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Linda Paulley Aldredge

As The Grapevine was going to press on October 16th, we learned of the death of Linda Aldredge during the night. Linda had been ill for a long time, and had courageously fought the cancer that had spread throughout her body.

We are reminded of a poem that says, "God saw she was getting tired and a cure was not to be; so He put His loving arms around her and whispered, "Come With Me..." Since details were not complete, a Memoriam will appear in the next issue.

We extend our sincere sympathy to her husband, Lonnie, her family, and her friends. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Charlie & Val Newsome, Editors

President's Message



I can't believe that another year is drawing to a close. We have had all the special dances, all the charity dances, all the conventions and are now looking forward to the holiday season.

One of the saddest parts of looking back over the past year is to think of those long time square dancers that we lost during the year. There are also several long time dancers that are unable to dance at this time, and we sure hope that each of them will be back dancing with us soon. It is impossible to replace these dancers with their experience, hard work, and loyalty to the art of Square Dancing and we surely miss them.

We are grateful that this year we seem to have a good cross section of new dancers taking lessons; thanks in part to the hard work of Ken Miller and those making and placing those great signs throughout the city. I know that Mandarin, Silver Fox, Rollaways, Moose, Seabreeze Singles and the River Ramblers have classes in process and are doing well. Let's be sure and make these new dancers feel welcome and encourage them to become the best dancers that they can be.

The one last event for this year is our



fantastic Fall Festival Fiesta on November 15th and 16th at Christ the King Church on Arlington Road. That's Friday evening and Saturday afternoon and evening. Thanks to Manny and Sherry Gonzales and their Committee this will be one of the best Fall Festivals ever. Where else can you dance to a national caller (Mike Sikorsky) and cuer (June Leverette) for \$10.00 for two nights. This has to be one of the year's best entertainment values, plus there will be door prizes, 50/50 drawing, an after party, fantastic food and plenty of fellowship.

We want to wish each of you safe and fun-filled holidays and come back next year refreshed for a year of good dancing.

Joe & Martha Hardcastle

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December 10, 2002.....	January-February, 2003 Issue
February 10, 2003.....	March-April, 2003 Issue
April 10, 2003.....	May-June, 2003 Issue
June 10, 2003.....	July-August, 2003 Issue
August 10, 2003.....	September-October, 2003 Issue
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From The Editors' Desk..

the number of persons taking lessons has increased this September. One club even says the dance floor is fuller of students than the club! Isn't that wonderful? We would like to extend our appreciation and say thanks to EVERYONE who helped get the "word out" about square dancing.

Since classes have just gotten underway, we did some research on articles about angels, classes, new dancers, etc. You will find several articles on these subjects in this issue. Please look for them.

It seems only yesterday that we were getting out the January 2002 issue, and here we are working on the final issue for the year! Time Flies...!

This year has had its ups and downs. The square dancing activity lost many of our members this year, and we have many more who are serious ill. We hope everyone will remember in your prayers those who are ill and the families of those who have lost loved ones.

We did not see the activity grow too much during 2002, but if the size of our 2002-2003 classes is any indication....just wait until graduation next Spring!! We are so pleased to see

We try to think POSITIVE about square dancing and continue to promote it as the best family and fun-filled activity to be found.

At this time, we'd like to take a moment to pause and thank all our subscribers and advertisers for their support during 2002. Without all of you we would have nothing to report, and therefore, no publication to print.

To all of you we send...

Best Wishes for a Thanksgiving Holiday with your family and friends; the Merriest Christmas ever, remembering the reason for the season!; and a prosperous New Year filled with good health!

And, may we all look forward to PEACE ON EARTH, and practice GOOD WILL TO ALL every day of our lives!





LETTERS, WE GET LETTERS.....

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

Dear Val and Charlie:

I just read in the **Bow & Swing** that **The Grapevine** was the #2 Over-All Square Dance Magazine in the country. I think that is **GREAT!** Congratulations!!

Barbara Harrelson

Editors' Note: Thanks for the congrats. Barbara & Laverne Harrelson are one of our best advertisers. They are the arrangers and hosts for the Jekyll Island Ball, Myrtle Beach Ball, and the Gatlinburg Christmas Ball, which are all fun weekends. Watch for their ads!

Dear Charlie & Val:

Thank you for sending us a complimentary copy of your nice publication. We enjoy reading all your news.

Thank you, too, for publishing the articles for our 2003 State Convention, and helping us promote all the things we are offering the dancers for this convention. Your cooperation is deeply appreciated.

Please accept our Congratulations for your Second Place Award as Best Over-All Square Dance Publication received at this past National Convention.

If, at any time, you have questions or suggestions that might be helpful to us, we would appreciate it -- just call or email us. Love and Yellow Rocks.

Joyce & Emory Johnson

Publicity Chairman

Editors' Note: Thanks for your kind words, Joyce & Emory. We'll continue to do all we can to promote Square Dancing on all levels. **Readers,** we do have ribbons for this year's convention -- You need to **buy yours now!**

Then came a nice item from a publication out of Kansas that we wanted to share with you. The *Travel On* is one of the publications on our Exchange List and is a favorite of ours. It was the #1 Over-All Publication and we wrote a letter of congratulations to the editors, Forrest & Pat Haskins, as did Paul & Nita Walker. In the last copy of the *Travel On* both letters were run with the following Editors' Notes.

"How gracious of Charlie & Val. We congratulate them on their second place award. We enjoy reading and sharing publications with **The Grapevine.**"

And to Paul and Nita they said, "Yes, Paul & Nita we remember you. We are even more thrilled that you remembered us. The honor you bestowed on us at the Press Breakfast in Charlotte can not be forgotten. Thanks for your kind note." They then added a P.S. that was bolded and said:

"To *Travel On* readers: The Newsomes and The Walkers are extremely gracious people who always put forth the effort to make someone else feel good. They are beautiful people to have for peers and friends."

We wanted our readers to know what some of our peers and friends in the publication world thought of **The Grapevine** and its last **two editors.** We must hasten to add...the feeling is mutual. There are many **GREAT** publications out there, with **editors** who put forth a tremendous amount of time, energy and effort into each publication. **WE SALUTE THEM ALL!**

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FEATURE ARTICLE

By Val Newsome

Meet Tom & Jean Moore



The Palatka Daily News at times devotes a full page Saluting Community Volunteers. In the August edition, the focus was on a square dance couple from River Ramblers. They were nomin-

ated by Dick Lee, President of the River Ramblers.

Most of Dick's words in his nomination follow, but I must admit I added a few comments of my own.

Tom & Jean Moore moved to the Palatka area in 1978 and started a construction business. They are very active in the Methodist Church and have served as officers for the local chapter of AARP.

They learned to square dance in Miami in 1962 and belonged to a club named the Seminole Squares. After moving to Palatka, they danced with a local club until it closed and have been dancing with the Bass Capital Squares in Georgetown.

They are very active with the Drift Around Camping Square Dance Club. Jean writes the newsletter under the pen name of "Snoopy" (you should see the things she writes!)... yes, Dick, I can attest to that, I used to get her newsletters and miss them very much. Maybe after this nice writeup Jean will put me back on her list? Tom is famous for his pancake breakfasts at the campouts (boy, are they good!)

Tom & Jean began dancing with the River Ramblers in East Palatka in 1978 and have been staunch supporters and vital

members of the club. Although they are both in their 70s and have been dancing for 40 years, they have more energy and vitality than some of the younger people. It's tough just to keep up with them.

Caller, Ernie Rollen and his wife, Frances, say they can always count on Tom & Jean for anything, especially as angels at classes. They are good dancers who have a lot of fun while supporting the activity.

Tom & Jean take on the responsibility of selling silent auction tickets at the "Square Em Up" for the Shriner's Kids Benefit Dance held by River Ramblers each year on the third Saturday in March at the Putnam County Shrine Club. They work diligently for this most worthwhile event which donates the proceeds to the Putnam County Shrine Club for the Children's Hospital.



FEATURE ARTICLE (Cont'd)

Through thick and thin, Tom and Jean are the most caring and compassionate people who always greet you with a smile.

I also know they support our State Convention every year, since I've sold them ribbons. Not only do they buy, but they encourage others to buy their ribbons also. Tom & Jean promote square dancing everywhere they go.

Dick's letter ended with an invitation to "join Tom & Jean for two free square dance lessons at 6:30 PM Thursday, August 29th, and Thursday, September

6th, at the River Ramblers Square Dance Club at the Putnam County Shrine Club on East Yelvington Road in East Palatka. Come and join the fun in a healthy, smoke and alcohol free activity."

Makes you wonder if that is why River Ramblers had a record turnout of 36 to start beginning square dance lessons!? And, I'll just bet that **Tom and Jean were there with a smile and a friendly greeting to all who came!**

Honor our Vets!

November 11th is Veterans Day



IN LOVING MEMORY **RAYMOND EARL CUNIO**

Raymond Earl Cunio, 75, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Palatka on Saturday, August 24, 2002.

He was born August 21, 1927 in Miami and joined the U.S. Navy during World War II. Earl also served in the U. S. Air Force as a crew member on B-29 aircraft. He participated in aerial photographic missions used to make detailed maps of Central America. After his service to the Nation, he

attended the University of Florida and graduated with a BS degree in Finance and Real Estate. Earl then returned to Miami where he met and married his wife, Ruth, who had recently immigrated to the U.S. from Sweden.

The couple moved to Daytona Beach where Earl worked as an appraiser with Security First Federal Savings and Loan. They moved to St. Augustine in 1975 where Earl worked as a real estate broker.

The couple moved to Palatka in 1998. Earl enjoyed traveling, square dancing and visiting with his children and grand children. He took pleasure in helping those less fortunate than himself and he did many hours of volunteer work for several organizations.

Earl is survived by his wife, Ruth; a brother, Robert Cunio, St. Augustine; two daughters: Carol Bunker, Orlando and Sandra Smith, Palatka and two grandchildren. A private service was held on Monday August 26, 2002. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to a favorite charity in Earl's name.

He will be sorely missed by his family and friends and our heartfelt sympathy goes to all who knew and loved him!

Dick & Jean Lee

Caller's Corner

SELLING SQUARE DANCING

By Vic Perry

(Reprinted from FED FACTS, 1989)

Although square dancing is a participation performance, as opposed to a spectator sport, dancers occasionally like to show off their favorite recreational activity on programs for seated audiences or for other dancers. It can be done effectively in several ways.

Sometime a spontaneous informal demonstration presents dancing just as it is done at a modern club dance, with dancers wearing regular square dance costumes. Another time, for a special occasion, a smooth-flowing exhibition of carefully selected and practiced movements choreographed with elaborate flourishes is staged to present pleasing precise geometric figures, with dancers wearing specially designed (often identical) costumes. Or perhaps authentic old-time figures danced in pioneer costumes are appropriate for the occasion, such as a historical pageant or program.

Which ever type of presentation is chosen, dancers and their caller should be aware that they are representing all square dancers. They should employ enjoyable showmanship, graceful square dance styling, good taste, and effective staging when displaying the rhythmic pleasure and team work of this popular recreation.

The movements should be carefully



chosen keeping in mind how it looks to the observer, rather than featuring the skill of the dancer in performing complicated maneuvers that may look like chaotic confusing to the non-dancers. The clean geometric lines of simple "star promenade" or "bend the line", done with exacting precision, are more pleasing to the spectator's eye than the most intricate mixture of "teacup chain" and "load the boat." A good exhibition has an eye-appealing balance among formations of stars, lines, squares, and circles.

The caller is an essential part of square dance exhibitions. Every effort should be made to have a "live" caller rather than a recording with a set call on it. The presence and voice of a caller add an extra dimension to the performance. A participation caller can exercise more leeway in choosing movements that are interesting to watch, and in case of mistakes, can change the call a bit and rescue the performance.

Have fun at your next demonstration dance, and remember you are the ones who are "SELLING" our great recreation.

(EDITORS NOTE: The above article, written by Kansas caller Vic Perry and published in 1989 it is still timely.)

GOD'S GIFTS

I think that we shall always see, God's gifts upon our Christmas tree;
You cannot touch them with your hand, yet they are there at your command.
There's joy and faith and hope renewed, there's laughter for a happy mood.
A time to think, a time to pray, there's gratitude for each new day.
The Christ idea with holy light, shines clear to make your pathway bright.
These things are yours, if you can see, God's gifts upon your Christmas tree!

Cuer's Corner

By Val Newsome



ROUND DANCING -- GIVE IT A TRY!, written by Paul & Shirley Brewer, and **reprinted from Square Notes**, might give some of you round and non-round dancers something to think about. The article goes like this:

"We have been teaching round dancing for over six years now and it has been an all new, different thing - a kid who didn't like school who would have thought?"

I enjoy teaching and we get a kick out of watching the progress. Sometimes I hear a groan when they are learning a new step or I see a look on their faces that says, do that. I'll never learn that, I have two left feet. In the beginning, some men feel very stiff and are afraid to hold their partner, so that dancing isn't comfortable. Relax!

Teaching people to first feel the rhythm and dance to the music while using hash cues helps them enjoy themselves and feel more at ease while learning. Before they know it, they are holding each other in a more relaxed manner and moving as one. I like to let the students know that I made mistakes just as they do and can joke about it. No one is perfect, so you pick up the next figure and keep going.

I teach the steps to the best of my

ability and try to present each figure in such a way that the students can relate to it. Floor time is a must. the more you dance the better you feel with it, so that each step is a little easier.

