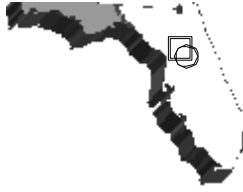


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## Presidents Corner



Happy New Year to all our Northwest Florida & South Alabama Square and Round Dancers!

Northwest Florida Square & Round Dance Association 1<sup>ST</sup>

Quarter Association Meeting will be held in Panama City at the Grand Square Hall at 4:00 pm. This is the Blue & white Ball on January 12, 2008. Please send your club representatives to this meeting. Your newly elected Officers, President Paul & Cheryl Miller, Vice Presidents Muriel Jones & Roger Kaushagen, Secretary Tim & Terri Wilaby, and Treasurer Dave Henn, are looking forward to bringing new and exciting events to you this year. However, we can't do it without having the member's approval and we need your help. Make plans to attend the Blue & White Ball that evening.

We'd like to congratulate Panama City's latest graduating class!

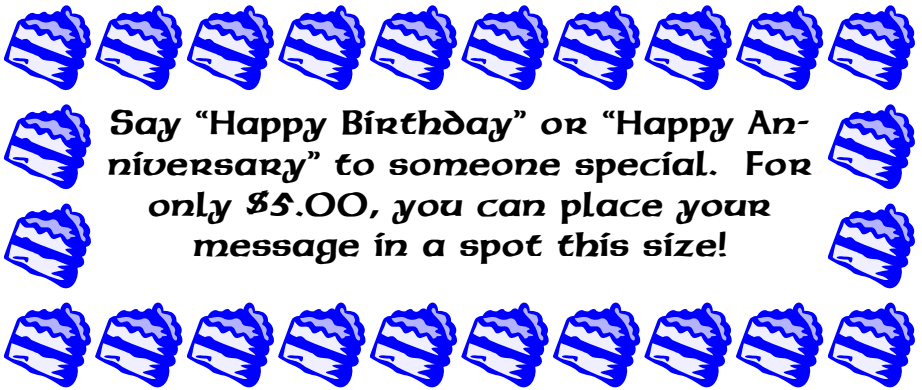
The window clings (Klingons) "Learn to Square Dance" have arrived and we will be delivering them to each of our clubs. Please use them. Set a date and promote classes. If each club successfully was able to graduate 1 square of dancers that would be a possible 4 round dance couples! Don't forget Northwest Association will pay your club for any new dancers that attended your classes (including Round Dance) that join your club. We would like for your club representative to attend a Northwest Association meeting to let other clubs know how you succeeded with your class.

Cheryl has planned two "ARTS Benefit Dances" to be held on February 29. She doesn't care which dance

you choose, please plan on attending one of them!  
This organization is an affiliate of the USDA and it is their hope to get Square & Round Dancers across America dancing on one special day to promote square, round, clogging and country western dancing.

Please check the Calendar of Dances in the Northwest area and plan on attending as many as you can!

Paul & Cheryl Miller  
President NWFSRDA



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Happy New Year! We hope that everyone has had a wonderful holiday. As we stated, this is your paper, please make suggestions. Per requests, we have added a Soduko puzzle to the Press. We are starting with an easy one to try and interest everyone. Puzzles will be added in future issues that are more difficult for those of you with experience.

To try and expand our calendar, callers and cuers have been added to the doghouse for missing the publishing deadline with their upcoming dances. Is your caller in the Dog House? If so, please encourage him or her to send their calendar for April thru June before our deadline.

We are also looking for outside ads to help defray printing costs. Is there a business that you frequent that might be interested in placing an ad? Take your copy of the Press to them and let them see what we do. Rates are on the inside of the front cover. It costs about \$150 to publish the Press, so if each club would get two half-page ads, we could cover our costs quite nicely.

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To solve Sucoku puzzle, use only numbers one through nine. Numbers can only be used once horizontally, vertically and diagonally. Numbers cannot be duplicated.

## Sudoku #1

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## **CELBRATE IN 2008**

Now, do you know what this is in reference to? We hope so! This is our slogan for the **2008 Florida Square & Round Dance Convention**. So you ARE planning on being there in Lakeland to celebrate with us on May 23rd, 24th, & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008, right? All Callers, all Cuers and all dancers should be promoting the State Convention. Why, you ask? The State Convention is where all Callers and Cuers are invited to submit their name to get on the schedule. This lets the dancers get a chance to dance to the Callers and Cuers from different areas and could be encouraged to visit the different area dances. Also, the profit from the convention (if there is any) is divided between the Callers', Cuers' and Dancers' associations. These monies are used for the further promotion of this wholesome, wonderful activity.

Don & I have been around the state some in the past month. We set up our table with our banner and the convention shirts, ribbons, etc. We had a wonderful time at three different dances in the Southeast/ Ft. Lauderdale area. What a great bunch of people. They have good Callers & Cuers and good dancers and really are fun to be with. Then we went to Northeast Association's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary dance. WOW- what a great turn out and more good quality dancing! As usual, they have great snacks and even dinner with this dance.

We've done some traveling in the past 20 years for square dancing and we haven't gotten tired of it. We just find it to be one of the perks of being involved in dancing; we get out to different areas, see the sights, meet new friends and see the old friends. Come say 'hello' if you see us at your dance.

Our next job to do in getting ready for May is scheduling the Halls with the Callers and Cuers that signed up. We know that it will never be to everyone's satisfaction, but we are trying to take into account what was put in the opinion polls that were taken after the last year's State Convention. One thing we can tell you for now is that there will be more dancing times available.

