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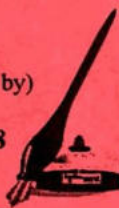
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Cornett's Corner

Happy New Year to all our Northwest Florida dancers! We look forward to dancing with as many of you as possible during the year.

Our 23rd Roundup in DeFuniak Springs was a very successful one. We had good support from our dancers - 21 squares. Our Northwest callers and cuers gave an excellent performance and entertained us the entire weekend. Julian and Flo Rosdick chaired this year's Roundup and did a superb job. Julian's real-life humor about some of our dancers gave us many good laughs. After the dance, everyone enjoyed skits and a pancake and ham breakfast. Many thanks go to Leslie & Margueritte Reese of DeFuniak Springs who delivered the ham to us ready to serve. What a deal! Where else but at a square dance can you enjoy two hours of good dancing, 30 minutes of theatre and a hot breakfast for \$3.00?

Julian and Flo are at work planning another fun Roundup this year. We plan to have some of our talented local area callers and cuers on Friday and Saturday nights. On Saturday night Larry Letson from McAllen, TX will supplement them. We are also trying to arrange for a special group to perform an exhibition on Friday evening. More later.

This year, as usual, the Dancer of the Year Committee had a very difficult job choosing a winner from all the well-qualified candidates. The winners for 1997-98 are Frank and Nixie Hall who dance in Ft. Walton Beach with the Belles and Beaux. Frank and Nixie were presented a framed certificate and "Dancer of the Year" badges at the Roundup. Congratulations to Frank and Nixie for their efforts to make square dancing fun and to help bring new dancers into our activity.

We are saddened by the recent death of one of our cuers, Al Doolittle. Al, who lived in Tallahassee, was a talented cuer and a friend to all dancers. He will be greatly missed by all of us. We all extend our deepest sympathy to his widow, Leila.

The Pensacola and Ft. Walton Beach area dancers really

supported the U.S. Marine Corps' "Toys For Tots" program at the dance in December. The dancers contributed \$400 and over 200 toys for local needy children. The Marine Corps has been doing the toy collection for 50 years. Chuck Myers and Rose Lord donated their time to call and cue for the dance. Many thanks to Chuck and Rose and all the dancers.

We are just a few weeks into 1998 and we wonder what direction Square Dancing will take this year. We hear many people talking about different ways to attract more dancers. We continue to hear that the instructional time needs to be reduced. Currently, it takes almost a year for a dancer to go through the entire program of Basic, Mainstream and Plus. With the same time commitment a person can complete two full college courses for credit! New dancers need to have the opportunity to hone their Basic/Mainstream skills before being asked to dance at the Plus level. Through the City Recreation Program in Pensacola, with Chuck Myers as the caller/instructor, we are trying the 10-10 method of teaching. We hope that the shortened instructional time will attract more dancers. It will be EVERYONE'S responsibility to see that the dancers have lots of opportunity to dance at their level with the local clubs. We will keep you posted as to the success of this method. Whatever is being tried in your area, we encourage you to support the effort - even if you don't particularly agree with the method. We need new dancers if our favorite recreational activity is to survive. Let us know of your successes so that we can share them with all our members.

One of our Association goals for '98 is to increase our membership 20%. As of January 10th we have an increase of approximately 15%. We need your help in order to achieve this goal. Encourage your club members to join the Association.

We were pleasantly surprised at the Florida Federation meeting in November to receive a check for over \$2100 from Worley Carrier, General Chairman of the 46th National Square Dance Convention, as our part of the proceeds from the 46th Convention. All of our dancers can be proud of the part Northwest Florida played in making the convention a success. These funds should be used to further square dancing in our area. Any ideas? Please call, write or e-mail them to us (fscorny@aol.com).

The 44th Florida Square Dance Convention will be held in Lakeland

on May 22-24 this year. We have ribbons for sale - \$18 per person. Let us know how many you need. West Coast is working hard to put on an outstanding convention. The newly renovated facilities are just great. We want to have Northwest Association well represented at this event. By the way, it will be our turn to chair the convention again in 2002.

Don't forget the 47th National Convention in Charlotte, NC June 24-27. Check the Calendar of Events on the back page for special dances in our area.

Food for thought - "One of the greatest victories you can gain over someone is to beat him at politeness." - Josh Billings

Fred & Shirley

Fred & Shirley Cornett
President



Editor's
Message

AH YES, IF YOU FIND MISTAKES
in this publication, please consider that they are there for a purpose. We publish something, for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes!

Bulletin published by humans!

The holidays are over and I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Roundup was a big success and I would like to thank everyone who helped to make it a great time for everyone who attended.

Thanks to everyone who sent in articles for this issue and keep them coming. The Panhandle Press would not be much of a news letter without the news from our member clubs.

Not everything that counts can be counted.

- Sign hanging in Albert Einsteins office

******* NOTICE *******

The first 1998 quarterly meeting of the NWFSRDA will be held 3:00 PM, February 14th, at the Western Steer Restaurant, 232 South Tyndall Parkway, Calloway, FL (850) 769-3391.

