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Monday Clubs

JACKSONVILLE

Mandarin Marauders

Line Dancing, Mainstream &
Plus Square Dancing
Lessons - 7 - 7:30 PM
Club Dance 7:30 - 9:30 PM

3848 Hartley Road
(Mandarin Senior Center)
Jacksonville, FL

Callers, Shane & Ken Perez

President, Tom Porwoll
(904) 268-5368
tporwoll@yahoo.com

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

GAINESVILLE

Mixed Nuts/BAD Dancers

Advanced Square Dancing
7 - 9 PM

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

Caller, Bill Chesnut

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

Tuesday Clubs

JACKSONVILLE

Rollaways

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

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

Caller, Mark Fetzer
Cuer, Susan Snider
Presidents, Patrick & Joan
Amarino
(904) 629-4560

jnorve@netzero.com

Banner chairs, Walt & Dianne
Syphard
(904) 221-1368
wlsyphard@aol.com
diannehall6@aol.com

JACKSONVILLE

Seabreeze Singles

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

1300 Sprinkle Drive
(Arlington Presbyterian Church)
Jacksonville, FL

Caller, Jim Cosman

President, Jane Johnson
(904) 564-2062
msij18@bellsouth.net

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

LAKE CITY

Dixie Dancers

Round Dancing and Plus Square
Dancing

Square Dance Lessons 7:00 -
8:15 PM

Club Dance 8:15 - 9:30 PM

Richardson Community Center
255 NE Coach Anders Lane
Lake City, FL

Caller, Bill Chesnut
Cuer, Ralph Beekman

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

ST. AUGUSTINE

Joy Seas

Mainstream & Plus Square
Dancing

Every Tuesday except 2nd
Tuesday

Square Dance Lessons 7:30 –
8:30 PM

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

Take I-95 to exit 311

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

Caller, Mike Akers

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

burzom@bellsouth.net

call to verify dance availability

GAINESVILLE

Grand Squares

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

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

Caller, Lon Ligon

President, Susie Moon
(352) 283-1296

susiemoon@cox.net

grandsquares@bellsouth.net

Wednesday Clubs

WILLISTON

Clover Squares

Mainstream & Plus Square
Dancing

Square Dance Lessons – 4:00 –
5:00 PM

Club Dance – 2:00 -4:00 PM

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

Callers – Either Bill Chesnut or
Rod Barngrover

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

JACKSONVILLE

Fun n' Frolic

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

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

Caller, Jim Cosman

Contact, Russ & Carolyn Ueber
(904) 223-9347

carolynu9@gmail.com

JACKSONVILLE

Moose Promenaders

Round Dancing, Mainstream &
Plus Square Dancing

Advanced Square Dance 6:30 -
7 PM

Square Dance Lessons - 7 - 8:30
PM

Club Dance - 8:30 - 9:30 PM

5051 Collins Road
(Moose Lodge 2020)
Orange Park, FL

Caller, Bill Chesnut

Contact, Wayne & Debbie Miller
(904) 891-7016

dlmiller0331@yahoo.com

Banner chairs, Chuck & Mary
Giera

(904) 262-9907

maryvmusic@comcast.net

Friday Club

STARKE

Silver Fox Squares

Mainstream with Announced Plus

Club Dance - 7:00 - 9:00 PM

First Methodist Church
200 North Walnut
Starke, Florida

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

Banner chair, Susie Kirby
silverfoxsquares@mail.com

Weekend Camping Clubs

VARIOUS CAMPGROUNDS

Gypsy Squares

Mainstream / Plus / Lines

Usually on the
3rd Full Weekend of
Each Month

Normally with the
Square Wheels

Caller, Bill Chesnut

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

VARIOUS CAMPGROUNDS

Square Wheels

Mainstream / Plus / Rounds

Usually on the
3rd Full Weekend of
Each Month

Normally with the
Gypsy Squares

2:30-4:30PM MS Workshop

Caller, Bill Chesnut

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

Round Dance

JACKSONVILLE

First Coast Rounds

Round Dancing

Round Dance Lessons 5 - 6 PM

Special Teaches 6 - 6:30 PM

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

