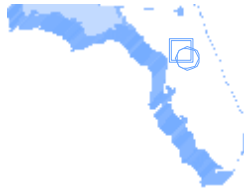


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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

2014 has been a whirlwind year. We have much to be thankful for, so take a little time to count your blessings. We are personally thankful for family and friends,

freedoms, provisions, and our health.

We want to mention what a great turnout and fun we had at the Northwest Florida Round Up this year. A shout out to Marla and Steve for all their hard work in planning this event. Congratulations to Jackie and Terry Kramer for being our well-deserved "Dancers of the Year." It was great having our visitors from around the state to support us. It made us realize that part of square dancing is making new friends and together trying to, not only sustain this activity, but also trying to share it with others. One way we do that is by being supportive of each other's clubs and dances. It meant a lot to us, that these traveling dancers came the distance to attend our Round Up. In turn, we attended the Mad Hatter Dance on Nov. 21-22 at Jacksonville Beach. We treasure our new friends and look forward to meeting up with them again, somewhere on a dance floor.

On a smaller scale, I would like to encourage you to do the same thing at the local level. We have clubs across the panhandle from Tallahassee to Pensacola. Keep an eye on the flyers or visit the Florida Federation website <http://floridasquaredance.com> or our Facebook page. On the Federation site there is a lot of information, in addition to a calendar for each association. I encourage your club to also post your flyers for dances to the websites to keep it current and advertise your dances. It may be helpful to visit these dances with your club. Take a group with you. One of the traditions of the past was to take a square to club night and "steal the banner." That club would then have to return the favor by bringing a square to retrieve their banner.

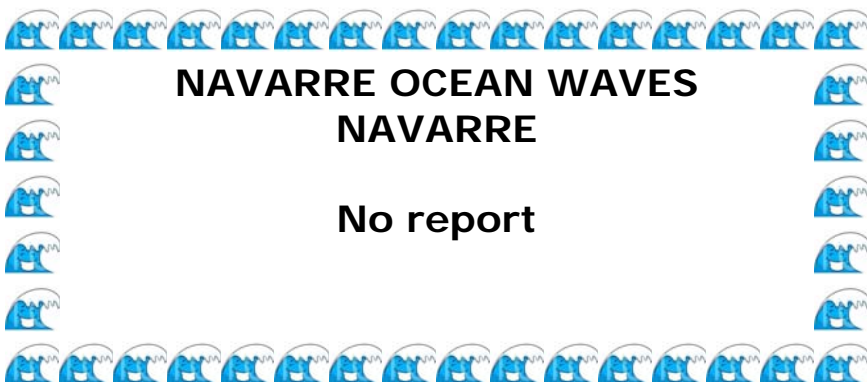
That brings us to some upcoming dances in NW Florida. Please get them on your calendar and try to attend. Blue and White

Ball, January 10, 2015 in Panama City; January Shine, January 17, 2015 at Ragon Hall Pensacola; Dance with Chris Burchfield and Ted Kennedy on February 6, 2015 Panama City (Plus and DBD) and stay over for the Sweetheart Swing, February 7, 2015; Panama City Special Dance with Gary Shoemaker (national caller) on February 17, 2015 PASARDA FWB; Hollywood Scene in 2015, our theme for the 2015 State Convention, May 22-24, 2015 in Lakeland, Florida.

We are aware of a few clubs starting new classes in the New Year. Sand Spurs has an Open House/ Ribbon Cutting for FWB Chamber of Commerce on January 22, 2015 at PARSDA . We would love to have a big group attend to show the Chamber folks and new dancers the fun of square dancing. Agape Squares in Niceville will complete a class with 8-9 graduates and plan to start a new class again in January. Swinging Squares are also starting new classes after the new year and TNT Rounds begins a waltz class in January as well.

Looking forward to 2015 and the dances, fellowship, and fun we'll have. Hope to see you in a square soon.

Kay and Alec



**NAVARRE OCEAN WAVES  
NAVARRE**

**No report**

## DANCING DOLPHINS FORT WALTON BEACH

**WE'VE MOVED!!!** The Dancing Dolphins are now square dancing at ***Saint Simon's on-the-Sound, 28 Miracle Strip Parkway SW, FWB.*** It's a great facility. Come check it out.

Recently our caller, Roy, was honored with a surprise presentation. Fritz Wiese, a recent Dancing Dolphin graduate, presented Roy with a uniquely crafted wooden artwork depicting the Dancing Dolphins



Club Logo. Unbeknown to everyone, Fritz had been working on this "one of a kind" club banner for some time.

Fritz's venture with wood art began back in 1997 at the Pensacola Fair. After seeing a Scroll Saw demonstration, he was fascinated, bought it and found his passion. Fritz has some 40 varieties and colors of exotic woods and can choose from hundreds of patterns for his creations. Fritz can inlay various wood colors in the same design, do compound cuttings similar to 3D ornaments, and create custom pieces for special requests.

In 1977, Fritz learned to square dance while at Guam. His wife Patti began learning two years earlier in Fort Walton Beach. With a break in square dancing of more than 20 years, Fritz and Patti were not sure if they could pick it up again. But they really loved dancing and really wanted to be active. When they saw our Open House flyer, they decided it would



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**Thank you!!!**

be fun to go for it. They did and ended up falling in love with square dancing all over again. They graduated mainstream last August and are now moving on to "graduate" Plus dancing. Patti said it is such a blessing. They both are grateful for all their new friends.

**OPEN HOUSE**--Tuesday, January 27th, 7PM, at Saint Simon's.

Here's wishing all our square dancing friends a very Happy New Year! May God bless you and yours!

**Dancing Dolphins**

**Caller:** Roy Bernier

**When:** Tuesdays, 7-9 PM

**Where:** Saint Simon's on-the-Sound  
28 Miracle Strip Parkway, SW, FWB, FL

**Contact:** Roy Bernier (850) 651-6356  
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Thanks.

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## Editor's Note

Wow, Panhandle Press is beginning it's 40th year!! Whoda thunk!! It would appear quite a few folk are super busy this during this time, not many clubs submitted their happenings. Hopefully for the April edition we can see what everyone was so busy doing.

To that end, please take time when creating your dance flyers to send a copy to us. We like to keep the dancers informed about what is going on in our association, but we don't always get to travel to dances and pick flyers up. If you see flyers appear at your dance, would you take time to snatch a copy for the Press? You can either snail mail it to us or, for those NOT electronically challenged, scan and send a copy via email. Or with everyone having smart phones, take a picture of it! We're always asking for pictures, right?

It sure is great to be back  
on the floor! Woo! Woo!

Arlene



NORTHWEST FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCE  
ASSOCIATION MEETING  
Addie R. Lewis Middle school  
Valparaiso, Florida  
October 25, 2014

Call to order: Alex and Kay Schmidt

Invocation: Dave Henn

Pledge of Allegiance: Steve Strait V.P.

Roll Call: Barbara McDonald Ten clubs were represented with 18 present.

Welcome: Alex and Kay Schmidt

Correspondence: Barbara had correspondence with officers, and sent out six cards for bereavement or get well cards.

Minutes: Meeting minutes for August 2, 2014 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Dave reported an income of \$2600.85.

Expenses of \$188.01 with an ending balance of \$3,467.76. CD - \$7,604.15. Money Market \$908.66. Total assets as of 10-21-14 \$11,980.57.

He had forms for new clubs and new members which need to be in by end of year. There was discussion on membership dues with Tom.(see below). Report was moved and seconded Brian and Paul and approved.

Standing Committee Reports

Public relations-Miriam Merriwether joined the Chamber of Commerce and will be trying to promote square dancing in our area. She was not present but gave a report to Alex.

Panhandle Press: Tim and Terri Wilabay not present.

2014 Round Up: Cheryl report we had 17 pizzas for the 24<sup>th</sup> and it was not enough. Attendance was good. About 20 ribbons were unsold out of approximately 200. Alex appreciated hard work of Steve, Marla and all the who helped. There were complaints of the gym floor and it was decided to move the plus dancers, and DBD into hall A with rounds dancing, main-stream into the gym (few numbers) and Advanced another room for Saturday. This was voted on after discussions, moved and seconded. Changes would be given to the dancers as they came in and posted on the doors. There were 64 from NORTHEAST FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCING. Bob Poiner will be calling the advanced for Saturday night.

USDA Insurance- Tom Hancock- The treasurer is the key player in collecting insurance and dues. He said Dave is awe-

some. New members must pay when they join and then for the coming year. The USDA is nationwide and does not pro rate \$4.45. The association keeps \$.05 for the the paper work. We have been better disciplined this past year. Insurance is for all new dancers, members and officers. He has the packages for the clubs and they must be signed. Clubs must have a sign in roster especially for walk in dancers. When new dancers join NWFSRDA in October for the coming year, FWF pays the \$4.45 which must be paid by December 31<sup>st</sup>. One Hundred Percent of the club must be insured. Tom must send in the insurance before January 1<sup>st</sup>. Caller run clubs or clubs with officers pay \$45.00 minimum which is collected from dancers of that club. If you are a member of more than one club you only pay NWF once for the insurance. Tom has been our insurance Representative for at least 25 years and a big thanks to him!

