

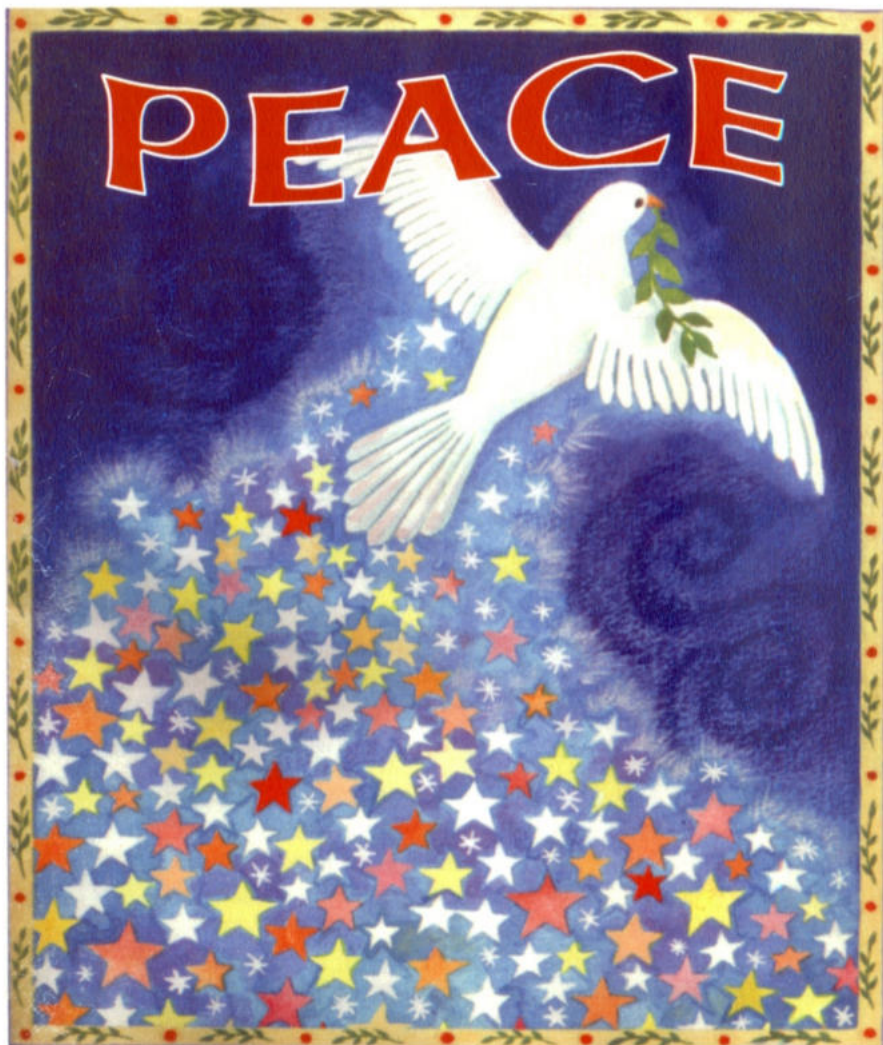


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The Beginner Hoedown, held on Saturday, December 4th was a joyous event with so many of our newest dancers in attendance. From the smiles all around, everyone had a fantastic time! Caller Ernie Rollen was awarded with his silver badge from the Florida Callers Association. Congratulations on reaching this milestone of 25 years of calling in the FCA.

# President's Message

with Sam & Mary Starling



Well here we are at the start of a New Year 2011. 2010 was a good year and we had lots of great dances to attend. There were lots of special dances in October; all the Halloween dances and lots of food. In November lots of Thanksgiving dances and lots of food. We can't forget the great Fall Harvest Festival, Ouida Taylor & Thomas Tramel did a great job as chairmen. It was held on November 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> with guest caller Bill Harrison and guest cuer Lisa Wall. Our emcee this year was Bill & Mary Chesnut. We had most of the Florida Federation Board visiting. There was also editor of *The Grapevine*, Sarah Beth Pergrossi and editor of the state publication *Bow & Swing* Bill Boyd. There was lots of great food brought in by all the clubs & Board members. Jerry & Donna Robey received the Square Dance Couple of the Year award.

There will be lots of good dances coming up in January. Just to mention a few The Rollaways will be having

their Chili Cook-Off. The annual Circus Dance to benefit Dreams Come True, on January 29, Clowns will be in attendance clowning around and also doing lots of visit to area clubs in December & January. The 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday dance on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Square Wheels will have the Trails End Dance in Lake City. On February 19 the Dixie Dancers will have their annual Blue & Gray dance in Lake City. This dance is always a lot of fun.

In March the Rollaways have the Irish O'Lust Dance. The Shamrock Swing at The Village hosted by Central Association. Save the dates and check in *The Grapevine* for other upcoming dances. Keep Dancing it will keep you young and active. Hope everyone had a great Holiday Season. See you in a Square.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary & Sam Starling  
President of NEFSARDA

Have you registered for the  
FL State Sq & Round Dance Convention  
in Lakeland, FL? Don't miss out!



## From the Editors' Desk...



Dear Readers,

Happy New Year! This is the time of year we can easily start anew. A fresh start on all those self-improvement projects we think about all year. Whether you plan to lose weight, stop smoking, or start up a new activity, consider how you can improve your support of our favorite hobby— Square Dancing!

This is a great time to resolve to volunteer to serve in a leadership role of your club, offer to chair a committee, agree to lead a banner raid, at-

tend a Delegates' Meeting; everyone is welcomed. All dancers are encouraged to find out what's going on in the Northeast Association and your talents are needed. Bring a snack to your next dance. Write a letter to the Editor of *The Grapevine*—share your views and thoughts with the community! Share your photos with *The Grapevine*! Try something new. Just as we read in Dr. Seuss' Green Eggs and Ham, try it you may like it!

*SarahBeth & Charlie, editors*

**"The hardest arithmetic to master is  
that which enables us to count our blessings."**

-Eric Hoffer

According to legend, a young man while roaming the desert came across a spring of delicious crystal-clear water. The water was so sweet he filled his leather canteen so he could bring some back to a tribal elder who had been his teacher. After a four-day journey he presented the water to the old man who took a deep drink, smiled warmly and thanked his student lavishly for the sweet water. The young man returned to his village with a happy heart.

Later, the teacher let another student taste the water. He spat it out, saying it was awful. It apparently had become stale because of the old leather container. The student challenged his teacher: "Master, the water was foul. Why did you pretend to like it?"

The teacher replied, "You only tasted the water. I tasted the gift. The water was simply the container for an act of living-kindness and nothing could be sweeter."

Self-motivation without gratitude is impossible. Our energy is "sapped" when our entire focus is on what's wrong instead of what is right with our lives. One of our greatest challenges is to live and love in spite of pain and disappointment...to find gratitude in the midst of it all.

Reflect for a moment on this beautiful quote from Melody Beattie:  
"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."

# Characters Abound at the Turkey in the Straw Dance



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## LETTERS, ..... WE GET LETTERS.....

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

We would like to say a few words about how much we enjoyed this year's Fall Harvest Festival! Our deepest appreciation goes to Thomas Tramel and Ouida Taylor and their committees for all the hard work put into this Festival for the dancers' enjoyment! We were extremely happy to see the most deserving Awards presented this year: to Tom Tramel and Ouida Taylor the "Circle of Service", along with a clock for Chairing this Festival; to SarahBeth Pergrossi a plaque for all her hard work and dedication to Square Dancing; and a

plaque to the 2010 "Dance Couple of the Year" Jerry and Donna Robey. We thought Bill Harrison and Lisa Wall did an outstanding job calling and cueing. We applaud the northeast callers for making Saturday afternoon a very "Festive" day. And Kudos to Billy Luper and Maxine Thomas for the wonderful Line Dancing! As usual, Bill Chesnut did a terrific job emceeing. It takes a lot of people to make a Festival a success...and this year was a HUGE SUCCESS!

Thank you,  
Jack and Kathy McKinney



Grand Squares of Gainesville, hosted special guests Oliver & Andrea Kuester of Duseldorf, Germany on October 19, 2010. This delightful couple have traveled the US over the past two years visiting each state in order to fulfill the USDA Travelers Program. Florida was their 50th state. Their gold USDA dangle will be presented at the 60th National Square & Round Dance Convention in Detroit, MI in June 2011.

Oli and Andrea became friends with Jerry & Donna Robey as they shared their common goal in the USDA Travelers Program. The Robeys were thrilled to host the Kuesters during their recent visit.

# NEFSARDA Delegates Meeting

October 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

**By-Laws:** Copies of By-Law changes were distributed

**Classes/ Visitation:** Joe Hardcastle reminded all of Nov. 30 deadline for submissions of Visitation Forms. Report of new students in each club.

**Publicity:** NO report

**Computer Liaison:** Remember to share new officer info and Special Events for inclusion on website.

**Dance Couple of the Year:** Committee will vote on nominees and award will be presented at Fall Festival.

**Fall Festival 2010:** Delegates were asked to talk up the event at clubs; tickets sales are low at this point. Final ads are due to Jack McKinney.

**Grapevine:** Although low, subscription numbers remain stable. Creekside Promenaders & Clay Allemanders will include annual subscriptions in their member dues. Open Letter from Board included to encourage subscriptions.

**5th Saturday Dance:** Next dance will be held on January 29, 2011 at Jax Heights Elementary School.

**Insurance:** Deadline for submission of funds is December 31, 2010.

**Historian:** No report

**State Convention 2010:** Anita Taylor reported a profit of \$14,901.96, which is split with State Callers & Cuers Associations, and the FL Federation, and each regional association.

**State Convention 2011:** Val Newsome reported final details for the Turkey in the Straw Dance, October 30, 2010.

**Florida Federation:** Upcoming events include NW Fall Roundup, West Coast Fall Fun Fest, NE Fall Festival, and FL Winter Festival. All of these events support our dance community in Florida. New officers will be installed at the upcoming meeting on November 14th in Bartow.

