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Remember, if we don't have your **CORRECT** address, you won't get your issue(sw)!!!

Thank you for your cooperation.

Thanks, The Editors

President's



Message

The entire square dance community was recently saddened by the untimely death of Rex McCaul. He entered the hospital due to breathing problems and wound up undergoing open heart surgery, but could not overcome the breathing difficulties. Our prayers go out to Kate and his extended family. Rex always put his all into everything he did; when he retired he became an avid golfer, bowler and recently agreed to become the Chairman of NEFSARDA's Insurance Committee. Rex and Kate were members of the Plus Fox square dance club, having served as Treasurers for some time. Rex once told me that when he and Kate were first married they would dance at four or five clubs each week.

Needless to say they will be greatly missed in the square dancing world and we hope that we will see Kate in a square real soon. It is also getting more difficult to replace dancers who pass away or become physically unable to dance. It is, of course, impossible to replace many of those that we have lost recently but we do need to get new dancers to help fill the void.

We recently attended a meeting of the Gateway Caller's Association where a considerable amount of discussion took place about recruiting new dancers. NEFSARDA will cooperate 100% with the callers in getting the message of square dancing to the public. As someone said, promotion is a day to day job and we need to create new ways to get our message across. We do need to consider the problem to



be square dancing in general and not just how can we increase the membership of our club, because we do not believe any club can subsist in the long term future by itself without the visitation of other clubs. In other words, we need new dancers if we expect to continue to enjoy square dancing in the Northeast Florida Association.

We need to market this activity as friendship set to music, and exercise, in a non threatening environment, as a wholesome family entertainment, where there is no drinking, no drugs, no smoking and no fighting. This marketing may be done in churches, on the street, at clubs such as golf clubs, tennis clubs, civic clubs, homeowners associations or where ever groups of people get together. We need to overcome the stigma of "country" or "senior citizens", although these have been a major part of square dancing. The question we have to answer is can we insure the future of this activity within it's present confines. I hope we can but I think we need to be aware of some of the problems involved.

Let us all be vigilant in the days ahead.

Joe & Martha Hardcastle

**Inflation is the price we pay for those
government benefits we thought were free!**



From The Editor's Desk...



As we have visited various clubs during the past months and years, it has been obvious that some are better than others in the PR department.

When you visit a club (regardless of whether it is in the area you live or in a different State) doesn't it make you feel great to have several (or all) of the club members come up to say hello and ask you to come back to dance with them again? We're sure your answer is "yes"!

How many times have you had visitors come to dance at your club (and that includes dancers in your area who you see often!) and you never even spoke to them. Now we all know that it is impossible to dance with everyone at a dance...but making them feel welcome is an OBLIGATION of every club member!

We now have many new dancers who will be visiting our clubs in the next few months. Let's make them feel welcome...talk with them...invite them back...make sure they know of special dances coming up...and invite them to join your square!!

Don't stay in one little group conversing and dancing with the same people all evening. That makes our visitors feel unwelcome. We venture to say all of us have been guilty of this at one time or another. Let's ALL start changing this pattern NOW! Square Dancing will only survive if we make others feel welcome, not only to our club but to this wonderful activity we say we love! **SEE YOU IN A SQUARE SOMEWHERE SOON!**

ON THE ROAD - - AGAIN



March and April proved to be very busy months for us. We must hasten to add, however, that we had a lot of fun being busy!

We still have some graduations and anniversaries to attend in May and June -- and, then there's the State and National Conventions. If you have a special dance or event you would like us and our camera to attend, give us a call. We'll do our best to be there. We hope to see you in a square somewhere along our way.

May 4th	Blood Bank (NEFSARDA)	Jax Heights Elem.
May 5th	NEFSARDA Delegates Meeting	Piccadilly Cafeteria
May 9th	Pirates Ball	Moose Promenaders
May 14th	Class Graduation	Grand Squares
May 16th	Class Graduation	River Ramblers
May 24th-26th	Florida State Convention	Lakeland, FL
May 26th	Florida Federation Meeting	Lakeland, FL
June 7th	17th Anniversary Dance	Silver Fox Squares
June 8th	18th Anniversary Dance	Teddy Bear Squares
June 18th	27th Anniversary Dance	Grand Squares
June 23rd-30th	National Sq. Dance Convention	St. Paul, MN



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YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN THE
GRAPEVINE CAMERA WILL CATCH UP WITH YOU!!

FEATURE ARTICLE

"HISTORY OF RIVER RAMBLERS"

By Dick & Jean Lee 386 649-5327



This is a story of the birth of the River Ramblers Square Dance Club!

Betty & Dave Bickham and Dick & Jean Lee danced in Brevard County during the early 1990's. During the

course of the next five years they moved to Putnam County and drifted away from Square Dancing. However, in 1997 they decided to brush up on their Square Dancing and took lessons in Flagler County.

During the Spring of 1998, they decided that Putnam County needed a Square Dance club that danced every week. So, they talked Ernie Rollen into calling the Square Dance and Frances Rollen into teaching Line Dancing. They contracted with a dance hall and advertised the opening on April 9th, 1998. That night, Betty, Dave, Ernie, Frances, Dick and Jean went to the dance hall, set out snacks and waited and waited for someone to show up. To our delight, we ended up with over one square. We awarded all those at our first dance with a Pioneer dangle. With those people, we established a class, which we ran through the summer and graduated in September.

During the course of time, on occasion, we had two squares on the dance floor. The new dancers had a great time at graduation wrapping Ernie in toilet tissue to earn a Mummy dangle. (this has been an annual event for our graduates) We had some faithful angels that were awarded the Angel dangle.

We started another class in October 1998 and we graduated ten (10) dancers on June 10th, 1999. Some of our fun dances were the T-shirt contest, Straw-

Socials, and Ice Cream Sundae Dance. But the one we are most proud of is the Benefit Dance we held on April 3rd (which was during our first year as a Club) for the Putnam County Shrine Club to benefit their Children's Hospitals. We had guest callers who donated their time and talents, a silent auction with donated merchandise from local merchants and club members, and lots of good food to eat. About 100 people attended the dance and we were able to donate over \$400.00 to the Shriners. For our fledgling club and for our first try, we thought that was pretty good.

In September of 1999, we again started classes and in May of 2000, we graduated a total of 13 new dancers. We also celebrated our 2nd Anniversary with visitors from many other clubs. Our Benefit Dance that year was even greater and we donated \$1800.00 to the Shrine Club.

The year 2001 was an even greater year for our Benefit Dance when we were able - with the help of many Northeast Dancers - to donate a grand sum of \$3200.00 to the Shriners. We also celebrated our 3rd Anniversary and graduated another eight new dancers. Our Club was growing - both in numbers and in fun. We were enjoying every minute of it.

In September of 2001 we again started classes and on May 16th we will graduate another five new dancers. Our March 23rd Benefit Dance was a whopper this year -- endless tables of goodies in our Auction; endless tables of goodies to eat; and endless dancing!! We turned over \$4,104.32 to the Shrine Club for their Children's Hospitals. Thanks to everyone who came and helped make this donation a reality.

Some of us traveled up to St. Augustine on Easter Sunday to march

FEATURE ARTICLE (continued)

in the Easter Parade to support the Joy Seas Club and NEFSARDA. Then on April 6th, we got up early and traveled down to Crescent City to take part in the Catfish Parade. We walked, rode on the flatbed, and Danced every time the parade came to a slow pace. Ernie called some very lively tips for us and the crowd was very enthusiastic. Everyone seemed to have a good time. We hear the catfish dinners were great.

This was our first time for the parade and we are already planning on doing it again. We are also planning to take part in the Putnam County Fair next

year. It just happens to be near where we dance -- should give us some good exposure.

This coming summer we will be having a Plus Workshop from 7-8:00 PM and our Club will dance from 8-9:30 PM. We dance at the Putnam County Shrine Club on Yelvington Road in East Palatka every Thursday night. For more information and directions call us at 386/649-5327.

Consider this a personal invitation to come dance with us. Our "Mission Statement" is "HAVE FUN!"

A BIG THANKS . . .

. . . To everyone who helped to make the Charity Dance a big success! Thanks to Jim and Lawton for their calling and Lisa for cueing rounds. A Thank You also to the NON-Seabreeze guys who helped put chairs and tables back in place.

*Shirley, Diane, Smitty and the
Seabreeze Singles Square Dancers*

Seabreeze Singles Square Dance Club

Caller: Jim Cosman



We dance every Tuesday.

7:30 - 9:30 PM



Singles, couples, and new dancers are welcome!

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Cuer's Corner

By Val Newsome

Both Round Dance Clubs have been having good attendance lately. Looks like many of our dancers have discovered "Round Dancing"! In that line of thinking, I came across the following article which I thought might be of interest. It is reprinted from the CLUB LEADERSHIP JOURNAL, JAN-FEB 2002, by Helmut Licht, composer & orchestra leader in Baltimore, MD, for Amateur Dancer, United States of America Ballroom Dancing Association, (USABDA), OFFICIAL MAGAZINE.

BALLROOM DANCING'S BEST KEPT SECRET It started with a phone call.

A message on my answering machine: "This is Betty Easterday. I understand you want to find out what we're all about. Well, you should try to come to Cherry Hill Park this coming weekend. We'll be there Friday, Saturday and Sunday for our Spring Round A Rama. I hope you can make it on one of these days. See ya!"

I was totally awe struck!

I happened to be free last Saturday evening so my wife, Ronne, (yep! we got married three weeks ago!) and I decided to go there and check it out. We arrived at the park about 8:30 and as we approached the dance hall we could see people dancing. We entered and when I realized what was going on I was totally awe struck...maybe shocked would be a better expression, or maybe dumbfounded. I really don't quite know how I felt at that moment. It was a mixture of emotions and reactions.

I thought I had seen everything!

I have been involved with ballroom dancing since 1958 and thought I had seen everything having to do with this, my favorite sport and pastime. WRONG! Here, in front of me, was an aspect of ballroom dancing I had never come across.

There were about 150 dancers ranging in age from the mid 20' to their 70's. The music was soft and a calm voice was calling out steps. No sooner was a step called did the dancers execute it in perfect synchronization with each other. They were all doing the same steps at the same time. Some of these steps were highly advanced along the ballroom syllabus.



I recognized some of the names, such as Telemark, Lunge, Open Impetus and Promenade Weave. When I taught for Arthur Murray's, these steps were Gold level material and were only taught to students who had had many hours of instruction! Other names of steps I did not recognize as they are probably unique to this type of ballroom dancing.

What amazed me was that I had NEVER in all my years of ballroom dancing met this particular child of the family. It's called Round Dancing.

After that particular dance was finished I asked a lady next to me where we could find Betty & Irv Easterday. She pointed to a couple on the other side of the ballroom. We walked over and introduced ourselves. Betty, still slightly out of breath from the previous dance, took us by the arm and guided us out the door to a side room. "It's cooler and quieter in here, and we can talk better" she explained with a smile.

No competition in Round Dancing!

After conveying to her my surprise and astonishment, she laughed and started to explain a few things. Right off the bat she wanted to make it clear that round dancing is strictly social and for the fun of it. No competitions ever! It is done all over the world. The Easterdays

Cuer's Corner (cont'd.)

had just returned from a round dance clinic in Germany. Last year they visited and taught round dancing in Japan.

Choreographers make it different!

In the world of round dancing there are the choreographers who write a dance routine to a certain piece of music of their choice. Certain choreographers seem to specialize in, excel in or prefer to choreograph certain dances. After a dance is choreographed a cue sheet is printed out and distributed by mail or over the internet. Bob Young, a choreographer

from Boise, Idaho, choreographed three of my songs and has posted his cue sheets on the internet. If you would like to see what such a cue sheet looks like, go to:

<http://www.users.uswest.net/~mryoung/hegoshego.htm>

When a song gets accepted, i.e., becomes popular, then a 45 record is pressed and the cuers around the world can buy a copy with the cue sheets in order to teach the dance to their students. Students are given a copy of the cue sheets to facilitate their practice. **(to be continued...)**

Editors' Note: This is only about half of the article and it will be continued in the July-August Issue.

The **Touch of Class** still dance Phase III-V every Thursday night, 7:30 to 9:30 PM at Peace Presbyterian Church, with **Jim Winter** as cuer.

Sunday evenings, from 7:30 to 9:30

PM you may dance Phase II-III with the **First Coast Rounds**. **Lisa Noe** is the cuer and they also dance at Peace Presbyterian Church. They also offer Classes from 6:00-7:30 PM.

