
- September 17, 2020 – Potluck Dinner (with round dancing)
- October 8, 2020 – Hot Dog Night
- October 15, 2020 - Round Dancing with Square Dancing
- October 29, 2020 – Halloween Dance (with round dancing)
- November 12 - Round Dancing with Square Dancing
- December 3, 2020 – Kay Walker Toy Drive Dance (with round dancing)
- December 17, 2020 – Christmas Dance (with round dancing)

## Rollaways – Jacksonville - Caller Mark Fetzer & Cuer Susan Snider

### Future Themed Dances, Special Events and Schedule Changes

- May 5, 2020 – Cinco de Mayo Dance (on the actual day!)

## Rollaways, Upsilon Sigma Delta (Kids) – Jacksonville - Caller Mark Fetzer

Emily Jones (Pictures by Joan Amarino and Jim Maroldo)

## Salty Bobbers – Steinhatchee, Florida – Caller Charlie Pergrossi

### Future Themed Dances, Special Events and Schedule Changes

- None identified

## Seabreeze Singles – Jacksonville – Caller Jim Cosman

The Seabreeze Singles are proud to introduce our 2019-2020 student new members. We are proud to have graduated our students at our March 10th dance. I will be sharing information and pictures of them over the next few months.

The first is Zoe' Marino who is a neighbor of mine in Arlington. She read about our square dance lessons through "Next Door" on the internet, and I met her the first day she came for lessons. She is a petite blond with a friendly manner, who quickly learned the square dance calls. I have enjoyed getting to know her and riding with her to various activities. Zoe' has one son, Roger, who is a chiropractor and lives on the Isle of Wright in England with his wonderful wife and daughter Mia. Zoe's passion has always been offshore sailboat racing. She said her family grew up racing. Roger (son) and his family still sail in the waters off the Isle of Wright (which is England's sailing mecca) all the time. She is eagerly looking forward to visiting them in England in future. She said her favorite person has 4 legs and is a big Golden Doodle named Scoobie.



Margaret Cahan - Club Reporter

The Seabreeze Singles held their 2020 Graduation on March 10, 2020. We are so proud of them and their accomplishment. Before graduating, each of these students became members of the Seabreeze Singles, and Vickie BeLue stepped right up to become our new Banner Chair. Talk about being active members!

Thank you, Jane Johnson for leading us through a wonderful ceremony. Attending were members of NEFSARDA, 5 of our 7 students and many club members and visitors.

As March ends, we as a square dance community struggle though this time of social distancing. Seabreeze, as with all clubs, continues to follow recommendations during these uncertain times and will be "dark" until it is safe to gather again.

As we look forward to a time, we can all gather safely again, it is good to remember our “Square Dance Families” and the fun and fellowship we have together, in our individual clubs and as a whole organization. Please, don’t forget to reach out to one another, just to check in or to have a “virtual coffee and conversation” with a friend.

We look forward to dancing very soon with all of you. Stay Connected! Stay Strong! Stay Safe!

Laurie and Wayne Ballasso

### Future Themed Dances, Special Events and Schedule Changes

- May 5, 2020 – Cinco de Mayo/Mother’s Day Dance
- May 26, 2020 – Memorial Day Dance (red, white & blue)
- June 2, 2020 – Pie Night
- June 16, 2020 – Father’s Day Dance
- June 30, 2020 – Luau Dance
- July 7, 2020 – Independence Day Dance (red, white & blue)
- July 21, 2020 – Ice Cream Social
- August 25, 2020 – Hot Dog Night
- September 8, 2020 – Labor Day Dance (red, white & blue)
- September 29, 2020 – 43rd Anniversary Dance/Sock Hop
- October 13, 2020 – Breast Cancer Awareness (wear pink)
- October 27, 2020 – Monster Mash Halloween Dance (costumes encouraged)
- November 10, 2020 – Veterans Day Dance (red, white & blue)
- November 24, 2020 – Turkey Trot Dinner & Dance
- December 1, 2020 – Kay Walker Dance (bring an unwrapped toy-no stuffed animals)
- December 15, 2020 – Ugly Sweater Dance
- December 22, 2020 – Christmas Dance
- December 29, 2020 – No Dance

### Square Wheels Camping Club (Club 128) - Caller Bill Chesnut & Cuer Ann Hadsall

#### **News and Happenings**

#### Cruzen for Bob #6 – A Square Dance Cruise to New England and Canada with caller Bill Chesnut

The square dance cruise has not been cancelled as of March 31, 2020.