#### Special Committee Reports

2015 Round Up: Steve and Marla. Fliers are out and up. Contracts are with Jack Lewis, Bob Ponier and Mirium will be the MC. It will be the same place next year with the possibility of changing venue because of floor. It would have to be brought to the board and fliers changed before distribution next May.

2014 Benefit Dance: Paul and Cheryl- The dance was held in March with 7 callers 3 cures. Kay Schmidt was chili winner and Kira Story the pastry winner. We took in \$539 and sent \$465 to the 60<sup>th</sup> State convention, \$74 to the school. We have a quilt as a fund raiser so see Cheryl for tickets. We will receive about \$421 from the 2014 state convention profits on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Cheryl moved that NWF give the 2015 State convention \$500 donation tomorrow so they can use the money now. It was moved and seconded by Cheryl and Dave and passed. We may have a benefit dance later for NWF.

Dancer of the Year: Cheryl would not tell us during the meeting. At the dance Saturday night the dancers of the year were Terry and Jacky Cramer.

Florida Federation: Paul and Cheryl Miller- The Fl. Federation is in the process of updating bylaws and constitution by applying for a 501C3 charitable organization. They also have new cards for the welcome center. We are hosting the Federation meeting Sunday Oct 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am and all are welcome to attend. Paul and Cheryl will be ending their second term with the federation. After much thought they asked Alex to Nominate them for a third term to the Parliamentarian position for the coming 2014-2019 board. Silver fliers were for each club

to use to advertize their club.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Installation of 2014-2015 NWF officers. President- Alex and Kay Schmidt; Vice President- John and Libby Penrod; Treasurer- Dave Henn and Secretary Barbara McDonald.

Donation to Lewis Middle School- Last year we donated \$320 to the play ground fund. It was moved and by Paul and seconded and passed.

Buss- Cheryl asked if we could get a bus to take people to the Mad Hatters Ball in November. Discussion followed regarding bus driver and insurance. You can do an event with USDA. Club representatives are encouraged to that it to their club and then e-mail Alex.

Announcements:

Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> & 22, Mad Hatters Ball @Palms Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville Beach, Fl. Carol Jones and Lisa Wall.

Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas in Dixie @ Altha Community Center, Altha Fl. Chris Burchfield

Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> A special Night @ Ragon Hall, Gary shoemaker  
Jan/ 10, 2015 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Blue and white Ball @ Grand Square Hall in Panama City, Fl. Darryl Mcmillan and Sandi Strugis

Next Meeting: Jan 10, 201 @ 4:30 PM Grand Square Hall immediately after workshop in conjunction with the Blue and white Ball.

Adjournment: The meeting moved to adjourned by Brian and Steve seconded it at 1144 AM

Secretary Barbara McDonald



## **CANOE SQUARES MILTON**

**No Report**

# Northwest Florida Square & Round Dance Association

## 2014-2015 Dancers of the Year

### Terry & Jackie Kramer Sand Spurs, Fort Walton Beach



#### **Terry & Jackie Kramer Sand Spurs, Fort Walton Beach;**

Although Jackie has been dancing for 9 years longer than Terry, they have both danced over 32 years, they enjoy Plus, Advance and yes C1! They helped with the move of

PASARDA Hall from Lovejoy Road to its present location. Terry was a board member and treasurer for PASARDA Hall for many years. Jackie assisted Bill Van Hoesen and Berlon Graham with square dance classes at the UWF Center. They currently act as Treasurer, collecting door fees, paying the hall & caller's fees, advertisement for classes, special dances & write articles for the Panhandle Press while maintaining the clubs website with schedules & pictures.

#### **Bill & Carol Apfel Agape Squares, Niceville**

Bill & Carol Apfel, have been dancing for more than 11 years Mainstream & Plus. They have been the coordinators between the Niceville United Methodist Church and their club since 2004 when the Youth Theater at the Community Life Center building was completed. Carol has always donated her time and cooking skills to ensure there is some kind of dinner for the dancers & class students who come straight from work or school to participate in the classes that begin at 6 pm on Monday nights. They

continue to work hard to promote the church and square dancing in our area.

**JR Smith & Wendy Lewis**  
**Canoe Squares, Milton**

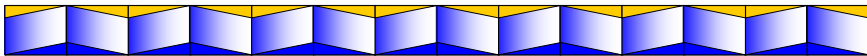
JR Smith & Wendy Lewis, have been dancing for over 20 years and dance expertly while they enjoy dancing Plus, Advanced and Rounds. Wendy has served for five years as Vice President and assisting the Treasurer when necessary. They both serve on the planning committees for the Canoe Squares Anniversary dance and promoting the 5<sup>th</sup> Monday covered dish dinners within the club. They attend dances in the Northwest and in neighboring states, supporting dance activities in Alabama, Tennessee, and North Carolina, they are truly dedicated to square & round dancing.

**Chuck & Laura Davis**  
**Capital Twirlers, Tallahassee**

Chuck & Laura Davis, have been dancing for 3 years. For new dancers they have jumped in with both feet, always eager to help out; they have served their club in many capacities; Secretary for several years; club photographer; helped organized special activities and enjoy working on the decorating committee and publicity. They always bring smiles to the square. If there is a new dancer in the square, they have the ability to make him/her feel welcome. They promote square dancing and share their outside talents including geocaching with their club.

*We would like to congratulate each of these nominees  
for an outstanding job.*





**GRAND SQUARE HALL REGULAR DANCE SCHEDULE**  
1105 Bob Little Road, Panama City, Florida 32401

**PRESIDENT: JOE MCLENDON--- (850) 769-4218**

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**SUNDAY---GRAND SQUARE ROUNDS**

Easy/Intermediate Dance                    1:30 - 3:00 PM  
Intermediate Dance                            3:30 - 5:30 PM  
Cuer: Sandy Sturgis------(850) 265-9488

**MONDAY---BOP & SHAG DANCE CLUB**

Doors Open & Lessons                        6:30 - 7:30 PM  
Dance    7:30 - 9:00 PM  
Contact: Pam Wiggins------(850) 532-4130

**TUESDAY—SLICK KICKERS**

Country & Line Dance                        6:30 - 8:30 PM  
Contact: Joe & Julie Gray------(850) 258-9847

**WEDNESDAY---OPEN**

**THURSDAY ---SWINGING SQUARES**

Early Rounds                                    6:30 - 7:00 PM  
Class    7:00 - 8:00 PM  
Squares & Rounds                            8:00 - 9:30 PM  
Contact: Joe McLendon------(850) 769-4218  
Caller: Chris Burchfield  
Cuer: Sandy Sturgis

**FRIDAY--BALLROOM DANCING**

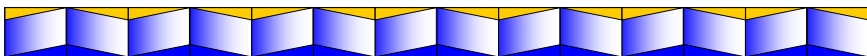
Ballroom with Basic Lesson                6:30 - 8:30 PM  
Instructors: Dirk & Trisha------(850) 277-0566

**SATURDAY---OPEN FOR SPECIAL DANCES**

Contact: Joe McLendon------(850) 769-4218

**IMPORTANT NOTES:**

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME ALSO: ALL CLUBS OCCASIONALLY CANCEL--  
PLEASE VERIFY WITH CONTACT, CUER OR CALLER. GRAND SQUARE HALL IS  
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**THE HOLLYWOOD  
SCENE IN 2015  
61<sup>ST</sup> FLORIDA STATE  
CONVENTION  
MAY 22-25, 2014**



**CASTING CALL #5**

This is the web link where you will find all the action for the upcoming  
61st FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION  
"HOLLYWOOD SCENE IN 2015"

Keep checking this site out as it changes almost daily.

Have you seen our "Convention Outfit"? Would you like to make one? The instructions and fabric information is on the website. If you want to know who the "Producers" are, they are listed there, also, along with all the "Directors" and their Assistants.

Especially check out the information about the beautiful, lovely handmade QUILT that is being offered as a door prize/money maker. This QUILT idea was conceived and designed by the talented duo of Cheryl Miller and Terri Little. It is really a "TRAVEL DOWN MEMORY LANE". As all of you know this is our 61st Florida State Convention and if you look closely at this quilt you will notice that each of the sixty-one State Conventions is pictured on it, either with their theme or their logo. And the conventions are listed in chronological order. And it is huge in size, 60" X 70", big enough for a king size bed. Raffle tickets are only \$1.00 for one or 7 for \$5.00; winner will be drawn at the convention on Sunday, May 24th, winner need not be present to win. Check at your club, they should have tickets, if not contact the Producers at (321)452-3941, they will send some ASAP.

Do watch for this masterpiece to be on display - possibly at one of your dances. So far it has traveled to Cocoa (CFA

Dance), Port Orange (Pizza Party Nite), Jacksonville (Seabreeze Singles), Niceville (Florida Federation Meeting). It is slated to be on display in Bartow at the Fall Fun Fest and, again, in Jacksonville at the Mad Hatters Ball. And, of course, it will arrive at the Winter Festival in Lakeland in February and the Shamrock Swing in March. If you would like this Traveling Quilt to stop at one of your "Special Dances" contact Terri Little at or call her at (321)427-7950 to make arrangements.