Sometimes new dancers are afraid to get up on the floor because they don't want to "mess up" in front of other dancers. They don't realize that those who are watching would be up on the floor if they could round dance and are probably saying, "They sure are having fun." Remember to put a smile on your face and have a good time. It may get someone else thinking that they might want to learn. We have a "teach" the first club night of the month and, subsequently, do a quick review if need be. I love music of all kinds, want to do it all and could teach every night of the week. We wish that everyone would get out and give this wonderful activity a try."

How about it? Ready to start classes now?

Round Dance Clubs in the area are First Coast Rounds and Touch of Class in Jacksonville, and Dixie Dancers Easy Rounds in Lake City.

ROUND DANCE CALENDAR

Nov. 1-3	O'Leno Hoedown (Square Wheels)	O'Leno St. Park
Nov. 8-9	Fall Fun Fest (West Coast Assn)	Lakeland, FL
Nov. 15-16	Fall Festival (NEFSARDA)	Jacksonville, FL
Dec. 7-8	Fall Weekend of Rounds	Plant City, FL
Dec. 12-14	Gatlinburg Christmas Ball	Gatlinburg, TN
Dec. 28-31	Holiday Round Dance Ball	Myrtle Beach, SC
Jan. 23-25	Florida Sunshine Festival	Lakeland, FL
Jan. 31-Feb 1	Jekyll Island Ball	Jekyll Island, GA
Feb. 14-15	Annual Blue-Grey Dance	Lake City, FL
May 23-25	49th Florida State Convention	Lakeland, FL
Jun. 25-28	52nd National Convention	Oklahoma City

QUARTERLY DANCES

TRADITIONAL DANCE OF THE QUARTER:

TAKE A LITTLE PEEK (Also called "Out to the Kitchen")

CONTRA OF THE QUARTER:

BROKEN SIXPENCE

ROUNDS OF THE QUARTER

PHASE 2:

Cario Mio II (W)..... Yasuyo Watanabe,STAR 128

PHASE 3:

Love's Cha Dorothy SandersSTAR 132

PHASE 4:

Gardenia Tango..... Casey & Sharon Parker .Columbia 13-33122

PHASE 5:

Together Hand In Hand (W) Bill & Martha Buck.....STAR 122

PHASE 6:

Switchin' In The Kitchen (J) Ron & Ree RumbleSTAR 172

Ten Commandments For Retaining New Dancers

(Submitted to the Club Leadership Journal by Forrest & Pat Haskins,
editors of TRAVEL ON)

1. The New Dancer is the most important person in our square. emotions like ours.
2. New Dancer is not dependent on us; we are dependent on him or her.
3. New Dancer is not an interruption of our dancing. He or she is the reason for our dancing.
4. New Dancer does us a favor when he or she joins our square. WE are not doing a New Dancer a favor by dancing with him or her,
5. New Dancer is a part of our activity; not an outsider.
6. New Dancer is not a statistic; but a human being with feelings and
7. New Dancer is not someone to criticize or blame for his or her style of dancing. He or she is generally doing it the correct way. Our style is the one that varies from the style taught.
8. New Dancer is a person who brings us his or her enthusiasm. It is our job to make him or her comfortable and not stifle his or her enthusiasm.
9. New Dancer is deserving of the most courteous attention.
10. New Dancer is the lifeblood of our square dance club.

THANK YOU!

I want to thank all of my Square Dance friends for the cards and phone calls I received during my recent back and leg problems. Hope to see you in a square real soon!

Ed Malin

CONTRA LINES

By Val Newsome

The following article has been reprinted from the **American Square Dance**, November 1998. It was written by Don Ward in his column titled **Contra Corners**.

Welcome to the exciting world of contra dancing. In response to requests about how to understand and use contra dances, this is the first in a series to guide you through a fascinating and enjoyable part of our square dance heritage. In this series we will cover, among other topics, "What is a Contra Dance," "Terminology," "Music" and "How to Call a Contra."

A contra dance is literally a dance in "contrary" or opposing lines facing each other. Its roots are to be found in the English Country dances.

In square dancing we have units of dancers called squares. In contras we call them "sets." A very simple contra set consists of any number of dancers facing a similar line of dancers. If all the men line up on the callers right and the ladies in a line on the callers left we call this a "proper" contra set. We find very few "proper" dances used today in the square dance activity. The majority of dances done by square dancers are from "improper" sets.

At a contra dance, dancers line up or "Form On" in proper formation. Then circles of two couples are made. One couple has their back to the caller, the other faces the caller (man facing man, lady facing lady). To make this an improper set all the couples with their backs to the caller, (we call them l's) trade places. This results in normal couples facing another couple. Drop hands and all face the center of the set, back away till you are arms length across from each other and you have an "Alternate-duple" contra set. It alternates along the line by gender and it happens with every other person. This explains how this formation derived its name.



Just as in squares we need some common directions to face. To face "Across The Set" we do exactly as it implies, face the opposite line of dancers. "Down The Set" directs us to face away from the caller. "Up The Set" is to face toward the caller. Some calls or callers use the word "Half" in place of "Set."

Contra sets are most manageable with no less than seven to nine dancers and not more than twelve to fifteen in each line. The length of the line determines how long it will take for the dancers to move from one end of the set, cross over and return back on the opposite side. With 128-132 BPM music it will take about thirty seconds to dance one sequence of the choreography. It is conceivable that with twenty dancers in each line it would take ten minutes of dancing to complete the loop. A ten minute dance is the norm at traditional contra dances with live music, while square dancers are used to three to four minute records.

In the next installment you'll be introduced to your first contra and how music plays a major roll in bringing the most dancing pleasure to a contra.
Editors' Note: If you haven't tried contra dancing, you can be introduced to it at the O'Leno Hoedown, November 1st and 2nd; or the Fall Festival "Fiesta" on November 16th. The prompter at both events will be Dennis Ricker, along with his partner, Angela Brown.

Camp N' Dance

By Gerry Fredrickson 269-9717

As you read this you should be getting ready for the 49th O'Leno Hoedown. The Square Wheels under the leadership of Bill and Mary Chesnut host the annual event. Bob Poyner and Bill Chesnut will be calling with Jack & Nell Jenkins on rounds. Dennis Ricker & Angela Brown will add contra to the available dance opportunities. The event is held at O'Leno State Park, High Springs, Florida, on November 1st & 2nd. If you're not a camper, there are motels close by. Call Mary Chesnut at 352-374-8582 if you'd like to join in with this event. This event enjoys a really good reputation for a great time.

Don't forget there is complimentary camping at the HOT HOT HOT Fall Festival in November. This year features Mike Sikorsky on Saturday evening with June Leverette cueing rounds. Don't miss the "Fiesta Time" on Friday evening or the after party on Saturday. Call Debra & Luther Delp at 641-0392 if you have questions

about the camping. Luther will have his "special" rates for you.

The Gypsy Squares will enjoy their November Weekend at Lake Oklawaha RV Park. They celebrate Thanksgiving at this campout on November 1st, 2nd, & 3rd. The Gypsies will be back at Grand Lake for their 12th Anniversary Dance and Christmas celebration on December 6th, 7th, & 8th. They would love for you to join in the festivities. John and Mo Barrett can't be beat. Keep up to date with the Gypsy Squares schedule and monthly details at <http://geocities.com/fansdc/gypsy>.

As mentioned earlier, the Square Wheels host their 49th annual O'Leno Hoedown on November 1st & 2nd. The Drift Arounds will also enjoy a campout at Lake Oklawaha on November 8th, 9th, & 10th. Jim and Margaret Cosman enjoy calling for this club.

See you dancing at a campground real soon!



*Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year!
Dave & Shirley
Nihart*



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IN STEP WITH. . .

Country, Clogging and Line Dancing

By Donna Robbins

What defines a beginner dancer? My definition is, having no more knowledge than knowing your right from your left! I think often instructors expect more than that from their students, which leads to frustration and anxiety, ultimately resulting in them giving up!

I've noticed that sometimes in 2-step class, students are being demonstrated the twirls before they have accomplished the basic step-step-quick step. Line dancers are being shown an entire dance routine before they can comfortably do a "grapevine."

If I haven't mentioned it before, we did go through a round dance class (70's- - Helen Ruis). John broke his

ankle (unrelated) mid-way, so I lost my partner (Helen filled in). I used to be able to dance most of the rounds until it advanced to Phase II, III, etc.

Square dancing is no different, dancers are pushed into "Plus" before they have a real good understanding of the basics, especially APD. I danced Mainstream for a good two years before I felt comfortable moving to the next level, and I'm a Caller's wife!

So, let's keep this in mind with our "new" dancers and not push them over the edge or out the door before they've enjoyed the experience of whatever dance they're into.

If you ever consider trying my class, I start you walking to the beat of the music. That can be quite a challenge!

Next issue, a write-up on the latest line dance craze! "LET'S ROLL!"

INSURANCE 2003

The insurance information is in for 2003. I have been honored to serve as your Insurance Chairman for 10 years, but since I am the Vice-President I am not able to keep the insurance chairman job. Rex McCaul had volunteered to take over the duties, but we were unable to transfer the job before Rex's untimely passing. Stephen Bigelow has kindly volunteered to take the job and I know he will do a wonderful job. I will always be happy to assist Stephen should he need any help, but I know he is very capable. The new cost of the insurance is \$3.00 per person. Packets will be handed out at the next NEFSARDA meeting November 3, 2002.

Anita Taylor



Season's Greetings

HOSPICE CHARITY DANCE

At the September NEFSARDA general meeting, it was decided that we should change the beneficiary of our charity dance from the Blood Bank to Hospice. As Stephen and Marie Bigelow are moving on to the Insurance Chair and as this was a charity dear to my heart, I volunteered to chair this event. Unfortunately, many of our dancers have had to avail themselves of this organization's help and we have another square dancer in the Hospice at this time. I was overwhelmed by the offer of help to make this event a resounding success. My heartfelt thanks goes out to those of you who have volunteered.

I made our plans known to Community Hospice this week and received a planning packet this morning. It was accompanied by a letter, part of which I wish to share with you. "I am excited to hear of your plans to host a Charity Dance on behalf of the Northeast Florida Square and Round Dancers Association to benefit Community Hospice of Northeast Florida. Fund-raisers like yours help us raise money to cover the unreimbursed medical expenses incurred from caring for the 600 adults and children we serve daily, many without the ability to pay." When Red and I were in the Hospice

program in 1989 it was a fledgling organization. When Tom and I were in the Hospice program at the beginning of the year, the number of people they were helping was in the lower 400's and by this time this year it is up to 600. So if you asking, where does our money go ... it will go to help keeping loved ones at home with expert nursing care, pain free and comfortable during their final days and, if necessary, at the Hadlow House (Hospice).

Our plans at the moment, will be for a benefit dance on March 1st, hopefully with area callers and cuers. Howard and Jettie Crowe have volunteered to be in charge of the silent auction and Jack and Kathy McKinney, the publicity. Pat Rist Joe Seelhofer, Faye and Jerry Wright have offered to help where necessary. I have received much from our community and by volunteering to Chair this committee, I feel that this has given me a way to pay my dues. Our committee is hoping that you will help us in our endeavor and open up your hearts and your pocket books to this cause.

In the meanwhile, put March 1, 2003, Hospice Charity Dance, on your calendar.

Kim Heffer

THANK YOU !

We would like to thank everyone for all the cards, calls and visits following Dave's surgery. It was so thoughtful of everyone and we appreciated it. We hope to be back dancing by the first of November.

Dave & Shirley Nihart



THE EDITOR SAID TO FILL THIS SPACE — SO I DID.

HAPPY

THANKSGIVING

CLUB VISITATION REPORT

Chuck & Aleen Breedlove, Chairmen

As of press time, visitation cards have been received for the following:

CLUB	# VISITS	CLUB	# VISITS
Rollaways.....	37	Seabreeze Singles.....	14
Teddy Bears.....	34	Joy Seas	9
Yellow Rockers +.....	26	Gypsy Squares.....	8
Moose Promenaders.....	24	Mandarin Marauders.....	8
Silver Fox	24	Fun 'N Frolic.....	7
Mainstream Squares.....	23	Square Wheels.....	1
Plus Fox.....	18		

Thanks to the above clubs for getting their cards to us. You have until **November 30th** to "go for the gold, silver or bronze".



Seasons Greetings

HANDS ACROSS THE SQUARE: The more you square dance, the more you realize that hands are more important than we thought. If you are uncertain and a hand is extended to you, it is a quick aid to get you going again. The touch of hands as lines or ocean waves are formed is important. We all must remember, We don't dance alone--we are part of a team. It does take "team" effort for all to be successful. **TOUCH THOSE HANDS!**



IN MEMORY

Albert G. (Gil) Edmunds 1923 - 2002

Gil Edmunds passed away Sunday, September 29, 2002 in a local hospital following a brief illness.

Though a native of McCormick, NC, he spent most of his life in Jacksonville. Gil was a graduate of Landon High School, a WWII Navy veteran and, after a 35 year career, retired from CSX. He was a member of the Glynlea Grace Methodist Church.

Gil was an avid Square and Round Dancer, holding membership in the Seabreeze Singles, Teddy Bear Squares and the Yellow Rockers Plus clubs, while dancing at the other clubs in the Northeast Florida Square And Round Dancers Association (NEFSARDA) area.

He is survived by his two daughters, Janette (Harris) McCollum and Nancy (John) Banister, four grandchildren, and his ex-wife and close friend, Wertie Jones Edmunds.

Our sincere sympathy is with his family and the many friends left behind! He will be missed by the Square Dance community!