The cruise will leave New York City on September 6, 2020 and will return to the same location on September 13th. Almost every person who was on last year’s Cruzen for Bob #5 has already registered for this cruise which is a testament to the enjoyment experienced by the dancers/cruisers. The ship will be on the maiden voyage of the newly remodeled Carnival Radiance.

You can reserve a cabin by calling Manny at Carnival Cruise Lines. His direct number is 800-819-3902, extension 85172. Use our group #8CPD27. If calling afterhours, call group reservations at 800-819-3902, extension 70480. The following is an estimate of the costs.

Interior	Per Couple	\$1,565.04	Insurance is \$79.00 Per Person
Ocean View	Per Couple	\$1,775.04	Insurance is \$95.00 Per Person
Balcony	Per Couple	\$2,325.04	Insurance is \$109.00 Per Person

The deposit is 250.00 per person, and the final payment is due on June 23, 2020. Carnival frequently has special offers and discounts later that will be given to us automatically.

The port address in New York City is 711-12th. We will be cruising down the Hudson River past the Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island. Air transportation can be arranged through Carnival. Carnival has a shuttle service to and from the airport and ship. The cost for the shuttle is about \$65 per person.

We are looking forward to another wonderful cruise together. Call if you want have questions.

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### Dance Club Fund Raising Projects

- Save your Plastic Caps (any kind – soda, detergent, etc.) for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Give the plastic caps to Shirley Wright of the Mandarin Marauders and Seabreeze Singles.
- Save your Pull-Tabs from aluminum beverage cans for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Give the pull-tabs to Tom Herscha of the Moose Promenaders and Square Wheels.

### 63rd NSDCA International Camporee – Roaring into the 20's in Lebanon, Tennessee – June 29 to July 2, 2020

One variant in all the closings and reschedulings is the International Square Dance Camporee to be held in Lebanon, Tennessee. We have not cancelled it because we honestly feel that we will be back to some semblance of normalcy by then. Anyone wishing to come is encouraged to register. In the remote case that we will have to cancel, all registrations will be fully refunded. Although this is a camping event, anyone can come. There are ample motels in the area since we are only 30 miles east of Nashville. The registration form is available for downloading at [www.nsdca.org](http://www.nsdca.org). We have not yet established non-member daily walk-in dance fees, but will publish them by the end of April.

By the end of June, everyone will need an opportunity and a place to celebrate and to dance. Please invite your reading audience.

John Ide President, NSDCA

## **Farewells and Concerns**

It is with great sadness that I inform you that Mary Lou Pelz has passed away. Mary Lou was a fixture of the Seabreeze Singles. Her loss will be felt by many. We received the following note from her son.

Pamela Newman

Thank you so much, Pamela! It's comforting to hear so many positives from friends and family. Although this past year has been a struggle, mom and I had plenty of smiles, laughs, and tender moments. She passed peacefully on Friday, March 6th with my wife and me at her side. No more struggling or suffering.

Since she had her fall in January of 2019, I've spent hours deliberating what sort of service to have for mom when she eventually passed. I was never able to visualize what seemed right. After talking with family members that were closest to mom, we've decided to have a mini-reunion during what would have been mom's 85th birthday in late July to celebrate her life, to and forego any sort of immediate public event. I'm not sure if that makes sense to you, but in my heart and head, it seems like what mom would want. She didn't make any arrangements for what to do upon her death.



