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Make your plans now for the
53rd Florida State Convention

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Tim and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to a few special people. We know that to put out the best possible press we can, we cannot do it alone. Especially with our schedule. So we have put together a wonderful staff of people to help us. Special thanks go to Jim Walters, Deecee Haslett, Patty Ping, Geraldine Pitts, and Tim and Mildred Shipman. Thank you for donating your time to help us.

If you have and comments or suggestions, please feel free to let one of the above people know. They will gladly bring your ideas back to us. Tim and I look forward to working with them in the future.

*Tim & Terri Wilaby
Editors*

President's Corner



As Northwest prepares for the 2007 Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention, we would like to thank all the people that stepped up to the plate to help make this year's convention an unforgettable one. Those of you that will be attending the convention with us please volunteer one hour of your time to help. We have several committees looking for help:

Hospitality: Door Greeters (You get all the yellow rocks you need at the door!)

50/50 Sales: Meet everyone attending the convention!

Please contact George or Ida at 334-347-4949 or algranny3@adelphia.net for the above 2 committees.

Registration Booth: Meet all the feet-draggers!! Please contact Jim or Deecee at 850-944-9351 or jim.walters@cox.net to help out.

Decorating & Set Up: Friday morning (Add your talent to be seen all weekend!) You can contact Joe or Pat at 850-769-4218 or jmcle13354@bellsouth.net to lend your artistic abilities.

Ways and Means: Help Cheryl sell any remaining items so the trailer is lighter on the way home!

Clean Up & Tear Down: Sunday evening (It is always faster to take down than set up)

Dancing: Job requirement—spend at least 17 hours dancing the entire weekend.

On Sunday evening Northwest Association will host our Ice Cream Social at the Quality Inn around 11:30 pm, as soon as we complete the tear down at the convention. Please come to celebrate the end of the convention.

We thank Northwest individuals, clubs, and our Callers and Cuers for their support. Northwest Florida Square & Round Dancers are the best!!

The second quarterly Association meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on June 2 at PASARDA Hall, Fort Walton Beach at the "Annual Billy Bowlegs Dance". We REALLY NEED representatives from ALL the Northwest Association clubs to be present at the meeting. Remember, we need input from everyone to keep the Northwest Association running smoothly. Our meetings are always open to everyone. Come on in and be a more active part of your Northwest Association. Your input is always welcome.

We need a Dancer of the Year Chairman. Anyone interested please email us at pe_miller@bellsouth.net. No experience is necessary. We have a notebook with detailed information.

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Agape Squares—Niceville

Over the past quarter the Agape Squares have enjoyed fellowship with many dancers from Canada and from the Northern United States. Our Canadian dancers always bring a different perspective to our group and they always deliver fond memories of the fun we have with them.

After starting from scratch a couple of years ago, we have set a goal to grow our experience in plus calls and we are noting the results. We are actually brave enough to venture out to other dances now! We have had several former dancers from across the area return to square dancing which gives us confidence in our rebuilding commitment to square dancing. At the same time we see progress in growing our dance participants, we face the challenge of church growth needs affecting our current dance location.

We have had to modify our dancing time to 7:30 p.m. on Mondays (except holidays) in the Niceville First United Methodist Church's Community Life Center. Bill Van Hoesen and Burlon Graham continue to bless our Club with excellent calling and with their patience as we learn all the plus calls.

53rd Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention

You say you haven't registered for the 53rd Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention to be held in Lakeland, Florida at the Lakeland Center, May 25th-27th this year? Why not? Remember, if you can't come to the convention your money will be cheerfully refunded. Just request your money back by 4:00 pm on the day the Convention opens. Ribbons are going FAST and are only \$27.00 per person now until April 30th. After that, you'll pay \$30.00 per person at the door.

To show you some of what you might miss, read the following article just received from the "pretty" half of the Fashion Show Chairman team:

"The Night Parrot is a medium-sized bird, about 23 cm long. It is mottled yellowish-green and dark brown over most of the body, with the lower belly and under-tail coverts yellow. It is one of Australia's most intriguing birds and possibly its least known. It lives in remote parts of the continent, comes out at night and runs along the ground like a quail.

"Interested? Want to hear more? Would you like to see this fascinating bird? Come to the "Exotic Bird Fashion Show" at your 2007 Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention on Saturday, May 26th.

