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NEFSARDA Dances & Special Dances in Northeast Florida

2018

September 29 5th Saturday Dance, theme will be Sports, location and time to be determined

November 16-17 NEFSARDA Fall Festival, Palms Presbyterian Church, 3410 3rd Street South, Jacksonville Beach, Florida
Joan Amarino (904-629-4560)

Florida State Square and Round Dance Conventions

2018

October 25-28 43rd Florida State Camporee, Eustis, Florida
Ron & Linda Imus (574-370-8525)

2019

February 22-23 65th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention, Daytona Ocean Center, 101 N. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, Florida

2020

February 28-29 66th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention, Daytona Ocean Center, 101 N. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, Florida

Square and Round Dance Cruises

2018

July 21-28 Square Dance Cruise with Tony Oxendine, Jack Pladdys & Mac O'Jima from Honolulu to Maui, Hilo, Kona & Kauai on the Norwegian Price of America
CI Azumano Travel (800-888-7025)

December 2-9 Square Dance Cruise with Jack & Ilene Lewis (Ft. Lauderdale, Haiti, Jamaica, and Cozumel)
Seth Mintz (786-200-4912)

2019

February 3-7 8th Annual Florida Winter Fest Cruise with Tony Oxendine and Jack Pladdys (Port Canaveral and the Bahamas) on the Carnival Liberty
John Manning (305-829-2009 or 877-822-2009)

April 6-15 Cruisin' for Bob 5 with Bill Chesnut (Tampa; Limon, Costa Rica; Panama Canal partial transit; Grand Cayman) on the Carnival Miracle
Marilyn Scott (904-264-9392) mjanescott@bellsouth.net
Bill Chesnut (352-475-2550) billchesnut4@gmail.com

National Square and Round Dance Conventions

2018

June 22-24 61st International NSCDA Camp-O-Ree, Sedalia, Missouri
www.nsdca.org - John & Dolly Ide (352-208-5980) or Gary & Gail LaRue (352-861-1583)

June 27-30 67th National Square Dance Convention, Kansas City, Missouri
www.67nsdc.com
Jim & Edythe Weber (816-781-3598), registration@67nsdc.com

August 30 to September 2 48th National Singles Dance-A-Rama, Indianapolis, Indiana
info@ssdusa.org www.ssdusa.org

2019

June 26-29 68th National Square Dance Convention, Atlanta, Georgia, www.68nsdc.com
Bob & Virginia Walker (828-349-0905), registration@68nsdc.org

2020

June 17-20 69th National Square Dance Convention, Spokane, Washington www.69nsdc.org
reg2020@comcast.net

2021

June 17-20 70th National Square Dance Convention, Jackson, Mississippi www.70nsdc.org
register70@yahoo.com (921-412-8140)

Special Dances Outside of Northeast Florida

2018

June 16 Celebration of the Life of David Sturgis, 1105 Bob Little Road, Panama City, Florida with callers Darryl McMillan and Ernie Sheffield plus cuers Sandy Sturgis and Terri Wilaby
Sandy Sturgis (850-769-4218) or Patricia McLendon (850-769-4218)

June 29 Heart of Georgia Red & White Dance, Howard Community Center, 5645 Forsyth Road, Macon, Georgia with Don Heins and Peggy Ellington
Darlene Wood (478-718-8052)

July 21 Seaside Squares July Jamboree, Pensacola, Florida
terriwilaby@hotmail.com (850-293-7720)

August 2-4 44th Annual Square Dance Convention, Gatlinburg, Tennessee
Shea Meincke (843-816-4061), meincke_us@yahoo.com

August 5-9 Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations Pride RV Resort Plus Week, Maggie Valley, North Carolina (RV sites and cabins available)
Pride RV Resort (800-926-8191)

August 11 30th Anniversary Dance - Jekyll Island Squares, United Methodist Church (back entrance), 3890 Altama Avenue, Brunswick, Georgia with Don Heins, Bill Chesnut & Ernie Rollen – 7:30 to 9:30 pm. (Mainsteam, Plus & Line Dances)
Don or Donna Heins (912-265-1504)

August 18 Seaside Squares 55th Anniversary, Pensacola, Florida
Terri Wilaby terriwilaby@hotmail.com (850-293-7720)

August 23-25 40th Alabama Square & Round Dance Convention, Oxford, Alabama
Jim Purvis (251-653-5442), asardanews@gmail.com

August 31-
September 1 23rd Annual Evening in Paris, Love Civic Center, Paris, Texas
Lisa Shoemake 865-387-2217

September 14-16 Focus on Bolero Fall Weekend of Rounds, Panama City, Florida
Susan Snider (904-908-5184)

September 21-22 47th Georgia State Convention – Let's Sail Away, Athens, Georgia
Roscoe Johnson (229-377-9635) www.gssda.org

September 23-26 Autumn Holiday of Rounds (round dancing), Fontana Village, NC

Carol Cooke (678-708-6223)

October 12-13 Grand Square Daytona Beach Ball, Ormond Beach, Florida
Judi Corbett (386-679-5020), LadybirdDB@gmail.com