After we signed up for Hospice several days ago, I felt the need to address it. I asked the uncomfortable question - OK, mom, what do you want to happen when the time comes? What does that look like to you? She was so funny. She basically said "You do whatever you want to do, it doesn't matter to me. I am not going to be around, so you decide." We laughed together. It was so like mom to be so humble and practical and honest and down-to-earth. We'll do a cremation like she decided to do with my brother Vince.

Hopefully there won't be anybody out there that feels resentful that they didn't get to properly pay their respects, but nobody knew mom as well as I knew her, and I really think this is what she would want.

She was a fan of the Jax Humane Society and consistently donated to them, so if anyone wants to pay respects via a donation in her honor, I think that would be a beautiful gesture.

Please feel free to share this as you wish. I know very few of her friends and acquaintances from Jacksonville, so please express my appreciation to anyone and everyone that was part of her beautiful life.

Stan Pelz

Mary Louise Pelz, better known as Mary Lou or Loulou, 84, of Jacksonville, Florida, passed away on March 6, 2020 in Altamonte Springs, Florida, following a year-long battle with late stage COPD. A small family celebration-of-life gathering will take place at a later date. Mary Lou was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on July 28, 1935 to parents George and Clara Stehlin. She grew up in Cincinnati but spent most of her life in Jacksonville where she worked as an administrative assistant for Royal Services for 26 years and raised two loving sons, Stan and Vince. Mary Lou enjoyed square dancing, playing Bunco, dining out with her friends, gardening, and volunteering at Baptist Memorial Hospital. She maintained many wonderful friendships throughout her life and enjoyed her time with friends and neighbors during her retirement years. Mary Lou is survived by her son, Stan Pelz and his wife, Jennifer, Nate Pelz (grandson), Bob Stehlin (brother), Joann Behr (sister), Laura Hiler and Christy Pierce (nieces), Doug Behr, Bob Stehlin, Jr., and Troy Stehlin (nephews), as well as many other special family and friends. Mary Lou is preceded in death by her son, Vince Pelz and parents George and Clara Stehlin.

Mary Lou Pelz started square dancing in 1978. She was a member of several square dance clubs in Jacksonville, Florida - Challengers, Classics Plus, Fun n' Frolic and the Seabreeze Singles. She served these clubs in many capacities over the years:

2004 to 2019 – Seabreeze Singles Treasurer

1999 – Classics Plus Treasurer

1995 – Seabreeze Singles President (w/ Linda Paulley)

1994 – NEFSARDA Club President of the Year - Seabreeze Singles (w/ Ervin Oermann)

1994 – NEFSARDA delegate from Challengers

1993 -1994 – Seabreeze Singles President (2nd half of 1993) (w/ Ervin Oermann)

1991 – Seabreeze Singles Secretary

1989 – Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention Singles Chairman

Obituary and dance information provided by Mary Giera

It is with a heart that aches that I am letting you all know that Vinnie Picora, my wonderful husband of 27 years (St. Patty's day would have made it officially 27 years) passed away yesterday afternoon, March 6th. Vinnie has suffered with itching from head to toe (caused by the liver and kidney disease)



24x7 for over a year. There weren't any medications, lotions, or creams to help alleviate some of the itching. He couldn't even get a good night's sleep, but through it all he never once complained. I want to thank you all again for the support you showed us during his long hospitalization which was exactly one year. With much love, Lorraine Picora

Lorraine Picora, 605 Casa Grande, Edgewater, FL 32141

Vincent James Picora passed away March 6, 2020 in Edgewater Florida. Vincent was born August 18, 1941 in Brooklyn, New York. He graduated from the School of Music & Arts. A 30-year employee with Eastern Airlines, Vinnie was a gifted musician who loved writing his own music and lyrics. His goal was to write theme music for movies. His instrument of choice was the piano/keyboard. Vinnie's hobbies included racquetball, bowling (for which he received many

trophies). An avid reader he would read a book or two a week. He loved history and science. Vinnie also was addicted to crossword puzzles, loved playing cards and board games. Vinnie was an excellent dancer. He and his wife danced ballroom, line dancing, square dancing but his all-time favorite dance was the swing. Vinnie loved traveling. He and his wife traveled in their RV attending all the national square dance conventions. As a result, he saw much of the U.S. Vinnie is pre-deceased by his brother Nicky, sister Julie and his parents, Nicholas and Antoinette. He is survived by his beloved wife Lorraine, his sister Elvira and daughters Erika and Dina.