Now just to give the male gender equal time, the other half of the Chairman team says:

"Did you know a 14 foot bird cage made out of PVC pipe still weighs more than 100 pounds...and takes up 1/2 of the garage?"

Now if that doesn't peak your interest and make you want to register NOW, we give up! Get your registration in and don't miss one single minute of the surprises, fun, fellowship and dancing when you....

**FOLLOW THE
BIRD TO THE
53rd!!**



Swinging Squares - Panama City

We had a ball with Darryl and Bill at January's Blue and White Ball ! With the big dance over, it was time to think about choosing new officers. For the past two years, Sherry and Dave Richards, Faye and Charlie Myers and David and Sandy Sturgis have given their time and enthusiasm guiding the club. Recent elections provided us with a new slate of officers. For 2007, Patricia and Joe McLendon assume responsibilities of the Presidency and Joe and Julie Gray are the new Vice Presidents. David and Sandy Sturgis will continue keeping track of our funds as Treasurers. We appreciate their willingness to serve.

By the time you read this, our Thursday night class will have graduated. On February 20th, their teacher, Dave Muller, passed out certificates and Swinging Squares members welcomed these new dancers into our club. Our classes benefited the club in another way. For the hour before beginner lessons, club members worked DBD calls and brushed up on plus moves. We all were better dancers by graduation.

February not only brought Northwest Florida's Sweetheart Swing but also the opportunity to honor those "sweethearts" we dance with every week. Then we celebrated with the annual Mardi Gras dance!

Purple, green and gold decorations, plenty of shiny beads and those scrumptious King Cakes made the night special.

Outgoing royalty, Tim & Terri Wilaby, crowned the new royalty, Jimmy & Fay Williams. Caller Ted Kennedy and taw Nancy love to "come



home" to Panama City and we love having them at the hall. We'll be "Wearin' the Green" for St. Patrick's Day and saluting spring before the next Press is printed.

2007 is shaping up to be full of activity and fun. Come join us any Tuesday, Grand Square Hall. For directions, access "www.floridasquaredance.com".

History from the Panhandle Press

This issue—30 Years Ago

This article appeared in the Panhandle Press. As editors, we thought you might enjoy a little bit of history from our association.

Styling Tips, Etiquette, and Square Dance Courtesies

At the Dance

1. Wear a SMILE.
2. Wear a BADGE. No one will be embarrassed when they forget a name.
3. Wear WESTERN CLOTHES to all square dance functions. (Work shops, tv spots, demonstrations, classes, dances, etc.)
4. Always be clean. Use deodorant, mouthwash, etc.
5. NEVER drink alcoholic beverages before or during a square dance.
6. Try to be prompt at all events, especially work-shops and classes.
7. Speak to ALL the visitors at your club and make them feel welcome.
8. Mix with all the dancers. It is friendlier than special cliques.
9. Do not collar someone between tips and load them down with the "woes" of the world. They came to relax and enjoy.
10. Support your club because it is YOURS and YOU are a special part.
11. It is more fun to dance when everyone goes out of their way to be friendly and courteous.

In the Square

1. If you intend to dance, get up into the nearest square as soon as the music begins.
2. Once you are part of a square, do not leave it to join another.

3. Introduce yourself to those dancers you do not know and greet the dancers you do know.
4. If your square breaks down, quickly square up and start over. Overlook mistakes—after all, we all make them.
5. LISTEN: How many squares have you been in that broke down because you didn't listen to the caller?
6. Don't stop cold if the next call is one you have never heard. The caller will give you directional words to show you how to do it.
7. When in Rome, do as the Romans do...Adapt your style of dancing to the style of the group you are dancing with.
8. Helpful Hanna is not very popular in a square. Keep to your portion of the dance and don't push others to correct them.
9. NEVER NEVER walk out of square unless it is an emergency and then try to find someone to take your place.
10. THANK YOU is a nice way to end a square. Thank your fellow dancers for dancing with you. If you enjoyed the tip, let the caller know you did by applauding and telling him personally after the dance.

