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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!

Charlie & Val Newsome,
Editors

President's



Message

What a great delegate's meeting we had 1/11/04. We had new delegates: from Plus Fox. - - Jack Carrouthers and Macie Jackson; and from Silver Fox - Everett & Bobbie Luke. It's great to see that there is renewed interest in what's going on in your Association.

We reluctantly accepted the resignation of our Corresponding secretaries, John and Mary Burzo. They felt that they were going to be traveling and they wouldn't be able to handle the duties of the job. Thank you for a great two years. Accepting the appointment to Corresponding Secretaries will be Frank and Barbara Meyer. Frank said he likes to dress up in funny clothes and Barbara said she will do all the real work. Thank you Frank and Barbara for stepping in.

At the time of this writing, we have several people in the hospital, and at home recuperating. Our prayers are with them and we wish them a speedy recovery.

Silver Fox put on a wonderful Circus Dance. It was well attended and they raised more than \$1700.00 for Dreams Come True. Congratulations on a job well done! I was quite worried that since there was such a big attendance at the Circus Dance that people would not want to come to the first 5th Saturday Dance of 2004. Boy, was I fooled. We had 18+ squares. It was one of the biggest 5th Saturday dances we've had. The hosting clubs, Yellow Rockers and Fun & Frolics did a marvelous job on the theme and decorations. A great big **THANK YOU** to the Callers, Cuer and



dancers for making the 5th Saturday such a big success. More on this from the 5th Saturday Chairmen.

There are more charity dances coming up and I hope you will support them. Don't forget the dance for the Shriner Kids, City Rescue Mission, and Hospice. These are all very important charities and we need to remember to keep these people in our hearts.

Last but not least I want to encourage everyone to attend the State Convention in May. It is the 50th State Convention this year. What a milestone. It will also be our turn to issue the invitation for next year's State Convention. Whether you attend this year's Convention or not, please make plans to attend next year's Convention. Charlie and Val Newsome need your support. I would like to personally invite all the Callers and Cuers to participate next year. We really need you. This Convention belongs as much to the Callers and Cuers, as the dancers. It seems that the Northeast Callers have not been able to participate in the last several Conventions. Let's make next year the biggest Convention ever!!!

See you in a Square!

Bud & Anita Taylor

**Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you
want to test a man's character, give him power.**

(Abraham Lincoln - 1809-1865)



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 no longer be withheld. If you don't want your name on it - let us know you don't want it published!)

Charlie, please - would you print this just as it is written? It's from within me.

"To the square dance community in Northern Florida:

In December 2003, I was offered a job position with an outstanding University in Alabama. I did not want to accept it - because I truly loved living in Jacksonville. However, it was impossible to turn down a salary of twice my current rate - with more responsibilities than I had at Mayport Naval Station. The worst part was - I had two weeks to relocate. On Christmas Day, I packed the U-Haul and relocated my things from Florida.

On New Year's Day, I packed up my remaining items in Washington DC. Now everything is located in Alabama. I have a home - 3 bedroom 1.5 baths 2.75 acres right on the Lake. It takes me 10 minutes to go to work. But - if

I want to dance with my friends in Florida - it's a 7 hour drive to get there.

I want to thank each and every one of you for all your friendship you gave to me. Kathy & Jack, The Newsomes, Holly, Jo - super dancers and great friends. The callers - wow - too many to name - but one thing is certain - the Northern Florida area has some of the best callers in the USA right there.

Last but not least - Wanda. I will miss her more than anyone else. She is a fantastic lady. One of the classiest ladies I have ever met in my 50 years of living. A rare find nowadays. She is - and always will be - the best square dance partner I ever had. Thank you, Wanda. And thank you - all of you - for all the warm friendship you gave to me while living in Jacksonville, Florida.

Nick Cline

Email: nick.cline@charter.net

Dear Charlie & Val: Please print these two notices in the next Grapevine.

Tom & Dorothy Hidding want to wish everyone a very Happy New Year!

Tom is still in the Life Care Center of Orange Park, FL on Kingsley Avenue. Visits and cards are most welcome.

Dot Hidding

Editors' Note: We received this note from Dot Hidding after the January issue had been printed, but wanted to share it with everyone. She also sent some information on the death of Irene McCollum which we have included in a special "IN MEMORY OF" section.

THANK YOU!

We want to take a moment to say a big "Thank You" to **Bill Boyd** for providing us with FREE copies of the "BOW & SWING" and the "AMERICAN SQUARE DANCE" for our graduating dancers. We have already been getting them out to the class graduates and they are being very warmly received.

Thanks, Bill, for just another way you continue to promote Square Dancing in the State of Florida.

Charlie & Val



From The Editors' Desk...

State Square & Round Dance Convention. That's where you'll meet old friends from all over the State, and meet and make new friends...all the while enjoying some of the best dancing and fellowship you could hope for in a fun-filled 3 days! Yes, I said **50th!** This is a milestone -- and it is shaping up to be a great fun party. If you don't have your ribbons yet, we can help you with your problem. **We have registration forms and ribbons.** Just remember, the cost is **\$20.00 until April 30th....**then you'll have to get your tickets at the door for the increased price of \$22.00. If you haven't registered -- **DO IT NOW!! DON'T MISS ALL THE FUN!**

One final comment -- **The Northeast has been tasked with hosting the 2005 State Convention!** We hope you will support the efforts of your Association and help make this a great dancing weekend. We need your help to: work on committees, support the many fund raising projects, and most importantly, be there in 2004 when we present our Kick-Off and in 2005 when we host the Convention. It is not up to one or two of us -- **the Northeast means ALL OF US!**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND HELP!

Class Graduations are beginning! We'd like to see a lot of **dancers, callers, and cuers** turn out at the club graduations as well as the GCA Graduation to show these graduating dancers a **BIG WELCOME** into the Square Dance Activity!

We still have a few **Charity Dances** coming up. Just by attending the dance and enjoying the fellowship you will be supporting the charity. The Seabreeze will hold its Charity Ball to benefit the City Rescue Mission on April 3rd; the River Ramblers will hold their dance to benefit the Shriner's Children's Hospital on March 20th; NEFSARDA holds its 2nd Annual Hospice Charity Dance on May 1st; and then in July we'll have a chance to help the Crippled Children's Hospital when we attend the Christmas in July Dance. Thanks to all of you who attended and supported the Silver Fox Annual Circus Dance on January 30th where approximately \$1800.00 (final figures not released yet) was raised to benefit Dreams Come True.

Then, let's not forget we need to travel to Lakeland the last weekend in May to attend the **50th Florida**

GRAPEVINE DEADLINES

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FEATURE ARTICLE

By Annette Conk

THE DIXIE DANCERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA



If one talks to any Lake Citian who has been around a while (which is another way of saying "old-timer"), one will hear a variety of stories about

square dancing in the old days. Square dancing has always been popular in Lake City but there had been no club in the area since the Lake City Squares disbanded about five years prior to 1978, when Imogene Connolly Lawrence got together with R.J. Hogan.

Imogene and R.J. both worked for BellSouth, then known as Southern Bell. Imogene was looking for a project for the Telephone Pioneers of America to raise money for fireproof vests for the firemen in Lake City.

THE PROJECT: Wouldn't it be fun to have a "one-nighter" square dance? Everyone seemed to think so, especially since there were lots of people in Lake City who already knew how to square dance.

Imogene contacted R.J. to ask if he would call for the "one-nighter". R.J. was gung-ho on the project and agreed to call. Imogene procured a building at the Columbia County Fair Grounds. They set the date, did some advertising and waited. The dance was a hit. Eighteen squares of dancers show up ready to square dance.

And that was that - except R.J. got to thinking. If that many people in the Lake City area loved to square dance, why wasn't there a club in the area? He contacted his old telephone company buddy, Imogene. He wanted to start a club in Lake City. So Imogene helped with arranging for the place to dance and working on the advertising.

So, in September of 1978, R.J. started calling dances every week at the fairgrounds - until the fair came to town. It was then that they moved to the old American Legion Hall located in the Lake City downtown area. They danced at the American Legion for only a few weeks when they moved again, and for the last time, to Teen Town Recreation Center, a building owned by the City of Lake City.

R.J. called for the Dixie Dancers until he resigned in April of 1987. Until that time the club was a caller-run club.

When R.J. left, the club organized as a club-run club. A board of officers was elected and a committee was appointed the task of looking for a new caller.

Every week the club had a different guest caller until July 21, 1987, when James Maxie, from Jacksonville, accepted the invitation to be the Dixie Dancers caller. James soon realized it was a long way to travel between Jacksonville and Lake City every week. In March of 1988 he resigned as the club's caller.

The club held a special meeting and elected to invite Bill Chesnut to be the club caller. Bill accepted the invitation and started calling for the club in April of 1988. Bill has remained the caller to date.

TEEN TOWN

The building we have danced in all these years, Teen Town Recreation Center, has been around since the 1950's. It was originally built as a place for local teens to have dances and socials. By the 1980's it had received a lot of wear and tear. Unfortunately, the city had not kept it in good repair. The wood floor was in very bad shape - splintered and giving away in places. It really was not safe to dance on.

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In October of 1987, at our monthly business meeting, we started discussions about what to do with the floor. One of our members, John O'Steen, presented to the club a source for getting maple flooring for the Teen Town Hall. It was an old skating rink floor and it might be available at a minimum of cost. After a lot of negotiation between the Dixie Dancers, the owner of the maple planking and the Lake City Recreation Department, we finally acquired the floor for \$1000.00 in cash and a letter from the City acknowledging a donation for a further \$3000.00.

We finally had the material for a new floor, but we were a long way from having a new floor. It took three long years of back and forth negotiations with the City Recreation Department - and then it finally ended with the men from our club actually installing the floor themselves and us paying to have it finished.

We have also had painting parties to paint the walls numerous times, and we have installed kitchen counters, sinks and cupboards and bathroom sinks and cupboards supplied by the city.

CHARITIES

CHRISTMAS: Until around 1990, we had our little Christmas party every year and gave gifts to each other. It seemed to us a sort of useless thing to do. We decided instead to sponsor a "Christmas Family" each year. Each year we select a family and provide Christmas gifts for the children - that is until this past year. This year we decided to support a long-standing local Christmas charity called "The Dream Machine". The Dream Machine provides Christmas gifts for hundreds of underprivileged children.

THANKSGIVING: Every Thanksgiving we collect food to donate to The Christian Service Center. The Christian Service Center makes up hundreds of Thanksgiving food baskets

to give to families with underprivileged children.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY DANCE: For the last couple of years we have collected money to donate to the Christmas in July Dance Charity.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

In addition to our charity activities, we present one special dance each year in conjunction with the annual reenactment of the Civil War Battle of Olustee - the Annual Blue-Grey Square Dance!

When square dancing started up again in Lake City late in 1978, it didn't take long to start enjoying the Olustee Blue-Grey Festival and making it a part of the club's square dancing history. Before the first class eve graduated with a lot of enthusiasm and energy, in April of 1980, they were dancing in the streets in February at the 1980 Festival.

Lake City's Eastside Elementary School was organizing a demonstration of folk dancing as part of the downtown festival entertainment that year. Ramsey Hammers, as the first president of the Dixie Dancers, was contacted and asked that the square dancers be a part of the demonstration dancing in honor of square dancing's folk history. And so it was organized that first year as just a festival entertainment demonstration dance, with the club caller, R.J. Hogan doing the calling.

After the demonstration dance that afternoon, the square dancers decided to go home and get some food together and take it to the VFW Hall to eat and dance some more.

After that festival weekend, they were hashing over all the dancing they did and the fun they had and decided to make it the first of an annual event. They decided to call it The Blue-Grey Ball. But then they ran into some conflict with another organization in town who had a dance called The Blue-

FEATURE ARTICLE (Cont'd)

Grey Ball. So they changed the name to The Blue-Grey Square Dance.

By the 1981 Festival, the Dixie Dancers were a little more organized. Ramsey had fliers printed up and the club members decorated Teen Town. Club members Sadie Hammers and Marcine Robinson made Blue-Grey dance costumes and dressed themselves and their husbands, Ramsey Hammers and Bobby Robinson, up for the official 2nd annual Blue-Grey Dance that Saturday night. Of course, they danced in the street again in front of the court house that afternoon as part of the festival entertainment. It made a satisfying but tiring weekend.

By 1982, the dance out-grew Teen Town. As the first Blue-Grey Dance Chairman, Ramsey rented the National Guard Armory and managed to get a nationally known caller, Ron Ray, to share the calling with our club caller, R.J. Hogan. And that was the beginning.

One thing for sure . . . Ramsey Hammers was instrumental in starting a "class" dance that we Dixie Dancers can be proud of.

This year we celebrated our 25th ANNUAL BLUE-GREY SQUARE DANCE on February 14th. Look for details and pictures of the event in the next issue of The Grapevine



IN MEMORY

**Russell H. Osborn Jr.
June 26, 1921 - December 31, 2003**

Russell H. Osborn, Jr., 82, a resident of Jacksonville for 50 years, died on December 31, 2003. Born in Savannah, Georgia, he grew up in Fernandina and Daytona Beach, Florida where he graduated from high school in 1938. During World War II he served three years as an Army Air Corp pilot in Africa and India as a 1st Lieutenant. He retired from the Air Force Reserves in 1959 and, in 1974 he retired after 25 years as an Air Traffic Controller.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Rhetta, his wife of 40 years, Bettie, his sister, Helen Troy, and most recently, his wife of 12 years, Polly. He was an avid square dancer and a member of the Teddy Bear Squares. He enjoyed golfing, and was involved in activities of the Marsh Creek Homeowners Association. He was an active member of St. Matthews Lutheran Church where he served the Church through the Men's Group, prayer chain, ushering and the Lutheran - Episcopal Dialogue Group. He also went to monthly dinners with retired Federal Aviation Association members of Chapter 172 NARFE.