Judy Anderson  
Director of Publicity



**PENSACOLA TWIRLERS  
PENSACOLA**

**No report**



*In Memoriam*

*Charlie van Wilson, dancer*

*December 7, 2014*

# *Canoe Squares 30th Anniversary Celebration*



## Featured Caller

Kevin Cozad - Centreville, AL

## Featured Cuer

Terri Wilaby - Pensacola, FL



**February 21, 2015**

**7:30 PM to 10:00 PM**

**Price \$10.00 per person**

## **Ragon Hall**

2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, Florida 32526



**Squares with Rounds between tips!**

For more information contact:

Jerry Williamson (850) 484-4809 or [jewilly@cox.net](mailto:jewilly@cox.net)



## **T—N—T Rounds**

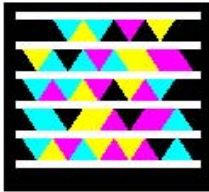
**Sundays 3:30—5:30 pm**  
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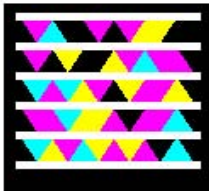
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For those of you who are computer savvy, here's a treat. This page has what are called "Mobi Tags".

This first one will take you to Northwest Association's website.



This next one will take you to the Florida Federation's website.



Interested in keeping up with the Florida State Convention? Try this one!

## SAND SPURS FORT WALTON BEACH



**Miriam Merriwether**, our enthusiastic and dedicated Caller is doing a great job! Each week she brings us new songs with her beautiful voice. She has said that she will try not to sing the same song twice at our dances this year, which keeps each evening 'fresh' and enjoyable.

Miriam has now added short sessions of "Line Dancing" in between our "Squares". However, we have noticed that only the women get up to do these dances...come on fellows...give it a whirl!

At the 40th *NWFSRD Association's Round-Up Dance* on October 25<sup>th</sup>, it was quite a surprise to hear the names "Terry and Jackie Kramer" announced as one of four couples nominated for the honor of being selected as "Dancers of The Year for Northwest Florida". Imagine our surprise when we heard our names again, as the couple who were named for this singular Honor!



We would like to congratulate the other three couples who were also nominated for this award.

We thank all of the members of the NWFSARDA for such an honor. It has been our great pleasure to have danced with, and served all the dancers (both square and round) throughout Northwest Florida for the last thirty plus years. In addition, we would like to thank the members of the *Sand Spurs Club* who so graciously nominated us to represent their awesome club for this honor.

The attendance at the *Round-Up* was fantastic, thanks to a bus-full of 60 enthusiastic dancers from Jacksonville, Florida..



We had a few scary items at our October 30th dance; the kitchen was filled with some frightening Halloween decor. Two squares enjoyed dancing to some eerie songs befitting the occasion.

Some exciting events will begin for our Club in January. Miriam has scheduled 2 'Open House' events for January 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> ...both of which will be Free for all interested attendees. *Square and Line Dance Classes* will begin every Thursday, starting February 5, 2015. We hope to have a great attendance and get square dancing on the rise again.

The *Sand Spurs* annual Christmas Party/Dance on December 18<sup>th</sup> was enjoyed by all.

We look forward to dancing with y'all in 2015!

Jackie and Terry

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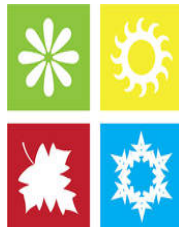
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We have been receiving questions about parking. The following is the reply from the General Chairman:

We strongly suggest that dancers buy Bus Passes. We are planning for 4 bus routes to the hotels indicated on our Registration Long Form as well as other contracted hotels on those routes. We also have one to the Eastern States Exposition (Big E) Fairgrounds for those camping. Dancers housed outside the contracted area may wish to park at the Big E and ride the bus to the MassMutual Center, Sheraton or Marriott Hotels. The Bus Pass will cost \$50 per rider, but will relieve the stress of finding a parking space especially on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of Convention when Springfield workers are regularly at work and filling the parking lots. You will get one free ride in to Springfield to register at the MMC. You will be given your coded name badge. To ride the bus anywhere else on the bus route, the dancer must purchase and wear the coded BUS badge for riding privilege. Daily automobile parking is free at the Big E with the purchase of the Bus Pass.

Any guests who stay in the Sheraton or Marriott Hotels will have in and out parking privileges; \$15 guest overnight in the Marriott, \$13 guest overnight in the Sheraton. The Parking Garage next to the MassMutual Center has 600 spaces with in & out privilege for \$8.00 per day until filled. The Marriott offers no in & out for public parking at \$8.00 per day.

The 64<sup>th</sup> is still discussing the parking issue with the City of Springfield Parking Authority.

Lenny and Connie Houle

## **This Month's Updates.**

If you do not presently subscribe to the NEC publication National Squares E-Magazine We would highly recommend taking the time now to sign up. It is free and comes by email. It has a lot of in depth information about the 64th NSDC®. We have reprinted some of the information below. You may sign up to receive the magazine to your inbox by using the following link:

Sign up for your own subscription, [Email Signup](#)

or

<http://www.sodbustermail.com/12all/index.php?action=form&id=1002>

## **Ceremonies Coordinator for the 64<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®**

Hi all. Dick and Shirley White, Ceremonies Coordinator for the 64th National Square Dance Convention® in Springfield, MA invite you to experience New England June 24 – 27, 2015.

Have you registered for this fantastic event? If not, take the time right now to fill out your registration form and start planning for your New England vacation. We are looking for you to join us at the MassMutual Center in Springfield, MA.

### TWO EVENTS AT THE 64<sup>th</sup> CONVENTION YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS

#### OPENING CEREMONY

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

5:00 – 5:30 PM

In the Arena of the MassMutual Center

The California Heritage Dancers will entertain you with the theme “History of Square Dancing”. You don’t want to miss the Ribbon Cutting, which will be the beginning of three fun filled days. The event will end at 5:30 giving you plenty of time to enjoy the luscious turkey dinner and the Neil Diamond Tribute by Kenny LaBelle show.

#### CLOSING CEREMONY

Saturday, June 27, 2015

In the Arena of the MassMutual Center

Line up for Parade of States 5:00 PM.

**All dancers** are welcome to participate, with your state or country. The Parade of States will march into the Arena as part of the Closing Cere-

mony.

Enjoy the Invitational Skit presented by the 65<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®. Witness the Passing of the Torch to Des Moines, Iowa. See who will be awarded the 68<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®.

Watch for more details in your Program Booklet and daily schedules.

**Keynote Speakers for the 64<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®**

While most dancers know him for his high energy or singing voice or dedication to entertainment, his true passion is teaching. **Paul Cote** has written articles that were featured in American Square Dance Magazine. He has also started to teach callers. In late 2011, Paul began producing square dance music on his own square dance label...EGO Recordings.

**Ted Lizotte** lives in New Hampshire and has been calling square dances for over 25 years and is currently the Club Caller for Tech Squares of M.I.T. in Cambridge, MA. He also runs his own Advanced Workshops on Monday Nights in Manchester, NH. Paul and Ted began their calling careers together in New England as the “duo”, calling as a team at New England conventions with dynamic personalities and flair. Let’s see where their New England start has taken this popular pair!

**Focus on Connecticut**

What does the word Connecticut mean?

The name Connecticut originates from the Indian word "Quinnehtukqut" (beside the long tidal river). The name Connecticut was established early in the 1600's and referred to the Connecticut River. Connecticut was officially nicknamed *The Constitution State* by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1959. It is believed that ideas for the writing of the Constitution of the United States were drawn from the first constitution of Connecticut ("The Fundamental Orders" of 1638 - 39).

The “Nutmeg State” is also applied to Connecticut because its early inhabitants had the reputation of being so ingenious and shrewd that they were able to make and sell wooden nutmegs.

**You can find much more information on the above topics in this month’s issue of the E-Magazine. Please subscribe or at least read it online.**

**Fashion Show**

The 64<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® invites you to the 4 Seasons Fashion Show, Saturday, June 27, 2015 1:30 to 3:00 P.M. at the Mass-Mutual Center Arena. We are planning a fun filled afternoon for you featur-

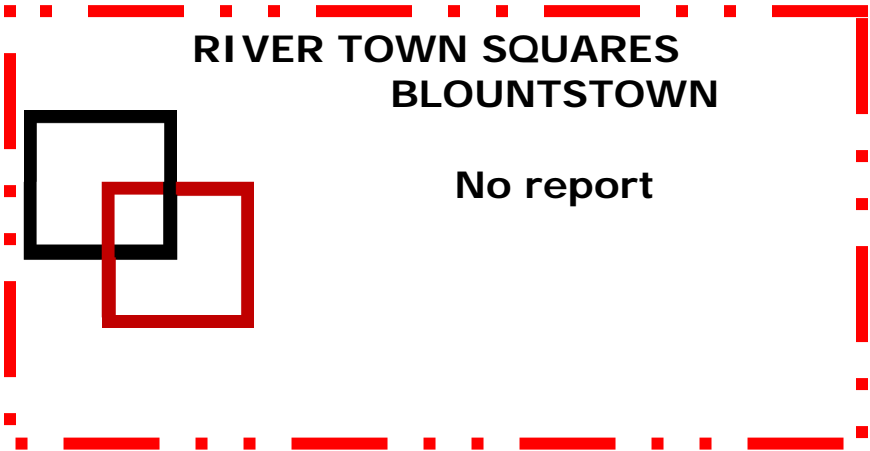
ing Square Dance Fashions of the “4 Seasons of New England”, Entertainment, Door Prizes and Special Guests. Come relax and enjoy what we are planning to be a fashion show you will remember! We are seeking models from the United States and abroad to be part of our event. Our theme is Fashions of the Seasons, Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter, that you would like to showcase. You may even have a favorite holiday in a season you look forward to wearing. We will need a picture and description to help us make our decision to the season you will represent. Remember we have to limit to 16, so contact us ASAP to be part of the show. If interested, please contact Sheila Goodwin, Co-Chairman, with an email to [fashionshow64@hotmail.com](mailto:fashionshow64@hotmail.com) or phone (978) 632-0336. She will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

