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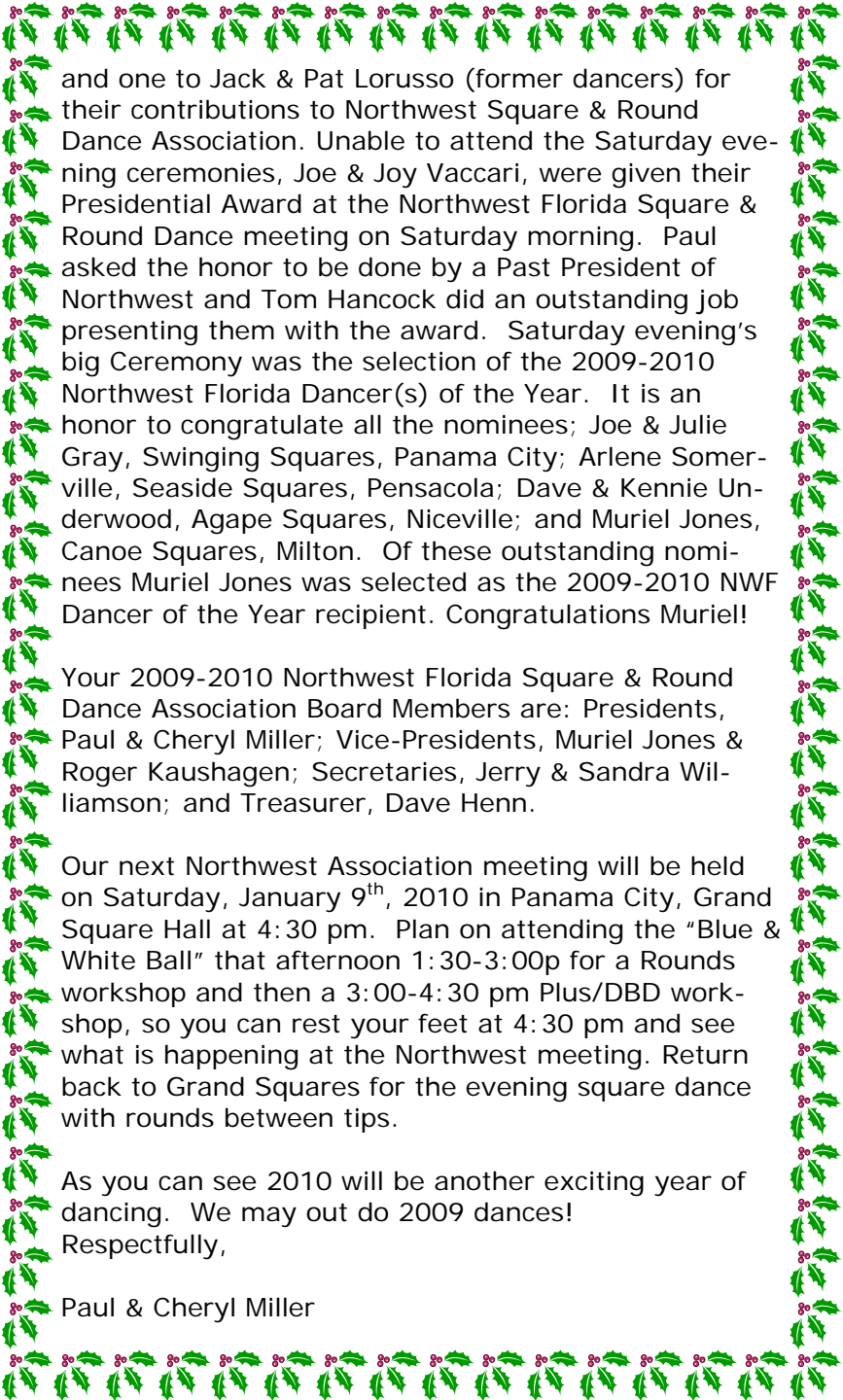
Happy New Year Members and Dancers!

What an outstanding past year we have had. Clubs graduating classes, new clubs were formed, with new classes starting up again making graduations continue throughout the New Year!

In the New Year, our clubs & dancers need to attempt to travel to other clubs and visit; try a banner raid on an outside club or if you don't have enough to raid, just try visiting a club to see what new exciting people they have in that club and before you know it you have developed many new friends. This way, when you travel to a club's "Special Dance", you are an old friend returning. Check the "Calendar of Events" in this edition. Clubs, be sure to update your special dances with the Panhandle Press!

Cheryl's special request is for each dancer to try and attending a Northwest Association Meeting in the upcoming year. See what your elected Board Members are doing on your behalf to make Square & Round Dancing a success in Northwest. Meetings are usually one hour and then we enjoy a special club dance that evening.

Special thanks to Muriel Jones & Roger Kaushagen, Northwest Vice Presidents, for their outstanding work on this year's Round Up. We hope you were able to attend last year's Round Up and had a wonderful time. Thank you to all the dancers who wore their "Halloween Costumes" on Friday. Look for pictures in this edition of the Panhandle Press. If you missed the Saturday Ceremonies, here is a synopsis of what you missed: Miriam Merriweather performed the National Anthem, two Presidential Awards were given out, one to Berlon Graham (Caller) for his outstanding work



and one to Jack & Pat Lorusso (former dancers) for their contributions to Northwest Square & Round Dance Association. Unable to attend the Saturday evening ceremonies, Joe & Joy Vaccari, were given their Presidential Award at the Northwest Florida Square & Round Dance meeting on Saturday morning. Paul asked the honor to be done by a Past President of Northwest and Tom Hancock did an outstanding job presenting them with the award. Saturday evening's big Ceremony was the selection of the 2009-2010 Northwest Florida Dancer(s) of the Year. It is an honor to congratulate all the nominees; Joe & Julie Gray, Swinging Squares, Panama City; Arlene Somerville, Seaside Squares, Pensacola; Dave & Kennie Underwood, Agape Squares, Niceville; and Muriel Jones, Canoe Squares, Milton. Of these outstanding nominees Muriel Jones was selected as the 2009-2010 NWF Dancer of the Year recipient. Congratulations Muriel!

Your 2009-2010 Northwest Florida Square & Round Dance Association Board Members are: Presidents, Paul & Cheryl Miller; Vice-Presidents, Muriel Jones & Roger Kaushagen; Secretaries, Jerry & Sandra Williamson; and Treasurer, Dave Henn.

Our next Northwest Association meeting will be held on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in Panama City, Grand Square Hall at 4:30 pm. Plan on attending the "Blue & White Ball" that afternoon 1:30-3:00p for a Rounds workshop and then a 3:00-4:30 pm Plus/DBD workshop, so you can rest your feet at 4:30 pm and see what is happening at the Northwest meeting. Return back to Grand Squares for the evening square dance with rounds between tips.

As you can see 2010 will be another exciting year of dancing. We may out do 2009 dances!  
Respectfully,

Paul & Cheryl Miller

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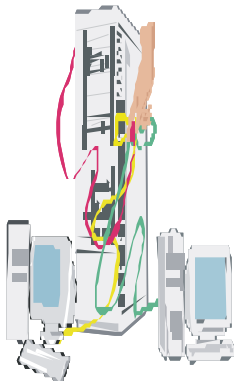
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## Editor's Note

Well, another year has come and gone and, boy, what a fun year it has been! It is so wonderful to see the Press growing to 60 pages this year and then having to cut articles down in order to keep it there!

Many thanks to those who submitted Holiday Wishes for the Panhandle Press' final issue of the year. We actually had more ads this year than last! Hopefully, we will have even more for 2010.

2009 saw the advent of a new booster program. Be sure to check out page 31 of this issue. If your name is not there, why not? We now offer different levels of sponsorship, so you can pick your own level.

Tim and I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Tim & Mildred Shipman and Jim & Deecee Walters for their assistance in proofing the issues (when I can remember to send them). Tim & Mildred have helped us come up with a way to assemble the Press so that it is done in one evening! Now, if I could only get it printed in one evening!

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## 2010 Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention May 28, 29, & 30, 2010

Wow! What a treat to be in Northwest Florida for their annual Fall Round-Up. There certainly were many strange and spooky dancers wandering around all through the weekend. Once, we thought we spotted the largest turkey in history. He flew the coop too quickly for anyone to capture him for their Thanksgiving feast. Everyone in attendance had a fantastic time and the dance floor was filled with outfits of many holidays, thus showing that "Everyday's a Holiday When You're Dancing"!

Last month we shared some of the fund raising items being sold by the State Convention. We've spotted the convention shirts and tote bags across the state. We've heard several interesting opportunities being offered by two of our regional associations. Check out these ideas and see how you can participate in supporting the 2010 State Convention.

The West Coast Association is sponsoring a raffle for a HUGE LCD HDTV. You can have a chance to win this fantastic prize by purchasing one raffle ticket for \$2 or three for \$5. Contact the West Coast Ways & Means Chairman, Rita and Lance Baxter for more details on the TV and find out how to purchase your winning ticket. The drawing will be held on May 30, 2010 at the 2010 State Convention. You do not need to be present to win, but we hope you are!

The Northwest Association is quite busy with their fund raising efforts as well. They will be hosting a special dance in March 2010 to help raise money for the convention. They have also decided to donate the association's share of the 50/50 revenue from their Fall Round-Up towards the 2010 Convention. These are terrific ideas – dance, laugh and visit with friends, have a great time, and raise money at the same time!

In the Northeast a dedicated dancer is doing her part to raise funds for the convention. As in years past, Jane Raymond is creating unique hand crafted angel



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pins. At a local dance recently, Jane and her husband Bob brought 95 red, white & blue Angels to sell for only \$2. It has been reported that in the past years, Jane has raised hundreds of dollars through similar sales of handcrafted items. The State Convention Committee expresses their sincere thanks to Jane for all her hard work. If you are interested in purchasing one of these special angels, please contact Kathy McKinney at 904-249-3224.

Do you have some ideas for possible fund raising events? Your regional associations want to hear from you. Remember, you don't have to have all the answers; an idea is the place to start. Share your suggestions with your club leaders, association officers, and convention committee members. Unsure who to call? Then contact Cheryl & Paul Miller at 850-939-6688 or [pe.miller@mchsi.com](mailto:pe.miller@mchsi.com) and they will direct you to a person in your area. The State Convention takes a lot of money to put on, and we need your ideas and participation.

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Check out our website for all the up-to-date details, contact information, and registration form, by visiting <http://www.floridasquaredance.com/convention/index.html>. If you don't use the Internet, and haven't seen anyone with registration forms or ribbons, then contact the General Chairman, Anita & Bud Taylor at 904-272-6551, and they'll have you connected to someone in your area to answer all your questions. MORE NEWS NEXT MONTH! Remember, **Everyday's A Holiday When You're Dancing!**

Charlie & Sarah Pergrossi,  
Publicity Chairman



## CAPITAL TWIRLERS TALLAHASSEE

We are all looking forward to 2010. A new year, new officers, new plans and a year filled with square and round dancing fun!