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**SUMMARY of MINUTES of NWFSRDA MEETING
DeFuniak Springs, October 25, 1997**

- The net worth as of 10/25/97 was \$5911.41.
- Cliff Allen served as Chairman of the Dancer of the Year Award Committee. He devised a numerical rating system for choosing the winner. The committee members voted via mail on their choice(s).
- Tom Hancock reported on the insurance guidelines for 1998. Delegates were given copies of the guidelines and forms for submitting the club's insurance.
- Joe Vaccari urged members to get the USDA credit card.
- Gary Ping thanked everyone for their interest and support of the Panhandle Press during the past year. The new Club Information Books are out. Gary also encouraged everyone to get their special events in so that it can be put on the Calendar of Events in the Panhandle Press. This will prevent clubs from scheduling special dances in competition with each other.
- Bill Donahue, President of the Caller's Association, noted that the caller-sponsored dance for new dancers will be February 14, 1998 in Panama City.
- Fred listed the goals for 1998 - 1. Work with NW Caller's Association to a.) Recruit new dancers; b.) Reduce instruction time in order that new dancers can begin dancing sooner; 2. Increase membership by 20%; 3. All clubs submit at least two articles to Panhandle Press; 4. 100 NWF dancers attend 1998 Florida State Square Dance Convention; 5. Establish Square Dance Blood Bank for our dancers.
- Delegates to Florida Federation of Square Dancers for 1998 are: Fred & Shirley Cornett, Tom & Jean Hancock, Glen & Ann Price, Jim & Pauline Waters, Tom & Dorothy Kracht & Tony & Patti Gee (Alternates).
- Motion passed to purchase new copy machine.
- Motion passed to donate \$200 to Pensacola Special Steppers Travel Fund.
- Motion passed to designate up to \$1000 for an out-of-area caller and/or cuer for the '98 Roundup.

Congratulations
1996-97 Club Dancers of the Year

Tom & Shirley Constable - Bayou Shufflers &
Flying Squares
Frank & Nixie Hall - Belles & Beaux
Jerry & Sandy Williamson - Canoe Squares
Fred & Janette Cramer - Capital Squares
Robert & Roberta Vinson - Chautauqua Squares
Evert & Barbara Switzer - Country Squares
Owen & Barbara Hutchinson - Merry Mates Round Dance Club
Joan Koile - Pensacola Twirlers
Charlie Polk - Pensacola Twirlers
Lyle & Jackie Wright - Quincy Curlee-Q's
Gavin & Betty Thorsen - Swingin' Saints
Tony & Patti Gee - Whirlaways

Northwest Florida Square & Round Dance Association's
1997-98 Dancers of the Year

Frank & Nixie Hall

Frank and Nixie have been dancing for many years. They participate in all levels of square dancing from Basic to Advanced. They are active in both Plus and Advanced clubs.

Frank and Nixie are always willing to do whatever needs to be done to help their club. Frank was vice president of the Belles & Beaux for 1997. When the president moved away, Frank stepped into the president's position and did a superb job. When the treasurer of the club resigned for health reasons, Nixie volunteered to act as treasurer. Frank and Nixie



are always the first dancers to arrive at any club dance. They set up the kitchen and have the hall ready by the time the other dancers arrive.

They also support the classes for new dancers. They attend the classes as angels and help the instructor keep the class organized.

Frank and Nixie support the Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention every year and served as a Director of Panels at the 46th National Square Dance Convention in Orlando.

Northwest Florida is fortunate to have Frank and Nixie dancing in and supporting our association.

Congratulations Frank and Nixie

BAYOU SHUFFLERS

Ft. Walton Beach ... The Bayou Shufflers at PASARDA Hall are looking forward to their second year as an advanced level square dance club. Our schedule is a busy one, including visiting other clubs in the area for their special dances. Some members are also planning to attend the Sunshine Festival in Lakeland and the All Advanced Weekend in Tennessee on March 6th and 7th.

Tom and Jean Hancock along with Jerry and Sandy Williamson have been elected to offices at the regional and state levels. Tom and Jean were elected Vice President of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers. In the Northwest Florida Square and Round Dance Association, Jerry and Sandy Williamson were elected treasurer while the Hancocks continue as Insurance Chairman. It's great to have club members serving as officers in these organizations. Congratulations to the four of you!

Bob Poyner has announced that he will be continuing his A-2 workshop on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month. This will be from 7:30 to 9:30 PM at PASARDA Hall.

Our regular club dances are held on Saturday evenings from 8:00 to 10:00, A-2 level. The following is our schedule for the next quarter:

Chuck Myers - Jan. 31 and March 21

Bob Poyner - Jan. 3 and March 14

Willis Simmons - February 21

Ben Williams - Jan 17 and March 7

Submitted by Mary Ann Ellis

CANOE SQUARES

Milton ... September saw the Canoe Squares recovered from their August activities. The class continues to progress.

Our 5th Monday potluck supper was held on September 29. On November 20th, Ben Williams graduated nine people from mainstream and plus. They are as follows: Buddy Burgess, Gene and Sandra Ciampini, Bill Glover, John and Carol Mitchell, Vern and Sybil Schackelford and Bobbie Williams. There were about 15 other dancers who attended the sessions. Most of them were brushing up on their skills. Some of them are returning to square dancing after an absence. Many thanks go to the angels who faithfully attended weekly. The club also thanks Ben for his teaching prowess. We are proud of our new dancers and welcome them to the world of square dancing.

Finger foods on December 22nd celebrated Christmas for us. There were 6 squares dancing. Our visitors, new dancers, club members, and caller Bob Poyner and Taw Ann all helped to make it a fine dance.

Happy New Year to all from the Canoe Squares. Hope we see all of you at our anniversary dance on Feb. 28th at the Santa Rosa Auditorium. Tony Di George and Bob Poyner are on squares with June Leverette on rounds.

Submitted by Mary Hamilton

Web Sites of Interest

47th National

<http://www.iei.net/47nsdc>

Charlotte Convention & Visitors Bureau

<http://charlottecvb.org/ncrw/clt>

CAPITAL SQUARES



Tallahassee ... We reflect on our square dance activities of the past year and realize how lucky we have been--so many wonderful friends to say "thank you for the memories."

Capital Squares members have enjoyed several "banner snatching" trips: a visit to Albany, Georgia; fish fries at Pete Levy's with the Whirlaways and with Robert and Maggie Funderburk at the river; Hobo parties; dinners at our dances; and just plain good ole dancing.