ROUND DANCE CALENDAR

May 4.....	Blood Bank Dance (NEFSARDA).....	Jacksonville, FL
May 24-26.....	Florida State Convention.....	Lakeland, FL
June 27-29.....	National Convention.....	St. Paul, MN
August 30-31.....	Florida Knothead Konvention.....	Lakeland, FL
August 31.....	5th Saturday Dance (NEFSARDA).....	Lake City, FL
September 12-14.....	Myrtle Beach Ball.....	Myrtle Beach, SC
October 25-26.....	Fall Roundup (Northwest Assn.).....	Defuniak Springs, FL
November 1-3.....	OLeno Hoedown (Square Wheels).....	O'Leno State Park
November 8-9.....	Fall Fun Fest (West Coast Assn.).....	Lakeland, FL
November 15-16.....	Fall Festival (NEFSARDA).....	Jacksonville, FL
December 5-7.....	Gatlinburg Christmas Ball.....	Gatlinburg, TN

FUTURE NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

June 26-29, 2002.....	St. Paul, MN
June 25-28, 2003.....	Okalahoma City, OK
June 23-26, 2004.....	Denver Colorado
June 22-25, 2005.....	Portland, Oregon

"Caller's Corner"

The following article is being reprinted from the **SQUARE-UP** column written by **John & Linda Saunders** which was published in the **April 2002 AMERICAN SQUARE DANCE MAGAZINE**.



"SHOWOFF TIME"

Now is the time for all dancers to show off their talents. Yes, show off their talents. I don't mean their dancing abilities talent, but their abilities to get along with other people and their abilities to introduce the new dancers into their clubs. It is also a time to show off the new class members who are just beginning to graduate or are close to graduation. How can you do this?

First and foremost, be willing to dance with these new dancers and make them feel welcome when they start dancing with the club whether it is for a full night or for selected tips during an evening. Try to ensure that these new dancers don't square up together all night. They will have a tendency to square up together because they feel comfortable together. If all the club members take a new couple and be sure that they dance with different people each tip this will go a long way toward introducing the new dancers into the club and to make them more comfortable with the club population.

Second, you must be sure that you invite the new dancers to go with you to your association dances and to other

club's dances when you do visits such as banner raids and retrievals. If you take them to a dance that you know will be over their heads, with the thought that you can pull them through, you will be doing them a disservice and could maybe turn them off to the activity.

Third, I would like to emphasize strongly that you should keep the new dancers away from politics. If you want them to be involved in club activities, start with letting them assist in being greeters at the door and then maybe let them assist you or someone else with refreshments one night if they want to. Don't make them feel that they are obligated to do these things if they don't want to.

Whatever you do let them call the shots. Don't make them feel as if they are obligated to do anything that they don't feel comfortable doing. I know that you probably feel that if you are part of the activity you should be willing to help, but they are new and they maybe aren't as sold on the activity as you are yet. Give them time to grow into the activity.

New dancers are hard to come by so let's all work hard to keep them.

CLASS GRADUATIONS

At the time of printing the May - June issue of The Grapevine, all class Graduations had not been held. We will publish the pictures we have from all Class Graduations, as well as a list of names of graduates from each club, in the July - August issue.

Congratulations Graduates!
Welcome to Square Dancing!

Party Down Derby Town
42nd Derby City Festival



May 17 - 19, 2002

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Louisville, KY

Featuring Larry Letson, May 18, 2002

Program Callers:

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PLUS

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LEGACY TO CONDUCT ITS ELEVENTH SUMMIT MEETING

Through the cooperation and generosity of the National Square Dance Convention the 2002 Annual Summit Meeting will be held on Friday afternoon, June 28th from 1:00-3:00 PM in the Wabasha I and IV at the Radisson in St. Paul, MN. The Summit is an ongoing project of LEGACY for representatives of all facets of the Square Dancing activity to help keep open the lines of communication and promote, protect and perpetuate the future of the activity through mutual understanding and cooperation throughout the world.

The Annual "Summit" meetings, initiated in 1986, have gradually

expanded in time and content in order that all national organizations, as well as the LEGACY affiliate organizations members, have the opportunity to interface with others, become better acquainted with each other's goals and opinions and strive to work more closely together and complement each other rather than work as fragmented entities.

Each representative from the participating organizations always has an opportunity to give a report on their current projects and future plans before the gathering settles down to discuss ways of continuing to communicate together and assist each other for the betterment of the total Square Dance activity.

LEGACY is pleased to see that other organizations have realized the value of a Summit Meeting and have also conducted such gatherings.

LEGACY'S NEW WEB SITE - UP AND RUNNING

The Leadership, Heritage and Communication Resource Center of the Square Dance Activity invites you to become actively involved by visiting its new web site. The new address is:

www.legacyonline.org or its email address is **info@legacyonline.org**.

For Clubs or organizations wishing to conduct a Leadership Training session, but not sure of how to go about it, our Leadership Training Manual is still applicable and available. It has been re-titled an "Event Programming Guide - A Club-to-Convention Leadership planning Guide". An index of the contents in this 48 page manual is available on our web site.

For Clubs or organizations wishing for a lifetime aluminum sign, with rounded corners in baked white enamel and red figures and a 4"X13" area for telephone number, or directions, etc. visit our web site. Originally designed to

be placed along with the Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, etc. signs seen as one enters a city, clubs have discovered it can also be used in identifying where they are dancing. Following suggestion of some clubs, 2 holes are now punched in the top corner making mounting it even easier. Visit our web site for ordering instructions.

Booking callers or planning dances several years down the road and not sure of exactly when certain holidays fall in the week? LEGACY has a pocket size 5 year calendar just perfect for such planning. The spiral binding makes it handy to use, every month has a corresponding page for notes. With a durable cover, its size when closed is only 3 1/2 by a little over five inches. Yearly supplements are available for updating. It too is featured on our web site.

A new LEGACY Promo Pac on

LEGACY'S NEW WEB SITE (continued)

Recruiting is now available. Included in the Promo Pac are success stories and ideas for recruiting, posters, flyers, some clip art, and information on securing additional material from LEGACY and USDA. For further information contact LEGACY'S web site.

Want a copy of HJR #15 - the Bill Representative Jim Saxton of New Jersey introduced into the House of Representatives last February? Visit the web site. And remember to write

your Congressman and ask for his/her support of this bill. Everyone's support is vital if we are to have Square Dance declared the National Folk Dance of the United States. Chairing this committee for LEGACY are Dick & Linda Peterson and Frank & Helen Cavanaugh. Chairing the United Square Dancers of America Folk Dance Committee is Mark & Bessie Grumbine. For addresses and more information on this vital project please contact the Web Site



IN MEMORY

Lawrence Wayne Ramsey

Larry Ramsey, 71, of Fruit Cove, passed away April 16th after a lengthy battle with cancer.

He was a native of Pennsylvania and moved here 11 years ago following his retirement after 35 years with Westinghouse Corp. He served his country in the Korean Conflict in the U.S. Army, where he earned a Bronze Star.

Larry was a member, and an ordained Elder of Geneva Presbyterian Church. Before his illness he was a Little League Coach, and had been an active square dancer with the Mandarin Marauders Square Dance Club.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, JoAnn Ramsey, three sons: Larry, Richard, and Douglas; one daughter, Ellen; three brothers, six sisters, and seven grandchildren.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, JoAnn, his family, and his friends. We know he will be greatly missed and our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

Man to best friend: Our last fight was my fault. My wife asked, "What's on the TV?"... I said, "Dust!"

CLUB NEWS

... is FREE to any club in the Northeast Association ... costs \$5.00 per issue for non-member clubs... tells about the fun & fellowship at your club...and helps bring visitors to your upcoming dances and special events. Only 15 clubs submitted Club News for this issue. "WHERE IS YOUR CLUB NEWS?"



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The Problem

From the floor of the House of Representatives, indoor air pollution has been called our greatest environmental problem. Some of the most polluted air you can breathe isn't downtown, but inside your home.

42,000 dust mites can live in an ounce of house dust. A home of 1,500 square feet will generate more than 1,000 ounces of dust each year, and host 15 species of dust mites.

Bacteria live in your heating and cooling ducts, garbage, bathroom, and on your house pet. Mold spores are found in your heating and cooling ducts, in damp clothing, in moisture on ceilings, walls, carpets, and drapes.

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49th FALL FESTIVAL



By Manny & Sherry Gonzales, Fall Festival Chairman

We want to thank the Fall Festival Committees for the hard work they have already done and for the wonderful ideas that they are coming up with to ensure that all of you dancers will have a fun filled Fall Festival in November. From what we have seen so far, it will be a fast moving, funny, exciting and just a wonderful time!

The committee has worked very hard, and will continue to do so, but they

need **YOUR** help and encouragement. Please volunteer to help when asked, you will have fun working with these wonderful committee people and they want you all to have a good time. Your Delegates have a list of the committee chairpersons so you can select the committee you want to work with. They will be glad to accept your support and you will be glad you did. It takes **all of us** to make the Fall Festival a success.

**IT'S FALL FIESTA TIME
NOVEMBER 15TH & 16TH, 2002**

**MAKE A PLACE
IN YOUR SQUARE
FOR THE NEW DANCERS!
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With Our Recent Sick

Mike Akers.....illness
Linda Aldridge.....surgery
Don Bell.....illness
Bonnye Bell.....illness
Fred Brinson.....illness
Jettie Crowe.....illness
Eleanor Doyle.....illness
Dale Hendrix.....surgery
Tom Hidding.....illness
James Kindred.....illness
Jean Kindred.....illness
Warren Paire.....illness

Bill Schnippert.....illness
Connie Schnippert.....illness
Betty Smith.....illness
Doris Spears.....illness
Bill Stanton.....illness
Calvin Stoops.....illness
Sharon Stoops.....illness
Anita Taylor.....foot surgery
Helen Williams.....accident &
eye surgery
Bob Woodbridge.....illness

Get well soon! We miss you!

Sincere Sympathy Is Extended To . . .

Linda Riggs whose beloved Aunt Faith passed away in March.

Arlyn Storandt, on the death of his sister in March.

Phyllis Herpy, whose mother died the afternoon of April 16th



Cards and Prayers are always welcome.



FALL FUN FEST

By Don & Ann Slocum
West Coast Association



Where will you be on November 8th & 9th, 2002? If you want to share the most fun and the greatest fellowship you can find you will be at the Lakeland Center in Lakeland, FL. Why? Because that is where the West Coast Square & Round Dancers' Association will be presenting their 28th Annual FALL FUN FEST.

This year the featured callers are Larry Letson from McAllen, Texas, and Don Hanhurst from Vanice, Florida. They will be calling for Plus and Advanced. You dance only Mainstream? You have not been forgotten. The fantastic Suncoast Callers will be

providing a full program of Mainstream dancing and workshops. So, if you are just graduating we want you to come dance with us and discover the true joy of your new activity.

If you are a round dancer, there will be rounds between squares in the Plus Hall, as well as a Round Dance **only** hall featuring rounds to Level IV. Your Cuers will be Sharon Roberts of Lakeland, FL and Ruth & Des Cunningham of Strawberry Squares and Canada.

The Fall Fun Fest will be held at the Lakeland Center in Lakeland, Florida November 8th & 9th.



May 12th

M...is for the million things she gave me,
O...means only that she's growing old,
T...is for the tears she shed to save me,
H...is for her heart of purest gold;
E...is for her eyes, with lovelight shining,
R...means right, and right she'll always be.

Put them all together, they spell "MOTHER" --
a word that means all the world to me.

IN MEMORY Marian Shaw Kegley



Marian Shaw Kegley passed away on March 30, 2002 following a lengthy illness. She was predeceased by her son, James E. Kegley Sr., and is survived by her husband of 60 years, David B. Kegley Sr., five sons; David B. (Nancy) Kegley Jr., Paul (Kathy) Kegley Sr., Walter (Harlene) Kegley Sr., Chuck (JoAnn) Kegley Sr., and Rick (Susan) Kegley Sr., daughter-in-law Lisa Kegley, eighteen grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Marian was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was a member of Clay Hill Baptist Church.

She was also an active square dancer having danced with the Mavericks of Middleburg and the Square Wheels camping club.

We extend our sincere sympathy to David, her family, and her many friends who will miss her very much. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time.

SELECTION OF A NEW FLORIDA FEDERATION DRESS

By Sue Brown, Chairman of the Selection Committee

During the recent Florida Federation "Working Weekend" a committee met to begin the selection process for a New Florida Federation Dress. The majority agreed that the Dress which was worn during the promotion of the National Square Dance Convention in 1997 had been a classic. However, the embroidered border on a Teal polyester/cotton is no longer available. In fact the firm which manufactured this fabric is no longer in business. The Committee developed a Criteria which will be used to arrive at a final selection to be made during the Federation meeting scheduled for November 10, 2002. The dress will then be adopted during the Florida State Convention to be held in May of 2003.