**Gateway Callers/Rural Callers:** A Caller Training Clinic was held in August and new officers will be selected at October 30th meeting.

**Old Business:** Slate of officers for 2011 NEFSARDA Board were presented and voted upon.

**New Business:** Nomination for Parliamentarian to FL Federation was voted upon by the Executive Committee of NEFSARDA. Jerry & Donna Robey were selected. It was discussed that action should be taken to clarify how election of Parliamentarian to the FL Federation is conducted.

## Club Announcements followed

**Next meeting:** Sunday, January 9, 2011. All dancers, callers, cuers and club delegates are encouraged to attend. Support **your** dancer association!

**Remember that the next deadline is:  
March 1st**

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# Round Dance Tips

by Harold & Meredith Sears

Reprinted from *Calls 'n' Cues*, Vol. LV, No. 3, November 2010

Publication of Washington Area Square Dancers Cooperative Assn.

Dancing is more than locomotion and tracing out patterns as we go, an open vine here and an open telemark there. As we travel, we pause, we pose, we create little works of art. A dance figure that contains one of these poses is often called a *picture figure*, to emphasize its purpose, but almost all dance figures can contain some little display - some kind of picture.

The Promenade Sway is a good example of a picture figure. "Promenade" means semi-closed position and "Sway" means inclination of the body - in this case to the left. So a Promenade Sway is left sway in semi-closed position. We step side and forward on our lead feet blending to semi-closed position. We stretch up and look up and over our extended lead wrists. During a second beat, we relax the lead knee just a bit and so emphasize the sway. We keep the unweighted legs straight and strong. In dancing a picture, we stop our progression - we pause. We're not dancing so much with our feet. We're dancing with all the rest of our body.

Second consider a Drag Hesitation to a Back, Back, Lock, Back. These aren't usually thought of as picture figures because we are certainly progressing, but there are opportunities for pictures in almost any sequence. The Drag Hesitation begins in closed position facing diagonal line and center. The man steps forward on his left foot turning left-face. He steps side right continuing to turn and then draws left to right, ending in contra-banjo position facing reverse line of dance. The woman dances the natural opposite: back right, turning left-face, side left, and draw right to left. In the second measure, we dance Back, Back/Lock, Back (woman fwd, fwd/lk, fwd), ending in contra-banjo position still facing reverse. We could dance this figure in a waltz as a simple forward, side, draw; back, back/lock, back (123; 12&3); but the Drag especially gives us an opportunity to create a little picture. As we turn and take the second step, we can use left sway and a strong left leg to create a good looking and good feeling body line. The woman will have right sway and a strong right leg. Her head will be open (turned to her right), although our bodies will remain in closed position. We have only one beat of music, but the line is a graceful curve. Furthermore, we are using body sway at the same time that we are turning left. The left sway complements the left turn. Then lose your sway as you step back to the lock, sway a bit right with right side back during the lock, and you have a second little picture with quite a rolling, breaking-wave feeling in between.

In general, we create pictures by thinking about more than our feet and the steps they are taking. We form dance pictures by being aware of our entire body - legs, torso, head, arms, left and right sides, even hands and fingers. We use a toned frame to stay together as partners. We use sway to create a graceful body line, a strong free leg and even pointing the toes to extend that line, arms up and a balanced head, and an extended free arm to continue the line upward. We use side lead and contra-body motion to facilitate and complement body turn. In short, we go beyond simply standing up straight and walking. We shape our bodies in ways that look and feel good.

more figures at [www.rounddancing.net/dancefigures](http://www.rounddancing.net/dancefigures)

# Silver Fox Squares Circus Dance

January 28, 2011  
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**8. It is only a short, easy drive from your house to Detroit.**

As the birth-place of the car and the highway, metro Detroit is easily accessible from all major state and U.S. highways. I-94, I-96, US 10 and I-75 will bring you straight into downtown Detroit.

**7. Learning keeps you young.**

It is a proven fact that learning keeps you young. At the National Convention, you will have the opportunity to

attend educational seminars, dance

workshops and sewing clinics. You can involve yourself in so many educational opportunities you might even be able to reverse the aging process!!! It is better than the Fountain of Youth.

**6. Dancing strengthens the bones.**

It is a medically proven fact that weight bearing exercise strengthens bones. Stop the loss of bone density, and possibly reverse it, by dancing at the National Convention in Detroit June 23-25, 2011.

**5. All your friends will be there.**

Don't be the only one left sitting a home in June of 2011. Come join your closest 4,000 friends for some great dancing.

**4. The facilities are fantastic.**

We have great dance halls, all located under one roof. The dance halls will have either wonderful wood floors, tile floors or specially installed plastic flooring like you have already danced on before at some other fine dances. The Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center is an excellent hotel and the Detroit People Mover will get you to and from everything in less than 15 minutes.

**3. There will be dancing of all types and all levels.**

We currently have plans for square dancing at the mainstream, plus, DBD, advanced, and challenge levels. We plan to have round dancing for phase II through VI. There will be Con-

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tra, there will be line dancing, there will be clogging, and there will be an excellent youth hall. If there is not a hall for you, let us know and we will see about starting one. Come one, come all.

## **2. You will be able to dance to the best callers in the Nation.**

We already have excellent callers from all over the U.S. and Canada signed up to call and cue in our halls. You can enjoy dancing to your favorite caller or cuer or ones you have not danced with before. Come join us and enjoy dancing with dance leaders who are simply "OUTSTANDING IN THEIR FIELDS."

And the number one reason to attend the 60th National Square Dance Convention in 2011...

## **1. We are planning to have an abundance of fun!!!!**

We are planning a party for the entire

weekend. There will be lots of dancing, shopping, eating, learning some new ideas and oh, did we mention some fantastic dancing opportunities for everyone. Don't miss the fun of attending a National Convention in your own backyard. We want everyone to enjoy the festivities we have planned. You will not forget it and the smiles will not leave your face anytime soon. We Promise!!!!

### **REMEMBER:**

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### **General Chairman**

Louis and Nancy Friedlander  
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## **Florida State Fair Square Dance**

Wednesday, February 16, 2011  
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Activity Coordinator Merle Lewis  
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Cuer - Pat Hagen

Level of dancing ...alternating Mainstream and Plus tips  
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## ***Congratulations!***

Charlie & SarahBeth Pergrossi proudly announce the birth of granddaughter, Josephine Jane Pergrossi on October 18, 2010 to David & Chelsea Pergrossi of Grover Beach, CA.



## **My Sincere Thanks**

*My mother, Shirley M. Boatman, passed away May 30th of 2010. She so enjoyed going to the Rollaways Sq Dance evenings with me; and, got to know many of my Sq Dance friends. She was well known for her smiles and hugs! I rec'd so many cards from so many Sq Dance friends... I just want to say "Thank You..." ...because, you all helped me with my deep sorrow when I lost my Best Friend... my Mom. Again, Thank You so much... Love and Blessings, sherrybz*

# CALLER'S COLUMN



By Mark Fetzer

## What is your recruitment plan?

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to a new year of square dancing. The Gateway Callers just had their Freshman Hoedown and it is always fun to watch the new dancers having fun.

Well it is time to put together your recruitment program for next year. Yes, I am a procrastinator as well, but to be successful, we need to get started now. No, you don't need to put flyers out yet, but you do need to make your plan!

Susan and I went to my first National Square Dance this past summer. Along with much dancing and vendors and food they also had seminars on various aspects of square dancing. I went to one on recruiting and was disappointed to see empty seats.

The seminar was put on by the Timberline Toppers, a club in Colorado. In 2006 they struggled to get a square up to dance. Faced with the choice of recruit or fold, they went out and recruited 43 new students (38 joined their club) tripling the size of the club. In 2007 they recruited 61 new dancers (58 joined) doubling their numbers. In 2008 instead of a new class, they did workshops and refreshers to retain their new members. In 2009 they quit recruiting six weeks before lessons because they felt they had too many prospects. They ended with 42 students (35 new members).

The Timberline Toppers plan is based on personal contact, interaction and follow-up. At the convention Jim and Marcia Landon presented their 5 page outline and a 7 page prospecting list. They are in a town with less than 3000 full time residents and are more than an hour from Denver. I would be glad to send this to any club that is serious about growing. Jim and Marcia Landon, who made the presentation, would be glad to have you contact them as well. I still feel square dancing is worth sharing and that people are interested in participating.



### NEFSARDA Needs YOU!

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.

## News from the Federation with Charlie & Val Newsome



The Florida Federation held their Annual Meeting in Bartow, Florida on November 14th, electing and installing the Federation Officers for the coming year. Officers are: President, Charlie & Val Newsome (NE); Vice President, Bob & Maria Spence (WC); Secretary, Jack & Barbara Hoffman (C); Treasurer, Paul & Cheryl Miller (NW); and Parliamentarian, Bud & Anita Taylor (NE).

Appointments made were: Don & Ann Slocum, Facilities Chairman, and Lance & Rita Baxter, Facilities Vice Chairman; Ray & Elsa Huddleston, Document Review; and our USDA Representatives are Ray & Elsa Huddleston and Jerry & Donna Robey.

The next meeting of the Florida Federation will be the working weekend which will be held in Plant City, February 26th and 27th, 2011. Make your reservations at the Red Rose Inn (813-752-3141) now.....remember they need to be made no later than January 25th and we need for everyone to stay at this host hotel to help defray the cost of the meeting room. We will begin our meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, with break out meetings that afternoon, and continue the following day (Sunday), at 9:00 a.m. The dance on Saturday night, February 26th, will be a benefit dance for the 2012 State Convention, and will be held at Strawberry Square. We'd like to see a lot of dancers out supporting this event.

Let's remember to support and attend the Florida Winter Festival held in Lakeland, Florida on January 20th-22nd, 2011. This dance is hosted by the Grand Square group who graciously return 10% of the profits to our Federation for promoting and attending this dance. This profit is returned to the Associations to be used for the promotion of square dancing and the Northeast received about \$104.00 from last year's festival. All Federation Board members have ribbons and we will be happy to get you registered. It goes without saying that we should be registered for the May 2011 Florida State Convention in Lakeland. If you need ribbons, let us know. We also have raffle tickets for the \$500.00 Visa Card to be given away at the Convention.