He is survived by his daughter, Linnie Osborn of Tallahassee; his niece, Kathleen Sweeney and her husband Bill of Daytona; their son Stephen (along with wife Cindy and children Matthew and Parker); and their son Kevin (along with wife Mary LaRue and children Bailey and Fisher).

Our heartfelt sympathy for Russell's family and his many friends. Russell was a gentleman and a gentle man. He was one of a kind and will be sorely missed.

SQUARE'EM UP **for the Shriner's Kids**



Putnam County Shrine Club Benefit Dance

**Presented by:
River Ramblers Square Dance Club**

Saturday, March 20, 2004

7:00 - 10:00 PM

Admission: \$4.00 Per Person

AUCTIONS: LIVE -- SILENT -- CHINESE

**Putnam County Shrine Club
112 Yelvington Road
East Palatka, Florida**

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CALLERS CORNER !!

From:
CALLERLAB...

ADVANCED (A-1 and A-2) REVIEW

The Advanced Committee has completed the 2003 review of Advanced (A-1 and A-2). The only change approved during the review was to add the definition of "LEFT" to the

"Glossary of Descriptive Terms Used in the Definitions" section of the Advanced definitions. No other changes were approved.

MENTAL EXERCISE HELPS PREVENT ALZHEIMER'S

Square dancers have known for a long time how beneficial this activity can be. One of the major benefits is the joy of joining with other square dancers for an evening of dancing and friendliness. The social benefits of being with friendly people who also enjoy our activity are tremendous. Now we have a medical study which provides even more ammunition to the discussion that square dancing is good for you. The following article provides information about this study. Please read it and make copies of this Press Release for your friends. Let them know how much square dancing can benefit them.

WASHINGTON, June 19 (UPI)

-- Mentally challenging activities like playing chess or bridge can significantly reduce the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease according to a new study.

Seniors who engaged in pastimes like playing a musical instrument or even checkers lowered their risk of developing dementia by as much as 75 percent, the Washington Post reports, compared with those who didn't exercise their minds. Citing a study lead by Joe Verghese, a neurologist at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, the results add to an increasing body of evidence. "I see a lot of elderly patients -- They have so-called senior moments -- they go in a room and forget why they are there. One thing I advise is for them to increase their participation in cognitively stimulating activities." Such benefits are widely available and inexpensive and seem to benefit all levels of education and intelligence. Unfortunately, the Post reports, watching television doesn't count.

.....If Fed Ex and UPS were to merge, would they call it Fed UP?

.....I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older, then it dawned on me, they were cramming for their finals.

.....Isn't Disney World a people trap operated by a mouse?

**50th Florida State Square &
Round Dance Convention**

May 28 - 30, 2004

Shirley Knapp, Publicity Chairman

Released 1/4/04

Only four months until the 50th State Square and Round Dance Convention. This will be such a grand celebration since it is a special anniversary for us. Bruce and Colleen Morgan, Chairman, are pulling out all the stops to make it a wonderful party. You will not want to miss this one. One of the things you will not want to miss - one of many - is the grand march on Saturday night, May 29th. George Knapp is the Grand March Chairman and he has designed an excellent march for us. What he needs, however, is a lot of dancers to take part in the grand march. He will have signs in the bleachers so you will know where to gather with your association and where to assemble for the grand march. **IMPORTANT NOTE: The arena will be set up in a different configuration from what you are used to, so it is important that you take note of where your association is located.** A layout will be posted at the entrance to the arena Saturday evening for you to take a look at. There will be a minimum amount of "standing around." You can enjoy the entertainment, etc., while you are sitting in the stands. Just before we are ready for the grand march, Bruce

will tell you it is time to line up. You will be given time to get in line and enjoy the grand march prior to the first tip of the evening.

I am often asked, "What do we wear for the grand march?" The answer is wear your association outfit if you have one since you will be marching in with your association. If you do not have an association outfit, wear your club outfit. You will still march in with your association, but in a group with your club. If none of these fit, just wear whatever you want and join in wherever you can find a place. The important thing is, get in the grand march and **participate** in your state convention.

Remember the date, **May 28-30, 2004.** Registration forms are at your clubs. If you cannot locate one, call the Chairman, Bruce and Colleen Morgan, 407-339-3121, or email them at brucemorgan@earthlink.net. If for any reason you find you cannot attend, your money will be cheerfully refunded up to the first day of the convention. What a deal, right? Do not miss the 50th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention. There will not be another party like this one until...perhaps, the 75th!

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Ladies dresses (size 12-14), skirts, blouses
pettipants, crinolines, etc.

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Many colors -- very reasonable prices.

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An optimist thinks that this is the best possible world.
A pessimist fears that this is true.

50th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention

May 28 - 30, 2004

Shirley Knapp, Publicity Chairman

Released 2/1/04

All plans are being finalized for the 50th State Square and Round Dance Convention. A meeting was held January 31st for committee chairmen to determine progress and what yet needs to be done, and it sounds as if we are about ready to put on this party.

There are eight dance halls planned for your dancing pleasure. Florida State callers and cuers will give you their best in each one of them. Penny Green, the Singles Chairman, has said there will be no "singles hall", but there will be a solo area in each hall for Singles. Penny also stated that the Best Western hotel in Lakeland is the host hotel for the Singles this year. She invited all the Singles and new dancers to come to their hospitality suite Friday and Saturday evenings for dancing, food and more FUN.

In the Sew and Save room, Chairman Peggy Gowen has twelve dresses for display and drawing give away. Just put your coupon in the cup in front of the dress you want and you might win it. A new service is being offered: Bring your scissors to the Sew and Save room for sharpening. Bet there are a lot of scissors out there that can use that

service. A hands-on serger demo will be featured also where you are invited to make an item on the serger. All machines (serger and sewing) in the Sew and Save room are offered for sale at the end of the convention.

Susan Elaine Packer has some exciting entertainment lined up for us each night of the convention. The Pensacola Special Steppers will be there Saturday and Sunday evenings which you will not want to miss. The Curlicues will be on hand; there will be some Contra and Country Western demos and a routine by the Orange Blossom Squares.

Bruce and Colleen Morgan, the General Chairman, are spending a lot of their time in Lakeland to make this convention top-notch. They have a number of things lined up as surprises for us which they have not given me permission to go into yet. But I am confident that this 50th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention is one that you will not soon forget. Get your tickets and hotel room now for May 28-30, 2004 for some dancing FUN.

A lot of church members who are singing "Standing on the Promises" are just sitting on the premises.

CEMETERY PLOT FOR SALE

I am selling a burial site at the **Riverside Memorial Park**, located on Normandy Blvd., Jacksonville, FL. The site location is:

Unit 3, Lot 4, Space Number 4

Selling price is starting at **\$950.00**.

If you know of anyone interested in the burial site, please contact me at **(904)757-4786** daytime or **(904)225-8084** evenings.

Linda Riggs

Thank you for your time.

MOOSE PROMENADERS

1990

2004

14th Anniversary and Graduation

Class Of 2004

Caller: Art Wilson

Special Dance: Mainstream & Plus

Thursday, April 15, 2004

Time: 7:30 - 10:00 PM

\$8.00 per Couple

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Cuer's Corner

By Val Newsome



The **Touch of Class** still dance to the cueing of **Jim & Barbara Winter** every Thursday evening from 7:30-9:30 PM at Peace Presbyterian Church. This is a Phase III-V Club.

The **First Coast Rounds** dance every Sunday evening at Peace Presbyterian Church. Class is from 6:00-7:30 PM; Phase II and III, with a teach, from 7:30-8:30 PM; and Phase III and IV, with a teach, from 8:30-9:30 PM. **Cha-Cha/Rumba** lessons began **February 22nd**, but it's not too late to join, if you hurry. **Lisa & John Wall** are cuers for this fun club.

By the way, Lisa Wall gave me a flyer on the Round Dance Council of Florida 45th Spring Weekend of Rounds, March 20th & 21st. She says it's a great weekend for Round Dancers. It will be held at the Stardust Dance Center in Plant City. This facility has 5,000 square feet of floating hardwood floor. It's limited to 65 couples, so if you are interested, call Lisa & John at 241-0384 for more information.

ROUNDS OF THE QUARTER

(1st Quarter, 2004)

- PHASE 2: Paint The Town (TS) by Desmond & Ruth Cunningham, RCA 8747-7
PHASE 3: (Tie) C'est Si Bon III (CH) by George and Joyce Kammerer, STAR 136
I Won't Send Roses (RB) by Bill and Martha Buck, STAR 203A
PHASE 4: This is the Life (FT) by Ron & Ree Rumble, CD or contact choreographer
PHASE 5: When Forever Has Gone V+1 (WZ) by Mary & Pete McGee, SP
PHASE 6: I'm Still Me (WZ) by Kay & Joy Read, CD or contact choreographer

ROUND DANCE CALENDAR

- Mar. 12th-13th Shamrock Swing (Central Assn) Kissimmee, FL
Mar. 13th March Spring Fling Tallahassee, FL
Mar. 19th-20th Fuzzy Navel Dance (FASSRD) Jekyll Island, GA
Mar. 20th-21st 45th Spring Weekend of Rounds Plant City, FL
Mar. 20th Shriner's Kids Benefit Dance River Ramblers
Apr. 3rd Annual Charity Dance (City Rescue) Seabreeze Sgls.
May 1st Hospice Dance NEFSARDA
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IN MEMORY

J. Frank Smith

December 31, 1933~January 24; 2004

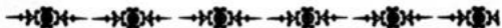
J. Frank Smith, born December 31, 1923, passed away January 24, 2004. He was a Jacksonville native, raised on Forbes Street and attended Robert E. Lee High School where he was known as Smitty to his friends and football teammates. He retired from the City of Jacksonville Electric Department in 1968. Through his hard work and knowledge he became a Master Electrical Contractor and worked until his health would not allow it.

He was a founding member of Peeler Memorial Methodist Church and later joined Spring Glen United Methodist Church.

Frank was an active Square Dancer for a number of years in the Jacksonville area. He served as the Vice President of the Northeast Florida Square Dancers Association in 1975, as its' President in 1976 and its' Recording Secretary in 1977. He also served as the President of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers in 1981 and was the General Chairman of the 31st Florida State Square Dance Convention.

He was predeceased by his parents, Benjamin Franklin and Anna Dorothy Smith, and a brother Robert. He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Frances Armstrong Smith; four sons, Bob (Cindy), Ben (Julie), Jim (Wanda), and John Smith; five grandchildren, Chris (Elizabeth), Rachel, Jessie Ruth, Bobby (Suzanne) and Brett; two great-granddaughters, Skylar and Sharon; one brother, Charles J. Smith; many nieces, nephews and relatives in Southwest Georgia.

Sympathy goes out to his family and friends who will miss him greatly.



NORTHWEST DANCE COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Joe and Patricia McLendon were named 2003 Dance Couple of the Year in the Northwest Association. They are members of the Swingin' Squares in Panama City, and we understand the Club nominated them for this honor. The selection was announced on Saturday evening during the Northwest's 29th Annual Round-Up, which was held in Defuniak Springs on October 24th and 25th.

Congratulations Joe & Patricia on receiving this prestigious award!



KING & QUEEN OF DANGLES

By Stephen & Katja Palmer as told by John Loveland

"After I graduated from Square Dance class in April of 2003, I was nominated to be the dangle Chairman of the Mandarin Marauders. I then realized that many of the long time dancers had a lot of dangles that they collected over the years. I also was looking for a way to get people interested in collecting more dangles by attending our Dangle Dances. So, I came up with the idea of the King and Queen of Dangles from our club. This idea went over so well, I decided to expand this concept and include all the clubs in the area. This seemed like a good idea, because it not only raises the attendance at dangle dances, it also recognizes and honors those people who have been active, long time dancers and who have

collected large amounts of dangles.

Naturally this first year was a little slow to start and it took a while for all the clubs to decide to have their own King and Queen competitions, however the final King and Queen "Dangle-off" competition was very well attended, and I believe that next year more clubs will join in the fun. There is even the possibility that this King and Queen of dangles idea will spread to at least a statewide level, and who knows where from there...

I want to thank NEFSARDA again for allowing us to share their dance and I also want to thank Linda Miller and the Palmers for helping run and set up the dangle dances as well as the final event."

(EDITORS NOTE: We commend John Loveland for his efforts to bring a fresh idea to the square dancing community. He, along with Linda Miller and Stephen & Katja Palmer, did a lot of preparation for the Dangle Dances. Thanks to all of you!)



Kings & Queens (T - B & L - R): Chuck & Aleen Breedlove (Teddy Bears); Richard Burkette & Maxine O'Donnell (Silver Fox); Jack & Kathy McKinney (Rollaways); James & Jean Kindred (Mandarin Marauders); Barbara & Frank Meyer (Moose Promenaders); Millie Hutto & Will Harrell (Seabreeze Singles); Billy Luper & Maxine Thomas (Yellow Rockers +); and John & Mary Burzo (Joy Seas!)