**Dinner and Show, the Diamond Collection featuring Kenny LaBelle.**

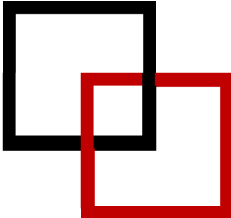
New England Turkey dinner & Show \$44.00 Show only \$20.00

**Registration**

Forms may be found at [64nsdc.org](http://64nsdc.org)



**RIVER TOWN SQUARES  
BLOUNTSTOWN**



**No report**



**AGAPE SQUARES  
NICEVILLE**

**No report**

# Panhandle Boosters

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Fran Keller (10/15) Carl Keller (10/15)

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Paul Miller (7/15) Cheryl Miller (7/15)  
Dave Henn (10/15)

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Terry Kramer (7/15) Jackie Kramer (7/15)

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Show your support!!! For only \$5.00, your name can appear here, too! For a little more, get a gift!

The date behind your name is the last issue in which your name will appear.

Supplies needed: Paper, Brother toner tn-315, mailing seals. Supplies can be left at Ragon Hall or call (850) 712-5230 for other arrangements.



## CAPITAL TWIRLERS TALLAHASSEE

Monday night dances have been well attended with five squares on most nights. Our newest graduates are making great progress in mastering all plus level calls. Practice sessions with call definitions and instruction have definitely been a big help. These sessions are on Friday evenings and have been hosted by caller Stuart Phinney. Stuart has been doing a great job and it shows. Elmer has obviously noticed the improvement as he seems to have picked up the pace on Monday nights. On December 13<sup>th</sup>, twenty one members of the Capital Twirlers attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Christmas in Dixie dance in Altha, Florida sponsored by the River Town Squares. Following a meal of several different chili recipes as well as bean or potato soup and a Christmas cake for dessert, there was plenty of Mainstream and Plus dancing (with a bit of DBD thrown in) with caller Chris Burchfield.

The Capital Twirlers enjoyed a wonderful meal and an evening of dancing to the live band sounds of Southern Satisfaction on December 9<sup>th</sup>. There was plenty of tasty food and plenty of dancing at the annual Christmas celebration with Elmer Sheffield calling. Several members of the River Town Squares were also in attendance and, judging by the comments, everyone had a wonderful time.

Square dance lessons for new dancers will begin in January of 2015. There will be a FREE open house with demonstrations and introductory dancing on January 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 until 8:00 PM. Lessons will commence on Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor ballroom at the Tallahassee Senior center, 1400 N. Monroe Street. Instruction will be by our caller, Elmer Sheffield. There is a charge of \$2.00 per person for each lesson. If you know of anyone in our area who may be interested, please pass along this information.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE  
ASSOCIATION, INC.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

(As it should appear on the badge, if a new member)

PLEASE PRINT. THANK YOU.

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PLEASE LIST ANY OTHER CLUBS TO WHICH YOU BELONG:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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DUES PER YEAR:

RENEWALS:

SINGLE: \$10.00

COUPLE: \$20.00

NEW MEMBERSHIP:

SINGLE: \$15.00

COUPLE: \$30.00

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

NWFSRDA (NORTHWEST FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE  
ASSOCIATION)

MAIL TO: DAVID HENN

31 REDWOOD CIRCLE, PENSACOLA, FL 32506

850-455-5160

E-MAIL: dwhenn@att.net

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP ENTITLES YOU TO:

1. A Northwest Florida Association badge.
2. Four (4) issues of the Panhandle Press Newsletter.
3. Half-price admission to the annual Northwest Association Round-up in October.
4. Accident medical insurance (fee included in dues).
5. Representation at state and national levels.
6. Participation in Northwest Association functions.



## Calendar of Events

**2015**

January

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Blue & White Ball, Grand Square Hall  
1105 Bob Little Road, Panama City, FL  
Caller: Darryl McMillan  
Cuer: Sandy Sturgis

16-17

January Jewel, Christ United Methodist Church  
1204 Crabapple Drive, Shreveport, LA  
Cuers: Lucy & Jerry Pate

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January Shine, Ragon Hall  
2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL  
Callers: Ted & Nancy Kennedy  
Cuers: Terri & Tim Wilaby

22-25

Tucson Area Square Dance Festival 2015  
Radisson Suites Tucson, 6555 East Speedway Blvd.,  
Tucson, AZ  
Callers: Andy Alemao, Mike Kellog, Tom Miller  
Cuer: Barbara Haines

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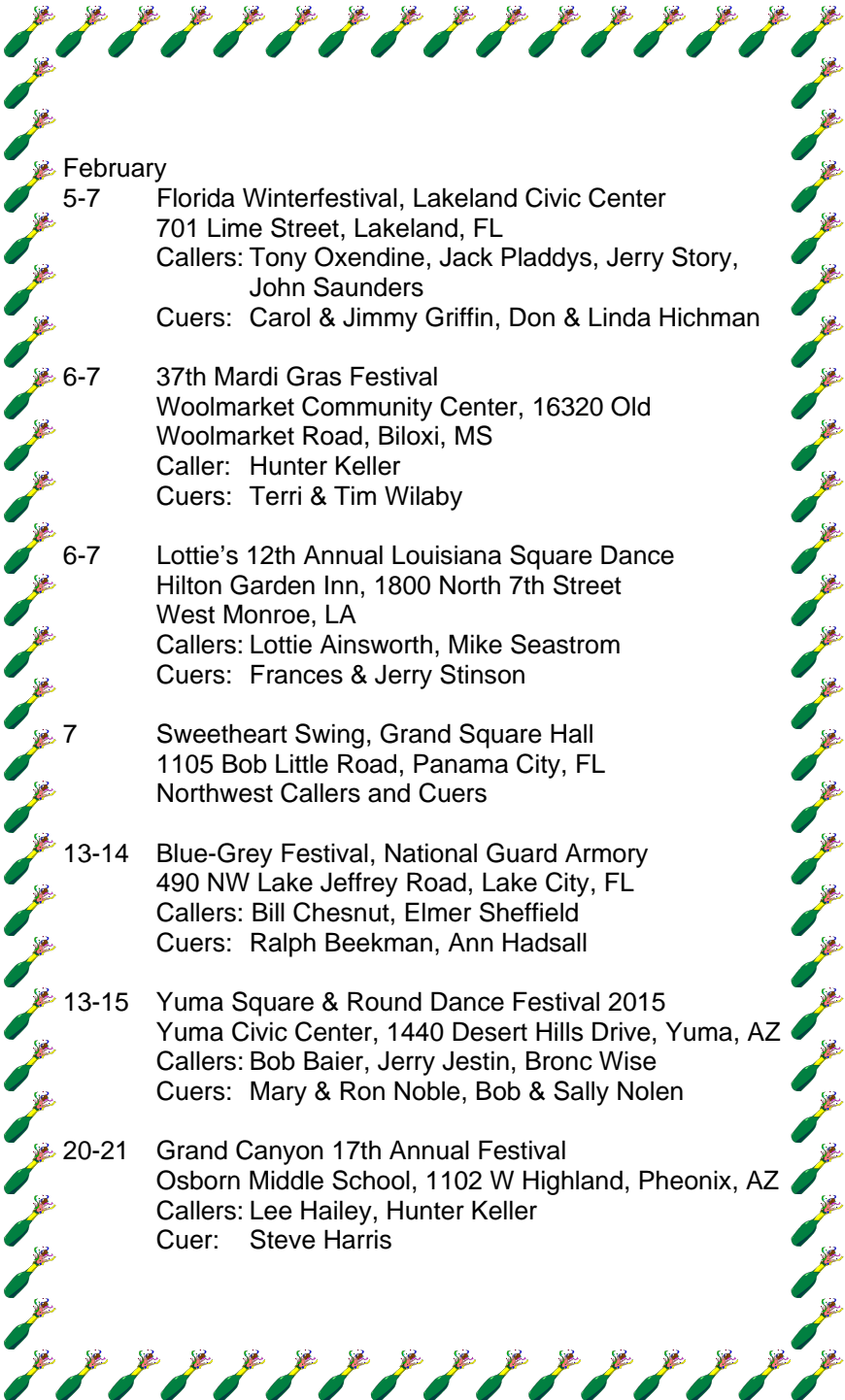
Circus Dance, Trinity Lutheran Church  
1415 S. McDuff Avenue, Jacksonville, FL  
Callers: Mark Fetzer, Gary Murphy, Ernie Rollen  
Cuers: Ed Hauck, Susan Snider

23-24

South Carolina Convention,  
Springmaid Beach Resort & Conference Center  
Myrtle Beach, SC