If you have noticed the trademark for The Central Florida Tourist Bureau, it is because they have agreed to give us some financial support since we are bringing people into their area. They started this program last year and we appreciate this to help cover all the many expenses.

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## **The Playground Area Square And Round Dance Association, Inc.**

### **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

to all the friends and dancers who have supported and enjoyed the many years of dancing at PASARDA Hall in Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

We are sad to announce that as of December 1, 2007, PASARDA has ceased to exist as an organization. However, the Hall at 17 Industrial Street still remains open and still hosts some square dancing. The *Sandpipers*, as the last remaining club, still dance on Monday nights under the guidance of our tape leader Jerry Fowler. Also, Caller Bill Van Hoesen still uses the Hall to hold classes for the *Center for Lifelong Learning*, and other area dancers. The building management is now in the capable hands of the *Highsteppers*, a local charitable group which performs shows (tap dance) at area organizations for their benefit and entertainment.

PASARDA obtained its Charter from the State of Florida on December 29, 1966...41 years ago! It's established purpose was to: *...unite Dancers of the affiliated clubs in their efforts to promote and enjoy square and round dancing; raise funds for public charities; and to cooperate with civic officials in contributing to community projects.* The original clubs to sign our Charter were: *Circle Squares; Torch Twirlers; Fiddle 'N Squares; and Belles and Bows* (later changed to *Beaux*). Over the years, several other Clubs joined this founding group: *Bayou Shufflers; Flying Squares; Swinging Doubles; Roundels; Dancing Dolphins; Sunset Squares; Sandpipers; C-Fowls; The Emerald Coast-ers; White Sands Twirlers; and the Happy Feet Cloggers.*

PASARDA Hall was a real bee-hive of dancing for many years, during which we sponsored **48 Billy Bow-legs** dances, and many Valentine and charity dances as

well as numerous special dances...a great time was had by all who experienced the glory days of Square and Round dancing in this fantastic Hall, originally built (in 1977) by the sweat and equity of our early founding dancers. (Note: The current Hall was erected in 1991 to replace the first one on Lovejoy Road.)

PASARDA, as a member of the *Northwest Florida Square and Round Dance Association*, the *Florida Federation of Square Dancers*, and the *United Square Dancers of America* actively participated in having the Florida Legislature declare Square Dancing as the official American Folk Dance of the State of Florida—a feat accomplished by only 17 other states at the time. It should also be noted that PASARDA Hall hosted the first ever mid-year conference of the *United Square Dancers of America* in January 1981 and was actively involved in the formation of the national organization.



On a final note, the PASARDA Board of Governors would like to express its profound thanks to all the fantastic Callers and Cuers who have kept us dancing over the years, and to the many dancers who have supported Square and Round Dancing at PASARDA Hall for the last 41 years.

A special thank you to Paul and Cheryl Miller who have many times, over the last several years, given the extra support needed to help us put on just one more special dance; and to our own Joe and Joy Vaccari who have been a driving force for Square Dancing, not only in Fort Walton Beach, but also at the State and National levels, for longer than PASARDA has been around.

*...thanks for the memories...*



## Pensacola Twirlers—Pensacola




Twirlers have been busy with a really successful, fun year. Our Annual Anniversary Dance was enjoyed with a Pizza Party being furnished by the club. Having it on a regular club night probably kept some visitors from being able to travel to the dance but we had good attendance and a great dance. Our own Patty Ping called and cued the dance.

Our club has continued to grow throughout the year. Patty has taught Round Dancing every week from 6:00 till 7:00 and this has brought new dancers and increased attendance. At 7:00 she alternates Rounds and squares during the regular dance.

We are looking forward to next year with a beginners Round Dance class on the weekend of January 4th and 5th and a beginners Square Dance class on January 18, 19, 20. If you know of anyone interested in learning or refreshing their dancing, please bring them to class or give them this information. We are looking forward to new dancers and having a great week end dancing.

We participated in The Pensacola Christmas Parade on December 8th. We had a good participation and everyone enjoyed the parade.





Everyone have a Blessed Christmas, and a  
Happy, Healthy 2008.