KING & QUEEN OF DANGLES (Cont'd)

And the King & Queen are: Jack & Kathy McKinney (Rollaways)
(Plaque awarded by John Loveland (far left) and Linda Miller (far right))



And the Runners Up are Chuck & Aleen Breedlove (Duke & Duchess of Teddy Bears) and Richard Burkette & Maxine O'Donnell (Duke & Duchess of the Silver Fox)



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IN STEP WITH. . .

Country, Clogging and Line Dancing

By Donna Robbins

I have asked Maxine Thomas to assist me in the 2005 Convention. She, along with her partner, Billy Luper, is the only dancer I know of that is involved, quite competently I might add, in all of the dances that we do; ie.,

square, round, line and clogging, which makes her very qualified. Except for my sons, she is the only Charter Member of the "Cloggin' Robins", having clogged with me for almost 25 years. Of course, there is her "Rogers and Astaire" act...

Thanks Maxine, for being a good representative of our activity!

5TH SATURDAY DANCE

By Shirley White & "Smitty" Smith, Vice Presidents

Many thanks to everyone who attended the 5th Saturday Dance on January 31st. It was a great dance and one of the largest 5th Saturday Dances held recently, with over 18 squares enjoying the evening.

NEFSARDA extends our thanks to Eddie Millan and Jim Cosman for calling and to Jim Winter for cueing.

The Fun 'N Frolics and Yellow Rockers Plus were the hosts for the evening. They served up lots of good refreshments, and made everyone feel most welcome at the "Snowman's Paradise."

Watch for details of the next 5th Saturday Dance which will be held July 31st of this year.



NEFSARDA Banner winners (L - R): Yellow Rockers (Billy Luper & Maxine Thomas), Seabreeze Singles (Diane Stewart & Jerry Kangas), Rollaways (Virginia Bomhold) and First Coast Rounds (Lisa Wall)!



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53rd NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION

Denver, Colorado

June 23, 24, 25, 2004

"ROCKY MOUNTAIN ROUNDUP"

"CEREMONIES"

"O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!"

Familiar words, sung often -- but do you know the history behind them? They were first penned in 1893 by schoolteacher-poet Katherine Lee Bates in a work she first christened "Eterna." Yes, some of the words were slightly different, but for the most part, that poetic gem has blossomed into what we know as "America The Beautiful."

Bates had come to Colorado to teach summer school. One of her journeys took her to the top of 14 thousand foot Pikes Peak, just a few miles from Colorado Springs. The view east from that "purple mountain" is of a "fruited plain."

Thus the themes for the three ceremonies planned at the 53rd NSDC were not hard to come by. The Wednesday evening opening ceremony is entitled "Amber Waves of Grain." Our Friday evening celebration ceremony is entitled "Purple Mountain Majesties." Saturday's closing ceremony is christened "Sea to Shining Sea."

The NSDC comes northwest from Oklahoma City. Dry land farming covers most of this area and one of its major crops is wheat -- those amber waves that Bates wrote of. Colorful Colorado's chance to shine comes Friday in "Purple Mountain Majesties." That's because one of the best-known features of the state is the Rocky Mountains. On Saturday after four wonderful days of dancing, we close the festivities and send the torch to Oregon and the Pacific Ocean.

The "Rocky Mountain Roundup" has

several supporting themes. "Our Western Heritage" is one, and we intend to show that in many ways, from the dress of the "Old West" to the music that could have been heard echoing through the hills. All the ceremonies are going to be musical, fast paced and full of surprises. The west was a place where the unexpected occurred often, and you'll need to keep a watchful eye.

There will be plenty of seating for everyone in the National Western Complex Events Center and the Denver Coliseum. Be sure to take some time out to enjoy the pageantry, color, excitement and surprises of the 53rd NSDC's trio of ceremonies. We'll see you there!

"Purple Mountain Majesties"

To Feature Colorado Family -- "Second Wind" is a family band that has been playing together for two years. They play various styles of music including mountain folk, gospel and contemporary bluegrass. The dad and mom of this family group are Joel and Mary. Joel is the most experience musician in the band, both vocally and instrumentally. He plays rhythm, flat-pick and fingerstyle guitar along with occasional stints on the mandolin and banjo. Joel sings lead and harmony vocals with a rich, strong voice. Mary provides the foundation of the music on acoustic bass, and sings back-up vocals. She also handles the band's scheduling. Travis is 16 years old, and his primary instrument is the mandolin. This past September Travis brought home First Prize in the Walnut Valley Mandolin Contest at the National Flat-picking Championships in Winfield, Kansas. He also plays banjo and guitar, and sings lead and harmony

53rd NSDC (Cont'd)

vocals with a voice that promises to be as good as his dad's. Breanna, at 13 years old, is the youngest member of the band. She plays violin and fiddle, and occasionally picks up the mandolin for a song or two. She has already written several songs for the band. Her solo vocals add sweetness to the group, and contribute to that unique, "Second Wind" sound. The band was named "Second Wind" to reflect the fact that playing in a band with their children is a whole new musical phase for Joel and Mary. It's a dream come true, and although they have to work hard to keep up with these fast-pickin' kids, they enjoy every minute of it.

Come one, Come All to the Youth Hall

...and don't be late! We have plenty planned to keep you busy: barbeques, rodeo, clinics, dancing, after-parties, even an entertaining mountain man to teach you the ways of the Old West. A few new twists added this year include a couple of youth clinics, plus dance tips, and a "field trip" to dance to the live band. But don't worry; we would never mess with some of the ever popular traditions like the D.J. after party on Saturday night.

Join us on Wednesday evening, following the rodeo, for the Trails End dance and root beer float party. Parents, this is your opportunity to dance with your youth in the Youth Hall. After Wednesday evening, you are welcome to watch from the youth spectator area but no adults will be allowed on the dance floor.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday will be full days of events. We will begin each day at 10 AM. Dancing will happen each day from 10 AM-Noon; 2-5 PM; and 7-10 PM. Group activities will be scheduled from noon-2 PM. Youth after parties will be the place to be 10 PM-Midnight.

Please keep tabs on our youth website for up-to-date schedules and

happenings. We will be updating our information on a regular basis as events are confirmed. Log on to <http://www.53nsdc.com> and look for us under youth program.

THE 53rd NSDC OFFERS:

SQUARES: There will be a Live Band in the Arena for dancing; in addition, there will be a Plus Hall, Advanced Haol, Challenge Hall, Singles Hall, Mainstream Singing Call Hall with Rounds, and a Plus Hall with Rounds.1 A High Energy Hall at the mainstream level.

ROUNDS: There will be 4 halls designated for Round Dancing. One for 5/6 dancers, one for 4/5 dancers, one for 3/4 dancers, and one for Phasse 2/3 dancers. Wooden floors in three of the halls. A Showcase of Rounds each morning...plus teaches, clinics in the afternoon. A Round Dancing Clinic for non-round dancers.

CLOGGING: Full clogging program will be offered in Denver. Clinics, workshops, teaches and open dancing are planned in the clogging hall.

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If you haven't registered, do it now. Check the Web Site of the 53rd NSDC at www.53nsdc.com to see what fun awaits you!

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Mar. 19th.....DARK (school closed)
Apr. 9thDARK (Good Friday)
Apr. 23rd.....Class Graduation
Apr 30th.....All Singing Calls

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

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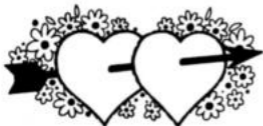
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WEDDING BELLS RING



On August 16, 2003, Kitty Boyce and Harold Fuller were married at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Orange Park, FL. Kitty is a member of Mandarin Marauders and writes the Club News for The Grapevine for the Marauders. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fuller reside at 226 Quince Ct., Orange Park, FL 32073

**CONGRATULATIONS
KITTY AND HAROLD!**



On October 4th, 2003, Bonnie Smith and Harry Drake exchanged wedding vows at the Orange Park United Church in Orange Park, FL. They had both danced with the Paxon Prancers years ago, but did not meet again until a couple of years ago when their paths crossed at the Seabreeze Singles during a Banner Raid. They now are members of the Moose Promenaders and serve that club as Banner Chairman. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Drake now reside at 49 Finch Court, Orange Park, FL 32073.

**CONGRATULATIONS
BONNIE AND HARRY!**

IN MEMORY OF

**Irene Angeline McCollum
June 14, 1928 - December 20, 2003**



Irene and her late husband, Jack, were long time square dancers, and were members of the Mavericks Square Dance Club for many years.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

We continue to have too many "like" dances scheduled on the same dates, meaning that your attendance will naturally be lower. If it is **important**, it should be your **first concern** to schedule it on a night when "most" people could attend.

We urge you to check the Calendar of Events **AND** call the editors **BEFORE** you schedule important dances like anniversaries, graduations, and those specials everyone enjoys like ice cream socials, etc.

Clubs, please call us with the dates of special dances and events if they have not been scheduled in time to reach The Grapevine for publication. If everyone (every club) did this, many of us would be able to go to all the special functions.

Maybe the XXX club would attend XYZ Club's anniversary if XYZ would then come to XXX's anniversary. Ever thought of how much fun and fellowship you might discover?

The Editors

TOP BUMPER STICKERS SEEN AROUND THE WORLD

**If You Can Read This, I've Lost My Trailer.

**Cleverly Disguised As A Responsible Adult.

**If You Can Read This, Please Flip Me Back Over
(seen upside down, on a Jeep)

**Remember Folks: Stop Lights Timed for 35 MPH
are also Timed for 70 MPH

**Boldly Going Nowhere.

**Money isn't everything, but it sure keeps the kids in touch.

CONTRA LINES

By Val Newsome

(The following has been taken from an article written by Paul Moore in his column "Moore on Contra" in the *American Square Dance*, January 2004 issue.)



IT'S GREAT TO BE ACTIVE

"There is no debating the title of this month's column. Anyone who has been laid up knows the frustration of not being able to get around. But that is not the meaning of the term "active" as we use it in Contra dance.

"Active" is a way to identify particular dancers. For example, in square dancing, when the heads square thru, they have been designated as the active couples. The sides, then, are the inactives. If the heads split the sides and separate and go around one, the heads are still the actives -- the sides are still inactive, but they must "counter-dance" or move so the heads can complete the call. If the next call were pass thru, only the heads could complete the call without involving the sides. On the other hand, had the call been "split two, separate around one to lines," the next call would be to all dancers, not just the heads, because the lines are lines of four which include the sides.

Modern Western Square dancing does not work much with the concept of active and inactive. And if there is a point in the choreography that might cause some confusion, the caller will usually find a way to define who does what without using the term "actives."

Contra dancing, however, regularly uses "actives" and "inactives." Generally, the actives get to do a little extra somewhere in the dance, or they get to initiate a sequence of figures.

So, who is active in a contra dance? For this article I'll keep it simple and avoid the exceptions; I'll also only

deal with duples. A duple is a long contra dance line in which two

couples dance a sequence together, then progress to dance the sequence again with other couples. If we start with a proper contra line (men in the line to the caller's right and the ladies to the left opposite their partners) and have the first two couples join hands in a small circle of four, and continue down the line. This is called "hands four from the top." We have now set up a duple formation, in this case a proper duple. The couple in each group that is closest to the caller is the active couple.

The most common formation is an alternate duple, that is, the first couple of each group crosses over. Another way to look at it is to have the first couple form on and make a standard couple with their backs to the caller. The second couple forms on to face the first, and so on down the line. When a couple is active, it stays active all the way to the foot of the line, then they cross over to come back up the line as inactives."

..."All of the commands are given to the actives. All the inactives do is counter-dance, that is, respond to the movements of the actives."

..."Using actives and inactives can create a lot of variety in a contra dance -- and, as said earlier, it's great to be active!"

When a man marries a woman, they become one, but the trouble starts when they try to decide which one.

The Rollaways

Every Tuesday

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

Dancing Mainstream with Announced Plus.
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CUER: Lisa Wall

LINES: Pat Seelhofer

SQUARE DANCING

ROUND DANCING



LINE DANCING

"MARSU"

March 16th

School Closed - We visit Seabreeze Singles with our
Green Eggs & Ham Dance

March 30th

5th Tuesday Dance with Seabreeze - Sandalwood

April 13th

Class Graduation and 16th Anniversary Dance

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CIRCUS DANCE

A Benefit Dance for Dreams Come True

By Val & Charlie Newsome

On Friday evening, January 30th, many clowns were seen to be arriving at the Jax Heights Elementary School. One would have thought the Circus was in town...but the Square Dancers from the area knew different. It was the Annual Circus Dance sponsored by the Silver Fox Squares, with all proceeds going to the benefit of "DREAMS COME TRUE."

The callers for the dance were the Club Caller, Ernie Rollen, and Lawton Smith. As usual, it was non-stop dancing...great job Ernie & Lawton!

More refreshments than could be eaten...hot dogs with all the trimmings,

soft drinks, desserts, etc:

A silent auction, and a raffle of a picture of \$100.00 in money added to the proceeds to be given to this most worthwhile charity.

When the dance was over, the exact total was not known, but it appeared that the Silver Fox had once again outdone themselves and raised between \$1700 and \$1800 to be presented to a representative from Dreams Come True at a later date.

Hats off to all who supported the dance, and to the **Silver Fox Squares** who planned and organized this dance for such a great Charity!



Circus banners won by Rollaways (Virginia Bornhold), Seabreeze Singles, (Jerry Kangas) Yellow Rockers (Billy Luper), Moose Promenaders (Barbara & Frank Meyer) and River Ramblers (Don & Hazel Burton)!