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

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

Currently Dark

Saturday Dances

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

NEFSARDA 5th Saturday dances

Contact, Walt & Dianne Syphard
(904) 221-1368

wlsyphard@aol.com
diannehall6@aol.com

The Florida State Convention
February 23 and 24, 2018 in Daytona Beach, Florida





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A fun time was had by all – be sure to be at the convention next year!

There was even a Saturday Morning Square Dance on the Beach Featuring Mark Fetzer



Special Dances and Events

In previous months we have published **copies of dance flyers** separately in the monthly **Grapevine Addendum**. Unfortunately, the computer file for these flyers has grown so large that we are no longer able to send it via email. Thus, we regretfully have eliminated the Grapevine Addendum. In its place we have provided contact information for your use.

NEFSARDA Dances

2018

- April 28 5th Saturday Dance, theme will be Happy Things, location and time to be determined
- September 29 5th Saturday Dance, theme will be Sports, location and time to be determined
- November 16-17 NEFSARDA Fall Festival, Palms Presbyterian Church, 3410 3rd Street South, Jacksonville Beach, Florida
Joan Amarino (904-629-4560)

Special Dances in Northeast Florida

2018

Florida State Square and Round Dance Conventions

2018

- April 20-22 Party Weekend (fund raiser for the 2019 State Convention) at the Deerhaven Retreat & Conference Center, Paisley, Florida
Randy or Carol Poole 386-734-5295
- May 19 2020 The Power to See the Future, fund raiser for the 2020 State Convention, Plant City, Florida
Terri Little, islandmom74@att.net (321-427-7950)
- October 25-28 43rd Florida State Camporee, Eustis, Florida
Ron & Linda Imus (574-370-8525)
- 2019
- February 22-23 65th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention, Daytona Ocean Center, 101 N. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, Florida
- 2020
- February 28-29 66th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention, Daytona Ocean Center, 101 N. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, Florida

Square and Round Dance Cruises

2018

- April 7-15 Fourth Annual "Cruisen" for Bob 4 with Bill Chesnut from Jacksonville to the Bahamas & Bermuda on the Carnival Elation
Marilyn Scott (904-264-9392) scottymjane@gmail.com
- July 21-28 Square Dance Cruise with Tony Oxendine, Jack Pladdys & Mac O'Jima from Honolulu to Maui, Hilo, Kona & Kauai on the Norwegian Price of America
CI Azumano Travel (800-888-7025)
- December 2-9 Square Dance Cruise with Jack & Ilene Lewis (Ft. Lauderdale, Haiti,

Jamaica, and Cozumel)
Seth Mintz (786-200-4912)

2019

February 3-7

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

National Square and Round Dance Conventions

2018

March 10

Pre-Convention Kick-Off Dance for the 68th National Square Dance Convention, Atlanta, Georgia
www.68nscd.org

June 22-24

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

June 27-30

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

August 30 to
September 2

48th National Singles Dance-A-Rama, Indianapolis, Indiana
info@ssdusa.org www.ssdusa.org

2019

June 26-29

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

2020

June 17-20

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

2021

June 17-20

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

Special Dances Outside of Northeast Florida

2018

March 3

Benefit Square Dance for the Anthony Methodist Church, Anthony, Fl.
Walter Cyr (352-629-0437)

March 8-10

28th All Western Smoky Mountain Ball, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
Johnny Chambers (931-248-2839)

March 9-10

63rd Mississippi State Square & Round Dance Festival, Pearl, Ms
Huggy Gaines (228-369-9523)

March 15-17

59th Washington Area (WASCA) Square & Round Dance Festival, Alexandria, Virginia
Tom & Nancy Stafford (301-351-7790), festivalregistration@wascaclubs.com

