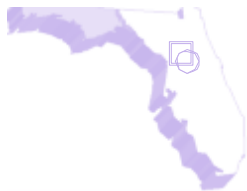


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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

October 1st we were installed as your new Presidents, along with Deecee Haslett and Jim Walters as Vice-Presidents; Karen Gordon as Secretary and Alec Schmidt, as Treasurer. We were handed the green and white football and will carry it into the New Year! The membership dance was successful and we added a few more to our team. On October 15th we attended a Raise the Roof dance at Ragon Hall and dinner was served to the team.

On November 13th, we represented NWFSRDA at the Federation workshop in Bartow, Fl. They are ready for the State Convention to be held on March 24th-25th in Lakeland. We are looking for Federation delegates to represent NW; so, if you are interested in being a delegate, let us know. We need to be represented! The Federation is making plans for the 2018 and 2019 State Conventions. So stay tuned to support our state team.

An exhibition dance by the Dancing Dolphins at the Belvedere Commons was held on November 21st. All had a good time swinging in their wheelchairs or clapping for the square dancers. Thanksgiving was enjoyed by all and we hope your team won. November 29th was a successful big game at PASARDA Hall in Ft. Walton Beach with International caller Gary Shoemaker calling with Miriam Merriwether. We had three plus squares and all had a good time! Dancing Dolphins had a Christmas party December 3rd. On December 10th a Dance party was held to help Joe McClendon celebrate his 75^h birthday! We had six squares of dancers with plenty of fun for all.

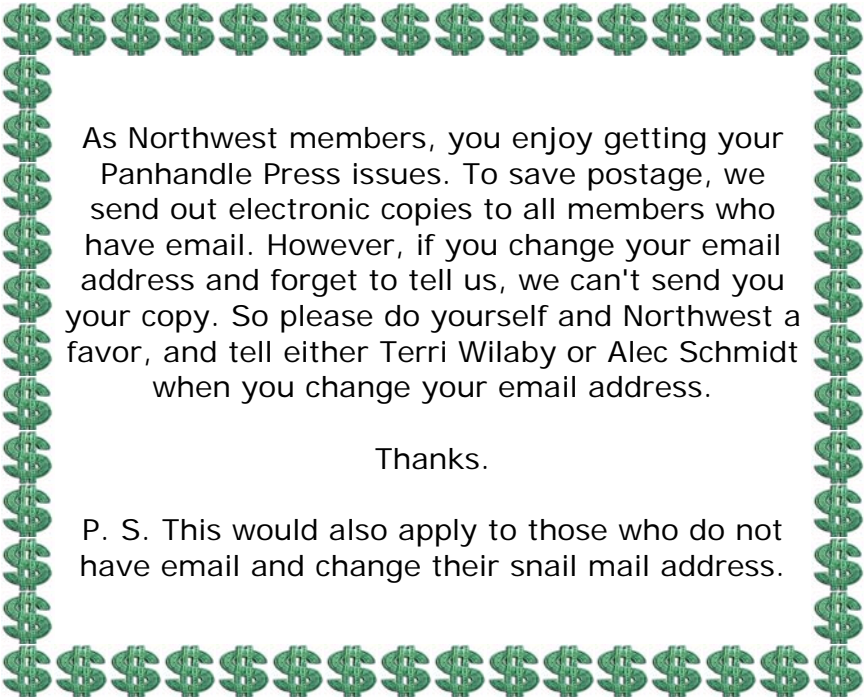
Our last big game for the season is Saturday January 7, 2017, with a dance at Lewis Middle School in Valparaiso to benefit the 63rd Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention. Price of admission to this benefit dance is an old-fashioned paper cutout snowflake and a donation. So, we hope to see a lot of you there. Our NWFSRDA meeting will precede the dance and is at NOON with Chili for lunch. The dance will follow at

2:00 PM. Please email our new Secretary, Karen Gordon, at klg9277@gmail.com, to certify your club delegate for NW Association business for 2017.

Other upcoming dances and special events are: Beginner's Two Step Round dance classes in Pensacola starting on January 8th and 10th; the January Shine in Pensacola on January 21st, Sweetheart Swing in Pensacola on February 18th; the Blue and White Ball in Panama City on April 1st; the 26th Spring Fling in Pensacola on April 28th-29th; and Merengue Madness in Pensacola on May 26th-28th.

We hope all the square and round dancers had a Merry Christmas and a safe arrival into the New Year! December was a busy month. We hope the coming year will add more new square and round dancers to our classes and the team (association).

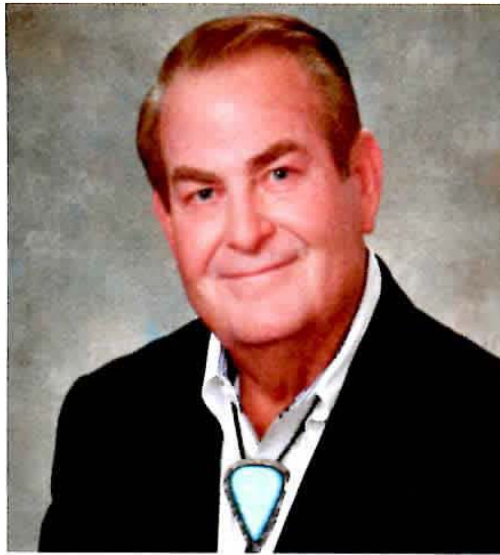
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Thanks.

P. S. This would also apply to those who do not have email and change their snail mail address.



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Editor's Note

Once again a plea needs to go out. I really had to dig to find information for the calendar portion of the Press. And again, only about half the clubs have submitted an article. To say nothing of advertising upcoming dances. Please keep me in mind when sending out your flyers for publication. I don't always check Facebook or the Florida website until it is time to put the next issue of the Press together. By then it can be too late for distributing dance and party information.

Remember, this is YOUR magazine. If you have something you would like to share (such as new officers) or a special event (say, a wedding or anniversary party), keep me in mind. I have more than just Northwest members in my email group. I would be happy to send a blast out. I'm sure you have seen the prayer requests. The same can be done for happy occasions, too.

So, help keep this magazine going by submitting articles and ads. And let me keep the "grapevine" active.

To help create incentive, the next issue will be put together in the order articles/ads are received. So be sure to get your submission in and in early.

**PENSACOLA TWIRLERS
PENSACOLA**

No report

SAND SPURS FORT WALTON BEACH

- by Jackie and Terry Kramer

Many Eerie dancers joined in on the fun at Miriam's Halloween Community Dance.



Beetle Juice
(David)

and

Cruella (Ann)



won best costumes for the evening. Dancers had a great time dancing Contra, along with squares and cued ballroom.



International caller, Gary Shoemake, called a special dance for us on Tuesday, November 29th. Miriam cued the ballroom dances as three squares plus filled the hall for a fun-filled evening of dance. Gary called some challenging DBD along with Plus level and Mainstream calls. Donnie Jo won the 50/50 drawing. We enjoyed a special birthday cake in honor of Brian McDonald's 70th birthday.

Contra dancers, with an Intro to square dancing, continue to enjoy the Tuesday evening sessions. The Sand Spurs continue to dance each Thursday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

In January, Miriam will be starting new Cued Ballroom classes on Wednesday evenings with Beginning Two Step and Waltz, and continuation of Rumba. Come join us for some, or all of these wonderful dance opportunities.