(From L to R: Dance Chairman, Brenda Brown; Elizabeth Dellenback of Dreams Come True; Dorothy Gilliland; and Carolyn Blymiller

FLORIDA CAMPING CLUBS

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Drift Around Squares	093	Jacksonville	2nd W/E Not In Summer	Moore	386 325-4118
Square Wheels	128	Gainesville	3rd W/E	Martha Zimmerman	352-336-5311
Limonaders	139	Lakeland	1st W/E Not In Summer	Janet Bowen	813-932-7014
Florida Wheelers	143	Brooksville	3rd W/E Even Mo. Not In Summer	Long	352-753-7045
Strawberry Travelers	153	Plant City	2nd W/E Not All Months	Henry	813-949-7539
Gypsy Squares	168	Starke	1st W/E	Fredrickson	904 269-9717

IN MEMORY

Virgil Alden Green February 15, 2004

Virgil Alden Green, 81, passed away Sunday, February 15, 2004 in Jacksonville, FL. He was past president of Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. He was a member of Ft. Caroline United Methodist Church, Purple Heart Organization, and Eastern Star and Masons.

He was an avid Square Dancer for many years before his illness. Virgil belonged to different clubs in the Northeast Florida area. He also served as Treasurer of the Northeast Florida Square Dance Association in 1960-61, and its President in 1962. He served as President of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers in 1966, Facilities Chairman for the 14th Florida State Square Dance Convention, Vice Chairman of the 22nd Florida State Convention and was Liaison between the Florida Federation and the Florida Callers Association in 1969.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Elsie M. Green; son, James Green (Gayle); one granddaughter, Jamie and numerous nieces and nephews.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.



Am I not destroying my enemies when I
make friends of them?

(Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865))



NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CAMPERS ASSOCIATION

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Early Spring 2004

Camping + Dancing = National Square Dance Campers Association

In the late 1950's a very active group of Wisconsin callers and dancers gathered fairly often to camp and dance together. Then in the early '60's a couple from New Jersey who attended one of their weekends casually asked if they could start such a group back home. After serious discussions the Wisconsin folks suggested forming a National Square Dance Campers Association, for combining the best of both activities -- camping with dancing. Membership would be through autonomous chapters who would in turn annually choose national officers to conduct the overall business of this fledgling organization.

Barely had bylaws been adopted when in March of '65 the first chapter -- #001 Garden State Campers of New Jersey was well underway. And in quick succession various chapters were formed in WI, MI, OH, IA and NY. Ironically the Wisconsin group, who had created the idea in the first place, were so slow in submitting their own application, they were the tenth chapter (#010) formed! Thus they called their group "Pioneers," since they were first with the idea.

When dancing campers in Ontario, Canada asked to join, the NSDCA decided to identify them by putting a "C" before their chapter number, thus the "Swing'N' Canadians" became #C-028. By 1970 the NSDCA became a coast to coast organization when a chapter formed in California. Although the fledgling organization had a quarterly magazine, the NSDCA TIMES, devoted to the happenings and schedules of the camping weekends of its chapters, it also realized the importance of providing an event where the chapters could gather and become better acquainted with others in Canada and the United

States who shared their love of combining camping and dancing. This annual International Camporee, which is held in the summer, has become a popular event. Their most recent one was held in Horseheads, NY. Oshkosh, WI is the site for 2004 with Hastings, NE selected for 2005, and Illinois in 2006. Non-members are also welcome to come enjoy the fun and fellowship of combining both activities.

Currently, there are chapters in 32 states and 3 provinces. It makes no difference what style of camping a dancer enjoys, they are welcome to become a member. Whether they are a tenter, have a pop-up camper, or any kind of RV they are welcome. Most chapters, as well as the International Camporee, are family oriented with children and grandchildren always welcome. Some members are full-time campers while others are only able to spend an occasional weekend camping and dancing. It makes no difference.

Besides dancing, campouts usually include a myriad of other activities, including games and sports, tours and sightseeing, potlucks, crafts, shopping, eating out, celebrations, campfires, after parties, visiting with long time friends and meeting new ones...a time of fun and fellowship.

Guest campers are always welcome to attend our International Camporee. We'll gather in mid-July in Oshkosh, WI. If you are interested write the General Chairman of this event, Dick & Cathy McClure, 1911 Juniper Street, Green Bay, WI 54302-2311. For info on becoming a member visit our web site WWW.NSDCA.ORG.

We'll hope to meet you around the Square Campfire!

STITCHIN' TIME

By Val Newsome



This item was reprinted from the *Sewing 101* column written by Donna Ippock in the **American**

Square Dance, January 2004 issue.

"Necklines are our subject this month..."

I don't know about you, but from time to time the necklines on my square dance outfits, and street wear too, gape open. Here are some suggestions.

For a V-neckline: If you have a garment that gapes open between the neck and the arm, you need to first make your pattern shorter. In the area of the notch, fold out an inch to 3/8 inch of the pattern. If this only happens on V-neck patterns, deepen the seam allowance along the neckline, starting about an inch down. Deepen it to sew at 7/8 inch, and then as you get close to the point, go back to a 5/8 inch seam. You can use twill tape to stabilize the seam, but as you get to the end of the V-neck, stop using the twill tape and sew with tiny stitches to prevent puckering. If you want to show less skin, reverse this. Where you curved out 7/8 inches before, you will now curve the pattern into 3/8 of an inch. You can also raise the V-neckline by adding a bit to the pattern using a piece of paper.

Now, for a Circular Neckline: You must first decide how far down from the neck you want your seam to be positioned. Then you can create a curved neckline on any pattern. Using a ruler, extend the line of the center

front of the pattern on a piece of paper. Then draw half the circle on the paper as the new neckline.

Remember to always do a "bend test." You know...bend over and if your neckline gapes open, it will most likely cause you some embarrassment. You can always remedy an already sewn garment by adding some embellishment such as lace or a pretty ruffle around the neckline. Just make a note on your pattern that you need to make some adjustments before making another garment so you won't make this mistake again.

One trick that I did for a ready made dress that has a deep v-neckline was to use a vintage hankie. I cut the hankie in half and fitted it across the V as a fill in. The other half I made into a small rosette for a pin on to be used with that outfit or another suit I have. The rosette is very simple to construct. You can use your serger to make a rolled hem and then gather the hemmed edge very tightly by bunching it up at the same time you work with the hankie fabric to make a kind of poufy effect. You may have to work with this a while to get the look you want but I promise you that by the time you sew on a simple safety pin for attaching it to your outfit, and add a loose pearl or tiny button with glue, this will look as good as any of the vintage pins and flowers that are so popular now. I see them everywhere on dress suits and even blue jean jackets. Try this; you will have made something for camouflaging your bare neck and also have a pin-on to wear. Sew Happy!"

People are funny. They want the front of the bus,
the middle of the road, and the back of the church.

Remember that not getting what you want is
sometimes a wonderful stroke of luck.

NORTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCERS ASSOCIATION

2004 CLUB MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

DANCE PROGRAM CODE:

A = ADVANCED B=BASIC C=CHALLENGE
M = MAINSTREAM P=PLUS R=ROUNDS L=LINES
All locations are Jacksonville unless shown otherwise.

SUNDAY

FIRST COAST ROUNDS: "R" Every Sunday. Cha-Cha/Rumba 6:00 - 7:30 PM; Club Phase II & III, 7:30 - 8:30 PM; Club Phase III & IV, 8:30 - 9:30 PM. Peace Presbyterian Church, 2300 Southside Blvd. Cuer-Instructor: Lisa Wall. Contact: Lisa & John Wall, 904 241-0384. Cha-Cha/Rumba lessons started February 22nd.

MONDAY

FUN N FROLICS: "A" Every Monday Class 7:00-8:00 PM. Dance 8:00 - 9:30 PM Balis Community Center, Corner Hendrix Ave & Lasalle St. Caller: Art Wilson 904 225-5674. Contact Dale & Gerry Fredrickson, 269-9717 No Banner Stealing Please!

JOY SEAS: "M/P/L/R" Every Monday. Class 7:00 - 8:00 PM Club Dance 8:00-9:30 PM. **St. Augustine** - Coquina Crossing, 195 S, exit 94, West on SR207, 1 mile, on the left. You **MUST** be thru the gate prior to 8:00 PM or you **WON'T** get in!! Caller: Mike Akers 904 829-1697. Contact: John & Mary Burzo 904 797-7530.

YELLOW ROCKERS PLUS: "P" Every Monday. Dance 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Trinity Lutheran Church, Park & McDuff St. Caller: Lawton Smith 904 389-3349. Contact: Billy Luper 904 771-7041.

TUESDAY

BELLES & BEAUX: "M/P" Every Tuesday. Club 7:30-9:30 PM (1st & 3rd - Regular dance -- 2nd & 4th - Workshop).. Jaycee Park Center on Jaycee Shack Rd., **Valdosta, GA.** Call Bob & Vivian, 229 242-7321, or Parks & Recreations, 229 259-3507, for directions. Caller: Bob Bennett, 229 242-7321. Temporarily Not Dancing due to Caller Illness

DIXIE DANCERS: "P/R" Every Tuesday. Dance 8:00-10:00 PM. Teen Town, 312 N. 6th St., **Lake City.** Caller: Bill Chesnut 352 374-8582; Cuer: Maggie Tripp 352 493-0853 OR Ralph Beekman 386 752-2544. Contact: Ouida Taylor 386 752-1469 or Annette Conk 386 935-1548.

GRAND SQUARES: "P" Every Tuesday. Dance 8:00 - 10:00 PM. 1910 N W 53rd Ave., **Gainesville,** (Union Hall). Caller: Lon Ligon 352 377-1828

MANDARIN MARAUDERS: "M/P/L" Every Tuesday. Class 7:00-8:30 PM, Club Dance 8:30 - 10:00 PM. Italian-American Club, Westberry Rd. Caller: Lawton Smith 904 389-3349. Contact: Rob & Jennie Harris 904 731-0795

ROLLAWAYS: "M/P/R/L" Every Tuesday. Class 7:00-8:30 PM, Club Dance 8:30-10:00 PM. Sandalwood High School. Caller: Ken Miller 904 268-4492. Contact: Virginia Bornhold 904 744-7181. **No Dance March 16th. We'll be dancing with Seabreeze Singles.**

SEABREEZE SINGLES: "M/P" Every Tuesday. Class 7:00 - 8:30 PM Club 8:30- 10:00 PM. Peace Presbyterian Church, 2300 Southside Blvd. Caller: Jim Cosman 912 882-4006. Contact: Shirley White, President, 904 388-1463 OR Banner Chmn, Jerry Kangas, 272-6729. **Church Closed March 9th - we'll be dancing with Rollaways.**

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W E D N E S D A Y

PLUS FOX: "P" Every Wednesday. Club Dance 7:30-9:30 PM. Jax Heights Elementary School, 7750 S. Tempest St. Caller: Jim Cosman 912 882-4006. Contact: Stephen & Marie Bigelow 771-7249.

T H U R S D A Y

MOOSE PROMENADERS: "P/L" Every Thursday. Class 7:00-8:30 PM, Club Dance 8:30-10:00 PM. 5051 Collins Rd., Moose Lodge, Orange Park. Caller: Art Wilson 904 225-5674. Contact: Jackie Hamlin (731-9181) and Jerry Kangas (272-6729), President Banner Chmn. Harry & Bonnie Drake 737-3974.

RIVER RAMBLERS: "M/P" Every Thursday. Class 6:30 - 8:00 Club 8:00 - 10:00 PM. 112 Yelvington Rd., **East Palatka** (Just off US 17, Approx. 1/2 mile So of SR207) (Putnam County Shrine Club). Caller: Ernie Rollen 904 282-2335.

VAGABOND SQUARES: "M/P" Every Thursday. Club Dance 8:00-10 PM. St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Parish Hall, 1391 SW 11th St. - **Live Oak**. Caller: Ralph Beekman 386 752-2544. Contact: Loyce Harrell 386 963-3225.

TOUCH OF CLASS "R" Phase III-V Club 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Peace Presbyterian Church, 2300 Southside Blvd. Cuer: Jim Winter 268-1369. Contact Barbara Winter 268-1369.

F R I D A Y

FLAGLER OCEAN WAVES: "MP/R" every Friday Class 6:30 - 8:00 PM Club 8:00 - 10:00 PM Wickline Center - Council on Aging, Flagler Beach (Flagler Ave.) Caller: R J Hogan (352) 376-2428 Contact Wendy & Dale Hendrix, Tel. (386) 586-3805

GYPSY SQUARES: "M/P/L" 1st Full Weekend Each Month. Dance 8:00-10:00 PM **Various Campgrounds**. Caller: John Barrett 904 767-7775. Contact: Dale & Gerry Fredrickson 904 269-9717 OR Luther & Debbie Delp 904 642-0392.

SQUARE WHEELS: "M/P/R" Every 3rd Friday & Saturday. **Various Campgrounds**. Caller: Bill Chesnut 352 374-8582. Contact: Chuck & Aleen Breedlove 904 246-9545.

POGO SQUARES: "M/P/L" 2nd & 4th Friday. 8:00-10:30 PM. Wacoma School, U.S. 1 N., **Waycross, GA**. Caller: David Drake. Contact: Bob Farnham 912 283-9107 OR Arthur Murray 912 283-8886.