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Winter Fling, Azalea Hall  
5949 Bourne Road, Theodore, AL  
Caller: Skip Cleland  
Cuers: Terri & Tim Wilaby



February

5-7 Florida Winterfestival, Lakeland Civic Center  
701 Lime Street, Lakeland, FL  
Callers: Tony Oxendine, Jack Pladdys, Jerry Story,  
John Saunders  
Cuers: Carol & Jimmy Griffin, Don & Linda Hichman

6-7 37th Mardi Gras Festival  
Woolmarket Community Center, 16320 Old  
Woolmarket Road, Biloxi, MS  
Caller: Hunter Keller  
Cuers: Terri & Tim Wilaby

6-7 Lottie's 12th Annual Louisiana Square Dance  
Hilton Garden Inn, 1800 North 7th Street  
West Monroe, LA  
Callers: Lottie Ainsworth, Mike Seastrom  
Cuers: Frances & Jerry Stinson

7 Sweetheart Swing, Grand Square Hall  
1105 Bob Little Road, Panama City, FL  
Northwest Callers and Cuers

13-14 Blue-Grey Festival, National Guard Armory  
490 NW Lake Jeffrey Road, Lake City, FL  
Callers: Bill Chesnut, Elmer Sheffield  
Cuers: Ralph Beekman, Ann Hadsall

13-15 Yuma Square & Round Dance Festival 2015  
Yuma Civic Center, 1440 Desert Hills Drive, Yuma, AZ  
Callers: Bob Baier, Jerry Jestin, Bronc Wise  
Cuers: Mary & Ron Noble, Bob & Sally Nolen

20-21 Grand Canyon 17th Annual Festival  
Osborn Middle School, 1102 W Highland, Pheonix, AZ  
Callers: Lee Hailey, Hunter Keller  
Cuer: Steve Harris



20-21 55th Dixie Jamboree, MASDA Hall  
 2200 Poplar Street, Montgomery, AL  
 Caller: Darryl McMillan  
 Cuers: Don & Linda Hichman  
 Lines: Diane Martin

21 Canoe Squares 30th Anniversary, Ragon Hall  
 2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL  
 Caller: Kevin Cozad  
 Cuers: Terri & Tim Wilaby

March  
 5-7 46th Annual LA Square Dance Assoc Convention  
 921 Tech Drive, Ruston, LA  
 Caller: Joey Duhamel (Fri), LA Callers (Sat)  
 Cuer: Frances Stinson (Fri), LA Cuers (Sat)

6-7 Alabama Stomp, Central Hall  
 1931 Central Parkway, Decatur, AL  
 Callers: Chris Birchfield, Darryl McMillan  
 Cuer: Pauline Angress

13-14 60th MS State Festival, Brandon Civic Center  
 1000 Municipal Drive, Brandon, MS  
 Caller: Jerry Biggerstaff  
 Cuers: Tim Eum & Cindy Hadley

19-21 WASCA 56th Annual Festival  
 Hilton Mark Center Hotel  
 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA  
 Callers: Scot Byars, Heric Henerlau, Steve Kopman,  
 Tom Miller, Ken Ritucci, Joe Saltel,  
 Mike Sikorsky, Dave Walker  
 Cuers: Barbara & Wayne Blackford, Irene & Steve  
 Bradt, Mary & Ron Noble, Marie &  
 Randy Preskitt

20-21 Shamrock Swing, Elks Lodge  
 2955 Columbia Boulevard, Titusville, FL  
 Callers: Jack Lewis, Mac McCall  
 Cuer: Dick Nordine



20-22 Swing Into Spring, Reagan's Four Seasons  
Resort Hotel, 756 Parkway, Gatlinburg, TN  
Callers: Ken Bower, Gary Shoemake, Tony Oxendine,  
Elmer Sheffield  
Cuers: Jim & Priscilla Adcock

19-21 WASCA 56th Festival, Hilton Mark Center Hotel  
5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA  
Callers: Scot Byars, Eric Henerlau, Steve Kopman,  
Tom Miller, Ken Ritucci, Joe Saltel, Mike  
Sikorsky, Dave Walker  
Cuers: Wayne & Barbara Blackford, Irene & Steve  
Bradt, Mary, & Ron Noble, Marie & Randy  
Preskitt

12-22 RDCF Spring Weekend  
Location TBD  
Cuers: Rey & Sherry Garza

26 2015 Annual Azalea Trail In Dance, Azalea Hall  
5949 Bourne Road, Theodore, AL  
Caller: Chuck Burnum  
Cuer: Patty Ping

27-28 62nd Azalea Trail, Azalea Hall  
5949 Bourne Road, Theodore, AL  
Caller: Jerry Biggerstaff  
Cuers: Bryan & Sharon Gerdes

April  
16-18 Spring Cotillion, Chantilly Hall  
2101 Shenandoah Avenue, Charlotte, NC  
Cuers: Barbara & Wayne Blackford, Don &  
Linda Hichman

17-18 Spring Fling, Grand Square Hall  
1105 Bob Little Road, Panama City, FL  
Callers: Larry Belcher, Willis Simmons  
Cuers: Sandy & Dave Sturgis

# January Shine January 17, 2015



**Ted & Nancy Kennedy  
Squares**



**Terri & Tim Wilaby  
Rounds**

**Workshops**

**\$5.00 per person**

**12:30–2:30pm**

**Round Dance Workshop**

**3:00–5:00pm**

**A1/A2 Workshop**

**\$10.00 per person**

**7:00–9:30pm**

**Plus Square Dance  
alternating with Rounds**

**A1/A2 sets will be offered during the evening dance**

**Ragon Hall—2600 Stratford Road—Pensacola, FL**

**(850) 712-5230    [terriwilaby@hotmail.com](mailto:terriwilaby@hotmail.com)**

**Map on reverse**

**Dry camping available for \$10.00 per site per night**



## SEASIDE SQUARES—RAGON HALL PENSACOLA

Boy, has another year sped past. We hope everyone has had a wonderful year. We at Seaside Squares hope this new year will bring much more happiness to everyone!

October was full of color as we danced the nights away. Of special note was our Halloween dance, where those who attended were given a special memento for the occasion. Black cat dangles were presented to everyone! And the special treat of the evening was having the caller, Dave Muller, wrapped in toilet paper. They even wrapped "Little Dave"!



November was a little quieter as we started winding the year down. Nothing special was planned for the month. Those were left for December.

The Christmas specials started with TNT Rounds hosting a special dance for beginner dancers. What a treat it was to see a lot of newer dancers show up. For some, it was their first special dance. Terri and Tim kept the dancers moving the whole night long, with very short breaks. Everyone seemed quite exhausted and pleased when they departed for the evening.



Then, the big night...Gary Shoemake came to call a special square dance. Terri Wilaby did rounds in between the squares, which alternated between mainstream, plus and advanced. Although Gary was getting over a cold, he still did a wonderful job of moving everyone around the floor. We were a little disappointed in only having 5 squares, but maybe next time.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> Seaside held their Christmas party. We were hap-



py to have Dave Muller calling, but again, attendance was low. Must have something to do with everyone busy for the holidays?

Congratulations to the officers for next year: President—Tim Wilaby, Vice-President—Deecee Walters, Treasurer—Dave Henn, Secretary—Ann Brown.

The last event at Ragon Hall was the Christmas party for TNT Rounds. Plenty of food, dancing and fellowship was shared as the round dancers bid farewell to another year.

One item of particular note is the absence of a lot of those we previously enjoyed having as guests in Ragon Hall. We noticed across the year while other halls hosting special dances enjoyed having 8-11 squares of dancers, most of the special dances held at Ragon Hall only sported 5-6 squares. If there is something you know of we can do to bring those dancers back to our special dances, please let us know. We have done a lot to improve the hall across the last few years to make dancing more enjoyable, yet the dancers are not coming out and we are baffled. More improvements are in the plans. We hope to see more visitors to Ragon Hall next year.



## 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, Mondays, 7:00—9:30 PM  
Tallahassee Senior Center  
1400 North Monroe, Tallahassee, FL  
Jack Taylor (850) 877-2459

### Dancing Dolphins

Caller: Roy Bernier, Tuesdays, 7—9 PM  
PASARDA Hall  
17 Industrial Street, Ft. Walton Beach, FL  
Roy Bernier (850) 651-6356

### 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

### Navarre Ocean Waves

Caller: Miriam Merriwether  
Holley-Navarre Senior Center  
8476 Gordon Goodin Lane, Navarre, FL  
Miriam Merriwether (850) 974-0951

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

Rivertown Squares

Callers: Jack White, Stuart Phinney  
Tuesdays, 6—8 PM

Callahan's Restaurant  
19900 Florida 20, Blountstown, FL  
Glenn & DJ O'Neal (850) 643-6369

Sand Spurs

Caller: Miriam Merriwether, Thursdays, 7:00—9:00 PM  
PASARDA Hall  
17 Industrial Street, Ft. Walton Beach, FL  
Jackie Kramer (850) 862-4878

Seaside Squares

Caller: Various, Fridays, 7:30—9:30 PM  
Cuer: Terri Wilaby  
Ragon Hall  
2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL  
Tim Wilaby (850) 512-5600

Swinging Squares

Caller: Chris Burchfield, Thur, 7—9:30 PM  
Cuer: Sandy Sturgis  
Grand Square Hall  
1105 Bob Little Road, Panama City, FL  
Joe McLendon (850) 769-4218

T—N—T Rounds

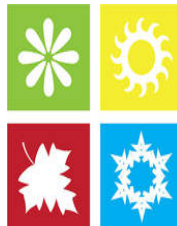
Cuer: Terri Wilaby, Sundays, 3:30—5:30 PM  
Ragon Hall  
2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL  
Terri Wilaby (850) 712-5230

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

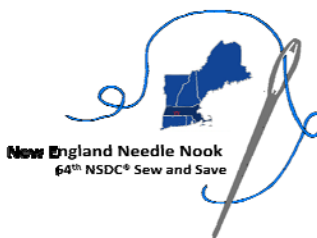


# 64<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION®

Springfield, Massachusetts  
JUNE 24, 25, 26 & 27, 2015



This month's focus is on Education at the 64 NSDC®. We would like to thank Gwen Tuson, Education Chairman for supplying us with this great article.