The goal of the committee is to select an outfit that is acceptable to the majority of the Florida dancers. Therefore, we invite you, the Florida dancers, to offer any comments or suggestions for review at our next meeting during the 2002 Florida State Convention. Please mail any comments or suggestions to:

Sue Brown, 3812 Old Salem Road, Lakeland, FL 33811, OR email me at brownuse@aol.com, OR Phone me at 863/648-5044.

If you wish to **submit a design for consideration**, please notify the above and arrangements will be made to include your sample for final decision.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

Availability (which will include)

Pattern, Fabric, Accessories

(men's pants, Ladies petticoats and Pettipants, Men's & Ladies shoes and Men's belt and tie).

Simplicity of Construction

Flattering.

Consideration should be given to the wide range of figures, coloration and maturity.

Comfort, Wearability, Care; and Timeliness.

Reflective of Florida: (This point was further defined to include a choice which would be colorful, unique, and one which would stand out in a crowd.)

The Style and Design of the dress to include alternatives for a short, Square and Round Dance version and a long or Prairie version. The pattern should be adaptable to both a dress or skirt and blouse with little difference to be obvious in the overall appearance.

The observations below will be considered in the final choice as well.

From the LADIES POINT OF VIEW:

The colors which are least favored include: 1. Yellow, 2. Orange, and 3. Red, in that order.

Shoe preference: 1. White and 2. Black. Petticoats and Pettipants preference: 1. White and 2. Black.

From the MEN'S POINT OF VIEW:

The colors which are least favored include: 1. Pink, and 2. Purple. A negative view of White pants seemed to be noted as well.

Shoe preference: 1. Black

Belt preference: 1. Black and 2. White.

THANK YOU

Many Thanks and "Yellow Rocks" to all my Square Dance friends for the many cards, calls, visits and prayers during Rex's surgery and death.

Love ya/ all!

Kate McCaul

**BILL & JOANNE BOYD
NAMED 2002 DANCE COUPLE OF THE YEAR
IN CENTRAL ASSOCIATION**



Jim & Jan
McCornaha, CFA
President (right),
present Central's
2002 Dance Couple
of the Year Plaque to
Bill & Joanne Boyd
(left).



Bill and Joanne have been dancing for eight years and are active square and round dancers. They are members of the Pirates Square Dance Club in Apopka, and the Central Florida Association.

As Editors of the "Bow & Swing" Magazine, Bill and Joanne have provided both the callers and the dancers of Florida a "State" Square and Round Dance Magazine that continues

to give a tremendous service to all the Square Dance Community.

Bill always has his camera wherever they go and spends many minutes away from dancing just to get his "candid" shots. We wish them continued success with the "Bow & Swing", and many more years of Fun & Friendship as they dance throughout the State.

Congratulations Bill & Joanne on receiving this most deserved award.

FLORIDA CAMPING CLUBS

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>CHP #</u>	<u>LOC.</u>	<u>CAMP</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Sunshine State			3rd W/E		
Pioneers	018	Tampa	Odd Months...	Bonczek	813 949-5189
Gold Coast			1st W/E		
Camping Dancers	080	Ft Lauderdale	Even Months	Hutcheson	954 452-8734
Tent-N-Trailers	081	Sarasota	1st W/E	Davis	8103 633-7015
			Not In Summer		
Hitch-N-Go	082	Kissimmee	4th W/E.....	Whitten	352 669-6819
			Usually		
Drift Around			2nd W/E		
Squares	093	Jacksonville	Not In Summer	Moore	904 325-4118
B-Sharp Squares	126	Vero Beach	3rd W/E	VanDette	954 975-6103
			Not In Summer		
Square Wheels	128	Gainesville	3rd W/E	Zimmerman	352 336-5371
Limonaders	139	Lakeland	1st W/E	Davis	941 859-6935
			Not In Summer		
Florida Wheelers	143	Brooksville	3rd W/E	Long	352 752-7045
			Not In Summer		
Strawberry			2nd W/E		
Travelers	153	Plant City	Not All Months	Jones	941 676-3871
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51ST NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA
JUNE 26, 27, 28, 29, 2002
"STAR THRU TO SAINT PAUL IN '02"

REGISTRATION/BADGE PICKUP PROCEDURE

Go directly to the Kellogg Lobby to the Registration/Badge Pickup Booths set up in alphabetical order by your last name. If you bring your confirmation it will help assure you get the items that you ordered.

Tour Booths will be located right next to the Registration Booths. Stop by if

you have any questions on any of the tours.

Hours of booth operation are planned as follows:

Monday: Noon - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Wed. - Fri.: 8:30 AM - 9:00 PM

Saturday: 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

CAMPING CHECK-IN

Camping will be at the Dakota County Fairgrounds in Farmington, MN. Campground will **open at 4:00 PM on Sunday, June 23rd.**

You will be greeted by a friendly host who will help you get checked in. It will speed up the process if you have your confirmation letter handy.

It is recommended that you arrive at the Campground with a full fresh water

tank and empty gray and black water tanks. If you need to either dump your gray or black tanks, or fill up your fresh water tank, we will take you to those locations on the Campground first, then you can go back to the check-in area.

The first bus ride to the Convention Center, for those who need Bus Passes, will be FREE. The first Bus will start at noon, June 25th.

DANCE ON THE WABASHA BRIDGE...

...over the Mississippi River on Friday, June 28th! Dancers will assemble at the Rice Park Entrance by State/Country and "Promenade the States" to the Bridge. Plans are to set a

World's Record for the most Square Dancers dancing on a Bridge. Come join us for the try at a record and a chance to show Saint Paul that Square Dancers have the most fun.

TRAIL END DANCES

After our Special Event, make plans to attend one of these great dances on Wednesday, June 26th. They will begin at 8:30 PM, or right after the Special Event.

Mainstream: Solid Gold Records in the Xcel Energy Center Arena.

Plus: Mid-America Square Dance

Jamboree in Exhibit Hall A.

Advanced: Lou-Mac Records in the Roy Wilkins Auditorium North.

Rounds: Minnesota Round Dance Council in the Radisson Riverfront Hotel, Great River Ballroom.

Youth: 51st NSDC Family Night, Rooms 14 and 15.

FIRST AID

There will be two First Aid Stations at the 51st NSDC. One in the Xcel Energy Center Lobby, and another in

the Radisson Riverfront Hotel, 1st Level, Storage Area near Garden Court.



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CONVENTION GENERAL INFORMATION

Proper Square Dance attire is required to dance at the National Square Dance Convention. What does this mean? Proper square dance attire has been defined and includes for women, traditional square dance skirts and dresses with crinolines and pettipants, prairie skirts with various blouses and tops, and fancy western slacks outfits. For men, proper attire includes both long sleeved and short sleeved western shirts and long pants. Most of us like to dress up for a special event like this one so that people will recognize us as square dancers and enjoy having us patronize their city and their businesses. You'll be able to find all the proper attire you can imagine ready and waiting to be purchased from the Vendors, who are located in the Exhibit

Hall of the Roy Wilkins Auditorium. At the 51st NSDC, Security Volunteers will be watching to make sure dancers are "properly" attired!

Is there a non-dancer that you know that wants to enjoy the sights and sounds of the Convention? Are you bringing non-dancing family members or friends with you are you vacation in Saint Paul? They are welcome to come and watch and listen, check out the Vendors, go on Tours, attend Panels, see the Exhibitions and participate in any way other than dancing. A Spectator Ribbon is available for them to buy for a bargain price of \$5.00 per day, to identify them as a visitor, so that they will be allowed by Security to enter the Convention area. A Convention Badge or Spectator Ribbon will be required at all Facilities.

51st NSDC PHONE NUMBERS

There will be two phone numbers which will be active during the Convention from June 24th through June 29th. For **General Information, please call (651) 726-1822.**

For emergencies only, call (651) 726-1821. Please remember that this emergency number should not be used for contacting dancers or getting general information.

DON'T MISS THE "STAR SPANGLED FASHION SHOW"

The 2002 show promises to be spectacular--both in fashions and star-quality entertainment! "Sounds of Harmony" will perform, along with other starring professional entertainment throughout our program. We'll have a Salute to Military Veterans, stars of history. Take time out from your busy schedule to sit and relax and be entertained like a star. There will be

comfortable seating and the theater is air-conditioned. Put a big star on your calendar for June 29th and come see patriotism at its finest in the Roy Wilkins Auditorium in the Saint Paul RiverCentre! Doors open at 12:00 Noon. Entertainment begins at 12:30 PM. Fashion Show will be from 1:00 to 2:00 PM.

RiverCentre is located at 150 W. Kellogg Blvd. in St. Paul, MN.
Zip Code to look up directions on Map Quest is 55102.



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"STAR THRU TO SAINT PAUL IN '02"

Opening Ceremony

Wednesday, June 26, 2002 -- TEP Rotunda

Master of Ceremonies -- Tim Crawford

Welcome to Saint Paul and the

51st National Square Dance Convention

4:00 PM -- Ice Cream Social -- Free ice cream while it lasts.

4:50 PM -- Trumpet Fanfare, Call to the Opening Ceremony

5:00 PM -- The Ceremony Begins

Winter Carnival and the Medallion Hunt

The Lighting of the Torch

Bid Session

Friday, June 28, 2002

9:00 AM

Roy Wilkins Auditorium South

Everyone is invited to come and cheer for your favorite
upcoming Convention site as they present

their bid to host the 2006 National Square Dance Convention.

Friday Night Ceremony

Friday, June 28, 2002 -- Xcel Energy Center Arena

Master of Ceremonies -- Dan Sahlstrom

A Salute to Our Volunteers

5:50 PM -- Trumpet Fanfare, Call to the Friday Ceremony

6:00 PM -- The Ceremony Begins

Exhibition Group - Maycroft Square Tappers

Oklahoma City's Invitational Skit

Parade of States and Closing Ceremony

Saturday, June 29, 2002 -- Excel Energy Center Arena

Master of Ceremonies -- Dee Dee Dougherty-Lottie

On to Oklahoma

5:00 PM -- Line up for Parade of States, Exhibit Hall A

5:20 PM -- Trumpet Fanfare, Call to the Parade of States

5:30 PM -- Parade of States Begins

6:00 PM -- The Ceremony Begins

Exhibition Group - Denim and Lace

The Passing of the Torch

The Winning Bid

MEET YOU IN SAINT PAUL JUNE 26 -- 29, 2002!!

IN MEMORY

Rex B. McCaul

(1931-2002)



Rex McCaul passed away March 29, 2002 at the age of 70. He is survived by his wife, Kate, his son, Michael (Odette) McCaul; two daughters, Melanie (Dennis) Fedelia and Stephanie Warnock; two step-daughters, Karen Smith and Karlene Blackburn; his brother, Boyd McCaul; 11 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

He was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on October 1931. Rex was an Army combat veteran of the Korean War, earning the Purple Heart for injuries received in that conflict. After the Army, Rex worked as an insurance salesman. He enjoyed bowling, golfing and his church, the University Boulevard Church of the Nazarene.

Rex was also an avid square dancer in the Northeast Florida Square And Round Dancers Association (NEFSARDA). He was active in the Palm Valley Twirlers, Seabreeze Singles, Teddy Bear Squares and the Plus Fox clubs. He and Kate also served as the NEFSARDA Recording Secretary in 1996.

We extend our sincerest sympathy to Kate, his family, and his friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this most difficult time. He will be greatly missed!

IN MEMORY OF REX

By Brooke Blackburn

Loved by many,
in so many ways;
You will stay in our hearts,
For the rest of our days.

For now there is sadness,
And mourning in our hearts;
But by remembering your presence,
The healing quickly starts.

Memories are pouring back,
Of how you used to be;
We are so easily reminded,
By even the simple things we see.

I remember playing cards,
Which we always loved to do;
You taught lots of games,
That we never really knew.

Or when I went with ya'll square dancing,
It was so much fun to see;
You dance around with so much joy,
I saw how happy you could be.

But now I know you are so happy,
In your new dwelling place;
I can almost picture,
A huge smile on your face.

We know you are in heaven,
So far up above;
I hope you are looking down on us,
To see how much you're loved.

But since you are in heaven now,
Can you tell God I said hello;
And ask him for peace and healing,
For all the ones below.

Editor's Note: This poem was written by **Brooke Blackburn**, Kate's 15 year old granddaughter. Brooke read her poem at the Memorial Service for Rex.

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A healthy person can donate six times a year.

Help both organizations, Give Blood!

WHAT'S COOKING?