The Editors

FIFTH SATURDAY DANCE

By Bud & Anita Taylor, Vice President, NEFSARDA

It seems like a long time since the Fifth Saturday Dance in August. The theme was United We Stand. Everyone was asked to wear red, white, and blue, and I am happy to say that it was a beautiful sight of these three patriotic colors. Thanks to the three clubs that hosted the night, MANDARIN MARAUDERS, MOOSE PROMENADERS, and the RIVER RAMBLERS. Thanks to all the dancers who attended. The callers and cuer also deserve a very special THANK YOU. The calling was handled most expertly by MIKE AKERS and JOHN ROBBINS. Lots of Yellow Rocks to MAGGIE TRIPP for her superb cueing and especially for traveling all the way from her home by herself. Tom was ill that night and we certainly hope he is feeling better.

I was fearful that the attendance would not be good because it was Labor Day Weekend, but I was pleasantly surprised to find the atten-

dance was quite good.

The dance was attended by 149 dancers. We also had in attendance 7 callers and their wives including Jack & Phyllis Herpy, Ken & Ginger Miller, Ernie & Frances Rollen, John & Donna Robbins, Lawton & Eleanor Smith, Mike Akers, and R. J. Hogan. We also had 1 cuer, Maggie Tripp. A special thanks to all of the callers and cuers for supporting the Fifth Saturday Dance. The Rollaways took the banner for having the most people and Yellow Rockers for having the second most people. The Mainstream Squares won the banner for having the highest number by percentage, and Mandarin Marauders for the second highest percentage. Congratulations to you all.

That's all folks for the Fifth Saturday Dances in 2002. Look for flyers on the Fifth Saturday Dances in 2003.



Caller John Robbins, cuer Maggie Tripp and caller Mike Akers share a "patriotic" moment near the lighted flag before the dance gets underway!



Banner winners were Mandarin Marauders (Judy Rodriguez), Mainstream Squares (Pat Rist), Rollaways (Virginia Bornhold) and Yellow Rockers + (Billy Luper).



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Saturday, December 14, 2002

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Dance at 8:00 PM

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REFRESHMENTS FOR THE "FALL FIESTA"

The Seabreeze Singles and the Rollaways will share the kitchen duties for the Fall Fiesta. Seabreeze will serve Friday night and the Rollaways will serve on Saturday night.

Each club will be asked to bring finger food on a designated night.

Friday Night

First Coast Rounds
Yellow Rockers Plus
Belles & Beaux
Mandarin Marauders
Seabreeze Singles
Plus Fox
River Ramblers
Vagabond Squares
Gypsy Squares
Mainstream Squares
Silver Fox Squares

Saturday Night

Fun 'N Frolics
Dixie Dancers
Grand Squares
Rollaways
Joy Seas
Moose Promenaders
Touch Of Class
Square Wheels
Teddy Bear Squares
Pogo Squares

Remember, the theme is Mexican if you want to bring a favorite Mexican dish to share, **but** whatever you bring will be enjoyed and appreciated.

Shirley, Smitty, and Joe

FALL FESTIVAL

When you get this Grapevine, it will be just a couple of weeks before the much anticipated Fall Festival event is here. We had our 3rd Fall Festival Meeting last week and all of the different committee chairpersons have done a great job on the preparations in order to make this festivity a great and joyous event. You don't want to miss this. Two nights of fun-filled events starting Friday with early rounds at 6:30 and the grand "Fiesta" starting at 7:00 P.M. There will be Mariachis singing, Mexican hat dance, breaking of the piñata, vendors selling anything from shoe shines to Mexican Jumping Beans. After that, under the direction of our Master of Ceremonies, Lawton Smith and the great callers & cuers of the Northeast will entertain you with 2 1/2 hours of good ole Square and Round dancing. On Saturday we will start our workshops at 1:30 P.M. with Round, Line and Contra dancing. At 7:00 P.M. we will start with early rounds and at 7:45 we will start the Grand March. At 8:00....., be ready because you will be Royally entertained by one of the greatest national callers in the U.S., Mike Sikorsky from Mesa,

Arizona and back by popular request, Florida's own June and Frank Leverette will be cueing for your Round dancing pleasure. To top it off, we are having a very funny After Party, directed by Harvey and Marylou, you won't want to miss this. All of this full fun-packed weekend for only \$10.00 if you buy your buttons now, otherwise, you will pay \$12.00 at the door. This is the best bargain for any square dancing event in the State of Florida. So please, get on the band wagon and purchase your buttons now, we guarantee you will have fun and a great time. All visitors are welcome and if they are non-dancers they get in free.

We have done well on our ad sales but not as well on buttons. We have raffle tickets for the "Sombrero full of Pesos", (\$100.00) and if you win it you get to keep the hat.

Let's not disappoint our committee chairs that dedicated their time and service to ensure that you will have fun at the Fall Festival. Show your appreciation by your attendance.

Thanks, ("Gracias")

Manny & Sherry Gonzales

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reason for the season"**



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&
Happy New Year**

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SATURDAY EVENING: 7:00 - EARLY ROUNDS, 7:45 - GRAND MARCH
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STITCHIN' TIME

By Val Newsome



At this time of year, when new dancers are looking for ways to build a square dance wardrobe,

almost all of them start with the circular skirt. For those who can sew -- even just a little bit -- the circular skirt can be changed with designs, ruffles, etc., and made quite quickly. It can also be inexpensive...choose a nice wrinkle free piece of material from Wal-Mart, make a pattern (see below) and you are set to get started. A pattern can be made by following these simple directions.

1. Use newspaper or a large sheet of the paper used by packers & movers. You can always piece it together with tape.
2. Take accurate measurements of your waist, and the length of your skirt, including the top seam and a narrow hem.
3. Subtract one inch from your waist measurement. For example: 28" waist minus 1" equals 27 inches. Divide that by 6 inches (27 inches divided by 6 inches equals 4 1/2 inches).
4. Fold a large sheet of paper in half. At the center (of the fold--see example) come down 4 1/2 inches and mark it. Then come down 4 1/2 inches at the other edge and mark it.
5. Make a circular line across from one side of the mark to the other. This will be the waistline.
6. From the line for the waistline, measure down each side for the desired length of the skirt. Draw this arc and cut on the line. (see example shown)

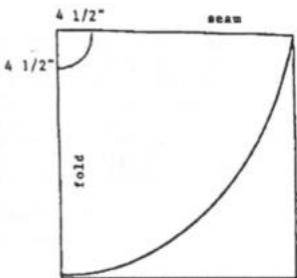
Be sure you include enough length to account for the hem and the top seam. This is half of your skirt pattern. Repeat for other half.

TO USE: Lay pattern out on a table (or floor) and see how much material is needed. The width of the fabric and length of the skirt will determine the amount each person will need.

The skirt will be made with seams at the sides. Many people leave enough room so that they can fold over the waist and insert elastic all around. If a zipper is put into the skirt, allow for a seam in the back half of the skirt (when cutting). A regular waistline "belt" may also be stitched to the top of the waist.

A pocket can be added to the right side seam if you so desire.

After the skirt is made and the "belt" attached, or the elastic style top stitched, allow the skirt to hang from the waistline for a day to allow it to stretch before marking your hem. A narrow hem is best and easiest to put in this full skirt.



November 28th

A day to give thanks!

WCSARDA's FALL FUN FEST

Hope you are all planning on being in Lakeland the week-end of Nov. 8th & 9th, 2002, for the 28th annual FALL FUN FEST we are planning on you for a great time. Don't dance yourself into the ground because we want to have a good after-party. We would like a skit or performance from each club in the West Coast area and if you are from another Association and want to contribute we would be glad to hear from you. It will be held at our Host Motel: Best Western Diplomat, 3311 US North 98, Lakeland, FL. 800-237-4699, please request FALL FUN FEST rooms.

Starting Friday night we will be having a full program from Mainstream to A1, and rounds phases II, III, IV. This is a great place for the new dancers to get their feet wet in attending a festival.

Why don't you encourage them and, even better yet, get them to come along with you. We have great Callers - Don Hanhurst and Larry Letson and on Rounds, Cuers Ruth & Des Cunningham and Sharon Roberts. Don't forget to check the board to see if you won a Door Prize.

The committee, headed up by Ken & Sue Brown, has been meeting regularly so you know that all the details are going to be taken care of. We would appreciate hearing from you if we could put an Ad in our program booklet. Any of the committee persons can help with this: Ken & Sue Brown, Penny Green, Elvin & Dolores Mahan, or Don & Ann Slocum

Ann & Don Slocum
anndonslocum@juno.com



IN MEMORY BRAD BULLEN

Brad Bullen passed away on June 26, 2002, he was 57. Brad was born in Long Beach, California and lived in Welaka for 14 years. He served in the U. S. Army and worked with AT & T as a communications engineer retiring after 30 years. Brad loved sailing, camping, fishing and square dancing.

He was a member and Senior Warden at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Welaka and a member of the River Ramblers Square Dance Club. Brad graduated in the class of May, 2002.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Gloria Bullen; son, Kenneth and granddaughter, Kenzie.

He will be sorely missed by his family and friends!

Dick & Jean Lee

WHAT I EXPECT FROM ANGELS

By Vic Perry

Dancers frequently ask me what I expect from angels, or state they feel their dancing ability is not good enough to be angels. These remarks are often said about five seconds before I'm ready to start a tip, so I never have time to respond properly. I decided to think it through and put my ideas in writing.

Be Friendly

The first thing I expect is that angels will be friendly. Angels should mix with student dancers between tips. Occasionally, student dancers will take lessons with more than one club. The club they decide to join will be the one that they find friendliest, the people they enjoy being with. Later in their dancing life, these same dancers may join clubs on the basis of the program, the talent of the caller, the proficiency of the members, etc., but at the moment, the new dancers select their club based on its friendliness.

Look For the Loners

Watch for the dancer or couple who always sits alone, perhaps behind a table (which acts as a shield), or a long distance from the refreshments. The people who get their refreshments and quickly sit down without chatting with others are probably shy and needs your friendship. The couple or dancer who is always last to get up for a tip probably feels they are not being accepted by the group (both angels and students), possibly because they feel they are not good dancers. These people need your friendship.

I like my angels to mix with the students during the dance, to take a student as a partner, without being reminded. Some people suggest the use of various gimmicks to mix angels and students (have all the angels form a ring and then have the students pick one as their angel for a tip, etc.). I don't believe in forcing dancers to do something they don't wish to do. I feel that once the angels know how I expect

them to help, they will be willing to mix without gimmicks or constant reminding.

Mixing with students doesn't mean just being partners with the "good" dancers (or the good-looking ones!), it also means being partners with those who have trouble remembering left from right. In fact, the harder it is for the dancer, the more they need your help and friendship, especially during the early weeks of lessons. You may find that a particular couple does not like to split up. They prefer dancing with their spouse. That's cool; let them, but give them company in their square.

Now, what about the dancing ability of the angels? I expect the angels to have learned how to listen, and that is all I really desire. Experienced dancers help better if they listen to the instructions given to the students. I don't expect the angels to be teachers. Angels can assist the new students better by pointing to where the students should go rather than pushing or pulling.

Dancers know that a caller doesn't want talking while teaching or calling a dance. Angels can help get this point across to the students by signaling to them to be quiet too.

All angels realize that caller's don't want angels doing any nonstandard movements that have not been taught - no hip bumps, no twirls, etc. These unorthodox moves only confuse the new dancers.

In summary, **"What Do I Expect of Angels"**: Be Friendly; Mix with students; Guide them with signals, no talking; Don't confuse them with gimmicky moves.

Most important of all - **BE FRIENDLY!** Remember - "No Matter What Happens, Keep Smiling!"
(Editors' Note: Reprinted from the March, April & May 2002 issue of *TRAVEL ON*, Kansas City, Kansas.)

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TWO TALENTED LADIES

By Val Newsome

There are many talented ladies in the Northeast, but we'd like to introduce you to a couple whose talents seem to have no end. They have both been generous in their donations to the fund raising efforts of the 51st Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention.



Jane Raymond and her husband, Bob, hold the handmade bunnies Jane made and dressed in patriotic square dance attire. The bunnies were donated to the Silent Auction at the Benefit Dance for the 51st State Convention. Bob & Jane presented the bunnies to Charlie & Val Newsome, General Chairman of the 2005 Convention, at a Yellow Rockers Dance. Those of you who attended the dance on September 29th, know that the bunnies were a hit -- bringing in a record \$46.00. Jane also donated three collars to the auction and they were also a big hit with the ladies, particularly the "hot pepper" one.

Margie Elliott has donated a handmade Navajo Indian Afghan to be raffled soon which will benefit the 2005 Convention.

At a recent Silver Fox dance, she presented it to Val Newsome, General Chairman, and Kathy McKinney, Publicity & Ads Chairman who is also assisting with fund raising. It's lovely and we are sure you will want to buy several raffle tickets for this prize.

We anticipate getting this raffle

The colors are red, white, gray & black



underway after the Fall Festival. We will be taking it around to the dances, as we did the bunnies, so that you can see how nice it is.

PUT PREVENTION INTO PRACTICE

Reprinted from The Pulse, Fall 2001

Did you know that if the health effects of exercise could be made into a pill, it would be the most widely prescribed medication in the world? Unfortunately an "exercise pill" does not exist, but you can still reap the benefits through your own regular exercise routine. Consider the many positive effects of physical activity:

1. Reduces risk of heart disease
2. Helps lift mood.
3. Lowers blood pressure.
4. Protects against some cancers.
5. Bolsters the immune system.
6. Helps relieve stress.
7. Helps maintain bones and joints.
8. Reduces risk of developing diabetes.
9. Helps weight loss.
10. It's fun!



Exercise can be fun! Select activities that you like to do, such as tennis, walking your dog, swimming, gardening, **dancing**, etc. Aim for at least 20 minutes of exercise 3 to 5 times per week. Perhaps you'd enjoy exercising with a friend or family member, making it more of a social event. Or be adventurous -- do a variety of exercises so you don't get bored, and occasionally try a new activity on a weekend.

