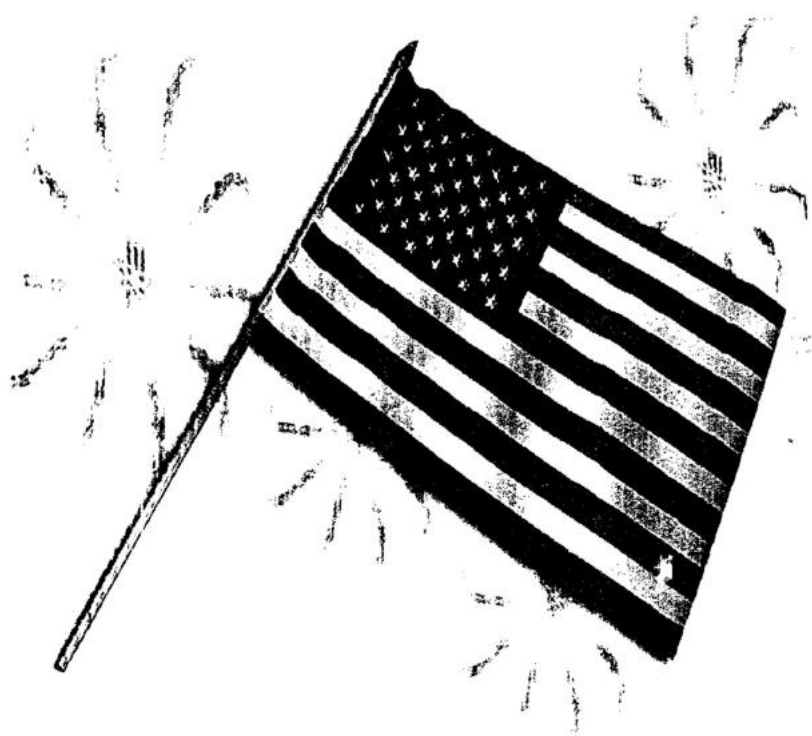


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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The 51st Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention was a lot of fun, as usual, with all sorts of dancing. Northeast is to be congratulated for hosting a great convention.

Again, I would like to remind you that Northwest is hosting the 53rd state convention in 2007. We really need your help to make this a success. When Tim and Terri Wilaby ask you to help out, please say yes. Also, please make plans to attend the 52nd convention next May 26, 27, & 28. If you have not registered to attend, please do so. It would be great if we could have a good representation from Northwest. This time it is very important, because our association's kickoff will be Sunday night. Tim and Terri would like to have at least three squares for our kickoff activity.

There is a financial advantage to registering early for the next convention. Through October 31, the tickets are \$23.00 per person, and the prices will increase to \$25.00 per person through April 30, 2006, and to \$27.00 at the door. If you register early, and find that you cannot make it, your money will be refunded.

At the Florida Federation meeting on May 29, the problem of the Associations that are having difficulty was discussed again. A committee has been formed to make recommendations concerning reorganizing the Florida Federation if one or more associations fail. Of course, we all hope this does not happen, but we must be prepared. It does appear that the Federation is moving toward the concept of a true STATE convention, in which all of the Associations participate each year, after 2009.

We are thankful that Arlene was a minimal storm. The Pensacola Twirlers did not have to cancel their Fiesta of Five Flags Dance on June 11, but DeLuna and his court elected not to participate because of possible heavy rains. It was a good dance anyway, though.

We certainly appreciate the way Rodney Ryals is keeping us informed about the dances and classes being held in our area. Thanks, Rodney.

Our next Northwest Association meeting will be August 20 at Ragon Hall in Pensacola. This will be an important meeting, with election of officers for next year.

See you in a square.

Dave Henn



2007 State Convention

The 53rd Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention would like to thank everyone for their support at the Billy Bowlegs and Fiesta Dances. Over \$700 was raised between these two events.

Congratulations to those who were the successful bidders in our silent auction. They are: Jack Laruso, Darryl McMillian, Bob Taft, Deecee Haslett, June Leverette, Joan Koile, Jerry Williamson, Cheryl Miller, Kathryn Marshall, Jack Busch, Patty Ping, and Jim Walters. A special thanks to Mr. Jack Laruso for his most generous donation of his prints.