SILVER FOX SQUARES: "P/R" Every Friday. Class 7:00 - 8:00 PM Dance 8:00-10:00 PM. Jax Heights Elem. School. Caller: Ernie Rollen 904 282-2335. Contact: Dave & Janet Britten 269-9574 **NO dance March 19th OR April 9th.**

S A T U R D A Y

TEDDY BEAR SQUARES: "P" 2nd & 4th Saturday. 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Peace Presbyterian Church , 2300 Southside Blvd. Caller: Eddie Millan 904 765-0296. Contact: Ed & Helen Williams 285-6289.

NEFSARDA 5th SATURDAY DANCE: Every 5th Saturday at various locations. Please consult Special Events Calendar in the back of this publication.

.....A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a Train stops. On my desk, I have a work station...

HOSPICE CHARITY DANCE



**Featuring
Area Callers and Cuers**

**MAY 1ST, 2004
7:00 - EARLY ROUNDS 7:30 - SQUARE DANCE
TYNES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
(1550 Tynes Blvd., Middleburg)**



**All proceeds will go to benefit The Hospice Foundation For Caring
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Seabreeze Singles Square Dance Club



Caller: *Jim Cosman*



We dance every Tuesday.

Class.....7:00 - 8:30 PM

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

Singles, couples, and new dancers are welcome!

Peace Presbyterian Church
2300 Southside Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL

Mainstream...
Announced Plus...
Lines between tips..

Banner Chairman:

Jerry Kangas 272-6729
Diane Stewart

President:

Shirley White 388-1463



4W's UPDATE

By Craig & Karin Strickland, former Editors of 4W's

Attention all Callers, Cuers and Clubs! The 4W's now has a new home!

We are very pleased to announce that the Southeast Florida Callers and Cuers Association has taken over the Who What When Where square and round dance directory.

Thank you to everyone that has helped us during the past year, and we sincerely hope that you will all show the same enthusiasm and support for the 4W's new publisher. They'll need and appreciate your help.

Southeast Florida Callers and Cuers Association contact info: President: Conrad Protzman, (954) 587-7699; Vice President - Bud Miller (305) 232-

5748; Treasurer - Steve Ackerman (305) 385-5707; Secretary - Maurice Ritter (772) 334-0139

It has been a pleasure serving the Southeast Florida dance community during our tenure as publishers of the 4W's, and we are pleased to know that the publication rests in capable hands. We salute the Callers and Cuers Association for their commitment to the dance community, and wish them well in this new venture.

If you're looking to find a Square or Round Dance in Southern Florida, then the "Who What When Where" is your source.

ON THE ROAD - - AGAIN!

March & April always bring Class Graduations, as well as several Club Anniversary and Benefit dances. If you look at the Calendar of Events, you'll see several clubs have graduations and/or anniversaries scheduled on April 13th, which means we can't be everywhere. We'll need help from the clubs to cover these important events.



Feb 28th-29th.....	Florida Federation Meeting.....	Lakeland, FL
Mar 13th.....	NWFSRDA Spring Fling.....	Tallahassee, FL
Mar 14th.....	Delegates Meeting.....	NEFSARDA
Mar 20th.....	Shriner's Kids Benefit Dance.....	River Ramblers
Mar 23rd.....	Class Graduation.....	Seabreeze Singles
Mar 28th.....	Kickoff Practice (2005 ST.Conv.).....	Peace Presbyterian
Apr 3rd.....	Charity Dance(City Rescue).....	Seabreeze Singles
Apr 13th.....	Class Graduation.....	Grand Squares
Apr 27th.....	19th Anniversary Dance.....	Mandarin Marauders
May 1st.....	Hospice Charity Dance.....	NEFSARDA



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2004 CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ANNIV. #</u>
Belles & Beaux.....			
Dixie Dancers.....	September		26th
First Coast Rounds.....	June		4th
Flagler Ocean Waves.....			
Fun 'N Frolics.....	Mar	29th	48th
Grand Squares.....	June		29th
Gypsy Squares.....	Dec		14th
Joy Seas.....	Apr		13th
Mandarin Marauders.....	Apr	27th	19th
Moose Promenaders.....	Apr	15th	14th
Plus Fox.....	Jan	7th	18th
Pogo Squares.....			
River Ramblers.....	Apr	1st	6th
Rollaways.....	Apr	13th	16th
Seabreeze Singles.....	Sep		28th
Silver Fox.....	Jun	4th	19th
Square Wheels.....	Sep	18th	23rd
Teddy Bears.....	Jun		20th
Vagabond Squares.....	Nov		10th
Yellow Rockers +.....	Sep	13th	13th

Congratulations!

EDITORS' NOTE: If your club's anniversary is not listed, or if it is incorrect, please let us know as soon as possible. Thank you.

FLORIDA FEDERATION NEWS

At the last meeting of the Florida Federation in November, a new "State" attire for women and men was voted on by the Delegates present. It was a difficult choice since all the items presented were appealing. The winning "attire" was made by Barbara Hoffman from the Central Association. Barbara has completed the following instructions for the ladies' and men's attire. I understand patterns will be available at the February meeting.

The working weekend of the Florida Federation is to be held February 28th and 29th in Lakeland, FL. Saturday's meeting will begin at

9:00 AM, with a dance scheduled in Plant City that evening. The meeting will reconvene at 9:00 AM on Sunday. By the time you receive this publication, the meeting will probably already have taken place.

The next meeting of the Florida Federation will be held in Lakeland during the Florida State Convention -- Sunday morning, May 30th, 9:00 AM.

We have learned that Jan McConnaha's mother passed away on Monday, February 16th. Please keep Jan and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

FLORIDA ATTIRE

LADIES

Required items for skirt, blouse and belt (based on size 14). Material can be purchased at Wal-Mart.

2 yds Palencia (Spring) Kelly
Green #99555

1-1/2 yds Palencia (Spring) Navy
#09021

1-1/2 yds Palencia (Spring)
White

Interfacing for neck facing
Navy bias tape (double fold)
2" wide belting (to fit you side to
side)

Soft elastic for sleeves
1" non-roll elastic for skirt

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

Use bodice pattern of your choice with square neckline. Simplicity #8523 may be used but it runs small. Puff sleeve pattern from the Florida National Convention Dress.

SLEEVES: Cut 2 green sleeves desired length. Cut 2, 3" navy ruffles width of bottom of sleeve. Finished ruffle will be about 2-1/2".

BODICE: Cut 1 Navy front and 1 Navy back for right side (allow extra for center seam), also cut neck facing the same. Cut 1 White front and 1 White

back for left side (allow extra for center seam), also cut neck facing the same. If you like you may line the blouse with a white broadcloth.

SKIRT: Cut 2 panels of Navy. Cut 2 Panels of White (top half of pattern). Cut 2 panels of Green (bottom half of pattern).

BELT: Cover belting with right half Navy and left half White, make 2 long ties of Green approximately 36".

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

BODICE: Sew the two fronts and backs together at center seam. Attach at shoulder seam, white to white, and navy to navy. Press interfacing to neck facing and finish off bottom edge. Sew onto blouse. Hem ruffle. Sew ruffle on bottom of sleeve. Gather sleeve and sew into blouse. Sew side seams. Sew bias tape at seam where ruffle joins sleeve leaving a small area open to insert elastic.

SKIRT: Sew Navy panels together. Set aside. Sew White tops together. Sew Green bottoms together. Sew White and Green panels together matching at seam line. Attach the Navy panels to the Green and White panels and hem with a small hem.

FLORIDA FEDERATION NEWS (Cont'd)

FLORIDA ATTIRE (cont'd)

For waistband you need to cut 3-1/2" wide White and Navy material to fit top of skirt. Sew on to top of skirt, white to white and navy to navy. Press under top of band and sew in ditch, leaving a small area to insert elastic.

BELT: Make tube of Navy to fit belting. Make a rolled hem on each side of green ties. Sew one end together and turn to make point. Pleat each side at other end to fit belting and stitch.

THREAD: I changed threads as I stitched the different colors, which was the most time consuming.

MEN'S

The men will wear Navy pants, white, White shirt, and a Green tie.

For those of you who don't want to wait until after the Federation Meeting to get a pattern, here is what I did. I made one pattern by taking an 8 panel skirt pattern and sewed two together, making a 4 panel skirt. I made a second pattern and cut it in half adding 5/8 inch on both sides of where the cut was, so when it was sewed together they would be the same length. If you don't have the Florida National Convention sleeve pattern, any puffy sleeve pattern will do.

If you have any problems you may email me at jackbarb@juno.com or call me at 321-452-3941.

Barbara Hoffman

.....How come you don't ever hear about grunted employees? And who has been dissing them anyhow?

ON BEING A BOAT-ROCKER

Every company wants employees who will faithfully perform the job assigned them. This will show a good work record for each of us, and assure a good profit picture for the company.

But, there have been "boat rockers" throughout the ages of all recorded history. People who are not satisfied with the status quo.

I have been called a boat rocker, along with other less desirable names.

My concern isn't with such as Alexander the Great, who, before his death at age 33, ruled from Greece to the Ganges River in India. Nor is my concern with people like Henry Ford, who thought there was a better way than the horse and buggy. (Was he right?) Or Charles Kettering who thought an automatic starter would be better than cranking the automobile. (He was right) A. G. Bell who thought communications were too slow by mail (He was right.) Now we talk half-way around the world in seconds.

These men were famous. Their work is known throughout our world.

My concern, my interest, is with constructive boat-rockers, who, in their own small way, say "I believe there is a better way to do this" and set about proving it, while not neglecting their assigned duties.

Learn to ask "How am I doing? How can I improve my work picture?" If you have an idea that could be of value to your employer, that could save money, and (or) improve our public image ... I say "Hang in there." Present the idea -- it just might work.

Ernie Perrin

With Our Recent Sick

M. E. Bedenbaugh	illness
Bob Bennett	surgery
Vivian Bennett	illness
Marie Bigelow	foot surgery
Docky Blake	knee problems
Marion Coe	illness
Jettie Crowe	illness
Luther Delp	recuperation
Erma Fry	surgery
Dorothy Gilliland	surgery
Al Golding	surgery
Tom Hidding	illness
Gerry Jesk	accident
Kim Keffer	illness/upcoming surgery
Monica David	kidney transplant
Jean Lee	illness/chemo
Dot Labato	illness/chemo
John Lawrence	recuperation
Janet Lyons	back problems
Fred & Adele Malkin	illness
Anne Millan	accident
Cliff Parnell	illness/surgery
Colleen Rogel	illness
Bill Schnippert	illness
George Tower	recuperation plane accident
Tom Tripp	surgery
Larry Waller	surgery
Marion Whiting	recuperation
Linda Yocum	upcoming surgery



Get Well Soar! We Miss You!

The Grapevine sends sincerest sympathy to . . .



Cathy Ball, on the death of her husband, Bob.
 Phyllis Cody, on the death of her son.
 Mike Akers, on the death of his father.
 Kim Keffer, on the death of her mother.

Cards and Prayers are always welcome.

St. Patrick's Day



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WHAT'S COOKING?

By Val Newsome

The King Ranch Chicken recipe was submitted by Maxine Thomas; the Orange Salad was received from Greta Stanton; and the Banana Pecan Torte was given to me (along with a piece of the cake!) by Oudra Thomas. No wonder the Yellow Rockers, Touch of Class, and Square Wheels all have such delicious covered dish suppers! All three of these ladies are very good cooks and we thank them all for sharing their recipes with us.



KING RANCH CHICKEN

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Fryer | 1 Can Ro-Tel tomatoes |
| 1 Can Cream Chicken Soup | w/chili & green peppers |
| 1 Can Crm Mushroom Soup | 2 Cups chicken broth |
| 1 Small onion (chopped) | 1 Bag Doritos |
| | 1 Pkg grated cheddar cheese |

Boil & debone chicken. Saute onion in butter and add chicken broth. Add soup, tomatoes and chicken. In deep dish, layer doritos, broth with chicken, and cheese, ending with cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until bubbly.

ORANGE SALAD

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 8 oz Carton cool whip | 1 15 1/2 oz Can crushed pineapple |
| 1 8 oz Carton creamed cottage cheese | 2 11 oz cans mandarin oranges |
| 1 3 oz box orange jello (dry) | 1/2 Cup chopped pecans |

The crushed pineapple and mandarin oranges should be drained.

Mix cool whip and cottage cheese, fold in orange jello (small portions at a time), add crushed pineapple and oranges (save some orange slices and nuts for garnish). Fold in nuts, pour into a salad dish and let set for two hours.

Variation: for Emerald Salad, substitute lime jello and 2 cups of miniature marshmallows in place of orange jello and mandarin oranges.

BANANA PECAN TORTE

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Cup butter or margarine, softened | 3 1/2 Cups all purpose flour |
| 2 1/2 Cups sugar | 2 Teaspoons baking soda |
| 4 Eggs | 3/4 Teaspoon salt |
| 2 Cups Mashed ripe banana | 1/2 Cup buttermilk |
| 2 Teaspoons vanilla extract | 1 Cup chopped pecans |

In mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar...add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in bananas and vanilla. Combine dry ingredients; add to creamed mixture alternately with buttermilk. Stir in pecans, pour into three greased and floured 9" round cake pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes. Cool in pans 10 minutes (cool completely). Frost when cool -- frosting recipe is:

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 3 1/2 Cups confectioners sugar | 1 Pkg 8 ounce cream cheese |
| 1 Teaspoon vanilla extract. | 1/2 Stick margarine, softened |

Beat Cream Cheese, butter and sugar in a small mixing bowl, add vanilla extract. spread between layers and on top of cake. Sprinkle with pecans.