As for the old year - many people were invited to our annual Christmas potluck and dance. It was combined with Capital Rounds dance club and held on December 15. Tables were decorated with fresh greenery by Pete and Bill. We always invite friends, family, "retired" dancers, dancers from other clubs, etc. This really allows for much socializing plus the extra special fun dancing. Great time! Also, if wanted, Elmer calls "refresher" dances to encourage us all to join in the fun. Fran does all of her cueing for the rounds to Christmas music, even writing some of her own arrangements.

As a club, we have enjoyed our special themes (meaning mostly good eats) on our fifth Monday night dances so we have voted to continue them again in 2010. The first one will be in March. The new officers have not planned that far ahead as yet but rest assured that we welcome any visitors then or anytime.

Due to all the holidays, the Capital Twirlers had no dancing from December 15th 'til January 4th, 2010. Whew, long time to miss dancing. As usual, no dancing on the second Monday and the center will be closed on the third one for Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

By February, we hope to be back on our normal schedule. However, it is usually wise to phone the Tallahassee Senior Center at 850-891-4000 to check for dates and time.

A former dancer, Loraine, has been joining us for a couple of months and we hope she will soon consider being a member.

Also, Enid, a faithful member is recovering from knee replacement surgery. She is doing well and we look forward to having her and Jim back on the dance floor very soon.

We do invite any dancers to please join us Monday evenings from 7:30 till 9:30 (except second Mondays). We dance at Tallahassee Senior Center, 1400 N. Monroe St. There is a wonderful wood floor. Elmer is always excellent and keeps us dancing and laughing. Fran and Jim continue to travel (Myrtle Beach this time) and return with new round dances for us. Doesn't that tease you enough so that you join us some time soon for a great dancing time?

You know, this writer hasn't heard of any banner raids in a looong time. Well, maybe we should think about that again?

Hope to see ya soon!

Submitted by Rose Blackburn



## Dance—a—Rounds—Panama City

As most of you know we have been dark for several months doing doctoring in Nebraska. Major issue has been the replacement of my knees with titanium joints. I guess I should feel like the bionic man, but I don't. It's been a long hard struggle, but we are surviving.

We hope to get back on track this December and look forward to a better New Year.

The good news is that we will still have our 20th Annual Mardi-Gras dance on February 20th. Dave Muller will call the dance and I will cue. Early rounds at 7, squares & rounds from 8 to 10:30. We will have door prizes and some of the best king cakes you have ever seen. Our outgoing King & Queen, Bruce & Linda Betterton, will crown a new King & Queen. We will have a parade & throw lots of beads. We always have a good time celebrating Mardi-Gras.

Looking forward to seeing many friends,

Bill & Madelyn

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## Pensacola Twirlers—Pensacola

The Pensacola Twirlers have been busy dancing on our regular dance night, which is Tuesday. We had our Anniversary Dance on Tuesday, November 10. We decided not to have a big weekend dance this year for our Anniversary. We have our big Fiesta Dance the beginning of June each year and it gets to be a little difficult trying to sponsor 2 big dances a year. We voted to keep the Fiesta Dance as our big dance. This dance is a favorite of the local dancers due to the participation of Don Tristan de Luna and his Krewe.

We have done several exhibitions at local nursing homes. Our music and the twirling dancers are always appreciated by the residents. Of course, their favorite place to do an exhibition is always University Pines, as we are invited to dine with them after the exhibition. This is a full sit-down meal, with drinks, rolls, salad, entree, and dessert - and it's not a buffet - we are served by waiters. (Are you hungry yet??!!) No small wonder that this is their favorite place. We will be doing more exhibitions in January, February and March. We have found a new facility that has invited us for lunch (The Veranda). We'll let you know which one serves the best lunch!!!!

We also did an exhibition at Pate's Country Music Hall in November. They have country-western music and singing every Saturday night and it's located in Foley, Alabama. We were the entertainment during the break. We also had dancers joining us from the Track II Camping Group, Jubilee Squares and Spanish Twirlers. We were given free admission to the show for doing the exhibition. It was a very enjoyable evening.

Submitted by, Patty Ping

## Canoe Squares Milton

Monday night, December 7, Canoe Squares held their annual Toys for Tots dance at Hobbs Middle School cafeteria, in Milton, Florida. This year, we were honored to have as special guests, Master Gunnery Sergeant Roberto Rivera, United States Marine Corps, (retired), representing Toys for Tots, and Marianne Back, representing United Way of Santa Rosa County.



The dance kicked off promptly at 7:30, With Bob Poyner calling and Teri Wilaby cueing rounds. There were four squares with spares on the floor for the first tip, and lots of round dancing between tips.

Admission to the Monday night event had been changed for the TFT dance, with an unwrapped toy being the fee or a \$7.00 donation as an acceptable substitute. Total contribution for the night was \$114.00 plus three huge boxes of toys.



Master Gunnery Sergeant Rivera, who became known as Bob as the night went on, looked great in his dress uniform, and was popular throughout the evening as the dancers stopped to chat and to express their appreciation for his service.

His presence throughout the dance really made the night a hit not only for the Canoes, but for the Toys for Tots campaign as well.

We invited MGYSgt Rivera back for next year's Toys for Tots dance and he readily accepted.

## Why are these three ladies smiling?



They are smiling because all three of them were selected as Northwest Florida Square and Round Dance association's Dancer of the Year, all of them members of Canoe Squares, in consecutive years. From the background, Patti Lewis, the current Canoe Squares President, was nominated by her club as dancer of the year in 2007, with Sandy Williamson (center) being the nominee in 2008, and the current NWFSRDA Dancer of the Year Muriel Jones. Patti is in her third year as Canoe Squares president, Sandy is in her third year as NWF Secretary, and her fourth year as Canoe Squares Secretary, and Muriel is serving in her second year as NWF Vice President. All were selected as Dancer of the Year after an exhaustive evaluation of their accomplishments, by a committee of dancers from the NWF area.

Thank you ladies, for your hard work and for your continued service to square dancing. And, keep smiling, it looks so good. Canoes' want to wish a Happy New Year to all our square and round dance friends.

These past months have been very busy for Canoes. Canoes traveled to Fontana, North Carolina in early October. Although the colors were not brilliant, the scenery in the Smokies was breathtaking, as was the dancing. The O'leno Hoedown at O'leno State Park in High Springs was another great dance attended by several Canoes. Our own Bob Poyner called. Additionally, Canoes were very well represented in Gatlinburg and at the Turkey Trot at Pigeon Forge.

Bob traveled North for the Thanksgiving holidays, and Canoes enjoyed the calling of Ben Williams on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November. We so enjoy Ben.

On Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, Canoes had a pot luck supper prior to our dance. The crowd was small as many were still away for Thanksgiving. Still, a good time was had by

all. Friends, George and Dottie Neibler, and Annie Wilson came for the good food.

Sadly, Canoes recently lost two longtime members, Cecil Wilson and Mary Hamilton. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to Annie and Gene.

Canoes are looking forward to seeing all our fellow square and round dancers at their 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance February 27, 2010. The dance will be at Hobbs Middle School in Milton. The caller will be Bill Chestnut from Gainesville, and Terri Wilaby from Pensacola will be cueing rounds.

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

See you on the dance floor! Wendy

## *Mardi Gras Madness*

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## Competition Square Dancing

Jim & Judy Taylor had a very nice article in the latest issue of the USDA News. We've shortened the article slightly for space. The article was in the USDA NEWS Volume XX, Issue 4 Oct.—Dec. 2009.



Lately there has been discussion, debate, and dissention about the addition of competition to the National Square Dance Convention and large festivals and events. USDA had two of their yearly meetings in which this topic was argued, and the NEC also examined the subject.

We were surprised when 30 squares participated in the Long Beach Convention Competition. Five or so squares signed up ahead of time, but anticipation and excitement brought in 200 more dancers at the last minute, as word got out about how simple and fun it could be. We were also surprised that we enjoyed the "last square standing", because the callers (Dougherty and Oxendine) were very proficient (a necessity) in doing this competition.

Bower and Shoemake have been the callers in the World Sr. Games in St. George for the past 11 years, and they said it took them a few years to challenge dancers enough to cause them to break down (a different set of skills than just calling a dance).

We feel competition in general has improved our dancing. We listen better, concentrate more and try to have better timing. The callers adhere to timing that works for the traditional calls (no cutting short on Grand Square, no extra twirls!) and they reinforce the correct way to do-sa-do (no Hungarian swings!) Teamwork is essential, and we're now better dancers for this experience.

All in all, we hope the short amount of time that it takes to have a friendly competition continues at our large events; it doesn't have to become a large part. Some people are afraid it

will change the focus of our festivals and conventions, and even dancing in general. But unless our “sport” does something new and exciting, it is going to stay the same (which is to dwindle into obscurity). Our hope is we offer something for everyone.

Submitted by,  
Paul & Cheryl Miller  
Florida USDA Representative



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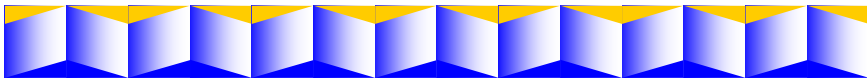
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## GRAND SQUARE HALL REGULAR DANCE SCHEDULE

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PRESIDENT: BETTY KEARNEY--- (850) 763-4100

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### SUNDAY---GRAND SQUARE ROUNDS

Beginner Class 7:30 - 3:30 PM

Easy/Intermediate Dance 3:30 - 5:30 PM

Cuer: Sandy Sturgis-----265-9488

### MONDAY---BOP & SHAG DANCE CLUB

Lessons 7:00 - 7:30 PM

Dance 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Contact: Debby Wuest----- (513)532-3043

### TUESDAY---DANCE-A-ROUND R/D CLUB

Easy/Intermediate Rounds 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Cuer: Bill Bovard-----784-7780

### WEDNESDAY---SWINGING SQUARES

Early Rounds 7:00 - 7:30 PM

Squares & Rounds 7:30 - 9:30 PM

Contact: Joe McLendon-----769-4218

Callers: Chris Burchfield 1st

Dave Muller 2<sup>nd</sup>

Jack White 3<sup>rd</sup>

Bob Poyner 4<sup>th</sup>

Cuers: Bill Bovard/Sandy Sturgis

### THURSDAY AFT---BOOTS 'N' BUCKLES

Line Dance Beginner & Couples 1:30 - 4:30 PM

Instructor: Mary & Jim Riley-----871-2955

### THURSDAY---SUN SHINERS

Squares—Plus 7:30 - 9:30 PM

Caller: Chris Burchfield-----832-4782

### FRIDAY---BALLROOM DANCING

Dance to Big Band Music 6:30 - 8:30 PM

With Basic Lesson

Instructors: Bill & Madelyn-----784-7780

### FRIDAY---LINE DANCING

Line Dances with Basic Instructions 8:30 - 9:45 PM

Prompter: Bill Bovard-----784-7780

### SATURDAY---SATURDAY BALLROOM DANCE

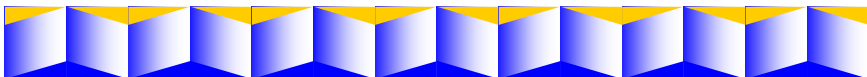
Lessons 6:30 - 7:00 PM

Dancing 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Contact: Dick Lovejoy-----769-9503

### IMPORTANT NOTES:

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME! ALSO, ALL CLUBS OCCASIONALLY CANCEL. PLEASE VERIFY WITH CONTACT, CUER OR CALLER. GRAND SQUARE HALL IS OWNED & OPERATED BY DANCERS OF THE PANAMA CITY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION, A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION DEDICATED TO PRESERVING OUR SQUARE & ROUND DANCE HERITAGE.