The next two articles for *The Grapevine* will be written by the new Parliamentarian, Bud & Anita Taylor.

Hope to dance with you somewhere soon.

Charlie & Val Newsome  
Florida Federation Presidents

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for the

57<sup>th</sup> Florida State Convention

Trails End Dance

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Strawberry Square

4401 Promenade Blvd  
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Cuers: Terri Wilaby &  
Sandy Sturgis

Cost: Donation

Early Rounds: 7:30 – 8:00

Squares: 8:00 – 10:00 pm



Special "Thanks" to Strawberry  
Square for donating their building!

For More Information Contact: Ailene Picheco (321) 652-0680 or email: [apicheco@juno.com](mailto:apicheco@juno.com)

*Miss it - and you Walk the Plank!!*



# What's Cooking?

In the Kitchen with Virginia Patton

## Barbecue Capital of the World

As we traveled through Lexington, NC this past summer, I learned that anyway you look at it, North Carolina is as proud of its tomatoes as its barbecue. One of the nice things about traveling in an RV is that you can try cooking the "jewels" of the city, when you are not eating them at a local restaurant. No one wants to do all the cooking when they are traveling, but eating all your meals out can get a little pricey and, to me, boring.

In this issue are two fun recipes straight from a cooperative effort between the North Carolina Agriculture Dept and the North Carolina Tomato Growers Assn.

### Elsie's Tomato Seven Seasonings [I know, there are only 6]

- Tomatoes (plan for 1/2 per person)
- Salt
- Pepper
- Granulated garlic
- Basil
- Onion
- Grated Parmesan

Slice tomato in half through "equator" (assuming the stem is the "North Pole"). Lay on a baking pan. Generously sprinkle the seasonings on each half, in the order given.



Bake at 350° until the cheese is browned. You may wish to finish under a broiler. The tomatoes will take around 10 minutes.

## Cheese-Bacon Stuffed Tomatoes

- |                                    |                            |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 4 medium-sized NC tomatoes         | 12 slices of bacon, cooked |
| 1/2 cup chopped green bell peppers | 1/2 cup chopped onion      |
| 6 oz shredded cheddar cheese       | 2 Tbsp chopped lettuce     |
| 2 Tbsp crushed cheese crackers     | 4 tsp butter               |

Preheat oven to 400°. Cut thin slice from top of each tomato; scoop out pulp and set aside. Drain tomatoes upside down on a towel. Meanwhile, in a skillet, cook bacon until almost done; drain off fat. Add green pepper and onion, sauté until soft. Remove skillet from heat. Blend in cheese, lettuce and tomato pulp. Fill each shell with 1/4 of mixture. Sprinkle with cracker crumbs, and dot with 1 tsp butter each. Place in buttered dish, and bake in a hot oven for 25-30 minutes.



# THANK YOU

*A Very Special "Thank You" to the Northeast callers, cuers, line dance instructors, committee members and dancers for your contributions to the Fall Harvest Festival. Without your help there would have been no "Harvest." The dance would not have been a success. Thanks again.*



*Ouida Taylor and Thomas Tramel  
Fall Festival Chairman*

Are you bored? Does no one laugh at your jokes? Do friends think you're grumpy?  
Are the springs in the couch leaving an imprint on your butt?

## YOU NEED FUN COUNSELING

### Mandarin Marauders

A two hour Thursday Night session cost only \$5.00  
(7:30 to 9:30)

Last year we converted three grouches into social butterflies.

We taught a man with two left legs how to dance.

We gave courage to a cowardly lion.

We gave a heart to a tin man.

We helped Dorothy get back to Kansas, and we housebroke Toto.



# USDA YOUTH DANCERS

## *USDA Founders Memorial Youth Scholarship*

To qualify for the \$1,000.00 Scholarship:

- ◆ Must be a high school senior or college freshman
- ◆ Have a record of volunteer service with square dancing
- ◆ Have outstanding leadership potential and communication skills
- ◆ Be an active square dancer
- ◆ Be committed to promotion and perpetuation of square dancing
- ◆ Completed application and essay on or before February 1st
- ◆ Sponsored by a USDA Affiliate Organization
- ◆ Application signed by USDA Affiliate Organization President

Please share this valuable information with the Youth Dancers at your club and in your area. Application may be printed from [www.usda.org](http://www.usda.org)

Happy Dancing,  
Paul & Cheryl Miller  
Florida USDA Representatives



*A special heartfelt thank you goes out to Jack McKinney, Stephen Bigelow and Marilyn Scott for sharing photographs with The Grapevine. With their support we are able to include photos from across the region of so many dance events of this quarter. Everyone is encouraged to snap photos of your dances and send them along to the editors for inclusion in upcoming issues.*

*The Editors*



NEFSARDA

5TH SATURDAY DANCE

"SNOWFLAKE FUN & FROLIC"

JANUARY 29, 2010

CALLERS

KEN MILLER & ERNIE ROLLEN

CUER

LISA WALL

HOSTED BY

MOOSE PROMENADERS

SEABREEZE SINGLES

Jax Hts Elementary School

7750 Tempest Dr

Jacksonville, FL 32244

7:00pm - 7:30pm - Early Rounds

7:30pm - 9:30pm - Dance





## 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:

**Jim Maroldo**, president of Moose Promenaders, is home recovering from Quadruple By-Pass surgery.

**Dianne German**, of Silver Fox, suffered a stroke with paralysis on her left side.

**Bruce Morgan**, webmaster of the FL Federation website, is recovering well from his recent back surgery.

**Val Newsome**, of Teddy Bears, continues to recover from recent medical problems. She is learning to strike a happy balance of her activities.

**Virginia Patton**, of Rollaways & Square Wheels, is doing well after her knee surgery and awaiting her eye surgery.

**Christine Wilder**, of Yellow Rockers, is recovering from recent back injury. She has a compound fracture of the spine and is undergoing a series of thoracic epidural steroid injections to relieve the pain and discomfort.

**Jerry & Donna Robey**, of Grand Squares, are making good progress in their recovery after their auto accident.

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](http://www.cleaningforareason.org).



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

**Sgt Chris Pergrossi**, son of Charlie & SarahBeth Pergrossi, posted in Kabul, Afghanistan.

**Tyler McEachern**, grandson of Miles & Lucy McEachern, of Rollaways, is being deployed to Afghanistan.

**Ted Shinkle**, son of Glenn & Sharon Shinkle, is currently posted in Iraq.

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.

**George Galik**, of Southeast Dancers Association, passed away on Sunday, October 17, 2010. He and wife, Sally, have been serving as presidents of the Southeast Association.

# Subscription Dance!

## For

# Bow & Swing



May 7, 2011  
7:00-10:00pm

Whirl & Twirl  
Square Dance Hall

### Callers:

Bill Boyd  
Brad Tomlinson  
John Saunders  
Roland Morin  
Don Whitaker  
and More!

### Cuers:

To Be Announced



*The fee for the dance will be \$10/couple  
and  
Includes a years subscription to Bow & Swing*



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# Stepping Out with Maxine & Billy

## Line Dancing Highlights



Hi Everyone

Well, Thanksgiving and Christmas are behind us and a new year is here. We have had some really great dances this past year and I'm looking forward to many more in 2011. I hope that you were at the Fall Harvest Dance in November and joined us at the line dance workshop. It was truly nice to have so many come to learn some new dances.

Line dancing seems to be losing some of its appeal. I have been attending workshops with very low numbers of attendees. The joy of line dancing is that you do not need a partner. All you have to do is get out on the floor and learn the steps. Some dances are quite fast while others are slower paced, but the fun can be found in learning them all.

~Maxine Thomas



### WANTED

Square dance related articles or events that would be of interest to other Squarer Dancers for publication in *The Grapevine*, as space permits. These articles can be humorous or informative. Anyone have such an article and willing to share with others, please send by email to: [thegrapevine@pergrossi.com](mailto:thegrapevine@pergrossi.com) or mail to: The Grapevine, 9660 SW 62nd Court, Trenton, FL 32693. If you do not want your name published with the article, please advise.



*Congratulations to Kathy & Jack McKinney as their family continues to grow. Kathy welcomes her newest great-granddaughter, Sadie Jade Stratton. Sadie made her appearance on Wednesday, December 08, 2010. Congratulations to mom & dad, big sister Laney and great grandparents.*

# 2012 Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention Benefit

February 26, 2011



Strawberry Square  
4401 Promenade Blvd  
Plant City, Florida 33563



Dance to be held in conjunction with the Florida Federation of  
Square Dancers "Working Weekend" February 26 & 27, 2011.



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JACK LEWIS  
SOUTHEAST CALLER

LISA WALL  
NORTHEAST CUER  
2012 CUER CHAIRMAN

Cost: \$5.00 at Door

Early Rounds: 7:30—8:00 pm

Squares & Rounds: 8:00—10:00 pm



**Proceeds will benefit the "2012 FSSRDC"**

For More Info Contact: Garland & Carole McKenzie (352) 622-7678 or email: [carolemc@embarq.mail.com](mailto:carolemc@embarq.mail.com)

# 2011 Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention

May 27 - 29, 2011  
Lakeland Center Lakeland, FL



May 27 - 29, 2011 is the big weekend to be in Lakeland for a 'Ho, Ho, Ho & A Weekend of Fun'. I know its several months off, but you don't want to delay in making your hotel reservations and we need you to purchase your ribbons now so you can be wearing them and helping us with advertising the convention.

The entire weekend of dancing, entertainment, workshops, and shopping is only \$27 per person. Don't wait until the last minute to get your ribbons or you'll miss the deadline and have to pay the increased price of \$30 at the door. Several pirates around the state have registration forms and/or tickets. If your club doesn't have registration forms or you haven't seen anyone with ribbons, you can contact Carole Poole at [cpoole19@cfl.rr.com](mailto:cpoole19@cfl.rr.com) or 386-734-5295.