Editors' Note: Square Dancing is a good form of exercise! So, GO DANCING!!



IN MEMORY

EARL C. WAGNER

Earl Wagner, 75, of St. Augustine, died August 8, 2002, at his residence. Private services were held.

He was born in New Orleans, La., and had resided in St. Augustine for the past 18 years, moving there from New Jersey. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U. S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Valley Forge. Earl worked as an industrial glass blower for Thiokol Chemical Company and

Bendix Corporation. Some of his work is installed on the Hubble space telescope.

Earl enjoyed square dancing and was a member of the Joy Seas Square & Round Dance Club.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Genevieve "Gen" Wagner, also of St. Augustine, and a sister, Pearl Weaver of Gretna, La.

We extend our deepest sympathy to "Gen", his family, and his many friends.

John & Mary Burgo

The Rollaways

Every Tuesday

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

Club:8:30-10:00 PM

Dancing Mainstream with Announced Plus.
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CALLER: Ken Miller

CUER: Lisa Noe

LINES: Pat Rist

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WHAT'S COOKING?

By Val Newsome

As we travel to different places and dances, we find some very good food. I usually try to remember to find out who made certain dishes so that I can pass them along to our readers. Here's a few I think you'll really enjoy. Teri Peck of Gypsy Squares gave me the first one.



ECLAIRE CAKE

1 Cup water
1 Cup Flour

1/4 Lb (1 stick) of Oleo
4 Eggs

Boil water, add oleo. After oleo melts, add flour and remove from heat. Mix well. Add one egg at a time until well mixed. Put the batter in a 9X13" greased pan and bake at 350 degrees for about 20-25 minutes, or until golden brown. (Crust will be puffy and will sink down a little.) When crust has cooled, add filling. To make filling, put 2 packages of instant vanilla pudding, 3 cups milk, and one 8 ounce cream cheese (which has been softened) in pan and mix well. Pour into crust and refrigerate 4 hours or overnight. Before serving, put one 12 ounce container of cool whip on top and drizzle hershey's syrup OR fresh strawberries on it.

The next recipe comes from Bob & Jane Raymond and I've eaten the pudding on two separate occasions at Yellow Rockers....It's always good!

BANANA PUDDING

3 sm pkgs instant pudding (2 vanilla and
1 banana)
4 Cups milk
1 Tsp vanilla

12 oz. Cool Whip
8 oz. sour cream
5 - 7 large bananas
1 Box vanilla wafers

Mix pudding, milk and vanilla. Add sour cream and 1/3 of the Cool Whip. Mix well. Use 2 medium square pans or one large (15 1/2" x 9"). Layer vanilla wafers, sliced bananas (half of them) and half of pudding. Repeat. Frost top with remaining Cool Whip. Best if made night before. Keep refrigerated. Serves 16 to 24.

This last recipe we got when we attended the Dixie Dancers' picnic. There were so many good dishes that I couldn't decide what I wanted when I went after my "seconds". Barbara Beekman shared her recipe for Baked Tomatoes, a delicious dish!

BAKED TOMATOES

1 Pint tomatoes (2 cups)
1/2 Cup sugar
3 slices bread (break into small pieces)

Sprinkle with 1/8 tsp cinnamon, 1/2 tsp salt, and 1/4 tsp pepper

Mix all together and pour into a buttered baking dish. Dot with a little butter. Sprinkle the top with just a little sugar. Bake at 350 degrees until bubbly and the crust is golden brown (about 1 hour).

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED RECIPES THIS ISSUE!!



DEMOS..DEMOS..DEMOS!

By Jack & Kathy McKinney, Publicity Chairman

Square Dancers "Capture" Moose

On September 11, 2002, one year after the terrible tragedy in New York, the residents at the Moosehaven Retirement Home in Orange Park wanted to show their patriotism and commemorate the event. They came out in full force dressed in their red, white, and blue.

John Wall, with several square dancers "captured" the audience with some square dance tips, line dancing, and round dancing. The residents were very enthusiastic as they joined the dancers on the dance floor to learn several square dance movements.

John explained some of the history of square dancing and did an excellent

job of involving the residents in several dances. In fact, they did almost as well as we did! Many of them have been former dancers. And many still do line dances at their facility. They were very excited about possibly starting regular square dancing at their facility. John Wall is more than happy to be there for them. He is in contact with the activity director at this time to follow up on their request.

They were most appreciative of our attendance and would love to have us visit them again. Perhaps they will teach us some new things!

It was a very memorable and enjoyable event!



John Wall sets the pace for the Moosehaven demonstration!

"Western" Day at Elmcroft at Timberlin Park

We had as much fun as one could possibly have. They had it all Country Western Singer, clowns, pony rides, face painting, a great BBQ and US! And boy did the crowd love it! This is the second annual Hoedown for Elmcroft. When they invited us again, we were more than happy to come ... we knew how much fun we had last time. And ... the smiles it brought to the faces of the residents is all the reward we could possibly ask for!

We want to thank all the northeast

dancers who came out to support such a wonderful event. And our caller Jack Herpy did a superb job! His singing calls were as great as always ... and he even did some patters ... way to go Jack! To give the audience a variety, Jack led some line dances and played some round dance records.

Not only were the residents happy to have us, but they had a lot of family, staff, and neighborhood visitors stop by for the occasion. This was a very very good way to show people that

"Western" Day at Elmcroft (Cont'd)

square dancing is available all through Jacksonville.

As Publicity Chairman, we would love to see more of this type of promotion throughout Jacksonville. We want

EVERYONE to get the word ... we are here and we want YOU!

Again, thank you soooooo very much to the dancers who came out to help promote square dancing.



Jack Herpy called for the Square Dancing at Elmcroft's "Western Day"!

Lillian Barksdale, a resident of Elmcroft, watches the dancing with her dog, Teka!



Line Dancing was a hit at the Western Day event!



2002
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to All!

Carl and Doris Raines





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Macie Jackson 693-2619**

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

PROCLAMATION:



Jack & Kathy McKinney, NEFSARDA Publicity Chairman, made arrangements for a trip to the Mayor's office to receive the Proclamation for September as Square Dance Month. Accepting the Proclamation from Mayor John Delaney is NEFSARDA President Joe & Martha Hardecastle. A copy of the City Proclamation as well as a copy of the State of Florida Proclamation signed by Governor Jeb Bush is shown on the next two pages.



Happy Holidays
To Everyone!

*Dot & Tom
Hidding*

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND LOTS OF
GREAT DANCING
IN THE
NEW YEAR



Joe & Martha Hardecastle

A TIME TO REMEMBER,
A TIME TO REFLECT,
A TIME TO SHARE,
A TIME TO LOVE,
*Jack & Kathy
McKinney*

*Best Wishes For the
Holidays and for
Health and Happiness
Throughout the Year*

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Square dancing is one of the oldest forms of recreation in America, having initially helped pioneers ease the hardships of frontier life through colonial times and in the Old West; and

WHEREAS: This healthy folk dance has sustained widespread popularity throughout the centuries, and is still intensely popular today; and

WHEREAS: Folk and square dance play an integral role in American art and culture; and

WHEREAS: This wholesome physical exercise and cultural activity offers a valuable antidote for the tensions and pressures of modern-day life; and

WHEREAS: Square dancing is a family-oriented activity enjoyed by individuals of all ages; and

WHEREAS: Square dancing has been designated as the official Folk Dance in the State of Florida; and the various square dance associations throughout the United States and Canada, including the Northeast Florida Square and Round Dancers Association, are celebrating the month of September as National Square Dance Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN A. DELANEY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of Jacksonville do hereby proclaim September, 2002 as

SQUARE DANCE MONTH

and invite all citizens to recognize square dancing and its many important benefits which enhance the quality of life for those who participate in this outstanding recreational and cultural art form.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 24th day of September
in the year Two Thousand Two


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA





JEB BUSH
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Square Dance Month

WHEREAS, square dancing is one of the oldest recreational heritages of the American people; and

WHEREAS, this folk art has enjoyed a sustained and widespread popularity through the centuries, and interest is still intense today; and

WHEREAS, folk and square dances are an integral, important, and expressive part of American art and culture; and

WHEREAS, square dancing eased the danger and hardships of life on the frontier; and

WHEREAS, the outgoing social exercise of this wholesome physical and old-time cultural activity offers a valuable antidote for the tensions and pressures created by the conflicts of modern American life; and

WHEREAS, the various square dance associations throughout the United States and Canada, including the Florida Federation of Square Dancers and the Florida Callers Association, will celebrate the month of September as National Square Dance Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeb Bush, Governor of the state of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all participating in *Square Dance Month*, September 2002.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have hereunto set my hand
and caused the Great Seal of
the state of Florida to be affixed
at Tallahassee, the Capital, this
27th day of May in the year
of our Lord two thousand two.




GOVERNOR

With Our Recent Sick

Kitty Boyceillness
 Ted Courtney.....illness
 Joe & Norma Elliott.....illness
 Hollis Fowlereye surgery
 Elizabeth Hartley.....surgery
 Tom Hidding.....illness
 Nedra Johnson.....illness
 Elaine Kutchmansurgery
 Don Largent.....illness
 Judy Largentillness
 Mary Ann Lawrence.....eye surgery
 Ed Malin.....illness
 Preston Maysillness
 Woody Mays.....illness
 Bill McNeese.....illness
 Tom Miller.....illness
 Marylou Mortonsurgery
 Ivy Phillipssurgery
 Hannelore Registerillness
 Bill Schnippert.....illness
 Bill Stanton.....illness



Diane Stewartsurgery
 Harry Stewart.....surgery
 Betty Smithillness
 Walt Smith.....illness
 Anita Taylor.....foot surgery
 Gen Wagnersurgery
 Ann Whiteillness
 John Wilderillness
 Helen Williams.....eye surgery
 Barbara Winter.....surgery

We understand **Monica Knieram** is progressing very nicely following her kidney transplant. We are so happy to have you home! Many prayers have been answered!

Get well soon! We miss all of you!

Some are improving and may even be back dancing, but these are people who were added to the Sick List after the last issue of The Grapevine. We apologize if someone's name was omitted. We continue to ask everyone to let us know of anyone who is ill or had a death in their family. Thanks!

Sincere Sympathy Is Extended To . . .



Rose Larsen, whose mother, Jewell Garrett died recently.
 Lynn Lyons, who recently lost his mother.
 Preston (& Ellie) Mays, whose daughter passed away unexpectedly
 Faye Wright, whose mother in North Carolina died in September.
 Bobbie Luke, whose mother died in September.
 Marvin Simpson, who lost a nephew recently.

Cards and Prayers are always welcome.



**HAPPY
 THANKSGIVING**

How Do You Treat Your New Dancers?

By John Charman

(This is a Press release from Legacy. John Charman, 1225 Millburn Crescent, Cumberland, ON K4C 1C9 canada)

These are the people who will keep Square Dancing alive in the years ahead. Do you treat them as such? One of the things I often hear about new dancers is that they are Not Square Dancers until they have completed a Plus workshop. Sorry, but they are Square Dancers from the first moment they get up to participate in the first session that they attend.

We believe, and practice, that the new dancers are very special.

We advertise and promote Square Dances as "friendship set to music." Where is the fun and friendship when they are pushed through the Basic and Mainstream programs as fast as possible so that they can get into Plus and become "real" members of the club?

So, I will outline a few of the things that we do in our clubs to make the new dancers feel welcome and part of the Square Dance scene from the first night we meet them.

Do you have some couples at the door to greet them as they arrive each evening? Don't let them just come in and have no one talk to them. Arrange in advance for a couple of couples to be there at the door to welcome them. Have someone make up name tags for them. At the end of the evening, make sure you say goodbye to them, ask if they had a good time, and see you next week?

We have a party night after the first three nights to welcome all the new members. The rest of the club

(Mainstream & Plus) bring goodies; we dance for while and then we socialize. What better way for the new dancers to get to know the experienced dancers, and vice versa.

Request that the experienced dancers attending do not wear fancy square dance dress. Something plain and simple should be the rule for the first few weeks. If people come in and see you angels dressed to the nines, they will feel that they have to buy all this stuff, which is not true.

I make sure that the dancers do not dance with their original partner most of the evening. I find that this helps the dancer to learn quicker and they get to know the other people in the group so much faster. This helps to cement the group together. They also make friends that much quicker. When they make friends, they like to come back and enjoy each other's company.

We take a full year (September through April) to teach the first 50 Basics. Then another year to teach Mainstream. We also encourage the second year dancers to come out and dance with the new dancers; this then gives them two years at Basic at the same time they learn their Mainstream moves. There is no charge to come out the extra night. Dancers pay one fee to join the club, so Plus dancers can get three nights for the price of one!

During the year we try to have a club party once a month. Fun is what Square Dancing is all about, not learning and learning and leaning.

FUTURE NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

June 25-28, 2003	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 23-26, 2004	Denver Colorado
June 22-25, 2005	Portland, Oregon
June 21-24, 2006	San Antonio, Texas

CHRISTMAS CARDS

While Christmas cards are taken for granted today as one of the most established of holiday customs, their use only dates back to the last century. With the advent of the Industrial Revolution, which made possible the mass production of printed matter, and the invention in Britain of the 'penny post' in 1840 allowing people to correspond with family and friends inexpensively, the stage was set for the creation of the Christmas card.

The date of the first Christmas card is probably 1843, when Sir Henry Cole

asked John Calcot Horsley to design an illustrated card containing greetings of the season. This card depicted three scenes. Two involved charitable deeds, the giving of garments and food to the poor. The third showed a family celebration, with each member toasting the occasion with a glass of wine. One thousand copies of this card were printed and sold.