## Canoe Squares

Our nominee this year is Muriel Jones.


She has been dancing since 1993.

She attends all regularly scheduled dances, and has become the driving force in setting up special dances, and Square Dance demonstrations. She willingly participates in all events sponsored by Canoe Squares. This includes demonstrations at nursing and retirement homes and demonstrations as events such as at county fairs and other promotions for square dancing.

Muriel has served in the past as Canoe's Secretary and is currently serving as Vice President of NWFSARDA.

Muriel attends most of the special dances in the Pensacola area, and is a driving force for setting up and promoting dancing events and fund raisers for the activity. Working through her contacts at the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP), Muriel has set up numerous square dance demonstrations at nursing and retirement homes, and has organized and promoted the Canoes Squares participation at the Santa Rosa County Fair.

Muriel dances Mainstream, Plus and Advanced (A-1/A-2) levels, and dances rounds at the Phase Four level. She willingly dances with new dancers to help bring them along at whatever level they may be dancing. She is a member of the Canoe Squares, Gulf Coast A's, T and T Rounds, and visits most other clubs in the area.



Muriel always dresses appropriately for the dance in which she is participating. Her attire is appropriate and attractive, and promotes a positive image of her favorite pastime.

Muriel dances very well at all levels of square dance through level A-2, and regularly assists with classes to bring others along in their endeavors. In addition to her dancing activities, she has undertaken the office of Vice President, NWFSARDA, which involves many organizational activities including the setup, promotion and conduct of activities associated with the Annual Roundup. This includes contracting for the dance hall, contact and negotiation of fees and contracting of callers, transportation for the out of state callers, and coordinating the schedules for the event. She is also the coordinator for the hall decoration, selection of the theme for the dance, and conduct of the activities at the event.

Muriel is dedicated to square dancing, and is always willing to serve in any way which will promote and preserve the activity. In the offices she has held, she has shown the ability to effectively to hold any position she may be nominated to and perform well in any capacity. Muriel is a real ambassador for square dancing and is worthy of the honor of Canoes Squares Dancer of the Year, and if selected, the NWFSRDA Dancer of the Year.

## Agape Squares

It is obvious that David & Kennie Underwood love square dancing. You can tell by the support and dedication they show Agape Squares. David & Kennie have been square dancing for over 11 years. They began taking lessons as "Re-Treads" with the Modern Squares, supporting that club as Hospitality Chairmen. Working on getting a club started in Niceville, they handled the promotion of an "Open House" by organizing with local newspapers and putting flyers in churches and other public places. They continue to promote and organize the "Open Houses" in the Agape Squares club. Their commitment has produced 3 graduating classes. Dancers from these classes have branched out and started a club, the "Dancing Dolphins", in Fort Walton Beach. Other commitments they continue to show our club is their organization with hospitality with classes and club dances, banner raids, and exhibitions for the club to promote public awareness of square dancing. When they travel to other clubs, the dancers that meet them know that they do love square dancing. The Agape Squares would like to recognize the Underwoods as their nominee for the 2009-2010 Northwest Florida Square & Round Dance Association's "Dancer of the Year".

## Seaside Squares

2009 Dancer of the Year Nominee: Arlene  
Somerville

It gives me great pleasure to submit this dancer for this year's Dancer of the Year Award. Arlene was dancing when I came to the Fort Walton/Pensacola area in 1985. For all the years of dancing, she has not slowed down yet. There is not a night that Arlene is not dancing. If there is no square dance on Saturday night, ballroom is where she will be.

Arlene always has some kind of "goodies" in her arm to be put out for snacking. After the dance, she will always help clean up the service area. As for committee or officer jobs, she lets someone else handle that. But if it is selling tickets or making telephone calls, she is right there to help.

Arlene is always visiting people in nursing homes and will never turn down a time to square dance for the people there.

She dances Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Round Dancing as well as Ballroom on week-ends. She has given a lot of time to dancing and has been overlooked for many years.

William T. Jenner, President  
Seaside Squares, Inc.



## Swinging Squares


The Swinging Squares proudly submit Joe and Julie Gray as our nominee for NWF 2009-2010 Dancer of the Year.

The enthusiasm of this couple is a motivation for our entire club. They are upbeat, energetic and courteous dancers. They are always standouts in their dress, be it casual or square dance attire.

Joe and Julie are core members of Swinging Squares. They attend all local dances, travel to many out-of-town events, and participate in all club activities. Their contributions have been vital to the success Swinging Squares is now enjoying. They are instrumental in planning club events and they bring fresh ideas to recurring events.

Joe and Julie are veteran dancers and strong club leaders who are presently in their third term as Vice Presidents of Swinging Squares. They are delegates of Swinging Squares to Panama City Square & Round Dance Association Board. PCSRDA Board owns and operates Grand Square Hall. Joe and Julie are members of NWFSRDA and served on the decorating committee for the 53rd Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention.

Joe and Julie Gray have proven themselves to be very deserving for consideration for the NWFSRDA DANCERS OF THE YEAR.





## Dancing Dolphins Ft Walton Beach

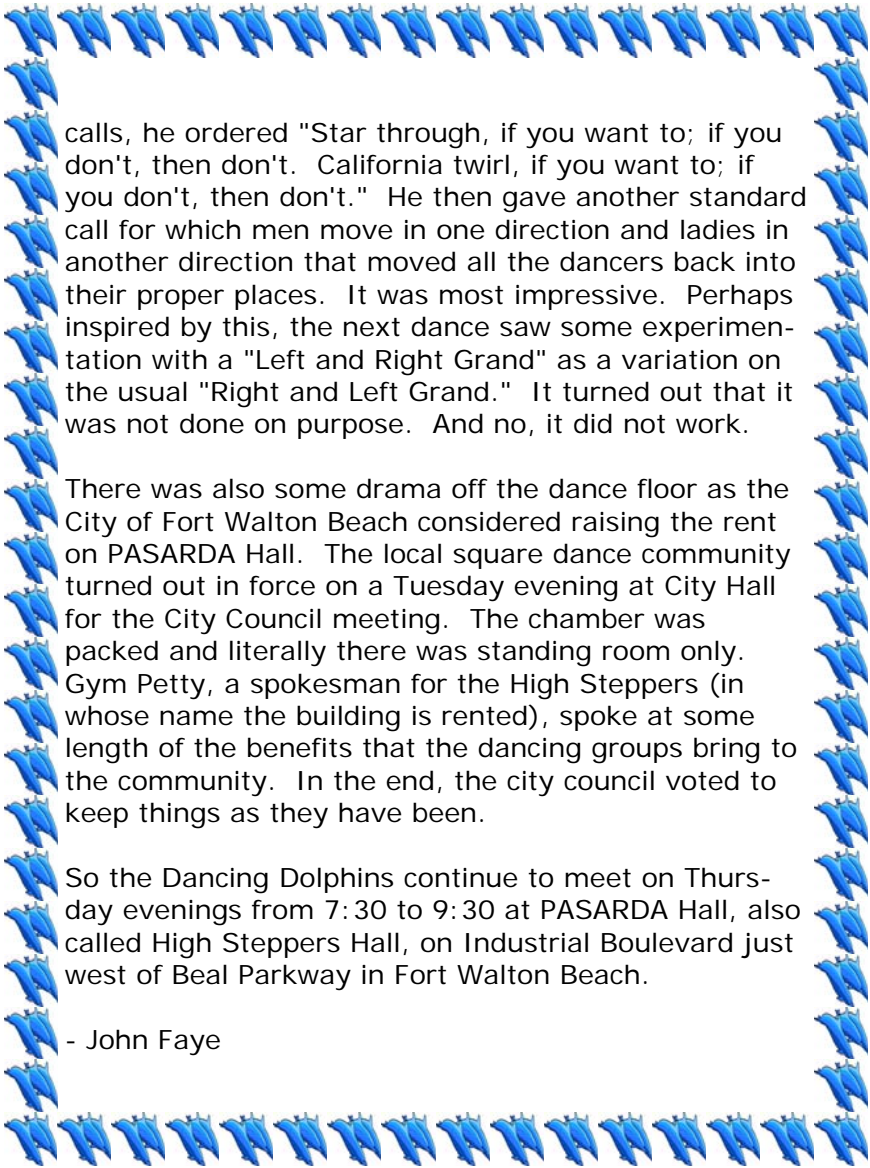
It is said that pride goes before a fall, and your reporter's experience reporting the Dancing Dolphins' activity last time provides a case in point. As the last issue of the Panhandle Press was being printed, with your reporter's crowing over the taking of the Seaside Squares' banner in June, the Seaside Squares came en masse to the Dolphins' graduation dance on September 10 and retrieved their banner. It was all done in extremely good humor and with a maximum of grace and style, but let the record note that when I have to eat crow I take it lightly salted and with a dash of Tabasco sauce.

Two evenings later the Dancing Dolphins showed up "en" similar "masse" at Ragon Hall, home of the Seaside Squares. With fifteen Dolphins in attendance, it looked to be a golden opportunity to steal the banner again but no, this was not a Seaside Squares dance. It was a fundraiser for the Panhandle Press. While no banners changed hands, the Panhandle Press received considerable support.

The dance on September 10 marked the second Dancing Dolphins class to graduate. Five new square dancers completed their initial mainstream training and entered the ranks of accomplished square dancers. The word "initial" is used carefully here; we continue to train to increase in grace and style, if nothing else, as we continue to dance.

The Thursday evening dances at PASARDA Hall continued apace, with the Dolphins putting out two squares regularly, three squares occasionally.

October 1 marked a visit by Bubba Mingus, a visiting caller from Slidell, Louisiana. Among other unusual



calls, he ordered "Star through, if you want to; if you don't, then don't. California twirl, if you want to; if you don't, then don't." He then gave another standard call for which men move in one direction and ladies in another direction that moved all the dancers back into their proper places. It was most impressive. Perhaps inspired by this, the next dance saw some experimentation with a "Left and Right Grand" as a variation on the usual "Right and Left Grand." It turned out that it was not done on purpose. And no, it did not work.