Fred & Janette Cramer, Maudine & Jimmy Floyd, Retta & Harry Rudy, Sue & Fred Rhodes, Pat & John Page, Maggie & Robert Funderburk journeyed to English Mountain to dance with Ken Bower, Jerry Haag & Jay Miller at Gary Shoemake's Retreat--what a wonderful week we had! The retreat is up on English Mountain near Pigeon Forge, TN. We enjoyed very nice accommodations, great scenery, perfect weather, friendly staff, delicious food, excellent calling, very good dancing, and lots of new friends. John Page and Fred Cramer won the horseshoe tournament. Come join us for some fun dancing in 1998.

A belated congratulations to Norman Booth. Norman retired after 31 years of teaching high school. He served in the U. S. Navy for five years and was a Methodist minister for 32 years. Have fun Norman & Ann.

Submitted by Fred Cramer

DANCE-A-ROUND R/D CLUB

Panama City ... We're still going strong every Tuesday evening when we are in town, but we have been traveling a lot over the holidays (seems like everybody is). Time to settle down now to our regular schedule.

The Tallahassee clubs put on the Tri-City dance Dec 7th. We all had a good time, although we were saddened by the passing of Al Doolittle. He and Leila participated at all the Tri-City dances (and all other events) and we miss him. The next Tri-City dance will be hosted by Dance-A-Rounds at Grand Square Hall on Sunday March 15th from 1 to 4 pm Central time. This time is more convenient for the Tallahassee dancers. It's great to have three hours of continuous rounds by various cuers, mostly easy/intermediate level so that everyone gets a lot of dancing.

We have some good Square & Round dances scheduled at Grand Square Hall. Our Festival January 16th & 17th features Tony Di George with Bob & Lynn Van Atta on rounds. Ted Kennedy will do some Cajun calling at our annual Mardi-Gras dance Saturday February 21st. So be sure to check the CALENDAR OF EVENTS and mark your personal calendar. We hope to C.U. A-ROUND soon at Grand Square Hall.

Submitted by Bill Bovard & Madelyn Springer

Y'ALL COME to a FREE

square and round dance at Azalea Hall in Mobile on January 24th. This will be a very special dance for the dancers in Mobile. They will burn the mortgage on Azalea Hall. In honor of the occasion, they are offering a FREE dance to all dancers in the area. This promises to be a fun dance. Let's all go and congratulate the Mobile dancers for this significant achievement.

EMERALD COASTERS

Ft. Walton Beach... You are thinking - hmmm, never heard of that club before. You're right - we are a newly formed club along the beautiful Emerald Coast. Actually, we are two "old" clubs joined into one. (We use the term "old" lovingly.)

The Belles and Beaux and the Flying Squares have come together the past few summers to dance because of low attendance during the summer, etc. and we decided we liked the idea. Both clubs had gotten smaller and it seemed reasonable to combine our clubs and become one large club - thus the birth of the Emerald Coasters.

The schedule for the dances may sound a little strange but we planned a schedule to try to accommodate everyone. We will dance the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays and the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. with Bob Poyner as our caller. We are a plus club but welcome all dancers.

A new logo has been designed for our badge and banner by one of our club members, Jack LoRusso, and we are anxious to have them completed. We hope that all of the clubs in the area will come to "steal" our new banner and dance with us. Remember now you can "double your pleasure, double your fun."

The new officers for 1998 are as follows:

President - Tom and Dorothy Kracht
Vice President - Jim and Pauline Waters
Secretary - Tom and Shirley Constable
Treasurer - Ted and Jane Benson
PASARDA Rep - Chuck and Gloria Scalion

We plan to be a very active club - so watch out - we may come to get your banner. We hope that we will be good promoters of square dancing and live up to the motto "Friendship set to Music." WE'LL SAVE ROOM IN OUR SQUARE FOR YOU.

We look forward to the next few months when we welcome all our "snowbird" friends from the North. It is always great fun to dance with them.

Looking forward to dancing with you.
Submitted by Shirley Constable, Secretary

PENSACOLA TWIRLERS

Pensacola ... Well it's time again to sit down and recall all the activities the Pensacola Twirlers have been involved in for the past quarter. On Oct. 4th, our caller, Patty Ping called while we demonstrated square dancing at the Annual Roundup at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Oct. 24th & 25th found most of us at the NWFSRDA Roundup in DeFuniak Springs. This was a well-attended dance and enjoyed by all with our own Callers and Cuers doing the honors.

I guess the highlight of the Twirlers' year was our 14th Anniversary Dance on Nov. 8th at Sanders Beach. We had Gary Shoemake calling and Chuck Sample cueing. With a pair like that it was no wonder we had 25 plus squares in attendance. Our next anniversary dance is November 14th at Sanders Beach.

Patty, as usual, always thinks of our shut-in friends at the Rosewood Manor Retirement Home. We held a demonstration on Dec. 6th. Two squares danced for the residents and Christmas gifts were presented to all those in attendance. We also remembered our friend Lois Coles, who has no local friends or family, with a special present.

The next big event in our very active schedule was on Dec. 7th. This was the Toys For Tots Dance held at Sanders Beach with Chuck Myers calling and Rose Lord cueing. This will be an annual event for the Twirlers, in cooperation with the US Marines' program to collect toys for under-privileged children. We had 14 plus squares in attendance and were able to raise \$400 in cash and a truck-load of toys for the children. I can't think of a better way to enjoy a night out than bringing joy to those less fortunate.