STYLING

1. SMILE!!!!
2. Use a shuffle step, do not bounce up and down.
3. Keep promenades tight. Dance in a 12 x 12 foot area.
4. Don't grip too tight; but on the other hand, don't be a limp fish.
5. Make sure all hand/arm holds are comfortable for everyone involved.
6. On moves such as Right & Left Thru, touch hands and walk by. Do not jerk the person's arm.
7. Learn the definition of a call, not just the position, that way you can do the call from any position without hesitation.

Styling Tips, Etiquette, and Square Dance Courtesies

STYLING (continued)

8. *LOST?* Don't turn around or start to wander. Someone may guide you from behind. (Not push!)
9. Don't rush any calls (especially Grand Square) as they all have a prescribed number of beats. Relax and dance to the music and don't worry about getting from A to B as fast as possible.
10. Join hands with the people next to you at the end of a figure. This helps to make clear the formation you are in and makes the next call easier to follow.
11. When swinging, the man has the responsibility to release the lady in both the proper direction and place. (Unfold her like a book.)
12. Minimize the excessive swinging and twirling as the ladies will soon tire and become dizzy. (It is their option to be twirled.)
13. Men should lead their partner into a figure (NOT PUSH), and ladies should respond to your partner's leading.
14. Ladies should swish skirts on a chain, weave, promenade, etc.....
15. BELIEVE! Whatever the caller calls, believe him. If you stop to question the whys and wherefores, your square is certain to break down.
16. Good dancers are smooth dancers and timing is important to the smoothness of the dance. Don't do anything that will throw off the timing of someone else.

Grand Square Hall
 1105 Bob Little road, Panama City, FL 32401
 Phone (850) 785-7420
 President: Betty Kearney (850) 763-4100
 Building Manager: Wes Forbes (850) 265-5673

Sunday—Grand Square Rounds

Beginner Class	2:00—3:30p
Intermediate Dance (Cuer Sandy Sturgis)	3:30—5:30p

Monday—Bop & Shag Dance Club

Lessons	6:45—7:30p
Dance (Contact Bruce Fertal)	7:30—9:30p

Tuesday—Swinging Squares

Early Rounds (Cuer Sandy Sturgis)	7:00—7:30p
Squares & Rounds (Contact Dave Richards)	7:30—9:30p
Caller: Jack White	1st & 3rd week
Ernie Griffin	2nd week
Bob Poyner	4th week
Cuer: Bill Bovard	

Wednesday—Dance-A-Round Round Dance Club

Intermediate rounds (Cuer Bill Bovard)	7:00—9:00p
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Thursday—Swinging Squares Class

Intro to Dance by Definition (DBD)	6:00—7:00p
Beginner Class (Caller Dave Muller)	7:00—9:00p

Friday—Line Dancing

Line Dances, Couples Dances (Prompter Bill Bovard)	8:30—9:45p
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Saturday—Saturday Ballroom Dance

Instruction and Practice	7:00—7:30p
Dancing (Contact Al Land)	7:30—9:00p

Sandy Sturgis (850) 265-9488	Bruce Fertal (850) 522-6569
Dave Richards (850) 784-6983	Bill Bovard (850) 784-7780
Dave Muller (334) 393-6557	Al Land (850) 763-1179

IMPORTANT NOTES: Visitors are always welcome. All clubs occasionally cancel—Please verify with the contact listed to verify. Grand Square Hall is owned and operated by dancers of the Panama City Square and Round Dance Association, a non-profit corporation dedicated to preserving our square and round dance heritage.



Tim & Terri would like to say a **very big** THANK YOU to Paul and Cheryl Miller for their assistance in putting together the 53rd Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention.

Without your dedication and enthusiasm (and very neat skirts!), we would have had a long road to travel.

Thank you, Paul and Cheryl!!!



IF YOU FIND MISTAKES

ANY MISTAKES YOU MAY FIND IN THIS PUBLICATION ARE THERE FOR A PURPOSE. WE TRY TO PUBLISH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AND SOME PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MISTAKES!!!!!!