There was also some drama off the dance floor as the City of Fort Walton Beach considered raising the rent on PASARDA Hall. The local square dance community turned out in force on a Tuesday evening at City Hall for the City Council meeting. The chamber was packed and literally there was standing room only. Gym Petty, a spokesman for the High Steppers (in whose name the building is rented), spoke at some length of the benefits that the dancing groups bring to the community. In the end, the city council voted to keep things as they have been.

So the Dancing Dolphins continue to meet on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 at PASARDA Hall, also called High Steppers Hall, on Industrial Boulevard just west of Beal Parkway in Fort Walton Beach.

- John Faye

Please remember to keep us in mind...should you change your snail mail or email address. We need to keep you informed, so please keep us informed of changes to your contact information.

I lost about 3 email addresses across the last quarter. Was yours one of them?

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Here are some of the “prize-winning” costumes from NWFSRDA’s Round Up.

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## DANCING AT THE 59<sup>TH</sup> NSDC – PROGRAM UPDATE “SQUARE DANCE OPEN COMPETITIONS”

The National Executive Committee has approved **Square Dance Competitions** for both Youth and Adults at the 59<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®. Below is updated information and some of the rules of the competitions.

It was decided to again use the “**Last Square Dancing**” format. There will be two sessions: Open Competition on Thursday afternoon and Youth Competition on Friday afternoon.

The Open Competition will be open to **all** dancers. It will be held in Freedom Hall on Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. In order to participate, you must sign up as part of a complete square. Sign-up forms must be turned in at the Competition Registration Table in the East Hall Main Lobby no later than 12:30 PM on Thursday. Individuals or couples may meet near the table and group themselves into squares. For complete rules and procedures and for sign-up forms, click on the competition link on the web site: **[www.59thnsdc.com](http://www.59thnsdc.com)**.

The Youth Competition is open to all dancers age 18 and under. It will be held in the Variety Hall (right next to the Youth Hall) on Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 PM. Sign-ups will take place in the Youth Hall. You must sign-up as part of a complete square and sign-up forms must be turned in no later than 2:00 PM on Friday. Youth Dancers can meet in the Youth Hall and form squares and then sign up.

These sessions are one time only events at the 59<sup>th</sup> NSDC and are just for fun. **ENJOY YOURSELF AND HAVE A GOOD TIME!**

For additional information on Square Dance Competitions at the 59<sup>th</sup> NSDC or any other questions about programming for the 59<sup>th</sup> NSDC, contact George & Betty Harding, Program Chairmen for the 59<sup>th</sup> NSDC, at:

**[program@59thnsdc.com](mailto:program@59thnsdc.com)**.



## Swinging Squares Panama City

It's the end of the year and the beginning of club square dance fun for Swinging Squares newest class of dancers. Graduation was held on December 16, just in time for participation in our annual January "Blue and White Ball". The evening was a super celebration including a fabulous Christmas pot luck dinner.

Darryl McMillan's return to Grand Square Hall on January 9 guarantees a night of smooth square dancing. He knows how to "call to the floor" and makes it interesting and fun for everyone. Sandy Sturgis will cue early rounds. Bill Bovard is returning after two knee surgeries to cue rounds between squares. The bright red poinsettias with their shiny green leaves that made the hall festive for the holidays will be replaced by blue, white and silver for our Blue and White Ball. The McLendons, Richards and Rileys always do an excellent job of decorating for the fall season. This year it was done without the help of the Kearneys, who were recovering from an auto accident.

As we formed the final squares for this year, we were again reminded of the good times and great friendships we enjoy every week. Though no one can predict the future, one thing is certain...each Wednesday night at 7 in 2010, you'll find us ready to swing our partners into a new year. Join us at Grand Square Hall, 11<sup>th</sup> and Bob Little Road when you are in the Panhandle. For schedule and caller information call Joe and Patricia at (850) 769-4218.

Betty Kearney, PR Chairman

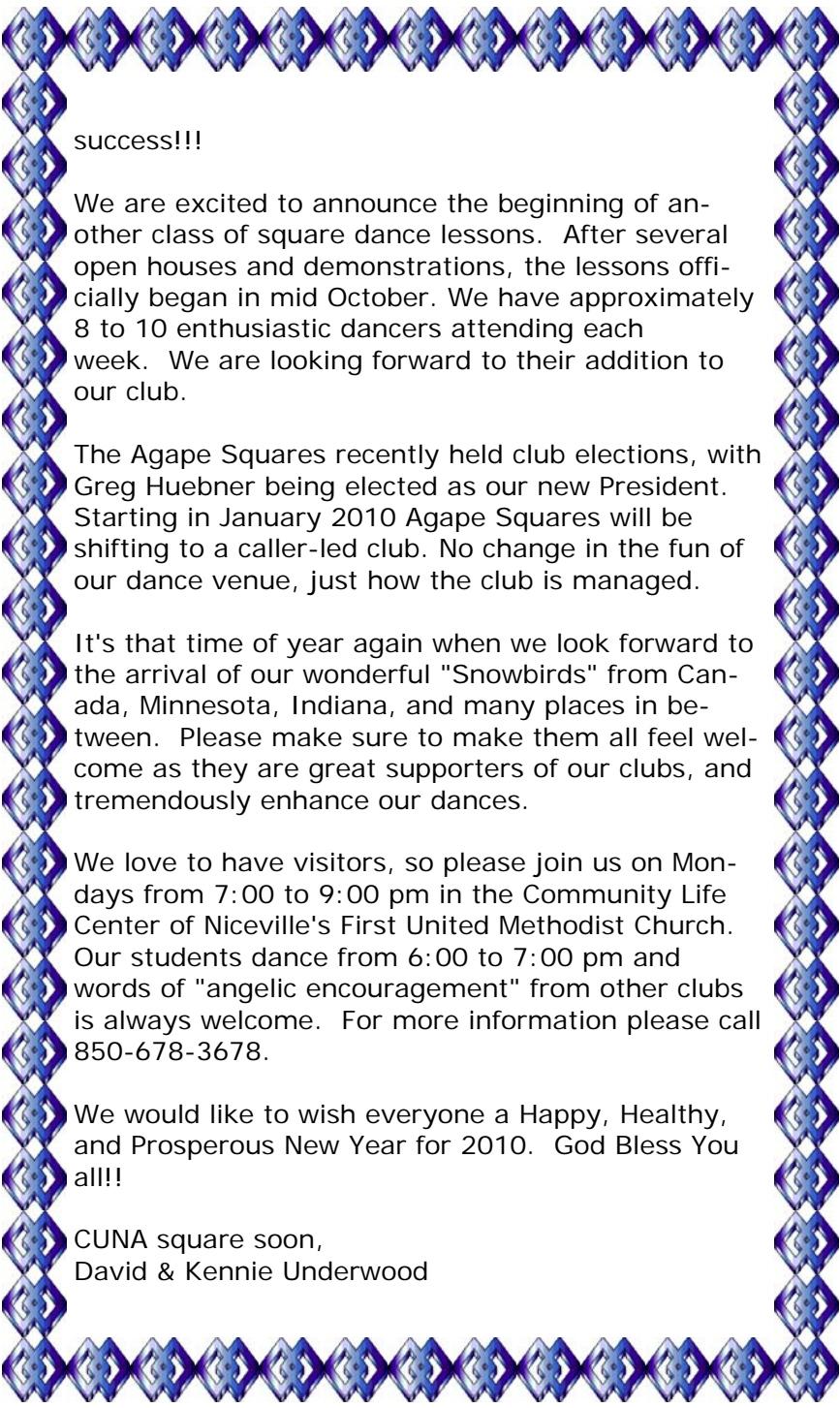


## AGAPE SQUARES NICEVILLE

As 2009 comes to a close and a new year right around the corner, we are reminded of all the great dances we've enjoyed this year as well as all the new friends we've made along the way.

The Agape Squares were invited to participate at The Sterling House, an assisted living home in Niceville, for their celebrations theme, "Daring Dances," with a focus on Square Dancing. The residents enjoyed square dancing with Berlon as the caller. A very special thank you to those attending: Bill & Carole Apfel, Gene & Regina Brown, Terren Nie-drauer & Adele Levesque, Rita Frisk, Candice Foster, Don & Wanna Caverly, and Sam Clawser. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the dance, and several residents even got up to dance!! We truly THANK YOU and APPRECIATE you all for giving of your time to make some seniors enjoy a special time.

The annual Round-Up held in Defuniak Springs was a huge success!!! Many of the Agape Squares were in attendance as we wanted to show our love and support to our caller, Berlon Graham, who was one of the honored guest callers for this awesome weekend dance. During this weekend, Berlon, was elected as President of the Northwest Florida Callers Association. In addition, Paul and Cheryl Miller presented Berlon with a "Presidential Award" for his outstanding dedication, loyalty, and hard work in growing square dancing in the Panhandle area. Way to go Berlon...we are so very proud of you!! A special congratulations also goes out to Rita Frisk for her "award-winning Halloween costume", in the contest held on Friday evening. Great job...Rita!!! A very special "THANK YOU" to EVERYONE who was involved in making this years ROUND UP a huge



success!!!

We are excited to announce the beginning of another class of square dance lessons. After several open houses and demonstrations, the lessons officially began in mid October. We have approximately 8 to 10 enthusiastic dancers attending each week. We are looking forward to their addition to our club.

The Agape Squares recently held club elections, with Greg Huebner being elected as our new President. Starting in January 2010 Agape Squares will be shifting to a caller-led club. No change in the fun of our dance venue, just how the club is managed.

It's that time of year again when we look forward to the arrival of our wonderful "Snowbirds" from Canada, Minnesota, Indiana, and many places in between. Please make sure to make them all feel welcome as they are great supporters of our clubs, and tremendously enhance our dances.

We love to have visitors, so please join us on Mondays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Community Life Center of Niceville's First United Methodist Church. Our students dance from 6:00 to 7:00 pm and words of "angelic encouragement" from other clubs is always welcome. For more information please call 850-678-3678.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year for 2010. God Bless You all!!

CUNA square soon,  
David & Kennie Underwood



## When was your first dance experience?

Allow me to take you back in time to a place that you might barely remember.

You were four years old. Your parents had taken you to a small playground. (Or anywhere outside.) That playground, was your first great Ballroom in the sky.

Your first dance frame was somewhat like our Butterfly position. If you were in the old Butterfly Position, and you turned your palms down, you would pretty much be there.

Your first rhythm was not waltz, or the Foxtrot, it was the, "Run as fast as you can". You had just learned this new form of dance. You had crawled, then walked, and now, suddenly, you could run!

The name of your first routine was, "Fly Like a Bird"! When you coupled running as fast as you could, with pretending to fly like a bird, your imagination could take you anywhere.