Have you seen the treasure chests that are traveling around the state? Each association has a chest to take to as many dances in their area as possible as a way to promote the weekend. It contains pieces of parchment for someone from the dance being visited to sign and there is a bag of doubloons so one can be added to the treasure chest each time it's at a dance.

Be sure to check out our website at <http://www.squaredancesites.com/florida2011/>! You'll find all the information you need for a fun weekend.

"Yo Ho Ho & A Fun Weekend" we'll have May 27 - 29, 2011!



*Penny Green  
Publicity Chairman*

*Sherry Boatman-Burris is a proud grandmother. She introduced her new granddaughter at a Rollaways dance recently. Sophie Laine Shumacher was born on October 8, 2010. She was 7 lbs 3 oz and 19 3/4" long. Best wishes to Sherry and all of Sophie's loving family.*



# Pirates' Treasure Chest aka Sew & Save

We will showcase sewing techniques, craft ideas and new tools to inspire you.

Also available will be a raffle for exciting goodies.

**You can help us! These supplies are still needed:**

## Ribbon

1/4" to 3/4" Wide - Any Color

## Beads

3mm or 6mm - red, white, black and crystal clear

## Paper

Cardstock Weight - Any color

Regular Weight - solids & patterns in black, white & red

And save the **Christmas cards** you receive this year

Questions? E-mail or phone Dennis and Nancy Taylor  
nancy@4taylor.com. (321) 453-3438

Patterns and materials will be provided for those who want to help make items for giveaways.



Your 2011 State Convention Co-Chairs Terri Little and Ailene Picheco were visiting the Northeast recently at the Fall Festival and the Turkey in the Straw Benefit Dance. Have you purchased your ribbons for the 2011 State Convention? Put on your pirate garb and join the party!



32nd Annual  
**BLUE-GREY**  
 SQUARE DANCE



**Caller: MAC LETSON**

*Saturday - February 19, 2011*

*Lake City, Florida*

*Rountree-Moore*

*Toyota Indoor Showroom*

*Grand March @ 7:45 p.m.*

*Dancing Until 10:30 p.m.*

*Alternate Plus & Mainstream  
 Rounds Between Tips - Early Rounds @ 7:00 pm  
 Cued by: Lisa Wall & Ralph Beekman*

*Advance Tickets - \$8.00 each*

*Tickets at Door - \$10.00*



*Mac Letson, Caller*

*Friday Night: Trails End Dance*

*Teen Town Recreation Center*

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*Saturday Afternoon: Street Dance*

*Downtown Olustee Park*



*Bill Chesnut, MC*

*for information*

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*Club Caller: Bill Chesnut*

# VALENTINES DAY TRIVIA



Just like the other holidays, **Valentines Day** has traditions and beliefs too.

.....In England, it is believed the first person of the opposite sex seen on Valentine Day will become your true love.

.....Observance of Valentines Day dates from the 1400s.

.....In Italy, it is popular to announce a couple's engagement on February 14.

.....On Valentines Day, Japanese girls give special candies to the boys in their classes who have no sweetheart to send them a gift.

.....The first commercial Valentine appeared about 1800.

.....In the USA, the Comic Valentine first became popular in the late 19th century. The Chicago Post Office refused to deliver about 25,000 Comic Valentines in the early 1900s on the grounds that they were not fit to be carried through the mail.



.....In the 19th century in England, girls peeped through the keyholes of their doors before opening them on Valentines Day morning. If a rooster and a hen were seen together, the girl would marry within the year.

.....Valentine, Texas, got its name from the fact that the first train to arrive in the city came in on February 14, Valentines Day.

.....By the early 19th century, the custom of sending anonymous messages and cards to those admired on February 14 was well established. An English official commented in 1823 about the number of extra postal workers needed to cope with the volume of mail.

.....St. Mario, a Catholic Saint, is commemorated on February 14.

.....Valentine the Bishop of Terni, a small town 80 miles from Rome, was martyr between 270 and 273 A.D. He is the Saint most often referred to as St. Valentine.



..... During World War II, the American service personnel helped to spread the custom of sending Valentines on February 14 throughout the world.

Reprinted from *Travel On*, Square Dancing in Kansas

The Central Florida Square & Round Dance Association  
Presents their

11<sup>th</sup> Annual Shamrock Swing

March 18 & 19, 2011



Have you noticed some square dancers are sporting a kelly green ribbon next to their name tag? These are the clever folks that have already purchased a ribbon for the 11th annual *Shamrock Swing* to be held on March 18 & 19, 2011 at the La Hacienda Center in The Villages. Don't wait too long to purchase your ribbons for both days at only \$18pp. You'll pay \$20pp at the door. Friday or Saturday evening the admission will be \$12pp, while all day Saturday will be \$14pp. Area reps of CFSRDA Clubs have information and you may contact them for flyers and ribbons. Or contact Ron & Sharon Paul @352-754-5737 or e-mail: sharonandron579@gmail.com.

Callers for your square dancing pleasure will be Bob Stern and Dee Dee Dougherty . Joanne and Ken Helton will cue the round dances. Friday evening the early rounds will start at 7:00 with announcements at 7:15. Dancing will commence from 7:30-10:30. Two halls will be available for Mainstream, Plus, DBD, Advance and Rounds. On Saturday there will be three halls with all level workshops from 1:00-5:00. Saturday evening the early rounds will start at 7:00 with announcements at 7:15 and dancing from 7:30-10:30. Finnegan's Place will be serving light refreshments during all dance times. Vendors will be present on both days.

Two host hotels are located just across from the La Hacienda Dance Hall. Comfort Suites and Holiday Express offer a standard room for \$80+tax which includes a free deluxe continental breakfast. You can call direct and identify yourself as a square dancer attending the 2011 *Shamrock Swing*. Comfort Suites 352-259-6578, Holiday Express 352-750-3888. There are a number of fine restaurants and shops within walking distance from these hotels. Campers have a choice of Recreation Plantation on Rte. 466, 3 miles from the La Hacienda Center (352-753-7222 or 800-448-5646) [www.recreationplantation.com](http://www.recreationplantation.com) or....Southern Oaks RV Resort on rte. 441/27 in Summerfield 5 miles north of the La Hacienda Center (352-347-2550.)

Plan now to attend this exciting weekend. You'll see old friends, meet new ones and have a wonderful time.

*For each petal on the shamrock This brings a wish your way-  
Good health, good luck, and happiness For today and every day.*

Allen & Judy Orazio

# NEWS & NOTES

## GRAPEVINE DEADLINES

March 1st .....April Issue

June 1st ..... July Issue

Sept. 1st ..... October Issue

Dec. 1st ..... January Issue

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!  
SarahBeth & Charlie

## USDA PUBLICATIONS & EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

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



Booklets are free up to 10 copies. You can order or print copies from the web at [www.usda.org](http://www.usda.org). USDA materials are not copyrighted and duplication for club and organization use is permitted and encouraged.

## FUTURE NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Detroit, MI - June 22-25, 2011 [www.60nsdc.com](http://www.60nsdc.com)

Spokane, WA - June 27-30, 2012 [www.61nsdc.com](http://www.61nsdc.com)

Oklahoma City, OK - June 26-29, 2013 [www.62nsdc.com](http://www.62nsdc.com)

Little Rock, AK - June 25-28, 2014 [www.63nsdc.com](http://www.63nsdc.com)

## NATIONAL SQUARES

Going to the 60th National Square Dance Convention® in Detroit, MI, June 22-25, 2011?

Subscribe to *National Squares Magazine* for \$7.00 a year and receive all the detailed information. Subscription form available on the Convention Website at: [www.58nsdc.org](http://www.58nsdc.org) (click on Links, then National Squares). Send payment to: National Squares, 532 Walnut Point Drive, Matthews, NC 28105-1558.

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

NORTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION  
2011 CLUB DIRECTORY

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

**Sunday**

**FIRST COAST ROUNDS** "R" Every Sunday. Class 6:00-7:30 PM, Club 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/P" Every Monday. Mainstream class 7:00-8:30 followed by club dance 8:30-9:30 PM at Westminster Woods on Julington Creek, 25 State Rd 13, Jacksonville, FL 32259. We dance Mainstream with announced Plus. Contact Caller-Ken Miller (904)465-0759 or Roger Minard (904)342-0777.

**CLAY ALLEMANDERS** "M/P" Every Monday. Mainstream class 7:00-8:30 PM followed by club dance 8:30-10:00 PM at 4055 Cedar Rd, Orange Park, FL 32065. Caller: Robert Padgett (904) 264-4751.

**Tuesday**

**DIXIE DANCERS** "P/R/L" Every Tuesday. New Dancer Lessons 6:45-8:30 PM, Club dance 8:30-9:30 PM, Teen Town, 533 NW Desoto St, Lake City, FL. Caller: Bill Chesnut & Cuer: Ralph Beekman. Contact Annette Conk (386) 935-1548.

**GRAND SQUARES** "B/M/P" Every Tuesday. Dance 7:00-9:00 PM, 1910 NW 53rd Ave (Carpenters' Union Hall), Gainesville, FL. Caller: Lon Ligon (352) 377-1828, Glenda Wills (352)485-1188, Jerry & Donna Robey (352)377-5676 jdrobey@bellsouth.net

**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: Mark Fetzer. Contact Walt & Dianne Syphard (904)221-1368.

**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 Bigelow (904)771-7249.

**Wednesday**

**FUN-N-FROLICS** "A" Every Wednesday. Class & Club 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: Ernie Rollen. Contact Rich Tomich & Cheryl Trescot (904)303-9439. Banner chairman Joe & Martha Hardcastle (904)268-2869.

**MOOSE PROMENADERS** "P/R" Every Thursday. Plus Workshop 7:00-8:30 PM, Club dance 8:30-10:00 PM, Moose Lodge 5051 Collins Rd, Orange Park, FL. Caller: Bill Chesnut. Contact Jim & Charlotte Maroldo (904)215-7922. Banner Chairman Bob Walker (904)333-1919.