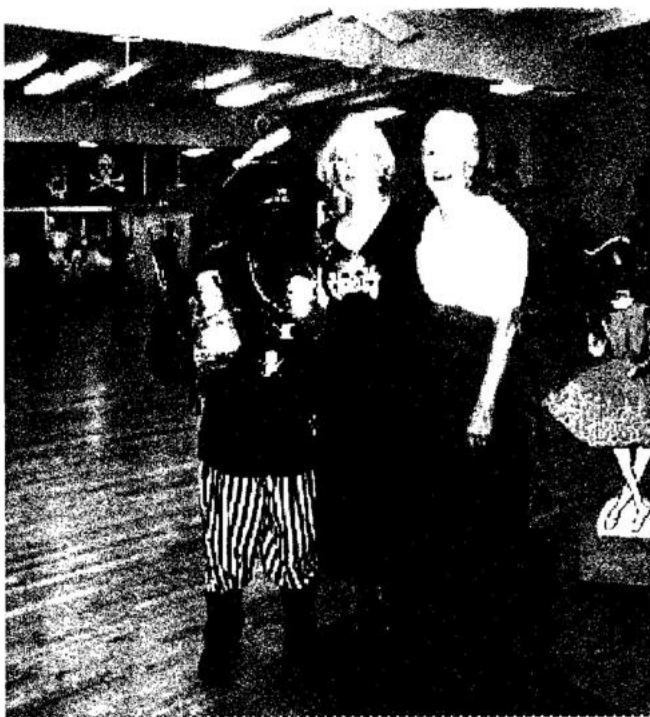
Look for more baskets at future dances. To make a donation of a basket, please contact Cheryl Miller or Terri Wilaby.

Many of you met Pinky at Billy Bowlegs. We are still in need of volunteers to help with the kick off in 2006. If you can help, please contact either Paul and Cheryl Miller or Tim and Terri Wilaby.

PASARDA Hall - Ft. Walton Beach, FL

PASARDA held it's 46th Annual Billy Bowlegs Festival dance at PASARDA Hall on June 3rd and 4th. Darryl McMillan called the Squares and June Leverette cued the Rounds. Everyone had a great time. Cheryl and I even attended June & Frank's Round Dance Workshop. What a great time that was!

The 2007 State Convention Committee held two fundraisers at the dance. The first was a silent auction of five "theme" baskets. The second featured a visit from our local pirate Flamingo Flynn; who (for a price) made evil doers "Walk the plank, aaaarrrrrhhhh".



The month of July will bring summer fun to the Fort Walton Beach area! Ice Cream Social on July 9th, Willis Simmons will call this afternoon dance from 2:00 – 5:00 pm. Bill Vanhoeson, will make our "Watermelon Bash" party on July 23rd from 2:00 – 5:00 pm. August & September will follow July and we will continue the "Summer Fun", come out to see what crazy themes we have come up with! Please check the Panhandle Press calendar for dance schedule at PASARDA Hall. For more information: e.miller@mchsi.com.

Submitted by Paul & Cheryl Miller



Another victim Walking the plank at the Billy Bowlegs Dance.

DANCER OF THE YEAR

I would like to take this opportunity to say a great big thank you to the Dancer of the Year committee of 2004 for electing me Dancer of the Year for 2004-2005. It is an honor as well as a very humbling experience to have your name called as the winner from all the other qualified nominees and an experience that will not soon be forgotten.

Later, I was asked to be the Chairman for the 2005-2006 Dancer of the Year. Therefore, in the near future, each club will be receiving information, from their representative of the four areas in the Northwest Florida Square and Round Dance Association. These representatives are: Betty Kearney – Panama City area, Christina Hansen – Ft. Walton Beach area, Ann and Norman Booth – Tallahassee area and Joan Koile – Pensacola area.