ENJOY! ENJOY! ENJOY!

NEWS FROM FASSRD PRESIDENT

I want to take this opportunity to give you an end-of-the year report so you don't think I'm just enjoying the "glory" of being FASSRD president (haha). This is just a bullet list to save on space; but if you want further information or would like to discuss anything, I would be happy to do so.

***Attended the Federation meetings and the Federation Working Weekend. We are now an associate member and delegate at large.

***Submitted articles to The Grapevine (Northeast's publication, The Panhandle Press (Northwest's newsletter), Bow & Swing, and The Dancer (West Coast's newsletter).

***Attended the Florida Sunshine Festival, Central Association's Annual Shamrock Swing, 12th Fuzzy Navel, Georgia Singles Convention, Trail In dance for the 49th Florida State Convention and the convention itself (where we had a display table and I served as singles chairman,, the Dance-A-Rama in Albuquerque, 25th FASSRD Single-Rama, and chaired West Coast Association's annual Fall Fun Fest.

***Mary Lou Pelz and I made a trip to Jekyll Island in June to meet with reps of the convention center and the Clarion Suites as we began work on the Fuzzy Navel.

***Updated the FASSRD website on the Florida dance web.

***Currently serving as singles chairman for the 50th Florida State Convention.

***Visited the Jacksonville Seabreeze Singles and the Orlando Singles (about every other week). I'm still trying to get to the Swingin' Singles in Hollywood.

***Conducted FASSRD meetings at the State convention and at Single-Rama.

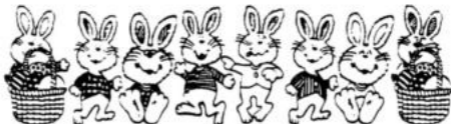
Fuzzy Navel is fast approaching. I hope we have good representation from Florida since we are hosting this year and will have an all Florida staff. Our own Joe Fioretti will be calling and Jimmy and Carol Griffin will be cueing. The vendor for the weekend is also from Florida, Sandy's Closet (our vendor at Single-Rama). If you've never attended you're missing out on a really terrific dance. We always have a good time. **UPDATE: A donation has been made for the cash equivalent of one FREE hotel night at this dance. You have to present Saturday night to be in the drawing.**

Don't forget to support the **50th Florida State Convention**. It is quite an accomplishment to have had 50 State conventions so you will want to be a part of the festivities. Our host hotel will be the Best Western Diplomat at 1-4 and Highway 98 North. We will have a hospitality suite and after parties.

And, of course, don't forget the Dance-A-Rama in Atlanta on Labor Day weekend. Interest was expressed at our last meeting to charter a bus to take us to Atlanta. I am still working on this and will forward information as soon as I have it. Shirley White and I have ribbons (if you haven't registered yet).

Keep dancing and stay happy.

Penny Green



Unfolding The Rose

(This beautiful poem was taken from the internet)

A young, new preacher was walking with an older, more seasoned preacher in the garden one day and feeling a bit insecure about what God had for him to do, he was inquiring of the older preacher. The older preacher walked up to a rosebush and handed the young preacher a rosebud and told him to open it without tearing off any petals.

The young preacher looked in disbelief at the older preacher and was trying to figure out what a rosebud could possibly have do with his wanting to know the WILL OF GOD for his life and for his ministry. Because of his high respect for the older preacher, he proceeded to TRY to unfold the rose, while keeping every petal intact...It wasn't long before he realized how impossible it was to do so.

Noticing the younger preacher's inability to unfold the rosebud while keeping it intact, the older preacher began to recite the following poem...

UNFOLDING THE

Rose

It is only a tiny rosebud,
A flower of God's design;
But I cannot unfold the petals
With these clumsy hands of mine.

The secret of unfolding flowers
Is not known to such as I.
God opens this flower so sweetly,
When in my hands they fade and die.

If I cannot unfold a rosebud,
This flower of God's design,
Then how can I think I have wisdom
To unfold this life of mine?

So I'll trust in Him for His leading
Each moment of every day.
I will look to Him for His guidance
Each step of the pilgrim way.

The pathway that lies before me,
Only my Heavenly Father knows.
I'll trust Him to unfold the moments,
Just as He unfolds the rose.



Whatever you are, be a good one.

(Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865))

51st Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention

"2005"

In just 3 short months, or 91 short days, the Northeast Association will be presenting the Kick-Off for the 2005 Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention. If you have agreed to participate in the Kick-Off, you should have received a brief note from us -- if you did not, please let us know immediately.

For those people who are in the Kick-Off, practices scheduled are **Sunday, March 28th** at Peace Presbyterian Church at **3:00 PM**; and **Saturday, May 1st** at Tynes Elementary School at **3:00 PM**. Please be on time! The last practice will be at the Convention on **Sunday morning, May 30th** in the Arena at **7:00 AM**. It is imperative that you be at all scheduled practices -- if you have a problem attending any practice, please let us know now so that proper plans can be made.

Let us hasten to add our **THANKS** to everyone who has stepped up and volunteered (OR who was "drafted") to be in the Kick-Off. **IT WILL BE FUN!**

The mainstay of our Kick-Off (can't divulge any more since The Grapevine goes all over the State) is ready and waiting. Most of the "Props" needed have been finished. The only thing not under control are the "butterflies" in Val's stomach. But knowing how capable and dependable

all of you are, we fully believe it will go off just as planned.

AFTER THE KICK-OFF we have one year, minus a few days, to have the Convention ready, set, and go for a fun-filled, dancing weekend. We want to be sure the **Northeast** does a great job in bringing the 2005 Convention to the State of Florida dancers, soooo here's where **you** come in!

To do the job right will take a lot of **talent and manpower** -- all of which we have in the Northeast Association. We need for **ALL DANCERS, CALLERS,** and **CUERS** to step forward now and let us know what you will do to help.

PLEASE call, email, snail mail, or talk to us at a dance, and get your name on the list to help this Committee of dedicated volunteers (who have already been on the job for the last couple of years) make this the best State Convention ever!! The foundation has been laid, we need workers to carry out the plan.

"Ask not what your Association can do for you -- Ask what **YOU** can do for your Association!!

MAY WE COUNT ON YOU?

With our Thanks and Appreciation in advance....

Charlie & Val Newsome

General Chairman

RETIREMENT DATES

February 20th -- Mary Burzo, from Grumman Corp.

February 27th -- Jean Lee, from Clay County School Board.

Congratulations Mary and Jean!
Best Wishes for a very Happy Retirement!





Club News!

BELLES & BEAUX

Pauline Brown 229-247-0891

The Belles and Beaux are sending special March greetings to you from north of the border.

Due to our caller Bob Bennett's unexpected surgery in January, our club has not been dancing since the Christmas dance in December. At present Bob is out of the hospital and recovering at home. He says he is about "fifty percent" right now and working on the other "fifty percent." Hopefully, we will be returning to our weekly dances by the first of April. Bob's wife, Vivian, has also been "under the weather" and spent some time in the hospital recently. If you are acquainted with either of them please take time to write them a cheery note wishing them a complete recovery in the very near future. Bob and Vivian would love to hear from you (2111 Hillcrest Drive, Valdosta, GA 31602). In addition, keep both of them in your prayers. Most of us know the power of prayer has been known to work wonders.

During this year, 2004, Bob is looking forward to celebrating his fiftieth

year as a caller and all of us want to be there to help him celebrate that anniversary.

Several couples of the Belles and Beaux have recently traveled to out of town dances in the area to keep active during Bob's recovery. Some of us also attended the Blue-Grey festivities and dances in Lake City in February.

When Bob is able to be back with us, the Belles and Beaux plan to sponsor a class for beginning square dancers. We will let our dancing friends in Florida know when our regular dances begin again.

The Belles and Beaux regret that our news is so limited this month. Hopefully, in the near future, we will be able to report improved health for both Bob and Vivian, plus a busy dancing schedule.

Have a grand time dancing in March and April. Happy St. Patrick's Day -- wear green so you won't get pinched and keep an eye out for that "April Fool"!

DIXIE DANCERS

Geri Sanford (386) 755-7327

By the time this issue of The Grapevine reaches you we will have completed our annual Blue-Grey Dance. We hope that everyone enjoyed it and thank you all for sharing the evening with us. Needless to say we're already making plans for the 2005 dance.

We will be having our St. Patrick's Dance on March 16th and invite everyone that can attend. We always have a good time and look forward to seeing each of you.

Then on April 20th we will have our April Showers Dance and again the invitation stands.

Our May 18th Tuesday night will be our May Pole Dance.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Cathy Ball whose husband, Bob, passed away on December 23rd. Bob and Cathy have been a part of Dixie Dancers for several years and we'll all miss Bob.

We do have our new dance floor now and it is beautiful. The renovations are still taking place but we are able to dance each Tuesday night.

We will be starting a New Dancer class in March and looking forward to meeting and welcoming some new friends to the Dixie Dancers. We are

DIXIE DANCERS (Cont'd)

open to suggestions as to how to reach new dancers so if anyone has something to share with us please do so. Please give Pinky Moore, Vice President, at 386-752-5442 or Annette

Conk, Secretary-Treasurer, at 386-935-1548 a call.

Please feel free to come join us anytime you can - we'd love to have you.

FLAGLER OCEAN WAVES

Sharon Hepburn 386 446-1597

The Chinese New Year was celebrated in Flagler with some noodles to dip mustard, sweet and sour chicken, fortune cookies and The Wavettes offering a lively dance to Chopsticks.

Our club dances have been well attended in January. We love the snow birds who come to dance with us. Perhaps the fact that we have been experimenting with various forms of dancing between square dance tips has added to our attendance. Our schedule for February looked like this: February 6 - Contra with Alice Milmore; February 13 - Rounds with Bev Landwehr; February 20 - Line dancing with Elaine & Morrie Baker; February 27 - Rounds with Lisa Wall.

On Valentine's Day, February 13th, we crowned the King and Queen of Dangles. To add a bit of fun to the

night, dancers were asked to finish the following poem: "Roses are red. The stems are green The poem could be Ooey Gooyey (that's smarmy to our British friends) or it could be in the Phooey category (that's naughty to our British friends). More about this next issue.

We will have our BEANS AND GREENS-RED NECK POT LUCK SUPPER on March 19. There will be a suspender contest that evening (that's braces to our British friends). Be on the lookout for Redneck recipes and jazzy suspenders.

YELLOW ROCK JOE: An APB is being sent out to Michigan looking for our traveling ambassador. His picture is on a milk carton along with an offer for a reward leading to his return.

Happy dancing everyone!

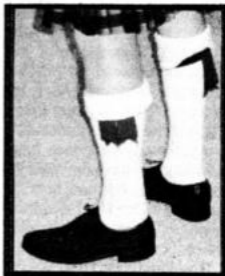


DO YOU KNOW...?

...which "Rockette"
this was?



...who's the owner
of these "gorgeous
gams"?



FUN 'N FROLICS

Wannette Davis 772-1397

We want to remind everyone of our upcoming 5th Monday dance on March 29, 2004. It will be Super Plus tips with announced Advanced tips and some Introduction to Advance. All plus dancers are invited to come and visit us on that night. We need to let everyone know of an important decision our club members have made concerning banner stealing. We voted to no longer participate in the banner stealing and retrieving program. Clubs are welcome to come and dance, but there will be no banner stealing. If any club has one of our banners, please call me, Wannette Davis, at 904-772-1397, and I will arrange for a square of the Fun N' Frolics to retrieve it.

There was a very good turnout for the 5th Saturday Dance that the Yellow Rockers and Fun N' Frolics hosted on January 31, 2004 at Jax Heights Elementary School. We do appreciate all the dancers and the callers. It makes all the work worth while when we see the results. Due to sickness, we were unable to attend the Circus Dance that the Silver Foxes hosted on January 30, 2004, but we were told they had a good

turnout and raised around \$1,800.00 for their charity, Dreams Come True. Just goes to show what good support the square dance community gives to various charities.

My husband and I, Morris and Wannette Davis, are proud to announce that we are now the new presidents of the Fun N' Frolics Square Dance Club. If anyone needs any information about our club please call us. If we don't know the answer we will certainly find the answer and get back to you.

We want to tell all our sick dancers that we miss them and hope for their speedy recovery and hope to see them dancing real soon. Luther Delp is doing well after his surgery, but it will be a while before he will be able to dance. Hey, Luther, all your women are patiently waiting on your return. Debbie, we miss you also! Janet Lyons is still having problems, but we hope she is up and back dancing soon. We know how those tricky backs can be.

That is about all the news until next time. See you across a square real soon.

GRAND SQUARES

Gerry "Scoop" Jesk 352 493-2842

Grand Squares went to Orange Blossom Squares in Lady Lake in January with two squares to retrieve our banner. Then in early February we stormed the River Ramblers in Palatka and retrieved our banner, having dinner out and just a fun time. Well you may be next so look out and hold on to your Banners! The River Ramblers will be receiving a return visit sometime in March.

The Valentines Day Dance was held on Tuesday February 10, with lots of sweethearts, sweets. Next was our trip to Lake City to the Blue/Grey on the

14th, that is always a great dance.

We are now looking forward to the Shriner's Benefit dance on Saturday March 20th in E. Palatka at the Shriners Club. You don't want to miss that so we will see you there at 7:00 PM.

On April 13th, we will be having graduation exercises for our over two squares of new dancers. We hope you will come and help us welcome them into this "wonderful world of Square Dancing"!