The first step taken in what has become an extremely profitable business venture and a holiday time tradition, over 150 years young, shows no sign of waning in popularity.

Happy Holidays
to all our Square
Dancing friends!

The Joy Seas



Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year

*Chuck &
Linda*



CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

The custom of hanging stockings on the mantel to receive small gifts originated with St. Nicholas, the Turkish version of our own Santa Claus. Long ago, St. Nick was supposed to have provided dowries

for the three daughters of a poor nobleman. He threw bags of money through their windows (in one version, down the chimney), where the gifts happened to fall into a stocking that was hung out to dry by the fire.

**NORTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCERS
ASSOCIATION**

2002 CLUB MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

DANCE PROGRAM CODE:

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

SUNDAY

FIRST COAST ROUNDS: "R" Every Sunday. Beginners Class 6:00 - 7:30 PM; Club Phase II & III, 7:30-8:30 PM; Club Phase III & IV 8:30 - 9:30 PM. Peace Presbyterian Church, 2300 Southside Blvd. Cuer-Instructor: Lisa Noe Wall. Contact: Lisa & John Wall, 904 241-0384.

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

DIXIE DANCERS: "P/R" Every Tuesday. Dance 8:00-10:00 PM. Teen Town, 312 N. 6th St., **Lake City.** Caller: Bill Chesnut 352 374-8582; Cuer: Maggie Tripp 352 493-0853 OR Ralph Beekman 386 752-2544. Contact: Ouida Taylor 386 755-7248.

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. Class 7:00-8:30 PM, Club Dance 8:30 - 10:00 PM. Italian-American Club, Westberry Rd. Caller: Lawton Smith 904 389-3349. Contact: Rob & Jennie Harris 904 731-0795

ROLLAWAYS: "M/P/R/L" Every Tuesday. Class 7:00-8:30 PM, Club Dance 8:30-10:00 PM. Sandalwood High School. Caller: Ken Miller 904 268-4492. Contact: Virginia Bornhold 904 744-7181.

SEABREEZE SINGLES: "M/P" Every Tuesday. Class 7:00-8:30 PM Club 8:30- 10:00 PM. Peace Presbyterian Church, 2300 Southside Blvd. Caller: Jim Cosman 912 882-4006. Contact: Shirley White, President, 904 388-1463 OR Freda Story, Banner Chmn, 904 886-2672. **Art Wilson will be calling November 12th & 19th.**

WEDNESDAY

JOY SEAS: "M/P/L/R" Every Wednesday. Class 7:00 - 8:00 PM Club Dance 8:00- 9:30 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. **Effective December 2nd, the club will meet on Mondays, same times.**

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W E D N E S D A Y (Cont'd)

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 November 27th, December 25th or January 1st!**

T H U R S D A Y

MOOSE PROMENADERS: "P/L" Every Thursday. Class 7:00-8:30 PM, Club Dance 8:30-10:00 PM. 5051 Collins Rd., Moose Lodge, Orange Park. Caller: Art Wilson 904 225-5674. Contact: Wendell Spears, 904 264-5024, Pat and Johny McCabe, Banner Chmn. 904 771-6647. **NO DANCE DECEMBER 26th.**

RIVER RAMBLERS: "M/P" Every Thursday. Class 6:30-8:00 PM Club 8:00-10:00 PM. 112 Yelvington Rd., **East Palatka** (Just off US 17, Approx. 1/2 mile So of SR207) (Putnam County Shrine Club). Caller: Ernie Rollen 904 282-2335. **No Dance December 26th or January 2nd**

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

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

F R I D A Y

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 - 8:30 PM; Club Dance 8:30 - 10:00 PM. Peace Presbyterian Church, 2300 Southside Blvd. Caller: John Wall 904 241-0384.

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

SILVER FOX SQUARES: "P/R" Every Friday. Class 7:00-8:30 PM; Club Dance 8:30-10:00 PM. Jax Heights elem. School, Caller: Ernie Rollen 904 282-2335. Contact: Bud & Diane German, 904 781-1532 **No Dance November 15th or 29th!**

S A T U R D A Y

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: Ed & Gloria Malin 904 642-2386. **Art Wilson will be calling December 14th.**

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

SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CLASSES IN PROGRESS

BEGINNING SQUARE DANCE

Tuesday

MANDARIN MARAUDERS: 7:00-8:30 PM. Italian-American Club,
Westberry Rd. Caller: Lawton Smith 904 389-3349. Contact: Rob & Jennie
Harris 904 731-0795

SEABREEZE SINGLES: 7:00-8:30 PM. Peace Presbyterian Church, 2300
Southside Blvd. Caller: Jim Cosman 912 882-4006. Contact: Shirley White,
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1532

ROUND DANCE LESSONS

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Ralph Beekman 386 752-2544.



**49th Florida State Square
and Round Dance Convention
May 23, 24, 25, 2003
Lakeland Center -- Lakeland, Florida
FOLK DANCE THE KEY IN 2003**

We are enclosing several flyers along with clip art and would like for you to use whatever you can to help us get the information out.

Thanks so much for all you can do to help us promote the 2003 Florida

State Square and Round Dance Convention.

Your Very Excited Psychics,
Joyce & Emory Johnson
Publicity Chairman

DELUXE TRANSPORTATION

Groups will depart on Wednesday, May 21, 2003 and return home on Monday, May 26, 2003. Routes will be confirmed as requests are received. Prices include roundtrip transportation, plus five nights lodging at the Baymont Inn (right next to Cracker Barrel and Applebee's). Coaches will be used for transporting back and forth to the convention at staggering times. Coaches will be available on Thursday for tours to Busch Gardens, Florida Aquarium or Cypress Gardens according to expressed interest.

Prices for side tours based upon number participating.

Clubs, Families, Friends, this is an opportunity to revive the camaraderie which is an important ingredient of this activity.

Sit back, relax and enjoy the 2003 Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention.

Why not invite a non-dancing friend to see what it is that draws us together? Special activities are planned for the newcomers on Sunday afternoon. (see flyers for rates and more information.)

2003 SEW AND SAVE

- Sewing Machine & Serger Demonstrations
- Light Tables For Tracing Patterns
- Repair Room
- Seminars
- How To Make a Memory Vest, by Shirley Walker
- Beautiful Jacket Logos, by Dottie Bostick
- Make a Petticoat, by Joyce Skinner
- Fabric Painting (the latest techniques)
- Jewelry making
- Embroidery for square dancing
- Using the waistband machine
- Making ruffles with the ruffling machine
- Hourly door prizes
- Many give-aways (sewing kits, pin cushions, patterns, jewelry cases, needle holders, leather badge holders, and much more!!!)

Major door prizes are: 8 square dance dresses (size 8 through size 22), vests, knitted capes and much more!!!

Penny Voissem

MYRTLE BEACH BALL

By Val Newsome

Quite a few dancers from the Northeast attended the 26th Annual Myrtle Beach Ball in Myrtle Beach, SC, September 12th-14th. The event was held at the Convention Center with Tony Oxendine, Jerry Story, and Johnny Preston on squares and Curt & Tammy Worlock cueing rounds.

We hear the weather was beautiful and that the attendance was up, making for a great weekend. That's good news!!

Barbara & Laverne Harrelson do a

great job putting this weekend together for the dancers. She tells me that some changes are being made for the 2003 Myrtle Beach Ball -- it will be later in September, around the 25th-27th. The change will probably mean cheaper rates for the dancers, but everything is not worked out yet. She will have a flyer out later and it will be in The Grapevine, so watch for it.

If you haven't been to Myrtle Beach, mark your calendar now and watch for more info.

First Day of Winter



December 21st

IN MEMORY BILL TALMADGE

In late September we received news of the death of Bill Talmadge on Monday, September 23rd at 1:15 PM. We passed the word to many of you, but wanted to get the news out to those we missed.

A memorial service was held for him on Saturday, October 12th in St. Cloud, followed by a social at the Senior Center that same day. During the last six weeks of his life he had been in 4 hospitals and a nursing home, and spent his last 12 days in ICU. We know that he is now in a heavenly place and is no longer in pain and suffering.

Bill was co-editor, along with his wife, BettyLee, of the "Dancin' News", a square dance publication out of central Florida. BettyLee had been undergoing some medical problems herself during this past year, but we understand she is doing fine.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, BettyLee; three brothers, George (Kay), Dan, and Robert; two sisters, Evelyn, and Ann Eldred; one son, Kevin; six daughters, Trici (Neil) Trainer, Anne (Tim) Petrella, Pamela, Lauren, Lisa, and Carolyn; step-daughters, SusanElaine (Harry) Packer and Kathy Reid; Step-son Bob Adams; and five grandchildren.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to BettyLee at 8827 Megan Lane, Orlando, FL 32836, and/or donations in his memory may be made to the Good Samaritan Nursing Home, 1500 Southdate Drive, Kissimmee, FL 34741.

He, along with BettyLee, had been a staunch supporter of the square dance activity for many years, and he will be greatly missed.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to BettyLee, SusanElaine, his family and his many friends.

The Editors

GATLINBURG CHRISTMAS BALL

Gatlinburg, Tennessee



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HALL B: A-1 & A-2

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ENJOY FESTIVITIES OF GATLINBURG'S ANNUAL WINTER FEST



52nd National Square Dance Convention
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 25, 26, 27, 28, 2003

"The Heartland is the Place to be in 2003!"

OKLAHOMA FACTS AND FIGURES

Population: 3,258,000

Area: 69,919 square miles (18th in size in United States).

Cities: Oklahoma's two most populous cities are Oklahoma City (463,201 residents) and Tulsa (374,851). The next largest cities are Norman (87,290) and Lawton (86,028).

Highest Point: Black Mesa in the Panhandle, 4,973 feet.

Lowest Point: East of Idabel in southeast Oklahoma, 287 feet.

Geography: Oklahoma has more man-made lakes than any other state, with over one million surface acres of water and 12,000 miles of shoreline. Oklahoma's four mountain ranges include the Ouachitas, Arbuckles, Wichitas, and the Kiamichis. Forests cover approximately 24 percent of Oklahoma. Oklahoma has 12 distinct ecosystems, from tall grass prairie to cypress swamps to sand dunes. Only one state has more, Texas with 13 ecosystems.

Products: Oklahoma ranks fourth in the nation in the production of all wheat; fourth in cattle and calf production; fifth in the production of pecans; sixth in the production of peanuts and eighth in peaches.

Name: The name Oklahoma comes from the Choctaw Indian words "okla," meaning "people," and "humma" meaning "red." The name literally means "red people."

Native America: Oklahoma has the second largest Native American population of any state. Many of the more than 252,000 (8% of the total population) American Indians living in the state are descended from 67 tribes who inhabited Indian Territory. Tribal headquarters for 39 tribes are in Oklahoma. The city of Tulsa ranks second in the United States for total number of American Indian residents with more than 48,000. Oklahoma City ranks fourth in the national with more than 45,000 American Indian residents.

African Americans: The history of African-Americans in Oklahoma is a story unlike any to be found in the United States. African-Americans came to the region as cowboys, settlers, gunfighters and farmers. By Statehood in 1907, African-Americans outnumbered both Indians and first- and second-generation Europeans. They created more all-black towns in Oklahoma (28) than in the rest of the country, produced some of the country's greatest jazz musicians and led some of the nation's greatest civil rights battles. Many arrived in the 1830s as slaves belonging to the Five Civilized Tribes. They traveled with the tribes over the tragic Trail of Tears from the eastern United States to what was then known as Indian Territory.

COME TO THE 52nd NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION IN OKLAHOMA CITY IN 2003 AND ENJOY THE MUSIC OF THE GHOST RIDERS.

51st Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention

Before we bring you up-to-date on the workings of the Committee and what you can expect in the coming future, we would like to make a few comments about the fund raising Benefit Dance for the 2005 Convention.

We have received many phone calls, notes, and emails about the event. Everyone has told us what fun the dance was, including the Sundaes (which were a big hit!), and the fun they had outbidding each other on the gift certificates, theme baskets, and other items. The dance was great because of our Caller Coordinator & M.C. for the afternoon, Bill Chesnut, and Cuer Coordinator, June Leverette. We must also include the other callers and cuers...Ernie Follen, Lawton Smith, Ken Miller, Art Wilson, John Robbins, Lon Ligon, Jim Cosman, Mike Akers, and Maggie Tripp. They really kept things lively.

The **HOSTS** for the afternoon were the **CONVENTION CHAIRMEN** and they were all super! So, while we appreciate and thank you for your nice comments, **please don't forget** to thank all the callers, cuers, and committee chairmen who helped make this a great social afternoon for you.

We believe the "Sundaes On Sunday" Benefit Dance on September 29th was a huge success! And, if you want to know why, here's the reason. **Northeast Callers, Cuers, and Dancers came together** to promote the 2005 Convention - to join together to promote square dancing - to enjoy an afternoon social affair that included non-stop dancing, sundaes, silent auctions, and more! No one thought about how they, individually, were going to prosper in any way...just that they were joining together, not only to **PROMOTE** square dancing, but to help begin preparations to **HOST** a

great State Convention in 2005!

We were overwhelmed with the response from everyone. Clubs and dancers came through with some beautiful and useful items for auction.

THANK YOU to each and everyone of you who supported, attended, or in any way helped make this the fun afternoon it was.

When the dance was over 2 1/2 hours later and we realized we had raised \$1,243.50, we were speechless. After expenses, we will still be in the \$1,150.00 range. **We are so proud of you all -- Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!**

Now, let's move on to what else is happening. The Candy Sales which began in early September are winding down (for the moment) -- Kathy McKinney still has a few bars, so see her for "your chocolate." Also winding down is the Entertainment 2003 sale. I believe Bud & Anita Taylor have 2 or 3 more books to sell. When those two fund raisers are complete it appears we will have made approximately \$600.00.