Ann Brown, Chairman DOY 2005

Capital Twirlers - Tallahassee, FL

This quarter has been mostly one of regular dancing enjoyment. Elmer, Jack and Fran and Jim continue to do their usual great job of calling and cueing. The Tallahassee area has been in a bit of a turmoil for some clubs. Elmer and Peter have been calling for the Quincy Curlee Q's since before Christmas while Robert has been trying to recuperate. Then Peter had major health problems and is not in a rehab center. So, in May a group from the Capital Twirlers danced with the Quincy group and invited them to come dance with us when they can. The same invitation was extended to the Whirlaways. We have been enjoying all our visitors from these clubs and we hope that soon everybody will be in great health again....including some of our members and former members.

Our annual picnic was discussed but so far no decisions. Since it is so warm already, maybe it is best we wait till later. Many dancers are heading off on vacations. It seems that even tho lots of us are "retarded" we still seem to think vacations are best in the summertime. Hopefully we can find places to dance during this time and we certainly hope that anyone traveling our way will come dance with our nice friendly group. Remember, Monday's, 7:30 till 9:30 at the Tallahassee Senior Center. Our callers are excellent. We have a beautiful wood floor and we love to meet new people and old dancing buddies. Hope to see ya soon.

Submitted by Rose Blackburn

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 *Welcome* 

Ice Cream Social



Come dance with us to support the 2007 State Convention on September 17 at Pasarda Hall. Early rounds with June Leverette and Bryan Gerdes will be from 7 until 7:45pm. Squares with alternating rounds will be from 8 until 10pm courtesy of Patty Ping and Bob Poyner.



Ice cream will be served promptly at 8:30pm. For more information, call Tim at 712-0490 or Terri at 712-4772.

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2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

- 9 Ice Cream Social - PASARDA Hall, Ft Walton, FL
Mainstream/Plus/Advanced 2:00 - 5:00 PM
Caller: Willis Simmons
- 15-16 July Jamboree - Ragon Hall, Pensacola, FL
Caller: Tony DiGeorge & Cuer Barbara Mays
- 23 Watermelon Bash- PASARDA Hall, Ft Walton, FL
Mainstream/Plus 2:00 - 5:00 PM
Caller: Bill VanHoesen

August

- 5-6 Dynamite Weekend - Pensacola, FL
Callers Bob Poyner & Tim Miller
Cuer: June Leverette
- 13 Saturday Dance - PASARDA Hall, Ft Walton, FL
Mainstream/Plus (850-929-6688 for time)
Caller: Chuck Myers
- 20 Ragon Hall Anniversary Dance - Pensacola, FL
Caller: Darryl McMillan
Cuer: Paul Hutchinson
- 27 Saturday Dance - PASARDA Hall, Ft Walton, FL
Mainstream/Plus (850-929-6688 for time)
Caller: Berlon Graham

September

- 10 Saturday Dance - PASARDA Hall, Ft Walton, FL
Mainstream/Plus /Advanced (850-929-6688 for time)
Caller: Bob Poyner
- 17 Fundraiser for 2007 State Convention - PASARDA Hall,
Ft Walton, FL
Mainstream/Plus/Advanced 7:00 - 10:30 PM
Callers: Northwest Florida Callers & Cuers

October

- 21 & 22 DeFuniak Springs Community Center - DeFuniak Springs, FL
Callers: Pob Poyner, Stan Sullivan
Cuer: Jack Bremmer

December

- 31 Ragon Hall Anniversary Dance - Pensacola, FL
Callers: Pob Poyner, Stan Sullivan
Cuer: Jack Bremmer

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF SINGLE SQUARE & ROUND DANCERS

We have just returned from the 51st Florida State Convention in Lakeland. We had a great time, as we always do. This year instead of a full scale grand march with all the dancers, there was a mini-grand march due to the fact that we did not rent the arena. In the mini-grand march, one square from each of the seven Florida associations participated. The seven associations include Northeast, Northwest, Central, Southeast, West Coast, FASSRD and Campers. Each association carried their banner during the march. After the march, the rest of the dancers were invited to join us on the floor for the first tip. Singles have been asking for a singles hall with rounds and squares. Well, we will we had one on Friday night with rounds and squares. There were about six or seven squares most of the evening.

I hope we will have good representation from Florida again for the SSDUSA National Singles Dance-A-Rama in Columbus, Ohio over the Labor Day Weekend. We now have ribbons to sell in Florida. Please contact me if you need to register.