*Merry Christmas and Happy Dancing
in 2017!*



**One step, two step,
three step, four
Here we go around the
floor!**

Beginner dance classes begin January 8, 2017

2-Hour classes will run from 1:30—3:30pm on
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FOR THE 63RD FLORIDA STATE SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE CONVENTION

JANUARY 7, 2017

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VALPARISO, FL

Northwest caller



Bob Poyner

Northwest Caller



Ted & Nancy Kennedy

Northwest Cuer



Terri & Tim Wilaby

“LET IT SNOW” Dance

Admission: Bring an old-fashioned cut out “snowflake” and
your donation to the 63rd FSSRDC

Schedule:

NWFSRDA Meeting 12:00—1:00pm

Chili cook-off to follow

Dance: Alternating Rounds, Mainstream and Plus 2:00—4:00pm



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NORTHWEST FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND
DANCE ASSOCIATION
Grand Square Hall
1105 Bob Little Road
Panama City, Fl. 32401
October 1, 2016 12:00 PM Noon

Call to Order- Alec & Kay Schmidt

Invocation- Dave Henn

Pledge of Allegiance- John Penrod

Roll Call- Barbara McDonald- 10 club delegated represented.

Welcome- Visitors and guests- Alec & Kay Schmidt

Correspondence- Barbara McDonald: Cards sent to the Crouthers family, Tim Marriner family, Al Brandage family and the Chuck Scalion family.

Minutes- Barbara McDonald- Minute corrections noted and corrections made 10-3-2016.

Treasurer's Report- Dave Henn

Roundup report- Income \$3,576.75; Expenses- \$3412.25; with a net of \$164.50

NWF Financial statement- Income \$1811.75; Expenses \$2,418.78; ending balance 1856.18.

Certificate of Deposit: 10-1-16- \$7612.09

Money Market ending balance- \$10,476.77

The Money market account in the Warring bank is closed out and Dave has a check to deposit in a bank of Alec choosing. They charged a \$1.00 closing fee and Jim Walkers donated that fee.

Standing Committee reports:

Public Relations- no report

Panhandle Press- The new one is out and available.

Bylaws Committee- Barbara McDonald and Cheryl Miller worked on Standing Rules documentation from changes on DOY From January 2016 and the Incentive reward dated June 2014. The form of the documents on the Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules were corrected and aligned and turned into the Web master Bruce. We received a comment about the Constitution, Article 2, Section 1. which stated "NWFSRDA is a non profit and educational." Our documents are filed with the State and IRS. At present we are a not for profit which is a 501(c)7 (can make donations but not take it off our taxes) and a non for profit is a 501(c)3. We can accept donations. Constitution and By Laws changes must be presented at one

meeting and voted on the next meeting. This will be brought up at our next meeting if the Florida Federation gets the 501 (c) 3 designation.

USDA Insurance- Alec Schmidt- Alec has the new enrollment packages and will be distributed after the meeting. He had a blank club enrollment application which a club must re-new each year of \$8.00 in order to have the insurance. NWF pays the individual members insurance which is collected, (\$4.75). Joy asked if we heard about a rate increase and no one has. Minimum rate for a club is \$45.00. Date for payment is November 1st with a December 1st deadline. Tom will send money by December 10th.

Special Committee Reports:

2016 Roundup- Final Report- John & Libby Penrod. John pointed out that income from ribbons came mostly from dancers not members of NWF with 66 dancers from NWF. Advertising was great; had an auction; clothing sale and 50/50. See above Round up expenses. It was a good roundup and usually we don't make a profit.

2017 Roundup- Deecee Haslett gave a report. Callers will be Darryl McMullen, Lary Belcher, Cuers Tim and Terry Wilaby. Will be held at the Pensacola Ragan Hall. A flier has been drafted and will be out soon.

2018 Roundup- Will be at the Grand Square Hall in Panama City. Officers will be recruiting someone to be the Vice President in charge of the program who lives in the area. We need contracts with caller and cuer on our next agenda. The Round-up use to be in the same central location of DeFuniack Springs.

2017 Florida State Convention: "Dance to the Beat of Happy Feet." March 24th and 25th. The Imperial Swan is the host hotel.

Florida Federation Report: Cheryl Miller-FI Federation will meet November 13th in Bartow Fl. Dennis and Nancy Taylor will move up to President. Cheryl will move from Treasurer to Secretary, and in 2018 will move to President. We need to find someone or a couple to take the position on the Federation board for 2019 and will come here to meeting in the annual meeting. The Federation has applied for the 501 non profit application. The benefit dance profits went in support of the 2016 Fl. State convention. NWF received a share of the profit from the 2015 State convention. If the 2016 Fl. State convention made a profit, NWF will receive a share from the

November meeting. Cheryl has ribbons for the March 24th and 25th State Convention. Cheryl is selling raffel tickets and a Kindle Fire will be given away at the dance in November 12th.

Old Business:

Dave Henn moved we donate \$101 from the checking account to the Money market Fund. It was moved, seconded and passed.

New Business:

Joy Vaccari gave a brief history of the USDA insurance program which she and her husband were a part of starting 35 years ago. She and Jim Maccko received the 35 year medallion in Iowa for their service.

Installation of NWF officers for 2016-2017- Cheryl Miller.

President- Brian and Barbara McDonald

Vice President- Jim Walters and Deecee Hasslett

Treasurer- Alec and Kay Schmidt

Secretary- Karen Gordon

Alec handed the gavel to Brian McDonald new president

There was a motion to the floor to increase the Roundup fees for 2017 to \$20 for members and \$40 for non members. It was seconded and discussion followed regarding costs to come to the Roundup. We are changing to 1 hall for all dancing. After discussion a vote taken on the motion which was not passed. There was more discussion including what other dances charge; people may not come if too high; low registration and having a cut off date for preregistration. Roundups in the past have not made money. Our purpose is not to make money. A new motion was brought to the floor by John Penrod. It was moved, seconded and discussion. The following was voted on and passed. "Pre-registration fees for the dance would be members \$12.00, non members \$24 before the 30 days cut date and \$15 per member and \$30. for non members after the cut off date.

Benefit Dance- Place and date to be determined. Brian will notify clubs.

Election of Delegates to the Florida Federation- We will address at the next meeting.

New Club applications- none

Announcements: Upcoming dances:

October 15th, "Raise the Roof!" Ragon Hall, Pensacola

November 11-12th West Coast Association Fall Funfest

November 18-19th Northeast Fall Festival, Jacksonville

November 29, 2016 International caller Gary Shoemaker at Sand Spurs, Ft. Walton Beach

January 21, 2017 January Shine, Ragon Hall, Pensacola, Fl.

Next Meeting- To be announced

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 1345.

Out going Secretary, Barbara McDonald

FLORIDA FEDERATION PRESIDENT MESSAGE

The weather is cooler, the dance season has started, we have numerous opportunities to dance and visit with our friends; what else could we ask for?

By the time you read this article, we will have had two very successful weekends; the West Coast Association's Fall Fun Fest and the Northeast Association's Fall Festival "A Bountiful Barn Dance".

We will also have had our Fall Federation meeting. We will have held elections for the 2017 officers and decided about the date and location for our future state conventions. I will report on the results of the meeting in my next article.

With Christmas coming it brings the exchange of gifts, spending time with family and close friends, and making New Year's resolutions. Why not make a resolution to do one thing to help us turn around our favorite activity, square dance! It's going to take the assistance of every one of us.

If I don't see you during the holidays, I hope you have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year and that you have a safe and happy holiday with friends and loved ones.

I'll see you in square somewhere!