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The following clubs and halls are in our doghouse for not submitting an article in time for this publication:

Canoe Squares	Capital Twirlers
Highsteppers	Pasarda
Ragon Hall	Sandpipers
Seaside Squares	
DeFuniak Springs Dance Club	
Panama City Square/Round Dance Club	



Don't let your club miss out on having their say in our Association press. Get your articles in early. *Don't forget the pictures!!!!*

Calendar of Events

April

14 NWFRSDA Convention Picnic, Ragon Hall, Pensacola
Callers: Patty Ping, Chuck Myers
Cuer: June Leverette

20-21 Spring Fling, Ragon Hall, Pensacola
Callers: Larry Belcher, Willis Simmons
Cuer: John Williford

May

10-12 Panama City Beach Ball, Panama City Beach Senior Center,
Callers: Tony Oxendine, Darryl McMillan, Bill Terrell
Cuer: Sandy Sturgis

24 53rd Convention Trail-In Dance, Strawberry Squares Hall, Plant
City
Callers: Patty Ping, Bob Poyner, Ted Kennedy
Cuers: June Leverette, Sandy Sturgis, Lisa Wall

25-27 53rd Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention, Lake-
land Civic Center, Lakeland
Over 40 Florida Callers and Cuers

June

2 Billy Bowlegs, Grand Square Hall, Panama City
Caller: Darryl McMillan
Cuer: Sandy Sturgis

8 Special Night, Ragon Hall, Pensacola
Caller: Bob Poyner
Cuer: Lisa Wall

9 Five Flags Fiesta Dance, Bayview Senior Center, Pensacola
Caller: Larry Belcher
Cuer: Lisa Wall

27-30 56th National Square Dance Convention
Charlotte North Carolina

July

20-21 July Jamboree, Ragon Hall, Pensacola
Caller: Tony DiGeorge
Cuer: Barbara and Ted May

August

18 Seaside Anniversary, Ragon Hall, Pensacola
Caller: Darryl McMillan
Cuer: Sandy Sturgis

Tim and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Frank and June for their hard work and dedication in publishing the Panhandle Press for the last 3 ½ years. They join a very dedicated group of people. We wish them the best in their "retirement".



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| Joe & Doris Vaccari | Feb 1975—Mar 1977 |
| Marty Lackey | Sept 1977—Aug 1981 |
| Joy Richardson | Sept 1981—July 1983 |
| Joy Vaccari | Sept 1983—Sept 1987 |
| Joe & Joy Vaccari | Nov 1987—Dec 1991 |
| Ray & Gail Jones | Jan 1992—Sept 1995 |
| Tina Allen | Oct 1995—Sept 1996 |
| Gary Ping | Jan 1997—Sept 2003 |
| Frank & June Leverette | Oct 2003—Jan 2007 |



**56th National Square
Dance Convention
Charlotte, North
Carolina
June 27 - 30, 2007**

“Return to Heaven in ‘07”

"THERE'S FAR MORE VALUE FOR YOUR REGISTRATION DOLLAR THAN YOU REALIZED WHEN YOU FILLED OUT THAT REGISTRATION FORM."

REGISTRATIONS UPDATE: At this time, there are 6,064 registered for the 56th NSDC. Dancers from every state and 16 foreign countries are planning to come to the Queen City of Charlotte, NC. Don't you miss out on this fun, fellowship and fitness. REGISTER NOW!

BBQ DINNER AND EDDIE MILES WITH A "TRIBUTE TO ELVIS." All this on Wednesday evening. Over 1,617 dancers have already bought tickets to attend this Traditional Carolina BBQ Dinner, followed by a Tribute To Elvis with Eddie Miles. It's not too late to get your tickets, even if you have already registered, all you have to do is send in another registration form and check off that you want to purchase tickets.

INTERNATIONAL DANCERS: The International numbers are growing and glowing with excitement. There will be a special Hospitality Room for our International friends at the 56th NSDC. Please plan to come join us in Room 104 on the Main Concourse of the Charlotte Convention Center.

YOUTH CALLERS SEMINAR: This special seminar for "Youth Callers" will be held on Wednesday, June 27, 2007 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Tim Marriner and Tom Miller will be the Instructors. You can register by contacting CALLERLAB at Callerlab@aol.com or to obtain additional information you can also call 321-639-0039.

"Under The Carolina Stars" FASHION SHOW will be preceded by 30 minutes of Gospel Singing (A Carolina Tradition). Saturday afternoon, June 30th at 12:30 PM, is an event you won't want to miss! Settle back and enjoy singing and models from across the country. The show will be presented in a park like setting under a "Carolina Moon" and a backdrop of stars.

"FREE" CALLERS SCHOOL (UPDATE): Sponsors: 56th NSDC and Grand Square, Inc.