## Education at the 64<sup>th</sup> NSDC®

For those of you new to the National Square Dance Convention®, there is much to do at the Convention in addition to a full dance program. Be sure to purchase your **Convention Program Book** to read about the variety of activities, speakers, and exhibits that we hope you will find to be a lively and informative Education Program at the Convention.

### 64<sup>th</sup> NSDC® Education Theme in Practice

Our Theme is "Celebrating Our Dance Heritage, Planning Our Dance Future". In planning our future, the 64<sup>th</sup> NSDC® will invite dancers to explore the use of technology to promote and learn square dance. Our Education programs will encourage Education presenters to use multi-media formats in our seminars and panels whenever possible. We want to involve dancers and dance leaders in conversations that look toward the future of our folk dancing.

In celebrating our dance heritage, we are proud to host the first National Square Dance Convention® in New England. Many communities in New England actively participate in forms of folk dance from which modern western square dance has its roots. Education at the 64<sup>th</sup> will feature a few special events when you can participate in some of these related dance styles, view vintage dance movie footage, and speak with some dance performers and historians about English-North American-derived folk dance! Have you ever danced a quadrille? You can in Springfield, MA in June 2015!

### Education Speaker Formats

Education offers speakers in several formats. All the speaking events encourage audience questions and should leave time to do so at the end:

**Keynote Speakers** : a major address featuring the “dynamic duo” of Paul Cote and Ted Lizotte who have entertained many dancers with their lively & upbeat calling and teaching.

Two more speaker events are 1) **Panels** with 2 or 3 speakers discussing a given topic and 2) **Seminars** with one speaker. **Panels** and **Seminars** take place in small classroom type rooms. At the 64<sup>th</sup> NSDC® we encourage presenters to use multi-media presentations, use handouts, and involve the audience in the discussion.

**Roundtables**: these panel-styled speaker events bring leaders of dancing organizations together to examine issues in the folk dance world we all love. The 64<sup>th</sup> NSDC® has two **Roundtables** planned.

The first topic is “Dancing for the Next 100 Years”. Roundtable panelists will represent organizations from the different varieties of our folk dancing (modern western square, rounds, line, contra, clog & so forth). The discussion will focus on what these organizations can do to support each other and support overall participation in folk dancing.

The second Roundtable is “Recruiting Volunteers and Managing Volunteer Time”. Square and round dance leadership organizations take on responsibilities for many critical functions such as organizing conference events, printing regional calen-

dars, negotiating with insurance companies and much more. And this is often all volunteer labor. Panelists will discuss approaches to recruiting new dance leader volunteers and how avoid burn-out of current volunteers.

**Clinics** are another Education event. They include audience participation and are mostly held in dance halls. **Clinics** are what one might often call a workshop, but the topics vary. The topics range from topics targeted for caller audiences, those on general topics, those for introductions to new dance calls & rounds, or those to review dance calls.

<u>64<sup>th</sup> NSDC® Clinic Examples:</u>	<u>Topic Target:</u>
Intro to Dancing by Definition – MS Level	Intro to new calls
Intro to Phase III Tango	Intro to new cues
Dancing Traditional Squares	General topics
Styling and Etiquette on the Dance Floor	General topics
How to improve your Angel Techniques	General Topics & Caller Audience
The Spin Chain Calls – Plus Level Review	Review Dance Calls

Education Locations, Special Activities, and Information at the Convention

The main Education activities are focused on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors of the Sheraton Hotel. But, don't miss the **Showcase of Ideas** in the MassMutual Center! The Showcase has tables for dance organizations around the U.S.A. and international organizations as well. Organization members will be at their tables to answer questions each morning. We plan our **Education Welcome Table** near the Registration Tables to answer general 64<sup>th</sup> Education questions for you, the dancer. The **Education Coordination Room** on the Sheraton 3<sup>rd</sup> floor will assist you and check in all Education presenters.

The **Archive** and **Publications** displays are highlights of the NSDC® Education activities. Dancers can browse publications from around the world that have insights and opinions on

square, round, line, and contra dancing. Historical displays on the development of modern western square dancing and the history of square dance will be appearing for the first-time at the National Square Dance Convention®! These displays are a small part of the wonderful collection of the Square Dance Foundation of New England (SDFNE). The SDFNE, in partnership with the University of New Hampshire, may house the largest collection of square and round dance memorabilia in the world. These collections include items from all over the world.

Notes from the treasurer: The following members have submitted changes. Please use this information to update the roster you received in the ad book from Round-Up.

**New members:**

Spurgeon & Johnnie Cowen, 744 Pine Avenue, Chattahoochee, FL 32324  
(850) 663-2170 (850) 663-2295

John & Rheta Kirk, 3837 Windsor Castle Boulevard, Milton, FL 32583  
(850) 382-9957 johnandrheta@yahoo.com

Bob & Clariece Smith, 1345 Finley Drive, Pensacola, FL 32514  
(850) 477-9537 csnuffy2@aol.com

Joe & Mary Patt Talton, 1570 Montauga Road, Prattville, AL 36067  
joetalton@aol.com

**Changes:**

Bill & Carole Apfel	Change phone to(850) 974-7164
Dave Henn	Add cell phone (850) 375-1492
Adele Levesque/Terren Niedrauer	Change phone to (908) 279-3437
Dale & Marilyn Lick	Change zip code to 32312
John Penrod	Add cell phone (850) 566-2130
Libby Penrod	Add cell phone (850) 566-2177
Stuart Phinney	Change email to stuartphinney81@gmail.com
Vic & Cynthia Rhodes	Change street address 3314 Abel Ave.
Dave & Sherry Richards	Change email to oboron1936@comcast.net
Jim & Mary Riley	Change email to maryandjimmy@comcast.net
Alec & Kay Schmidt	Change phone to (850) 865-8105
Leslie Shore	Change email to teenzmom@aol.com
Dave & Sandy Sturgis	Change street address to 163 Candlewick Cir.



**THE HOLLYWOOD  
SCENE IN 2015  
61<sup>ST</sup> FLORIDA STATE  
CONVENTION  
MAY 22-25, 2014**



CASTING CALL #6  
BIG NEWS FLASH

Big News Flash - - - this just in from Jack & Barbara Hoffman, your Producers of the 61st Florida State Convention - - re: The Trail-End Dance scheduled for May 21st at the Strawberry Squares Hall in Plant City.

"S-T-E-L-L-A" "FRANKLY, SCARLETT, I DON'T GIVE A DAMN" Or "GO AHEAD, MAKE MY DAY"! Do any of these lines sound familiar to you? Well they should! They were said by Marlon Brando, Clark Gable and Clint Eastwood. Didn't you just now envision these great actors and these great scenes in your mind's eye? Well, then make them come to life at the Trail-End Dance next May 21st at the Strawberry Squares. It is being planned to have everyone come dressed as their favorite movie star (Marlon Brando) or favorite character in a movie (Rhett Butler) or the famous Josey Wells Outlaw (Clint Eastwood). There are so many other great characters and movie stars to emulate so get busy now and be ready to strut your stuff with the possibility of winning a prize or honorable mention during the "HOLLYWOOD SCENE PARADE OF STARS". Gals, now think about this, you could be the famous Scarlett O'Hara from "GOND WITH THE WIND" or maybe Shirley Temple from "THE GOOD SHIP LOLLY-POP" or what about Liz Taylor from "CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF". Be creative. Let's see your fantasy come to life.

Of course there is always the many characters from the "Madagascar" series or the "Ice Age" series, even "Toy Story". So many good movies and cartoon shows to choose from so get going on the planning of your Parade Outfits NOW!!

As you know the Holidays are upon us. My oh my, where did this year go? If you are wondering about that little "fill-in" gift you need, why not consider getting him or her one of our fa-

mous "Stars" with their name on it for our "Stars Wall of Fame"? They are only \$5.00 each and they really look like those other famous "Stars" out in Hollywood. Our "Stars" will be displayed all up and down the Convention Hallway next May but the nice thing is - they get to take their famous "Star" home with them. Hey, why not surprise some of your square dancing friends too who will be coming to the Convention! These are advance sales only so seriously consider this small token of friendship by sending \$5.00 for each "Star" and the name you want printed on it to:

Jack & Barbara Hoffman, 550 Captains Row, Merritt Island, FL 32952

If this is a gift, they will include a small gift card so you will have something to give or for a holiday stocking stuffer.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAVE A SAFE  
HAPPY NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Judy Anderson  
Director of Publicity

### FLORIDA STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION QUILT

Own a piece of "history", this beautiful quilt is 60"x70", displaying each of the 61 State Convention beginning with our 1<sup>st</sup> State Convention in Tampa, Florida, April 10-11, 1953 through the years to the 61<sup>st</sup> State Convention, May 22-24, 2015. The quilt is made with the logos from the Convention Shirts of as many Conventions as could be found. The back of the quilt features the interlocking Circle and Square pattern.