Penny Green, President



63rd Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention March 24-25, 2017 “Dance to the Beat With Happy Feet”

CHAPTER 6

It was mid-morning by the time our two adventurous penguins were actually saying their tearful but happy good-byes to all their friends in Madagascar and actually setting off on their way to the March 24th, 2017 starting date for the Florida State Convention. They had so many miles to travel and things to see and do before dance time. And Pen had promised Gwen a side trip to the “most beautiful place on Earth”, a promise he planned to keep so having set the trusty GPS for the Yamuna River, they were off swimming very fast towards that destination. It was way after dark when they did arrive at Pen’s pre-planned stop over so they just decided to rest and have light supper of Mango Salsa* with Avocado Hummus* and spend the night by a lovely refreshing pool.

Pen was awakened a daylight by the shriek and shrill noises of Gwen anxious voice just yelling for Pen to get up----get up----get up!!! “Look!! Just look at what is at the other end of this pool! Oh My! I can’t believe this beautiful place! Did you ever-----”, her voice trailed off as tears filled her eyes and ran down her cheeks. She was looking at the Taj Mahal in Agra, India. This huge ivory-white mausoleum with its four minarets was so pristine and so awe inspiring that they toured the whole place in almost complete silence. They learned of the wonderful never ending love the Emperor had for his wife that inspired the building of this monument to her.** At nightfall as they were returning to their sleeping area Gwen had to agree that the Taj Mahal is truly “the most beautiful place on Earth”.



Being very tired from the adventures of the day before, Gwen settled for Salami

Rollups*** for breakfast before starting off again for the Convention. While Gwen finished packing her "What Should I Bring To The Dance" cook book, Pen was reading from a note received from Paul and Marilyn Scott, the Camper Chairmen, stating that due to this still being snowbird season most campgrounds fill up quickly.

They said Lakeland Sun RV (863-687-6146) has about 20 sites available but will not hold them for us dancers. As long as the campers tell them they are with the "square dancers group" and are going to the convention they will honor the \$20.00 per night fee though. People have already started to make their reservations. There are other campgrounds in Lakeland however our square dancers have only used these two. The other one is Sanlan RV Park (863-665-1726) Their rates are higher HOWEVER their website saying they are under construction and have no prices showing at this time. There will be some parking at the Convention Center but all the particulars are not available at this time. We will find out more at the Fall Fun Fest in Bartow, November 11th & 12th, the note said.

Another note received, this time from Empress Penguin Elsa and Emperor Ray was also a reminder they will also be at the Fall Fun Fest with copies of the Cook Book mentioned in all these stories, along with lots of other money maker items. The Fire HD 8 Tablet, 8" HD Display, Wi-Fi, 8 GB will be given away at this dance, too.

Then the following week-end, November 18th & 19th, the Emperor and Empress Penguin will be in Jacksonville for that Fall Festival, too.

Wonder where Pen and Gwen will end up for the Holidays-----
-????

Judy Anderson, Narrator

Footnotes:

* Recipes on pages: 56 & 144

** Taj Mahal Info, check the web: Taj Mahal, Agre, India-History

*** Recipe on page 112



In Memoriam

Charlie Newsome, Past Federation President

November 21, 2016

Hazel Hauck, Cuer Spouse

December 9, 2016



**CANOE SQUARES
MILTON**

No report



GRAND SQUARE ROUNDS

No Report



SWINGING SQUARES PANAMA CITY

Since September, folks in the Swinging Squares have enjoyed many hours of dancing and fellowship. We are happy to have Robert Doyle dancing with the club again now that his knee replacement is complete. Pat Tillman is anxious to be on the floor and while her foot is healing, she continues to come and support the club. Joining us from their travels are Cindi and David McFarland. Len practiced while Linda was with the grandkids, but she is back and we are glad to see her again.

On October 1st, NWFSRDA hosted a dance at our own Grand Square Hall with callers from NWF and it was a pleasure to dance with and see not only our own club members but to visit with those from other clubs in NW Florida. We also enjoyed another fun dance in October with the Swinging Squares dressing in costumes. Some of the costumes that our members wore included a 50's motif which Joe and Patricia McLendon decked themselves out in, and Cherie Mullins wore her Halloween skirt and shirt. We had 2 sets of pirate outfits, worn by the Skippers and the Doyles. It was fun to see all the creative ideas for costumes. We want to thank Berlon who came to call for that dance.

On November 5th, we had a Mainstream and Plus workshop with caller, Hugh and Dede Gibbs from Dothan, Alabama. Afterwards, we went to a local seafood restaurant and we appreciate Larry and Judy Skipper arranging the reservations for us.

Several of the Swinging Squares attended the Bountiful Barn Dance in Jacksonville and it was a pleasure to dance at the Palms Presbyterian Church and help them gather food for their local food bank.

December is a busy month. Many folks came on December 10th, to the Grand Hall to celebrate Joe

McLendon's 75th birthday. There was plenty of dancing and eats, and all had a fabulous time. We enjoyed callers, Hugh Gibbs, and Elmer Sheffield. It was a real treat to welcome back Chris Burchfield who also called for this special occasion. Our friends from Tallahassee, Niceville, and Fort Walton Beach made this celebration for Joe absolutely spectacular! It was so nice that the McLendon's daughter and husband could also attend as they live in Winter Garden.

We want to thank and acknowledge David and Sandy Sturgis for cueing rounds and we would also like to thank Jim and Mary Riley for cueing lines.

Our club is looking forward to December 15th with snacks and a "Dirty Santa" exchange in addition to our regular dancing. We want to thank Mary and Jim Riley and Joe and Patricia McLendon for the lovely Christmas decorations that they placed in the dance hall.

We will have an OPEN HOUSE in January for beginner square dance classes. The OPEN HOUSE will be January 12th, from 7 to 9 p.m. Hugh Gibbs will be the caller/ instructor. The first class will be January 19th beginning at 6:30 pm. Regular mainstream/plus/rounds will follow from 800 to 9:30. There will also be an ad and infor-



mation in the News Herald. See us on our FACEBOOK site, Panama City Square Dancers.

We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and we are excited to ring in 2017 with lots of dances and a time to bring more joy to those who are dancing for the first time.

--Anne Mahowald



Cincinnati, Ohio June 21,22,23,24, 2017

Dancers in Cincinnati are eagerly awaiting for your registration to arrive for the National Convention to be held June 21-24 2017! We just want to let you know that the convention facilities and hotels are all located within a two block area! Yeah! Everything is so close no need to get in your car. CVS, Walgreens, & Macy's (in case you forget stuff or lose your suitcase) along with all kinds of restaurants and fast food places are located within the two block area. Cincinnati is not small, but the area around the convention center contains everything to meet any dancer's needs. It will be easy to hop in a taxi and go to museums, to the casino, to the ball parks, to Kentucky just across the river, and to many fun places including visiting ornate churches.

DANCERS who choose to stay in the hotels listed on the registration form cannot buy bus passes because you will not need one! The only DANCERS who need to buy a bus pass will be campers. Sorry, no camping in downtown on the Ohio River. Kick off the 66th NSDC with a 3 hour Sunset Riverboat Dinner Cruise with a buffet on the beautiful Ohio River on Tuesday at 5:45PM leaving from the convention center. The cruise is limited to 225 dancers. If you miss out on the Sunset Cruise, then sign-up for the 2 hour BB Riverfront Lunch Cruise with a delicious buffet Wednesday 6/21 or Saturday 6/24 with entertainment. Both are fun trips!

National Museum of the United States Airforce is only a 45 minute bus trip to the oldest and largest military aviation muse-

um in the world. All attendees must have a valid government issued ID like a driver's license, state issue ID card, or passport. Lunch is on your own at the museum.