By Val Newsome

You'll love the Chocolate Chip-Oatmeal Cookie recipe shared by Sherry Gonzales. Bet you can't eat just one!! We are also including the Jambalaya recipe from MaryLou Morton. Those of you who attended the Rollaways Love



CHOCOLATE CHIP-OATMEAL COOKIES

2 eggs	1 cup coconut
1 tsp vanilla	1 cup raisins (optional)
1/2 tsp salt	1 cup chocolate chips
1 tsp soda	1 cup sugar
1 cup unsifted flour	1 cup brown (light) sugar
1 cup chopped dates (chop your own- don't buy already chopped)	1 cup shortening (not butter flavored)
1 cup chopped pecans	3 cups quick Quaker Oats

Cream together both sugars with shortening. Add beaten eggs and vanilla. Sift flour, salt and soda together. Add to creamed mixture. Add dates, raisins, nuts, coconut and chocolate chips. Then add oats and mix well. Drop by teaspoon onto greased cookie sheet. Bake 350 degrees 10-12 minutes (let stand five minutes before removing to wire racks. After they have cooled, Enjoy!

JAMBALAYA

1 - 8 oz box AZatarains Jambalaya mix in 2 1/2 cups of boiling water (I prefer Chicken Broth)	1 - 14.5 oz can diced tomatoes with green chilies. I used a Tbs of Old Bay Seasoning (optional)
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Reduce heat and simmer about 25 minutes. I then added 1 lb of imitation deluxe crab meat cut in small chunks and about 1/2 lb of medium size shrimps. The mixture thickens when it sits for a while. If it is too thick, add a small amount of water until you have the right consistency for your taste.

You can also use sausage (precooked), chicken, or ham. I prefer seafood. Enjoy!
MaryLou also sent along a recipe for Peanut butter pie.

PEANUT BUTTER PIE

Into a pre-baked - cool - pie shell, add the following pie filling:

3 egg yolks	3/4 cup sugar	1/2 cup smooth peanut butter
Pinch of salt	1/2 cup flour	1 cup cream
2 1/2 cups milk	1 tsp vanilla	1/2 cup roasted peanuts

Combine egg yolks, salt & milk and mix well. Place in heavy saucepan and cook over low heat, stirring until warm. Combine sugar and flour, gradually add to milk mixture, stirring constantly until thickened. Boil 1 minute. Remove from heat. Stir in vanilla & peanut butter. Cool slightly. Pour filling into cooled pie shell. Chill thoroughly. Garnish with whipped cream and roasted peanuts.

MaryLou said: "This pie tops off a down-home Kentucky meal. Enjoy - get fat, then go to a Square Dance and dance off the pounds!!"

**We'll have more good recipes for you in the next issue
because we know how Square Dancers love to eat.**

Keep those recipes coming!!



IN STEP WITH. . .

Country, Clogging and Line Dancing

By Donna Robbins

Hints For Becoming A Good Western Dancer

1. Practice, Practice, and more Practice. Developing a smooth flowing style with an enjoyable variety of dances and steps does not happen overnight. It requires several months of practicing and dancing experience with frequent attendance at dance classes.

2. Practice Alone. Both men and ladies should practice the basic steps alone until they can do them automatically and with smooth style, and do not have to rely upon their partner as a crutch. If you know the basic step well, you can concentrate on developing nice styling, turns, and other movements. Dancing alone will also help develop your balance and make you feel lighter to your partner.

3. Dance to the music. Music can be best enjoyed when you dance in time with the beat and with a rhythm suitable to the song. Don't feel embarrassed to hesitate before you begin dancing to listen closely to the music. If it is slow, hold back and don't rush your steps. If it is fast, speed up your steps to stay with the beat. If the song is too slow or too fast for you to enjoy dancing to it, stop and sit it out. Many bands love to speed up some songs near the end. If they do and it is just too fast for enjoyable dancing, sit down! Most likely they can play faster than you can dance, so don't try to compete with them.

4. Stand erect. Don't look down at your feet or your partner's feet. Don't hunch your shoulders over even if you are considerably taller than your partner.

5. Keep your legs close together.

Nothing looks worse than a dancer (especially a lady in a skirt) dancing spraddle legged when moving backwards. Legs should be kept close together when moving in any direction. 6. Don't try to step around your partner. When dancing in the facing position, beginning dancers have a tendency to step from side to side to avoid stepping on their partner's feet. Step straight ahead into the spot vacated by your partner's foot to keep your movements smooth and flowing.

7. Leading.

a. The most important factor in a man's leading is his knowledge of the step patterns. Practice them alone so you know them well enough to dance them with confidence and without hesitation.

b. Hold the lady firmly so she can feel your movements and follow them with ease. Both arms should always be firm rather than limp so your movements are transmitted without delay.

c. Give the lady advance notice that you are going to make a turn so she can prepare for it in order to do it gracefully. (Example: Raise your left arm as you complete the rock step in Swing if you are going to turn the lady on the next movement).

d. If you and your partner get out of step, STOP, and start over again. It is embarrassing and difficult for two dancers to stumble around trying to get back in step unless they are accomplished dancers.

e. Don't always round out the corners and make the dance floor a big oval! Utilize the corners for changing directions and you will only need to make 1/4 turns instead of 1/2 turns.

To Be Continued in the July-August Issue.

UPDATE ON SILVER FOX CIRCUS DANCE

By Val Newsome

The Silver Fox held their Annual Circus Dance on January 18th. In addition to the proceeds from the dance (\$1,794.00), they received a matching funds grant from the Aid for Association of Lutherans, Branch 11278, in the amount of \$800.00.

They presented a check in the amount of \$2,594.00 to Kim Bidwell, Special Projects Manager, for the Dreams Come True Foundation on Friday, April 5th. Kim thanked the club and told them the funds had helped send Kaitlyn, a little girl with a rare bone disorder, along with her family for a

week at Disney World. Kim then presented the Silver Fox with a plaque recognizing their eight years of support to the Dreams Come True Foundation.

The Silver Fox also presented a check in the amount of \$200.00 to Jax Heights Elementary School for their support and cooperation during the past years. Kathy Dahl accepted the check on behalf of the school.

It was a great evening of dancing with plenty of food for everyone. We all went home feeling good about helping this little girl realize her DREAM COME TRUE.



Silver Fox presents a check to Kim Bidwell of The Dreams Come True Foundation.



Silver Fox is presented a plaque for their continued service to Dreams Come True.



Silver Fox presents Jax Heights representative, Kathy Dahl, with a check for \$200.00 for their support and cooperation for the past years.



BLUE-GREY DANCE

By Val Newsome

The Dixie Dancers Square Dance Club hosted the Annual Blue-Grey Dance on February 16th. The day got started with a big parade and lots of Arts & Crafts. Square Dancers from all over danced during the street dance and also on stage in the festive area.

That night brought out all the dignitaries of the Blue-Grey Festival, along with about 20 squares of dancers. **Bill Chesnut**, caller for the Dixie Dancers, introduced the featured caller for the evening, **Joe Fioretti**. As usual it was a great evening of dancing, good food, and lots of fun and fellowship.

The night before, the Square Wheels Club had hosted a 'Trails End' dance over at the Teen Center. **Bill Chesnut** kept the calling lively and it was also a super evening of fun, fellowship and great dancing.

Take a look at some of the pictures that follow and you'll see what a great time you missed. Better get on the ball and mark your calendar now for next year's Blue-Grey Weekend to be held February 14th and 15th, 2003. A great way to celebrate Valentine's Day with your sweetheart!! Another good reason is we hear **Mac McCall** of the Red Boot Boys will be the featured caller!



"Old Abe" was looking over the crowds at the the crafts mart during the Annual Blue-Grey festivities in Lake City.



Shirley & Lorvale check out all the crafts, hoping for that "one" thing that just can't be passed up.



There was "a whole lotta dancin' going on" during this year's annual festivities.

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NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CAMPERS ASSOCIATION

PRESS RELEASE 45-6

Virginia and Wyoming ... and in the provinces of Canada - Nova Scotia, Ontario and Quebec.

Since campers have the ability to travel about to enjoy their square and round dancing fun & fellowship, many of the chapters cover a wider territory than just one state. Many members who snowbird, maintain membership in a chapter in the "northern" regions and also in the "southern" warmer states.

If you are a square dancer who also enjoys the fun of camping, whether it be tenting or in a pop-up camper or any type of recreation vehicle, you are welcome to become a member of the NSDCA. Through its quarterly publication, NSDCA TIMES, which is mailed to its far flung and mobile membership, members can take advantage of a myriad of camp/dance opportunities.

Should you see NSDCA copyrighted logo of crossed logs and flame on a camper, inquire within about becoming a member. Or, if you are interested in receiving more information, write to: NSDCA, PO Box 224, Little Chute, WI, 54140-0224. Happy Trails!

Yes, one can expand the fun and fellowship of our activity by combining square dancing and round dancing with camping. The National Square Dance Campers Association (NSDCA), with chapters in the United States and Canada, which is celebrating it's 45th Anniversary year in 2002, is living proof of this statement. The Association, which is the oldest non-profit national square dancing association in the country, continues to grow as it welcomes in Chapter 186 - Nova Bluenose RV Squares in Nova Scotia, Canada.

Currently the following states in the United States are represented with chapters: Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Wisconsin, West

**Camping + Dancing + Wyoming =
NSDCA 45th International Camporee,
July 9-11, 2002!**



48th FLORIDA STATE SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CONVENTION

May 24, 25, 26, 2002

Lakeland Center, Lakeland, Florida

WE NEED YOU IN 2002!

Camp N' Dance

By Gerry Fredrickson 269-9717

It's finally almost here. We have been looking forward to the 51st National Convention in St. Paul for several years. We hope to see you there. Camping is available at the Dakota County Fairgrounds. This is about 30 minutes away from the convention and bus service with the pass is available. There are limited sites with electricity but generators are allowed. This is not a regular campground but should serve adequately while you are at the convention. Minnesota is known for its 10,000 lakes but also for the famous Mall of America which is located close by. June can be very comfortable so it's a great time to visit. You might even want to go further north to the headwaters of the Mississippi at Itaska State Park near Bemidji, Minnesota.

Follow up the national convention in St. Paul, with the National Camp-o-ree on July 9, 10, & 11, 2002, in Douglas Wyoming. This is the yearly event held by the National Square Dance Campers.

There will be plenty of room for dancing but fishing in the Platte River is also available if that suits your fancy. There's plenty of history about as the Pioneer Memorial Museum is on the fairgrounds as well as the Douglas Railroad Interpretive Center located near by. Plenty of shopping and

restaurants are also reported to be available. You do need to be a member of NSDCA to attend this event. If you are not a member, give us a call and we'll see that you get the necessary information.

The Gypsy Squares will enjoy their next campout at Grand Lake RV Resort in Orange Lake on May 3, 4, & 5. June 7, 8, & 9, we'll be at Bulow RV Resort near Flagler Beach. They would love for you to join them for any of their campouts. John and Mo Barrett can't be beat. Keep up to date with the Gypsy Squares schedule and monthly details at <http://www.geocities.com/fansdc/gypsy/>.

The Square Wheels will be at Pacetti's Marina and Campground in Orangedale on May 17, 18, & 19. They take the summer off from their regular campouts but will be joining other state chapters whenever possible. Bill and Mary Chesnut keep this group on their toes.

The Drift Arounds will enjoy a campout at Grand Lake in Orange Lake RV Resort on May 10, & 11. They also take the summer off. Jim and Margaret Cosman enjoy calling for this club.

As you can see, there is never a shortage of camping opportunities combined with dancing!



USDA INSURANCE

By Anita Taylor

Due to the untimely death of Rex McCaul, please continue to forward all insurance related information to me, until a replacement has been named.

DEMO'S, DEMO'S, DEMO'S

By Val Newsome

NEFSARDA dancers were kept busy with demo's these past few weeks.

A large group of dancers attended the Fund Raiser at Tynes Elementary School (Gerry Fredrickson had asked for support for this event). I guess you could say we were sort of the entertainment, but we did get some of the people up for lines, squares, and the "chicken". Ernie Rollen did a great job as Caller and the evening was a lot of fun for both the dancers and the school.

There was a chicken dinner, ice cream, sodas, nachos, hot dogs on a stick, popcorn, and more!! Best of all there was a silent auction -- You know how some of us dancers like silent auctions. Yes, I came away with another 2 baskets...but, like I said, it was for a good cause. Kathy tried her hand at bidding on the "Auctioneer-type Auction." Her hand just kept going up!

Don't have the final figures, but we

know the school raised a lot of money that night!

Then, a group of dancers went to the Jacksonville University to interest some students in dancing. I hear it was a nice evening with a lot of students taking part.

NEFSARDA will be helping bring Square Dancing (and its history) to the World Of Nations at Metropolitan Park on Saturday, April 27th. More about the results of that outing in the next issue.

In addition to the above, a couple of clubs sponsored marching/dancing in parades...the Joy Seas in the Easter Parade in St. Augustine, and the River Ramblers in the Catfish Festival Parade in Crescent City. We attended both and had a great (but hot) time!

I also heard that Silver Fox went over to the Holly Hill Nursing Home on Saturday, April 13th.



Tynes Elementary School Principal, Sharon Chapman, displays one of the T-shirts being sold to raise funds for the school.