We want to welcome some newcomers, Jill & Pat Gorman, to our

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GRAND SQUARES (Cont'd)

club and to our class we have added Dick & Glenda Wills.

We want to extend our congratulations to the Stan Griffis family as their son has entered the political race for office in this upcoming election year - Good Luck Stan.

We hear our Agnes Bierbaum is now Fiddling with the Fiddle! She also fiddles with a dulcimer and does a great job, as does her hubby Gene.

Colleen has a lady friend who makes dolls for the childrens surgical unit at Shands. She uses all kinds of fabric to make these dolls with smiley and sad faces for the doctors to give to these

children. So if you have any fabric to share contact Colleen.

We still have some names on our list of concerns: Colleen Rogel finally has her neck collar off and Jack Shuler is now dancing. We still have Joann McCann, and Fred & Adell Malkin out and yours truly with a broken toe in two places (got to stop stomping so hard).

Don't forget to visit our Web Page for updates on club activities at <http://www.geocities.com/grandsquareclub/GrandSquaresClub.html>.

Until next time, Keep Smiling and Keep Dancing!

JOY SEAS

John & Mary Burzo 904 797-7530

Hope you all had a wonderful holiday. We, the Joy Seas, sure did.

It seemed all of us were having too much fun with friends and family that we just didn't have time to dance all of December. December was a month filled with just holiday spirit.

We sure made up for it in January. We and our Snowbird Club members got real itchy to dance. We went to Flagler to visit. Dancing with R.J. Hogan is always a pleasure and the Ocean Waves are truly great people. Mandarin Marauders to retrieve our Banner was our next stop, also a pleasure dancing

with them and Lawton Smith was wonderful as ever. The Seabreeze Singles came to visit us. They came with about three square and we were able to dance with a full hall. Later in January we went back to Flagler to raid. The snowbirds were ready to dance and we were ready to accommodate them.

We had a very busy January and February looks the same. We have plans to go to River Ramblers and then the Granada Squares. Who knows what's next.

Happy Valentines Day !!

MANDARIN MARAUDERS

Kitty Fuller 264-2864

We exchanged banners and visits with a number of clubs over the past few months. We paid a visit to Moose Promenaders and Joy Seas visited us to retrieve their banner.

The Mandarin Marauders had a social night out on January 24 with dinner at Saqura on San Jose in Mandarin.

February 10th was our Sweetheart

Valentine dance. There were lots of sweets to share. February 24th was our Mardi Gras dance with bright colors and festive masks to wear. Sure was fun.

We are looking forward to our St Patrick's dance on March 16th.

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See you in a square soon!

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MOOSE PROMENADERS

Kim Keffer 771-5775

What a fantastic end to our square dancing year. The Xmas dance was one of our best attended with 120 dancers present and nine guests. The evening started with the invocation being given by Reverend Dick Petry, a family friend who is well known for his sermons/eulogies in verse form. He did not let us down (his poem/invocation was included in the last issue of the Grapevine) and has agreed to help us out at Hospice. Thank you, Dick. Art did a wonderful job of calling for our dancing pleasure and a big round of applause is in order for him, his wife Lucille, and all the other Moose Members who helped make it the roaring success that it was. The dinner was great and just goes to show that our members have other talents than just square dancing. They are great cooks. We also managed to raise \$80.00 for Hospice, a cause dear to my heart. Wendell and Doris Spears were recognized as out-going presidents and we commend them on their efforts at the helm over the past two years. Thanks to all for a job well done.

Our last big event was our Annual President's Ball on February 12th with Art Wilson calling and Lisa and John Wall on rounds. This is the evening when we honor all the Presidents from our area clubs for their dedication to our form of dance, square and round. Unless you have served in that capacity, it is hard to realize the amount of time given to keeping our clubs alive and viable. Keep up the good work ... we appreciate you!

We have a couple of new Chairmen, Steve and Katja Palmer who promise to keep you entertained with some new and innovative ideas.

On April 15th, our class will be graduating and we will have a combined graduation and anniversary dance. We invite all dancers in the area - including newly graduated mainstream dancers - to join us in a fun-filled evening.

The Moose dance every Thursday at the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 2020 on Collins Road with Art Wilson, ably supported by his lovely wife, Lucille.

Hope to see you across a square!

RIVER RAMBLERS

Cecilia Hodges 692-2136

Well, it's a new year and we're in the middle of planning our annual Shriner's Benefit Dance to be held on March 20th. We are already hard at work passing out flyers and selling buttons. Speaking of buttons, be looking for us to visit your club to give everyone a chance to join in on the fun. Keep an eye out for our ad in The Grapevine.

In April we are all going to Crescent City to be in the Catfish Festival Parade. We are hoping to build a bigger and better paddlewheel boat, but this time we will be able to keep it for later use.

On January 29th, twenty-six of the Flagler Ocean Waves came to steal our

banner. It's always fun to have such a large group come to visit. We'll have to go down to visit them and bring our banner back soon.

Jean Lee continues to improve from her surgery and has started chemo therapy. Let's all hope she does well and is back with us soon -- keep her in your prayers.

Marion Coe is also battling cancer and our prayers and best wishes go out to her and her family. May she have the strength to fight this and be back with all of us soon.

Our new class members are really improving - each week we see them

RIVER RAMBLERS (Cont'd)

gaining more and more confidence. They are fitting in nicely with all of us old folks.

All of us at River Ramblers are very proud to announce that our very own Dick & Jean Lee were honored on December 13th when they received the prestigious Circle Of Service Award in recognition of the many years of service they have dedicated to the promotion of square dancing. It is through the hard work and efforts of Dick & Jean that the River Ramblers are in existence today. We all send our appreciation and thanks to them and hope that we, too, can inspire others to the art of square dancing.

On February 5th, the Honeybee's from DeLand came to steal our banner. We always enjoy having them visit and

share in our fun. On the same night, Lon Ligon and the Grand Squares brought 16 dancers to retrieve their banner. We had the pleasure of Lon calling a tip for us, and we now look forward to visiting them.

On February 26th, we had a club meeting and a covered dish dinner (can't think of a better way to have a meeting). Great food, good friendship, and outstanding calling makes for a fun-filled evening. We will have to do it again soon.

So far 2004 has started off to be a busy year, which gives this writer some fun things to talk about. Hope ya'll are having as much fun as we are. We'll see you in a square soon...be it my house or yours.



Dick & Jean Lee are presented the Circle Of Service at the last Drift Around Squares camp out!



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ROLLAWAYS

Ruth Harper and Ed Johnson 744-3452

The big, hard, cruel world out there poked into our little square dance corner with Spring Break and Voting and knocked our Green Ham & Eggs Dance for a loop, as well as our friends, -- the Seabreeze Singles -- Valentine sweethearts Dance. They are locked out for Voting Poll on March 9th and our Sandalwood High closes for Spring Break on the March 16th, leaving us with green egg on our face. As we go to press, the latest is our co-leaders are hoping they can mend the Seabreezers' broken hearts with our green (and getting greener) eggs in a miraculous display of square-dance Friendship Set To Music by scrambling broken eggs and hearts for a romantic omelet at Sandalwood March 16th. The wheels are still turning, stay tuned (to announcements, not us.)

Actually, a whole new slate of folks will be at work for the Rollies as some terms are ending. The new Rollaways Presidents nominated are Hank and Doris Spaulding, new Secretary is Holly Goodwin, new Banner Chairmen Jan Castle and Perry Bruce and former President Eileen Loncie steps down to become Vice President. Harvey and MaryLou Morton are rolling over as Treasurers and Activity Directors and Kathy and Jack McKinney remain as Co-Treasurers. All Rollaways extend thanks to those who've served and those volunteering to serve now.

Installation of the new board will take place at the Rollaways Acswck

off Anniversary Dance on April 13th, when the graduation ceremony for the Class Of 2004 will also be held. Our congratulations and best wishes to all.

It's great to know that our former Rollaways President John Lawrence is recovering from recent surgery and the rest of the Rollies are recovering from our annual Chili Cook-Off Dance on January 13th. (January 14th was our annual Pepto Bismol Day.) Yes, we really started the year off with a blast of fiery fixin's! Fourteen chefs and cheftesses entered their hottest stuff in the Best Belly Burner Of The Year Contest but chill lovers everywhere will be beating down the door of Chilli Champ MaryLou Morton, who won for the second year in a row. Don't tell anyone, but she adds a secret ingredient (spaghetti) to her bowl of blast-furnace barbecue sauce.

The Silver Foxes recklessly raided our chicken coop that same night and danced off with our Rollie banner -- and chili scalded tongues. (Told y'all to go easy on MaryLou's conflagration con carne.)

Our warning that it's leap year will come too late to help unwed menfolk at our February 24th Sadie Hawkins Day Dance. It's being whispered about that leap-year ladies are out to top the Moose Promenaders in the marriage-proposal department. A Moose proposed to a Doe at one of their recent dances and that record is going to fall! More on that next time.

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SEABREEZE SINGLES

Jackie Hamlin 731-9181

Everyone had a great time at the Circus Dance and NEFSARDA's 5th Saturday dance. Seabreeze had a large turnout at both dances.

During our January meeting the Seabreeze 2003 officers agreed (and were unanimously elected) to serve for another year. They are: Shirley White, President; Smitty Smith, Vice President; Jackie Hamlin, Secretary; and Mary Lou Pelz, Treasurer.

On February 7th, our Adopt-A-Highway group was busy cleaning up the litter on Beach Boulevard near Wal-Mart. After their hard work, they enjoyed a nice lunch. On the 17th, we hosted our 2nd annual Sadie Hawkins Day Dance. We hope everyone enjoyed Erv's white lightening and the good food our ladies cooked up 'possum stew (ham bone soup, greens, and cornbread).

March promises to be very busy: On March 9th, voting will be going on at our hall, so we will cancel our dance and visit the Rollaways. On March 16th, the Rollaways will join us at the Peace Presbyterian Church hall. I understand they are bringing green eggs and ham! On March 30th, Seabreeze and Rollaways will host a 5th Tuesday dance at Sandalwood.

March 23rd will be a very important

day for our club as our class members will graduate. Please join us in welcoming our newest dancers and friends. Once our class graduates, our dance time will be 7:30 to 9:30 PM.

March 19th and 20th is the annual Fuzzy-Navel Dance in Jekyll Island (sponsored by the singles associations of Florida and Georgia). Florida is the host this year. Joe Fioretti is the caller, Carol and Jimmy Griffin will do the rounds. All dancers are welcome. It promises to be a very good dance. For more information, call Shirley White at 388-1463 or Mary Lou Pelz at 733-1869.

Don't forget our Annual Charity Dance on April 3rd at Jax Heights Elementary. The theme this year is SOUTHWEST SEABREEZE FIESTA. The proceeds from this dance go to the City Rescue Mission. They do a great service for our community and are deserving of our help. Watch for our members who will be at dances selling admission buttons and raffle tickets (you do not have to be present to win the \$100 cash prize). Please support this dance. We promise a good time and you will be helping others.

Remember: One little smile can fill the room with sunshine.

SILVER FOX SQUARES

Manuel & Lillie Irizarry 266-1083

We would like to extend a big THANK YOU to all who participated on our Annual Circus Dance. Thanks to everyone's generosity we were able to raise \$1715.00 to benefit Dreams Come True. Details will be forthcoming on how our donation made a child's dream come true.

We would like to announce our new banner chair persons - Mary and Sam Starling. Be on the look out - your club

may be next for a Silver Fox raid!

We were dark for the Sunshine Festival that was held in Lakeland on January 22nd-24th and we understand from the members that attended a great time was had by all.

We have several members that are suffering from various illnesses and ask that you keep them in your prayers for speedy recoveries.

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SQUARE WHEELS

Martha Zimmerman (352) 336-5311

January 16th-18th we camped at Lake Oklawaha RV Resort in Ft. McCoy on the Rodman Reservoir in the Ocala National Forest. It was a joint campout with Chapter 143 and we had a great time. We all enjoyed the dancing and fellowship. We had snacks on Friday evening, and a wine & cheese get together after the dance. Then on Saturday evening we sat down for a scrumptious covered dish dinner.

February 13th-15th was a campout we all look forward to. We camped at Kelly's Campground near White Springs in conjunction with the Blue - Grey Dance in Lake City which is sponsored

by the Dixie Dancers. The Square Wheels always host the Trail's End dance on Friday evening. Both dances are always a lot of fun, as well as the Saturday activities which includes a parade, street dance, and lots of shopping in the Craft booths.

March 19th-21st we will be camping at Okefenokee-Folkston at Homeland, GA, just off US 301; and April 16th-18th we will camp at Three Flags in Wildwood. Come dance with us.

Cliff Parnell and M.L. Bedenbaugh have both been sick and we ask that you keep them in your prayers.

TEDDY BEAR SQUARES

The Tedy Bear Reporter 683-3512

The Teddy Bears held their "Dangle Dance" on January 10th with Chuck & Aleen Breedlove being crowned "King" and "Queen." John Loveland, who started the Dangle Dance within all the clubs was present to make sure the King and Queen were properly crowned.

We had quite a few guests at our January 24th dance. The NEFSARDA Board came to retrieve the banner we'd won at the 5th Saturday Dance.

We did not dance during the month of February, but hope many of you will visit us at our next dance on March

13th. We love visitors and would love to have you come join us to dance some lively Plus -- Eddie Millan is our caller and does a great job.

On a sad note, Ann Millan was in an automobile accident on the 10th of February and as we write this article she is recuperating at home. Also, John Lawrence is still recuperating from surgery, and Jettie Crowe is continuing her therapy for her back. Please keep them all in your prayers. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

See you in a square real soon!