- March 17 Wearin' of the Green St. Patrick's Day Dance, Ocala, Florida
Dotty (352-873-9062) or Norm (352-873-1734)
- March 24 Spring Dance of the Southeast Georgia Federation of Rounds and Squares (SEGFRS) – Jekyll Island Squares, College Place United Methodist Church, Christian Life Center (rear of church), 3890 Altama Ave., Brunswick, Georgia
7:30 to 9:30 pm
Don Heins (912-265-1504 or 912-269-7909)
- April 6-7 65th Alabama Jubilee (Square & Round Dance), Gardendale, Al.
Marie Rogala (205-525-5128)
- April 7 Swinging Squares 46th Anniversary Blue & White Ball, Panama City, Fl.
Mary Riley (850-871-2955) or Patricia McLendon (850-769-4218)
- April 20-21 27th Spring Fling, Pensacola, Florida
Larry Belcher (334-703-2054)
- April 20-22 Central Florida Square & Round Dancers Association Party Weekend, Paisley, Florida
Randy & Carol Poole (386-734-5295)
- April 26-28 43rd South Carolina Square & Round Dancers Convention, Columbia, South Carolina
Ken & Darlene Padgett (843-334-8357), D.Goley@yahoo.com
- April 29 50th Anniversary of John Swindle's Dance Calling, Melbourne, Fl.
Jackie Holmberg, jholmber002@gmail.com (321-260-6441)
- May 4-5 Blairsville Spring Sashay Callerama, Blairsville, Georgia
www.gssda.org
- May 18-19 57th Derby City (Square Dance only) Festival, Shepherdsville, Ky
Bob & Geri Jeffers (812-945-6374)
- July 21 Seaside Squares July Jamboree, Pensacola, Florida
terriwilaby@hotmail.com (850-293-7720)
- August 2-4 44th Annual Square Dance Convention, Gatlinburg, Tennessee
Shea Meincke (843-816-4061), meincke_us@yahoo.com
- August 5-9 Maggie Valley Square Dance Vacations Pride RV Resort Plus Week, Maggie Valley, North Carolina (RV sites and cabins available)
Pride RV Resort (800-926-8191)
- August 18 Seaside Squares 55th Anniversary, Pensacola, Florida
Terri Wilaby terriwilaby@hotmail.com (850-293-7720)
- August 23-25 40th Alabama Square & Round Dance Convention, Oxford, Alabama
Jim Purvis (251-653-5442), asardanews@gmail.com
- September 14-16 Focus on Bolero Fall Weekend of Rounds, Panama City, Florida
Susan Snider (904-908-5184)
- September 21-22 47th Georgia State Convention – Let's Sail Away, Athens, Georgia

Roscoe Johnson (229-377-9635) www.gssda.org

September 23-26 Autumn Holiday of Rounds (round dancing), Fontana Village, NC
Carol Cooke (678-708-6223)

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

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

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

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

2019

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

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

Notes from the Grapevine Editors

The Grapevine is sent via email at the beginning of each month to square and round dancers in the NEFSARDA community. Please send us your club news (past and planned), flyers and pictures. While it is best to send us your input at your earliest convenience, your final input is due five days before the end of the month. We prefer that your input be in Word, as an email, or as an attachment to an email (not PDF). It has been said that one picture is worth a thousand words. That seems to hold true for the Grapevine as pictures have certainly improved each edition.

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

Laura Martin and Jim Maroldo



Dance Club News

Clover Squares

The revived Clover Squares of Levy County celebrated their 4th anniversary with a Valentine's dance, a banner raid by Ocala Twirlers and a spaghetti dinner on February 14th at their new permanent location - the First United Methodist Church, 213 W. Noble Ave. (US 27 A), Williston, Florida. Sixty-five dancers attended. Bill Chesnut and Rod Barngrover served as our callers. There were rounds as well as squares up to the Advanced level. Special guests were Herb and Gerry Jesk who met at an original Clover Squares class in 1982 and married a few months later. For more information about future dances, check out our Facebook page or call Mignon at 352-528-3323.