Sarah Goodwin Wightman, 82, of Summerfield, Florida passed away November 10, 2019 at West Marion Community Hospital, Ocala, Florida. She was the wife of the late Wesley Wightman who preceded her on April 11, 2016. Sarah was born in Wadley, Georgia a daughter of the late Eugene and Mary Goodwin. Prior to her retirement she worked in a Georgia factory. After moving to Summerfield, she worked in the food industry. Sarah is survived by son, Walton Morris of Jacksonville, FL and a daughter, Gwen Wood of Macon, GA. She was the grandmother of Jennifer Wood of Macon, GA, and was great grandmother of Molly Bates of Macon, GA and has several nieces and nephews. Sarah enjoyed square dancing and traveling with her husband in the days that his health allowed. Her greatest joy was spending time with her granddaughter and great granddaughter and being the best "Granny Sarah" anyone could ask for. A Memorial Service will be held at the Lady Lake United Methodist Church. Inurnment will be at the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL. Wes and Sarah were members of Moose Promenaders and River Ramblers.



### **Dance Clubs that are near Northeast Florida**

Anthony, Florida – Celebrity Squares / Prestige 55, Anthony United Methodist Church, 2396 NE 97th Street (8 miles north of Ocala), Activities Building (behind church), September thru May, 7:00 to 9:00 pm, Plus Dance on Thursdays - Caller Rod Barngrover – email [Cyrinfla@gmail.com](mailto:Cyrinfla@gmail.com), website [www.ocalasquaredance.com](http://www.ocalasquaredance.com)

Barberville (Pierson), Florida – Wrangler Country Squares, Pioneer Art Settlement, 1776 Lightfoot Lane, 6:00 to 7:30 pm beginner class, 7:30 to 9:30 pm MS/Plus with Lines and Rounds on Fridays - Caller Rod Barngrover - phone: 386-749-4767, email [rbarngrovercaller@gmail.com](mailto:rbarngrovercaller@gmail.com)

Brunswick, Georgia - Jekyll Island Squares, College Place United Methodist Church, 3890 Altama Avenue, 7:00 to 9:00 pm on Thursdays - Caller Don Heins – phone 912-265-1504 or 912-269-7909

Ocala, Florida - Ocala Twirlers, Ocala West United Methodist Church Stanford Hall, 9330 SW 105th Street (off SR 200), 12:00 to 2:00 pm lesson/workshop, 2:00 to 2:15 early rounds and 2:15 to 4:15 Plus and rounds on Mondays – Caller Whit Brown - Cuers (1st & 3rd Wednesday) Bev Landwehr and (2nd & 4th Wednesday) Lloyd and Ruth McKenrick - [rlius46@aol.com](mailto:rlius46@aol.com) 574-370-9169

Oklawaha, Florida (Square Dancing) – Pilot Squares, Lake Weir Chamber of Commerce, 13125 East Hwy 25, 2:00 to 4:00 pm Advance Dance, 4:00 to 5:00 C-1 Dance on Wednesdays - Caller Ron Libby - phone: 352-409-1369, email [ronlibby@aol.com](mailto:ronlibby@aol.com)

Oklawaha, Florida (Round Dancing) - L & R Studio, 13151 SE 120th Street, 2:00 to 4:00 pm on Sundays, Phase III, IV & V Dance, Cuers - Lloyd & Ruth McKenrick, phone 352-288-4973, email [dancewithlloydandruth@centurylink.net](mailto:dancewithlloydandruth@centurylink.net) -Private lessons by appointment.