October 26-27 NWFSRDA 44th Annual Round Up, Panama City, Florida
Patricia McLendon (850-769-4218) or Mary Riley (850-871-2955)

November 9-10 WCSRDA 44th Annual Fall Fun Fest, Bartow, Florida
www.shufflinsquares.com

December 31 Bells and Bows New Year's Eve Dance, Plant City, Florida
strawberrydance@aol.com (813-752-0491 or 770-825-6513)

2019

January 19 January Shine, Pensacola, Florida
Terri Wilaby terriwilaby@hotmail.com (850-712-5230)

January 31 to February 2 54th Aloha State Square & Round Dance Festival, Honolulu, Hawaii
Dee (760-200-1031) alohafestival@cox.net

February 1-2 Belles and Buoys 41st Annual Mardi Gras Festival, Biloxi, Mississippi
Nell Knott (228-831-3127) or Carol Beinhauer (228-831-0260)

NEFSARDA

The next NEFSARDA Delegates meeting will be held on July 15, 2018.

Missing Banner - Hello NEFSARDA clubs. Our organization is missing a black and white NEFSARDA banner, the kind awarded at 5th Saturday dances. We have the tube for it, but we're missing the banner. Please check where your club stores visiting banners and see if it surfaces. If located, please contact Mary Giera (904) 262-9907.

2018 NEFSARDA Fall Festival - Joan Amarino (904-629-4560) and Sherry Boatman-Burris will be the chairpersons for the 2018 Fall Festival that will be held on November 16th and 17th, 2018. The theme will be Murder in Maui – A Luau to Die For. The location will be the same – The Palms Presbyterian Church, 3410 3rd Street South, Jacksonville Beach, Florida. The Cuers will be Doug and Cheryl Byrd and the Caller will be Bobby Poyner. Tickets for the two nights are \$15 if purchased in advance or \$10 a night if purchased on the night of the dances. See the flyer at the end of this issue.

Pictures from the NEFSARDA 5th Saturday Dance on April 28th





NEFSARDA Delegates Meeting on May 6, 2018

Two clubs were awarded Gold Medals for visitations in 2017 – the Moose Promenaders with 63 visits and the Rollaways with 47 visits. The former Clay Alamanders were awarded a Silver Medal and the Seabreeze Singles were awarded a Bronze Medal. The Cover Squares of Levy County, the Mandarin Mauraders and the Silver Fox received an Honorable Mention citation. A club must be represented by four dancers to get credit for a visit, or by eight dancers for a banner raid.



Mary Giera of the Moose Promenaders, Bill and Paula Dion of the Clay Alamanders, Erik and Robin Burton of the Rollaways, Betty Smith of the Seabreeze Singles and Rick and Kim Doucette of the Mandarin Mauraders

Circus Dance - The Northeast Association sponsored a dance this past January called the Circus Dance. This is a dance to raise money for Dreams Come True, an organization that provides "dreams" for children who are suffering from a serious illness. This dance was put on by the old Silver Fox Squares for many years until the club closed. Some of us wanted to see the tradition continue so we stepped up to put the dance together. This year we were able to raise over \$7,000 which brings the total raised over the years to over \$60,000.



Bud and Diane German, Zachery and Susan Snider – Zachery with his Mother and Brother

This past Friday the people with Dreams Come True had a party to present our child with his dream. The child's name is Zachery (He made sure that we spelled it correctly.) Zachery is undergoing treatment for Leukemia at Wolfson Children's Hospital here in Jacksonville. He is a sweet young man with carrot red hair who couldn't stop smiling as he was told that he would be getting his dream of a Disney cruise for he and his parents and older brother. It means so much for these families to be able to get away for a week and not have to worry about Doctor's appointments and treatments. I would like to thank the dancers, callers and cuers who participated in this event and hope that we can keep it going for many years to come.

Susan Snider

February 2018 Report to the Florida Federation from the NEFSARDA

During February we had a couple big dances in our association. The Moose Promenaders had their annual President's Dance. It was a fun evening with the winning Presidents being Patrick & Joan Amarino of the Rollaways for most in attendance and Russ & Carolyn Ueber for the Fun & Frolic with the highest percentage in attendance.

We send a BIG SHOUT OUT to the Dixie Dancers of Lake City, Florida for putting on another terrific Olustee Festival Dance! The weather was amazing for February and the dancing in the streets was one of the BEST! THANK YOU, DIXIE DANCERS FOR YOUR HARD WORK!

The Graduations are just beginning! Seabreeze Singles had a graduation for 4 dancers. Jane Johnson, President, did a wonderful job with the ceremony! Seeing new dancers graduating is what it is all about! Fun & Fellowship and LOTS OF SMILES!!!