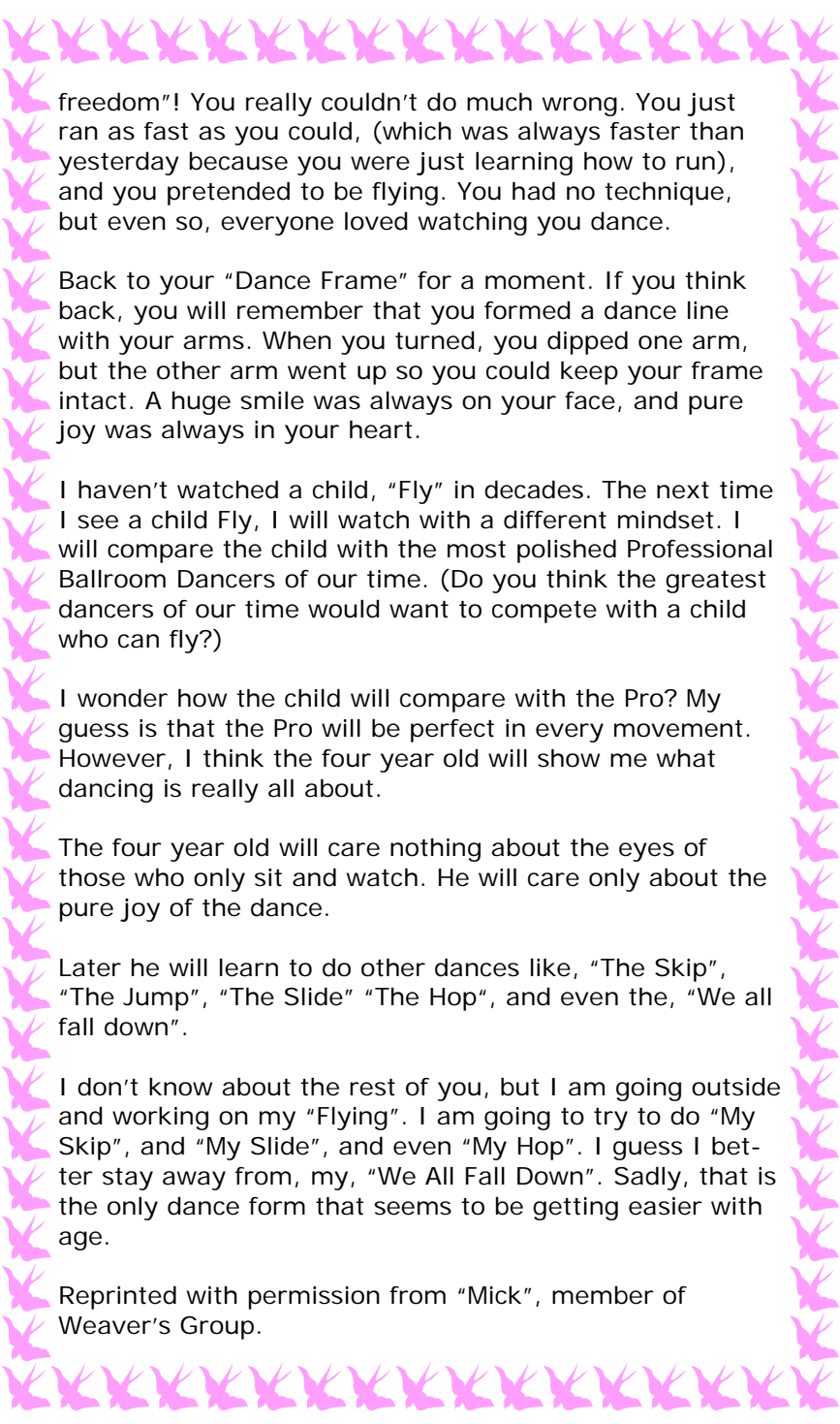
At first you might have looked a little more like a butterfly than a bird. (Perhaps that is where the "Butterfly Position" got it's name?)

The rules of your first dance? There must have been rules? Oh yes, I remember, "No spitting, and no biting." (You weren't real big on rules when you were four.)

Your first partner? (Here I must use my imagination a little more.) In my case, I'm always pretty sure it was whatever beautiful women I happen to be dancing with at any particular moment.

You do remember, "Flying" with another child don't you? Who's to say she/he wasn't the lady/man you are now dancing with?

The flavor of your first dance was, "Pure joy and



freedom"! You really couldn't do much wrong. You just ran as fast as you could, (which was always faster than yesterday because you were just learning how to run), and you pretended to be flying. You had no technique, but even so, everyone loved watching you dance.

Back to your "Dance Frame" for a moment. If you think back, you will remember that you formed a dance line with your arms. When you turned, you dipped one arm, but the other arm went up so you could keep your frame intact. A huge smile was always on your face, and pure joy was always in your heart.

I haven't watched a child, "Fly" in decades. The next time I see a child Fly, I will watch with a different mindset. I will compare the child with the most polished Professional Ballroom Dancers of our time. (Do you think the greatest dancers of our time would want to compete with a child who can fly?)

I wonder how the child will compare with the Pro? My guess is that the Pro will be perfect in every movement. However, I think the four year old will show me what dancing is really all about.

The four year old will care nothing about the eyes of those who only sit and watch. He will care only about the pure joy of the dance.

Later he will learn to do other dances like, "The Skip", "The Jump", "The Slide" "The Hop", and even the, "We all fall down".

I don't know about the rest of you, but I am going outside and working on my "Flying". I am going to try to do "My Skip", and "My Slide", and even "My Hop". I guess I better stay away from, my, "We All Fall Down". Sadly, that is the only dance form that seems to be getting easier with age.

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**INSURANCE COVERAGE INFORMATION**

From time to time the Home Office receives inquiries as to what the membership liability insurance policy covers. There are various individuals who have misinterpreted this insurance to not only cover the caller but also believe it cover the clubs, officers and event the caller is calling. This simply is not true. Our liability insurance covers only the member caller who is calling the dance. Not the event; not the club; not the club officers; not the facility, not the dancers, and not even the caller’s partner (Coverage, however, is available for partners that cue round dances, line dances, or otherwise share responsibilities with the caller, by paying an additional premium). In short, the liability insurance covers just the caller while performing the responsibilities of being a caller.

**Group Liability and Equipment Insurance**

Members, Associate Members, and Apprentices who live in the U.S. are automatically enrolled in CALLERLAB’s group insurance program upon payment of their current dues and fees. Retired callers who are Associate Members are not eligible to participate in the insurance program. This program consists of three separate categories:

**Liability Insurance**

The general liability, bodily injury and property damage portion of the policy provides liability coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, with an aggregate limit of \$2,000,000 per caller, per event. It protects you, the caller, for any acts or omissions of acts that result in bodily injury or property damage while you are calling square dances or related activities.

## **Medical Coverage**

The accidental medical portion of the policy provides supplemental insurance for you while you are conducting square-dance-related activities. Maximum coverage is \$10,000. This coverage is effective only after your primary carrier, Medicare, or other health insurance company has settled a claim.

## **Accidental Death/Dismemberment**

The AD&D portion of the policy covers you while traveling to or from a square dance. Coverage for accidental death is \$5,000. Coverage for accidental dismemberment may be as high as \$5,000, depending on the loss.

## **Policy Conditions**

These policies do not cover the dancers. Dancers may have their own accident and medical insurance, either through their homeowner's policy or through their club in the U.S.D.A. (United Square Dancers of America).

"Related activities" include regular dances, workshops, classes, one night stands, contra, traditional, round dancing and line dancing. A caller's partner is not covered by this insurance. Coverage is available for partners that cue round dances, line dances, or otherwise share responsibilities with the caller by paying an additional premium. Contact the CALLERLAB Home Office by phone for details. If a caller is dropped from membership, then the insurance for both the caller and the partner is null and void as of the date the caller dropped from the membership rolls.

The policy year is April 1st through March 31st of the following year. If dues are not paid by April 1st, the insurance is not effective until full payment is received. The insurance cost is not prorated for members joining in mid-year. The premium is the same regardless of the date you pay your dues and fees.

We hope this helps you in knowing what your membership insurance coverage is all about. If you should have additional questions, please contact the Home Office at 785-783-3665 or Email: [CALLERLAB@aol.com](mailto:CALLERLAB@aol.com). If you need a certificate of insurance, contact Marsh Affinity Group at 1-800-503-9227.

## FLORIDA ASSOCIATION of SINGLE SQUARE and ROUND DANCERS

We had a wonderful, fabulous time at our recent weekend dance over the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of October. This was FASSRD's 31<sup>st</sup> Single-Rama and what a great time we had. Doing the calling honors was Sam Dunn, from the West Coast and the cueing honors were furnished by Lisa Wall from the Northeast. They made a good combination to dance to, keeping us literally on our toes. Both provided us with some happy memories which we have brought home with us.

Every year this dance is held at the Historic Kenilworth Lodge in Sebring. It is so beautiful and peaceful staying there. You can park your car on Friday and never use it again until you check out on Sunday. They furnish a wonderful Continental breakfast and there are several other restaurants within walking distance for the other meals. We square dancers have tried them all, you know how we dancers love to eat.

After the dances we always have "After Parties" with, again, more food furnished by the dancers. Always a feast. On Friday, at the party, we all sat in a huge circle and got better acquainted by telling stories about ourselves or a joke or two or got caught up on what our friends have been doing since the last Single-Rama. Saturday's After Party was skit night. These were sooo hilarious, wish all of you could have been there. If you have never seen Sam in a pink tutu---well, it's a sight to behold! Several skits were presented, some of which I will keep in my memory bank for future use somewhere.

Our dance next year, 2010, will be held over the weekend of October 8 and 9, so make your plans to attend. You know you don't have to be "single" to attend these dances. In fact we always have many married couples, they just love the Kenilworth and our set up for fun.

It is sad to note that the Orlando Singles Club has had

to close their doors. This club was over 30 years old. That only leaves one Singles Club in the whole State. So sad, especially when you realize that the majority of ALL clubs have a large contingency of single dancers. Contact me or any of our board members if you would like to start a singles club in your area, we will be glad to assist you.