Even the 'small fry' liked the line dancing!



Joe Seelhofer leads the JU enthusiasts in a Line Dance!



48th Florida State Convention Planned Program Abbreviated -- See Program Book For Details

The 48th Florida State Convention Chairman has forwarded to us a copy of the Schedule Pull Out Section of the Program. It consists of 15 pages with a cover and with the limited funds of The Grapevine it can not be printed in its entirety. We have listed below the times, events and highlights, and hall assignments for the 3-day weekend. If you have a particular question, give us a call and we will try to provide you with the information you need. The program appears to have something for everyone! We have tried to list the times of all meetings and events taking place in the Arena and hope that these two pages will help you decide where you need to be and when. **If you haven't registered, DO SO NOW! You don't want to miss a single minute of this fantastic three day event!**

We are told that the Fashion Show will depict square dance attire and music during the war years. The wars covered will be from World War I through Afghanistan. This aligns the Fashion Show with the patriotic theme of the Convention.

"WE NEED YOU IN 2002!"

Hall Assignments are as follows:

Basic: Golden Gate Hall (Sikes G)

Mainstream: Maine Hall (Sikes H)

Plus W/Rounds: Presidential Hall (Exhibit Hall West)

Plus Singing W/Lines/CW : Sunset Hall (Sikes F)

Singles: Hatteras Hall (Sikes I)*

A-1: Liberty Hall (Lake Parker) **

A-2: Monument Hall (Sikes K) ***

Easy Rounds (Phase 2/3): (Arena)

Rounds (Phase 3/4/5): Freedom Hall (Exhibit Hall East)

Contra: Independence Hall (Sikes J)

*Also used for **Youth and Intro to Rounds**. Check your Program Book.

Also used for **C-1. Check your Program Book.

***Also used for **A-1/A-2**. Check your Program Book.

Arena will be used for Opening Ceremonies, Entertainment, Fashion Show, Rounds 2/3, Grand March and Kickoff.



**REMEMBER, PROPER SQUARE DANCE ATTIRE IS REQUIRED,
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.**

Friday Evening, May 24th. Florida Dress Night

4:00 PM	Ticket Office Opens
4:00-6:00 PM	Vendors Open; Dinner 6:00-7:30 PM; Reopen 7:30-11:00PM
6:15-7:00 PM	Entertainment (Arena)
7:00-7:30 PM	Opening Ceremony (Arena)
7:30-10:00 PM	Dancing in all Halls
8:00 PM	Craft Demonstration (Lake Hollingsworth A Hall)
10:00-11:00 PM	Musical Highlights in Mainstream & Plus Halls

Saturday Morning, May 25th

Saturday Morning Workshops ONLY: Casual Dress, slacks for ladies okay; short sleeves for men okay; proper shoes. NO shorts or tank tops!

8:30 AM	Doors Open
8:30-11:30 AM	Vendors Open
9:30-11:30 AM	Dancing in Basic and C-1 Halls
9:30-11:30 AM	Workshops in all other Halls.
10:00 AM	Coordinating Committee Meeting (Lake Hollingsworth A Hall)

Saturday Afternoon, May 25th

1:30-5:00 PM	Vendors Open
1:30-4:00 PM	Dancing in All Halls
2:00 PM	Craft Demonstration/Workshop (Lake Hollingsworth A Hall)
4:00 PM	Florida Round Dance Council (Freedom Hall)
4:00-5:00 PM	Diehard Dancing (Arena)

Saturday Evening, May 25th, Club Dress Night

6:00 PM	Doors Open
6:15-7:00 PM	Entertainment (Arena)
7:00-8:00 PM	Program with Presentation of Awards, Grand March
7:30-11:00 PM	Vendors Open
8:00 PM	First Tip of Evening
8:10-10:00 PM	Dancing in All Halls
8:30 PM	Craft Demonstration/Workshop (Lake Hollingsworth A Hall)
10:00-11:00 PM	Musical Highlights in Mainstream & Plus Halls.

Sunday Morning, May 26th

7:00 AM	49th Convention Kickoff Practice (Arena)
8:15 AM	Morning Devotional (Lake Hollingsworth A Hall)
9:00 AM	Florida Federation Meeting (Lake Hollingsworth A Hall)
9:00 AM	Florida Caller's Association Mtg (Diplomat Inn)
9:00 AM	Round Dance Council Mtg
10:00 AM	Fashion Show Practice (Arena)

Sunday Afternoon, May 26th

12:00 Noon	Doors Open
12:30-1:30 PM	Fashion Show (Arena)
1:30-5:00 PM	Vendors Open
1:30-4:00 PM	Dancing in All Halls
2:00 PM	Craft Demonstration/Workshop (Lake Hollingsworth A Hall)
4:00-5:00 PM	Diehard Dancing (Arena)



Sunday Evening, May 26th, RED, WHITE & BLUE DRESS NIGHT

6:00 PM	Doors Open
6:30-7:00 PM	Entertainment (Arena)
7:00-8:00 PM	Invocation; Farewell Remarks; 49th Kickoff
7:30-9:30 PM	Vendors Open
8:00-10:00 PM	Dancing in All Halls.

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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. Beginners Class 6:00 - 7:30 PM, Phase II - III Club 7:30 - 9:30 PM. Peace Presbyterian Church, 2300 Southside Blvd. Cuer-Instructor: Lisa Noe 904 642-3194. Contact: Barbara Walker 904 318-7779.

MONDAY

FUN N FROLICS: "A" Every Monday. Dance 7:30-9:30 PM. 2839 W. Beaver St., Woodstock Park. Caller: Art Wilson 904 225-5674.

FUN N FROLICS: "P/A" Every Fifth Monday: 7:30 - 9:30 PM. 2839 W. Beaver St., Woodstock Park. Caller: Art Wilson 904 225-5674.

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. Class 7:00 - 8:15 PM, Club 7:00-10:00 PM (1st & 3rd - Regular dance -- 2nd & 4th - Workshop).. J.C, Park Center on Jee See Park Rd. Call Bob & Vivian, 229 242-7321, or Parks & Recreations, 229 259-3507, for directions Valdosta, GA. Caller: Bob Bennett, 229 242-7321.

DIXIE DANCERS: "P/R" Every Tuesday. New Class starting May 14th 7:00 - 8:00 PM Club 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 904 752-2544. Contact: Ouida Taylor 904 755-7248.

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. Plus 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. Work Shop 7:00-8:00 PM, Club Dance 8:00-10:00 PM. Sandalwood High School. Caller: Ken Miller 904 268-4492. Contact: Virginia Bomhold 904 744-7181. Lines, 1st & 3rd; Rounds, 2nd & 4th.

JUNE 4TH THRU JULY - WILL BE DANCING AT PEACE PRESBYTERIAN WITH SEABREEZE SINGLES! NO DANCE JUNE 28th!

SEABREEZE SINGLES: "M/P" Every Tuesday. Club Dance 7:30- 9:30 PM. Peace Presbyterian Church, 2300 Southside Blvd. Caller: Jim Cosman 912 882-4006. Contact: Shirley White, President, 904 388-1463 OR Freda Story, Banner Chmn, 904 886-2672.

WEDNESDAY

JOY SEAS: "M/P/L/R" Every Wednesday. Club Dance 8:00- 10:00 PM. St. Augustine - Coquina Crossing, I95 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.

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: Steven & Marie Bigelow 771-7249. **NO DANCE JULY 3rd.**

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THURSDAY

FRIENDSHIP SQUARES: "M/P" TEMPORARILY NOT DANCING!!

Keystone Hts. Hi School, 900 Orchard St. Caller: Bill Chesnut 352 374-8582.
Contact: Sandra Pennell 352 473-4347.

JEKYLL ISLAND SQUARES: "M/P" Every Thursday. 7:30 - 10:30 PM.
Taylors Methodist Church, 766 Old Jesup Rd., **Brunswick, GA.** Caller: Don
Heins 912 265-1504.

MOOSE PROMENADERS: "P/L" Every Thursday. Plus 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: Wendell Spears, Pres. 904 964-5024 Pat and
Johny McCabe, Banner Chmn. 904 771-6647..

RIVER RAMBLERS: "M/P" Every Thursday. Class 6:30 - 8:00 PM Club dance
8.00 - 9:30 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. **Summer Casual Dance Schedule Starts May 30th, Club dance
with workshop 7 - 9:30 PM**

VAGABOND SQUARES: "M/P" Every Thursday. Class 7:00-8:30 PM, Club
Dance 8:30-10 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.

FRIDAY

GYPSY SQUARES: "M/P/L" 1st Full Weekend Each Month. **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.

MAINSTREAM SQUARES: "M/B" Every Friday. Class 7:00 - 8:00 PM; Club
Dance 8:00 - 10:00 PM. Peace Presbyterian Church, 2300 Southside Blvd.
Caller: John Wall 904 241-0384. **NO DANCE MAY 24TH**

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. Work Shop 7:00-8:00 PM;
Club Dance 8:00-10:00 PM. Caller: Ernie Rollen 904 282-2335. Contact: Bud &
Diane German, 904 781-1532 **NO DANCE MAY 24TH**

SATURDAY

TEDDY BEAR SQUARES: "P" 2nd & 4th Saturday. 8:00-10:00 PM. Peace
Presbyterian Church, 2300 Southside Blvd. Caller: Eddie Millan 904 765-0296.
Contact: Walt & Betty Smith 904 260-8266. **NO DANCE MAY 25TH**

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

I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary.
"Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said. So I suggested
the kitchen.



THE PIRATES OF THE MOOSE PROMENADERS

INVITE YOU TO 'SING AND
DANCE' WITH US AT THE

Pirates' Ball

MAY 9, 2002
8:00 TO 10:00 PM

CALLER: CAPTAIN ART WILSON



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PREPARED TO INCARCERATE ANY
PERSON(S) ACCUSED OF ANY
MISDEMEANOR. BRING YOUR
BONDSMAN WITH YOU OR YOU
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DON'T MISS THE FUN ON THE
PIRATE SHIP! DANCE WITH US!
ENJOY THE SKITS, JOKES, A
LINE BY GERRY AND A ROUND
BY LISA. PUT YOUR MATE IN
JAIL! PLENTY OF GOOD
CHEER! LOTS OF TREASURE!

THE MOOSE PIRATES WILL BE
PLUNDERING AROUND JACKSONVILLE.
WATCH FOR THE PIRATES AND
GATHER AS MANY DOUBLOONS AS
POSSIBLE. BRING THEM TO THE
DANCE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN
TREASURE!

THE 'MMS PROMENADER' WILL BE DOCKED
AT SOSI COLLINS ROAD, JAX, FL



FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, ADVANCE TICKETS WILL BE SOLD. ASK A
PIRATE FOR A TICKET BUT DON'T PAY MORE THAN \$3.50 EACH!

STITCHIN' TIME

By Val Newsome



While looking through all the "sewing" material that I have collected from various conventions, I came across the following article which I thought might be of some interest to our "sewing" readers.

SEWING FOR YOUR GENT

"Buy extra fabric and make your gent a western shirt to match your dress or use scraps for yoke, collar, cuffs and front band, and make the body of the shirt from coordinating fabric.

For a crisp, finished look in a man's shirt, interface collar, neckband, front band, cuffs, and pocket flaps. It takes more time...but the finished effect is worth the effort.

If you feel that a shirt would be too difficult to make, consider a vest made of fabric to match your dress. It could be lined with a coordinating fabric.

Men's neckscarves to match your dress can be made in very little time. Cut on the bias, if possible, (use an old neckscarf as a guide) and make 5" wide and 36" long. Cut the ends at an angle. Hem with narrow hem (machine hemmer works beautifully for these). Slightly to one side of the center back, fold both sides to center and then fold again. Stitch along edge for 2 1/2", pivot, sew across to the other edge and continue

sewing, making a rectangle. This sewing holds the fold in place and eliminates bulk around the neck.

You can design an original yoke for your gent's Western shirt:

(1) Lay back pattern on paper and draw around neckline, armhole and shoulder line.

(2) Draw any design for yoke you'd like, keeping in mind that sharp curves and points are hard to sew around.

(3) Fold at center back to cut (this insures that both sides will be symmetrical).

(4) Front yoke can be designed in the same way.

Patterns may be purchased for western shirts, and vests, at department stores, as well as square dance shops, conventions and festivals."

I'm not sure where this article came from, but I believe I picked it up at last year's Convention hosted by the Southeast Association.

A young and stupid pilot wanted to sound cool on the aviation frequencies. So, when he was approaching a field during the night time, instead of making any official requests to the tower, he said: "Guess Who?" The controller switched the field lights off and replied: "Guess Where!"