Hopefully everyone reading this article attended the State Convention for the first time in Daytona Florida! It was more than we could ever have expected! The Wizards...Lewis and Linda Wasserman put on a "Magical Performance"! All details were attended to and having the wood floors to dance on

was exceptionally nice! Congratulations, Lewis and Linda on a wonderful convention and for paving the way to new and better experiences for the Florida State Convention!!! It takes a village to build new ideas...and you two did just that along with your intrepid committee members!!! Now we have to put up our magic wands and bring out the green flags and start our engines for next year's convention. In closing, we want to wish a "Happy Retirement" to Ernie Rollen who has been calling in the Northeast Association for over 36years!!! You certainly will be missed Ernie! We want you to stop by at all the clubs as a "Dancer" throughout the year and tell us about all those "Fish Tales" you'll be having! Enjoy your fishing days coming ahead!

Jack & Kathy McKinney, Presidents, NEFSARDA

Notes from the Grapevine Editors

The Grapevine is sent via email at the beginning of each month to square and round dancers in the NEFSARDA community. Please send us your club news (past and planned), flyers and pictures. While it is best to send us your input at your earliest convenience, your final input is due three days before the end of the month. We prefer that your input be in Word, as an email, or as an attachment to an email (not PDF).

We welcome suggestions to make this a better and more useful publication. Please let us know of email address changes, additions and deletions, especially new members to your club. Use squaredancejax@gmail.com for communication related to the Grapevine. You can also call Laura on 941-928-8994 or Jim on 904-215-7922.

Laura Martin and Jim Maroldo



Monday Clubs

JACKSONVILLE

Mandarin Marauders
Mainstream & Plus Square
Dancing
Lessons - 7 - 7:30 PM
Club Dance 7:30 - 9:00 PM

3848 Hartley Road
(Mandarin Senior Center)
Jacksonville, FL

Callers, Shane & Ken Perez

Presidents, Rick & Kim Doucette
904-268-9960
(904) 655-1791
Rickandkim@bellsouth.net

Banner chair, David Smith
(904) 655-1791
opdaves@comcast.net

GAINESVILLE

Mixed Nuts/BAD Dancers
Advanced Square Dancing
7 - 9 PM

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

Caller, Bill Chesnut

Contact
sparkandme@bellsouth.net
or
Bill Chesnut
(352) 256-8628

Tuesday Clubs

JACKSONVILLE

Rollaways

Round Dancing, Mainstream &
Plus Square Dancing
Round Dance Lessons 6 - 7 PM
Square Dance Less. 7 - 8:30 PM
Club Dance - 8:30 - 9:30 PM

2750 John Prom Blvd
(Sandalwood HS Cafeteria)
Jacksonville, FL

Caller, Mark Fetzer
Cuer, Susan Snider

Presidents, Erik & Robin Burton
(904) 738-7008
robnsnyder@yahoo.com

Banner chair, Linda Tester
(904) 707-3117
lindactester@bellsouth.net

JACKSONVILLE

Seabreeze Singles
Mainstream and Pus Square
Dancing
Lessons - 7 - 8:30 PM
Club Dance - 8:30 - 9:30 PM

1300 Sprinkle Drive
(Arlington Presbyterian Church)
Jacksonville, FL

Caller, Jim Cosman

President, Jane Johnson
(904) 564-2062
msj18@bellsouth.net

Banner chair, Betty Smith
(904) 610-2675
bettybsmith2002@yahoo.com

LAKE CITY

Dixie Dancers

Round Dancing and Plus Square
Dancing

Square Dance Lessons 7:00 -
8:15 PM

Club Dance 8:15 - 9:30 PM

Teen Town
533 Northwest Desoto Street
Lake City, FL

Caller, Bill Chesnut
Cuer, Ralph Beekman

Contact, Barbara Rosenthal
(386) 466-2984
rar123@comcast.net

ST. AUGUSTINE

Joy Seas

Mainstream & Plus Square
Dancing

Every Tuesday except 2nd
Tuesday

Square Dance Lessons 7:30 –
8:30 PM

Club Dance 8:30 - 9:30 PM
Coquina Crossing Clubhouse
St. Augustine, FL

Take I-95 to exit 311
West on SR 207 1 mile, on left
You MUST be through the gate
by 8:00 PM

Caller, Mike Akers
Contact, John & Mary Burso
(904) 797-7530

burzom@bellsouth.net

call to verify dance availability

GAINESVILLE

Grand Squares

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

1001 NW 34st Street
(Westside Park Recreation Bldg)
Gainesville, FL

Caller, Lon Ligon

President, Susie Moon
(352) 283-1296
susiemoon@cox.net

grandsquares@bellsouth.net

Wednesday Clubs

WILLISTON

Clover Squares of Levy County

Mainstream & Plus Square
Dancing

Square Dance Lessons – 4:00 –
5:00 PM

Club Dance – 2:00 -4:00 PM

213 W. Noble Ave. (US 27A)
(First United Methodist Church)
Williston, FL

Callers – Either Bill Chesnut or
Rod Barngrover

Contact, Mignon Craig
(352) 528-3323
mignoncraig@yahoo.com
Facebook

JACKSONVILLE

Fun 'n Frolics

Advanced Square Dancing
6:15 - 8:15 PM
(dark June, July & August)