Penny Green	sqdnxfan@aol.com
Mary Lou Pelz	pelzm@att.net
Ailene Picheco	apicheco@juno.com
Judy Frye	judy98@netscape.com

Until next time, may the good Lord always hold you in the palm of His hand

Judy Frye, President

## Caller's Schedule

### **Ted Kennedy**

Jan 16—January Shine, Pensacola, FL

Feb 21—Special @ Azalea Hall, Theodore, AL

Mar 27—Tamany Twirlers, Slidell, LA

### **Patty Ping**

Mondays—Spanish Twirlers, Daphne, AL

Tuesdays—Pensacola Twirlers, Pensacola, FL

Thursdays—Azalea Squares, Theodore, AL

Jan 13—Exhibition, Sabal House

Feb 12—Exhibition, The Veranda

Mar 12—Exhibition, Specialty Center

### **Sandy Sturgis**

Jan 9—Blue & White Ball, Panama City, FL

Feb 6—Winter Fling, Loxley, AL

Feb 13—Sweetheart Swing, Ft. Walton Beach, FL

Mar 6—Diamond Squares Spring Dance, Opp, AL

Mar 13—1020 Benefit Dance, Grand Square Hall, Panama City, FL



**Sandy Sturgis cont'd**

- Mar 19/20—57th Azalea Trail, Theodore, AL
- Mar 27/28—Springtime Rounds, Pensacola, FL
- Mar 28—2010 Convention Benefit, Parsarda Hall, Ft. Walton Beach

**Terri Wilaby**

- Wednesdays—Advanced Rounds, Pensacola, FL
- Fridays—Seaside Squares, Pensacola, FL
- Sundays—TNT Rounds, Pensacola, FL
- Jan 16—January Shine, Pensacola, FL
- Feb 13—Sweetheart Swing, Ft. Walton Beach, FL
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**Ben Williams**

- Jan 8/9—Southwind RV Park
- Feb 5/6—Mystic Springs
- Mar 12/13—Farmer's Opry

**2010 Florida State Square  
& Round Dance  
Convention  
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Holiday tunes fill the airways while the stores are packed with gift ideas. People are hustling and bustling to find that perfect gift idea for their special someone. May we offer a suggestion? It's a one-size fits all, good for both men and women, young and old, and very affordable. Can you guess? You're right...ribbons for the 2010 FL State Convention. Check your list and see which of your friends and family members are just waiting for the opportunity to attend this full weekend of great fun. For the low price of \$27 you can share all the excitement of the Florida State Convention. Don't miss this great gift idea; you can contact our Convention Registrars, Carole & Garland McKenzie at 352-622-7678 or carolemc@embargmail.com. They will be happy to help you with your ribbon purchases.

When you are making your lodging arrangements for the Convention weekend, don't forget to schedule your arrival for Thursday, May 27,



2010. This will be the night of the Trails-In Dance held at Strawberry Square Dance Hall in Plant City. This is an opportunity to get fired up for an exciting weekend of dancing. You will be able to dance to some of the talented callers and cuers attending the convention and wear your holiday outfits, either square dance attire or casual. Early rounds will be from 7:00-7:45 fol-

lowed by squares & rounds from 8:00-10:00 PM. We wish to offer special words of thanks to the Strawberry Squares for donating their building for this event.

Our host hotel for the Florida State Convention is Holiday Inn Lakeland – North, 3260 Highway 98 South. The Convention reserves a limited number of rooms at the special rate of \$75 + tax per night. This is an unbelievable rate for the area! You need to make your reservations **NOW** so you don't miss out on this price. All you need to do is call Randy or Carol Poole at 386-734-5295 and they will assist you in reserving a room for this dance-filled weekend.

We need your help! As you patronize your favorite shops, restaurants and watering holes, ask them to take an ad in our state program book. For a reasonable sum of money their business will go into the homes of each and every dancer in attendance of the state convention. Our dancers travel to Lakeland from distances far and near, so the ads influence is widespread. Jack & Kathy McKinney have prepared packets to help you renew our patrons from last year and recruit new advertisers. It's not hard to do, but we need each and every dancer to take part! Everyone benefits when businesses take an active role in our state convention. In addition to soliciting ads, be sure to support those businesses that have supported us in the past. Mention their ad when you visit their shop or business and thank them for their support. If you need ad packets or have suggestions for advertising, contact your regional Ways & Means Chairman or Jack McKinney at 904-249-3224.

Check out our website for all the up-to-date details, contact information, and registration form, by visiting <http://www.floridasquaredance.com/convention/index.html>. If you don't use the Internet, and haven't seen anyone with registration forms or ribbons, then contact the General Chairman, Anita & Bud Taylor at 904-272-6551, and they'll have you connected to someone in your area to answer all your questions. **MORE NEWS NEXT MONTH! Remember, Everyday's A Holiday When You're Dancing!**

Charlie & Sarah Pergrossi, Publicity Chairman



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**Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention**  
**Benefit Dance**

**Saturday, March 13, 2010**

**Featuring**

**Squares**

**Squares**

**Rounds**

**Chris Burchfield**

**Miriam Merriwether**

**Sandy Sturgis**

**Early Rounds: 7:00 - 7:30 PM**

**Squares & Rounds: 7:30 - 9:30 PM**

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**Grand Square Hall**

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## Northwest Association Clubs

### Agape Squares

Caller: Berlon Graham, Mondays, 7—9 PM  
Niceville First UMC Life Center  
214 South Partin 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  
Rose Blackburn (850) 997-0737

### Dance-A-Rounds Round Dance Club

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

### Dancing Dolphins

Caller: Berlon Graham, Thursdays, 7:30—9 PM  
PASARDA Hall  
17 Industrial Street, Ft. Walton Beach, FL  
Berlon Graham (850) 609-3241

### 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 & Round Dance Club

Caller: Patty Ping, Tuesdays, 7—9 PM  
Bayview Senior Center, 2000 East 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  
Tim Wilaby (850) 944-0322

Swinging Squares

Caller: Jack White, Bob Poyner, Dave Muller,  
Wednesdays, 7—9:30 PM

Cuer: Early rounds—Sandy Sturgis,  
Between squares—Bill Bovard

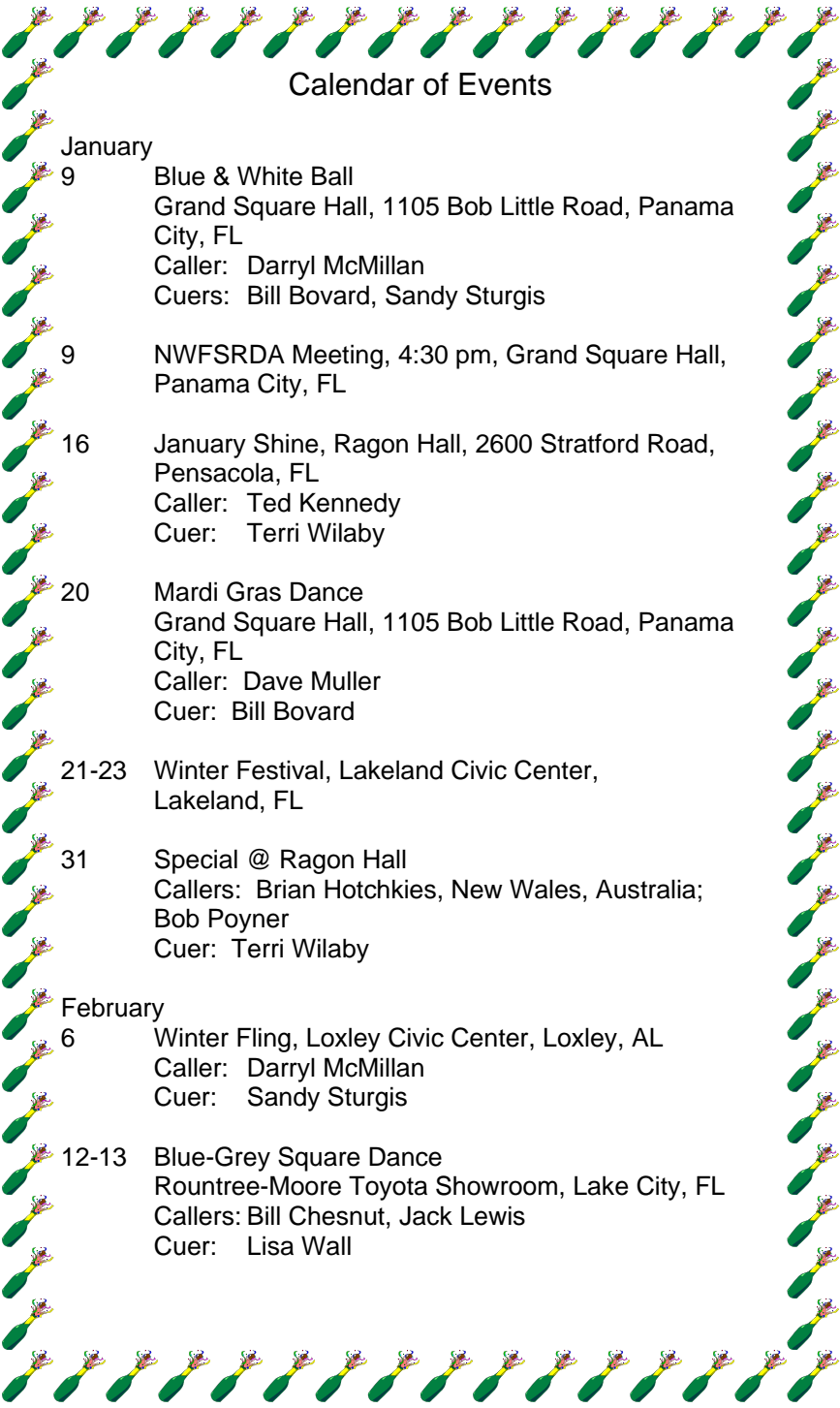
Grand Square Hall  
1105 Bob Little Road, Panama City, FL  
Jack White (850) 871-0277

T—N—T Rounds

Cuer: Terri Wilaby  
Sundays, 3:30—5:30 PM

Ragon Hall  
2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL  
Terri Wilaby, (850) 712-5230

For any further information, contact Terri Wilaby,  
(850) 712-5230 or [panhandlepress@hotmail.com](mailto:panhandlepress@hotmail.com).