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



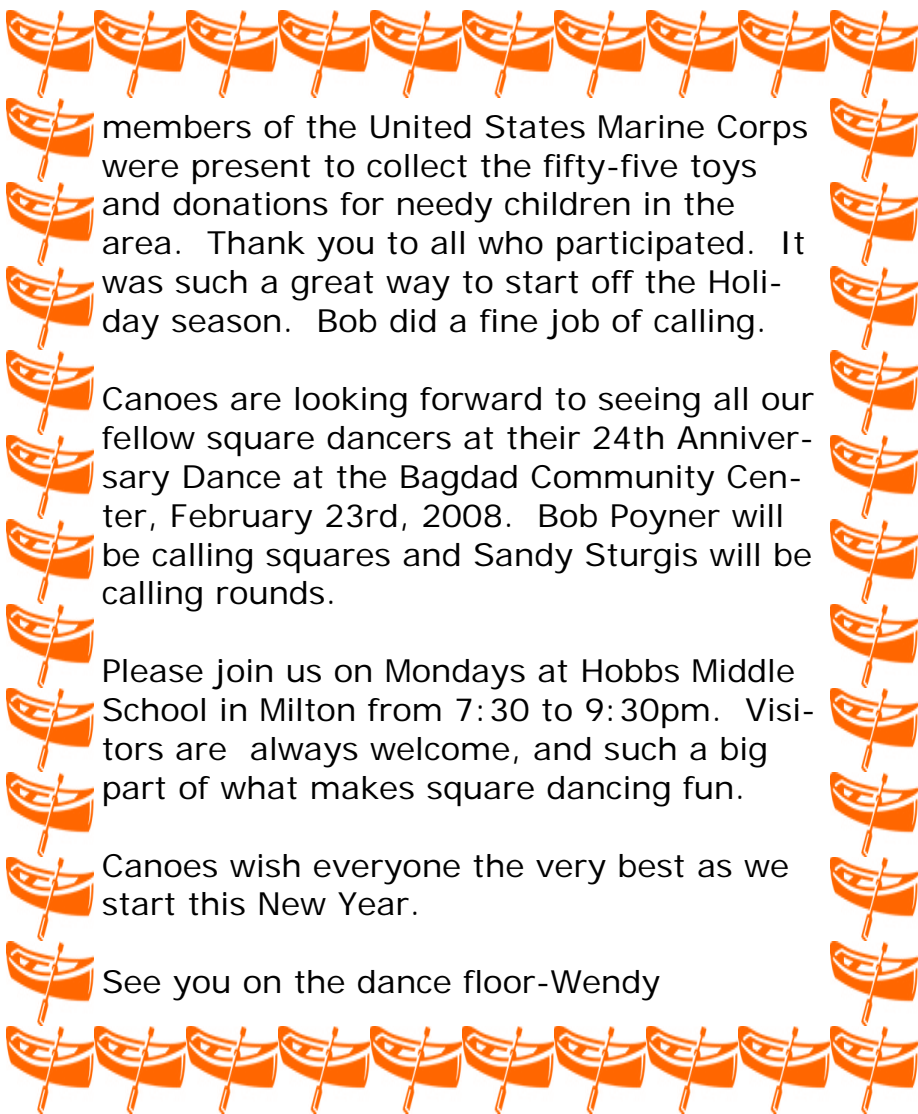
## Canoe Squares

Congratulations to Canoes' President, Patti Lewis, on being honored as "Northwest Florida Square Dancer of the Year". Well deserved Patti!

Several members-Jerry and Sandy Williamson, Wendell and Norma Murphy, Vern and Sybil Shackelford, Muriel Jones, and Roger Kaushagen-traveled to O'Leno State Park in High Springs, Florida for the yearly hoe-down. Our own Bob Poyner called. Please do not miss this experience next year. Several Canoe members also traveled to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, for the Smokey Mountain Festival.

Monday, December 3rd, at Hobbs Middle School in Milton, Canoes had their "Toys for Tots Dance". We had five squares. Two





members of the United States Marine Corps were present to collect the fifty-five toys and donations for needy children in the area. Thank you to all who participated. It was such a great way to start off the Holiday season. Bob did a fine job of calling.

Canoes are looking forward to seeing all our fellow square dancers at their 24th Anniversary Dance at the Bagdad Community Center, February 23rd, 2008. Bob Poyner will be calling squares and Sandy Sturgis will be calling rounds.

Please join us on Mondays at Hobbs Middle School in Milton from 7:30 to 9:30pm. Visitors are always welcome, and such a big part of what makes square dancing fun.

Canoes wish everyone the very best as we start this New Year.

See you on the dance floor-Wendy



## **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!!!!!!**



# *Dance America*

February 29, 2008

Join Hands Across America

Join hands across America with everyone dancing together on this one special day helping to promote our activity by donating the proceeds from this dance to ARTS-Dance to help in the preservation and perpetuation of our multi-faceted dance activity.

Please join Northwest Florida Square and Round Dance Association

In this History making event.

When: February 29, 2008

Where: Ragon Hall, 2600 Stratford Road  
Pensacola, FL

Time: 7:30 until 9:30 p.m.

Callers: Paul Bischoff, Patty Ping, and Bob Poyner

Cuers: \_\_\_\_\_

Door Donation: \$ 7.00 Per Person

(All Proceeds will be donated to ARTS-Dance)

The ARTS-Dance is registered with the IRS as a 501(c) (3) corporation and all donations to the Foundation are tax deductible.

For Additional Information look at the web site [www.arts-dance.org](http://www.arts-dance.org)

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April Fools Day  
Labor Day  
Hanukkah

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Easter  
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Memorial Day  
Thanksgiving

St Patricks Day  
July Fourth  
Christmas

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## Northwest Association Clubs

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Drive, Niceville, FL  
Berlon Graham (850) 609-3241

### Canoe Squares

Caller: Bob Poyner, Mondays, 7:30—9:30 PM  
Hobbs Middle School, 5371 Glover Lane,  
Milton, FL  
Bob Poyner (850) 834-3548

### Capital Twirlers

Caller: Elmer Sheffield  
Cuer: Fran Soos  
1st, 3rd, & 4th Mondays, 7:30 PM  
Tallahassee Senior Center, 1400 North Monroe,  
Tallahassee, FL  
Bill Bovard (850) 784-7780

### Dance-A-Rounds Round Dance Club

Cuer: Bill Bovard, Wednesdays, 7—9 PM  
Grand Square Hall, 1105 Bob Little Road,  
Panama City, FL  
Bill Bovard (850) 784-7780

### Grand Square Rounds

Cuer: Sandy Sturgis, Sundays, 3:30—5:30 PM  
Grand Square Hall, 1105 Bob Little Road,  
Panama City, FL  
Sandy Sturgis (850) 265-9488