Ormond Beach, Florida – Grenada Squares, Denim & Lace, Ormond Beach Senior Center, 351 Andrews Street, 7:00 to 9:00 pm on Tuesdays, Caller – Rod Barngrover - Workshops from 6:00 to 7:00, Dance tips alternate with line dancing and rounds, contact is Pamela Kelley 386-671-6223, Website [www.granadasquaresdenimandlace.com](http://www.granadasquaresdenimandlace.com), email [denimandlace-danceclub@yahoo.com](mailto:denimandlace-danceclub@yahoo.com)

The Villages, Florida – Orange Blossom Square Dance Club, La Hacienda Recreation Center, 1200 Avenida Central – 7:00 to 9:30 pm Plus Dance with rounds on Sundays – different callers each night, cuers Loretta Hanhurst, Lloyd & Ruth McKenrick – contact Mike & Wanda David 219-508-5846 or Gene & Sue Brown 317-403-9302 – square dance clothes November to April and casual May to October – website [www.orangeblossomsquares.org](http://www.orangeblossomsquares.org)

## **Special Dances Outside of Northeast Florida**

### **2020**

- May 14-16 32nd Virginia State Convention – “Half Sashay the Hawaiian Way,” Founders Inn & Spa, 5641 Indian River Road, Virginia Beach, Va. - Janet Kelley 703-437-4776 [janet.f.kelley@verizon.net](mailto:janet.f.kelley@verizon.net)
- June 5-6 Sand Spurs Annual Billy Bowlegs Pirate Dance, PASARDA Hall, 17 Industrial St. NW, Fort Walton Beach, Fl. – caller Larry Becher and cuer Miriam Merriwether – Miriam Merriwether 850-974-0091 [singermimi@gmail.com](mailto:singermimi@gmail.com)
- July 10-11 2020 NWFSRDA 46th Annual Roundup, Tallahassee Senior Center, 1400 N. Monroe – callers Darryl Lipscomb & Elmer Sheffield and cuer Sandy Sturgis – Libby Penrod 850-566-2117 or Laura Davis 850-354-2218
- July 18-20 56th Star Spangled Banner Festival “Lands on the Moon”, Delta Baltimore Hunt Valley, 245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, Md. featuring several callers and cuers – [www.marylandsquaredancing.com](http://www.marylandsquaredancing.com) - Carol Eyre 410-751-6382 [vjcalum45@gmail.com](mailto:vjcalum45@gmail.com)
- August 6-8 46th Tennessee State Square and Round Dance Convention, W.L. Mills Conference Center, 234 Historic Nature Trail, Gatlinburg, Tennessee – R. G. Pratt 865-964-2091 [rgpratt@peoplepc.com](mailto:rgpratt@peoplepc.com) [www.tnsquaredance.org](http://www.tnsquaredance.org)
- August 28-29 42nd Alabama Square & Round Dance Convention, Oxford Civic Center, Oxford, Al. – lots of great callers and cuers – [www.alabamasquaredance.com](http://www.alabamasquaredance.com) – Carol Varner [civ883@gmail.com](mailto:civ883@gmail.com)
- October 16-17 Seaside Squares Spook-Tacular, Ragon Hall, 2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, Fl. – caller Joe Saltel and cuers Terri & Tim Wilaby – Terri Wilaby 850-293-7720 [terriwilaby@hotmail.com](mailto:terriwilaby@hotmail.com)
- November 13-14 46th Annual Fall Fun Fest (West Coast Square & Round Dancers’ Association), Carver Recreation Center, 520 Idlewood Avenue S., Bartow, Fl. – callers Ted Kennedy & Jack Lewis and cuer Earl Collins – Don & Ann Slocum [adsloc8@gmail.com](mailto:adsloc8@gmail.com)

### **2021**

- January 16 January Shine, Ragon Hall, 2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, Fl. – callers Nancy & Ted Kennedy and cuers Terri & Tim Wilaby - Terri Wilaby 850-712-5230 [terriwilaby@hotmail.com](mailto:terriwilaby@hotmail.com)
- March 18-20 WASCA’s 62nd Spring Square and Round Dance Festival - 2020 “Get Your Kicks on Route 66”, Hilton Mark Center Hotel, Alexandria, Virginia featuring several callers and cuers – Tom & Nancy Stafford 703-573-8378 [www.wascaclubs.com](http://www.wascaclubs.com)