7750 S. Tempest Street
(Jacksonville Heights
Elementary School)
Jacksonville, FL

Caller, Jim Cosman

Contact, Russ & Carolyn Ueber
(904) 223-9347
carolynu9@gmail.com

JACKSONVILLE

Moose Promenaders

Round Dancing, Mainstream &
Plus Square Dancing
Advanced Square Dance 6:30 -
7 PM

Square Dance Lessons - 7 - 8:30
PM

Club Dance - 8:30 - 9:30 PM

5051 Collins Road
(Moose Lodge 2020)
Orange Park, FL
Caller, Bill Chesnut
Contact, Wayne & Debbie Miller
(904) 891-7016

dlmiller0331@yahoo.com

Banner chairs, Chuck & Mary
Giera
(904) 262-9907
maryvmusic@comcast.net

Thursday Club

Friday Club

STARKE

Silver Fox Squares

Mainstream with Announced Plus

Club Dance - 7:00 - 9:00 PM

First Methodist Church
200 North Walnut
Starke, Florida

Caller, Ken Perez
Co-Caller, Shane Perez
(904) 964-2917
dogcat@centurylink.net

Currently Dark

Banner chair, Susie Kirby
silverfoxsquares@mail.com

Weekend Camping Clubs

VARIOUS CAMPGROUNDS

Gypsy Squares

Mainstream / Plus / Lines

Usually on the
3rd Full Weekend of
Each Month

Normally with the
Square Wheels

Caller, Bill Chesnut

President, Gail LaRue
(352) 861-1583
glarue2775@gmail.com

VARIOUS CAMPGROUNDS

Square Wheels

Mainstream / Plus / Rounds

Usually on the
3rd Full Weekend of
Each Month

Normally with the
Gypsy Squares

2:30-4:30PM MS Workshop

Caller, Bill Chesnut

President, Don MacGregor
(904) 375-1252
dmacgr@comcast.net

Round Dancing

JACKSONVILLE

First Coast Rounds

Round Dancing

Round Dance Lessons 5 - 6
PM

Special Teaches 6 - 6:30 PM
Phase II-IV Dance from 6:30 -
8:30 PM

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

Cuer, Susan Snider
(904) 908-5184
frausbs@aol.com

Currently Dark

Saturday Dances

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

NEFSARDA 5th Saturday dances

Contact, Jane Johnson
(904) 564-2062
msjj18@bellsouth.net

Georgia Club

Brunswick, GA

Jekyll Island Squares

Mainstream & Announced Plus
Square Dancing with Line Dancing

Club Dance – Thursdays
7:00 - 9:00 PM

3890 Altama Avenue
(College Place
United Methodist Church)
Enter at the back of Church

Brunswick, GA
Caller, Don Heins

Contact, Don Heins
(912) 265-1504 or
(912) 269-7909
Call to verify dance schedule

Dance Club News

Clover Squares of Levy County – Williston

The Clover Squares will celebrate Flag Day on June 13th, and we'll be dark July 4th. Last December our dance time changed to 2:00 pm. In February our location changed to the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 213 W. Noble Avenue (Hwy 27 Alternate), Williston. If you have questions, call 352-528-3323 or check our Facebook page.

Mignon Craig

Dixie Dancers – Lake City

The Dixie Dancers celebrated their return to the Teen Town with a Fiesta on May 8th.





Our cuer Ralph Beekman and our caller Bill Chesnut with Bob Rosenthal
 It is great being back, and we really enjoy the new floating wood floor. Teen Town is located at 533 Northwest Desoto Street in Lake City. Everyone is welcome to visit us.
 Barbara Rosenthal

Fun 'n Frolics – Jacksonville

The Fun an' Frolics will be dark until September.

Grand Squares – Gainesville

Grand Squares had five callers at our dance on April 24th! In addition to our regular caller Lon Ligon, thank you to Jim Duncan, Shane Perez, Ken Perez, and Ellis Lindsey for adding to the fun! On May 1st we welcomed Jim Duncan again to be our substitute caller. The Grand Squares will graduate four new dancers on June 5th. We are welcoming Bertha Jackson, Susan Rizzo, Rheda Wells, and Brandi Tennant into the wonderful world of square dancing. Congratulations to these new dancers. All square dancers are invited to the graduation ceremony on June 5th. We will be dark for a good bit of the summer. Please call Susie for more information about our summer schedule on (352) 283-1296. Our dances are held on Tuesdays at 6:15 pm at the Westside Park Recreation Building, 1001 NW 34st Street, Gainesville.
 We love visitors!
 Susie Moon

Gypsy Squares and Square Wheels – Combined Camping Weekends

We camped at Southern Oaks RV Resort on the weekend of May 18 and 19. The management was so accommodating. There were 26 rigs, so it was a good showing. Friday night most of us went to Sam's Seafood for dinner, thirty in all. We had the most amazing waitress Rita. She took our orders and the food was out to us in no time. From the looks of the empty plates it was enjoyed by all! Let the good times roll.
 Our weekend hosts were Dee & Jim and Ron & Linda. They did an outstanding job. When there's a themed weekend everyone gets right into it. It just makes it so much fun. To add to the fun, the Ocala Twirlers came and raided our dance. As always, they had a big group, 31 in all. We filled dance floor with seven squares. The Square Wheels had a visiting couple, Bill and Debbie Cassidy. So happy they came. They got to see what a great time our two camping clubs have. Bill and Ann played tunes from the 50's. The dance floor was filled the whole night. For a special treat, we were served ice cream sodas just like the good old days. Mary Chesnut donated the soda and cups and helped served them up with the help of our hosts and Janet Frechette. Thank you all.