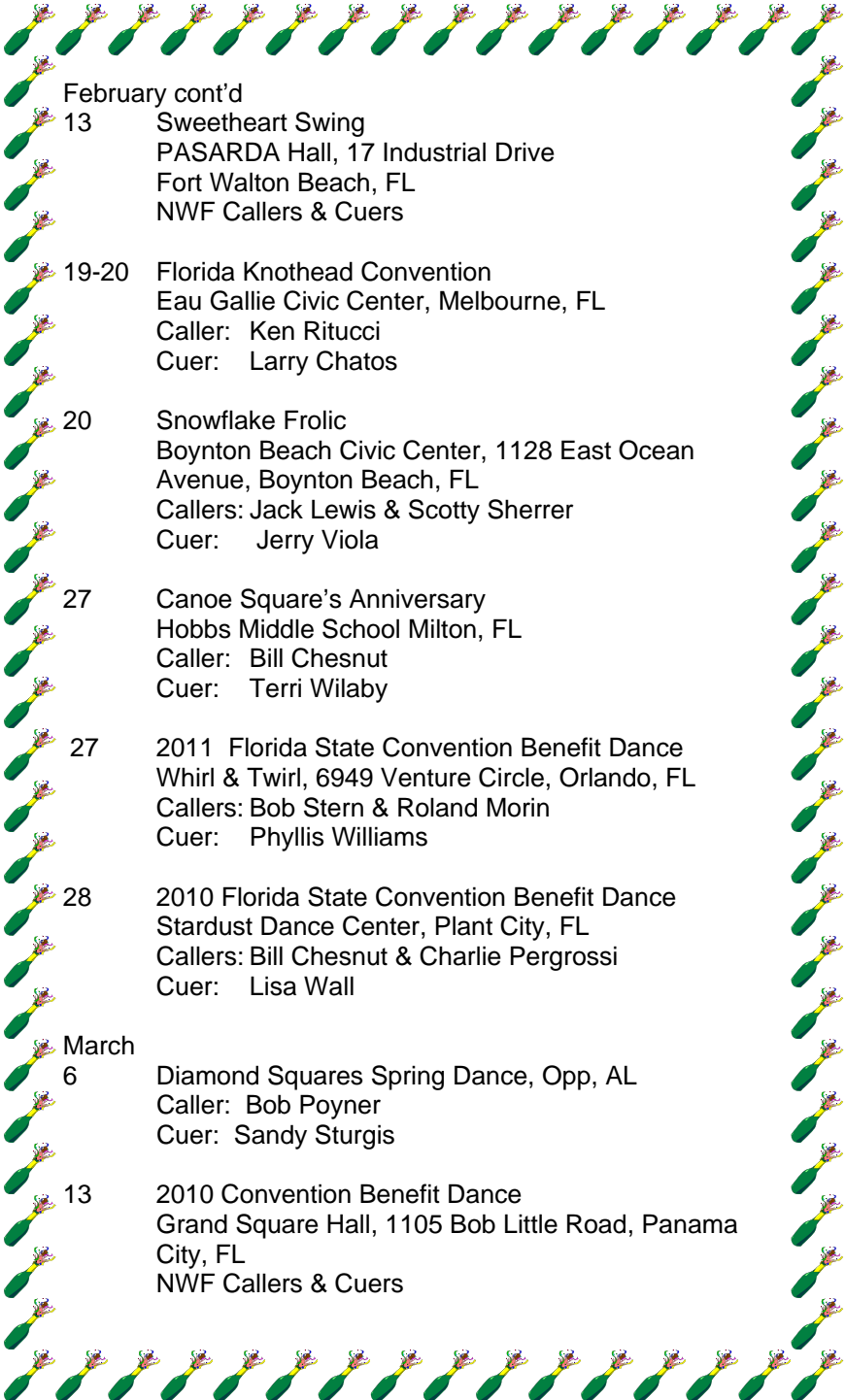
## Calendar of Events

### January

- 9 Blue & White Ball  
Grand Square Hall, 1105 Bob Little Road, Panama City, FL  
Caller: Darryl McMillan  
Cuers: Bill Bovard, Sandy Sturgis
- 9 NWFSRDA Meeting, 4:30 pm, Grand Square Hall, Panama City, FL
- 16 January Shine, Ragon Hall, 2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL  
Caller: Ted Kennedy  
Cuer: Terri Wilaby
- 20 Mardi Gras Dance  
Grand Square Hall, 1105 Bob Little Road, Panama City, FL  
Caller: Dave Muller  
Cuer: Bill Bovard
- 21-23 Winter Festival, Lakeland Civic Center, Lakeland, FL
- 31 Special @ Ragon Hall  
Callers: Brian Hotchkies, New Wales, Australia;  
Bob Poyner  
Cuer: Terri Wilaby

### February

- 6 Winter Fling, Loxley Civic Center, Loxley, AL  
Caller: Darryl McMillan  
Cuer: Sandy Sturgis
- 12-13 Blue-Grey Square Dance  
Rountree-Moore Toyota Showroom, Lake City, FL  
Callers: Bill Chesnut, Jack Lewis  
Cuer: Lisa Wall



February cont'd

13 Sweetheart Swing  
PASARDA Hall, 17 Industrial Drive  
Fort Walton Beach, FL  
NWF Callers & Cuers

19-20 Florida Knothead Convention  
Eau Gallie Civic Center, Melbourne, FL  
Caller: Ken Ritucci  
Cuer: Larry Chatos

20 Snowflake Frolic  
Boynton Beach Civic Center, 1128 East Ocean  
Avenue, Boynton Beach, FL  
Callers: Jack Lewis & Scotty Sherrer  
Cuer: Jerry Viola

27 Canoe Square's Anniversary  
Hobbs Middle School Milton, FL  
Caller: Bill Chesnut  
Cuer: Terri Wilaby

27 2011 Florida State Convention Benefit Dance  
Whirl & Twirl, 6949 Venture Circle, Orlando, FL  
Callers: Bob Stern & Roland Morin  
Cuer: Phyllis Williams

28 2010 Florida State Convention Benefit Dance  
Stardust Dance Center, Plant City, FL  
Callers: Bill Chesnut & Charlie Pergrossi  
Cuer: Lisa Wall

March

6 Diamond Squares Spring Dance, Opp, AL  
Caller: Bob Poyner  
Cuer: Sandy Sturgis

13 2010 Convention Benefit Dance  
Grand Square Hall, 1105 Bob Little Road, Panama  
City, FL  
NWF Callers & Cuers



March cont'd

18 Azalea Trail-In Dance  
Azalea Hall, Theodore, AL  
Caller: Nick Hartley  
Cuer: Jerry Buckmaster

19-20 Azalea Trail Dance  
Azalea Hall, Theodore, AL  
Caller: Tony Oxendine  
Cuer: Sandy Sturgis

19-20 Shamrock Swing,  
La Hacienda Center, The Villages, FL  
Callers: Tim Mariner & Bob Stern  
Cuers: Jimmy & Carol Griffin

27-28 Springtime Rounds  
Ragon Hall, 2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL  
Cuer: Terri Wilaby & Sandy Sturgis

28 2010 Convention Benefit Dance  
PASARDA Hall, 17 Industrial Drive, Fort Walton  
Beach, FL  
NWF Callers & Cuers

April

11 Cinderella Ball, Merritt Island, FL  
Caller: Skip Cleland  
Cuer: Phyllis Williams

16-17 Spring Fling  
Ragon Hall, 2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL  
Caller: Larry Belcher, Willis Simmons  
Cuer: John Williford

16-17 4th Annual Party Weekend  
Deerhaven Retreat and Conference Center  
47924 NFS540-2, Paisley, FL  
Caller: TBD  
Cuer: TBD

# TNT Rounds & Grand Square Rounds presents Springtime Rounds

Saturday & Sunday  
March 27 & 28, 2010

Saturday Clinic with Sandy 10:00a—12:00p

Lunch will be provided at the hall

Saturday Clinic with Terri 1:00p—3:00p

Saturday Night Dance 7:00—9:30p

Requests 7:00—7:30  
After party 9:30—????

Sunday Afternoon Review 1:00—2:00pm

Sunday Afternoon Dance 2:00—3:30pm

Admission: \$50.00 per couple at the door

Advance tickets: \$35.00 per couple

Ragon Hall, 2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL

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Tim & Terri Wilaby  
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or (850) 712-5230

# T-N-T ROUNDS—PENSACOLA



My goodness, how time does fly. It seems like I was just writing the article for October's issue.

It was a wonderful time in Panama City with Sandy Sturgis as we joined forces for the Autumn Rounds. We had a small showing which actually worked to the benefit of the dancers. The dancers were given much more instruction as they were taught Carnival, Tonight and Sherry. The dances Saturday night and Sunday afternoon were very relaxed and enjoyed all the way around. We're now looking forward to the Spring Rounds that will be at Ragon Hall in March. Look for the flyer in this issue.

October also saw the start of a new two-step class. In February, 6 more couples will join the world of two-stepping fun.

November was quiet as we focused on class and the club focused on honing their skills.

December picked up the pace as we got closer to Christmas. A special night was on the 19th as Miriam Merriwether and I joined together to bring a different concept to a dance—a Square/Round Dance-Off. Miriam was able to muster 3 squares of dancers, while I was able to put 10 couples of round dancers on the floor. It was a fun night and fast-paced, as Miriam and I traded out sets with the same songs.



January will see T-N-T Rounds dark on the 31st as Ragon Hall hosts Brian Hotchkies from Australia for an afternoon full of laughter and dance. Bob Poyner and I will assist Brian by providing A1/A2 dances and rounds.



Happy New Year to everyone!



## SEASIDE SQUARES—RAGON HALL PENSACOLA

Congratulations, Arlene Somerville!! She is Seaside Squares Dancer of the Year. Arlene was recognized at this year's Round Up, and boy, was she surprised! Arlene also received a bonus—she won the costume contest! Her money tree was fantastically done.

On a sadder note, October saw Bryan and Sharon Gerdes begin their snowbird travels to southern Texas. Before they left they gave quite a few assurances of their return in the spring. Thanks to Terri for stepping in and continuing the work with the advanced round dancers.

November was quiet as dancers started looking towards Thanksgiving.

December turned out to be quite busy. Dancers gathered to change out decorations and "spruce" up the hall, giving it a festive appearance.

We were happy to host Miriam Merriwether and Terri Wilaby's Square/Round Dance-Off. An interesting premise was presented as Miriam did two singing calls and Terri followed with the round dances to the same songs. While Miriam was able to field 3 squares of dancers, Terri was able to put 10 couples on the floor. A great time was had by all.

December also saw the annual elections for Ragon Hall. Congratulations to President Tim Wilaby, Vice-President Jim Walters, Secretary Mary Andrews, Treasurer Dave Henn, and Parliamentarian Paul Miller. The members would like to give a whole-hearted thanks to out-going President, Bill Jenner. He has been president for 13 years. Thank you, Bill, for your wonderful dedication to Ragon Hall.

The members would also like to thank Ann Brown for her many years of service to Ragon Hall as both the Secretary and Treasurer. Thanks, Ann.

Check out the flyers in this edition of the Press for two wonderful dances in January: Jan 16—January Shine with Ted Kennedy and Terri Wilaby, and Jan 31—Special with Brian Hotchkies from Australia. Brian will be joined by Bob Poyner and Terri Wilaby.

2010 Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention Benefit

Saturday-March 28, 2009



PASARDA Hall  
17 Industrial St. N.E.  
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**"Everyday's a Holiday when you're dancing!"**

Wear your favorite Holiday Attire or your favorite Holiday Tie, Sweater, Shirt, etc.. Casual attire is welcome.



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Bob Poyner, Caller



Sandy Sturgis, Cuer



Introducing Caller In Training:  
Miriam Merriwether

Terri Wilaby, Cuer



Cost: Donation at Door



Early Rounds: 7:00—7:45 pm

Squares: 8:00—10:00 pm



**Proceeds will benefit the "2010 FSSRDC"**  
Special "Thanks" to the NWF Caller/Cuer Association  
for donating their talents to this event.