**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

**GYPSY SQUARES** "M/P/L" 1st full weekend each month. Dance 8:00-10:00 PM. Various campgrounds. 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 Stephen Bigelow (904)771-7249.

## 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. 32277 Caller: Gary Murphy & Cuer: Lisa Wall. Contact Lisa Wall (904)699-7833 Banner chairmen Walt & Dianne Syphard (904)221-1368.

**NEFSARDA 5th SATURDAY DANCE** Every 5th Saturday at various locations. Please consult Special Events Calendar in the back of this publication. Contact Roger & Linda Minard (904)342-0777.

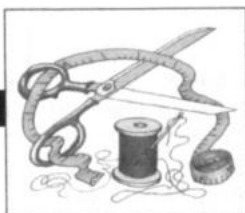
### Any season pretzel treat:



- Preheat oven to 250 degrees.
1. On a baking pan place small pretzels. On top of each pretzel place one Rollo candy or Carmel-filled Hershey's Kiss. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes.
  2. Remove from oven and push a pecan half into candy. Allow to cool. (You can vary the nut as you like or push a small fruit, like a blueberry or black grape, into the candy to vary your treat.)
  3. When the pan is cool enough to handle by hand, place it in the refrigerator. (This additional cooling makes removal much easier, just a "thump" on the bottom of the pan frees the candy pretzel from the pan.)

# SEW ON & SEW FORTH

By Karen Reichardt  
[www.squaredancesewing.com](http://www.squaredancesewing.com)



## New Year's Toss

The sewing area seems to be a place where our cleaning and organizing energy runs out. Is it because we get distracted by the possibilities found in our hobby? Or is it because we would just rather sew than clean any day? There seems to be something about sewing that causes over active saving. We save a six inch piece of lace, an old zipper, and an empty thread spool. All of these things take up space in our limited sewing area and they take up our time when we have to paw through them to find what we need. Set aside a time to clean and organize the sewing area. - Start with a big waste basket to toss things in.

Let's start small. Look at the bobbins. If there is only a little bit of thread on the bobbin wind it back on the spool or just toss it away. Thread may be taking up bobbin space that doesn't have a spool to match. Are two yards really worth saving? A bobbin only holds 35 to 40 yards and it usually takes 2 bobbins to complete a garment. Free up several bobbins so that they will be ready for the next new creation. Check for rust, rough spots or cracks. These can damage your machine. - Toss out any bad bobbins.

On to the thread spools. If there are any wooden spools they are over 40 years old. That thread is very fragile and will break under the normal stress of the sewing machine. If there is only one layer of thread on a spool there isn't enough for a mending job. Those spools are taking up space and getting in the way. Buy new strong thread when buying new fabric. - Toss out old thread.

Pins and needles don't last forever. Machine needles pass through the fabric thousands of times at high speeds. They get worn out. Sew a seam with a used needle and then put in a brand new needle and sew. Listen to the difference and look at the quality of the stitching. The needle passes cleanly through the fabric and the machine doesn't work as hard. Pins get old and damaged from repeated use, they will snag and ruin fabric. - Toss out old needles and pins.

Take all the scissors in to be sharpened, even the ones in the kitchen and the desk. Properly cared for your sewing scissors can last a long time. Always buy quality scissors. To check, hold them up by one finger bow, they should stay closed. If they fall open they are too loose. If the scissor sharpener can't tighten them, open the junk drawer. - Toss them in.

Purchase a couple of new seam rippers. Dull cutting edges require more force to open the seam. That pulls on the fabric and stretches the edges. Using more force can cause the ripper to slip and rip right through the fabric instead of the seam. - Toss out old seam rippers.

We turn pattern pieces around and scrunch them tightly together in order to 'save' the most fabric for our scrap bins. Those bins become very full and often don't have any pieces that are big enough for anything. This became very apparent to me when a neighbor asked me to make some clothes for a baby doll. Many scraps that I had so carefully hoarded weren't big enough to make baby doll clothes. - Weed out the bits and toss them.

If you just can't toss out all of those carefully saved scraps make a sewing box for a child. Get a small tool box and stock it with scissors, pins, needles, and thread (those almost empty spools). Add all of the odd buttons that are bouncing around in your sewing stuff. Gather pieces of lace, elastic and ribbon that are too short to be useful. Put the fabric, trim and elastic in a large bin with a secure top. Place the tool box on top of the bin and add a big ribbon. That makes a present that will spark her imagination and provide hours of creative joy.

For the final step of spring cleaning open up your fabric collection. It is not a stash because stash implies that we are hiding something and that is certainly not true. So dig under the bed, reach to the top closet shelves and pull the drawers all the way out. Place all of your fabric in a pile and look at each piece. What are your plans for this fabric? Do you have enough? Do you really like it? If you don't enjoy the fabric you won't enjoy working on it. If you feel forced to work on it the sewing will not go well. Life is too short and sewing time is too limited to waste it on fabric that is wrong. Take all of those pieces of fabric that you no longer want and hold a fabric swap with your sewing friends

A good way to meet sewing friends is the American Sewing Guild. [www.asg.org](http://www.asg.org). This is a non-profit organization who's aim is to connect people who like to sew with each other. Sharing tips, ideas and fabric is a wonderful way to take what is usually a solitary hobby and make it a shared adventure. Group Sewing is the best form of Group Therapy.

Cleaning and organizing your sewing area will give your creativity a boost and enable you to find things faster and easier. Start the New Year with a new attitude and a new square dance dress.



# Dixie Dancers



533 NW Desoto  
Lake City, FL  
Every Tuesday Night  
6:30 - 9:30



Web Site: [www.dixiedancers.net](http://www.dixiedancers.net)

Caller: Bill Chesnut  
Blue-Grey Dance Sponsor

# Fall Harvest Festival

Friday and Saturday night, November 19th and 20th, dancers from far and near helped NEFSAR-DA celebrate their Fall Harvest Festival. The chairpersons, Ouida Taylor and Thomas Tramel transformed the Bishop John J. Snyder cafeteria into a fall inspired meadow, filled with the colors of autumn, and all the icons associated with the season, for a weekend filled with fun and surprises.



Bill and Mary Chesnut, our Master of Ceremonies and Caller Coordinators, did a fine job keeping the festival flowing smoothly. Lisa Wall led the round dancers gracefully around the dance floor with her skilled cueing. Guest caller, Bill Harrison, traveled all the way from northern Virginia so that we could enjoy his calling and dancing music.

Saturday daytime was busy with round dance and line dance workshops. An afternoon of square dancing was provided by our local Northeast Callers with a few additional out-of-town callers joining in.

Several awards were given during the weekend. On Friday evening Kathy & Jack McKinney presented the Circle of Service award to Ouida Taylor & Thomas Tramel for their continued support of square dancing. This presentation was followed by Ouida Taylor and Thomas Tramel surprising *Grapevine* Editor, SarahBeth Pergrossi, with a beautiful plaque in appreciation of her hard work and dedication to square & round dancing. Saturday evening was reserved for announcing the 2010 Dance Couple of the Year award to Jerry & Donna Robey. Sam & Mary Starling also presented Festival Chairs Ouida and Thomas with a beautiful clock acknowledging their hard work as this year's festival chairman.

Voncelle & Bob Hunnicutt chaired the decorations committee this year. They proposed a new idea which proved to be a great success. They asked each NE club was asked to decorate one table with an autumn display. The idea was well received and proved to be a great success. Thank you!

If you weren't there, you missed an exciting dance. Thanks, Ouida and Thomas for all your hard work. And, thanks to the Moose Promenaders for overseeing the refreshments throughout the weekend. Not one dancer starved to death.



Make plans to join us next year for "Wild Wild West.com - Where the "Old West" meets "Modern Square Dancing". Chairpersons, Jack and Kathy McKinney invite us to join them for a weekend of endless fun dancing, shopping, eating and friends. Reserve the date now—November 18 and 19, 2011!



## Grandchildren Say The Cutest Things!

She was in the bathroom putting on her makeup under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "Gramma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye.

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him 62. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like: "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire that hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure.." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised, "mine says I'm 4 to 6."



Winners of the Halloween Costume Parade held at the Turkey in the Straw 2011 Benefit Dance. Susan Snider & Mark Fetzer, Debbie & Wayne Miller, and John & MaryAnn Lawrence. Congratulations to our winners and thanks to all the dancers who came out to support this event.



# MOOSE PROMENADERS

A Plus Level Club

**DANCING EVERY THURSDAY EVENING**

**Classes: 7:00-8:30 PM**

**Club: 8:30-10:00 PM**



**Caller:**

*Bill Chesnut*



PLUS with announced Cues by Bill

**Look for these upcoming events**

*February 10 - Presidents' Ball*

*Guest Caller Tony Oxendine & Cuer Lisa Wall*

*Early Rounds - 7:30-8:00 PM*

*Squares & Rounds 8:00-10:00 PM*



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**5051 Collins Road, Orange Park, FL 32073**

[www.moosepromenaders.com](http://www.moosepromenaders.com)

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904-215-7922



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**Bob Walker**  
904-333-1919

# Camp N' Dance

News from our Camping Clubs

## Gypsy Squares #168

While writing this article on December 1st I just know that everyone has had a wonderful Holiday Season and are off to a dancing good start in 2011. The Gypsy's extend our heartfelt wishes for a very happy and healthy new year. Recalling last New Year's Eve and the great time we had at Bill Chesnut and Bobby Keefe's Gala at Pacetti's, we can tell you right now that this year was even better. Peck's gourmet dinner, squares and rounds all evening and toasting champagne at midnight with your square dance friends.. there is no better way to welcome 2011.

We have good news to share: Chapters #128 and #168 will hold joint campouts throughout the year. Each chapter will have their own officers, funds, and continue to run their clubs as they have always done. Both the Square Wheels and the Gypsy's have the best caller a club could ever ask for (and the best taw in the business - thank you Mary for all you do). With attendance at both clubs being small it is just a win, win situation to have one largely attended campout once a month instead of two small ones. This also frees up a weekend for "busy" Bill. The camping schedule can be found on our website

[www.floridadancing.com/gypsiesquares](http://www.floridadancing.com/gypsiesquares) and in the back of this publication.