### Pensacola Twirlers Square Dance Club

Caller: Patty Ping, Tuesdays, 7—9 PM  
Bayview Senior Center, 2000 Lloyd Street,  
Pensacola, FL  
Patty Ping (850) 492-1757

Sandpipers Square Dance Club

Tape Leader: Jerry Fowler, Mondays, 7—9 PM  
Dancing to tapes with occasional visiting callers  
PASARDA Hall, 17 Industrial Boulevard,  
Fort Walton, FL  
Jerry Fowler (850) 243-2338

Seaside Squares

Caller: Various, Fridays, 7—9 PM  
Ragon Hall, 2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL  
Bill Jenner (850) 375-1749

Swinging Squares

Caller: Jack White, , Bob Poyner, Dave Muller,  
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between squares—Bill Bovard



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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

## Friday—Ballroom/Line Dancing

Ballroom teach and dance 6:30—8:30p  
Line Dancing (Prompter Bill Bovard) 8:30—9:30p

## 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 contact the person 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.



## SHAMROCK SWING IS MOVING ON

The Central Florida Association's annual weekend dance festival the Shamrock Swing is coming up on March 7 & 8, 2008.

This weekend affair will be held at the same location as the past few years, the Maitland Presbyterian Church, 341 N. Orlando Ave., Maitland, FL on Friday night March 7 and Saturday (day and night) March 8, 2008.

Callers are Tim Marriner and Whit Brown. Cuers are Jimmy and Carol Griffin. These great callers and cuers have presided at some of the past Shamrock Swings and have really wow'ed the crowds. Their programs will include both mainstream and plus square dancing, with workshops for both squares and rounds and DBD dancing on Saturday afternoon. It should be fun for all.

OH YES!! FINNEGANS PLACE will be open for your enjoyment when you are not dancing. You will remember this from two years ago as the place where you could get snacks and drinks while you rested up from all of your dancing. If you did not attend the dance when they were there, ask someone who was there. IT WAS GREAT! As always, vendors will be on site for your shopping pleasure.

For more information or to order your ribbons (\$16 in advance or \$18 per person at the door for the weekend, daily admission is available at the door) contact Dick & Jeanne Lysobey at (386) 789-8018 or E-mail [rjl1013@earthlink.net](mailto:rjl1013@earthlink.net).

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## Panhandle Press Doghouse

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

Capital Twirlers

Dance-A-Rounds

Grand Square Rounds

Highsteppers

Sandpipers

Seaside Squares

DeFuniak Springs 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!!!!*

**Callers & Cuers:** Send us your dance cards or wind up here! All of you are listed on the callers roster!

**Buddy Andrews**

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**Bill Bovard-**

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**Henry Marshall**

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**Patty Ping**

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**Rodney Ryals**

**Willis Simmons**

**Rich Stepro**

**Sandy Sturgis**

**Bill Van Hoeson**

**Jack White**

**Ben Williams**

**Bruce Williamson**



## **USDA Founder's Memorial Youth Fund Scholarship**

**The USDA 2008 Founders Memorial Youth Fund Scholarship deadline is due! You must submit your candidate on or before February 1, 2008.**

To qualify for the \$1000.00 Scholarship your candidate:

Must be a high school senior or college freshman

Have a record of volunteer service with square dancing.

Have outstanding leadership potential and communication skills.

Be an active square dancer.

Be committed to promotion and perpetuation of square dancing.

Completed application and essay on or before February 1, 2008

Sponsored by a USDA Affiliate Organization

Application signed by USDA Affiliate Organization President.

**Please help us notify Youth Dancers in your area!!**

Application may be printed from [www.usda.org](http://www.usda.org)

**Deadline On or before February 1, 2008**

For more information contact John and Alitia Becker .....  
[usda.youth.advisor@usda.org](mailto:usda.youth.advisor@usda.org)

Paul & Cheryl Miller  
Florida USDA Representatives



## 2007 ROUNDUP

We would like to thank everyone, dancers, callers, cuers and their spouses once again for all the help and assistance you gave us in support of the 2007 Roundup. In case we somehow failed to thank you personally, let us thank you now and apologize for being so tardy in doing so. From planning to clean-up, the help we received was beyond anything we could have expected. There is absolutely no way we could have done all the things that had to be accomplished without the enthusiastic contributions of so many of you.

We hope all of you heard as many good things about the dance as we did and that you realize the importance of the part you played in those things being said. The help was there from decorations going up, decorations coming down, donations of things to use for decorations and the time and effort to get them to the Roundup, making ice cream, cooking the burgers, 50/50, door prizes, re-stocking the serving line, making coffee, sweeping floors, swinging mops, carting chairs, pulling tables, lift, tote, fetch...there is just no way to list them all.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU.

Joe and Patricia McLendon



## Swinging Squares—Panama City

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

It's time for the big event of the year...our "Blue and White Ball"! Decorations are up. Opportunity baskets are ready. You can count on delicious goodies. Join us January 12 for an evening of squares with one of northwest Florida's favorite callers, Darryl McMillan, and rounds with Bill Bovard.

A Halloween Spooktacular was October's big event. There were not many in costume but those who were made the night more fun. Sherry Mahon from Tallahassee came as Cat Woman while partner Tom was the Tooth Fairy complete with white tights, gossamer wings, halo and a white T-shirt lettered ...what else...Tooth Fairy. They won the Trick or Treat bag of goodies hands down.