**Raffle Tickets on Sale Now!**  
**1 for \$1.00 or 7 for \$5.00**



**The "Winning Ticket" will be drawn on Sunday, May 24, 2015 at the upcoming 2015 Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention. Winner need not be present to win!**

All proceeds will benefit the 61st Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention. Thank you for your Support!



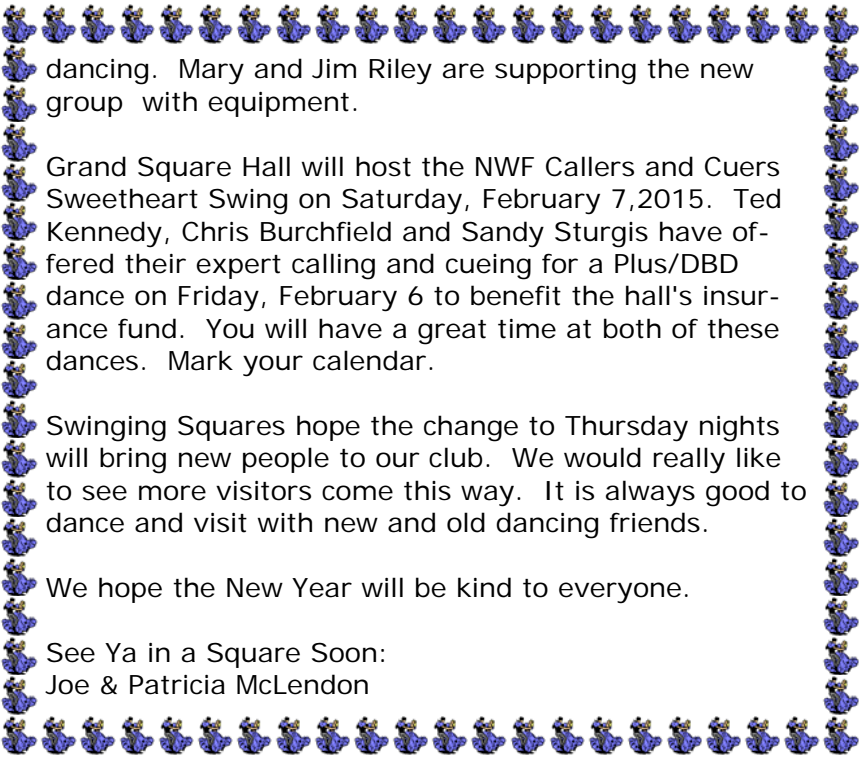
## SWINGING SQUARES PANAMA CITY

We have news to share with all our dancing friends, Swinging Squares has changed dance nights to **Thursday**. The Club discussed this change at several meetings and it was decided that we would move from Wednesday "church night" to another night, hoping the move would interest more people to attend our upcoming Open House and classes. Thursday night was the only night available at Grand Square Hall. This move does limit the availability of guest callers. Chris Burchfield will remain the Club Caller and Sandy Sturgis will continue to cue rounds. Swinging Squares will host an OPEN HOUSE , Thursday, January 15, 2015 from 7:00 to 9:00pm. Classes will begin January 22 from 7:00 to 8:00pm.

Panama City Square and Round Dance Community has lost one of our long time, dedicated dancers, **Wesley Forbes**. He and Bonnie were contributors of both money and labor in the construction of Grand Square Hall. He served as Building Manager for many years until his death. He was known for completing the job to perfection and at a minimum cost. Bonnie and Wes were a couple you loved to watch gliding across the dance floor. He will be sorely missed.

The hall is decked out in red and green for Christmas activities. First of the year, Mary and Jim Riley, Joe and Patricia McLendon and anyone else who volunteers will be changing the decorations for Swinging Squares Annual Blue & White Ball, January 10, 2015. Darryl McMillan will be the caller and Sandy Sturgis the cuer. Soup and sandwiches will be served after workshops and meeting. Hope to see a big crowd at the dance.

Grand Square Hall has a new dance group, Slick Kickers, dancing on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Joe and Julie Gray will be instructors for line and country



dancing. Mary and Jim Riley are supporting the new group with equipment.

Grand Square Hall will host the NWF Callers and Cuers Sweetheart Swing on Saturday, February 7, 2015. Ted Kennedy, Chris Burchfield and Sandy Sturgis have offered their expert calling and cueing for a Plus/DBD dance on Friday, February 6 to benefit the hall's insurance fund. You will have a great time at both of these dances. Mark your calendar.

Swinging Squares hope the change to Thursday nights will bring new people to our club. We would really like to see more visitors come this way. It is always good to dance and visit with new and old dancing friends.

We hope the New Year will be kind to everyone.

See Ya in a Square Soon:  
Joe & Patricia McLendon





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**Advanced Registration**

May 26, 2014 thru May 21, 2015 \$27.00 pp.  
Convention Box Office \$30.00 pp.  
Per Person-Includes Tax Cash or Check only

**NO CREDIT CARDS**

**SPECIAL RATES FOR YOUTH**

Those youth that have not reached their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday by June 1st, 2015 will be admitted at HALF PRICE when pre-registering for the full program on or before the May 21st cutoff date.

Please indicate "YOUTH" by the name on your registration form!

**Please Note**

Mail in registrations received after May 10, 2015; ribbons must be picked up at the convention center box office  
Service Charge for NSF or returned checks: \$30.00  
Cancellation Policy: Refunds will be cheerfully made until the doors open at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2015  
1 day ribbons sold at the Box Office  
Spectator Ribbon – Free, Pick up at Box Office  
Make checks payable to: 61<sup>st</sup>FSDC and mail to:

Carol Poole Phone: 386-734-5295  
1541 Lakeside Dr. e-mail: cpoole19@cfl.rr.com  
Deland, FL 32720 rpoole19@cfl.rr.com

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 for 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.

*Square Dance Attire requested at all Evening Sessions*

**61<sup>st</sup> Convention Executive Board**

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**May 22, 23, 24, 2015  
61<sup>st</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: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Dance Club \_\_\_\_\_

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

**MOTELS FOR THE 2015 STATE CONVENTION**

THE FOLLOWING HOTELS, MOTELS & CAMPGROUND SUPPORTED  
THE 2014 CONVENTION WITH ADS

**The Host Hotel for 2015 is:**

**Ramada Lakeland Hotel**

3260 US Hwy 98 North  
Lakeland, Florida 33805  
(863) 688-8080

\$65.00 + tax. Ask for Square Dance Rate  
(Price includes 2 free breakfasts each morning)

Comfort Inn & Suites	863-595-4500
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Holiday Inn Express – Bartow	863-533-8070
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Lakeland Carefree RV Resorts	863-687-6146

**Trail-End Dance**

Strawberry Squares Hall  
4401 Promenade Blvd  
Plant City, FL 33563  
Thursday, May 21, 2015  
Early Rounds 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm  
Squares 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Registration Form

**61<sup>st</sup> Florida State  
Square and Round Dance Convention**



May 22, 23, & 24, 2015  
Lakeland Center  
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### Instructions for Registration (left side)

1. **Print legibly** all names, address, city, state, zip code, country, and B/D of youth (age 5-17 by 6/24/15 - 1/2 price) to ensure correct registration.
2. Correctly enter all amounts in the Subtotals including registration fee for each dancer plus quantity and amounts for all other materials and tours.
3. **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.
4. Correctly calculate the Total and include credit card information (with signature), check or money order, payable in U.S. dollars.
5. **RV Camping -** Indicate RV Camping on your Registration Form and enclose the required fees (four-night minimum) as well as the amount for the 20 amp service at the RV sites. If you plan to camp together, you must arrive first come, first served basis. There is 20 amp service at the RV sites. For more information contact RV-vicechair@64nsdc.com.
6. **Alternate RV Camping -** A list of area campgrounds with higher amps is available upon request. **However, no bus loop will be provided for these campgrounds.** Contact RV-vicechair@64nsdc.com.
7. **Hotel Bus Pass & RV Park Bus Pass** are available only to registered dancers staying at the convention Hotels and Fairgrounds.
8. **Tour Forms and Payments** are to be mailed directly to: 64th National Square Dance Convention®, PO Box 335, Bolton, MA 01740. Include completed Tour Form with this Registration Form.
9. A \$10.00 fee per registrant will be assessed for cancellation or changes.