Looking ahead, we have the local Pensacola/Milton area beginners class starting up on the 28th of January at Sanders Beach. Chuck Myers will be the caller/instructor. There will be a kick-off dance for those interested in learning Modern Western Square Dancing on Fri. the 16th of January from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Admission is non-perishable food to be donated to the Manna Food Bank, Inc. Flyers are being distributed. The lessons will begin on Wed. from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM, Jan 28th and last thru Apr. 1st, 1998. The cost will be \$50 per couple, payable the first night of lessons.

I hope to see you soon at a Square Dance at your place or ours.

Submitted by Frank Branton, President, Pensacola Twirlers

SEASIDE SQUARES

Pensacola ... Boy, we really rang out the old year with a bang at Ragon Hall! Ben & Bettie Williams, and Eddie & Sam Mayall called a great New Year's Eve dance with June and Frank Leverette cueing rounds. I believe we had nine squares on the floor with a couple more in reserve. Ben did the late cooking to provide us with a pancake breakfast treat to ring in the New Year. Everyone had a great time.

Our holiday season also included a super Christmas dance featuring our own Hoss and Kit Waldorf calling and cueing us through a wonderful evening of fun. The goodie table was loaded with sinfully tempting delights. (All calorie-free, of course.) This was certainly a night to be remembered.

Our special dance, December 6th, was preceded by a pot-luck dinner with seemingly unlimited culinary delectables. Our guest caller was Bob Poyner whose outstanding singin' and yodelin' made the dance fun and exciting. The only problem was moving around the floor after all that great food.

We were blessed this quarter with visits to our functions by our sister Pensacola clubs, The Twirlers and the Swingin' Saints. We really appreciate their support. We extend a special "Thank You" to the Canoe Squares of Milton for their exceptional support of our club events and our classes. We are certainly going to return these favors by our support of these clubs' events. We were also very happy to have visits by roving dancers from Alabama, North Carolina, Connecticut and Vermont as well as other states that have slipped my mind.

With the holiday season over, we are looking forward to our special events of the New Year. January 9th and 10th is the Hot Time Weekend at Ragon Hall hosted by Tony DiGeorge and Chuck Myers. It should be great fun and instructional as well.

April 17th and 18th will bring an exciting weekend of rounds featuring Jerry and Barbara Pierce of Birmingham. We all know what a talented pair they are and that weekend promises to be one of the Round Dance events of the year. Don't miss this Round Dance experience! Contact Bob Sanders at (850) 476-3929 for reservations.

We were delighted to see Irene Miner in our midst in December. She had been out for some time due to illness. We wish her our best in her continuing recovery and look forward to seeing her more often now. We also send out our best wishes and prayers to Dick Brown who is coping with an extended illness.

Finally, we express our heartfelt gratitude to our 1997 President, Grace Sanders and her staff of officers for the wonderful job they have done. We also congratulate our 1998 President, Bill Jenner and the 1998 slate of officers. We pledge you our whole-hearted support in the coming year.

We at Seaside Squares extend an open invitation to all to attend the Square and Round Dance events at Ragon Hall this year. We are very fortunate to have a terrific facility with one of the best dance floors in the area. Please visit us! To plan events of your own at this great facility, contact Bill Jenner at (850) 968-4415 or Bob Sanders at (850) 476-3929.

Submitted by Charles Grambell, Publicity Chairman

In Memoriam

Al Doolittle, cuer for the Tallahassee Capital Rounds and Capital Squares, passed away in November 1997. Al was an ardent supporter of both round and square dancing. He is greatly missed by all of us. We extend our prayers and deepest sympathy to his widow, Leila.



INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF "TRUSTEES" OF THE SQUARE DANCE ACTIVITY

NEBRASKA - the 30th State

On September 19, 1997, E. Benjamin Nelson, Governor of the State of Nebraska, signed the bill, making Nebraska the 30th state that has accepted the Square Dance and its allied dance forms as their state's American Folk Dance. Thanks to the efforts of LEGACY Trustee Donna Bolz, the elusive thirtieth state has been reached for this on-going project of LEGACY & USDA.

The word "square dancing" used in these bills includes all facets and forms of the square dance activity. Sometimes the hardest part of passing these bills has been to explain that square dancing has many forms. While many are familiar with clogging, rounds, squares and even contras, listing the many forms included in the term "square dancing" has been found to be too confusing and cumbersome for the legislatures to consider. Keeping the wording simple has helped some states better understand and accept this bill.

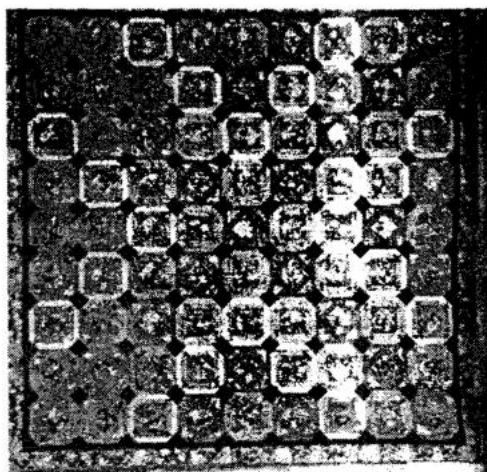
The goal of Frank & Helen Cavanaugh who have chaired this project for LEGACY since 1983 is to get eight of the remaining twenty states to adopt the Square Dance as their American Folk Dance. Once this goal is reached they can go before Congress and present the bill to have it declared the American Folk Dance of the United States (which it did for two years in 1982).

Pennsylvania's bill has passed the Senate but awaits action from their House of Representatives. Maine's bill passed both houses but was removed from the Governor's desk before he could affix his signature. North Carolina, Wyoming, and Iowa bills are still held in a committee. The following states either have to reintroduce their bills or start the process. AL, HI, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, NH, NM, NV, NY, OH, RI, VT and WI.