After the dance, we partied into the night at the sock hop. If you weren't dancing, you were singing along to the oldies but goodies.

Luckily, on Saturday morning the rain held off. Bill and Mary Chesnut had a lovely reception at their new 5th Wheel RV. The grand tour was given, and we all enjoyed Mimosa's and assorted pastries. This RV is a keeper, it's a beauty, and best of luck to you both. The rest of the morning was free time to shop the flea market or Camping World. At 1:00 pm we met back at the Recreation Hall and it was 'off the races'. Ron and Linda had two racing cars ready for the fun. Not only did you have to push the car around the track you had to hold a balloon between your knees, it was a real challenge. Terry Wallace and Debbie Cassidy even tried sitting in the cars to race. It was so funny watching us acting like kids having so much fun. Bill did have a workshop with one square. A pot luck dinner was shared.

Saturday night's dance was like a trip down memory lane, all the poodle skirts and the cool dudes. Dee brought packs of candy cigarettes. They were a big hit. It was suspiring how many former smokers there were. The pictures of them puffing on them was cool too. Poodle shirts were in full swing on the dance floor. Bill and Ann did great job calling and cueing.

Rod Barngrover surprised us, but we surprised him when he came through the door with our hoot and hollering welcome. We all rocked the night away.

We still had enough energy to go back to the after party. We had five tables of attendees, a really good crowd. It was entertaining watching Terry and Mary with the hula hoops. The talk around the table was about our summer travel plans. Going out to the camporee and national convention in Missouri or just enjoying family time. Where ever your summer plans take you, be safe until we meet at back at Southern Oaks in August.

We woke up to a rainy Sunday morning. Some of the campers had left early to start out on the summer adventures. But for the rest of us, we had a continental breakfast together.

I had the most fun putting together the Smilebox with some great shots of us having so much fun. Thank you again Dee and Jim and Ron and Linda for hosting such a fun weekend.

Gary and Gail LaRue, Gypsy Squares Presidents

A general message to square dance campers from Herman Meyer via Donna Seay

Please pass the word to your friends to review the information below about the proposed Bylaw changes, review/study the proposed changes and then compare to the current version of the Bylaws (2012), to prepare yourself to vote at the Annual Meeting to be held at the Sedalia, Missouri Camporee next month.

Steps to viewing this information:

1. Login to NSDCA.ORG
 - a. Click on the box "Proposed Bylaw Changes"
 - i. President's Message concerning the proposed changes.
 - ii. President's Message on the meeting and vote to be taken.
 - b. Click on the Menu choice "About Us" to see the existing Bylaws.
 - c. Click on the Menu choice "Press Releases" to view the proposed changes.
 - i. 2018 NSDCA Bylaws Change Explanation.
 - ii. 2018 NSDCA Proposed Bylaws Final.
2. After studying the above published information then prepare to vote on this issue.

Herman R. Meyer 319-310-9913

Jekyll Island Squares – Brunswick

Joy Seas – St. Augustine

Mandarin Marauders - Jacksonville

We are now dancing on MONDAY nights. The location and the time are the same – the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, Jacksonville from 7:00 to 9:30 pm.

Pat Chidester

Mixed Nuts/BAD Dancers - Gainesville

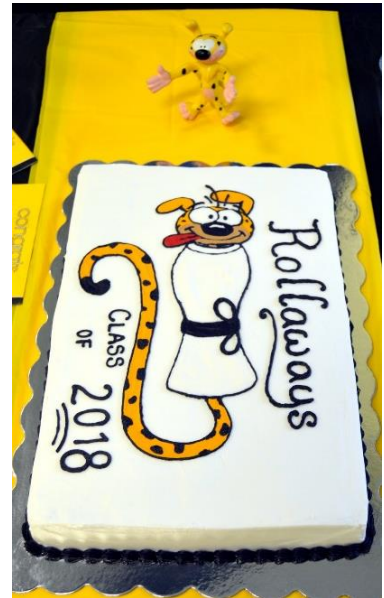
Moose Promenaders - Jacksonville

Rollaways – Jacksonville

The Rollaways celebrated their 30th anniversary on Tuesday, April 17th. There were photo albums from each of the 30 years on display, bringing back many memories. Most of the albums were put together by Jettie Crowe and continued on by Dianne Syphard. Helping us celebrate were the Moose Promenaders, who retrieved their banner. Howard Crowe, an original member of the Rollaways, was presented with a Lifetime Membership. The beautifully designed 30-year cake was made by Beth Sharkey in colors of Black and Yellow with Square Dance figurines on top. Election of officers also took place. The new officers are:

Presidents	Erik and Robin Burton
Vice Presidents	Ken and Caroline Shacter
Secretaries	Walt and Dianne Syphard
Treasurers	Jack and Kathy McKinney
Banner Chair	Linda Tester
Sunshine	Sherry Boatman-Burris





Graduation of our new dancers took place on Tuesday, May 15th.
Walt Syphard Secretary and Jack McKinney

Seabreeze Singles – Jacksonville

Silver Fox Squares - Starke

Silver Stars Squares – Fort White

News and Happenings

65th Florida State Square & Round Dance - GREEN FLAG DANCING FROM DAYTONA
February 22-23, 2019

The committee planning the 65th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention, chaired by Fast Ed Drexel and Terry Wetherby, is not just going around in circles on a racetrack. We are planning a fantastic convention for you!

Fundraisers for the 2019 convention include polos (\$25 each or two for \$45), t-shirts (\$15 each or two for \$25), buttons (\$1), and tote bags (\$10 each or two for \$15). They're coming soon to a race track near you. Also, there are raffle tickets (\$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5) for sale, and the prize is \$250 cash. Then there is the quilt raffle (\$1 for two or \$5 for five). The \$250 raffle drawing will be at the Fall Fun Fest on November 10th, but you don't have to be present to win. The quilt raffle drawing will be held February 23rd at the 2019 Convention, but you don't have to be present to win. Speaking of buttons, Cheryl Miller, the Ways and Means Chair, is selling GOLD SPONSOR buttons. If you purchase (\$25) and wear this button, you will not be harassed to participate in any other fundraising efforts for the 2019 Convention. I have my button – I think it's a fantastic bargain. All of these items can be purchased through the website www.FloridaSquareDance.com

Did you purchase your ribbons yet? The price will soon be going UP. You really should get your ribbons before May 31st. You can purchase them at the address listed below.

Ribbons purchased before 5/31/18 are \$35 per person.

Ribbons purchased 6/1/18 – 2/21/19 are \$40 per person.

At the door – \$45 per person.

Please make checks payable to: 65th FSDC - Mail to:

Carol Poole, Reg. Chair

1541 Lakeside Drive

Deland, FL 32720-3014

Phone: 386-734-5295

Email: cpoole19@cfl.rr.com or rpoole19@cfl.rr.com

Please register early -- We need to know how much flooring to order. Returned ribbons cheerfully refunded until February 21, 2019 for any reason.

It's also time now to book your hotel. The Homewood Suites (386-258-2828) and the Hilton Daytona Oceanfront Resort (386-254-8200) are now taking reservations. You can also book a spot at the Sunshine Holiday RV Park (386-672-3045). Great rates are available now, but space is limited.

The Party Weekend in Paisley, Florida on April 20-22nd was a wonderful success! You should consider attending that event next year – you won't regret it.

Susie Moon - Publicity

A Special Appeal for Pull Tabs

Each year at the International Camporee, the NSDCA (National Square Dance Campers Association) collects aluminum pull-tabs and donates the money received for the recycled aluminum to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children. The Shriner's hospitals provide much needed medical assistance to any child of need. Children with orthopaedical conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment, regardless of the patients' ability to pay. Within our square dance camping community, Bill Chesnut's daughter and Ron and Linda Imus' grandson have received support from the Shriner's hospital. You can help by saving your pull-tabs (not the entire can), and then giving them to a member of the Gypsy Squares or Square Wheels camping clubs. The collected pull-tabs will be donated at the National Camporee in June 2018.

Dale Fredrickson and Don MacGregor

2019 - 68th National Square Dance Convention in Atlanta, Georgia

Activities have already begun in anticipation of a great convention in 2019. The location is great for the NEFSARDA dancers so hopefully we can have a big presence in Atlanta.

The 2018 National Handicapable Convention at the Hilton Omni Hotel in Jacksonville, Florida from July 26th to July 28th

The first U.S. Handicapable Square Dance Convention (USH) was held in 1988 in Chickasaw, Alabama (a suburb of Mobile). The Convention was started by Dean and Kitty Emery to bring

Handicapable Square Dance Clubs together for a convention planned exclusively for the special dancers and their families.

The majority of our dancers consist of adults with developmental disabilities who range in age from adults to senior citizens. We also have clubs whose members dance in wheelchairs who do not have developmental disabilities. Anyone who enjoys square dancing and having a good time is welcome to our clubs and to our conventions! Friends, families, volunteers, and other interested people provide support and participate in our activities.

The national Conventions are held every other year to allow our clubs sufficient time to raise funds to travel to the Conventions. The USH Convention is most commonly held on the fourth weekend of July (in even numbered years), except when we have to move the convention date in order to get facilities. Jerry and Pam Yerby helped establish the first Western Handicapable Convention in 2001 which meets in odd-number years.