The Grapevine camera caught the Editor in his favorite position.

It's just like Candid Camera...so, keep that smile on your face because you never know when "one" of The Grapevine cameras will catch up with you!



See you in a

YELLOW ROCKERS PLUS

Yellow Rockers Reporter 389-3349

As one of our out of town visitors said last Monday "you sure do have a lot of square dancing going on in this area". A'int that the truth!! And many of the dancers seem to dance all of them. Last week was a good example with regular dances during the week and the Circus Dance and the Fifth Saturday Dance.. Someone said that was the biggest 5th Saturday Dance ever and the Yellow Rockers won high attendance award with 34 Yellow Rockers present.

The Circus Dance was great too and those Silver Foxes do a great job for those needy children... Guess you could say we had a "Super" week-end all the way around.

The Yellow Rockers voted to dance December 22nd and the 29th and what a turn-out we had. Several of the clubs were not dancing during the holidays and we appreciate all the folks who came and danced with us during that time.

We have surely missed Bronze &

Virginia Cagle due to his having a bout with the flu but we think he is on the mend now. Several of our dancers have been out with various medical problems and since we are like a family, when one hurts, we all hurt. The Clymas are leaving this month to travel for a few months and they will be missed.

John Loveland and his crew did a great job choosing a King and queen of Dangles. It added a lot of fun at the Fifth Saturday Night Dance.

Lots of interesting dances coming up in the next few months. Check The Grapevine to keep up with what's coming up.. Thanks Charlie and Val for the great job you do with The Grapevine.

I read this the other day and liked it. "Time may wrinkle the skin, but worry, doubt, hate and the loss of ideals wrinkle the soul."

When you're eighteen, you worry about what everybody is thinking about you...

When you're forty, you don't care what everyone is thinking about you...

When you're sixty, you realize nobody's been thinking about you at all.

ACTUAL NEWS ITEMS

(From the Internet)


**Police in Wichita, Kansas, arrested a 22-year old man at an airport hotel after he tried to pay with two \$16 bills.

**The Chico, California, City Council enacted a ban on nuclear weapons, setting a \$500.00 fine for anyone detonating one within the city limits.

**A bus carrying five passengers was hit by a car in St. Louis. By the time police arrived on the scene, fourteen pedestrians had boarded the bus and had begun to complain of whiplash injuries and back pain.

**Convict broke out of jail in Washington, DC. A few days later he went with his girlfriend to her trial for robbery. At lunch he went out for a sandwich. His girlfriend needed him, so she had him paged by the bailiff. Police officers recognized his name and arrested him when he returned to the courthouse in a car he had stolen over the lunch hour.

**When two service stations in Ionia, Michigan, refused to hand over cash to an intoxicated robber. The man threatened to call the police. They still refused...so the robber called the police and was arrested.



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If you are traveling throughout Florida, you can still find a dance somewhere.

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NEFSARDA DELEGATES MEETING

January 12, 2004

Meeting called to order and President led delegation in prayer and pledge to the flag. President welcomed guests and new delegates. President announced the resignation of the Corresponding Secretary, John & Mary Burzo. Frank & Barbara Meyer will replace them. President stressed this was a delegates meeting and not a Board meeting and that Board members were not allowed to vote at delegates meetings.

Minutes of last delegates meeting accepted as written.

Treasurers Report: Question was raised regarding payments to Fall Festival Caller Coordinators. It was recommended that it be addressed before the next Festival. Report accepted as presented and filed for audit.

Special Report: John Loveland promoted the King & Queen of Dangles program

Committee Reports

Bylaws: Motion to change glossary was passed. Motion regarding Immediate Past President on the Board was tabled.

Fifth Saturday Dance: January 31st dance to be at Jax Heights elementary School with Eddie Millan & Jim Cosman calling and Jim Winter cuing. Fun N' Frolic and Yellow Rockers hosting.

Dance Couple of the Year: The 2003 DCOY are Bud & Anita Taylor.

Fall Festival: Thanks to all who helped. Motion made to make Silent Auction funds available to help with

Convention after party in 2005. Passed. Kathy McKinney announced next caller as Deborah-Carroll Jones for 2004. Need assistant for this year.

Grapevine: Deadline for next issue, February 10th.

Historian: No report

Hospice Dance: No report.

Insurance: When sending names in, do not shorten the city names.

Publicity/Education: Material available to help promote dancing. A weekend class series scheduled for March 5-7 at Arlington Presbyterian Church. Cost is \$15.00 per student - no angels allowed. Everyone pays.

SOS: If your club has problems, please call.

Showcase Of Ideas: No Report.

State Convention: Props ready for kickoff. First practice soon. Rooms at host motel filling up fast. Some dress material left. Cookbooks are to be ready for kickoff in May.

Florida Federation: New officers are: President - Fred & Shirley Cornett; Vice President - Garland & Carole McKenzie; Secretary - Jack & Kathy McKinney; Treasure - Ken & Sue Brown; and Parliamentarian - Randy & Carol Poole. NEFSARDA delegates announced. Manny & Sherry Gonzales are the new Federation Historians.

USDA: No report.

Gateway Callers: No Report.

Rural Callers: No report.

Old Business: none

New Business: None

Next meeting - March 14, 2004

Meeting Adjourned.

No man is good enough to govern another man without that other's consent.

Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)

.....If you're sending someone some Styrofoam, what do you pack it in?

.....Since light travels faster than sound, isn't that why some people appear bright until you hear them speak?

Planning For The Future!!!

CALENDAR OF COMING SPECIAL EVENTS

MARCH 2004

- 02.... Crazy Hats Dance..... Mandarin Marauders
05.... Strawberry Social River Ramblers
5,6 & 7. Lake Okalawaha RV Resort, Ft McCoy Gypsy Squares
5-7... Weekend Class Special(Arlington Presbyterian Church)....NEFSARDA
12.... Spring Fling Silver Fox
12.... St Patrick's Day Dance..... River Ramblers
12-13. Shamrock Swing.....CFSARDA Kissimmee
13.... NWFSRDA Spring Fling Tallahassee
14.... Delegates Meeting NEFSARDA
15.... Wearin' of The Green Dance..... Yellow Rockers+
16.... St Patricks Dance Dixie Dancers
16.... Shamrock Dance (wear green)..... Mandarin Marauders
16.... Green Eggs & Ham Dance Rollaways At Seabreeze Singles
17.... St Patrick's Day Dance Plus Fox
19.... Beans & Greens Pot Luck Dance Flagler Ocean Waves
19-20. Fuzzy Navel Dance Jekyll Island, GA
20-21.. 45th Spring Weekend of Rounds Plant City
19-21.. Okefenokee-Folkston/Homeland, GA Square Wheels
20.... Shriner's Kids Benefit Dance..... River Ramblers
23.... Class Graduation..... Seabreeze Singles
29.... 5th Monday /Anniversary (48th) Dance..... Fun 'N Frolics
29.... 5th Monday - Irish Stew Dance Yellow Rockers+
30.... 5th Tuesday Combined Dance Seabreeze Singles at Rollaways

APRIL 2004

- 01.... Anniversary Dance (6th) River Ramblers
2,3 & 4. Suwannee Valley CrmpGrnd, White Springs..... Gypsy Squares
03.... Annual Charity Dance ...(Jax Heights Elem Sch) Seabreeze Singles
05.... April Fish Dance Yellow Rockers+
13.... Class Graduation..... Grand Squares
13.... Class Graduation..... Mandarin Marauders
13.... Anniversary (16th) and Class Graduation Dance..... Rollaways
14.... April Showers & Flowers Dance Plus Fox
15.... Anniversary (14th)/Graduation Dance Moose Promenaders
16-18.. Three Flags - Wildwood..... Square Wheels
20.... April Showers Dixie Dancers
23.... Class Graduation..... Silver Fox
27.... Anniversary Dance (19th)..... Mandarin Marauders
30.... 5th Friday Dance(All singing Calls)..... Silver Fox
30.... Ice Cream Social River Ramblers

MAY 2004

- 01.... Annual Hospice Dance NEFSARDA
04.... Cinco de Mayo & Taco Dance Mandarin Marauders
7,8 & 9. Ocala Ranch RV Park Gypsy Squares
07.... Class Graduation Dance River Ramblers
12.... Honor Our Mothers Dance Plus Fox
13.... Pirates Ball Moose Promenaders
14.... ShaNaNa (Ernie's 4th Anniversary)..... Silver Fox

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CALENDAR OF COMING SPECIAL EVENTS

MAY 2004 (Cont'd)

18.... May Pole Dance	Dixie Dancers
21-23.. Encore RV Park, Reddick, FL	Square Wheels
28-30. 50th Florida State Convention	Lakeland
30.... Florida Federation Meeting	Lakeland

JUNE 2004

04.... Anniversary Dance (19th)	Silver Fox
4,5 & 6. Olde Mill Stream, Umatilla	Gypsy Squares
12.... Anniversary Dance (12th)	Teddy Bears
17.... Ice Cream Social	Moose Promenades
18-20. Watermelon Festival.....Chiefland, FL	Grand Squares
21.... Ice Cream & Cake Dance	Yellow Rockers+
23.... Honor Our Fathers Dance	Plus Fox
23-26.. 53rd National Convention	Denver, CO

JULY 2004

02.... Independence Day Dance....(Ice Cream)	Silver Fox
2,3 & 4. Ocala Ranch RV Park	Gypsy Square
07.... Bless The USA/Ice Cream Social Dance	Plus Fox
19.... Around The World in 80 Days Dance	Yellow Rockers+
23-25. Encore RV Park, Reddick	Square Wheels
29.... Pink Cadillac Dance	Moose Promenaders
30.... 5th Friday Dance - All Singing Calls	Silver Fox
31.... 5th Saturday Dance	NEFSARDA

AUGUST 2004

6,7 & 8. Encore RV CmpGrnd, Ocala	Gypsy Squares
11.... School Supplies Dance	Plus Fox
13.... Black Cat Dance	Silver Fox
20-22. Ocala RanchRV Park	Square Wheels
30.... 5th Monday - Salad Night & Dance	Yellow Rockers+

SEPTEMBER 2004

02.... Open House	Moose Promenaders
2-5... 34th Nat'l Singles Dance-A-Rama	Atlanta, GA
03.... Sports Night - Classes Start	Silver Fox
3,4 & 5. Recreation Plantation, Lady Lake	Gypsy Squares
08.... Labor Day/Watermelon Party	Plus Fox
13.... Anniversary Dance (13th)	Yellow Rockers+
17-19. Pacetti's Marina, SR 13	Square Wheels
18.... Anniversary Dance (23rd)	Square Wheels

OCTOBER 2004

1,2 & 3. Olde Mill Stream, Umatilla	Gypsy Squares
22-24 State Camp-O-See, Okeechobee	Square Wheels
25.... Pumpkin/Scarecrow Dance	Yellow Rockers+
27.... Costume Party Dance	Plus Fox
28.... Halloween Dance	Moose Promenaders
29.... 5th Friday Costume Dance	Silver Fox
30.... 5th Saturday Dance	NEFSARDA

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CALENDAR OF COMING SPECIAL EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2004

1-30. Food Drive All Month	Silver Fox
5-7... Lake Okalawaha RV Resort, Ft McCoy.....	Gypsy Squares
5-7... 51st O'Leno Hoedown	Square Wheels
12-13.. Fall Fun Fest.....WCSARDA	Lakeland
17.... We Are Thankful Dance	Plus Fox
19-20. Fall Festival.....	NEFSARDA
22.... Thanksgiving Dinner Dance.....	Yellow Rockers+
29.... 5th Monday - All Singing Calls.....	Yellow Rockers+

DECEMBER 2004

3,4 & 5. Ocala RV Park	Gypsy Squares
10.... Christmas Dance - Toys For Tots.....	Silver Fox
13.... Winter Wonderland Christmas Dance	Yellow Rockers+
15.... Christmas Dinner Dance.....	Plus Fox
16.... Christmas Dinner Dance.....	Moose Promenaders

***** When planning for your special dances - - plan ahead and check this Calendar Of Events, AND call the Grapevine editors at (904)683-3512 for the most current information, in order to avoid conflicting dates. Thanks!!—N E F S A R D A.**

We would like to publish all club's special/theme dances. HOWEVER - if we don't receive a listing, we don't know what to print!! Get your 2004 schedules to us as soon as possible! - The Editors.

PERMA(nent) SHAVE

After twenty years of shaving himself every morning, a man in a small Southern town decided he had enough. He told his wife that he intended to let the local barber shave him each day. He put on his hat and coat and went to the barber shop, which was owned by the pastor of the town's Baptist Church. The pastor's wife, Grace, was working, so she performed the task.

Grace shaved him and sprayed him with lilac water and said, "That will be \$20.00." The man thought the price was a bit high, but he paid the bill and went to work.

The next morning the man looked in the mirror and his face was as smooth as it had been when he left the barber shop the day before. Not bad, he thought. At least I don't need to get a shave every day.

The next morning, the man's face was still smooth. Two weeks later, the man was still unable to find any trace of whiskers on his face. It was more that he could take, so he returned to the barber shop.

"I thought \$20.00 was high for a shave," he told Grace, "but you must have done a great job. It's been two weeks and my whiskers still haven't started growing back."

Expecting his comment, the expression on her face didn't even change. She responded, "You were shaved by Grace. Once shaved, always shaved."

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