By working together we can complete the states phase in '98. Let us all make a New Year's Resolution to have the "Square Dance" and its allied dance forms declared the American Folk Dance of the USA. The Cavanaugh's have packets of information and help for anyone who lives in one of the missing states and can help the square dance activity reach its goal of 38 states. Contact Frank & Helen Cavanaugh 20 Wootton Drive, Southampton, NJ 08088. Thank you.

Thank you for your help in getting this urgent message to the square dancing activity

Floridian is Winner of California Quilt



In June 1997, during the National Convention in Orlando, Florida, a group of dancers from the Open Squares in Simi Valley, California, were selling raffle tickets on 3 quilts. This was to raise money to promote radio commercials for beginning square dance classes.

I purchased one ticket on each quilt. On July 27th, they called to inform me that I was the winner of the handmade "Amish Pineapple with Pockets" queen-sized quilt and that it was being shipped to me.

I cannot thank this club enough as I have never won anything before. Thanks to Lea Veronica for her expert work and I will display it with pride. Thanks to the many dancers for their many hours of selling tickets.

Incidentally, the commercial was aired on 2 Florida stations in August.

Thanks again,
Anneita Gilbourn
Chattahoochee, Florida
Northwest Florida Square Dancer



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| 20 | Seaside Squares, Pensacola, FL | | |
| 25 | Single Squares, Mobile, AL | | |
| 26 | Merry Mixers, Gulf Shores, AL | | |
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| 12 | Merry Mixers, Gulf Shores, AL | | |
| 19 | Merry Mixers, Gulf Shores, AL | | |
| 20 | Star Twirlers, Gulfport, MS | | |
| 26 | Merry Mixers, Gulf Shores, AL | | |



The Florida Association of Centers for Independent Living elected Frank Cherry, caller for the Pensacola Special Steppers, to represent the 13 centers in the state on the Florida Independent Living Council. His job will be to oversee and recommend possible changes for individuals with disabilities throughout the state.

Gov. Lawton Chiles appointed Frank to the three-year position on the council.

Frank is executive director for the Center for Independent Living of Northwest Florida in Pensacola. The center serves people with disabilities in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton counties.

Congratulations, Frank, from all the dancers in Northwest Florida.

Dear Dancers,

I am writing in hopes that I can enlighten the complete Northwest Association membership to the issue of the Roundup.

At the October, 1997 meeting, it was brought up as a suggestion that since our attendance at the Roundup was so low that we get a national caller. This was discussed and was taken to the callers' meeting for discussion and to get their feelings.

In my opinion, we have had very successful Roundups and, to the best of my knowledge, I don't believe we have ever lost money since we made the deal with the Callers' Association.

I am not against the Association hiring a national caller at an Association-sponsored dance, but the Roundup is a benefit to our members and not a profit making dance. My feeling is that we should not take this dance away from the callers of Northwest Florida, as this is also a united dance for bridging new dancers to new callers and fellow dancers.

If you have an opinion, share it with others.

Anneita Gilbourn
Past-President
NWFSRDA



Dear Dancers,

Thank you so much for your wonderful donation for our Travel Fund. We appreciate it so much.

Sincerely,
Marie Crown
President, Pensacola Special Steppers





47th National Square Dance Convention

Charlotte, NC

June 24 - 27, 1998

"Nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina"

News Release

Tours offered by the 47th

The 47th National Square Dance Convention need not be dance, dance, dance. Many of those who attend national conventions are traveling to a part of the country that they have never seen before. Take the opportunity to get to know more about the area of the convention. Tours are a great way to add to the pleasure of the convention.

Tours range from morning or afternoon tours to such places as Columbia, capital of South Carolina or of the Queen City, Charlotte, North Carolina - host for the 47th NSDC. For those who enjoy golf, visit the beautiful Regent Park Golf Course, for stock car racing fans tour the Charlotte Motor Speedway or you can relax on a Catawba Queen cruise on Lake Norman. Day tours are offered which include history and religious art with tours to King's Mountain Museum, Cowpen's Battlefield, and Bob Jones University where you can view one of the most important religious art collections in America. On the return there will be a stop to shop at Mary Jo's Fabrics. Visit Blitmore Estate, a phenomenal 250 room French Chateau or spend time at the Moravian "Old Salem" community.

A four day pre-convention tour will take you on a Myrtle Beach Get-Away. This trip provides for accommodations at the Landmark Hotel at America's Premier Beach

Resort. There will be a tour of Georgetown and three great dinners at some of the finer restaurants in the area. Enjoy fantastic entertainment at the Dixie Stampede, Carolina Opry and the Alabama Theater, and the options of sunning on the beach, golf, deep sea fishing and/or shopping.

After all the dancing at the convention you can join in one of two post-convention tours. The first being a five day excursion to Dollywood and Gatlinburg in the Smokies. Visit the Cherokee Indian Village, ride on an authentic steam locomotive to Dillsboro, sight see in Asheville and more. This tour includes not only great sights but fabulous dining and hotel accommodations. The second post-convention tour is similar except there will be no sightseeing in Asheville. Both tours include continental breakfast, transportation, hotel accommodations, all admissions, and some dinners, depending on the tour.

Capacity of all tours is limited with pre-registration deadline of May 15, 1998. Full payment of Day tours and/or deposits for the Pre and Post-Convention Tours must accompany your registration form. To obtain a registration form look in your local publications or contact the 47th Business Office at (704) 566-9770 or fax questions and requests to (704) 563-563-3265.

Showcase of Ideas

Make plans to attend the Showcase of Ideas at the 47th National Square Dance Convention. This display will be located in the middle of the Grand Concourse of the Charlotte Convention Center. Spend some time here seeing how other organizations and clubs promote our activity and serve their communities.