## Square Dance Club Callers in the Local Area



Mike Akers



Rod Barngrover



Bill Chesnut



Jim Cosman



Jim Duncan



Mark Fetzer



Don Heins



Lon Ligon



Ken Perez



Shane Perez



Charlie Pergrossi



Bill Cassidy, Ellis Lindsey, Mary Ellen Ludeking, Ken Miller, Robert Padgett, John Robbins & Ernie Rollen

## Helpful Web Sites

### Instructional Aides

- [www.tamtwirlers.org/taminations](http://www.tamtwirlers.org/taminations) - instructional aides that illustrate square dance calls from Basic through Challenge square dancing
- <http://videosquaredancelessons.com/lessons/> - instructional videos that illustrate Mainstream and Plus square dancing
- <https://legakis.net/justin/Squares/anim23.html> - Instructions on Hex Square Dancing hover

your mouse over the figures

- <https://legakis.net/justin/Squares/anim23.html>. Hover your mouse over the figures to see them dance as Hexagon (Hex) Squares

#### General Web Sites

- Florida DANCERgram by Penny Green - [www.dancergram.com](http://www.dancergram.com)
- Florida Federation of Square Dancers – [floridasquaredance.com](http://floridasquaredance.com)
- Florida Callers Association – [www.flcallersassoc.org](http://www.flcallersassoc.org)
- National Square Dance Campers Association (John Ide) – [johnide2016@outlook.com](mailto:johnide2016@outlook.com) – [www.nsdca.org](http://www.nsdca.org)
- Single Square Dancers USA - <http://ssdusa.org>

### **Places to Buy or Sell Dance Clothes and Shoes**

#### Vendors Web Sites

- Brantley's Western and Casual Wear – [www.brantleyswesternsupply.com](http://www.brantleyswesternsupply.com) – square and round dance apparel - 800-828-8091
- JL Custom Vinyl Store - <http://www.jlvinyl.com> (vinyl decals including dancing)
- Petticoat Junction, a wide assortment of square dance clothes and shoes - <https://petticoatjct.com>
- Resashay – Women's Dance Petticoats and Square Dance Apparel - <http://www.resashay.com/>
- Sheplers - [www.sheplers.com](http://www.sheplers.com) (western stores and catalog)
- Suzie Q Creations - [www.suzieqcreations.com](http://www.suzieqcreations.com) - [suzieqcreations1@gmail.com](mailto:suzieqcreations1@gmail.com) - Custom Engraving featuring badges, fun bars, dangles and much more - 407-894-2227
- The Traveling Hoedowners - [www.travelinghoedowners.com](http://www.travelinghoedowners.com) (Square Dance DVDs – Both Instructional and Dance)
- Tic TAC Toes - [www.tictactoes.com](http://www.tictactoes.com) (shoe vendor)

#### Stores and other local sellers

- The Boot Barn, 249 Blanding Boulevard, Orange Park, Florida (904-264-3838) sells a large assortment of western wear and boots. [www.bootbarn.com](http://www.bootbarn.com)
- The Celebrity Squares of Anthony, Florida operates a Square Dance Thrift Shop at their Thursday club dances from September to May – 6:30 to 9:00 pm - Walter Cyr, PO Box 361, Anthony, Florida 32617 - 352-817-6961
- Margaret Cahan (a member of the Seabreeze Singles since 2006) sells gently used square dance clothes. Please contact her if you want to buy square dance clothes, or you want her to sell your gently used square dance clothes for you. Small fees are charged if the clothes need repairing or washing. After all fees and taxes, she pays the owner 50% of profit. - Margaret Cahan 904-777-1579 [mcahan904@aol.com](mailto:mcahan904@aol.com)