After the Fall Festival we will begin a raffle for a handmade Navajo Indian Afghan, which was donated by Margie Elliott. Coming up soon you will start hearing about the sale of the Cook Book. There is a Quilt Committee at work to start on a Wall Hanging (if you are interested in working on this, call Jane Raymond). We know a pattern has been purchased, so let her know soon.

A couple of other things are in the works, but it's too early to know if those things will work out.

It's going to be a great convention....and it's going to be great fun planning it. **Don't miss the fun. Join the 2005 Team now!**

Charlie & Val Newsome

General Chairman

51st FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION (Cont'd)



Dancers enjoyed the lively non-stop dancing!



The Silent Auction tables were busy.... there was some real heavy bidding going on!



The September 29th Fund Raiser: Seemed like the "Sundae" line never got short.



THANKSGIVING

Let's give thanks for little things ... that waking up each morning brings ...
For eyes to see the friends we meet ... who make our tiny world complete ...
Let's give our thanks for ears to hear ... familiar sounds that we hold dear ...
The laughter and the gay refrain ... the wind, a robin in the rain!
Let's give out thanks that we have a heart..to understand when teardrops start.
Strong arms to hold the ones we love ... two lips to pray to God above!
For real Thanksgiving never brings ... us peace without these little things.

Author Unknown

Fund Raiser Comments

Hi Charlie & Val:

I want to compliment you on Sunday's dance. You both have such a calm way of organizing everything. You make it look sooooo easy, even tho it isn't. Thanks for everything.

Mary Lou Pelz

Seabreeze Singles

Congratulations for a great dance and wonderful start to a wonderful convention!! Here is a short article you may publish in The Grapevine....

Dear NEFSARDA:

(which consists of all square and round dancers in Northeast Florida)

We, as fellow dancers, are sooooo very proud to be a part of an organization that comes together for the betterment of square dancing. As a good example, the "Sundaes on Sunday" Dance, which was a huge success. We want to express our appreciation to all the callers and cuers that made this dance a wonderful dance. Continuous dancing from the very best! We appreciate the dancers...without you there wouldn't have been a dance! And most of all we want to thank Charlie and Val Newsome, Chairmen of the 51st Florida State Square Dance Convention.

Editors' Note: So happy to hear other people feel as we do. The Northeast came together and did a great job! Just remember to thank all those who helped...it was a mutual effort and many people were responsible for the success of the event.



REMEMBER TO "COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS"

Not only is this the "Season to be Jolly," it is the "Season for Short Tempers" brought on by holiday rushing. Take a minute to draw a deep breath; enjoy a beautiful snowfall, hug your child, give your husband a special smile as you share a cup of your favorite brew; call a friend and say a prayer for the good health of your family and yourself. Whether it is Christmas, New Year's or Valentines,

SHOW YOUR LOVE ALL YEAR!

Reprinted from TRAVEL ON.

Charlie and Val put together a dance that we all are sooooo very proud of! The auction was spectacular thanks to all the donations! I for one wish I had won the lottery so that I could have gotten more of the great prizes! And just to show how well the dance was received...we ran out of over 125 bowls, 10 gallons of ice cream, many bottles of syrup, cherries, over 6 lbs of bananas, nuts, etc! Makes me hungry just to think about it again.

We know that if we come together like this over the next couple of years, we will undoubtedly have the best convention ever! And hopefully we will all be there together to enjoy the fruits of our labor!

Again, thanks to Charlie & Val Newsome, Chairmen of the 51st FSSRDC.

Jack & Kathy McKinney

Publicity & Ads Chairman

Congratulations to Charlie and Val Newsome and the entire 2005 State Convention team for the successful fund raising dance on September 29, 2002. Your hard work paid off and the 2005 Convention is off to a great start!

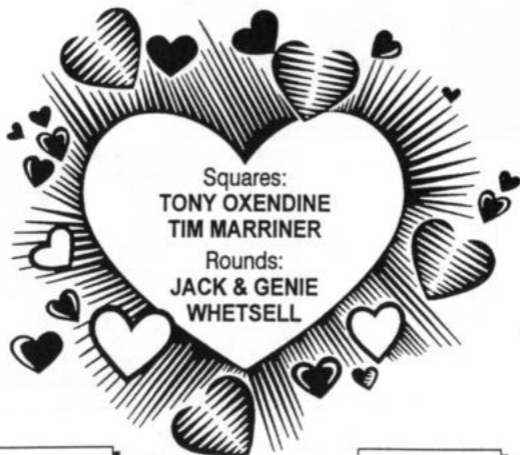
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CUPID HAS BEEN BUSY IN THE NORTHEAST
(And it's not even Valentine's Day!)



After dating for several months, Cuer **Lisa Noe** and Caller **John Wall** have set a wedding date for early December 2002. Sounds like a winning combination!



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Joe Seelhoefter quietly had a ring on **Pat Rist's** finger before we knew this dancing duo was serious. We understand an early Spring 2003 wedding is planned.



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I was also "drug" to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents.

Those "drugs" are still in my veins; and they
affect my behavior in every thing I do, say, and think.
They are stronger than cocaine, crack or heroin.

If our children had this "drug" problem,
America would certainly be a better place.

(Taken From The Internet)

Merry Christmas
to all & to all a
Happy New Year!

*Bud & Anita
Taylor*



Wishing you a blessed
Christmas and a
prosperous New Year!

*Dee Dee
&
Bessie*



CAN'T DO

At a neighborhood golf tournament an official was surprised to catch the local pastor driving off about 10 feet in front of the teeing mark.

He hesitated, embarrassed, then rose to his authority. "You can't do that. I'm afraid, sir, that you're disqualified."

"What for?" demanded the pastor.

"Why, you're driving off in front of the mark."

The pastor looked at the officer with pity. "My good man," he said tersely, "I'm playing my third stroke."

(Reprinted from the Parish Visitor, Oct. 9, 1997)

Seabreeze Singles Square Dance Club

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LEGACY TO CEASE OPERATIONS

LEGACY, The international Assembly of Trustees of the Square Dance Activity, was founded in 1973 as a non-profit international service leadership organization. It's main mission was to develop better communication among the many facets within the Square Dance Activity. At that time there was a National Square Dance Convention Committee, various state, caller & cuer organizations, 3 major square dance publications ... but there was very little communication between the various groups of facets.

During the past 30 years...

Legacy created the environment from which CALLERLAB grew.

The National Association of Square & Round Dance Suppliers was formed at Legacy in 1975.

Roundalab was conceived at Legacy in 1977.

Members worked with the National Folk Dance Committee, spearheading the successful campaign to get 32 U.S. States to declare Square Dance their official state folk dance.

Members conducted leadership and public relations seminars at 19 National Conventions.

Surveys were conducted 9 times on attitudes, desires, dress, club membership, demographic analysis of dancers, census and longevity of dancers, drop outs, etc. This information was shared worldwide.

Legacy sponsored and promoted September as Square Dance Month.

A square dance hot line was maintained for handling trouble spots within the activity.

An annual Promo Pac for recruiting was created and shared with all.

In 1998 a campaign to stress "Dancing for the Health of It" – and soon the theme was expanded to include "Dancing for Fun & Fitness."

Beginning in 1986, annual SUMMIT meetings were held at the NSDC for representatives from all facets of the

Square Dance Activity to have an opportunity to interface with each other.

Since many Square Dance organizations are now well established worldwide, the next growth phase is for all to work together for the betterment of the Activity. The ARTS program of the CALLERLAB Foundation offers this opportunity as its membership is to be made up from the many facets. We encourage all to support this enterprise as they so faithfully have supported Legacy throughout the years. (End of Press Release)

Along with the above came a letter from Doc & Peg Tirrell and we share parts of that with you..... Dear Editors, Like many of you, we have worn many different hats, and some at the same time, since we became involved in the Square Dance Activity many years ago. We can appreciate your efforts for we KNOW how many hours and short nights, last minute phone calls, missed meals, rearranged vacations, etc., have gone into your keeping the dancers informed on the goings on in your area and beyond. Without you, our activity would really flounder and wither on the vine. As former Executive Secretary of ROUNDALAB, and soon to be former Executive Secretary of LEGACY, we have received a number of complimentary magazines. And we have a request. For those of you who have us on your mailing list, we are wondering if it would be possible to continue to receive your publication. (They are placed in a SD Foundation Museum). Thanks again for your assistance over the years. We hope we get a chance to see some of you at the NSDC Press Breakfasts.... They added a personal note thanking us for sharing copies of The Grapevine with them. **YES, DOC & PEG**, we will be happy to send you copies of The Grapevine. **Thank you** for your many years of service to Square Dancing!!



Club News!

DIXIE DANCERS

Linda Yocum (386) 752-2970

The Dixie Dancers annual club picnic proved to be another great event at the home of Bobbi and Jerry Fenderson, with 53 members and guests in attendance. We really were glad to see our fellow square dance friends from Jacksonville – along with the pies that Kathy McKinney brought! There were horseshoes, swimming, chatting, and the Gator game to entertain us. And, of course, we each savored the wonderful variety of foods! Can't wait until next year!

Lake City area "creeps and ghouls" appeared at our Halloween Dance on October 29th for an evening of fun. We enjoy seeing them, but only once a year! In addition to the Halloween festivities, we also graduated two new dancers!

If you happen to be an avid Gator or Seminole fan, join us on Tuesday, November 26th for show your colors for your favorite team. We'd love to have you join us for this "rivalry evening". Vaj, we know now that you love those Gators!

Our next project will be the collection of non-perishable foods, etc. for the Christian Service Center to be distributed to families that are in need, so that they, too, might have a bountiful meal on Thanksgiving and

Christmas. In addition, the club will again sponsor and provide Christmas gifts for needy children.

Don't forget to buy your ribbon for the Blue-Grey Square Dance, which will be held on February 15th in Lake City. Val Newsome has a bundle of tickets available!

The Dixie Dancers have reserved a block of 20 rooms (10 king beds and 10 2-beds – non-smoking) at the Jameson Inn in Lake City for the night of February 15, 2003. This is a new hotel on Commerce Blvd. near I-75, amenities include: a fitness room, pool, in-room coffee pots, hair dryers, iron and ironing board, as well as a continental breakfast – all for only \$55 a night, tax excluded. A Cracker Barrel is just across the street, and there are numerous restaurants nearby. Call the hotel directly at (386) 758-8440 or 1 800 526-3766 to reserve one of the Dixie Dancers rooms in your name. Caller, Mac McCall and his wife will be staying there as well.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Festival Fiesta, and drop by and visit us any Tuesday!

The Dixie Dancers wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving as well as a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Club members and guests live it up at their 24th Anniversary dance!

DIXIE DANCERS (Cont'd)



On October 5th, we attended the Dixie Dancers picnic. Boy do they know how to eat! Everybody's trying to get in line first, but I think Bill & Mary Chesnut might have won out!

GRAND SQUARES

Classes will be starting this November and most likely be held at our Callers Home on Mondays, for more information please contact Lonnie or Peggy Ligon (352) 377-1828.

Grand Squares was out there supporting the NEFSARDA Benefit Dance in Middleburg on Sunday September 29th, for the 2005 State Convention and over \$1,000 was raised. It was a good dance with ice cream social, and nice to be with some old friends we hadn't seen in awhile.

It's starting to feel like fall and by the time you read this it sure better be! We had over two squares doing exhibition dancing at the Williston Peanut Festival on Saturday, October 5th. This kind of event helps promote square dancing and we are hopeful it might bring us some new students. Sometimes just by going to restaurants and or shopping after a dance, in our "funny clothes", brings us some attention and brought in

Gerry "Scoop" Jesk 352 493-2842

a dancer or two. Grand Squares have been to Gatlinburg and back. Sixteen club members made the trek up to Lenoir City for an overnight stay and then into Gatlinburg for the week where they met up with R.J. & Joan Hogan and some other square dancers for a total of 80. A really good time was had by everyone and it was a wonderful way to bring in the Fall and Festive Seasons of the Year after the long HOT summer. A nice trip to go on.

We are looking forward to our Halloween Party Night on October 29th and the winners will be announced in the next issue. We also have decided to have our Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner on Tuesday November 19th, at 6 PM.

We find it helpful to carry a Square dance business card on you for you never know when someone will ask where and when do you dance? One that looks like this.

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FIRST COAST ROUNDS



Lisa Noe, cuer, graduated nine from two-step and they are now attending Rhumba class. Congrats to all!

FUN 'N FROLIC



At the Fun 'N Frolics recent 5th Monday Dance, the photographer caught the dancers listening intently to Caller Art Wilson giving some "A" instructions. Great fun!

GYPSY SQUARES #168

Dale and Gerry Fredrickson 269-9717

The Gypsy Squares went on a safari at Recreation Plantation near Lady Lake on Labor Day weekend. It was hosted by Debbie & Luther Delp, Dick & Sally McKay, and Butch & Cindy Davis. The Crazy Zooba Dinner was a highlight of the weekend. This group of hosts enjoys decorating and serving their jungle mates in grand style. The men enjoyed Prairie Toast and links along with a football game while the ladies took their red hats and went out for brunch. Mark your calendars for next year as I am confident they will have a

whole new experience for us again.

Pat and Johnny McCabe headed up the festivities in October at Bulow. Jay and Teri Peck helped them throughout the weekend. Food is always on the top of the list and this was no exception. A chili cook-off with seasoning from mild to HOT satisfied all of us. Several witches taunted us at our Saturday evening dance. The M&M man was a trip to dance with. We always enjoy getting together one last time on Sunday morning for rolls and coffee.