All major dance organizations will be displaying materials and sharing their ideas with everyone at the convention. Maybe something that can improve your clubs' or organizations' methods will catch your eye. The Show Case is one of the best tools dancers have for sharing ideas. For information on including your organization contact Bill & Peg Bottjer at (704) 891-4053.

EXCELLENCE

Fashion Show

The Fashion Show at the 47th NSDC will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Take this opportunity to sit back and relax your dancing feet and take a "tour" of the Carolinas through fashions. Models will twirl to seasonal music during the fast paced show featuring fashions for the hot, lazy summers along the beaches, clogging in the mountains on cool autumn days, enjoying glittering cities sparkling on cold and snowy winter nights, and to spring in the Piedmont plains with flowering trees.



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47th National Square Dance Convention

Charlotte, NC

June 24 - 27, 1998

"Nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina"

News Release

Sha Na Na

47th Special Event

Wednesday Evening, June 24th

Chico, Jocko, Lennie, Donny, Screamin' Scott, and Reggie; now those are names that bring back memories of rock 'n roll to every generation since their appearance at the rock festival of "Woodstock" when Sha Na Na became an international sensation.

Four years on television in their own smash series, two platinum and three gold albums, a mega-hit movie "Grease" and constant worldwide touring has made Sha Na Na an American institution. Now they are even bigger with two new members: Bill and Rob Mackenzie. Their lively performances may include a full-blown High School hop, a trip to Dracula's castle for the Monster Mash Party, a summertime tribute, a visit to the Sha Na Na street for some a capella doo-wop, or even an audience participation "Greaser Olympics". With their abundance of talent, energy and great humor, Sha Na Na has proven that they —and rock 'n roll—are here to stay.

If you remember the great songs of the 50's and 60's or have not lived under a rock for the past 30 or 40 years you will remember this great group and you'll not want to miss them at the convention on Wednesday evening, June 24th at the Convention Center. Order your tickets when you send in your registration form or send in another registration form to amend your order.



Bus Passes - life blood for conventions and life savers for those attending

Well, the bus may not save your life, but it might save your feet or your marriage! What we are trying to say is that having the bus available to pick you up at your hotel lobby and drop you at the entrance to the Convention Center will make your attendance at the 47th National Square Dance Convention more enjoyable. Just remember to order your Bus Pass now so we'll have the bus there at your service when you are ready to use that service. Thanks, and see you in Charlotte, where

*Nothing could be finer than to be in
Carolina!*

Western North Carolina - Franklin

Franklin is located east of Highlands on US 64 and enjoys the reputation as "Gem Capitol of the World." Rubies, sapphires, and other precious stones have been attracting visitors to the Cowee Valley for more than a century. There are other gems, both natural and man-made, in this vacation destination. The Cullasaja and Nantahala rivers feature spectacular waterfalls, whitewater rapids, and trout waters. The Cullasaja Gorge, through which one must drive on US 64 going to or from Highlands, is a site all visitors should see. (177 miles from Charlotte, NC)

Waterfalls of South Carolina

South Carolina's upcountry boasts more than fifty beautiful waterfalls with more than 20 in Greenville, Pickens and Oconee counties. Many falls are relatively easy to get to while others take quite a hike following a detailed map. County road maps are available from the Highway Department, as well as topographical maps which may be ordered from S. C. Geological Survey, 5 Geology Rd., Columbia, SC 29210 or you may call (803) 737 9440. You may want to incorporate a camping, hiking trip along with your search for falls. There are always birds and wildflowers along the way. Be sure to pack your camera. For further information about camping and wildlife, contact The S. C. Department of Natural Resources, Office of Human Resources, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202

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FLORIDA FEDERATION STATE SQUARE DANCE OUTFIT

The Florida Federation of Square Dancers will choose a state square dance outfit at their Working Weekend February 21-22, 1998. We encourage any of our Northwest Florida dancers to submit an outfit. It would be really GREAT to have the next state outfit be of a design that was submitted by one of our dancers. Following are the guidelines for submitting your entry:

1. Keep the design simple with easy construction.
2. Choose a design compatible to women of different sizes.
3. Consider availability of pattern to dancers all over the state (i.e., Authentic Square Dance Pattern #??? for sleeves, Authentic Square Dance Pattern #??? for bodice with a simple gored skirt, etc.).
4. Consider availability of material to dancers all over the state (i.e., material that can be ordered through a fabric store in any part of the state). In the past, the colors have been aqua and white. I was told that there are no "official state colors," so you are free to choose a color scheme that you think will represent the state and at the same time be complimentary to all dancers.
5. Design a coordinating outfit for the men.
6. Accessories, such as shoes and petticoat, should be a color that the majority of the dancers have.
7. Outfits to be constructed and presented to the Outfit Committee at the Working Weekend February 21-22, 1998. Send a copy of the pattern and logo along with your entry.
8. The committee will select a minimum of three outfits to be displayed and voted upon by the full Federation assembly at the meeting on February 22. Voting will be by written ballot.

If you need any further information please contact your NWFSRDA delegate or me. I know that we have many talented seamstresses in our association. I hope that you will find the time to design and submit an entry for this competition.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 24, 1998 through October 24, 1998

NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

1998 Charlotte, NC
1999 Indianapolis, IN
2000 Baltimore, MD
2001 Anaheim, CA
2002 Minneapolis, MN

NORTHWEST FL ASSOC. MTGS

FEB 14, 1998 - Panama City
MAY, 1998 - TBA
AUG, 1998- TBA
OCT 24, 1998 - DeFuniak Springs

JANUARY

24 FREE DANCE. Mortgage burning at Azalea Hall, Mobile. MSDA
Callers 7:30 PM

FEBRUARY

7 Valentine Dance, PASARDA Hall, Ft. Walton Beach. Dave Lightly,
Hit & Hoss Waldorf.
14 Sweetheart Swing, Grand Square Hall, Panama City. NWF callers and cuers.
21 Annual Mardi-Gras Dance, Grand Square Hall, Panama City.
Ted Kennedy, Bill Bovard.
28 Canoe Squares Anniversary Dance. Santa Rosa Auditorium, Milton, FL.
Tony Di George, Bob Poyner, June Leverette.