CLOGGING EXHIBITION

Donna Robbins (wife of Caller John Robbins, who is currently the Treasurer of Gateway Callers Association) is the Instructor for the **Cloggin' Robins**. Her group will be providing an exhibition from **8:00-9:00 PM** at the Crawfish Festival in Jacksonville Beach, FL on **May 18, 2002**. The Crawfish Festival is a fun Festival beginning on May 17th and running through Sunday, May 19th. If you need more information, give Donna a call at 737-8514

PUTNAM COUNTY SHRINERS BENEFIT DANCE

By Val Newsome

On Saturday, March 23rd, dancers, callers, and cuers began arriving at the Putnam County Shrine Club for a benefit dance sponsored by the River Ramblers Square Dance Club. All proceeds of the dance went to the Shrine Club for their Children's Hospitals.

Callers and cuers kept the dancing lively and it did not seem to slow down until the Auction started. Everyone got a chance to bid on their favorite article. In addition there were about 3 tables of articles to drop your tickets in the bags and hope you won that item. Tables and tables of food aplenty for everybody. The River Ramblers did a super job providing the dancers with a great

evening of entertainment. When all had been cleared away and the proceeds counted, the River Ramblers were able to present a check to the Shrine Club for \$4,104.32. This was the most the Benefit Dance has raised for the Shriners Children's Hospitals. Congratulations to the River Ramblers on their dedicated work organizing this event for such a worthy cause.

The Club is only 4 years old and they've held a Benefit Dance each year, raising over \$9500.00 for the Children's Hospitals.



"THE MONEY CHANGERS" — Gloria & Jay Seifert, Chairmen of the Benefit Dance.



Is Ernie trying to auction off those bicycles and is Bill buying?



The River Ramblers present a check for \$4,104.32 to the Shrine Club for the Children's Hospital.



Art & Lucille Wilson...



.... invite you to join us
for your dancing
pleasure at either of the
following clubs:



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Plus Level Dancing

Thursday Evenings

Plus Classes:.....7:00-8:30 PM

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

For Information Call:

Wendell Spears, 264-5024

Johny & Pat McCabe, 771-6647

FUN 'N FROLIC

Advanced Level Dancing

Monday Evenings

Club Dance:.....7:30-9:30 PM

For Information Call:

Debbie Delp, 641-0392 or

Gerry Fredrickson, 269-9717

Richard & Elaine Wallerich, 276-3794



Both Dances \$3.50 Per Person

5TH SATURDAY DANCE

By Bud & Anita Taylor

The Fifth Saturday Dance on March 30, 2002 was a "springing" success. Spring Splendor was the theme and this was very evident by the beautiful decorations. The Mainstream Squares and the First Coast Rounds were our hosts and they just did a magnificent job, from the beautiful flyers to the planning of all the decorations and refreshments. The punch was delicious. The calling by Art Wilson and Lon Ligon was really great. Lon can sure liven things up with a Cajun beat and I heard one experienced dancer comment on how different and challenging Art made mainstream. Of course Lisa was not to be outdone and cued the rounds with elegance and grace.

How wonderful that the Rounds are picking up so many members. Lisa cues with the maturity of an old pro. Let us not forget the NEFSARDA Board and former Presidents of the Board for assisting with the retrieval of the banners and all their help on the dance. Many THANKS go to all of the above mentioned people for making this such a successful Fifth Saturday dance.

We will only be having one more Fifth Saturday Dance in 2002 due to the conflict of so many holiday weekends being on the fifth Saturday. The next Fifth Saturday will be August 31, 2002. Watch for flyers and more details about this dance.



NEFSARDA Vice Presidents, Bud & Anita Taylor, man the check-in table at the 5th Saturday Dance



while.... Lon Ligon, Lisa Noe and Art Wilson kept the dance floor "hot"!



And the winners are L to R) Teddy Bear Squares, First Coast Rounds, Rollaways and Mainstream Squares.





Plus Fox

Jax Heights Elementary School
7750 Tempest Street
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**Standard Plus
Easy Rounds**

Called By:

Jim Cosman

**Every Wednesday
7:30 - 9:30 PM**

Donation: \$3.00 Per Person

**Banner Chairman:
Marvin Simpson 786-0562**

**President:
Stephen & Marie Bigelow 771-7249**

SEABREEZE SINGLES CHARITY BALL

By Val Newsome

On Saturday, April 6th, the Seabreeze Singles held their Annual Charity Ball with benefits going to the City Rescue Mission.

Jim Cosman and Lawton Smith were the callers and Lisa Noe handled the cueing duties. The threesome presented an excellent program and the dancers enjoyed the evening. There seemed to be no end to the good food and the door prizes. And many people found the silent auction brought them the prize they wanted. I know I came away the winner of 3 prizes which I really wanted. My answer to Charlie

was, "It's for a good cause, and besides I used my checkbook."

The winner of the Alhambra Dinner Theater tickets was Mazelene Dusan, a Seabreeze Single. The Grand Prize of \$100.00 was won by Connie Stotts, and Lonnie Aldridge sold the winning ticket.

At the end of the evening a total of \$1,325.00 had been raised for the City Rescue Mission.

Thanks Seabreeze for continuing to sponsor this Charity Ball for such a worthy cause. Thanks to all the dancers who supported this event.



Jim Cosman, Lisa Noe and Lawton Smith kept the dance in high gear at this year's Charity Ball!



First Day of Summer — June 21st

Enjoy the Fun and Sun on your vacation.....
Take your square dance clothes and dance as you travel!
If you need help finding dances, check the National Square Dance Directory. The Editors have a copy of the Directory...if you'd like information, give us a call.

CONTRA LINES

By Val Newsome

From 7:30-9:30 PM each Third Friday evening, there is a swinging good time here in Jacksonville. It's called Contra! They meet at Good Shepherd Church on Stockton Street. In May, however, they will be at Peace Presbyterian Church on Southside Blvd. The group has various Prompters, although Dennis Ricker (who has been at our Fall Festival several times), has

been the prompter. Everyone who has been to one of these dances is finding out why Contra has been gaining in popularity.

While leafing through the **March 2002** issue of the **American SquareDance**, I ran across the following article which was written by **Paul Moore**, titled "**Moore On Contra.**" Hope you dancers who enjoy Contra will find it interesting.

"We Had A Swinging Time"

"In the December, 2001 issue of American SquareDance Herb Chisholm advocates going back to the style of dancing that was popular in the early fifties. Herb makes some valid points: One important one is that we need to find a way to make square dancing simpler and just fun. He goes on to mention several specific dances from the era, such as Hinky Dinky Parlez Vous and Bird in the Cage. No doubt, these dances are great fun. I pull them out regularly for one-nighters or for square dance clubs who want the variety of an old style barn dance.

The point Herb makes that I find most interesting is about the swing. He quotes Ralph Page as saying the swing is "the best call ever invented." For many of us the name Ralph Page does not mean much, but Ralph was the king of New England style contra dancing. He wrote many great dances and tunes to go with them. He had a mimeographed newsletter called Northern Junket that was circulated throughout the country. Ralph started a contra festival near Keen, NH that is still going even though Ralph has



passed on. There could be a whole column on just Ralph, what he did for dancing in America, and the type of person he was. But that is getting off topic.

Herb and Ralph both are right in that the swing is the most perfect call ever invented. I say this with full knowledge that there are many ladies who wear badges saying "Please Don't Twirl Me" and many dancers say they get dizzy when they swing. Part of the solution to both problems is knowing how to swing properly and smoothly. Unfortunately, not enough dance teachers take enough time to teach the swing, not to mention what the swing is for. Many of us have forgotten the thrill of holding a beautiful lady (all ladies at dances are beautiful) or a handsome gentleman in your arms, looking into each other's eyes with excitement and joy, and feeling as one while whirling around the floor. I admit to getting dizzy when I swing, but it is not physical, it is emotional. The swing was one of the great ways that young people could court and flirt even while their parents were watching. Even more importantly, it is still a way to keep the spark alive as we get older.

As for the other complaint, when you swing well, there is no need or time to twirl the lady. It is much more fun to keep her in your arms. If you feel that twirls are necessary, remember that a gentleman never twirls a lady -- the lady twirls herself under her own control. That man's job is simply to give her a point of reference and balance."

To Be Continued in Next Issue...

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51st Florida State Square And Round Dance Convention May 25, 26, 27, 2005

The year 2005 sounds like a long time away, doesn't it? Well, listen to this...next month when we ALL go to the State Convention in Lakeland, it will be exactly **3 YEARS** until the Northeast will not only be going to the State Convention, we will be **HOSTING** the State Convention; and only **2 YEARS** until our Kick-Off. As Chairman, we have pledged to work very hard to make the 2005 State Convention a great one for the dancers in the State. But, we can only do this with your help. As we have said before, this is not only our responsibility, it is the responsibility of **EVERY DANCER, CALLER AND CUER IN THE NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION** to work together to make the 2005 Florida State Convention a fun-filled, successful weekend for everyone who attends!

Many special events will be planned as we start on our fund raising activities. It's going to be a lot of work, but it's going to be a lot of fun working together!!!

Listed below are those people who have committed themselves to a particular job -- decide where you would like to help out and speak to that Chairman, our Assistants (Bud & Anita Taylor), or to us. We'd love to have you work with us on what we hope will be a **GREAT CONVENTION!!**

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We think we have a great committee and we thank each and every one of them for agreeing to serve. In the very near future, the entire committee will be meeting to get busy on the planning and organizing of the 2005 Convention. If you have any suggestions, comments, or ideas for the planning of this convention, please send them to us, Bud & Anita Taylor, or Dave & Shirley Nihart. Thank you for your assistance and support.

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Club News!

DIXIE DANCERS

(Dee Curran for) Linda Yocum (386) 752-2970

The Dixie Dancers were pleased to graduate eight new dancers recently. Caller Bill Chestnut gave his traditional "final exam" and everyone passed with swirling and twirling colors!

March's St. Paddy's dance saw a lot of green including green eggs.

April's Western Tumbleweed dance gave everyone a chance to dress like a cowboy and go hootin' and hollerin'. As

usual there was plenty of good grub, too.

May's special event will be double fun. It was planned this way so no one will miss anything by being gone this summer. The crazy hats dance is planned for May 14. Wear your craziest old hat or create a new one. The men's cake bake will be held the same day. This is always a favorite eating event, so plan to join us if you can.

June, therefore, will not have a special event night. We hope to see you at Nationals in Minneapolis. Have a great summer! See you around the square.



During our recent visit to the Dixie Dancers, we were introduced to their new Treasures and "his" assistant! Meet "Rosco" and Annette Conk!

FUN 'N FROLIC



Club members caught at their 46th Anniversary Dance!



GRAND SQUARES

Gerry "Scoop" Jesk 3520493-2842

Congratulations once again are due to our new Graduates: Graduation Day to be held May 14, second Tuesday of May, at Grand Squares. The Winners are: Richard Atkinson, Stan & Connie Griffis, Bill & Faye Summerhill, Phil & Linda Rickman, Ron & Carolyn Randles, Shirley Scribner, Janet McCarthy, Joe Bettencourt.

In March we visited the River Ramblers and also were visited by the Celebrity Squares to steal our banner.

Looking ahead to the summer we will be heading to the State Convention on Memorial Day Week end and there will be a Watermelon Festival in Chiefland on

June 14 & 15. We also are planning a Blue Bottom Day at Itchetucknee on Saturday August 24, 2002. We have said our good byes to our Northern Friends and miss them. We have several on our sick list and we hope it won't be long until they are back dancing with us. By the time you read this our Princess Julie, Lon & Peg's Granddaughter will be an old married lady, we wish Julie & Justin the very best of happiness and many many years of wedded bliss.

Well that's all I know folks! Support your local square dance Clubs and most of all Keep Dancing!

GYPSY SQUARES #168

Dale and Gerry Fredrickson 269-9717

We had a grand time at Wild Frontier in Ocala. How could it be anything but a great time with Docky & Linda Blake and Debra & Luther Delp as hosts. We had lots of visitors as well as regulars. The Mexican theme was enjoyed by all, especially the tacos for dinner!

The Fredricksons hosted the April campout at White Springs at the Suwannee Valley Campground. We featured our regular "walk to breakfast" on Saturday morning. We actually had about a dozen brave hikers that walked to the local café. We met a local poet on the way that invited us to view his art gallery and read his poetry to us. It was a unique experience. Dinner was enjoyed at the campground as they grill steaks and chicken to perfection.

Some of our campgrounds are getting busier, especially in the winter months, and reservations are becoming more important. It's always a good idea to

make a personal reservation but be sure to tell them you are with the Gypsy Squares so they can give you our special rally rate.