The refreshment counter held a ghoulish selection of treats. Mexican spread with a spider topping, Deviled (egg) eyeballs and Dead man's Dip featuring a skeleton resting on a bread loaf "casket" filled with artichoke dip. Our October Birthday Cake was decorated with sugar ghosts. Devilish Punch topped off the menu. If you were lucky, your cup had an eyeball in the bottom. Dancers gobbled up the treats.



And when it comes to gobblers...no one does the turkey like our cooks did for November's Thanksgiving feast. The bounty of Fall was there for all to enjoy.



Getting Ready for Christmas, dancers added to the "Home for the Holidays" festivities on Friday December 7<sup>th</sup> in downtown Panama City. Eight couples entertained the locals dancing squares with Dave Muller and rounds with Sandy Sturgis.



Our year ended with a Christmas celebration that included more good eats and the highlight of the evening... graduation ceremonies for our latest class! Jim and Mary Riley, Jim and Margaret Bowen, Monty Kelly and Karen Doak have been officially welcomed into the club.




Swinging Squares begins 2008 with a new dance night! If you're in the area; look for us on Wednesday nights instead of Tuesday. Sandy Sturgis does early rounds at 7, Jack White, Bob Poyner, and Dave Muller call squares from 7:30 to 9:30 with Bill Bovard cuing rounds.



You're always welcome at Grand Square Hall. For information call Joe and Patricia McLendon at 769-4218 or log on to [www.floridadance.com](http://www.floridadance.com)





## Calendar of Events

### January

12 Blue & White Ball, Grand Square Hall, Panama City, FL  
Caller: Darryl McMillan  
Cuer: Bill Bovard

### February

23 Canoe's 24th Anniversary, Bagdad Community Center, Bagdad, FL  
Caller: Vernon Jones  
Cuer: Sandy Sturgis

29 ARTS Dance Across America

### March

7-8 Shamrock Swing, First Presbyterian Church of Maitland, Maitland, FL  
Caller: Tim Mariner, Whit Brown  
Cuer: Jimmy & Carol Griffin

### April

11-12 55th Annual Azalea Trail Dance, Azalea Hall, Mobile, AL  
Caller: Jerry Story  
Cuer: Barbara & Ted May

18-19 17th Annual Spring Fling, Ragon Hall, Pensacola, FL  
Caller: Larry Belcher, Willis Simmons  
Cuer: John Williford

### May

23-25 Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention, Lakeland, Florida

### June

14 Fiesta of Five Flags, Bayview Senior Center, Pensacola, FL  
Caller: Larry Belcher  
Cuer: Sandy Sturgis



# *Dance America*

February 29, 2008

Join Hands Across America

Join hands across America with everyone dancing together on this one special day helping to promote our activity by donating the proceeds from this dance to ARTS-Dance to help in the preservation and perpetuation of our multi-faceted dance activity.

Please join Northwest Florida Square and Round Dance Association

In this History making event.

When: February 29, 2008

Where: Liza Jackson Park, 318 Miracle Strip Parkway  
Fort Walton Beach, FL

Time: 7:00 until 9:00 p.m.

Callers: Berlon Graham, Bill Van Hoeson, Dave Muller, Jack White

Cuers: \_\_\_\_\_

Door Donation: \$ 5.00 Per Person

(All Proceeds will be donated to ARTS-Dance)

The ARTS-Dance is registered with the IRS as a 501(c) (3) corporation and all donations to the Foundation are tax deductible.

For Additional Information look at the web site [www.arts-dance.org](http://www.arts-dance.org)



## USDA Article

Ten National Dance organizations formed an “alliance” of related dance groups with the goal of improving our activity and gaining 50,000 new dancers. This “alliance” has been named: “Alliance of Round, Traditional, and Square-Dance (**ARTS-Dance**).

The organizations that have joined this alliance include:

### **GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS**

#### **CALLERLAB**

The International Association of Square Dance Callers

#### **CONTRALAB**

The International Association of Contra Dance Leaders

#### **IAGSDC**

International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs

#### **NEC**

National Executive Committee of the National Square Dance Convention

#### **NSDCA**

National Square Dance Campers Association

#### **ROUNDALAB**

The International Association of Round Dance Teachers

#### **SSDUSA**

Single Square Dancers USA

#### **URDC**

Universal Round Dance Council

#### **USAWEST**

USA West Square Dance Convention®

### **Policy Board**

**USDA** – United Square Dancers of America

# The ARTS Dance Foundation's Mission

The ARTS mission is to generate public awareness and promote growth and acceptance of Contemporary Square, Round, and Traditional Folk Dance by encouraging and assisting a coalition of allied dance groups. The ARTS will provide the leadership and resources necessary to create an achievable marketing program. The ARTS will encourage, promote and support healthy lifestyles through dance programs and events that provide fun and effective exercise for both mind and body, all within a unique system of social interactions. The ARTS Dance is incorporated in North Carolina as an IRS 501 (c)(3) Tax Exempt corporation. This allows the ARTS to receive Tax Deductible donations for the furtherance of it's goals.

## *Dance America*

February 29, 2008

Join Hands Across America

### **Pensacola**

Ragon Hall  
2600 Stratford Road  
Pensacola, FL 32526  
From 7:30 until 9:30  
Featured Callers:  
Paul Bischoff, Patty Ping,  
& Bob Poyner  
Donations: \$7.00 /person

### **Fort Walton Beach**

Liza Jackson Park  
318 Miracle Strip Parkway  
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548  
From 7:00 until 9:00  
Berlon Graham, Dave Miuller,  
Bill Van Hoeson & Jack White  
Donations: \$5.00/person

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(850) 939-6688 or email: [pe.miller@mchsi.com](mailto:pe.miller@mchsi.com)

Proceeds will benefit the ARTS

**Sponsored by NWFSRDA and NWF Callers Association**

Submitted: Paul & Cheryl Miller  
Florida USDA Representatives



### **Are You Ready A Party???**

Are you ready for a party? Are you ready for some terrific line, partner, and couples dancing? The 57<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® in Wichita, is the place to be in June 2008.