Looking back to 2010, it was a busy but fruitful year for the Gypsy's. We were happy to be part of so many special dances throughout the

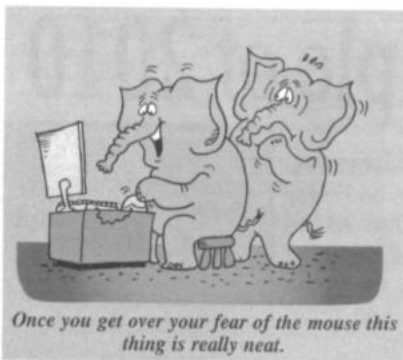
year: The Blue-Grey Festival in Lake City, The Florida State Convention in Lakeland, The International Camporee in Orlando (we were Snooper Chairmen and After-Party Chairmen), the NEFSARDA 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dance in Jacksonville, the FANSDC Camporee in Bushnell, the O'Leno Hoedown in High Springs at O'Leno State Park, NEFSARDA'S 57<sup>th</sup> Fall Festival in Jacksonville and the above mentioned New Year's Eve Gala at Pacetti's.

In between all the special dances we had OUR special dances, our camping weekends throughout the year. We will begin with a joint campout January 14-16 at Pacetti's Marina in St. Augustine, the Blue-Grey Dance in Lake City at Oaks and Pines February 18-20, and Suwannee Valley at White Springs March 18-20. Such good times we have, and proving just that we had 2 new couples join our club this year. We are looking forward to a yellow rockin' dancing good time in 2011. The goal of the Gypsy's is fun and friendship....come and join us!

Remember: Keep the beat in your feet!

Joanne Engum & Dale Fredrickson  
(904)269-9717





ABOVE: Mary Lou Morton & Coralee Garrett, both of Rollaways, were dressed in their autumn finest for the Friday night dance at the Northeast's Fall Harvest Festival.



LEFT: Mary Rozzano has a new dance partner for First Coast Rounds Halloween Dance. What an interesting couple you make!

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### **Square wheels #128**

We hope everyone has enjoyed the Holidays and now looking forward to a Winter of Square Dancing. We will be ending the year with a New Year's Eve dance at Pacetti's Marina Campground in Orangedale, FL. Then starting off the New Year with a dinner of Black eyed peas & all the trimmings on New Year's day. Our regular campout will be January 14 - 16<sup>th</sup> also at Pacetti's Marina Campground. Look forward to a great weekend of camping together with the Gypsy Squares. Next we will be enjoying the Winter Festival in Lakeland, FL on January 21 - 23.

Our February campout will be the Blue & Grey Festival in Lake City, FL on February 18 - 20. We will be camping at the Oaks-N-Pines in Lake City. Square Wheels will sponsor Friday nights dance at the Teen Town Center. Saturday night the dance will be held at the Toyota Show Room on Rte. 90W. They have a craft festival in downtown Lake City & a demonstration dance in the City Square. March 18-20th we will be camping at Suwannee Valley RV Park in White Springs, FL. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2011 for a wonderful year of dancing.

Paul & Marilyn Scott  
(904)264-9392

# Dance Couple of 2010

The 57<sup>th</sup> Northeast Florida Fall Harvest Festival 2010 was a gorgeous place to be on Friday and Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. All the beautiful hues of fall colors scattered amongst the table decorations, on the walls, amid the designs of the square dance outfits and room displays sprinkled throughout the room.

The moment that we all look forward to each year arrived as Shirley & Dave Nihart announced this year's winners of the Couple of the Year Award. **Jerry & Donna Robey** were escorted to the stage to receive their much deserved award. They began dancing 5 years ago with the Grand Squares. In their short time of dancing, they have completed the USDA Travelers Program by dancing in all 50 States. They have proven their leadership skills when they became delegates to NEFSARDA for their home club and it wasn't long before they were asked to join the Board as Treasurers. They were recently voted upon to serve a second term. We need leaders with new ideas and approaches, and Jerry and Donna have proven to be a fountain of ideas and possess the personal drive to accomplish them. They also bring a wealth of experiences of service from outside the square dance community. The Robeys have been selected to represent the Northeast as delegates to the Florida Federation for a second year. When asked to serve, the word "NO" is not in their vocabulary as they continue to volunteer their service relentlessly. Donna and Jerry are definitely "goal-setters" and "go-getters"! When they agree to take on a project, you can be sure it will be accomplished with the highest degree of proficiency.

The fact that they are relatively new dancers is much in their favor! They have not developed the limiting and tradition-bound mind sets of, "Well, the way we did this in the past...." And since they didn't know how it was done in the past, they have used their ingenuity and sought the advice of others to solve problems and create new concepts and solutions. In all their endeavors, Jerry and Donna are willing and able to learn from their others. When you see them at dance events, if they aren't on the dance floor, they can be found speaking with the leaders of the Square Dance world, asking questions and glean information. They love to speak with brand new dancers in order to understand what the new dancers are wanting from our activity.

The Grand Squares, Tri-County Dancers, Mixed Nuts and Square Wheels are proud to have them as contributing members of their clubs. They work tirelessly to support and encourage others in the square and round dance community.

Donna and Jerry Robey are so deserving as 2010 Couple of the Year. Congratulations, Donna and Jerry!





## Club News

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

*SarahBeth & Charlie, editors*



### DIXIE DANCERS

Lake City

Ann Hadsall (386) 497-2834

Wow! Here it is December already...where did this year go? I guess the old saying is true that time flies when you're having fun. The Dixie Dancers have been having fun what with our "special occasion" dances. The October Halloween dance where we made Hobo Stew was a big success with many guests from other clubs. The stew is

never the same, it just depends on what the "hobos" bring to dump in the pot. One thing is true though, it's always delicious. Thanks to all of our visitors, your costumes were great too

We've had a couple visits to the Moose Promenaders and danced with their recent graduates. Recently our demo team danced for the Guys n' Gals Singles Club in Lake



City. We'll have a Christmas Theme Dance on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>.

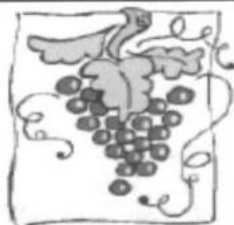
On the horizon is the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Blue-Grey Olustee Battle Festival Dance on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Be sure to mark your new calendar. Mac Letson from Muscle Shoals, Alabama will be our guest caller, Lisa Wall will be the cuer, Ralph Beekman will be doing early rounds and Bill Chesnut will be the emcee for the evening. We hope to see you all there.



## IS IT TIME TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE GRAPEVINE?

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## CLAY ALLEMANDERS

Orange Park

Stephen & Marie Bigelow (904) 771-7249

As a new club we are thankful for our new students and our angels from other clubs. Many people are already sporting our new club badge as they sign up to be club members. We are looking forward to a stupendous 2011. We have a little over one square of students and one or more squares of angels at most dances. We are all having fun and enjoying the fellowship.

Most of us journeyed to Moose Pomanders for our clubs first Visitation. The students joined us in dancing to Bill Chestnut and a good time was had by all.

We look forward to everyone being at the Freshman Hoedown on December 4, for the first chance to dance with all the students from all the clubs.

May the New Year bring you happiness and joy.



Angels and new Students practice their moves under the direction of club caller, Robert Padgett.

**Yo Ho Ho & A Weekend of Fun**  
**May 27, 28, 29, 30, 2011**  
**Lakeland, FL**

**Spring Ahead on Sunday,**  
**March 13th with the onset of**  
**Daylight Savings Time!**

## WRITE OR CALL FIRST



Although dance locations are usually included in the club listings, it is recommended that you contact clubs before visiting if possible. Schedules and locations often change due to special events, availability of facilities and other factors. Many clubs change their schedules or do not dance during certain times during the year. To be sure, write or call first. If you write, you should include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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



## TEDDY BEAR SQUARES

Jacksonville

Gaye Feuer (904) 743-1087

Teddy Bear Square dancers invite you to dance with us on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Gary Murphy, with assistance from his law Bernie, calls for us, keeping us on our toes and tripping the light fantastic.

Cuer Lisa Wall, as President, and assisted by staunch club members, makes everything run smoothly.

So put on those dance shoes and come over to St. Matthews Lutheran Church for a good time twirling and whirling to good old country music.

St. Matthews is located at 6801 Merrill Road in Arlington; 2 miles east of University Blvd North, and 2 miles west of 9A.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

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## FUN 'N FROLICS

Jacksonville, FL

Carolyn Ueber (904) 223-9347



The Fun 'n Frolics have welcomed Lisa Wall and Jim Weismore to our new Advanced class. But since they were both familiar with Advanced dancing, it's more of a refresher course. We have gone back to dancing just twice a month. We are now dancing on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 7-9 pm at Jax Heights Elementary School at 7750 Tempest Street S.

We have a great time at each dance as our caller Jim Cosman keeps us thinking on our feet and dancing the night away. If you are an Advanced Dancer, we'd love to have you come dance with us.

# Remember that the next deadline is: March 1st



## GRAND SQUARES

Gainesville

Jerry & Donna Robey (352) 377-5676

Let's begin by saying Happy New Year to all our Square Dance Friends. We trust you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and a meaningful Christmas. Square dancing is alive and well here in Gainesville at the Grand Squares. Lonnie Ligon continues to inspire new and experienced dancers on Tuesday nights at the Carpenter's Union Hall, 1910 NW 53<sup>rd</sup> Ave here in Gainesville. At 6:30 PM we begin with a mainstream class with the club dance at 7:30 PM.

We want to offer a special thank you to Thomas Tramel and Ouida Taylor for a great Fall Festival in November. They and their committees put on another fine dance for the dancers of Northeast Florida. Thanks to all involved for a great dance weekend.