The 66th NSDC will have the Activities, Facilities, and the Location for great national convention. We will be looking for all of you and your friends in Cincinnati!

Hurry! Hurry! Get your registration forms (can be found on the website) submitted so that you can choose your hotel. Registration pricing goes up to \$75 after May 1, 2017. WHEN YOUR CHILDREN OR GRANDCHILDREN ASK WHAT YOU WANT FOR A GIFT, SPEAK-UP AND SAY A DANCE RIBBON TO THE BEST SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION IN THE WORLD IN CINCINNATI!

Publicity Chairman
Dennis Budinski & Mary Galentine



CAPITAL TWIRLERS TALLAHASSEE

No Report



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
Chuck Davis (850) 422-3172

Dancing Dolphins

Caller: Roy Bernier, Tuesdays, 7—9 PM
Saint Simon's Parish Hall
28 Miracle Strip Parkway SW, Fort 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

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) 206-5084

Sand Spurs

Beginner Square and Lines class, Tuesdays, 7:00—9:00 PM
Round Dance class, Wednesdays, 6:00—8:00 PM
Round Dance club, Wednesdays, 8:00—9:00 PM
Mainstream/Plus, Rounds, Lines, Thursdays, 7:00—9:00PM
Caller/Cuer/Prompter: Miriam Merriwether
PASARDA Hall
17 Industrial Street, Ft. Walton Beach, FL
Miriam Merriwether (850) 974-0091

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: Hugh Gibbs, Thursdays, 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.

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

PLEASE PRINT. THANK YOU.

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

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

PLEASE STATE THE PRIMARY CLUB TO WHICH YOU BELONG
(FOR INSURANCE ACCOUNTING)

PLEASE LIST ANY OTHER CLUBS TO WHICH YOU BELONG:

1. _____

2. _____

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: Alec Schmidt, 116 Bayou Drive, Niceville, FL., 32578
(850) 865-8105 aschmidtmd@aol.com


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.



Keep Dancing, Everyone!!

Arlene



Calendar of Events

January

7 Let It Snow, Lewis Middle School
281 Mississippi Avenue, Valparaiso, FL
Callers: Ted Kennedy, Bob Poyner
Cuers: Terri & Tim Wilaby

7 Snowflake Special
Ocala West United Methodist Church
Callers: Rod Barngrover, Whit Brown

8 West Coast Membership Dance, Strawberry Squares
4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL
Callers: Ron Reardon, Marty Vanwart
Cuers Alice Bubel

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

28 MSRDA South Council Dance
Jackie Dole Sherrill Community Center
220 West Front Street, Hattiesburg, MS
Caller: Ted Kennedy
Cuer: Tim Eum

February

2 Space Coast Winter Fiesta Trail In Dance
Lake Ashton, 4141 Ashton Club Drive, Lake Wales, FL
Callers: Tony Oxendine, Jack Pladdys, John Saunders

3-4 Florida Space Coast Winter Fiesta
Titusville Elks Lodge # 2113, 2955 Columbia Blvd,
Titusville, FL
Caller: Tony Oxendine, Jack Pladdys, John Saunders
Cuers: Glenn & Rosalee Kelly



3-4 39th Annual Mardi Gras Festival
Woolmarket Community Center
16320 Old Woolmarket Road, Biloxi, MS
Callers: Gold Rush (Scott Brown, Shawn Brown, Lisa Minton)
Cuer: Barbara May

12 Sweetheart Ball, Strawberry Squares
4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL
Cuers: Jack & Nell Jenkins

18 Sweetheart Swing, Ragon Hall
2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL
Northwest Callers and Cuers

19 Valentine Dance, Crystal Lake Village Clubhouse
237 Maxwell Drive, Wauchula, FL
Caller: Mike Gormley

19 Valentine's Day Was When?, Briny Breezes Auditorium
500 North Ocean Boulevard, Briny Breezes, FL
Caller: Mike Dougherty, Scotty Scharrer
Cuer: Larry Chatos

March

3-4 48th LA State Convention, Castine Center
63350 Pelican Boulevard, Mandeville, LA
Friday: Paul Cote & Ghost Riders Band
Saturday: LA Callers & Cuers

9-11 Smokey Mountain Ball, Ramada Inn
4010 Parkway, Pigeon Forge, TN
Callers: Johnny Chambers, Jerry Handley, Jim Melton,
Gene Record, Rusty Willoughby
Cuers: Bob & Beverly Casteel

10-11 62nd MS State Convention, Pearl Senior Center
110 Valentour Road, Pearl, MS
Caller: Tony Oxendine
Cuers: David & Linda Holladay



16-18 WASCA 2017, Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel
5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

April

28-29 Spring Fling, Ragon Hall
2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL
Callers: Larry Belcher, Willis Simmons
Cuers: Terri & Tim Wilaby

21-23 Central Association Party Weekend
Deerhaven Retreat & Conference Center
47924 NFS 540-2, Pailsey, FL

May

27-28 Merengue Madness, Ragon Hall
2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL
Cuers: John & Karen Herr

June

4 Billy Bowlegs, PASARDA Hall
17 Industrial Boulevard, Fort Walton Beach, FL
Caller/Cuer: Miriam Merriwether

17-21 Roundalab Convention, Millenium Hotel
150 West Fifth Street, Cincinnati, OH

21-24 NSDC, Cincinnati, OH
<http://66nsdc.com/>

July

16-20 Pride Plus Week, Pride RV Resort
Maggie Valley, NC
Callers: Ted Kennedy, Tony Oxendine

August

3-5 TN State Convention, W. L. Mills Conference Center
234 Historic Nature Trail, Gatlinburg, TN

October

27-28 NWFSRDA Round Up, Ragon Hall
2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL
Callers: Larry Belcher, Darryl McMillan

AGAPE SQUARES NICEVILLE

What is all that music and laughter that you hear?

I do believe it's the sound of people having fun! Agape members certainly demonstrated their fun skills, from dancing with other local square dance clubs, attending out-of-area events, to hosting our own new crop of prospective dancers. The Open House, and new class, saw some youngsters turn out for their first experience at square dancing. They may be starting young, but believe me.....they remember the calls better than some of their elders. Let's hope they continue on and become the next generation of square dancers.



Our fantastic caller, Berlon Graham, loves teaching the younger folks.....and he's been doing it for a long time. Can you believe 53 years of calling? Just imagine how many people Berlon has taught to square dance! This year we celebrated his 80th

birthday. What a great legacy! When asked how much longer he plans to call, his answer is "As long as one square shows up, I'll keep calling." We all wish him many more years.

So, just what does the word "Agape" mean? You can find various definitions, but the one constant in all of them is "love." Here's a great definition: "Agape is a love that gives, a love that does not demand or hold onto rights, but has the good of the other at heart." We, the members of Agape Squares, wish you all the "love" in the world for the New Year!

Come join us.....we would "love" to dance with you!

FLORIDA FEDERATION PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Well the New Year is here and it promises to be an exciting year in the Florida Square Dance community. There are new things effecting the Federation. The first is the Federation elected new officers at the November meeting. The officers are: Presidents – Dennis and Nancy Taylor, Vice Presidents – Ray and Elsa Huddleston, Secretary – Cheryl Miller, Treasurer – Linda Tester, and Parliamentarians – Ed Drexel and Terry Wetherby. If you have any suggestions or recommendations that could improve our activity contact any of the officers or attend one of the Federation meetings. Another new item that affects us is the change in the date of the 2017 Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention from the Memorial Day Weekend to March 24 and 25, 2017. Hopefully we will see a lot of the winter visitors in March that normally have returned north by Memorial Day. Encourage any of the winter visitors you dance with to join you at the convention. Additionally The Space Coast Fiesta will be held in Titusville on February 2 & 3 instead of in January. Also during the year plans will be underway for the 2018 State Convention that will be in Daytona Beach in February. Make your plans with this change in mind. In January some clubs will be starting classes for new dancers. Be sure to support these classes whenever you can. So you can see there are several changes already planned for 2017.