Our Conventions are family affairs. Entire families come with their special dancers. Group homes and Arc groups furnish buses for their dancers. Some clubs have even flown from their home area. Everyone looks forward to the Convention as one of the highlights in their lives. We choose hotels that can accommodate our entire convention, including rooms and dance area. This makes it easier on our dancers and their caregivers. We also choose sites that will make outstanding vacations for the attendees. We hope that you will attend a Handicapable Convention and have a great time with your friends, plus feel joy in your heart for this beautiful time square dancing together!

The 2018 U.S. Handicapable convention will be held at the Hilton Omni Hotel in beautiful Jacksonville, Florida starting on Thursday evening July 26th with a banquet followed by entertainment by the Rambling Rose Trio. The square dance will begin Friday morning July 27th and will end on Saturday July 28th. Friday afternoon will have open dancing for everyone, and then we will start the club demos. You will not want to miss these great performances. The evening session will continue with the club demos and finish with open dancing for everyone.

Saturday morning has been set aside for sightseeing. Saturday afternoon is devoted to the dangle dances for everyone, followed by a workshop to review and teach a new step. Angels are most welcomed to attend the afternoon session and assist our dancers expand their horizons.

Saturday evening is our BIG dance for everyone. With the completions of all of the club demos, the dancers really get into the open dancing with all of their friends of long time and new as well. Last but not the least, we end the convention with the BIG CIRCLE DANCE. Circle Left then Circle Right and form a conga line, winding in tighter and tighter, then unwinding back into the BIG CIRCLE again. Next is the group huddle and ending prayer of good health and safe travels until we meet again. You will never find any more LOVE in any other place in the world! Please come and join us for this special fun!

Rick Yates

Save Your Wine Bottle Corks! Beckie Burkett of the Moose Promenaders has asked us to save our natural wine bottle corks (not synthetic corks) for the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, of which she is a member. The purposes of the clubs are to further education in gardening, horticulture, botany, floral design, landscape design, environmental awareness, conservation of natural resources, civic beautification, nature studies, and to instill in our youth the love of gardening and the environment. Beckie's club is collecting the natural corks with the intention of recycling them. You can give the corks to Beckie at a Moose Promenader dance.

David Sturgis, the husband of Cuer Sandy Sturgis, passed away earlier in the year. A Celebration of Life will be held on June 16, 2018, in Panama City, Florida. This will be a free dance with Callers Darryl McMillan and Elmer Sheffield plus Cuers Sandy Sturgis and Terri Wilaby. Call Patricia McLendon on 850-769-4218 for more information.

Cruisin' with Bob 5 - Square Dance Cruise with Bill Chesnut



This may be a little too soon for some, but not soon enough for others who like to cruise. We are going to the Panama Canal April 6 – 14, 2019. This cruise is going out of Tampa, Florida, and it is an 8-day cruise.

Itinerary: We depart Tampa at 4:00 pm

Day 2, fun day at sea

Day 3, fun day at sea

Day 4, Limon Costa Rica, 11:00 am to 6:00 pm

Day 5, Panama Canal Partial Transit 7:30 am to 7:00 pm

Day 6, fun day at sea

Day 7, Grand Cayman 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Day 8, fun day at sea

Day 9, arrive at Tampa at 8 am

We have Group # 2SGZ75 with Manny. His telephone number is 800-819-3902 (extension 85172). His hours are Monday through Thursday from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm and Friday from 9 am to 6:00 pm. If you call after hours, you can call group reservations on 800-819-3902 (extension 70480). Please use the group number 2SGZ75.

Cabin Choices

Interior Cabin for 2 people - \$2378 plus optional insurance of \$109.00 per person

Ocean View for 2 people - \$2,658 plus optional insurance of \$119.00 per person

Obstructed Balcony for 2 people - \$2,998 plus optional insurance of \$119.00 per person

Balcony for 2 people - \$3,138 plus optional insurance of \$129.00 per person

These are great prices! Note – these prices are as of early May, and they may go up a little. If prices decrease, you will get a reduction. We got a big reduction in April, thank you Marilyn!

The Miracle is slightly larger ship than the Elation. It is comprised of 70% Balcony Rooms for viewing the Panama Canal, so the choice is limited for other cabins types. Your final payment is due on January 22, 2019. You do not have to make a decision about travel insurance until the final payment is made.

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Bill Chesnut

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Editor's note – I went on the last Cruisin' with Bob 4 cruise (April 2018). It was a truly wonderful experience due to the camaraderie with the other dancers and the fine calling of Bill Chesnut. I have been on a lot of cruises in my lifetime, and this was my all-time favorite. Carnival was a lot better on this cruise than my earlier cruises with them. I will be going on Cruisin' with Bob 5. I suggest that you join us for a great time. Jim

Dancer Profile

Pamela Newman has been dancing with Seabreeze regularly since last September and she is our newest member. She is a delightful person. I can honestly say that I enjoy dancing with and talking to her at our Seabreeze Singles dances (Tuesdays, 7:00 pm, at the Arlington Presbyterian Church). Pam was born June 6th in Cincinnati, Ohio where she attended grammar, junior, and senior high schools as well as the University of Cincinnati. She spent fifteen years working as a teacher for special needs children and developing 3 - 6 age early intervention groups in the Cincinnati school system. This was followed by 15 years teaching kindergarten and 2nd grade.