Dates: Sunday-Wednesday, June 24-27, 2007

Location: Westin Hotel

Instructors: Tony Oxendine, Jerry Story, Jon Jones and Deborah Carroll Jones

To Register for school: Grand Square, Inc. Ashley Foster (704-377-5554) Ashley@grandsquareinc.com Special note: The limit of 50 callers has been reached and there is a waiting list being kept - contact Ashley for details.

EDITORS OF PUBLICATIONS: Don't forget to thank the Editors of your State and Local Publications for providing more detailed information in their fine publications. So much to tell and so little space! But we are trying to keep this short and informative. Remember to forward this on to your dancing friends and if you want more information just visit the 56th National Convention web site: www.56thnsdc.com

PUBLICATIONS DISPLAY TABLE: Next to the Showcase of Ideas and in room 216 B will be a display of publications from all over the country. You will find recent copies of newsletter and magazines developed by the square and round dance community. Tables and chairs will be available, so that you can browse through the many publications and take notes. So, relax, rest those feet, and pick up a new idea or two! Check out the display of Convention Program Books beginning with the very first in Riverside in 1952.

"STAY IN STEP WITH EDUCATION!" (1) SEW & SAVE: Get excited with the creative and enthusiastic Seminar Presenters: How to vary patterns, Different kinds of ruffles, Embroidery and Quilting ideas, and so much more. One hour sessions with

a Question and Answer period. See the unique fashions at the Mini-Show & Tell. Need a repair? Come see us at the Repair Room. Sorry, this is repairs only (no alterations). Don't forget to pick up a copy of the Sew & Save Book if you didn't pre-order (still only \$6 - a great bargain). (2) CLINICS will be held by some of the best clinicians in Square Dancing, Round Dancing, Line Dancing, Contra Dancing, Clogging Dancing, Country Western Dancing; well, you get the idea. (3) PANELS & SEMINARS will be presented by some of the best leaders in the country. Ideas on how to help your club grow in numbers and fun.

CAMPERS : For those campers who will be arriving on Tuesday, June 26, there will be a "free" Hot Dog and Hamburger dinner just for you, followed by square dancing in a 10,000 square foot pavilion. (I may just go rent a camper)! The 400 full service hookups are filling up, get those registrations in NOW!

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER: 704-339-6090 Write this number down and give it to your family in case they need to reach you for an emergency. This phone number is for the "main" Convention Security Personnel who will handle emergencies. The Convention Security will have direct contact with the Square Dance Security Force using 2-way radios. Hopefully, you will never need these folks, but if you do, they are only a call away.

PROGRAM BOOK: The Program Book only costs \$6, but contains hundreds of dollars of information and directions. "You can't tell the players without a program." Along with the Program Book comes three separate "Daily Pocket Size Programs," one for each day. These will provide you information on all activities of the convention.

We wish there was more room to tell you about "EVERYTHING" that you will enjoy about the National Convention. You can visit the 56th National Convention web-site and find so much more, give it a try. Visit www.56thnsdc.com to download a registration form.

Thanks and happy dancing~~~~~Paul & Nita Walker - Publicity Chairman - 56th NSDC



**“53rd Florida State Square
and Round Dance Convention”**

would like to invite you out to meet Pinky, Ralph
& all the Cousins before they become busy making
sure you have a “Feathering Good Time” at the
Convention!

Their “**Trail-In Dance**” will be held on
May 24, 2007

Strawberry Squares Hall in Plant City.

Early Rounds 7:00—7:45 pm

Squares 8:00—10:00 pm.



To help make the party great, they will be flying in:



June Leverette, 2007 Cuer Chairman
Lisa Wall, 2007 Cuer Co-Chairman
Sandy Sturgis, Northwest Florida Cuer

Patty Ping, 2007 Caller Chairman
Bob Poyner, 2007 Caller Co-Chairman
Ted Kennedy, Northwest Florida Caller
Cost: *Donations to the Convention*



Strawberry Square
4401 Boot Bay Road
Plant City, Florida

Irving & Irene will be
having a “Flamingo Bridal Shower &
Bachelor Party”.



For more information email: pe_miller@bellsouth.net or
timwilaby@cox.net or call 850-939-6688.