MARCH

13-14 45th Annual Azalea Trail Dance, Azalea Hall, Theodore, AL. Wade Driver,
Ted & Barbara May.
15 Tri-City Rounds, Grand Square Hall, Panama City.
20 Capital Squares Annual Spring Cotillion, Tallahassee, FL. Callers
Robert Funderburk, Ralph Beecham of Live Oak, Cuer June Leverette
28 21st Anniversary Dance, PASARDA Hall, Ft. Walton Beach. Darryl McMillan,
June & Frank Leverette.

APRIL

18 Spring Dance, Domino City Squares, Andalusia, AL., Chuck Myers,
June Leverette
17-18 Round Dance Weekend, Ragon Hall, Pensacola, FL. Jerry & Barbara Pierce.

MAY

8-9 Panama City Beach Ball, Darryl McMillan, Bill Terrell, Tony Oxendine.
22-24 44th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention, newly renovated Lakeland
Center, Lakeland, FL.

JUNE

5-6 39th Annual Billy Bowlegs Festival, PASARDA Hall, Ft. Walton Beach,
Tom Miller, June and Frank Leverette.
13 Fiesta of Five Flags Dance, Sanders Beach Recreation Center, Pensacola, FL.
Sponsored by Pensacola Twirlers. Jack Pladdys, June Leverette.
24-27 47th National Square Dance Convention, Charlotte, NC.

OCTOBER

23-24 24th Annual Roundup, Community Center, DeFuniak Springs, FL.

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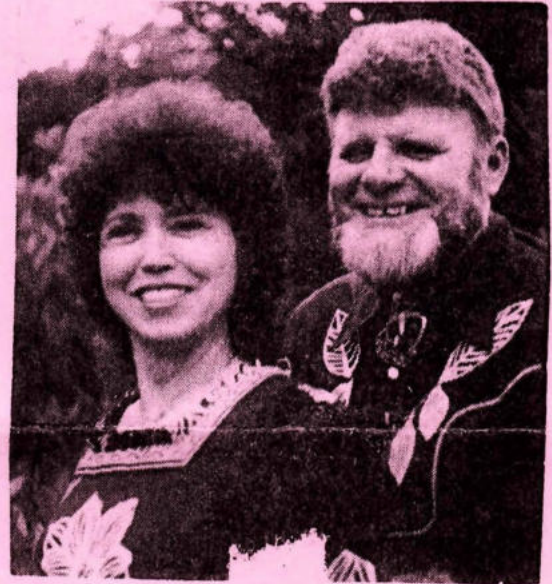
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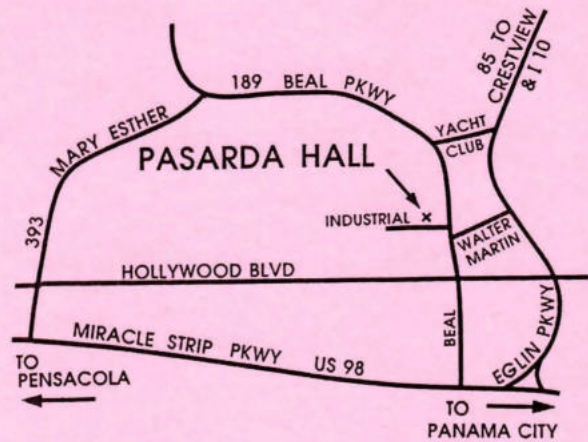


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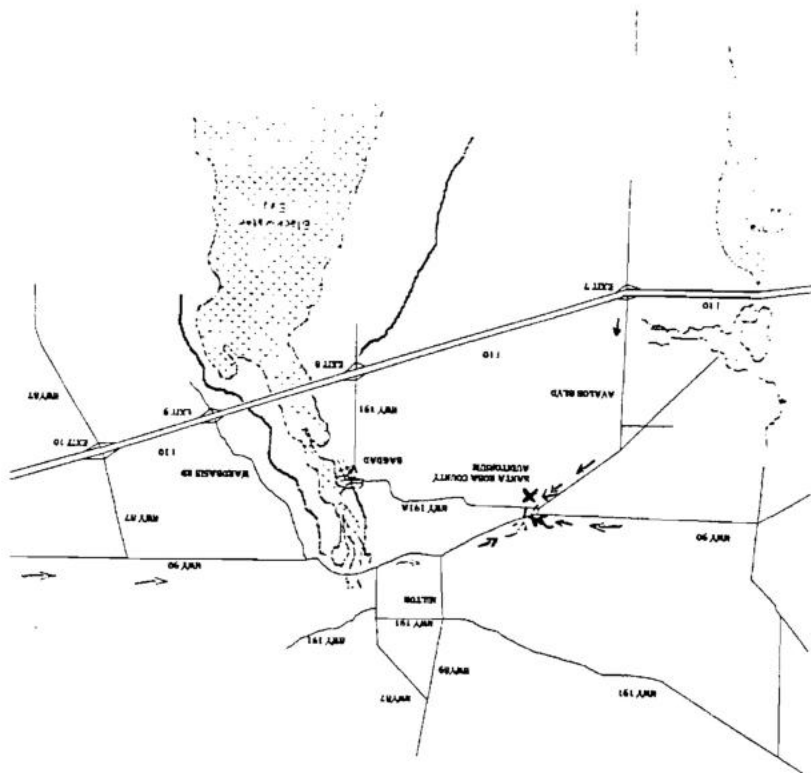
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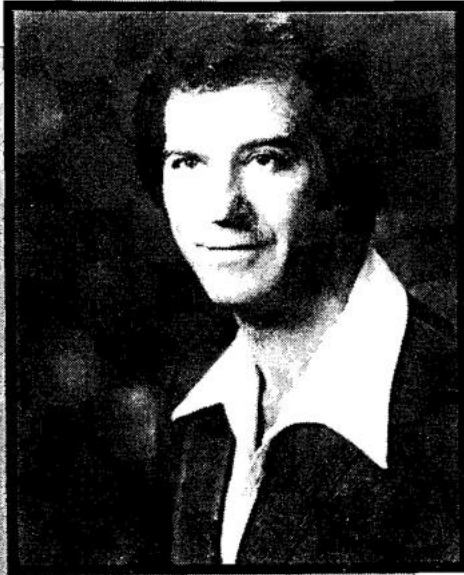
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Tentative Schedule