GYPSY SQUARES #168 (Cont'd)

We're looking forward to our annual get-together with the other chapters at Lake Okeechobee for the FANSDCA State Camp-o-ree. Turkey Trot is the theme this year and Gordon and Linda Eskridge will do a great job as chairman.

We always have a great time and enjoy dancing to all of the state camping callers. Along with all the good dancing and good times, we always look forward to Tom Moore's pancake breakfast on Sunday.

Our schedule shows that we will be at Lake Oklawaha RV Resort on November 1st, 2nd, & 3rd. Walt & Janet Becker, and Dave & Paula Guildford will be hosting. It's worth the time it takes to get there, as it is such a

peaceful site. We'll enjoy our Christmas campout at Grand Lake RV Resort on Dec. 6th, 7th, & 8th with the Gypsy Board planning the weekend. Grand Lake has picked up the nickname of "Lost Lake" but it is still a 'grand' place to camp. Remember they have really nice rental units available also. We will be celebrating both Christmas and our 12th anniversary at this campout. If you are interested in a rental unit, call 800-435-2291.

Don't forget to check our web page at <http://geocities.com/fansdc/gypsy>. We always camp the first full weekend of every month. We'd love to have you visit us often. See you in a square real soon!

MANDARIN MARAUDERS

Sergei & Karen Zelenkov 268-0369

Thanks to our great Banner Chairs, Rob and Jennie Harris, for lots of fun visiting other clubs and having them visit us. We added the NEFSARDA banner for the highest percent participation at 5th Saturday Night Dance in August. We visited the Yellow Rockers, the Teddy Bear Squares and the Joy Seas to add their banners to our ever-changing display and the Moose Promenaders, Silver Foxes, and the Yellow Rockers retrieved their banners in August, September and October. Thanks to all for the wonderful hospitality. We look forward to your visits to retrieve the banners

Our Fall Open House on September 10th at 7:00 PM and first 2 classes were a great success and we have 23 new students in our fall classes. Classes are from 7:00 to 8:30 PM and Angels are always welcome. Ben and Joy Caldwell are our class coordinators and you can contact them at 292-9134 for more information about the classes.

It was hard to decide who was dressed the tackiest at our Tacky Night in August. In September, Don & Bonnye Bell, our Activities Chairpersons and committee Reggie & Cindy Dubay and Tison & Leah Kelly, treated the new class and club members to a Western Dinner - chuck wagon style. We will celebrate Halloween at the end of October with pumpkins and costumes.

Jack and Carmen Tedrahn and Joe and Martha Hardcastle keep us hopping with social activities with great club members and friends. We enjoyed "Smokey Joe's Café" at the Alhambra Dinner Theater at the end of August and dining out at Plantains at the Sea Turtle Inn in October, using our Entertainment Cards. Sales for Entertainment Books have already surpassed last year's record sales as our primary fund raiser.

On November 19th, we will be having our annual Thanksgiving Dinner and a

MANDARIN MARAUDERS (Cont'd)

food drive to benefit those who are less fortunate via the Mandarin Food Bank. We will celebrate the December holidays with our Christmas Wonderland on December 17th. This holiday celebration always includes our wild and wacky "white elephant" gift exchange with each other - the rules seem to change every year and some of the same gifts reappear year after year - it's lots of fun. On the serious side, we also bring gifts of new socks to decorate our "Sock Tree" and books for the "Holiday Joy of Reading

Box" to donate to those in need. Other upcoming events include the Mexican Fiesta Dance in January, the Valentine Dance in February, and St. Patrick's Day Dance in March. Let Bonnye Bell know if you would like to participate in the dinners or benefits.



It was great to have James and Jean Kindred, Bill and Snookie Netting, and Joann Ramsey dancing with us again.

We invite you to come dance with us any Tuesday at the Italian American Club on Westberry Road in Mandarin.



Mandarin's Banner Chairs, Rob & Jennie Harris, are shown with a few of their recent "steals". They've been having fun, wouldn't you say?




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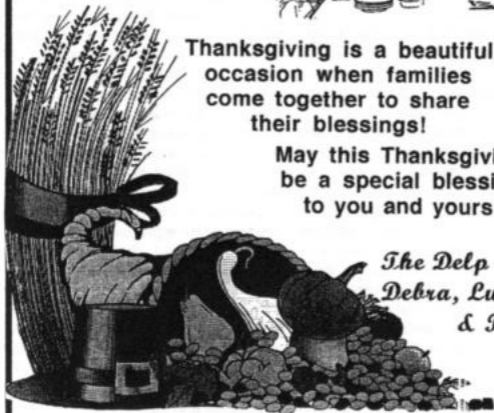
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The Delp Family*



Luther, Debra & Preston

MOOSE PROMENADERS

Kim Keffer 771-5775

Even though the Moose is traditionally dark during the month of August, we were out there participating in our Lodge and Square Dance Community. It is always a good time for us to be out visiting other clubs and stealing banners.

On the 24th of August, the Moose Promenaders cooked for the Moose Lodge. Many of our members and the guests enjoyed the gourmet cooking by our "Expert Chefs" and we wish to thank the many members who participated. A good time was had by all and the money raised for the 50/50 for the club was donated back to the Moose. Several of our members also participated in the Lodge "cleanup day". We appreciate you for giving your time. Wendell and Doris Spears did a great job of chairing these events.

Hugs to Doris and Wendell and their team for providing additional practice time for our students during the month of August. Wendell turned out to be a pretty fair square dance caller. Watch out, Art! I am sure the students appreciated it.

At the end of the month the Moose Promenaders along with the Mandarin Marauders and the River Ramblers hosted the NEFSARDA Fifth Saturday Dance with the theme - United We



Stand - Renew your Patriotic Spirit. This was well attended despite the fact that it was Labor Day weekend. We certainly wish to thank Mike Akers, John Robbins and Maggie Tripp for their contributions to this successful dance.

If you missed Hollywood Party Night with Art accompanied by Larry Letson for bang-up calling and Lisa on the rounds, you missed a great time. The evening flew by so quickly and it is always a pleasure to dance to first class calling and cueing. My thanks go out to my ever faithful team of decorators. What would I do without you?

Several of the Moose are actively involved with the production of the 2005 State Convention chaired by Charlie and Val Newsome, so we were involved in the fund raising dance held on the 29th of September. The dance brought in over \$1000.00 to be used as seed money our area will need to host this event. Big yellow rocks to all who participated in this benefit dance. Great job, Charlie and Val!

Put December 12th on your square dance calendars as we will be hosting the Annual Art Wilson Christmas Party. The Promenaders will be dark on December 26th and January 2nd due to the holiday season. We invite you to join us on Thursday nights at the Moose Lodge on Collins Road for a fun night of dancing with Art Wilson.



Art Wilson came to the Hollywood Night Dance dressed as his favorite actor -- Harrison Ford or, better known as, Indiana Jones.



MOOSE PROMENADERS (Cont'd)

This trio was really dressed -- Kathy (Marlene Dietrich) McKinney, Jack (Douglas Fairbanks Jr.) McKinney and Lucille (Mae West) Wilson, gladly stopped for a photo at the Hollywood Night Dance!



PLUS FOX

Stephen & Marie Bigelow 904 771-7249

We would like to invite each and everyone of you to come dance with us. We dance every Wednesday

at Jax Heights Elementary on the Westside, from 7:30 - 9:30 PM. We have a wonderful Caller/Cuer, Jim Cosman, and we love visitors.

Several of us will be cruising with Jim and Margaret the first two weeks in November. Calling for Plus Fox on the 6th will be Art Wilson and he has promised to bring his round dance records. On November 13th, Bill

Chesnut will be calling and cueing. Come dance with us to our super guest callers.

We extend a special prayer to Marvin Simpson on the passing of his nephew. We also extend Get Well messages to Joe and Norma Elliot.

As we enter into this end of year season, remember that it is all based on Peace and Thanksgiving. Be at Peace and give Thanks for all the blessings you have in this life.

*Merry Christmas!
Happy New Year!*



*John & Mary
Burgo*



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS
TO ALL!**

From

Eileen



RIVER RAMBLERS

Dick and Jean Lee 386-649-5327

It is with a sad heart that I must let you know that our dear square dance friend, Earl Cunio passed away unexpectedly at his home in Palatka on August 24, 2002. Earl had just celebrated his 75th birthday. We enjoyed dancing with him for several years as he was a 1999 class graduate. He and his wife, Ruth supported the River Ramblers by serving as secretary and Earl wrote the club news for the Bow & Swing and The Grapevine. He worked hard helping with our benefit dance which supports the Shriner's Childrens Hospitals. Our condolences to Ruth and Godspeed to Earl.

On a lighter note, we started our Fall season with three open houses and

formed our class on September 19th with approximately 36 new dancers; we are very excited about the turnout and trust that we are going to have a fun year. We've already had our annual pie night and our pizza/hot dog night. The River Ramblers really know how to eat! We will be having our Funny Hat night and a recycle night.

We visited the Flagler Ocean Waves and retrieved our banner on Friday, Sept. 13th. We were really worried about the date (Friday the 13th), however, R. J. Hogan saw to it that we had a wonderful time dancing with the Waves. He really mixes it up!

We wish all the clubs wonderful classes and happy dancing.

ROLLAWAYS

Joe Seelhofer 223-4101

We went to visit the Silver Fox Squares on August 16th. Ernie Rollen kept us square dancing and Lisa Noe kept us round dancing. Thank you both for a great dance. We started with seven squares and at the end of the evening there was still seven squares on the floor. I'm sure that makes a caller feel good--thanks to all the dancers who stayed and enjoyed a good time.

Our Talent Night was supposed to have been held on September 24th, but we had to cancel the event since our very own Vice President, Marylou Morton, had just gotten out of the hospital after surgery. She is doing real well and getting back to herself. At this time the Talent Night has not been rescheduled

For some real fun don't forget the Fall Festival Fiesta November 15th

& 16th at Christ the King Catholic Church. That will be two very fun nights. A lot of surprises are in store for everyone!

If you are really hungry, visit us on November 26th for our Thanksgiving Dinner. There is always plenty of food and it is always very good. The club furnishes the meat and if you decide you would like to visit, please bring along a side dish of your favorite food for all to share. You might even get to see a Pilgrim.

On December 17th, visit us again for our Christmas Dinner. We will even have Santa. You can even have your picture taken of you sitting on Santa's lap. And, again if you decide to visit us, please bring along your favorite side dish to share with everyone. It will be a great evening.

That's all for now. Happy Dancing!



SEABREEZE SINGLES

Mary Lou Pelz 733-1869

Even though the weather hasn't felt like it, summer is over. By the time you read this, our Seabreeze members will have returned from Sebring where we attended the Annual Single-Rama sponsored by the Florida Association of Single Square and Round Dancers. We start by meeting at the Cracker Barrel in St. Augustine for Friday morning breakfast, then on to two days of fun, good food, good dancing, and renewing friendships with single from all over Florida and the United States. We always make a visit to Sebring's Cat House!!!! Joe Fioretti and Whit Brown were the callers with Jimmy and Carol Griffin cueing rounds.

Back at home, Freda has kept us very busy with club visitations and

banner raids. We really enjoy having other clubs visit, so plan on dancing with us soon.

We have been very happy to have so many class members with us each Tuesday. They are a great group, learning fast and having a lot of fun. They will all be assets to the square dance community.

On November 5th our hall will be used for voting, so we will join the Rollaways club. Jim and Margaret will be "cruising" on November 12th and 19th. We are pleased that Art Wilson has agreed to fill in for him on those two Tuesdays.

Come see us - our class runs from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, club dance follows.



A "bevy of beauties" step out on this lively line dance at their 26th Anniversary Dance!



Rose Carter, who dances with the Valley Singles in Mesa, AZ, was a visitor at the 26th Anniversary of the Seabreeze Singles.



President Shirley White joins caller Jim Cosman for a picture at the Anniversary Dance.





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SILVER FOX SQUARES

Manuel O. Irizarry, Jr. 266-1083

Classes started September 6th with about two squares of new dancers. This is very encouraging for our square dancing community. Square dancing is not dead! We had sports night with everyone sharing their favorite sport teams by decorating a table. The favorites of all tables were the Jaguars (of course! J) and the Gators tables.

We have some exciting events coming soon: "Hobo" Night on October 25th - we will have a sale of pre-owned square dance clothes; "Can-Can" Dance on November 22nd - we will be collecting food during October and November dances; Christmas Dinner and Dance on December 13th - we will be collecting toys for "Toys for Tots"; New Year's Eve Dance on December 31st, 9:00 PM.

We will be dark on November 15th (Fall Festival Fiesta) and November 29th (Thanksgiving).

Bobbie Luke's mom is now with our Creator. Please keep Bobbie and her loved ones in your prayers. Also,

please keep the following dancers and friends in your prayers: Kitty Boyce (sick), Elizabeth Hartley (surgery) and Woody Mays (hand surgery).

We have been fortunate of having back some "old" timers, which have been away for some time for things out of their control. So, Ricky & Paul James, Ann & Gene Bice and Debbie & Warren Hunter, WELCOME BACK!!! We are very happy to have you with us again.

We would like to give Mr. Lawton Smith a big THANK YOU for being so kind and calling for us on October 4th, during Ernie's absence. We were very pleased and honored to have him that night.

Finally, please keep dancing and supporting your club(s) of preference. We need it. Remember that it doesn't matter how good you are as a dancer. After all, square dancing is about friendship. And as my "boss" (J) & partner always says, don't forget to "yellow-rock" your partner!!!

At the "Team" Night, the Jaguars won "best decorated table" with Florida coming in second. We think the Jaguars won because of the praying cheerleaders!