Here is what you can expect in the Line Dance/Country Dance Hall at the Convention. Expect there to be 36 hours of programming in the hall. From 10 AM to 10 PM each day, there will be something going on. It may be someone teaching line dancing, partner dancing, basic couples dancing, or one of various dance clinics. Instructors will be allotted one hour each to present as much material as the crowd will bear.

All teaching and no dancing you ask? Not a chance. Each evening there will be a two-hour quick review and dance session with the emphasis on quick and dance. There is enough room on the dance floor to have line dancers in the center and couples dancers around the edges.

To summarize the activities in the Line Dance/Country Dance Hall, it can be said that you will Learn, Dance, Review, Learn More, Dance More, and Review More. Are you up to the challenge? Without a doubt, the answer is "Yes"! Come to Wichita to line, partner and couples dance. See you on the floor!

### **FOOD SERVICE**

Square dancers enjoy eating almost as much as they like to dance. The Service Committee has been working very hard on food accommodations to meet the needs of the dancers. Century II will have a breakfast, lunch and dinner buffet available for dancers at a very reasonable price. In addition, there will be areas serving salads, a deli bar, a taco stand, and a grill in Century II. Plenty of drinks, snacks and ICE CREAM will be available and easily found throughout the Center. The Hyatt and Broadview Hotels have restaurants that will be open during the Convention. Both hotels will have kiosks with snack items. At our Information Booth in the connecting lobby, a list of restaurants, with locations, hours of operation, and distance from the Convention Center will be available for dancers who want to venture into the city.

### **A Wonderful Program Planned**

Round dancers, we will have three halls with composite flooring in the Broadview Hotel for your enjoyment. There will be three clinics a day to choose from, 18 to 20 daily workshops, and

programmed rounds in the evening. The 57<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® is planning a wonderful program for your dancing pleasure with well-known Round Dance Cuers.

A special Showcase of Rounds is scheduled daily in the Mary J. Teall Theater. There is plenty of seating in the air-conditioned theater for round dancers and spectators to watch this beautiful show. Join us for Great Round Dancing!

### **THE YOUTH HALL**

The 57<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® Youth Committee is working hard to provide a fun-filled and exciting Convention for youth dancers. The Youth Hall is for kids 18 and under. The main objective for the Youth Hall is to keep the young dancers happy and have something entertaining to keep their interest the entire Convention. Many activities are being planned, crafts, games, dangle winning contests, special tips, door prizes and other events.

The daily schedule is workshops from 10:00 AM to Noon, Lunch break from Noon-1:00 PM, afternoon dancing from 1:00-5:00 PM, dinner break 5:00-7:00 PM, dancing 7:00-10:00 PM and then, an After Party 10:00-11:30 PM. At the Wednesday Trail End Dance, the families of youth may join them in dancing.

The Youth Committee is working on plans to establish a time period where the parents and/or guardians can come in and dance with the Youth.

A reminder to the adults, the Youth is our future. Please consider signing up to chaperon in the Youth Hall for a brief period of time.

The parents and guardians are asked to please become familiar with the rules governing the Youth Hall prior to bringing or sending your youth to the Hall.

### **SQUARE DANCE PROGRAM**

The Trail End Dances will be on Wednesday evening, June 25. Following the Wednesday Evening Special with the Prairie Wranglers, the Trail End Dances will commence approximately 8:30 PM and end at 11:30 PM.

Thursday through Saturday, June 26-28, the dancing will begin daily at 10:00 AM and end at 10:00 PM. The first tip of the After Parties will commence at 10:00 PM and continue until 11:30 PM on Thursday through Friday. For the convenience of dancers attending the After Parties, our busses are scheduled to run until midnight.

The Ghost Riders band will be performing in the Exhibition Hall (*Mainstream Hall*) each evening. The Hall is located in Century II

Performing Arts Convention Center. There will be Clinics, Workshops, High Energy MS and Plus, Exhibitions, All Position Dancing, Intro to DBD, Reviews for Plus, Advance and Challenge. A session dedicated to International Callers to highlight their calling is planned. Special Sessions for the Recording Companies to showcase their callers have been scheduled. Check the lists of attending dance leaders on the 57<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup> Web Page [www.57nsdc.co](http://www.57nsdc.co).

With no dancing on carpeted floors, it is going to be GREAT DANCING at the 57<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup> in Wichita, June 25-28, 2008. Don't miss the first National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup> in Kansas. REGISTER NOW!



*Bob & Ann Poyner*

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## **Northwest Florida Dancer of the Year**

Northwest Association received three club nominees this year for Northwest Florida Dancer of the Year. I would like to congratulate all the nominees. As you can see the selection by the DOY Committee Members was a difficult choice.