Even though things are changing many things will remain constant. Many clubs will be continuing the classes that started in 2016 and celebrate the graduation these classes. Be sure to encourage the new dancers and support the classes. Another example is the Southeast Association will hold their annual SnowFlake Frolic on January 28th. The Federation will have their annual Working Weekend and benefit dance in Orlando on February 24 and 25. On Sunday after the 2017 State Convention the Federation is scheduled to hold their meeting at the Swan Hotel in Lakeland. The Central Association will be holding their Party Weekend on April 21-23, 2017 to support the 2018 State Convention. The Northwest Association will hold their Roundup on October 27-28, 2017 in Pensacola. The West Coast Association will hold their Fall Fun Fest on November 10 and 11 in Bartow. The Northeast will hold their Fall Festival the following weekend November 17 and 18 in Jacksonville. This will be followed by The Federation Annual meeting after the Fall Festival on Sunday November 19. And of course the many clubs will be holding their regular dances all through the year. . We can't forget that The National Square Dance Convention will be in Cincinnati on June 21-24, 2017. If you haven't been to one you are missing a great time. Now is an excellent time to start a tradition of going to the NSDC each year.

As you can see in the New Year there will be many great opportunities, both new and old, for you to participate in and enjoy. Support these events and promote square dancing all year round.

Your help is needed – as of the writing of this message we don't have volunteers to Chair the 2019 State Convention. Now is the time that this position needs to be filled so the new Chairman can work with the 2018 Chairman and gain an insight into the running of a convention. If we are to have the excellent conventions like those we have had in the past we need you to volunteer now.

See you in a square!

Dennis & Nancy Taylor
Federation Presidents





63rd Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention March 24-25, 2017 “Dance to the Beat With Happy Feet”

Chapter 7

With one last look at the Taj Mahal our adventurous penguins slipped into the Yamuna River and slowly made their way back down to the Indian Ocean and on towards their next destination. Since Pen was so good at planning their trip so far, Gwen trusted him to continue the planning BUT he likes to keep secrets. However, after much teasing and cajoling Pen finally revealed that they were heading towards Tahiti and Bora Bora in particular. This thrilled Gwen as Paul Gauguin, one of her favorite artists, spent his last years on the island, also there is a museum there in his honor. Early on it seems Gauguin had heard that the “most beautiful native” women in the world lived there so he went to find out – he never returned.

Being tired after traveling such a long distance Gwen decided to make some quickie snacks to munch on before retiring. She chose the Taco Fondue* and the Five Cup Salad**, very delicious. Our penguin duo spent several relaxing days on Bora Bora before heading out for a longer stay in Hawaii for the Christmas Holiday. Pen had promised they could spend Christmas there doing all the tourist types of things. They watched the surfers ride those huge waves even tagging along behind them. After all penguins are terrific surfers. They snuck into a Hawaiian Luau one evening to watch the Hula girls and guys do their special kind of dancing and twirling those sticks of fire. And they got their first taste of Poi – not to Gwen’s liking but she just had to try it, all the while a whole pig was roasting, buried in a sand pit. Then they just lounged around on several of the many beautiful beaches and watched the Islanders version of Santa arriving and gift giving.



Gwen had been keeping in touch with several people working on the convention so she was not too surprised to hear from Jack Lewis and Joanne Helton reminding them they must be back for the actual start of the Convention – the Trail End Dance - at the Strawberry Square’s Hall in Plant City on Thursday night, March 23rd. So to attend all 3 nights of dancing, you will need to have reservations at the Imperial Swan Hotel & Suites for 3 nights. They reminded Gwen the phone number was 863-647-3000 and to ask for the “Square Dancers Rate”. It’s only \$59.00 (plus tax) per night. And breakfast is included. And they were reminded too that if you still need an entrance ribbon, look elsewhere in this book for a Registration Form. Then just do what it says: fill it out and send your check to Carol Poole, her address is listed there, also.

Pen & Gwen, our traveling Penguins, are planning to be in Florida somewhere sometime shortly after the start of the New Year. By then a lot of the scheduling and activity planning will be completed so they will have many more exciting things to pass along in their next adventure saga.

Judy Anderson – Narrator

Footnotes: Recipes from Cook Book:

* Taco Fondue Page 16

** Five Cup Salad Page 46



January Shine January 21, 2017



Ted & Nancy Kennedy
Squares



Terri & Tim Wilaby
Rounds

\$5.00 per person

Workshops 12:30—2:30pm AI/A2 Workshop
3:00—5:00pm Round Dance Workshop

\$10.00 per person

7:00—9:30pm Mainstream & Plus Square
Dance alternating with Rounds

AI/A2 sets will be offered during the evening dance

Ragon Hall, 2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL
(850) 712-5230 terriwilaby@hotmail.com



Sweet Heart Swing

18 Feb. 2017

Ragon Hall

2600 Stratford Rd., Pensacola, FL



Presented by Northwest Florida Callers & Cuers

\$5.00 per person



Schedule of Events

2-5 pm Alternating Mainstream/Plus/Rounds

5-5:30 Advanced Tips

Light Refreshments Provided





SEASIDE SQUARES PENSACOLA

We had a wonderful time at the Raise the Roof dance in October. Ted Kennedy did a wonderful job and we really enjoyed the duet he did with his wife, Nancy. Fran Keller also did a wonderful job, pinch hitting for Terri Wilaby due to her foot surgery.

November and December were kind of quiet with all the holiday preparations being made. We hope everyone was able to spend time with family or friends.

Our class is moving along quite nicely. We only have five students but they are very enthusiastic learners. Thanks to everyone who has come out to help the students have a great time.

Our big event this past quarter was the Toys For Tots dance on December 6. We only had three squares of dancers, but they were most generous and provided about 30 toys. We had a few people who were not able to attend who provided monetary donations. When we combined what was received at the door, we were able to add slightly over \$500.00 to the toys collected!! Thanks to Larry Belcher and Terri Wilaby, who donated their talents to entertain the dancers.



Congratulations to the new officers of Seaside Squares:

President Tim Wilaby
Vice President Deecee Haslett
Treasurer Dave Henn
Secretary Ann Brown

Thank you for continuing in your offices for another year!

Monthly calendars can be found on our website:

www.ragonhall.com

Dancing of some sort can be found almost any night of the week. Square dancing, round dancing, free-style dancing and concerts are a regular occurrence in the hall

Please join us as Ragon Hall hosts the January Shine, Sweet-heart Swing, and Spring Fling in the next couple of months. Information can be found in the calendar section of the Press or on the Florida Federation website calendar.





63rd Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention March 24-25, 2017 “Dance to the Beat With Happy Feet”

Chapter 8

It was time to move on towards Florida, Pen and Guin’s final destination, after a wonderful Christmas Holiday and having a fabulous New Year’s Eve Celebration in Hawaii! So it was plop plop and into the water they went, heading towards Florida and the Convention. After riding the ups and downs of the Panama Canal Locks they finally left the Pacific Ocean and in the Gulf of Mexico and were headed towards the shore of Florida. Pen, our navigator, was hoping they would land in Tampa Bay – and they did.