Banner Raid by Ocala Twirlers, Gerry & Herb Jesk, and Dancing Fun on Valentine's Day

We changed our dance time to 2:00 pm effective the first week of December - Mignon Craig

Dixie Dancers



Dance Scenes from the Olustee Battle Festival on February 17, 2018

First Coast Rounds

Round Dance classes are being taught on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at Sandalwood High School before the Rollaway's regular dance.

Fun n' Frolic

Grand Squares

Gypsy Squares and Square Wheels – Combined Camping Weekends

The Gypsy Squares will be hosting a combined camping weekend with the Square Wheels on March 16th & 17th at the Ocala Sun RV Resort, 2559 SW Highway 484, Ocala, Florida (877-809-1100). The cost is \$37.30 per night for an RV – make your own reservations. The Ocala Sun has

expanded their park by 100 sites. Our group will be camped in new sites. The campground does not have cabins or park models for rent.

On Saturday, the camping clubs plan to attend a special St. Patrick's Day Dance (Wearin' of the Green) near Ocala at the On Top of the World (OTOW) Community – a 20-minute drive from the campground. There might even be a Leprechaun! The caller will be Jackie Lewis who is a national caller and a friend of Bill Chesnut. The cuer will be Loretta Hanhurst. Early rounds will start at 7:00 pm and square dancing will start at 7:30 pm. The cost of the camping weekend and the special dance will be \$22.00 per couple.

Gail LaRue

Joy Seas

The Joy Seas returned to dancing on January 16th. We have changed their dance times to be from 7:30 and to 9:30 pm. Dance lessons are being held from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.

Mary Burzo

Mandarin Marauders

It is with great sadness that we have to say goodbye to our long-time caller Ernie Rollen. We gave Ernie a retirement party on February 27th, his last day.



Nanette and Tom Porwoll with Ernie – Frances and Ernie Rollen

Ken and Shane Perez will be our new callers starting March 5th. We are very pleased to have them on board with us. Please note that effective March 5th, the Mandarin Marauders will dance on MONDAY nights. The location and the time are the same – the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road, Jacksonville from 7:00 to 9:30 pm.

Barbara Fitzmayer is willing to donate Joe's square dance clothes to anyone who would like them. The shirts are a 16 neck and 32 sleeve. The pants are a 36 waist and 28/29 length.

Pat Chidester

Mixed Nuts/BAD Dancers

Moose Promenaders



Our February Birthdays – Inez Everett, Eric Lincke, Christine Wilder and Chuck Giera



The Moose Promenaders host an annual President's Ball where the presidents of the local clubs are honored. This year's dance was held on February 15th. The presidents are Jane Johnson (Seabreeze Singles), Patrick and Joan Amarino (Rollaways), Wayne and Debbie Miller (Moose Promenaders), David Smith (Mandarin Mauraders), Sherry and Don MacGregor (Square Wheels) and Carolyn and Russ Ueber (Fun n" Frolics).



Patrick and Joan Amarino of the Rollaways were the Presidents of the Year

As we are trying to get out to visit other clubs, we urge you to come visit our club. We hold beginner Advanced classes from 6:30 to 7:00 and regular club dance (announced Plus and Mainstream) from

7:00 to 9:30 with recorded rounds.

See you on the dance floor, Wayne & Debbie Miller

Rollaways

Seabreeze Singles

Some bad news and some good news. The bad news is that our caller Jim Cosman will be heading to the mountains this summer. The good news is that Don Heins (and Donna) will be calling our dances while Jim is away. We really appreciate Don and Donna's help. They are always fun to have at the dances.