Pam danced with the "Unicorners Square Dance Club" in Cincinnati, Ohio. She graduated from their beginner's dance class in 2016. She was thrilled to be able to go to the National Convention in her home town of Cincinnati in June 2017.

In 2003 Pam married Simon who was a research scientist at the University of Cincinnati. They have one grown son. In September 2017 (after they had retired), they decided to move to Simon's hometown, Jacksonville, Florida.

Besides square dancing, Pam's hobbies are reading, needlework and learning to navigate around Jacksonville. She says that she really enjoys dancing at Seabreeze Singles in Arlington because the club members have gone "over the top" in being welcoming and friendly to her - which she really appreciates.

Margaret Cahan, Club Reporter



Dancers at Other Activities



On May 25, Debbie Miller (far right) and some of her co-workers participated in the Coast Guard's annual Run to Remember which honors the Coast Guard heroes who have made the ultimate sacrifice serving their country.

Farewells and Concerns

Worlie and Lavern Mathis celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary recently. They were married on March 28, 1948 in Folkston, Georgia.

We have been told that the following dancers are all doing well now.

Cora Lee Garrett of the Seabreeze Singles fell and broke her hip. She had surgery on April 30th.

Bill Barker of the Seabreeze Singles and Moose Promenaders had heart surgery in April.

Belinda Barker (Bill's wife) of the Seabreeze Singles and Moose Promenaders also had heart surgery in April.

Grace Van Frachen of the Mandarin Marauders and Moose Promenaders is recovering from a broken ankle.

Bonnie Drake of the Moose Promenaders died on May 12th. Her funeral was held on May 22nd. Bonnie was born on February 28, 1931 in Alamo, Georgia. She is survived by her sons, Wayne and Mike Crowell, two grandchildren and one great-grandson. The family asks that any memorial donations be sent to the Orange Park United Methodist Church, Suite 19, 2510 Park Avenue, Orange Park, Florida 32073. We will miss her great smile.



Bonnie Drake

The mother of Dorothy Dean passed away in Kentucky.

Barbara Walker, a long-time member of the Seabreeze Singles and who also attended the Moose Promenader dances, passed away on May 14th. Her services were held on Thursday, May 17th at the Evergreen Cemetery on Main Street. We extend our condolences to her friends and family.

Helpful Web Sites and Email Addresses

General

Florida Dancergram by Penny Green - www.dancergram.com

Florida Federation of Square Dancers – floridasquaredance.com

Florida Callers Association – www.flcallersassoc.org

National Square Dance Campers Association (John Ide) – johnide2016@outlook.com – www.nsdca.org

Single Square Dancers USA - <http://ssdusa.org>

67th National Square Dance Convention in June 2018 – www.67nsdc.com

Vendors

sewemupfashions.com or tom1nancy@wmconnect.com (Sew 'em Up Fashions, Roebuck, SC)

<http://www.jlvinyl.com/SQUARE---ROUND-DANCING.html> (vinyl decals)

www.travelinghoedowners.com (Square Dance DVDs – Both Instructional and Dance)

www.suzieqcreations.com (Suzie Q Creations)

<http://www.aronssquaredanceshopandpatterns.com/> (Aron's Square Dance & Western Wear)

<http://www.tictactoes.com/> (Tic TAC Toes - shoe vendor)

www.sheplers.com (Sheplers - the world's largest western stores and catalog)

www.PerfectPetticoats.com (Perfect Petticoats)

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DANCE

November 16 -17 , 2018

Palms Presbyterian Church

3410 3rd Street South, Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250



Caller: Bobby Poyner

Cuers: Doug and Cheryel Byrd



Friday: 7:00pm – 7:45pm Early Rounds
7:45pm – 8:00pm Welcome, Invocation, Pledge
8:00pm – 10:00pm Square and Round Dancing
8:00pm – 9:45pm Advanced Hall open
Saturday 10:00am – 12:00pm Round Dance Workshop
Day time: 1:00pm – 4pm Squares called by NE Callers
MS, Plus, Advanced and Rounds

Saturday: 7:00pm – 7:45 Early Rounds
Evening: 7:45pm – 8:00pm Opening
Ceremony and Grand March
8:15pm – 9:45pm Advanced Hall Open
8:00pm – 9:30pm Squares and Rounds
9:30pm – 9:45pm Awards
9:45pm – 10:00pm Last Dance

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Phone: Joan (904) 629 – 4560 Email: jnorve@netzero.com

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Host Campground: Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park – hannapark@coj.net

Registration by mail: Early registration: \$15.00 \$20.00 at the door One night only: \$10.00 – pay at the door
Make checks payable to NEFSARDA Mail to: Joan Amarino, 6155 Suwannee Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32217

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