After the long journey from Hawaii to Florida, Guin decided to make something really special for their first evening ashore. Grabbing her trusty “What Should I Bring To The Dance” Cook Book she decided that since there were fresh mango’s available, she would make one of her (and Pen’s) favorite recipes – Mango Bread* and serve it with another favorite, Cocktail Meatballs**. Then for desert she decided on Grandma’s Rice Pudding***. It seems that everything taste better now that they were back in Florida.

Since Pen and Guin have landed they headed straight towards Lakeland, they decided they really had time to help a little with the preparations. They contacted several committee chairmen to find out where best they be of help. First contacted was Carol Poole, registration chairman, who said that sales were going pretty smoothly and still has a few entrance ribbons. But she also related that she could use a little help in the registration booth during the day if anyone would like to help her. Contact 386-734-5295 or email: rpoole19@cfl.rr.com to volunteer.

And here's Pen's favorite committee as he is good at giving out "yellow rocks" – Hospitality!

Anita Taylor needs more people interested in being greeters at both hall entrances. Contact her at 904-272-6551. BUT the most important commitment they could make would be to be at the Convention Center at 8:30 AM on Friday morning, March 24th to help decorate the many halls being used.

Guin checked with the Imperial Swan Hotel & Suites (our HOST hotel) and found out there are some square dancers rooms still available. In the mean time Pen was trying to find out about camping arrangements on the Convention Center grounds. Here's what he learned about camping on the grounds. It will be \$35.00 a day dry camping and they can accommodate up to 20 rigs. Contact Paul and Marilyn Scott, Camping Chairmen, if you need more information. Call them at 904-264-9392 or email them: mjanescott@bellsouth.net.

They just found out that the "Fun Hall" will be the most exciting place to be again this year, and on both nights, too. There will be "Hot Hash" again with Whit and Rod who are planning to keep everyone really moving fast and furious, maybe even exhausting the real die-hards. And "Dangle Dances" – always a favorite place to be even if you don't seriously collect dangles. Then on Saturday afternoon there will be the "Last Square Standing". This is becoming a very challenging and very interesting activity, so grab a square of your friends and try this out. Of course, there will be the usual Advance Dancing, DBD Dancing and lots and lots of Round Dancing from Phase II to Phase IV teaches with possibly even a Phase V. And a couple of halls will just be continuous round dancing, no teaches.

Of course, Pen and Guin always like to visit the Vendors. Pen enjoys browsing around Susie-Q's table to see what's new there. She always has something intriguing to tempt you while Guin, who seems to be always in the "need" for something new to wear, can be found at the Sew-Em-Up Fashions Vendor. Several other vendors will be there to entice you too.

Since the Fire Tablet 8 was given away at the Fall Fun Fest in Bartow, Guin has learned of two new "money makers" to help

defray the expenses of this convention. One is a fabulous \$500.00 CASH Prize to be given on Saturday evening and the other is a beautifully designed hand made quilt being raffled off also on Saturday.

It's very plain to see that this will be one of the best State Square Dance Conventions with so many wonderful adventures awaiting for everyone who attends. Our little Penguin Friends, Pen and Guin, have had a great time sharing their adventures with you and they hope to see you there from the Thursday nights Trail-End Dance at the Strawberry Squares Hall in Plant City on through the weekend of great dancing and planned entertainment. Be sure to see the 2018 Conventions Kick-Off on Saturday evening. See what is be planned for next year by Lewis and Linda Wassserman, the General Chairmen.

"REMEMBER TO DANCE TO THE BEAT WITH HAPPY FEET"

Judy Anderson – Narrator

Foot Notes:

- *Recipe for Mango Bread, Page 66
- ** Recipe for Cocktail Meatballs, Page 152
- *** Recipe for Grandma's Rice Pudding, Page 156



**DANCING DOLPHINS
FORT WALTON BEACH**

No report



The Panhandle Press had to replace the color laser printer this last quarter. We had purchased the printer back in 2008. I think getting 8 ½ years from the machine was quite exceptional. Especially since we produced so many pages each year.

However, this also means we have tapped most of our funds. Since ads are not being placed in the Press as much our funds have been very limited. Most of what we do receive in revenue goes to supplies and postage.

We have trimmed our expenses quite a bit by going to electronic copies to almost everyone. There are still about 50 copies being printed each issue, though. Complimentary copies and those who do not have email means printed copies only. Then there are the printed copies needed for the National and state square dance conventions as proof of advertising. (We did try electronic copies one year. It did not work out.)

Please consider advertising your next event in the Press. Or better yet, join Larry Belcher in placing a year-long business ad. Rates can be found in the front of the Press on page 7.



"Square Dancing 101" - Elementary Edition

Square Dancing 101 is a comprehensive workbook designed for teachers or youth group leaders who want to teach Modern Western Square Dancing to their class or youth group. While targeted at a younger audience, this manual can be utilized by any age group wanting to learn the basic square dance movements - even adults!

The 3-ring binder/manual includes:

- Written instructions for teaching the basic square dance movements, broken down into 8 easy lessons that can be further broken down into up to three additional sessions. Text is supplemented by photographs and diagrams to show proper set-ups and dancer positioning.
- 3 CD set with lessons and reviews prepared by a professional square dance caller using high-energy, hip music enjoyed by children and adults alike.
- 1 Bonus CD featuring additional reviews and dance music.
- History of Square Dancing informational article - supplement your Social Studies program!
- Information and resources for locating square dance clubs throughout California and the United States.
- Scholarship Information for youth square dancers.
- Information on the California Youth Square Dance Competition, held annually in April. Open to any youth square dancers, youth groups or school teams.
- Information on organizing and maintaining a youth square dance group.

"Square Dancing 101" Workbook is \$49 ea. (+ 7.25% Sales Tax = \$52.55 ea.) plus \$10 Shipping



66th National Square Dance Convention

"Do the Queen City Scene in 2017"

June 21, 22, 23, 24, 2017 Cincinnati, Ohio

Online Registration - [Website: 66nsdc.org](http://Website:66nsdc.org)

For Convention Use Only
 Registration # _____
 Date Received _____
 Check # _____



Please identify at which Dance Program you intend to spend most of your time dancing
 Squares: New dancer M P DBD HI Energy A1 A2 C1 C2
 Rounds: 2 3/4 5/6
 Other: Contra Line Dancing/Western Handicap Low Energy Squares (Slower Paced Dancing)

Will you be participating in the Leadership Certification Program? Yes No

HOUSING

Complete the housing portion of this form below or book direct at <http://groups.reservetravel.com/group.aspx?id=17057>

Housing Required? YES NO Please Circle Room Nights Needed:

June	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun

Hotel Preference (hotel codes on back): 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ 4th _____
 Please check the appropriate box: One Bed (1-2 people) 2 Beds (2-4 people)
 Preference: Non-Smoking Smoking Wheelchair Accessible Room
 Special Hotel Room Needs: _____

Requests for Shared Rooms or Same Hotel registrations must be mailed together in the same envelope. Same Hotel is: _____

For Assignment in Block Housing - Requests are due by Jan 1, 2017

Block Housing - 10-25 rooms _____ E-Mail: _____
 Block Leader Name: _____ Phone: _____

TO GUARANTEE YOUR ROOM RESERVATIONS, YOU MUST PROVIDE A CREDIT CARD NUMBER

AND PAY A \$3.50 CONVENIENCE FEE. PAYMENT FOR THE ROOM WILL BE CHARGED AT CHECK IN
 Visa Master Card Discover Card