Graduation on February 23rd – Cynthia Mims, Paulin Berkley, Ramon Tercero & Jenell Garvey

The Seabreeze Singles will be hosting an "appreciation/thank you" dance to honor Ernie Rollen at their regular dance on Tuesday, March 20th at 7:30 pm. – Mainstream and announced Plus. We want to thank Ernie for his many years of commitment to square dancing, for his fun and excellent calling, for being such a nice guy, and for sharing so many great Elvis impersonations. We also want to thank Frances for her contributions. All clubs are invited to participate. Please bring finger foods/snacks to share. - Mary Lou Pelz

Silver Fox Squares

We have enjoyed seeing so many people at some of the events we attended during the month of February and realized that there seems to be some confusion as to where we are now dancing. The Silver Fox Squares moved from the Senior Center to the First United Methodist Church at 200 N. Walnut St. in Starke due to our previous location being used by FEMA. We would like to invite everyone to join us on Fridays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. A special thanks to everyone who has visited our club and supported us over the past year. Also, a big 'Thank You' to our club members for their teamwork and dedication to help our club grow and prosper. Be sure to "like" and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#). Check our webpage, <https://silverfoxsquares.wordpress.com/> for club news and upcoming events. We are working on some very exciting events and will post more information as it comes available. Most of our dances end with a trip for a quick bite to eat and lively conversations. - Susie Kirby

Silver Stars Squares

Square Wheels - See Gypsy Squares & Square Wheels – Combined Camping Weekends

News and Happenings

5th Saturday Dances for 2018

There will be a 5th Saturday dance on September 29th with Sports as the theme. The following dances have been cancelled - March 31st (the day before Easter), June 30th (summer), and December 30th (holiday season). In place of these dances, there will be a 4th Saturday dance on April 28th (probably in Williston, possibly in the afternoon). The theme will be "Happy Things." Plan to decorate your table with things that make you happy. Each person who comes is asked to bring a snack to share, either on your club table or on the main snack table.

67th National Square Dance Convention (NSDC) in Kansas City, Missouri

The 67th NSDC in June 2018 in Kansas City had an early deadline for camping reservations which has passed.

Jim and Edythe Weber, registration@67NSDC.com

2018 NEFSARDA Fall Festival

Joan Amarino (904-629-4560) and Sherry Boatman-Burriss will be the chairpersons for the 2018 Fall Festival that will be held on November 16th and 17th, 2018. The theme will be Murder in Maui – A Luau to Die For. The location will be the same – The Palms Presbyterian Church, 3410 3rd Street South, Jacksonville Beach, Florida. The Cuers will be Doug and Cheryel Byrd and the Caller will be Bobby Poyner.

65th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention

February 22-23, 2019 www.FloridaSquareDance.com Now that the 64th Convention has crossed the finish line, it's time to get ourselves in gear for the 65th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention chaired by Ed Drexel and Terry Wetherby. The theme will be GREEN FLAG DANCING FROM DAYTONA.

Did you purchase your ribbons yet? It's not too soon to do so. You can purchase them at the address listed below. Ribbons purchased before May 31, 2018 are \$35 per person and ribbons purchased from June 1, 2018 to February 21, 2019 are \$40. Ribbons will be sold at the door for \$45. Please make checks payable to 65th FSDC and mail to:

Carol Poole, Reg. Chair

1541 Lakeside Drive

Deland, FL 32720-3014

Phone: 386-734-5295 Email: cpoole19@cfl.rr.com or rpoole19@cfl.rr.com

Please register early -- We need to know how much flooring to order.

Returned ribbons will be cheerfully refunded until February 21, 2019 for any reason.