As we look to the future, we are excited about the variety of dancing opportunities. On January 29<sup>th</sup>, the Northeast Florida Square and Round Dancing Association (NEFSARDA) will host another 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday dance. The theme of the dance is "Snowflake Fun and Frolic" and the callers will be Ernie Rollen and Ken Miller with Lisa Wall cueing rounds. In February,

dancers will want to be in Lake City for the annual Blue and Gray Festival on February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Also, as you plan for the future, be sure to save the weekend of May 27-29 for the 59<sup>th</sup> Florida State Square Dance Convention in Lakeland.

Dancers are encouraged to participate in these special dances in order to experience a variety of dances and callers and to expand their dancing skills and to fellowship with other dancers. Many special dances have been scheduled and we encourage all dancers to take advantage of the many wonderful opportunities to dance.

On a personal note, Donna and I want to express our deep gratitude to NEFSARDA for selecting us as the Dance Couple of the Year for 2010. It is a wonderful honor and we were totally blown away when the announcement was made at the Fall Festival in Jacksonville. We hope and pray we can live up to the honor.

For more information on these or other club activities contact the Grand Squares at [www.lonligon.com](http://www.lonligon.com). Hope to see you in a square soon.

**For all the latest information related to  
square & round dancing in Florida...  
visit [www.floridasquaredance.com](http://www.floridasquaredance.com)**

Do you know a caller or cuer you think should be recognized for going that extra mile for square & round dancing? The Northeast has been well represented in the past by leaders having received this honor. In 2006 Bill Chesnut and Lisa Wall were presented the Extra Mile Award, followed by Charlie Pergrossi in 2007, Lon Ligon in 2008, and Ernie Rollen in 2010. Submit the name of a caller or cuer you think should join this dedicated group.

## The Extra Mile Award Guidelines

### Purpose of Award:

To show appreciation to both Callers and Cuers who go beyond the norm in giving freely of their time and talents to the square dance activity.

### Criteria For Award:

Any caller/cuer who is a member of the Florida Callers Association or the Round Dance Council of Florida.

### Procedure For Nomination:

The board of the Florida Federation shall be the selection committee with current president as chairman of same. New members coming on will replace one going off.

Any dancer may submit a name of a caller/cuer to the selection committee prior to February 1st of the year in which the nominee's to be selected. The choice should include a brief autobiographical sketch and at least (3) three events at which the caller/cuer has demonstrated his or her contribution to the square dance activity.

The selection committee to meet during the February working weekend to review the nominee/nominees and arrive at a final decision.

### Procedure For Presenting Award/Awards:

The award/awards should be presented at the following Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention by the current president of the Florida Federation.

The award/awards presented shall be a framed document and a "Extra Mille Award Recipient" bar or dangle.



### Looking for a Dance? From Gordon Gross, Editor

The National Square Dance Directory is now published electronically on our website [www.nsddirectory.com](http://www.nsddirectory.com) and is always available to subscribers. To update your listing (caller, leader, festival, convention), please go to the website and click on the "Contact Us" option. After checking your current listing, let us know what changes, addition or deletions are required. Listing club information on the website is free. A six-digit Life Subscription number is required to access club information. If you do have a Life Subscription to the Directory, Call Gordon at 601-825-6831.



## JOY SEAS

St. Augustine

John & Mary Burzo (904) 797-7530

Hope your holidays went well, ours was great! The Joy Seas are moving up in the world. So far this year we have a couple from Coquina Crossing plus a single and two couples from the outside, four of them are students. This makes us very happy. Our caller Michael Akers has a smile on his face also. We haven't held any banner raids in a long time, but the time is growing near. John and I took a ride to Creekside Promenaders recently. It was really nice to see so many new dancers. We had a wonderful 2010 and looking for a better 2011.

See you in a square



**Happy New Year  
2011**

## MANDARIN MARAUDERS

Jacksonville

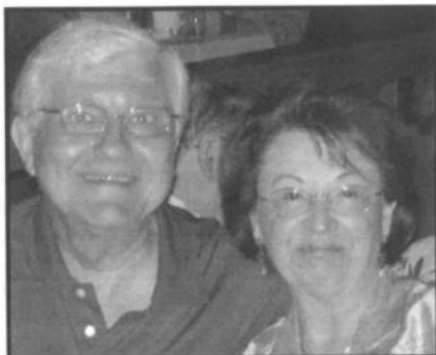
Rich Tomich & Cheryl Trescot (904) 303-9439



As we greet year 2011, Mandarin Marauders does it with a new spirit. Because of our members desire to expand club activities, we now share line dancing with square dancing, social evenings, and club sponsored outings. As a result, we have all become closer friends and, because of that, we greet the new year as a club of respected individuals enjoying common interests.

five years ago, they have seen a lot of changes and they have stood the test of time. Each of them is always available to bring a smile to any conversation, welcome friends and visitors, and respond to our club needs. As we close 2010, let's take a moment to thank them for their years of dedication, their leadership, and taking our line dancing to the next level.

Part of the change this past year has been an increase in line dancing participation. This would not have happened without the dedicated involvement of Bev and George Treiber. Together, they shaped our line dancing fun and nurtured it into an attraction that members look forward to and guests return for. George has become our line dancing DJ. Bev has become our teacher. As two of the founding members of our club twenty-



## MOOSE PROMENADERS

Orange Park

Hazel Clark (904) 778-0134



We hope you had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. The holidays are all over. The Promenaders are back to their regular class workshops with plus level dancing following.

Our next big event is our Annual Presidents' Ball on February 10th. The Ball is to honor all our dance club Presidents. WE appreciate our presidents and all they do to support their club and the dance community. Make plans to attend this year's ball and show your support for your Club President. The winner for 2011 will be announced that evening.

The St Patrick's Day Dance will be March 17th. Come dressed in green for an evening of great dancing.

We are pleased to announce our new Moose officers for 2011. Jim & Charlotte Maroldo will serve as Presidents. Bob & Kay Walker are our Vice Presidents with Lamar & Pat McMillan as Secretary and Hazel Clark continuing as Treasurer.

All dancers are welcome to join us each Thursday. 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](http://www.moosepromenaders.com). Our thanks to Jim Maroldo for the website and keeping it updated.



Riley Mahoney is just one of the enthusiastic students with the Moose Promenaders. He is the son of Shannon Mahoney and grandson of Pat & Tom Herscha. Welcome!

### USDA SQUARE DANCE LINKS AROUND THE WORLD DATABASE

List your Club, Association, Federation, or Convention on the USDA Square Dance Links Around the World Database. Just go to [www.usda.org](http://www.usda.org), click on links then click USDA SQ DN Links Around the World Database, and follow the instruction to get your user name and password. Then complete your listing.

**Remember it is your responsibility to keep your information up to date.**

### USDA LESSONS DATABASE

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## Quartermores

Jacksonville

Lynn Bowen (904) 993-1890



By the time you read this, we will have danced all the way through the holidays and been to the New Year's Eve dance that Bobby Keefe and Bill Chestnut held at Pacetti's Marina in west St. Augustine. We went last year and had a great meal and a great time with lots of good dancing, and I'm sure it will be the same for 2010. We had a very good turnout from Quartermores. The only way I can stay awake that late at night (or actually, any time) is to either be talking, eating or dancing. I got all three things last year so was able to stay up to see the new year in.

This was the first year Larry and I went to the O'Leno dance with Bobby, Bill and Bob Poyner. Lisa Wall did rounds in the Plus hall. Several Quartermores commented that I wouldn't go - basically because they thought I was too prissy to stay in a rustic cabin situation. I grew up camping, and Larry and I took our dream vacation to Jackson Hole, Wyoming and rode in the mountains for a week, staying in tents. So I said, sure, I'll go. That was the weekend of the sudden freezing cold snap after mild and sunny weather from summer into fall. Rustic is one thing, but when we got there, we found that there were only screen doors on the cabins! No real doors to keep out the wind! We were given some thick plastic bags to cover the door, and Larry and I added a blanket over that. I brought a honey bucket with me so I wouldn't have to stumble around in the dark at night, and it worked out great! I had decided at the last minute not to bring a space heater, thinking it wasn't going to be

all THAT cold, so the only heat making item I had was a hair dryer. I would warm up my sleeping bag and jump in. I think my father bought the bags when I was about 4 or 5 years old - still in good condition more than 55 years later. We had no trouble staying warm in those great bags. However, it was COLD in that room. The hot breakfast in a heated hall helped a lot, but we had found out Friday night that the advanced hall was NOT heated! I immediately started wearing jeans under my skirt! Bobby kept telling us this was a once in a blue moon thing for the weather, so I'll check the forecast and decide if I'm going to stay in a cabin next year. I'll definitely go back for the great dancing. Bobby and Bill told us there would be a full advanced program next year! Yeay!

The Quartermores had to miss a couple of weeks of dancing this fall/winter season, once when Bobby and June were moving, and one for Thanksgiving week. So if you are coming to visit us, please feel free to call me to make sure we are dancing. We made up for lost time by dancing all through December.

The club meets at the St. Catherine's Episcopal Church at 4758 Shelby Ave. (between Blanding and Cassat) in Jacksonville every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. If you want to brush up on your Advanced dancing, come on out, we'll help you through the rough spots. Or if you are looking for a good time with interesting figures, this is the place to be. We'll even give you some coffee and snacks! Dress is casual.



"MARSU"

## ROLLAWAYS

Jacksonville

Linda Tester (904) 249-8347

Welcome 2011! The dust has settled and we have made it through another Holiday Season and another year. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Rollaways are having a great time dancing to the calling of Mark Fetzer. Our class that started in September continues to do well. Mark is a really good teacher. Not only are our students learning but having a fun time. And as we all know, FUN is what square dancing is all about! Of course we thank our "angels" for coming each week.

Our Banner Chairman, Tom and Esther Stidham are back from their vacation and October was a busy banner stealing month. On October 21st, it was off to the Moose Promenaders and then on October 29th, it was the Silver Fox for their Halloween Dance.