Print Name On Card _____ Security Code _____
 Credit Card # _____
 Expiration Date: _____

Return Form with payment to:
 66th NSDC Registration & Housing Committee
 2555 S. Drive Drive, Suite 234, Kettering, OH 45409

Individuals name to be programmed - Callers/Cueers/Etc. (If your expertise is to be programmed)

Name: _____
 Caller & Level (M P DBD A C) Caller & Level (2 3/4 5/6)
 Caller for Youth Contra Prompter CW Lines Instructor
 Exhibition Group Educator Handicap
 * Go to www.66nsdc.com to update your profile.*

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
 Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Country: _____ Cell: _____ Federation _____
 Phone: _____

Registrations are non-transferable
 Request for Refund: _____
 Youth born after June 24, 1959 \$30.00, 5 and under - born after June 24, 2012, Free admission.
 A \$10.00 fee per Registrant will be imposed for cancellations or changes.
 Prices will increase May 1, 2017 to: \$75 for adults, \$37.50 for Youth born after June 24, 1989
 Registrations received after April 30, 2017, e-mail confirmation only.

For badges	First Name	Last Name	Subtotals
Adult:	_____	_____	_____
Adult/Child:	_____	_____	_____
Adult/Child:	_____	_____	_____
Adult/Child:	_____	_____	_____
Conventions	_____	_____	_____
Program Book widely schedules (\$15.00 after 4/30/2017)	_____	_____	_____
Syllabus: <input type="checkbox"/> Rounds <input type="checkbox"/> Contra	_____	_____	_____
On CD: <input type="checkbox"/> Rounds <input type="checkbox"/> Contra	_____	_____	_____
Syllabus and CD	_____	_____	_____
Sew & Save Book - "Sew with the Flow" <input type="checkbox"/> CD <input type="checkbox"/> Book	_____	_____	_____
Cookbook - "Queen City Cookbook"	_____	_____	_____
Wednesday Special Event, Dinner & Show "American Kings"	_____	_____	_____
Camper Bus Pass - 4 days (See reverse) (\$60 After 4/30/17)	_____	_____	_____
RV Camping - (4 nights minimum/pricing on reverse side)	_____	_____	_____
Tours - Please see reverse for details & instructions.	_____	_____	_____
Tours Total	_____	_____	_____

No Refunds/Cancellations after April 30, 2017 (U.S. Funds) Total _____

	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	

ALL campers MUST pre-register. You will receive a profile form when your payment is received To camp together, arrive together.

Check Enclosed Visa Master Card Discover Card

Print Name On Card _____
 Credit Card # _____ Security Code _____
 Expiration Date: _____

Registration - Vickie Stewart #: 517-256-1533 E-mail: resandhsingchair66@gmail.com

66th Convention Badges REQUIRED at all times. Dressy Casual Attire allowed until 6:00 pm. Proper Square Dance Attire is Required After 6:00 pm for all Dancers.

Instructions for Registration (left side)

1. **Print legibly** all names, addresses, city, state, zip code, country, and B/D of youth (age 5-17 by 6/21/2017) -1/2 price) to ensure correct registration. Please include all hotel room numbers including registration fee for each dancer plus quantity and amount for all other materials and tours.
 2. **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.
 3. **Correctly calculate the Total** and include credit card information (with signature), check or money order payable in U.S. funds to the 66th National Square Dance Convention* and return it with the Registration Form.
 4. **Do Not Spend Cash. No Single Day Registrations Sold.**
 5. **No Camping, no Bed & Breakfast, no Car Camping on your registration Form, and neither the required fees (four night fee, 66th NSDC fee, 66th National Square Dance Convention fee, and 66th National Square Dance Convention fee) will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. There are 30 amps, 8.50-amp electrical service with water, some full hookups, Free Dump station available to registered guests; if you plan to camp together, you must arrive together. For more information contact RV Vice-Chairman, Ross Williams: ross.williams@icloud.com, Cell phone: 517-812-1832.**
 6. **Bus Pass for 66th registered campers only. Price after 4/30/17 will be \$60.**
 7. **Tour Forms and Payments** are to be mailed directly to: 66th National Square Dance Convention* 2555 S. Olive Drive, Suite 234, Kettering, OH 45409. For more information and form go to www.66nsdc.com
 8. A \$10.00 fee per registrant will be assessed for cancellation. **No refunds after April 30, 2017.**
- Instructions for Housing (right side)**
1. The 66th NSDC Housing Committee is partnering with Cincinnati USA Convention & Visitors Bureau to provide website access for housing reservations. Complete the housing portion on the right side of the front of this form. This form must be received by April 1, 2017 to receive the 66th NSDC contracted room rates; if you request housing at hotel codes 1-5, you must stay a minimum of four (4) nights, including Wednesday through Saturday, June 21-24, 2017.
 2. Only one person per room should complete a hotel reservation request on the front of this form. Please include the name and phone number of the person who will be staying in the room. Shared rooms or same hotel requests can be made through the online site or registrations must be in the same envelope and mailed to arrive together.
 3. All Block Housing requests staying in same hotel are due by January 1, 2017 submitted with name and telephone number of Leader to Brenda Howard, Housing Vice-Chairman, at Housing66NSDC@yahoo.com
 4. Indicate three (3) choices of housing preference, by specifying hotel code number; Be sure to indicate 1 or 2 beds as well as preference; Hotels will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis according to availability.
 5. **Hotel Reservations: Your reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card and a \$35.00 conference fee.** Hotel Reservations will not be assigned for the room in advance of arrival and an alternative form of payment may be presented at check-in.
 6. **Hotel Confirmations:** You will receive a hotel confirmation via email or mail, if you do not receive your confirmation within 21 days, please contact the 66th NSDC Housing Committee by: (a) email: Housing66NSDC@yahoo.com; (b) phone: 937-221-8192; (c) mail Registration/Housing 66NSDC, 2555 S. Olive Drive, Suite 234, Kettering, OH 45409 through April 1, 2017.
 7. **Hotel Changes:** After receiving Hotel Confirmation, if you need to change your Hotel reservation you must contact the 66th Housing Committee by the information provided above in #7. The policies vary for each hotel cancellation. Your confirmed hotel will assess a one-night room/tax charge for cancellations.
 8. **Hotel cancellations:** Your confirmed hotel will assess a one-night room/tax charge for cancellations received less than 72 hours prior to arrival.
 9. **Hotel Early Departure:** 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.
 10. **Hotel Early Departure:** 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 "Queen City Board Team" of the 66th 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 (517) 256-1533 or Email: regandhsh@chairs66@gmail.com*

Map of Hotels



Code	Hotel Name	King Suite	Standard King	Standard /Queen 2 beds	Distance
1	Millennium (Headquarters / Caller Crier)	NA	\$155	\$155	Shywalk
2	Hilton	NA	\$161	\$161	1 Block
3	Hyatt	NA	\$164	\$164	Across St.
4	Homewood Suites	\$159	\$149	\$149	2 Blocks
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CAMPROUNDS:

Code	Bus service available for campers only	Price
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Ragon Hall
2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL 32526
(850) 944-0322

Mondays

Available

Tuesdays

Beginner Rounds 7:00—9:00 pm

Instructor: Tim/Terri Wilaby (850) 712-5230, terriwilaby@hotmail.com

Wednesdays

Intermediate Rounds 7:00—9:00 pm

Instructor: Tim/Terri Wilaby (850) 712-5230, terriwilaby@hotmail.com

Thursdays

Gulf Coast A's A1/A2 Square Dance Club 7:00—9:00 pm

Caller: Bob Poyner (850) 834-3548, bnapoy@gtcom.net

Fridays

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

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

timwilaby@hotmail.com

Saturdays

Assorted activities, see our calendar @

<http://www.floridasquaredance.com/ragonhall/index.html>

Sundays

Beginner's round dance class 1:30—3:30 pm

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T-N-T Rounds 3:30—5:30 pm

Cuer: Tim/Terri Wilaby (850) 712-5230, terriwilaby@hotmail.com

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TNT ROUNDS PENSACOLA

I would like to start this article off with a BIG thank you to everyone who helped us out this past quarter. From those of you who sat with me after my foot surgery or cooked us those wonderful dinners, to the ones who graciously drove me home from work (once I was able to get there!). A very heartfelt thanks to Fran Keller for assisting with the Foxtrot class and Bryan Gerdes for filling in when we couldn't be there. This has truly been an experience.