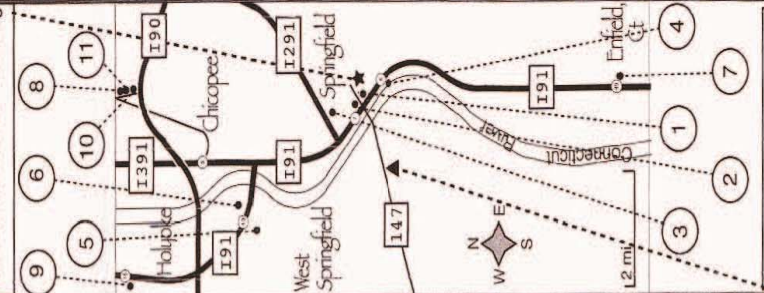
### Instructions for Housing (right side)

1. Complete the Housing Section on the right of the front page of the Registration Form. This form must be received by May 1, 2015 to receive the 64th NSDC guaranteed room rates.
2. If you request housing at the Sheraton, Marriott, LaQuinta or the Holiday Inn (Entfeld) you must stay a minimum of 4 nights including Wednesday through Saturday, June 24-27, 2015.
3. Only one person per room should complete a hotel reservation request. Please list all room occupants (The Housing Committee does not find or assign roommates).
4. **Shared Rooms or Same Hotel Requests** must be mailed in the same envelope to arrive together.
5. All Block Housing requests staying in the same hotel are due by September 15, 2014 submitted with the name and telephone number of the leader.
6. Indicate four (4) choices of housing preference by specifying hotel code number. Be sure to indicate one or two beds as well as preferences. Hotels will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis according to availability.
7. **Hotel Reservation: Your reservation must be guaranteed with a credit card.** Your credit card will not be charged in advance of arrival and an alternate form of payment may be presented at check-in.
8. **Hotel Confirmations:** You will receive a hotel confirmation number via e-mail or mail. If you do not receive your confirmation within 21 days, please contact the 64th NSDC Housing Committee by: (a) registration@64nsdc.com, (b) fax at (978) 634-1101, (c) 64th NSDC Housing Committee, PO Box 335, Bolton MA 01740 by May 15, 2015.
9. **Hotel Changes:** After receiving Hotel Confirmation, if you need to cancel your Hotel reservation you must contact the Hotel directly and give your confirmation number to the Hotel personnel.
10. **Hotel Cancellations:** Your confirmed hotel will assess a one night room/tax charge for cancellations received less than 73 hours prior to arrival. An early departure fee may be charged unless the hotel is notified at check-in or before of a change in the planned length of stay.

The "Four Seasons Board" of the 64th National Square Dance Convention® is committed to making our convention fun and enjoyable for you. Please Call or E-mail us if you have a concern or suggestion. Call: (978) 634-1101, E-mail: registration@64nsdc.com.

Check our website at [www.64nsdc.com](http://www.64nsdc.com) for updates to this form.

### Mass Mutual Center - dancing



### Big E Fairgrounds - camping

The Mass. Mutual Center and the Sheraton and Marriott Hotels will be used for convention dancing and functions throughout the convention.

CODE	Hotel Name	# of People per Room			
		1	2	3	4
(** Hotel Codes 1, 2, 3, & 7 require a 4 night minimum stay) (Wed. 6/24/15 through Sat. 6/27/15)					
<b>Both Headquarters Hotels Are Within Walking Distance</b> Prices do not include sales tax					
1	Sheraton Monarch Plaza, 2 Blocks 1 Monarch Plaza, Springfield, MA	\$135	\$135	\$145	\$155
2	Marriott Hotel, 2 Blocks 2 Boland Way, Springfield, MA	\$129	\$139	\$139	\$139
<b>Bus Passes Recommended</b>					
3	LaQuinta Inn & Suites, .02 miles 100 Congress St., Springfield, MA	\$99	\$99	\$99	\$99
4	Hilton Garden Inn, .88 miles 800 West Columbus Ave., Springfield, MA	\$149	\$149	\$149	\$149
<b>Hotel # 4 is adjacent to Basketball Hall of Fame</b>					
5	Hampton Inn, 3.6 miles 1077 Coverdale St., West Springfield, MA	\$119	\$119	\$119	\$119
6	Comfort Inn and Suites, 4.4 miles 101 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA	\$99	\$99	\$99	\$99
7	Holiday Inn, 6.3 miles 1 Bright Meadow Blvd., Enfield, CT	\$109	\$109	\$109	\$109
8	Hampton Inn, 7.9 miles 600 Memorial Dr., Chicopee, MA	\$129	\$129	\$129	\$129
9	Homewood Suites, 8.0 miles 375 Whitney Ave., Holyoke, MA	\$129	\$129	\$129	\$129
10	Days Inn, 8.3 miles 160 Memorial Dr., Chicopee, MA	\$99	\$99	\$99	\$99
11	Residence Inn, 8.6 miles 500 Memorial Dr., Chicopee, MA	\$139	\$139	\$139	\$139



## TNT ROUNDS PENSACOLA

Tim and I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's! Ours was great, as we were able to spend it with family and friends. It capped off a wonderful year.

Let's see now—the last quarter in review? Well, October was packed with the cha cha class learning figures at a fairly quick pace on Sundays and Tuesdays. It was really wonderful having a floor full of students on both nights.



We did take off one class to travel down to Plant City for a wonderful weekend with Bob & Sally Nolen for the RDCF Fall Weekend. We were able to “polish” up a couple figures and we were introduced to a few more. Sally did a great job of keeping Bob on track. He sure did want to get to the “She Go/He Go”, or something like that. While we were gone, Bryan Gerdes filled in and cued for the club.

In November we were very happy to graduate 14 couples from cha cha! It's a shame so many were on vacation for Thanksgiving and missed the graduation. Some of them were surprised when we graduated them at the first of the year when waltz class started up!



We also took time to travel to Belles and Bouys in Gulfport, MS to cue a dance for them. Such wonderful dancers are there. We look forward to returning there soon.

December was a very busy month for everyone as they prepared for the Christmas holiday. We were very pleased with the turn out for the first of what we hope to continue, a round dance for beginner dancers. Dancers danced what they wished of 25-minute sets of rounds from Phase II waltz and two-step to Phase III cha, rumba, waltz, foxtrot, and jive. Perhaps we can do this again!

Now on to the new year! Please join us for beginner's waltz. Classes begin on January 4 for Sunday classes or January 6 for Tuesday classes. Check out our website, [www.tntrounds.com](http://www.tntrounds.com) for flyer and more details.

And speaking of our website, be sure to visit it soon. We are working on updating our choreography page and putting the calendar back on. We will be traveling quite a bit next year and we would love to have to come along!

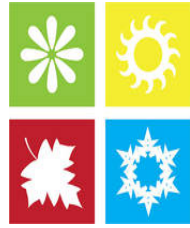


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**64<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL  
SQUARE DANCE  
CONVENTION®**  
Springfield, Massachusetts  
JUNE 24, 25, 26 & 27, 2015



Counting down, less than six months before the 64<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention ® in Springfield, City of Firsts, Massachusetts June 24-27 2015!! You still have plenty of time to register for this once in a lifetime event and to order things such as the New England Cookbook, featured later in this release. We have added a new tour of the City of Springfield, details to come. We are also working to bring discounted shuttle service from the airport to the convention.

We have added new hotels and rooms. Please check with registration when you are completing your registration form. Do not forget to get your bus pass if you are not staying at the headquarters hotels. You can also purchase our cookbook, the sew and save book, "Needle Nook Notes" the Tribute to Neil Diamond Dinner and Show tickets, and syllabus for Rounds and Contra on the registration form. We highly recommend you purchase your program book using this form. This is the only place the program book and Daily Schedule will be sold. If you have already registered for the convention and did not order any of the above, just complete another form and add the additional items you want to purchase. Please add your registration number to the form.

Many items can be purchased from our website 64nsdc.org. Ways and Means also travels around to conventions in many states and has registration forms and many of the items for sale. We personally will be attending the Mississippi, Florida, and Ohio state conventions at the first of the year. I know we will have a table at the South Carolina convention in January.

Thanks to Shirley McEwen and Joan Gumkowski for the comments on the cookbook below:

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The "New England Cookbook" that is being featured at the 64<sup>th</sup> National Convention® this coming year in Springfield, MA, is a brand new book authored by New Englanders. Featured Recipes were submitted by square dancers, their friends, and some of the famous New Englanders who reside here. Included are approximately 200 delicious recipes, many New England historical notes, food facts, and helpful hints as well as some cuisine history of New England.

There are many colorful photos from various famous locations in N.E. (i.e.) lighthouses, panoramic views of some of our beautiful mountains decked out in fabulous autumn colors and popular lakes and coastal seashores.

Locating a recipe is simple in this book due to the table of contents at the very beginning of the recipe section. The colorful dividers are helpful, separating the recipes by category and the colorful hard cover provides easy cleanup from splashes and fingerprints.

We, the authors, are very proud of this beautiful book and urge everyone to get a copy.

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Lynda and I have enjoyed reading the New England Cookbook and even if you do not cook you will enjoy the pictures, information and quality of this book.

We thank you for taking the time to read our release, and we really would enjoy seeing you at the 64<sup>th</sup> NSDC® in Springfield, MA June 24 -27, 2015.

We hope you have a great Holiday Season and look forward to 2015!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
Ed & Lynda Willis



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Beginner Rounds 7:00—9:00 pm

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Seaside Squares Plus Squares with Rounds 7:30—9:30 pm

Various callers, President Tim Wilaby (850) 512-5600,  
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Saturdays

Assorted activities, see our calendar @

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