At their Open House dances, the Silver Fox had this beautiful and informative display set up for all to view. We were impressed! Great show, Foxes!

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SQUARE WHEELS

Martha Zimmerman 352 336-5311

Since our last Club News, we welcomed two new members, Verna Mae Gedman and Bud Walker, both from Jacksonville. Terry & Marti Long have signed up as an Associate Member of Chapter 128.

The Square Wheels presented Lorene & Cliff Parnell a beautiful plaque thanking them for all the hard work they have done for the Shands Prenatal Rooms.

Our September Camp Out was held at Encore RV park in Reddick, FL. It is a very nice park with lots of huge shade trees, a pool, and a very nice hall with a full kitchen. We had 12 rigs camping. Our camping visitors were John & Mary Burzo (now associate members) and Wendel & Doris Spears. On Saturday evening we celebrated the club's 21st birthday (we're legal now) with root beer floats and a birthday cake, provided by Bill & Mary Chesnut. We had visitors from the NEFSARDA board come in two vans; and also visiting were Charlie and Val Newsome, editors of The

Grapevine, and also the 2005 State Convention Chairmen. Charlie & Val even stayed overnight and Charlie helped the guys with breakfast on Sunday morning. There was no shortage of food all weekend long.

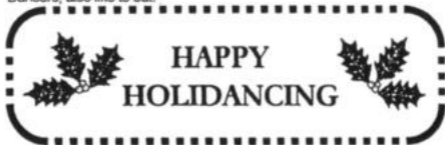
At this writing we are looking forward to two events....the Camp-O-Ree from October 18th-20th in Okeechobee, and the O'Leno Hoedown from November 1st-3rd at O'Leno State Park in High Springs, FL. We hope you are planning to be with us. If not, we will let you know how much fun you missed when we write our next article.

The Square Wheels Christmas Party will be on December 14th at the same church in Gainesville as last year.

We will be camping January 17th-19th at Suwannee Valley Campground in White Springs, and at Kelley's Campground north of Lake City, February 14th-16th, in conjunction with the Blue-Gray Festival.



Everyone enjoyed the delicious covered dish dinner prepared by the Square Wheels and their guests at the Anniversary Dance on Saturday evening. We went back for seconds, thirds, etc. Then stayed overnight and enjoyed the pancake breakfast the next morning! They, like the Dixie Dancers, also like to eat!



SQUARE WHEELS (Cont'd)



Charter members at the 21st Anniversary Dance of the Square Wheels were M.L. Bedenbaugh (the first Vice president) and Hazel & Bobby Wasson (the first Secretary - Treasurer).



The Square Wheels presented a plaque to Lorene & Cliff Parnell for "all your hard work and dedication over the years. Lorene & Cliff have been responsible for seeing that over 2,000 handmade baby items have been delivered to Shands neo-natal care units (NICU & PICU).

We hope everyone has a
beautiful Christmas and a
Happy New Year!

*Wendell & Doris
Spears*



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WISH EVERYONE
THE HAPPIEST OF
HOLIDAYS!



TEDDY BEARS

Virginia Cook 744-4443

Well, the storms came and the storms went and we were blessed with some much needed rain. "Thank you, Lord."

We lost another "good friend" and square dancer this month. After a brief illness, Gil Edmunds passed away on September 29th. We at Teddy Bears will surely miss that smiling face coming in the door each dance night. Our sincere condolences to his family and to "Wertie."

The Teddy Bears will be collecting canned goods and staples for the Food Bank for Thanksgiving from now until November 23rd. If you have any questions ask Val. Let's help her to help those in need. She and Charlie will collect and deliver our "Thanksgiving Gift."

Looks like we are going to reach our goal on Banner Raids and Visitations this year. Thanks to Gloria and Ed Malin for working so hard to keep us interested and active. We only have one more to go at this time -- but, hasn't it been fun to have so many visitors at our club each dance and then to visit them.

NEFSARDA is seeing two new faces at their meetings. Helen and Ed Williams are our new delegates. They

have really started off with some good reports.

We've had some sick "Bears", Mary Ann Lawrence, Helen Williams, Dave Nihart, Bill Stanton and Ed Malin. We are happy to report they are all back dancing, or will be soon.

Get your colors out! October 26th will be our "Florida-Georgia Night." Coach Val will be in her Florida Orange & Blue and Coach Virginia in her Georgia Red & Black. We expect a good crowd, a hard played game, plenty of beer (Root, that is) and fun - fun - fun.

On December 14th another "gala" occasion will take place - our Christmas Dinner Dance! Ann & Eddie will be out of town on business, but Lucille and Art Wilson will pack up their talents and come to join us for a lively evening. Dinner will be at 6:30 PM -- Be on time! The meat will be furnished, you just need to bring a covered dish to share-- just be sure and put something in that dish other than the lid! You can't go wrong on this one -- it sounds like a must do to me.

Looks like I've covered everything, so mark your calendars and come join us. See Ya!

YELLOW ROCKERS PLUS

Yellow Rocker's Plus Reporter 389-3349

Jingle Bells! Jingle Bells! It can't be Christmas yet! The calendar never changes so the date is always set. But we have had such fun all year, though there've been sad things too. Like our loss of Gil Edmunds and some with serious illnesses like Tom Miller, John Wilder, Ivy Phillips, Ann White and Hannelore Register. Sometimes when we're up and running, we forget to thank the good Lord for what we have to be thankful for.

Our 11th Anniversary Dance was great with friends who came to help us celebrate. We truly enjoy having you visit with us.

Cupid has been at it again and we're so pleased about the engagement of Joe Seelhoefer and Pat Rist. It's great to have them dancing with us each Monday.

Three more theme dances and 2002 will be gone. October 28th we'll have our Hobo Dance with Hobo stew. We

YELLOW ROCKERS PLUS Cont'd

may have a surprise visit from a famous dance team.

November 15th and 16th we will be busy with the Fall Fiesta with Manny & Sherry and Misti & Patrick in charge.

On November 25th we will have our Scarecrow Thanksgiving Dinner and Dance. We will start at 7:00 PM. Our final theme dance of the year will be "Christmas Tree O Christmas Tree".

Does anybody feel any older yet?

The years are flying by but square dancers have so much fun we try not to notice.

During this time of year with Thanksgiving and Christmas just around the corner we would do well to remember: If we pause to think, we'll find cause to thank!

Hope to be able to give you a Yellow Rock soon. Happy Holidays to all!!



The Yellow Rockers are growing! When they lined up for a picture at their recent 11th Anniversary Dance, we could hardly get them all in. Guess we will have to take them in two or three shots next time!

ON THE ROAD - - AGAIN

The holidays are rapidly approaching as evidenced by all the Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner Dances. One would think all square dancers do is eat. But, we know how much fun those events are and we will try to get to as many as possible. Don't forget to take pictures of those special events and get them to us with your Club News. And, if you have a special need for The Grapevine editors and their "camera", let us know as soon as possible. We'll do our best to be there!!



November 1-2 O'Leno Hoedown (Square Wheels) O'Leno State Park
November 9 Fall Fun Fest (West Coast Assn) Lakeland, FL
November 10 FL Federation Meeting Lakeland, FL
November 15-16 Fall Festival (NEFSARDA) Jacksonville, FL
December 7 12th Anniversary Dance Gypsy Squares
December 13 Toys For Tots Dance Silver Fox

Hope to see you somewhere during the Holidays!



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NEFSARDA DELEGATES MEETING

September 8, 2002

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

President Hardcastle then welcomed the delegates, new delegates and visitors.

Minutes of last delegates meeting accepted as written.

Treasurers report filed for audit.

Committee Reports

5th Saturday Dance: Chairman thanked callers John Robbins & Mike Akers, cuer Maggie Tripp and hosts for last dance. Next dance March 29, 2003 - also a FREE dance.

Fall Festival: Don't forget the Fall "Fiesta", November 15th & 16th. Hotel rooms still available as well as camping space. Manny reiterated the schedule of events.

SOS: No report

Grapevine: Deadline for next issue, October 10th. Don't forget Holiday Greetings (Say It Your Way). Classes will be published in next issue.

Historian: No report.

Club Visitation: President voiced a concern regarding dancers marching with more than one club. Discussion put on hold.

Hospice Dance: A problem arose regarding presentation of monies to Florida/Georgia Blood Alliance. Motion made by Stephen Bigelow, seconded by Kathy McKinney to change NEFSARDA's annual charity dance to benefit Hospice. Motion carried - Kim Keffer to chair.

Insurance: Stephen & Marie Bigelow now Insurance Chairmen.

Education: Howard Crowe reported eleven classes started or will be starting. John Robbins will have a class at Stillwell.

Publicity: Meeting held with callers. 10,000 placemats printed to be distributed to any restaurant wanting them. Signs are ready for anyone who wants one. From calls received, most people want Friday nights. Remember to make new dancers feel WELCOME. Demo dance planned for 9/11 at Moosehaven and 9-20 at Elmcroft, near the Avenues Mall.

State Convention: Candy sales and Entertainment books going well. Don't forget benefit dance September 29th, Tynes Elementary School, Middleburg. Seed monies from the Coordinating Committee received. Still waiting to hear from contact at Convention Center fro contract.

Showcase: No report.

Dance Couple of the Year: Nominations due September 20th.

Florida Federation: No report. next meeting in November.

Bylaws: Revisions passed to delegates

Old Business: Slate presented: Current officers to remain on slate except Treasurer. Bob & Jane Raymond presented for the position. Election in November.

New Business: None.

Next Meeting: November 3rd, 3 PM.



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CALENDAR OF COMING SPECIAL EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2002

1-3...	Lake Oklawaha RV Resort (Ft McCoy)	Gypsy Sq
1-3...	O'Leno Hoedown, O'Leno St Park	.....	Square Wheels
05....	Two Club Dance - Seabreeze Singles AT	.....	Rollaways
8-9....	Fall Fun Fest	.....WCSARDA	Lakeland
10...	Florida Federation Meeting	.....	Lakeland
15-16..	Fall Festival	.....	NEFSARDA
19....	Thanksgiving Dinner Dance	.....	Grand Squares
19....	Thanksgiving Dinner Dance..(Food Drive Collection)	.....	Mandarin Marauders
22....	Can-Can Dance	.....	Silver Fox
20....	Thanksgiving Dance	.....	Joy Seas
23....	"Thanksgiving "dance	.....	Teddy Bears
25....	'Scarecrow' Thanksgiving Dinner Dance	.....	Yellow Rockers Plus
26....	Gator/Seminole Dance	.....	Dixie Dancers
26....	Thanksgiving Dinner Dance	.....	Rollaways
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
12....	Christmas Dance	.....	Moose Promenaders
13....	Christmas Party	.....(Toys For Tots)	Silver Fox
14....	Christmas Dinner Dance	..... (covered dish)	Teddy Bears
16....	'Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree' Dance	.....	Yellow Rockers Plus
17....	Winter Wonderland Dance	.....	Dixie Dancers
17....	Christmas Wonderland Dance	.....	'Mandarin Marauders
17....	Christmas Dinner Dance	.....(covered dish)	Rollaways
17....	Christmas Party	.....	Seabreeze Singles
18....	Christmas Dinner Dance	.....(covered dish)	Joy Seas
18....	Christmas Dance	.....	Plus Fox
19....	Christmas Party	.....	River Ramblers
31....	New Years Eve Dance	.....	Silver Fox

JANUARY 2003

3,4,5.	Pacettis Campground	.....	St Augustine	.....	Gypsy Squares
14....	Chili Cookoff	.....			Rollaways
16....	"Mexican Theme" Dance	.....			River Ramblers
17-19.	Suwannee Valley Campground, White Spgs	.....			Square Wheels

FEBRUARY 2003

7,8,9.	Lake Oklawaha RV	.....	Ft McCoy	.....	Gypsy Squares
13....	Annual President's Dance	.....			Moose Promenaders
13....	Valentine's Day Dance	.....			River Ramblers
14....	Trail End Dance	.....	Lake City	.....	Square Wheels
15....	Annual Blue-Grey Dance	.....	Mac McCall	.....	Dixie Dancers

MARCH 2003

01....	Hospice Charity Dance			NEFSARDA
06....	Strawberry Social			River Ramblers
22....	Benefit Dance			River Ramblers

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CALENDAR OF COMING SPECIAL EVENTS

APRIL 2003

- 03.... Anniversary Dance (5th).....River Ramblers
05.... Annual Charity BallSeabreeze Singles
24.... Old Clothes Nite Dance.....River Ramblers

MAY 2003

- 01.... Ice Cream Social Dance.....River Ramblers
15.... Class Graduation Dance.....River Ramblers
23-25. FL State Convention.....Lakeland

JUNE 2003

- 22-24. 27th ROUNDALAB Convention ...1-877-Y-I-Dance (943-2623)Tulsa, OK
25-28. National Convention.....Oklahoma City, OK

***** When planning for your special dances - - plan ahead and check this Calendar Of Events, AND call the Grapevine Editors at (904)683-3512 for the most current information, in order to avoid conflicting dates.**

Thanks!! - N E F S A R D A.

We would like to publish all club's special/theme dances. HOWEVER - If we don't receive a listing, we don't know what to print!! Get your 2002 schedules to us as soon as possible! - The Editors.

We wish you a Merry Christmas



and a Happy New Year!

NOTICE !!

In our never ending quest to satisfy ALL of our readers, we have strategically placed errors and typos within the confines of this publication for those who are always looking for them!

If only one person finds a 'goof', then we have accomplished our task.
THANK YOU!

Charlie & Val Newsome, Editors

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

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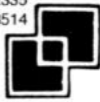
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