Our next campout will be at Grand Lake RV Resort in Orange Lake on May 3, 4, & 5. The Brittinghams and Dietrichs from Daytona are scheduled to host. I'm sure they will make it a special event. June 7, 8, & 9, we'll be at Bulow RV Resort near Flagler Beach. Burzos and Longs will be our hosts. We all know how much fun they can be! We would love for you to join us for any of our campouts. Keep up to date with the Gypsy Squares schedule and monthly details at http://www.geocities.com/fan_sdc/gypsy/.

Some of us will be attending the National Convention in St. Paul. We hope to see all of you there. See you in a square real soon!

**Don't forget "Dad" on Father's Day
June 16, 2002.**





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Teddy Bears will be dark

on May 25, 2002 so you may go to
the Florida State Convention



JOY SEAS

Mary Burzo 904 797-7530

Seabreeze Singles came to retrieve their banner on our Valentine dance night. This made their visit a double pleasure. We always enjoy their company. One evening we had some of our dancers out sick or on vacation. That night we had a social night with jokes and stories. Even our caller, Mike Akers, had great jokes and wonderful stories to tell. Every once in a while we all need a night like that!

March was very exciting for us. First, Mike Akers, our caller, took sick and was hospitalized. Thank the good Lord that his condition was not life threatening. Mike has a slight blockage which can be treated with diet, exercise, and medication. While Mike was recuperating, we had no caller, and Ocean Waves was coming to retrieve their banner so I put out a plea for help. Square Dancers are WONDERFUL! Before I could blink an eye, I had two callers, a cure, and a Line dance instructor. It made Mike feel good to learn that we needed four people to fill his shoes. Later on that evening, Mike showed up. It was nice to see he was feeling better. It really turned out to be a wonderful evening.

The following week was just as exciting because our dear friends from Ohio, Esther and Cecil Cross, came to

visit. Esther is just getting over a battle with cancer. So far she is winning. Also that evening, we had our yearly visit from Lou and Shirley Felicione from Michigan. It's always a pleasure to see them. All in all we had two squares which made for a fun evening.

The Easter Parade was a great success. Thank you one and all for the encouragement and help. You guys sure know how to promote square dancing. We had over 10 clubs, including one from Minnesota, represented and over 50 dancers participated. There was a convertible filled with dancers in full costume, followed by Bill and Lorraine Blosch in my pickup. Lorraine did great shirt work (you had to be there)! Behind us was Mike and the most fabulous dancers you could ever ask for. They danced almost the whole parade.

I can't thank everyone enough. This was the best parade ever. We should also get some new dancers from this. I think we were the only ones in the parade that were having so much fun. The crowd was really cheering us when we went by (or was that Lorraine).

Remember, as I promised, you all will receive dangles whether you are near or far, so watch for me... even in Minnesota.



Joy Seas sponsored the participation in the Annual St Augustine Easter Parade!

JOY SEAS (Cont'd)

Jack & Manny led the marchers on their "journey" thru the streets of St. Augustine.



MAINSTREAM SQUARES

Harvey & Marylou Morton 221-9519

Our regular dance on March 1st was made special by a visit of one square of Joy Seas from St. Augustine. They are a fun group (like us) and we always enjoy being with them. One of their regular club members (from Sicily via Brooklyn, NY) sometimes wears a "sea-sick green and yellow" square dance outfit that some of us would kill for! He is presently trying to teach us rednecks to speak properly, while using the appropriate hand gestures. Mama Mia! This is like putting garlic on your grits.

A demo group from several different square dance clubs put on an exhibition routine at Jacksonville University on March 14th in an effort to help a "Class In Rhythmic Dance." Approximately 12 of the University students were shown some square dancing, line dancing, and round dancing. They were then invited to join in the fun. The students appeared to enjoy themselves and were learning at the same time. The caller was John Wall and the Line Dance Instructor was Patricia Rist. We say that "we are always looking for new recruiting ideas." Could some of these young people become future dancers? Is anyone listening out there?

Moving right along to March 22nd--we had five squares on the floor at one time. NEFSARDA retrieved their banner. We had visitors from the Rollaways, Silver Fox, Gypsy Squares, Mandarin Marauders, and the Moose Prome-

naders. And guess who else came along to support their club? Would you believe Mike Sikorsky? No? Well, how about our buddies, Ernie and Frances Follen? They are wonderful people and they were really welcome. Naturally we shamed Ernie into calling a tip for us. Our friend, Jack Herpy, also called a tip. John Wall just sat there with a big smile on his face while he patted his foot. We might have to consider reducing his salary if this keeps up.

Easter Sunday, March 31st, was a grand and glorious sunny day. A lot of square and round dance clubs were represented in the St. Augustine Easter Parade. Flyers were distributed, Personal Contacts were made. There were beautiful floats, talented marching bands, horses, a Civil War Brigade, a huge pirate ship (complete with pirates), some wierd-looking costumes, fancy banners, patriotic displays, and a few famous V.I.P. celebrities looking very regal while riding in a blue convertible with the top down. At one of the intersections, the convertible driver turned left while the rest of the parade turned right. Upon realizing his error, the driver hit the panic button and the top began to raise -- with the famous V.I.P. celebrities sitting on it. How embarrassing! You don't want to hear the rest of it!

Are we having fun yet? You bet we are!

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MANDARIN MARAUDERS

Janet Vincent 771-7295

Marauders have enjoyed visits from and to Moose, Silver Fox, Plus Fox, Joy Seas, and the NEFSARDA officers and board members. Many thanks for your hospitality and visits. We hope to see you all again soon!

Visitors from Indiana, Tennessee, and Vermont have stopped by our club recently; we hope to see you again!

We are enjoying our PLUS classes, started March 12; thanks to Lawton for patience in dealing the the "2 left-feet" students who can't tell left from right!

Special events included Irish Jig, hot-

dogs, Hobo Stew, and Anniversary Dance. Many thanks to all who helped make these dances so special! We appreciate your hard work and good food!

Special Prayers go out to our ailing members; James & Jean Kindred, Larry & JoAnn Ramsey, Calvin & Sharon Stoops, Bonnye & Don Bell. We wish you all a Hearty Get Well!!

Happy Summer to all our friends in the Square Dance Community; we hope to see you in a square very soon!

MOOSE PROMENADERS

Kim Keffer 771-5775

The Leadership, Heritage and Big doings at the Moose Promenader Square Dance Club during the month of April beginning with the club's 12th Anniversary Dance on the 11th. A good time was had by all with Art Wilson's calling and Lisa Noe on the rounds. We appreciated the Officers of the Northeast joining us.

Then came graduation on April 18th. During a candlelight ceremony, the Moose graduated 13 students: Dan and Stephanie Bureson, Tom and Eleanor Doyle, Tom and Pat Herscha, Bob and Fredna McBride and Julie Sharrow. Also participating in the ceremony were "advanced" students Fritz & Betty Anne Bowen and Frank & Margie Clyma. Congratulations to you all.

Just when you thought it was all over, along come plus lessons starting on April 25th. If any dancers out there wish to go through the plus program or just brush up on their skills, call Wendell and Doris Spears at 264-5024 for information.

On April 27th, several of the Moose

participated in a demo at the World of Nations celebration on the Riverwalk along with members of other clubs. It is always good to join in an event to promote our dance form of fun and fellowship.

Be sure to look for our pirates as they come calling on you to participate in our Annual Pirates Dance to be held on May 9th. This was a huge success last year and a great time was had by all. Back by popular demand will be our Pirates of Penzance with the ever popular Al Lobato in the lead. Lisa Noe will be with us for your round dancing pleasure.

The Moose Promenaders wish to extend their sympathies to Kate McCaul and want her to know that she is in our thoughts and prayers. We are there for you, Kate. We also want Anita Taylor, Doris Spears and Eleanor Doyle to hurry up and get well. We miss seeing your smiling faces.

Join us on Thursday evenings at the Moose Lodge on Collins Road. The class starts at 7 PM and the club dances at 8.30 PM. See you in a square!

RIVER RAMBLERS

Earl Cunio 386-328-5302

There was a lot of activity during the month of February. During the first week we were raided by the Joy Seas of St. Augustine. Then later in the month we had the Honey Bees of Deland and the Grand Squares of Gainesville all on the same night. That was probably the biggest dance crowd we have had, except for the benefit dances. There were about 75 dancers present. We had eight squares dancing, which is

about the limit for our dance floor. Have you ever tried square dancing without using your arms? That's how it is sometimes, when you're on a crowded floor. We did have a lot of fun.

That's the whole idea of square dancing.

As a reminder, we will start our casual dress summer dances on May 30th, 7 PM. Please join us!



River Ramblers
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WORKSHOP

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Caller: Ken Miller

CLUB DANCE

8:00 - 10:00 PM

Cuer: Lisa Noe

CLUB DANCING SCHEDULE

Every Tuesday - Mainstream/Announced Plus
Rounds/Lines Between Tips

DANCE LOCATION CHANGE:

WE WILL NOT BE DANCING ON MAY 28TH.
(Enjoy the State Convention)

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642-2404

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Virginia Bomhold

744-7181

ROLLAWAYS

Joe Seelhoefter 223-4101

March 5th, the Yellow Rockers appeared at our doorsteps to retrieve their banner. We were happy they came because that gave us five squares of dancers. Thanks, Yellow Rockers! We enjoyed your visit.

On March 7th, 13 Rollaways went to retrieve our banner from the Moose Promenaders. Good dancing and much fun was had by all.

On St. Patrick's day, the Rollaways had the Irish Singers stop by to sing for us. "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling", "Too-Ra-Loo-Rah-La", and "My Wild Irish Rose" were all sing-alongs by the audience. I'm not too sure who was best...the Irish Singers or the audience. I think it was a toss up. Both sounded great. The Irish Singers also sang "Peg Of My Heart" after which there was a lot of square dancing, rounds by Lisa Noe, and lines by myself. Yes, there was a lot lot of green -- even some of the food! No one turned green so it was okay.

The Leprechauns kept trying to steal food from the table but their jumps weren't high enough.

April 9th was a night to remember. We graduated one square of new dancers and I believe they had a great time. Thank you graduates for allowing our club to be the club to help you learn to square dance. We know you will make fine dancers. The rest of the evening was dedicated to celebrating our 14th Anniversary. We also held installation of our new officers: Eileen Lounce, President; Harvey & MaryLou Morton, Vice President; Joe Seelhoefter, Secretary; and Jack & Kathy McKinney, Treasurer. I'm sure the new board will take the Rollaways beyond expectations!! The Fun 'N Frolics joined our fun and retrieved their Banner. From the smiles on everyone's faces, fun was had by all. It was great having eight squares on the floor. Thanks to all for helping us with our celebration!



New club officers are installed.



Kathy McKinney presents outgoing president, Joe Seelhoefter, with a presidential plaque.

GRAPEVINE DEADLINES

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SEABREEZE SINGLES

Jackie Hamlin 731-9181

On April 6 the Seabreeze Singles held their annual charity dance to benefit the City Rescue Mission. As always, it was a great dance and this year was held at Jax Heights Elementary School. Many thanks to all the dancers who helped and enabled us to donate \$1,325.00 to the City Rescue Mission this year! The \$100 grand prize was won by Connie Stotts from Cedar Hills. Lonnie Aldridge sold the winning ticket. The tickets to the Alhambra Dinner Theater were won by Mazelene Dusan, a Seabreeze club member.

We certainly want to thank our wonderful and willing callers, Jim Cosman and Lawton Smith, and Lisa Noe, our cuer.

A group of our singles attended the

Fuzzy-Navel dance in Jekyll Island again this year. Also, we all had a great time at the 5th Saturday NEFSARDA dance at Sandalwood.

Be sure to make plans to attend the State Convention in May in Lakeland. The host hotel for the singles will be the Holiday Inn South, 3405 South Florida Avenue (1-800-HOLIDAY). Be sure to ask for the FASSRD rate when making your reservation. After parties for the singles are planned for Friday and Saturday nights.

We welcome all dancers to come and dance with us starting at 7:30 pm every Tuesday. Jim Cosman is our caller.

Remember: Many things are opened by mistake, but none so frequently as the mouth.

Joy Seas Square Dance Club

Caller - Mike Akers

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Mary Burzo, President 904 797-7530

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SILVER FOX SQUARES

Manuel & Lillie Irizarry 266-1083

As promised in our last club news here are the results of our Circus Dance that benefits Dreams Come True. On April 5th we presented Dreams Come True with a check for \$2,594.00. The child we helped sponsor is a girl named Kaitlyn. Both she and her twin sister have a rare bone disorder. Our donation helped send Kaitlyn and her family for a week at Disney World. They have a special facility for these children that gives them most anything they could wish for. How would you like to have ice cream at any hour? To get tucked into bed at night by a special Disney character? These are just a few of the things that she was able to enjoy. Imagine being able to enjoy yourself for a whole week without thinking about your illness. It is truly a wonderful feeling to know that someone not as fortunate as ourselves has been helped by our donation. A big thank you to all who helped us in being able to

sponsor a special child in need.