Signed contracts have been received from Joe Fioretti, Whit Brown and the Griffins for our annual Single Rama in Sebring in October. We will also have a vendor for the weekend and our DJ's, John Dean and Anne Oliver, will be back with us.

In 2006, Florida will be hosting the 15th Fuzzy Navel Dance in Jekyll Island, Georgia. Jim Cosman, who calls for Seabreeze Singles in Jacksonville, will be the caller and Misty Hannah from Alabama will be the cuer. I am pleased to report that I have been able to negotiate with the Holiday Inn to allow us to bring finger foods into the dance hall for the after parties. We were not able to do this last year, and although alternate arrangements were made so that we could have finger foods it was very inconvenient having to go up the elevator for refreshments and then come back down for the after party. I think everyone will be pleased with these new arrangements. PLEASE NOTE: WE HAVE HAD TO CHANGE THE WEEKEND AT THE REQUEST OF THE HOTEL. THE NEW DATES ARE MARCH 24 & 25, 2006.

For information or questions about these dances or any other singles activities, please feel free to contact me at any time at pgreen@squaredancing.org or 863-967-5004. You can also visit our website at www.floridadancing.com/fassrd.

Keep dancing and stay safe!

Penny Green, President

CHAUTAUQUA SQUARES - DeFuniak Sprinks, FL

The Chautauqua Squares have changed their night of dancing to Tuesday nights. The club will be dancing the first and third Tuesday nights 7:30 P.M. till 9:30 P.M., the months of June, July, and August.

The Chautauqua Squares changed there night of dancing so that Louie and Wilma could visit all those clubs dancing on Monday nights, because they are Vice President of the Northwest Florida Association. Our club felt the need to support the clubs in Northwest Florida by helping them fulfill their obligation and commitment to the association.

The club will resume its regular Tuesday night of dancing weekly 7:00P.M. till 9:30P.M., in September. We are looking forward to a great class come September.

The Chautauqua Squares want to wish everyone a happy and safe summer, and happy square dancing.

Submitted by Secretary - Mary Hutcheson-Jones

DANCE-A-ROUNDS - Panama City, FL

Not much going on this summer, as we are away a lot. We do dance every Wednesday when we're in town. 6:30 for EZ level followed by Intermediate level at 8 PM. Call 850-784-7780 before coming as we hate to have folks come to an empty hall.

We will start a new class on September 7th in hopes of bringing some new dancers into our activity. If you know any folks looking for round dance lessons, send them our way. We need new dancers and any support is most appreciated.

Have a great summer, everyone.

Bill & Madelyn

SWINGING SQUARES - Panama City, FL

Summer is here but it is never too hot for dancing in air conditioned Grand Square Hall!

Lots of our dancers are on vacation however you will find either Jack White, Ernie Griffin or Bob Poyner on the mike. Even though Bill Bovard and Madelyn will be traveling much of the summer round dancing will still be on the program. Sandy Sturgis, a long time square dancer, has taken the challenge of cueing. She has new equipment, a variety of music and is learning to put us through the steps. Bill is pleased that we will be able to continue round dancing while he is on vacation.

Our dancers participated in a Western Day at one of the local nursing homes. Several former dancers are residents there so it was wonderful to see them. Jack White was our caller for the program. Another "Dancing Demo" for one of the local Day Care facilities in the near future.

On the weekend of August 27 and 28, Bob Poyner has volunteered to hold plus classes for anyone who would like to join the fun. Jack White will join the calling staff Saturday morning, afternoon and evening. Sunday afternoon's dancing will end with a Bar-B-Que. You can brush up or learn plus calls for only \$20 per dancer.

Call 784-6983 for more information.

Special "theme" nights for the next few months include: Men's Night in the Kitchen, and A Red, White and Blue Celebration. Our dancers look forward to the variety this adds to regular dances..

Swinging Squares helped raise funds for Northwest Florida's turn at hosting the 2007 Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention. We donated a basket that was one of those auctioned at the annual June Billy Bowlegs dance in Fort Walton Beach.

We look forward to hosting two "Open House" events in September. Our last class continues to be active Swinging Squares dancers.