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A Piece of History

Did you know that in June of 1976, a contest to name the newsletter for Northwest Association was ended? The winner, Rosemary Franklin of Fort Walton Beach submitted the name "Panhandle Press". So now you know!!!

Vote for Round-Up 2008

Send your vote to Joe & Patricia McLendon @ jmcle13354@bellsouth.net or mail this ad to: 6323 Oak Knoll Road, Panama City, FL 32404

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Spring Fling
April 20th & 21st 2007
Ragon Square Dance Hall
2600 Stratford Rd.
Pensacola, FL 32526

Squares

Larry Belcher
Montgomery, AL

Squares

Willis Simmons
Eufaula, AL

Rounds

John Williford
Montgomery, AL

Host Motel: Quality Inn (was the Ramada Ltd) (next door to the Cracker Barrel), 8060 Lavelle Way. You may request a room at Microtel (850-941-8902), in Pensacola, FL 32526, the same area, for same rate, just mention Group Code FLING.

For room reservations, call during weekdays, 7am-3pm, 1-850-944-0333. Be sure to mention Group code FLING in order to receive the group rate. Reservations must be made by April 14th, 2007. If room block is sold out or after April 14th, rates and room availability will not be guaranteed. Check in is 3pm or later. Room Rates: Friday and Saturday nights - \$57.99 + tax per night. This is for a Basic room (2double beds or 1 king bed) and includes a continental Breakfast each morning.

Weekend Dance Package - \$40.00 per couple; \$20.00 per Single
One night, (Fri. or Sat.) - \$20.00 per couple; \$10.00 per Single

Make Checks payable to Larry Belcher

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Montgomery, AL 36117

(over for Schedule and other information)

For information call 334-215-8591

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Picnic Dance
Saturday
April 14
11a - 4p

Callers: Patty Ping, Chuck Meyers

Cuer: June Leverette

Cost: \$10.00 per person,
plus a covered dish

Convention staff will provide the
meat

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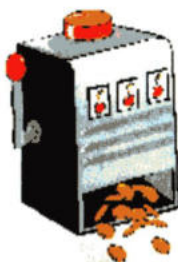
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Pensacola Twirlers—Pensacola



January started the new year with lots of club members back for fun dancing. Patty Ping, our caller/cuer, had a very successful weekend of lesson classes for beginning round dancing. The classes will continue every week before regular 7:00 p.m. round and square dancing time. The enthusiasm and excitement of new round dancing classes has given our club a boost in membership and attendance.

Following our Valentine dance, it was time to crown the new Queen for this year. Reigning Queen Deecee Haslett passed her crown to Jeanine Lucas. Jeanine now has the pleasure of dancing with King Deluna at our Fiesta Dance in June!!





Our caller, Patty, has decided that it is time to give our "mascot" a name. The Twirlers have been collecting suggestions at the price of \$1.00, with the proceeds going to benefit the 53rd State Convention. Voting will take place in April at the Picnic for the Convention at Ragon Hall. See one of the Twirlers with your dol-

lar to place a favorite name in the pot. Then be sure to attend the picnic/dance to place your vote. (Voting is free.)

Plans are in place for a Big Fiesta of Five Flags Round and Square Dance on June 9, 2007 with caller Larry Belcher from Montgomery, AL, and cuer Lisa Wall from Jacksonville Beach, FL. Join us for a dance and visit with the Court of Don Tristan DeLuna. We will have lots of door prizes, good food, and great fellowship at Bayview Senior Center, 2000 East Lloyd Street. Dancing will be from 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm, June 9, 2007.

We will also have a Trail-in Dance Friday night, June 8, 2007 with cuer Lisa Wall, Jacksonville Beach, FL, and caller Bob Poyner, DeFuniak Springs, FL. Early rounds will begin at 7:00 p.m. and squares and rounds will be from 7:30-10:00 pm at Ragon Hall, 2600 Stratford Rd.

C U N A Square,
Geraldine Pitts P'Cola Twirlers V. P.



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53rd Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention

The 53rd FSSRDC scheduled a committee meeting and a Fashion Show practice for Saturday, Feb. 10th, in Fort Walton Beach, FL. It was a little chilly over there, but Ft. Walton is always so lovely, no one seemed to mind.