### **Swinging Squares Square & Round Dance Club**

Joe & Julie Gray began dancing in September of 2004. They are great supporters of Swinging Squares, Northwest Florida and Florida's state dancing activities. They have become avid travelers. They began with local area dances, soon expanded travel to Florida Festivals and were on the decorations committee for the 2007 Convention. This past year they served as Vice-Presidents. Their duties include, acting in the absence of the presidents in matters involving caller scheduling, club announcements, planning club activities, refreshment preparation and kitchen cleanup. Joe is always first on the floor with a dust mop following the dance and volunteers to mow the Grand Square Hall grass. Two years ago, the Grays discovered round dancing and have become proficient at all rhythms. Joe and Julie Gray are the friendly, helpful people who make square and round dancing a great experience.

### **Pensacola Twirlers Nominee**

As Chairpersons, Tim and Terri Wilaby worked vigorously, tirelessly, and endlessly to make the 53rd FSSRDC the best in recent memory. Their zeal for Square Dancing was evident as they traveled the length and breadth of the state, visiting nearly every club and attending most special events in Florida, to recruit advertisers, sponsors, vendors and volunteers to "Follow the Bird to the 53rd". They immediately made major improvements in content and quality to the Panhandle Press as publishers, editors, contributors and graphic


artists. Their inspirational leadership in all facets of Square and Round Dancing make Tim and Terri Wilaby great dancers and highly deserving of this award.

### **Canoe Squares Nominee**

Patti Lewis is a square dancer's square dancer. Showing up early at regularly scheduled events, making sure that the hall is ready for dancing, the refreshment table is set and coffee is made. She greets everyone at the door, introduces herself to new dancers and visitors and makes them comfortable. Patti is clear, concise, making all dancers feel welcome and comfortable, announcing all dances in the area being held within the forthcoming weeks. When the dance is over, she doesn't supervise, she pitches in and helps. Patti was featured in a full page article in the Pensacola News Journal and a televised article detailing the health and physical benefits derived from square dancing and her full recovery from having her hip joints replaced. She accepted the attention with grace and composure, representing Square Dancing in the best possible light.

Congratulations to this years' 2007/2008 Northwest Florida Dancer of the Year, Patti Lewis, nominee from Canoe Squares, Milton.

Respectfully,  
Sherry Richards  
DOY Chairman 2007/2008



## Agape Squares—Niceville

We hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and wish everyone a happy, healthy New Year for 2008.

The Agape Squares Club is continuing to be blessed and our students are about to pass the half way mark to graduation! We have a wonderful group of enthusiastic, exciting and fun group of students who are working hard and looking forward to the wonderful world of square dancing. To celebrate, we invited the other clubs to a halfway celebration coupled with our Annual Christmas celebration on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

At the Annual Round-Up last October our club had a square of plus dancers who represented our club proudly. Our hard work over the past few months in learning Plus movements paid dividends for our dancers. We extend another big THANK YOU to our caller, Berlon Graham who tirelessly worked with us to get us where we are today. We have had four squares on the floor nearly every week and we are excited to report our first Snowbird couple arrived from Minnesota on December 10<sup>th</sup>! Welcome back!! We are receiving notes from our Canadian friends indicating they will be arriving soon. We look forward to their arrival as well.

As part of our Spring 2008 efforts we have invited inactive dancers along with Snowbirds to our Club to get back into the "swing" of things. We are planning our next graduation in early spring, so look for an updated flyer for this big event in the near future. We invite you to join us each Monday night (except holidays) from 7-9 PM in the First United Methodist Church Community Life Center, 214 Partin Drive, in Niceville.

For information call (850)897-8891. See you in a square soon.



# Northwest Florida Square & Round Dance Association



## 2007 Cookbook

Get yours today for only \$10.00. See Paul and Cheryl Miller or Tim & Terri Wilaby at a dance to get yours. Or send a request to "[panhandlepress@hotmail.com](mailto:panhandlepress@hotmail.com)" to place your order!



## CELEBRATE IN 2008

Have you seen us yet? We have been getting around the state to different clubs and events, have you seen us yet? We can't make it to every club so we are asking YOU to help promote The 54th FLORIDA

STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION.

We are calling on all Callers & Cuers, 2008 committee members, and club officers.

Do you know what our mission is? We are hoping that at every dance the State Convention gets mentioned during your announcement time. We can't get complacent and think that everyone knows about it just because it was talked about once, there are different people coming to the dances every week. Maybe you have heard the advertising philosophy that says that people have to hear an ad 21 times before they really get the message. This is true- so keep plugging along. Have you seen our traveling clown at your dance? Hope someone got a chance to have the microphone and say a few words about why it is at the dance and talk about Florida State Convention. And how about the flyers for the Convention, are there some available and in a place where everyone can see them? What do you say- you don't have any at your dance, haven't seen any!! Please let us know and we will be glad to get some to you. [AnnDonSlocum@juno.com](mailto:AnnDonSlocum@juno.com)

There is more scheduled dancing at this next State Convention, you will have to just take your break when you want to. For those dancers that can just come on Saturday, there will be more dancing available to you. SINGLES – get together on Friday night in the general Hall.



The Fashion Show is taking nominations for models, they are honoring those who have given so much to our dance activities. To learn more contact the Fashion show chairmen: Bob & Maria Spence - [flspence@earthlink.net](mailto:flspence@earthlink.net)

Hope to see you at a dance, Ann Slocum, Publicity Chairman









## Panama City Square and Round Dance Association



If you danced at Northwest Florida's annual Roundup, you saw the beautifully crafted quilt handmade by Sandy Sturgis. As promised, the winning ticket was drawn during the December meeting of the Panama City Square and Round dance Association Board.



The lucky ticket holder is Mimi Smith, a Friday Night Ballroom Club member. Mimi purchased tickets every week because she really, really wanted that quilt!