However, with that said, we did have a very nice end of the year. We were able to attend the Thanksgiving dinner/dance put on the Belles and Bouys in Gulfport, MS. A wonderful time was had by all as we joined square dance caller Nick Hartley.



Shortly thereafter was the Toys For Tots dance in Pensacola sponsored by Seaside Squares. It was such a joy to see the four marines join in the fun. We even

snagged Nanette Smith and Cricket Durkin for a couple of the sets. You know, they don't do too bad. After all, it's just another rhythm, right?





We rounded out the year with the Foxtrot graduation and our Christmas party. It brought tears to my eyes to see so many dancers on the floor! We were missing a few of the graduates, but they will be able to take their test after the new year.



After a nice rest we will be starting with beginner's Two-step just after the new year. Along with the benefit dance in Valparaiso and the January Shine, January is shaping up to be quite busy. Then there is the Sweetheart Swing in February. Flyers for both dances are in this issue of the Press. We sure hope some of you will support the local dances as well as the ones requiring travel.

Then it's off to the Florida State Square and Round Dance convention. Remember the date has changed and it is going to be in March this year, not May. We would like to encourage new dancers to attend. There will be halls for round dancers from Phase II-IV and square dance halls for Mainstream, Plus and A1/A2 fun. Speaking of fun, don't forget the "Last Square" challenge and all the fun dangles to be earned. It really is a fun-packed weekend.

63rd Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention



“Dance to the beat with Happy Feet”

Trail End Dance

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Strawberry Square
4401 Promenade Blvd
Plant City, FL 33563

Squares Performed by:

Caller: Jack Lewis

63rd FSSRDC Caller Chairman

Caller: Bill Chesnut

63rd FSSRDC Assl. Caller Chairman



Rounds Performed by:

Cuer: Joanne Helton

63rd FSSRDC Cuer Chairman

Cuer: Chuck Ryall

Fort Pierce, Florida

Cost: Donation

Early Rounds: 7:30 – 8:00 pm

Squares: 8:00 – 10:00 pm

Caller will call to the floor.

Mainstream, Plus & Advanced with Rounds between tips.

Special “Thanks” to the Strawberry Square for donating their building!

See Map on back of flyer to assist with directions

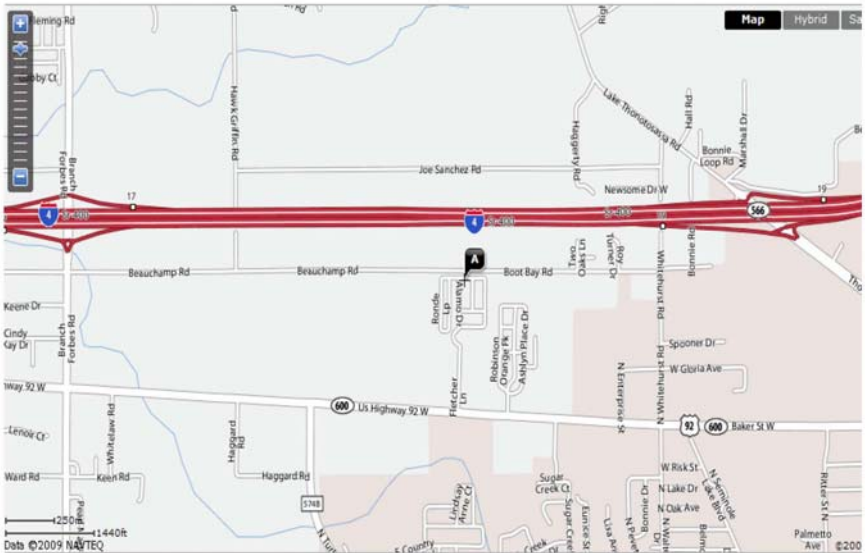


For More Information Contact: Ray & Elsa Huddleston, Convention General Chairman

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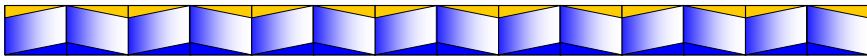
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Directions: I-4 to Exit 17 (Branch Forbes Rd),
about one block South to Beauchamp Road,
left for one mile to trailer park on right.

Strawberry Square
4401 Promenade Blvd
Plant City, FL 33563-1354



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PRESIDENT: DAVE & SHERRY RICHARDS----- (850) 784-6983
BUILDING MANAGER: JOE MCLENDON----- (850) 769-4218

SUNDAY---GRAND SQUARE ROUNDS

Beginner Class 2:00 - 3:30 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: Ed Gannaway----- (850) 630-4180

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 - 7:00PM
Squares & Rounds 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Contact: Jim & Mary Riley----- (850) 871-2955
Caller: Hugh Gibbs
Cuer: Sandy Sturgis
Lines: Julie Gray

FRIDAY---BALLROOM DANCING

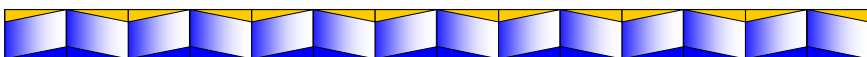
Ballroom with Basic Lesson 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Instructors: Dirk & Trisha----- (850) 277-0566

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 OWNED & OPERATED BY DANCERS OF THE PANAMA CITY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION, A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION DEDICATED TO PRESERVING OUR SQUARE & ROUND DANCE HERITAGE.



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**THE FOLLOWING HOTELS AND MOTELS SUPPORTED
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Imperial Swan Hotel & Suites

4141 South Florida Avenue
Lakeland, Florida 33813
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**\$59.00 + tax Ask for Square Dance Rate
(Price includes 2 free breakfasts each morning)**

Ramada Lakeland Hotel	863-688-8080
Comfort Inn & Suites - Lakeland	863-859-0100
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Travelodge – Hwy 98 N - Lakeland	863-858-4481
Lakeland Carefree RV Resorts	863-687-6146

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Registration Form

**63rd Florida State
Square and Round Dance Convention**



**March 24 & 25, 2017
The Lakeland Center
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Advanced Registration

May 28, 2016 thru March 23, 2017 \$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 16th birthday by April 1st, 2017 will be admitted at HALF PRICE when pre-registering for the full program on or before the March 24th cutoff date

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

Please Note

Mail in registrations received after March 8, 2017; 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 9:00 a.m. on Friday, March 24, 2017

1 day ribbons sold at the Box Office

Make checks payable to: 63rd FSDC and mail to:

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Deland, FL 32720

Phone: 386-734-5295
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March 24 & 25, 2017

63rd 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 # _____

**The Florida Federation of Square & Round Dancers
invite all dancers to**



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

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