When we reached Pasarda Hall that morning, Cheryl & Terri were frantically trying to fold and pin a diaper -- a white one with little red hearts all over it! Charlie happened to be nearby and after some begging (and a promise he would not have to wear it that evening) they got him to pose as a model for them to get the diaper folded and pinned correctly.



The short meeting was held first and the Fashion Show practice followed (and was a little bit longer!) The practice went well and we think you'll get a great hour of entertainment when you attend the show. You'll never forgive yourself if you miss the "Exotic Bird Fashion Show", so hurry and get registered! Paul & Cheryl Miller have worked very hard to make this show a success.

Some of the committee attended the Northwest Callers Sweetheart Swing that evening. The Callers and Cuers were at their best and the dancing was great! Thanks for a great dance.

During the evening, the MusesCalliope (Terri Wilaby) and Thalia (Cheryl Miller) were trying to find Aphrodite's son, Cupid, to raise money for the 53rd Convention. Votes were \$1.00 each and the man with the highest amount of dollars would be crowned (?) Cupid! Charlie Newsome was the winner(?) with \$66.00, and Cheryl and Terri helped him get into the wings & diaper, and handed him his trusty bow & arrow. His loving sweetheart, Val, was the first to "vote" with \$8.00, then Northwest just kept the bids coming in. Tim Wilaby was right behind him with \$57.00 and Caller Bob

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was giving Charlie & Tim a
bids of \$51.00. It was a
and raised some \$\$\$\$
Convention. There was
Chinese Type Auction for
known and some unknown
which also raised money
Convention. Val even
away with 3 gifts....and

we saw several others who won multiple gifts.

You'll be delighted to hear there will be a DBD Hall at the Convention this year. We expect this to be a very busy and popular place. The "Crafty Nest" -- formerly known as the Sew & Save -- will be located in the Sikes Hall space just outside all the dance halls. This should give everyone (including the men) lots of time to visit the "Nest" during the Convention.

Also, if you have meetings to attend during the Convention, please check the program to see where they will be held. Since we aren't using the Hollingsworth Halls, all meetings will be scheduled for the Lake Parker Room.

Tim & Terri Wilaby, along with their committee, have worked very hard to bring you a weekend full of fun and fellowship, with great dancing. We think you'll agree they met their goal when you.....

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**Caller: Bob Poyner, Defuniak Springs,
FL**

Cuer: Lisa Wall
Same times as Saturday

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2007 Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention "Ways & Means" Report.

Congratulations to our Bake-Off winners. Arlene Somerville won first place for the best homemade dessert. Jim Walters won for the best store bought dessert.

We would like to thank the Panama City club members and Grand Square Hall for their hospitality and hard work benefiting the 2007 State Convention on March 3rd at the "Spaghetti Lunch/Dance". The spaghetti was great!!

The next fundraiser is the "Barbeque Lunch & Recycling Sale" which will be held on April 14th at Ragon Hall in Pensacola. We are providing the barbeque meat, and ask that you bring a side dish. We will feature new items donated after our Recycled Clothing sale held last August, so please bring your checkbook and purchase a bargain that afternoon. We will also be having a "Clearance Sale" on all the unsold Ways and Means items. Please plan on attending this dance. A flyer is in this quarter's Panhandle Press.

Special thanks to all my Cupids that showed up during the Northwest Florida Caller Association's Annual Sweetheart Swing. The winning Cupid was Charlie Newsome, who was visiting from the Northeast Association. Our "White Elephant Sale" was a success! All items were purchased and we hope the bidders are happy with their purchase. Thank you to the dancers whom brought in items for the sale.

Our last fundraiser will be in Plant City, at Strawberry Square the "Trail In Dance", which will be on Thursday, May 24th. If you can travel a day earlier, please plan on attending. This will be Irving & Irene's Bachelor & Bridal Shower, it will be interesting to see what a flamingo gets as a wedding gift...

As we near the end of our fund raising campaign, we would like to thank the Northwest Florida Callers Association, Grand Square Hall, PASARDA Hall and Ragon Hall for their support. A big thank you also goes to Patty Ping, Bob Poyner, June Leverette, Ted Kennedy, Dave Muller, Paul Bischoff, Sandy SturGIS, Willis Simmons, Bill Bovard and Chuck Meyers, for providing their time and talent at no charge to help raise funds for our State Convention. A heartfelt thank you to the many people who donated items for sale or sat at our table to allow Paul, Cheryl, Tim & Terri the opportunity to dance.