Also make your plans to attend the Party Weekend in Paisley, Florida on April 20-22, 2018 at the Deerhaven Retreat and Conference Center. It will be a fun weekend of games, dancing, laughter, great food, and even greater company to raise money for the 2019 convention. (Including some time for an Advanced workshop and tip!) Callers will be Keith Stevens and Rod Barngrover and the Cuer will be Susan Snider. For more details, call Randy and Carol Poole, 386-734-5295. Other fundraisers for the 2019 convention include polos, t-shirts, buttons, and tote bags. They're coming soon to a race track near you.

Susie Moon

Grand Squares Space Coast Winter Festival in Titusville on February 2 and 3
Many northeast dancers this nearby festival.



Bill Chesnut dancing with Marilyn Scott and talking to Sherry and Don MacGregor

2018 Circus Dance

Another Circus Dance is in the history books. I believe this is the most successful ever. Thanks to the dancers, the cuers, and the callers in the Northeast Association. The total proceeds for the dance were \$7116. Mark (Fetzer) and I have been involved with the Circus Dance for the last 15 years and to my recollection this is the most successful dance to date. We have a lot of people to thank, but I would like to recognize a few by name. Chuck and Mary Giera sold used square dance clothes and raised \$2500. Bud German's son-in-law received a donation from the Black Knight mortgage service company for \$2500. The Mandarin Marauders donated \$500 for their caller Ernie Rollen who is retiring at the end of February. Over the years the dancers have raised over \$65,000 for Dreams Come True. Dreams Come True provides dreams for critically ill children. The child and his family are given a dream which often is a trip which provides the whole family with the opportunity to get away from all the medical problems and treatments for at least one week. Again, I would like to thank everyone in the square dance community for continuing to support Dreams Come True.

Susan Snider

Caller's and Cuer's Corner

Ernie Rollen has announced his retirement as a square dance caller. His last dance at Penney Farms was on Monday, January 29th and his last dance at the Mandarin Mauraders will be on February 27th.



Jim Cosman (shown with his wife Margaret) grew up on a farm near Hilton, New York (close to Rochester). He began his career as a square dance caller in 1961. Jim was stationed in Japan at the time while on active duty in the Air Force. He called for both the military personnel and the local Japanese residents. He continued calling when he was reassigned to Viet Nam and to the Philippines. Jim spent eight years on active duty, and then he continued his service in the Air Force Reserves until his retirement.

Margaret is originally from Macon, Georgia. She first met Jim when she took square dancing lessons from him in Charleston, South Carolina in 1976. They met again several years later and were married in 1983. Margaret has three children and Jim has two children, all from former marriages. They moved to St. Marys, Georgia in 1986 where Jim worked at the Kings Bay Submarine Base.

Jim has been an active caller since 1961. Locally, he has been the caller for the Seabreeze Singles for over 25 years and for the Fun n' Frolics for many years. He formerly called for the Drift Around Squares camping club. Jim was the caller for several clubs in South Carolina before moving here in 1986. He is in the South Carolina Square Dance Hall of Fame. Jim started the South Carolina Callers Association that sponsors the South Carolina state convention.

Dancer Profiles



Jack and Kathy McKinney at the State Convention on February 23, 2018

There certainly isn't a square or round dancer in Northeast Florida who doesn't know both Jack and Kathy. They have meant so much to our community for so long. Both are long-time square and round dancers. Jack and Kathy took their original square dance lessons from Ken Miller and Ernie Rollen in 1993. They learned A1 & A2 from Eddie Millan in 1995, and then learned round dancing from Lisa Wall and Susan Snider. Jack and Kathy are currently active members of the Rollaways.

Kathy is originally from Willoughby, Ohio, not too far from Cleveland. She relocated to Florida in 1972 after her parents had moved here. Kathy worked at CSX. She left CSX in 1992. Jack is originally from Johnson City, Tennessee. He moved to Florida in 1973. Jack also worked at CSX (in accounting). Jack retired in 1992 after 40 years with the railroad.