Spring has sprung. Time again for our class graduation. We graduated 11 new dancers April 12th. What a fun occasion. Welcome new members. We wish you many years of dancing fun. The most memorable thing for Manuel and myself has not the dancing but all the special and unique friends we have acquired along the way. We hope that all you new dancers will experience the same.

We have several fun dances scheduled that we would love for you all to attend. On May 17th we will be celebrating Ernie Rollen's 2nd year with us. I hear Elvis will be there. On June 7th the Silver Fox Club will be celebrating our 17th anniversary. It will be a Hawaiian Luau so put on your grass skirts and join us. It will no doubt be loads of fun.

Until next time we bid you all happy dancing!

SQUARE WHEELS

Martha Zimmerman 352 336-5311

Our campout on March 15th-17th was held at Lake Oklawaha RV Park near Fort McCoy, Florida. It was quite warm, but we danced and chased bugs from around the lights. Once the lights were turned off, the bugs went away. We had three squares and enjoyed lots of great dancing.

Our April 19th-21st campout was at the Colby Woods RV Resort in Ocala. We had over 12 rigs which was great.

We enjoy visitors and hope that you will plan to join us at Pacetti's Marina

May 17th-19th.

ALSO ... don't forget the Three Club Weekend at Grand Lake RV Park on June 21st-23rd. We know this will be a great dancing weekend you don't want to miss.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to David Kegley and family upon the death of his wife, Marian. She passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 30th, at 3:30 AM. Condolences may be sent to David at 3615 U.S. Hwy 17, Apt. #113, Orange Park, FL 32003-7133.



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May 17th.....Sha Na Na (Ernie's 2nd Anniversary)
(We hear Elvis will be there!)
June 7th.....17th Anniversary Dance
(Come help us Celebrate!)
December 31st.....New Year's Eve Dance
(LOOK FOR FLYERS WITH MORE INFORMATION)

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TEDDY BEARS

Virginia Cook 744-4443

The Teddy Bears have been keeping the roads hot visiting clubs to retrieve or steal banners and getting club visitation cards signed. Thanks to all who have been going on these raids and let's keep it up.

Our Club will be dark May 25th due to the Florida State Convention. Hope to see everyone there.

On June 8th come and help us celebrate our 18th Anniversary. The more the merrier!

At the last 5th Saturday Dance, the Teddy Bears won a NEFSARDA Banner for having the largest percentage of

members in attendance.

We lost one member who moved to Arizona. Good luck to Bonnie Maher on her change of residence. Several members have been out sick - hope to see everyone back soon. It was good to see Walt & Betty Smith out dancing again.

A faithful Teddy Bear, Rex McCaul, passed away on March 29th following complications from open heart surgery. Condolences from each club member to his wife, Kate. We'll miss his big smile beneath that cowboy hat.

YELLOW ROCKERS PLUS

Eleanor & Lawton Smith 389-3349

Spring! All things New! New Life! Maybe we need to have new thoughts - new outlook - think positive - not negative. Count your blessings - health, friends old and new -- We can walk, dance and enjoy the music and each other. Whoa! I'm being to philosophical this morning, but that's where I am.

This is such a beautiful time of the year - like we've been given another chance, so let's make the most of it. Let's find new people and introduce them to the "Wonderful World of Square Dancing".

We have missed some of our folks who have been "ailing" - but you can't keep a square dancer down for long. There's something about that music that keeps us going. Marvin Simpson and Thomas Burch are back and this makes their partners happy. Warren Paire is still under the weather and needs our prayers.

Another thing that makes us happy is when someone decides to become a part of our club and Ivy Walsh did just

that. We are so glad to have her.

We are always grateful for our "Mamas and Papas" so May 6th we will honor our mothers and June 10th we will honor our fathers with special dances. Hope you can join us.

We appreciate our NEFSARDA representatives, Bob and Jane Raymond, for keeping us informed about what's going on and all the other ways they contribute to our club.

Our folks did find out what's at the "end of the Rainbow" at our St. Patty's Dance, so if you were not there you didn't get the pot of gold.

Square Dancing on Monday nights is a great way to start off the week. Someone recently said they may come in tired but the music and contact with friends seems to lift the load - so give it a try and come dance with us on Monday nights 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM.

I'm so grateful for our loyal club members and I'll leave you with this thought:

"If we pause to think - We'll find cause to thank".

NEFSARDA DELEGATES MEETING

March 10, 2002

President called meeting to order. Madam President led delegation in prayer and pledge to the flag.

President Hardcastle then welcomed the delegates and visitors.

Minutes of last delegates meeting accepted as written.

Treasurers report accepted as presented.

Committee Reports

5th Saturday Dance: Next dance will be March 30th. Art Wilson, & Lon Ligon with Lisa Noe. First Coast Rounds and Mainstream Squares hosting. Last 5th Saturday Dance will be August 31st. More later. Motion made by Dave Nihart to make next two dances FREE. Motion seconded and passed.

Blood Bank: Need door prize donations. Dave Nihart made motion for NEFSARDA to donate \$100.00. Motion carried. Chairman stated that for a club to qualify, 25% of members must donate. Clubs meeting requirements are Rollaways, Plus Fox and Moose Promenaders.

Fall Festival: Everyone encouraged to sell buttons. All unsold to be turned in by September 15th. Each club asked to donate two door prizes. Committee volunteers still needed.

Showcase: There will be two showcases this year. National will be blue background with stars. Three tables at National instead of seven as in past years. Motion made and carried to donate \$50.00 to help defray cost of buttons. State convention table to be red, white and blue.

Bylaws: Delegates to take proposed changes to their club. Voting to be in May. After more discussion, it was

decided to discuss changes in May and vote in July.

Insurance: Records still in transition to new chairman.

SOS: Invite new dancers to the State Convention.

Education & Classes: Committee to make a pamphlet with info on all clubs in Association. Also would like names/addresses of old members who have dropped out of square dancing.

Publicity: Jacksonville's 4th of July Parade discussed. McKinney asked delegates to seek volunteers from their clubs. Board will not be in town. Two demos held with good turnout. March 21st demo planned at J U. Easter Parade in St. Augustine will be March 31st. Need dancers.

Club Visitation: So far, 45 visits from six clubs. Please turn in cards to be counted.

Grapevine: Deadline for next issue, April 10th. Annual financial report given.

Historian: No report.

State Convention: Meetings to begin in the Fall.

Dance Couple of the Year: No report.

Gateway Callers: Ernie Rollen thanked everyone for supporting student dances. Graduation Ball, April 20th.

Rural Callers: Ernie reported Tony Oxendine gave presentation on mike, speech and showmanship.

Old Business: None reported.

New Business: None reported.

Club announcements followed until adjournment at 5:30 PM.

Husband to marriage counselor: I'm very affectionate with my wife. We always hold hands. *If I let go, she shops.*

Planning For The Future!!!

CALENDAR OF COMING SPECIAL EVENTS

MAY 2001

02....	Ice Cream Social Dance	River Ramblers
3-5...	Grand Lake Resort, Orange Lake	Gypsy Sq
05....	Delegates Meeting	Piccadilly
06....	'This is Your Life' Mothers Day Dance.....	Yellow Rockers Plus
07....	Mother's Day Dance (all singing calls)	Seabreeze Singles
08....	Mother's Day Dance	Plus Fox
09....	Annual Pirates Ball.....	Moose Promenaders
14....	Crazy Hats dance	Dixie Dancers
14....	Class Graduation	Grand Squares
16....	Class Graduation	River Ramblers
17....	ShaNaN Ernie's second anniversary.....	Silver Fox
17-18..	VASARDA Convention.....(3010345-9459)	Williamsburg, VA
17-19..	Pacetti's Marina, (SR 13/16)	Square Wheels
22....	Hot Dog Night.....	Joy Seas
24-27..	Florida State Convention(FL Federation Meeting).....	Lakeland
29....	Memorial Day Dance.....	Plus Fox
30....	Summer Casual Dancing Starts, 7 PM	River Ramblers

JUNE 2002

07....	Anniversary Dance (17th)	Hawaiian Luau Dance	Silver Fox
08....	Anniversary Dance (18th)		Teddy Bears
7-9...	Bulow RV Resort, Flagler Beach.....		Gypsy Sq
10....	'Oh My Papa' Fathers Day Dance.....		Yellow Rockers Plus
11....	Men's Cake Bake Dance		Dixie Dancers
11....	Father's Day Dance		Seabreeze Singles
12....	Father's Day Dance.....		Plus Fox
14-15.	Watermelon Festival		Chieffland
18....	Anniversary dance (27th)		Grand Squares
19....	Funny Hat Dance.....		Joy Seas
21-23..	Three Club Camp - Grand Lake RV Park, Cnty Rd 318	CLB 063, 128, 168	
24-29..	51st National Convention.....		St Paul, MN

JULY 2002

01....	'Lest We Forget' July 4th Dance		Yellow Rockers Plus
02....	Red, White & Blue Nite		Seabreeze Singles
5-7...	Grand Lake Resort, Orange Lake		Gypsy Sq
14....	Delegates Meeting		Piccadilly
17....	Hawaiian Night		Joy Seas
19....	Ice Cream Social		Silver Fox
19-21..	Two Club Camp - Grand Lake RV Park, Cnty Rd 318.....		CLB 018, 128
24....	Watermelon Dance.....		Plus Fox
25....	Pink Cadillac Dance		Moose Promenaders
29....	Fifth Monday Dance.....		Fun 'N Frolic

AUGUST 2002

2-4...	Bulow RV Resort, Flagler Beach.....		Gypsy Sq
12....	'Around The World in 80 Days' Dance		Yellow Rockers Plus
13....	Watermelon Fest.....		Seabreeze Singles
16-18..	Grand Lake RV Park, Marion Cnty Rd 318.....		Square Wheels
21....	Tacky Dress Dance.....		Joy Seas

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CALENDAR OF COMING SPECIAL EVENTS

AUGUST 2002 (Cont'd)

24.... Blue Bottom Day(Itchetucknee Spgs).....	Grand Squares
30.... All Singing Calls	Silver Fox
30-02. Recreation Plantation, Lady Lake.....	Gypsy Sq
30-31.. Knothead Konvention	Lakeland
31.... 5th Saturday Dance(FREE for NEFSARDA members).....	NEFSARDA

SEPTEMBER 2002

-02. Recreation Plantation, Lady Lake.....	Gypsy Sq
06.... Beginner Classes Start	Silver Fox
08.... Delegates Meeting.....	Piccadilly
09.... Anniversary Dance (11th)	Yellow Rockers Plus
12.... Special Larry Letson Dance.....	Moose Promenaders
12-14.. Myrtle Beach Ball	Myrtle Beach, SC
17.... Ice Cream Social	Seabreeze Singles
18.... Finger Food Night	Joy Seas
18.... Ice Cream Dance.....	Plus Fox
20-22.. Wild Frontier RV Park, Ocala	Square Wheels
21.... Anniversary Dance (21st)	Square Wheels
30.... Fifth Monday Dance	Fun 'N Frolic

OCTOBER 2002

4-5... Mid-America Jamboree.....(502 368-1006).....	Fairdale, KY
4-6... Bulow RV Resort, Flagler Beach.....	Gypsy Sq
08.... Chili Cookoff	Seabreeze Singles
16.... Hobo Party Night.....	Joy Seas
25.... Hobo Night	Silver Fox
25-26.. Fall Roundup	NWSARDA..... Defuniak Spgs.
25-27.. State Camp-O-Ree	Lake Okeechobee
28.... Hobo Dance(with Hobo Stew).....	Yellow Rockers Plus
30.... Halloween Dance.....	Plus Fox

NOVEMBER 2002

1-3... Lake Okalawaha RV Resort (Ft McCoy)	Gypsy Sq
1-3... O'Leno Hoedown, O'Leno St Park	Square Wheels
8-9.... Fall Fun Fest	WCSARDA..... Lakeland
10... FL Federation Meeting	Lakeland
15-16.. Fall Festival	NEFSARDA
22.... Can-Can Dance	Silver Fox
20.... Thanksgiving Dance	Joy Seas
25.... 'Scarecrow' Thanksgiving Dinner Dance	Yellow Rockers Plus
26.... Thanksgiving Dance.....	Seabreeze Singles

DECEMBER 2002

6-7... Gatlinburg Christmas Ball.....	Gatlinburg, TN
6-8... Grand Lake Resort, Orange Lake (12th Anniversary).....	Gypsy Sq
13.... Christmas Party(Toys For Tots)	Silver Fox
16.... 'Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree' Dance	Yellow Rockers Plus
17.... Christmas Party	Seabreeze Singles
18.... Christmas Dinner Dance	Joy Seas
18.... Christmas Dance.....	Plus Fox
31.... New Years Eve Dance	Silver Fox

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