We have had so much fun raising money these past 3 years. We hope our Convention is a success and we look forward to seeing you at the State Convention on May 25 - 27!

Paul & Cheryl Miller
Ways and Means Chairman

Dance-A-Round Round Dance Club—Panama City

We dance every Wednesday with a mix of EZ level and Intermediate level rounds. Still only \$8.00/couple. Visitors are always welcome but it is wise to call first because we will be "dark" occasionally during the summer season.

Our 17th Annual Mardi-Gras dance was a lot of fun. Ted Kennedy does a great job with the "ceremonies" and Betty Kearney and her helpers do a great job decorating the hall. Tim & Terri Wilaby were the outgoing King & Queen and they crowned Faye & Jimmy Williams as new King & Queen. We marched around and threw a lot of beads and ate a lot of delicious King Cake. Next year will be our 18th event and we hope you all can come.

Bill Bovard & Madelyn



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53rd Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention



What's that you say? Why should you go to a State Convention? Well, for one thing there are people who have been working on this State Convention for 5 years just so you could have a nice weekend of dancing and socializing with your friends throughout the state -- plus the opportunity to make new friends. We are fortunate in Florida to have some great callers and cuers who donate their time and talent at this weekend affair. So, if you don't know why you should come, why not get registered and come find out **WHY YOU SHOULD COME!!** You'll find you'll have a great time dancing while enjoying fun and fellowship with other square dancers. Ribbons are still only \$27.00 per person until April 30th and then you'll pay \$30.00 per

person at the door. Get registered now and get ready for a great weekend of fun and dancing!

As of this moment there are 36 callers waiting to call dances for you....There will be Mainstream, Plus with rounds, DBD (Dance by Definition), Advanced Rounds and Easy Rounds, Advance Dancing, Contra, and Country Western with Lines Halls. There will be some "intro to" sessions on Saturday morning. So, if you look carefully, there will be something for everyone.

The Convention opens at 6:00 pm the evening of Friday, May 25th, with opening ceremonies getting underway. You'll miss the Beach Party and Shotgun Wedding of Irving & Irene if you don't get there early and get seated in the Plus Hall. In addition there will be entertainment for your enjoyment on Saturday and Sunday evenings, so don't miss a single thing. On Sunday evening near the close of the opening ceremonies the West Coast Association will be presenting their Kick-Off to let you know just what to expect at the State Convention in 2008.

We've already told you in previous articles about the Spectacular Fashion Show on Saturday afternoon at 1:00 pm; as well as the "Crafty Nest" (Sew & Save) which will open at 7:30 pm on Friday. The "Crafty Nest" will also be open at 9:30 -11:30 Saturday morning; 2:00-4:30 pm, and 7:30-9:30 pm on Saturday, then on Sunday from 2:00-4:00 pm. Drop by this room sometime during the weekend and check out all the specials we have planned for you.

Back to the Fashion Show: Be in the Plus Hall at 1:00 pm on Saturday afternoon to see the most unusual and beautiful "birds" you've ever seen, plus meet Granny, Tweety, and Sylvester! You'll be sorry if you miss this Spectacular Show!

One other thing available at the State Convention is several vendors with just what you've been looking for -- shirts, belts, shoes, skirts, blouses, etc. You can truly "Shop until you drop!"

Now, we've told you a little about what to expect when you get there -- remember it all gets underway at 6:00 pm on Friday, May 25th. Once you arrive at the Convention Center you'll get a Program Book that will tell you just where everything is and what time it begins. You want to check out those ads in the Program Book and patronize our advertisers. There is so much to do you'll wonder how you'll have enough time to do it all.

The Northwest Association has worked very hard for a long time to bring you a great weekend of fun and dancing. Let's show our appreciation by getting our entire club to register and come to the State Convention. Just imagine how great it would be if every club had every member present and in the Hall during the Grand March on Saturday evening. It would be a fantastic sight to see and it is possible. Talk to all your friends in your club, get them to register and meet you in Lakeland at the State Convention.

It is our opinion that you'll find the dancing FABULOUS and the friendships you renew or make anew will all add up to a great fun-filled weekend for everyone. So get ready to



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