If you are traveling this summer, be safe. If you come our way remember.. the welcome mat is always out at Grand Square Hall, 11th and Bob Little Road. You will find us there every Tuesday night from 7:30 to 9:30

Hope to see you soon,

Betty Kearney, PR Chairman

52TH Florida State Convention
Lakeland Florida
June 26, 27 and 28, 2005

We are now on the Web.

If anyone needs information about our convention or cannot find a registration form, send them to www.floridadanceweb.com and if they scroll down the left-hand side they will find a link to our convention website and it has a link where they can download a copy of the registration form.

Carole & Garland

CAPITAL ROUNDS - Tallahassee, FL

Since the Merry Mates Round Dance Club has disbanded, all dancers have been invited to join us on our regular Tuesday nights. Fran and Jim have been cueing easier level dances from 6 till 7:30 and then ask all of us to stay from 7:30 till 9:30 to learn and practice higher level dances. Fran has great dances for us and both she and Jim are quite willing to help anyone in any way. Sound interesting? Why not visit and see how you like us? We're at the Tallahassee Senior Center, great wood floor, art on the walls and nice people. Fran is going "high-tech" by programming her dances on the computer. Really great?

Most of the higher level dancers (along with Fran and Jim) spent a week in Fontana learning new dances. Exhausting, yes, but also great fun. Now they want to rest of us to join them!

Fran and Jim have also been to a few weekends where they taught dances to other clubs, the Dixie Round Dance Council and even taught a dance to a group of cuers. Perry net, huh?

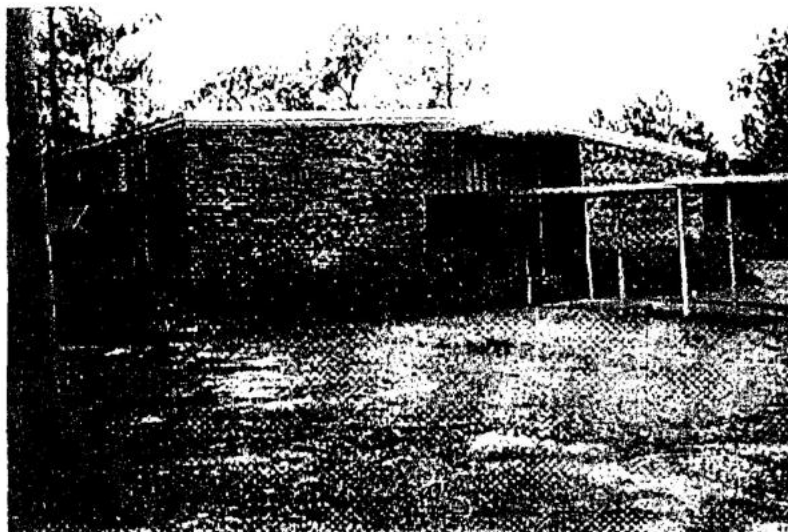
As mentioned above, the invitation is to all round dancers. We enjoy having company, even watchers. Dancing really is fun and is rated being very good for our health both physically and mentally. I like this kind of exercise. How about you?

Submitted by Rose Blackburn

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Anniversary Dance
Saturday February 5
Afternoon 1:00 - 5:00 pm

C. P. Memorial Dance

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Friday, March 11
Local Callers & Cuers

Weekend of Rounds

Friday & Saturday
April 15, & 16
The Pierces
Jerry & Barbara

Alabama Spring Fling

Friday & Saturday
April 22 & 23
Willis Simmons, Caller
Larry Belcher, Caller
Sue Corley, Cuer

July Jamboree

Friday & Saturday
July 15 & 16
Tony DiGeorge, Caller
Barbara Mays, Cuer

Dynamite Weekend

Friday & Saturday
August 5 & 6
Bob Poyner, Caller
Tom Miller, Caller
June Leverette, Cuer

Anniversary Dance

Sat. August 20
Darryl McMillan, Caller
Paul Hutchinson, Cuer

New Years Eve Dance

Fri. December 31
Bob Poyner, Caller
Stan Sullivan, Caller
Jack Bremmer, Cuer