And speaking of Halloween, the skeletons came out of the closet in full force on Tuesday, October 26th..... along with a lot of ghosts and creepy spiders. The class members had a ball turning our caller into a true Mummy. Mark continued calling like a trooper! A big THANK YOU goes out to Pete and Gigi Uythoven (and their helpers) for the wonderful decorations.

On November 9th, our dance was "A Salute to Our Veterans". We thank our veterans who came in uniform. Then on November 23rd, our annual Thanksgiving Dinner dance. What a spread! Boy, can our Rollaways cook, turkey, ham and ALL the fixins', yum, yum. And again, a big thank you goes

out to Pete and Gigi Uythoven for the great decorations for both dances.

What would November be without the Fall Festival? What a great turnout. Not only from the Rollaways but from all of the dancing community. I also saw some of our class members watching all the fun from the sidelines. It won't be long until they're dancing at club level! Next year our own Jack and Kathy McKinney will be the 2011 Fall Festival Chairman.

A tradition of the Rollaways is to gather at Longhorns for our Christmas party, which we did Tuesday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>. It's always a fun time to enjoy sharing with "old" and "new" friends. Just a great way to end our year.

Another way we like to enjoy each others company in a non dancing get together is to go out to dinner. You know if we're not dancing, we're eating! On Monday's we go out to dinner at different restaurants. We try to patronize businesses that support Square Dancers and who put an ad in the Fall Festival book. We have anywhere from 10 to 18 people join us, most of which are Rollaways or unofficial Rollaways

Don't forget that the Rollaways dance every Tuesday (that school is in session) at Sandalwood High School to the calling of Mark Fetzer and the cueing of Lisa Wall. On January 11<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our "Annual Chili Cook-off", February 22<sup>nd</sup> our Fat Tuesday a "Mardi Gras Party" and March 15<sup>th</sup> our annual Irish Night presented by our own leprechaun, Peggy Lust. Come join us.

Until next time, see you around the square.

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## SEABREEZE SINGLES

Margaret Cahan (904) 777-1579

*Hello,* from Sea-

breeze Singles. In September we had a small square dance class of 3 to 4 new friends. In October we had a wonderful Oktoberfest with a sausage and sauerkraut covered dish supper. Many of our friends from other square dancing clubs joined us for the supper and later the spirited dancing. We also shared some fun banner raiding dances with other clubs during the past quarter. In October we had a large group go to Sebring for the Singles State Convention where our own club member, Jim Weismore, was the After Hours singing host. In November we had a large number of our club participate in the fun at the Fall Fest.

Also in November, we experienced great sadness and great joy! It was a real shock to learn our long time member, Phyllis Cody, died suddenly in the hospital on November 7, 2010. Phyllis, a widow, left behind a son and a daughter and six grandchildren. She was a lovely and gentle spoken lady, who loved to square dance with her long time dance partner and best friend, Lonnie Aldridge. We will all miss her.



On November 27, 2010, it was with great joy, our club attended the lovely wedding of Bob May and Linda Allen, at Christ the Messiah Church in Jacksonville, FL. Linda, single for about 20 years, has a son and a daughter, and two grand children, and had been a member of Seabreeze Singles for years. Bob, widowed four years, has a son and a daughter, and two grand children. He lives in St. Simons, Georgia, and had recently joined our Jacksonville club because his square dance club at home in Georgia no longer danced regularly. Bob told me he was in love on first sight of Linda. Let me tell you I thought it was so romantic to watch them falling in love. Mr. and Mrs. Bob May plan to reside in St. Simons, Georgia. They promised to continue dancing with their Jacksonville friends. Best wishes to the happy couple!



## SILVER FOX

Jacksonville

Stephen & Marie Bigelow (904) 771-7249



We have had a wonderful time during the last quarter of 2010 and are looking forward to a great 2011. We have students as do most clubs and it would seem that we are experiencing a resurgence of square dancing. We have young and not so young students but all are learning and having a good time. Claude and Nancy who were in our last class are acting as angels.

I enjoyed seeing so many at the Freshman Hoedown on December 4th. It was a great opportunity to dance with all the students from all the clubs.



Don't forget the Circus Dance on January 28, 2011. It is the annual dance to help Dreams Come True. All dancers, including students are welcome. Watch for the Silver Fox Clowns to arrive at your next dance. They will have ribbons and information on this exciting event.

May the New Year bring you happiness and Joy.

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Jacksonville

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New student classes, which run from 7:30 to 8:30, consist of 5 new couples who are doing great, enjoying square dancing and good socializing with the club members.

The Club members are also enjoying several other couples who join us and have been fantastic in working with the new dancers. Ken Miller is doing a great job as usual in training the new students, and we have as many as 2 squares who enjoy the plus calls we are learning after the student training sessions are over. Roger Minard is keeping the club informed of other dances and plans made by the NEFSARDA. We welcome anyone who enjoys square dancing to visit with us.



## VAGABOND SQUARES

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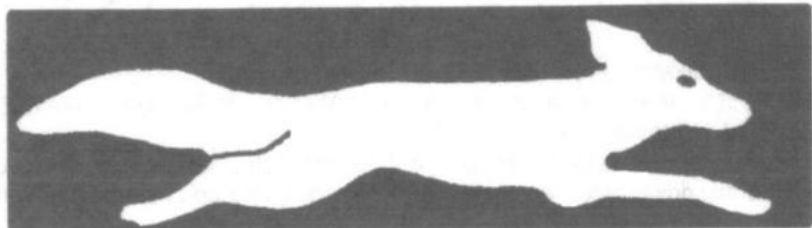
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The Vagabond Squares attended the Hobo Stew night at the Dixie Dancers in Lake City, Florida. The Vagabonds Halloween Dance was a good time for all. A new square dance class was started on September 16, and we have 10 students attending at this time. A novelty for the Vagabond Squares is the 3 squares we dance most nights. We appreciate the efforts of all experienced dancers and students. By the time this is published, we will have enjoyed our Christmas Dance at the Well-



born Community Center. Some of us are planning on attending the New Years Eve Dance at Pacetti's Marina with our own Ralph Beekman cueing the round dances and Bill Chesnut & Bobby Keefe calling the square dances.

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This year the International Camporee Committee in Orlando, Florida designated one table in their display area for the collection of pull tabs. Soon the table was overflowing with tabs in all sorts of bags, boxes and plastic containers from the campers! By the time the 2010 International Camporee Chairman, Martha Zimmerman, and committee finished weighing all the pop and soda tabs that had been turned in there, the grand total of all the donations was 220 pounds! The benefactor from the Florida collection was the Shriners' Crippled Children's Hospital in Tampa.

Have you or your club started sav-

ing tabs yet? If not, why not? It's an easy, worthwhile project any club or person can adopt. Any Festival or Convention should also be able to generate a goodly number of tabs. ROUNDALAB saved all their tabs from their annual Convention and donated them to us. Make some signs to ask attendees to save the tabs, then put out containers for collecting and see how many pounds you can get before the end of the summer of 2011. If you have no place to recycle them, contact the NSDCA website for assistance, www.NSDCA.org. You could also contact your Grapevine editors, SarahBeth & Charlie Pergrossi and they will ensure that your collection is added to the display next summer in Huntingdon, PA. Maybe you can top the NSDCA members, Keep us posted!



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## CALENDAR OF COMING SPECIAL EVENTS

(Locations in Jacksonville unless otherwise indicated)

### **January 2011**

- 11 .....Chili Cook-off & Dance ..... Rollaways  
15 .....Benefit Sq Dance for Vitas Hospice - Winter Spg ..... Central Callers  
20-22 ...Winter Festival - Lakeland .....Grand Squares Inc  
28 .....Circus Dance ..... Silver Fox  
29 .....5th Saturday Dance - Snowflake Fun & Frolic.....NEFSARDA

### **February 2011**

- 5 .....Sophomore Hoedown ..... Gateway Callers  
16 .....FL State Fair Square Dance - Tampa  
18 .....Trails End Dance - Lake City .....Square Wheels  
19 .....Blue-Grey Dance - Lake City ..... Dixie Dancers  
22 .....Mardi Gras Dance ..... Rollaways  
26 .....2012 Benefit Dance - Plant City..... FL Federation  
26-27 ...Working Weekend - Plant City ..... FL Federation  
28 .....Polk Senior Games - Lake Wales

### **March 2011**

- 15 .....Irish O'Lust..... Rollaways  
18-19 ...Shamrock Swing - The Villages.....Central Association

### **April 2011**

- 8-9 .....Party Weekend - Deerhaven, Paisley, FL .....Central Association  
12 .....Anniversary Dance (24th) ..... Rollaways  
30 .....5th Saturday Dance .....NEFSARDA

### **May 2011**

- 3 .....May Flowers..... Rollaways  
7 .....Graduate Ball ..... Gateway Callers  
26 .....Trails End Dance - Strawberry Squares, Plant City  
27-29 ...Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention - Lakeland, FL

### **June 2011**

- 7 .....Hawaiian Luau..... Rollaways  
22-25 ...National Square & Round Dance Convention - Detroit, MI

### **July 2011**

- 9 .....Christmas in July - Keystone Heights ..... RCA & GCA  
12-14 ...International Camporee - Huntingdon, PA ..... NSDCA  
30 .....5th Saturday Dance .....NEFSARDA

## **October 2011**

13-15 ... FL Callers Assoc Fall Clinic - Plant City ..... FCA  
14-15 ... Single-Rama - Kensworth Lodge ..... FASSRD  
27-29 ... FL State Camporee - Wekiva Falls, Sorrento, FL ..... FANSDC  
28-29 ... NW Fall Round-Up - DeFuniak Springs ..... Northwest Assoc

## **November 2011**

4-5 ..... O'Leno Hoedown - High Springs ..... Square Wheels & Gypsy Sq  
11-12 ... Fall Fun Fest - Bartow ..... West Coast Assoc  
18-19 ... Fall Festival ..... Northeast Assoc



Our calendar appears very light for this time of year. Please remember to notify the Editors when you plan your special dance. How will folks know to attend your club dance if you don't share the dates?

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