For More Information Contact: Paul & Cheryl Miller (850) 939-6688 or email: [pe.miller@mchsi.com](mailto:pe.miller@mchsi.com)



June 2010						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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# 59th National Square Dance Convention®

"Louisville Again in 2010"

Registration Form

June 23, 24, 25, 26, 2010

Louisville, Kentucky

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Directions for completing Registration Form on back

**For Convention Use Only**

Registration # \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_



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**Registrations are non-transferable.** A \$5.00 fee per Registrant will be imposed for cancellations or changes

Registration fee per Registrant (under 5 years of age free) ..... \$50.00

Registration fee per Registrant after May 31, 2010 (No confirmation mailed) ..... \$60.00

Number of past Conventions Attended	First Name -- for badges -- Last Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Solo	Subtotals
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Convention Program w/daily schedules (\$10.00 after 5/31/2010) ....	<input type="checkbox"/> @ \$ 6.00	.00
Syllabus: Rounds <input type="checkbox"/> Clogging <input type="checkbox"/> Contra <input type="checkbox"/>	Total #	@ \$ 6.00 .00
On CD: Rounds <input type="checkbox"/> Clogging <input type="checkbox"/> Contra <input type="checkbox"/>	Total CDs #	@ \$ 6.00 .00
Sew & Save Book - "Stitching in the Bluegrass" .....	Total #	@ \$ 6.00 .00
National Squares Magazine - (Non-Refundable, 1 year sub).....	@ \$ 7.00	.00
Wednesday Special Event - "Blair Carman" Dinner & Show .....	@ \$25.00	.00
Wednesday Special Event - "Blair Carman" Show Only.....	@ \$15.00	.00
Parking Pass - Unlimited In/Out... (Tuesday-Saturday See Reverse)	@ \$32.50	.50
Bus Pass - 4 day to Hotels (See Reverse) (\$60 after 5/31/10).....	@ \$50.00	.00
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Cookbooks "Our Favorite Recipes".....	@ \$10.00	.00
RV Camping - Dry Camping (4 nights minimum)..... Total nights	@ \$25.00	.00

We will pre-register all campers. You will receive a profile form. To camp together, arrive together.

19  20  21  22  23  24  25  26  27

**Tours** - Please see reverse for payment information and instructions.

**No Refunds/Cancellations after May 31, 2010 Total (U.S. Funds)....** \_\_\_\_\_ .00

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Registration Office: Call: (502) 732-0979 E-mail: reghousing@59thnsdc.com

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**Housing Required? YES  NO**

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**Hotel Preference (hotel codes on back):** 1<sup>st</sup>  2<sup>nd</sup>  3<sup>rd</sup>  4<sup>th</sup>

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**Return Form, with payment, to:**

59th National Square Dance Convention®

PO Box 128, Milton, Kentucky 40045-0128

Form may also be sent by fax, with credit card information to: (502) 732-4600

**Adults will dance: (Check all that apply)**

Squares  M  P  A1  A2  C Rounds  2  3/4  5/6 Other  Clog  Contra  C/W  Lines

**Program info for Callers/Cuers/Education (Check your expertise)**

Caller & Level  M  P  A  C  Clog Instructor  Educator

Caller for Youth  Contra Prompter  Exhibition Group

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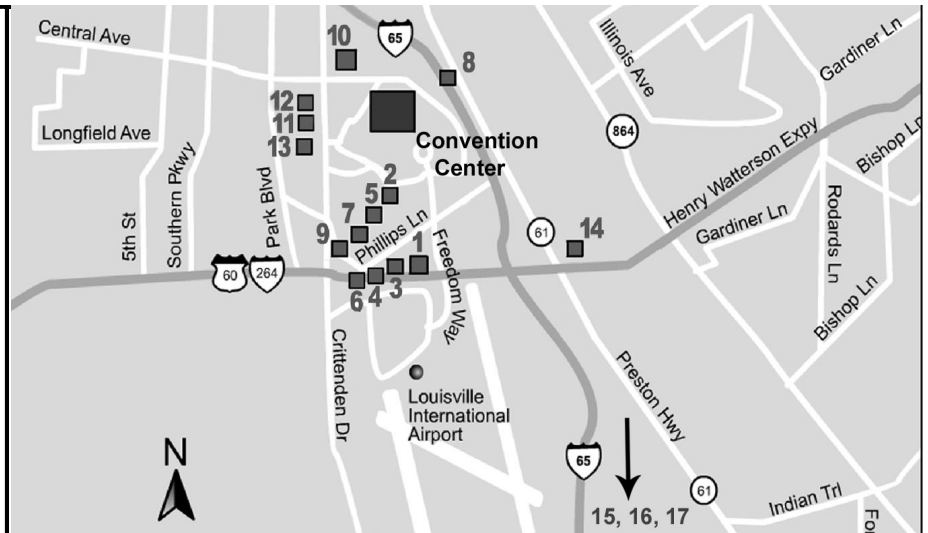
**Instructions for Registration (left side)**

- Print legibly all names, address, city, state, zip code, nation, and ages (the projected age on June 25, 2010) of youth (under eighteen) to ensure correct registration.**
- Correctly enter all amounts in the Subtotals including registration fee for each dancer plus quantity and amounts for all other materials. If tours are selected, complete and return the Tour Registration Form and payment with this registration.
- Important!** Daily schedules are only available with the purchase of a Program Book. Daily schedules will not be available separately at the Convention. Most dancers will want to purchase the Program Book.
- Correctly calculate the Total and include credit card information (with signature), check or money order payable in U.S. funds to the 59th National Square Dance Convention® and return it with the Registration Form. **Do Not Send Cash. No Single Day Registrations Sold.**
- RV Camping** Indicate RV Camping on your Registration Form, and enclose the required fees (four-night minimum) to cover the nights that you intend to stay. Please check appropriate boxes. RV camp sites will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. If you plan to camp together, you must arrive together.
- Bus Passes** are available **only** to registered dancers staying at 59th NSDC Convention Hotels booked through the Housing Committee.
- Parking Passes purchased in advance** will be available at the Crown Plaza Hotel Square Dancers Information Desk. You will be able to use your pass to pick up your Registration Packets at the Expo Center, to avoid the parking fees.
- Tours: Tour forms and Payments** are to be mailed direct to: 59th National Square Dance Convention®, C/O The Convention Connection, 21321 Lime Kiln Lane, Suite E, Louisville, KY 40222-3410
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**Instructions for Housing (right side)**

- Check the **No** box on the Housing Required block if providing your own housing, or if staying in an RV area.
- Check the date boxes for each night a room is required. If you request housing in the Crowne Plaza, Residence Inn, Hampton Inn or Springhill Suites you must have four nights of lodging.
- Room Sharing: The 59th NSDC Housing Committee does not find or assign roommates. To avoid double booking, only ONE couple or individual should request the room.
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- Enclose completed Registration Forms for all persons in a group if the group wishes rooms in the same hotel, and forward not later than January 2, 2010. Include name and telephone number of group leader.
- Indicate four (4) choices of housing preference, in order, by specifying hotel code number. Be sure to indicate smoking and room type preference. Hotels will be assigned on a first come, first served basis, according to availability.
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The "Bluegrass Board" of the 59th National Square Dance Convention® is committed to making our convention fun and enjoyable for you! Call or E-mail us if you have a concern or suggestion: Call: 502-732-0979, E-mail: reghousing@59thnsdc.com.



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7 Comfort Inn & Suites, 653 Phillips Lane <b>Sold out</b>	\$109	\$109	\$109	\$109
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8 Sleep Inn, 3350 Preston Hwy <b>Sold out</b>	\$89.99	\$89.99	\$89.99	\$89.99
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<input type="checkbox"/>	9 Rodeway Inn, 571 Phillips Lane	\$95	\$120	\$120	\$120
<input type="checkbox"/>	10 Hilton Garden Inn, 2735 Crittenden Dr	\$119	\$119	\$119	\$119
<input type="checkbox"/>	11 Holiday Inn, 447 Farmington Ave	\$129	\$129	\$129	\$129
<input type="checkbox"/>	12 Super 8, 101 Central Ave	\$60	\$70	\$70	\$70
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	13 Ramada Limited, 2912 Crittenden Dr <b>Sold out</b>	\$82.99	\$82.99	\$82.99	\$82.99
<input type="checkbox"/>	14 LaQuinta Inn & Suites, 4125 Preston Hwy	\$99	\$99	\$99	\$99
<input type="checkbox"/>	15 Days Inn, 2905 Fern Valley Rd	\$75.99	\$75.99	\$75.99	\$75.99
<input type="checkbox"/>	16 Fern Valley Conf. Ctr (Form Holiday Inn), 2715 Fern Valley Rd	\$95	\$95	\$95	\$95
<input type="checkbox"/>	17 Jameson Inn, 6515 Signature Dr	\$89	\$89	\$89	\$89

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POSTMASTER: Dated material, please deliver by January 5, 2010.

### Advanced Registration

May 25, 2009 thru April 30, 2010----- \$27.00  
Convention Box Office ----- \$30.00  
Per Person-Includes Tax

#### Please Note

No mail in registration after April 30, 2010  
Service Charge for NSF or returned checks: \$30.00  
Cancellation Policy: Refunds will be cheerfully made until the doors  
Open at 5:00 PM Friday, May 28, 2010  
Cash or Checks only accepted at the Box Office  
1 day ribbons sold at the Box Office  
Spectator Ribbon – Free, Pick up at Box Office

Make checks payable to: 56<sup>th</sup> FSC and mail to:

Garland & Carole McKenzie Phone: (352) 622-7678  
6600 NW 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue e-mail: carolemc@embarqmail.com  
Ocala, FL 34482

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A dancer who is not an Association Member will be a Provisional Member of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers for the duration of the Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention after acceptance of the registration form.

The application of the Registration signifies that the Dancer will abide by the rules of the Convention, local Regulations and Laws.

Donations to the Florida Federation, the Florida Callers' Association, the Round Dance Council of Florida or their Conventions are not tax deductible for income tax purposes.

### May 28, 29, 30, 2010 56<sup>th</sup> Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention Registration Form

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(His) (Hers)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Dance Level:

Mainstream \_\_\_\_\_ Plus \_\_\_\_\_ A-1 \_\_\_\_\_ A-2 \_\_\_\_\_

Rounds: II \_\_\_\_\_ III \_\_\_\_\_ IV \_\_\_\_\_ V \_\_\_\_\_

For Registration Only: Ribbon # \_\_\_\_\_ Ribbon # \_\_\_\_\_

### *Square Dance Attire required at all Evening Sessions*

#### 56<sup>th</sup> Convention Executive Board

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## Motels for the 2010 State Convention

The Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Lakeland - North  
Rate: \$75.00 plus tax 3260 Highway 98 North  
Lakeland FL  
386-734-5295 - Ask for Randy or Carol

Best Motel	863-583-5691
Comfort Inn	863-859-0100
Howard Johnson	863-688-7972
Jameson Inn	863-858-9070
LaQuinta Inn	863-859-2866
Quality Inn	863-858-1411
Royalty Inn	863-858-4481
Terrace Hotel	863-688-0800

Tiki Village Campground	863-858-5364
Sanlan RV Park	863-655-1726
Lakeland RV Resort	863-687-6146

### Online Reservation Services:

<http://www.ytbtravel.com/artsdance?subid=010>  
(USDA/Arts Travel Site)

<http://usda.fundlinkllc.com>  
(USDA Shopping Mall - Travel sites)

<http://hotel-guides.us/florida/Lakeland/FL/USA/>

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