Friday, March 13

Main Hall: 7:00-7:50 PM, *Visiting Callers, Continuous Mainstream, MC: Chuck Myers*

8:00 - 11:00 PM, *Wade Driver & Ted & Barbara May*

Square Dancing with rounds between tips, MC: Mason Allen

Hall B: 7:00 - 7:50 PM,

Ted & Barbara May, Early Rounds

8:15 - 10:30 PM, *Visiting Callers,*

Continuous Mainstream, MC: Chuck Myers

Saturday, March 14

Main Hall: 10:00-Noon, *The Mays, Round Dance Workshop*

2:00-4:00 PM, *Wade Driver, Square Dance Workshop*

7:00-7:50 PM, *The Mays, Early Rounds*

7:50 PM, *Grand March, MC: Mason Allen*

8:00-11:00 PM, *Wade Driver & The Mays Square Dancing with Rounds between tips*

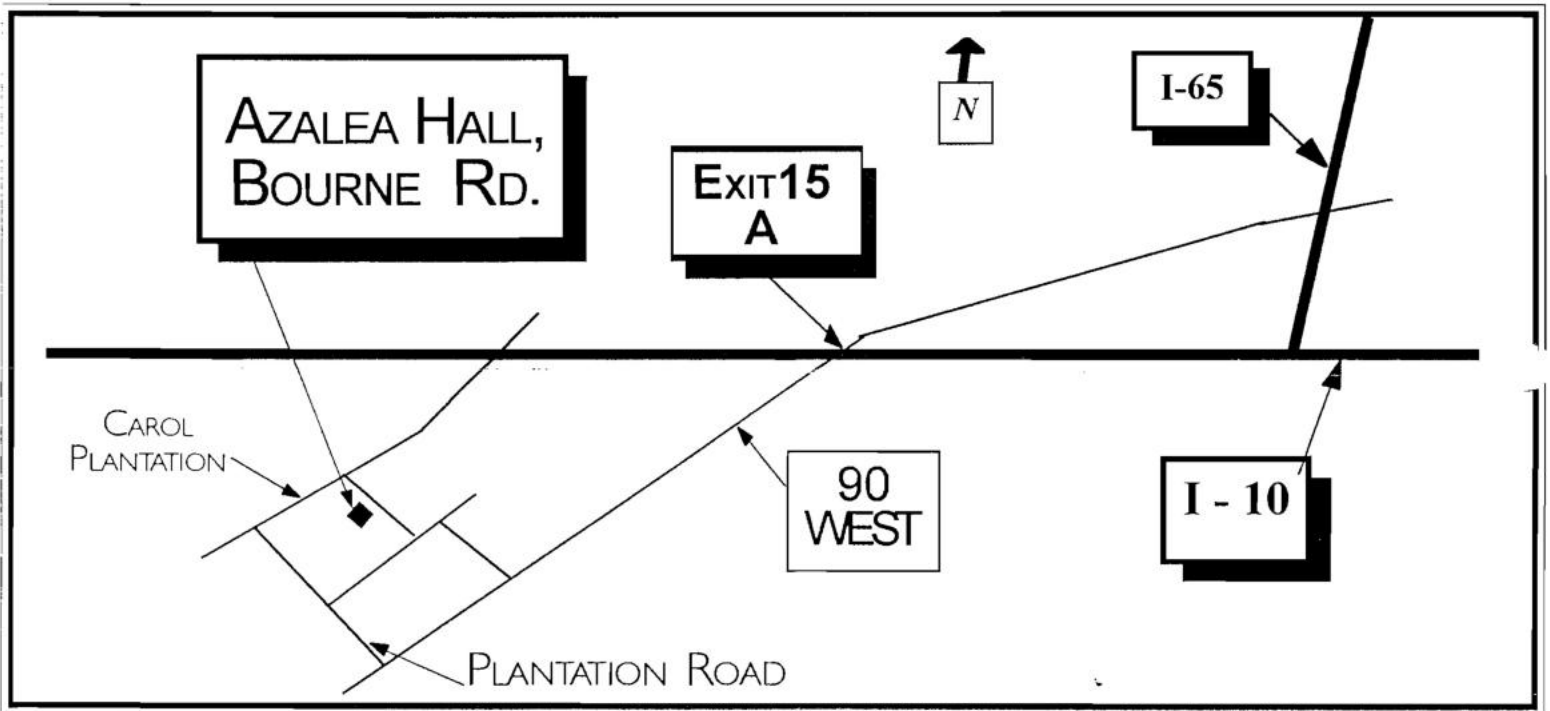
9:45 PM, *The Mays, Round Dance Exhibition*

Hall B: 8:30 AM, *Caller Cuer Breakfast*

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