We would like to take this opportunity to send sincere thanks to everyone who purchased quilt tickets. We also want to acknowledge the talents of skilled quilter Sandy Sturgis. Without her, our project would not have been possible and our Grand Square Hall treasury would not be increased by over \$800!



Betty Kearney, President





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9:30-10:00 WARM UP ROUNDS with Council Cuers

10:00-12:15 CLINIC FOR ALL Conducted By Don & Linda

12:15-1:30 LUNCH Provided by Round Dance Council of Florida

1:30-2:00 WARM UP ROUNDS with Council Cuers

2:00-4:15 CLINIC FOR ALL Conducted by Don & Linda

4:30-5:30 ROUND DANCE COUNCIL MEETING For Council Members

7:30-10:00 PHASE 3/4+ DANCE Conducted By Don & Linda

### SUNDAY MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>

9:00-9:30 WARMUP ROUNDS with Council Cuers

9:30-11:30 CLINIC FOR ALL Conducted By Don & Linda

12:00-2:00 PHASE 3/4+ DANCE Conducted by Don & Linda

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## CONTRA PROGRAM

For the enjoyment of the dancers, "Out of the Blue," a live band, will be playing evenings in the Contra Hall.

The Contra Hall is Room 203, located in Century II Performing Arts and Convention Center, second level, Promenade Area. Jeff Smith, Director of Contra Workshops, has arranged for two workshops. Presented by Lissa Bengtson, "Dances Along the Chisholm Trail" is a ninety-minute presentation of six or seven dances from Scotland, England, Germany, Mexico, Ireland, Czechoslovakia, Poland, or Switzerland brought West by the pioneers. Stew Shacklette will present the other workshop, "Styling and Elegance in Contras."

## CAMPING

Our Camping Committee has over 100 camping rigs planning to camp at the 57<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup> RV Site. We have room for many more.

RV sites are at Lake Afton Park, located 15 miles southwest of the Convention Center. Shaded by numerous large trees, the established sites are relatively level on grass, easily accessed from the blacktop road. The lake has three swimming areas, two dump stations and water available on site. If possible, please plan to arrive with holding tank empty and your water tank full. Most sites have electric hookups. Modern restrooms and showers are available in limited numbers. There is a convenience store on site.

For the convenience of our campers, Convention Registration packets will be distributed at the campground starting Tuesday noon through noon Thursday. We will confirm campsite reservations but actual campsites will be assigned on a "first arrive, first served" basis. The campground will officially open Monday, June 23, but sites are available starting Saturday, June 21, for those attending ROUNDALAB, Callers School, early tours, etc.

If you have questions, please contact LaVern and Carolyn Swenson at [Camping@57nsdc.co](mailto:Camping@57nsdc.co) or George and Nancy Sloop at [registration@57nsdc.co](mailto:registration@57nsdc.co).

## **CONVENTION FACILITY**

The 57<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® is just around the corner. Our dancers are busy making sure that Kansas will be ready for the many dancers who will visit Wichita in June 2008. Between the three great facilities, the 57<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® will have at least fourteen dance halls, numerous meeting rooms, and plenty of space. There will be NO DANCING ON CARPET. The two largest halls have concrete floors and the other dance areas will have composite flooring.

Kansas dancers are looking forward to welcoming you to the greatest event to ever be held in our state, the 57<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®. See you in State of Kansas and the City of Wichita June 25-28, 2008, where the buffalo roam and the skies are not cloudy all day.

## **CONVENTION SOUND**

The main sound for the 57<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® will be provided by BOHICA SOUNDWERKS, owned by Ben Goldberg, a California caller. Ben has visited our facilities twice. The Sunflower Board expects the sound to be outstanding. The House Sound will be used for several educational seminars and meetings. The 57<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® Sound Committee will be diligent throughout the Convention to ensure that the sound remains excellent in all venues.

## **PARKING**

As with any major city, Wichita is experiencing growing pains coming with economic progress. Road and building construction is everywhere. Parking is very inconvenient and challenging. Convention contracted hotels offer free parking to their guests. If you are staying at one of these hotels, it is highly recommend that you purchase a bus pass. The bus schedules will allow dancers to attend every Convention activity, including the After Parties.

There are some parking lots and garages within walking distance of Century II and the Center has a one-hour metered lot. Your car will need to be moved regularly. If you drive, we recommend arriving very early, since the competition for these parking slots will be fierce.

You are encouraged to purchase a bus pass when registering and have the bus pass waiting for you in your Convention packet. Don't forget that the "at the door" prices go into effect

June 1, 2008. The bus pass will increase to \$50.00. Order now and save.

Why not leave the parking to our competent bus drivers with experience in competing with the construction and traffic. "Don't be stressed out and save the feet for dancing!"

## FIRST AID

A first aid room will be located in the upstairs connecting lobby between the Century II Convention Center and the Hyatt Regency Wichita Hotel. A certified EMT will man it during all dancing hours. A second EMT will be roving between the three dance facilities, Century II Convention Center, Hyatt Regency Wichita Hotel, and the Broadview Hotel. A doctor and several nurses are registered for the Convention and will be available. In addition, a list of dentists and emergency care centers is being prepared for dancers who may need help during the 57<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®.

## EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

The emergency number for the 57<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® will be 1-316-219-9810. It will be answered during the entire Convention. Messages for dancers will be posted on a bulletin board near the Registration Area in the Century II Convention and Performing Arts Center.

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