CSX is where Kathy and Jack met. They were married in 1989. Both Jack and Kathy have four children from a previous marriage. These original eight children have grown to fifty now when you count their spouses plus the grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

One final point. We have all seen Jack with his camera taking pictures at dances and special events. He is certainly a skillful photographer. Jack has been very kind by sharing many of these wonderful pictures with us for the monthly Grapevine. In fact, at least half of the pictures that you have seen in the Grapevine have been taken by Jack. If you have enjoyed the pictures that we have published, please say "thank you" to Jack the next time that you see him.





Nanette & Tom Porwoll of the Mandarin Mauraders at the State Convention on Feb. 23, 2018
(The following was summarized from a January 17, 2018 article on the Times Union web site - Jacksonville.com)

Nanette Rund Porwoll grew up in Jacksonville's Southside. She can trace her family's heritage to the early Spanish settlers in St. Augustine. Although she had studied hard at Bishop Kenny High School, she had no desire to attend college. However, her parents told her that she had to go to college so that she could get a decent job. After earning an associate's degree from FCCJ, she began working full-time in administrative and financial services at the newly established UNF. Her career blossomed as she continued to accept more responsible work positions over the next ten years. Meanwhile, Nanette finished her bachelor's degree in Accounting, married and had a daughter.

Nanette joined the JEA as a budget analyst in 1983. She became their Division Chief of Budget Services within three years. She was often the lone woman making key decisions as part of special teams and unique joint ventures that would help shape the sources and costs of our electric bills today. She rose to the position of Director of Budget Services, and she also was the acting CFO for a while. In 1989, newly elected Mayor Tommy Hazouri requested that Nanette join his staff as the Division Chief of Financial and Management Services with the city of Jacksonville Public Services Division (currently Jacksonville Fire and Rescue). Hazouri wanted someone with lots of experience developing capital plans with the emphasis on upgrading Jacksonville's fleet of fire equipment. After an "amazing" experience with the City, Nanette returned to JEA in 1992 and continued her career until retiring in 2010. Nanette and Tom have been married 21 years as of March 1st. They have two children.

Modestly, Nanette states, "I entered the work force at a time when there was a push for equal opportunity for women that opened many doors for me. However, my observation was that women had to be more capable and work much harder to 'prove' themselves in male dominated industries." It is not my education, the jobs I held, the committees I served on, or time in the office that made my life," said Nanette. "It is my faith, my family, the friends, the fun — the love I have received and given — and ultimately the choices I made on what was important to me to focus on and support."

Farewells and Concerns

From Pete Lewis - Just to let you know that I'm doing fine. I got home Saturday (February 3rd). I didn't actually crack my head "open," but I did get a concussion. Doctor said no activity for two weeks including square dancing. Anyway, I'm feeling fine now. Thanks for your concern.

Pete

Wes Morris passed away on February 9th due to cancer. His wife Joy and their two children were all there to say their final goodbyes. Wes was a caller in southwest Florida, and he was a past president of the Florida Callers Association. If you would like to send cards, the address is 5356 Anchorage Drive, St. James City, Florida 33956.

Penny Green

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Kim Doucette's father from pneumonia. Please keep Kim's and her family in your prayers.

Pat Chidester

Helpful Web Sites and Email Addresses

General

Grapevine Editors, Jim Maroldo and Laura Martin – squaredancejax@gmail.com

Florida Federation of Square Dancers – floridasquaredance.com

Florida Callers Association – www.flcallersassoc.org

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

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

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

Vendors

sewemupfashions.com or tom1nancy@wmconnect.com (Sew 'em Up Fashions, Roebuck, SC)
<http://www.jlvinyl.com/SQUARE---ROUND-DANCING.html> (vinyl decals)

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

www.suzieqcreations.com (Suzie Q Creations)

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

<http://www.calyco.com/> (CaLyCo Crossing - a full line square dance shop)

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

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

www.PerfectPetticoats.com (Perfect Petticoats)

<http://www.grandsquare07.com> (Grande Square.com – square dance clothes and accessories)