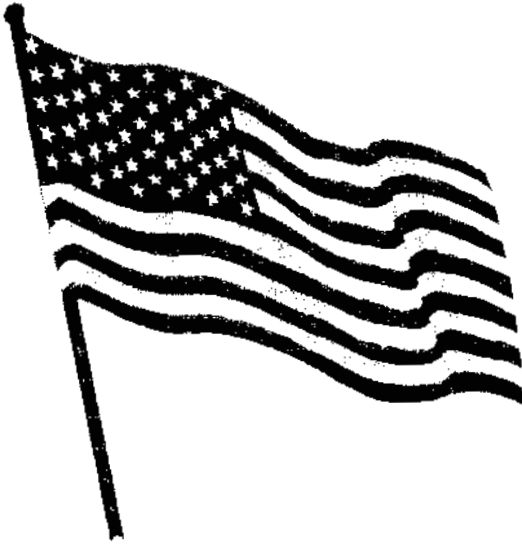


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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Again, I would like to remind you that Northwest is hosting the 53rd state convention in 2007. Our theme is "Follow the Bird to the 53rd". Our kickoff on Sunday night the 28th was a great success. The two special guests, Ralph and Pinky, our flamingo mascots, did a fine job of "leading" the squares from the various associations to Lakeland. We had many favorable comments about how clever and original the kickoff was. Many thanks to all of you who made this kickoff a memorable one.

We really need your help to make the 53rd convention a success. When Tim and Terri Wilaby ask you to help out, please say "Yes". We are getting a good deal of much-needed help from the other associations, and we are making a lot of progress toward a true state-wide convention.

Cheryl Miller and others on the Convention Committee are doing a great job of fund raising. So far we have raised over \$16,000, but we still have a long way to go. Please support our efforts.

At this time, I am putting on my other hat, that of Treasurer for the 53rd convention. Although Northwest is hosting the convention, the checking accounts for the two are entirely separate. When you write a check for convention-related items, please make it out to 53rd FSSRDC, and not NWFSRDA. Thanks.

At our meeting on February 4, it was voted to ask the Northwest members to act as "boosters" and contribute \$5.00 a year to the NW treasury to help finance the Panhandle Press. This is a fine idea. We have had a good response. As of our June meeting, we have received \$55.00 in booster funds. If you wish to help out, please send your checks, made out to NWFSRDA and noted as Panhandle Press Booster, directly to Patricia and Joe McLendon. If you send them to Frank and June, they will have to forward them on to the McLendons. When you send in a check, your name will be listed as a Booster.

Again, keep me posted on what is going on in our Association, so that I can submit articles to the Bow & Swing. I don't hear much from the eastern part of the association; some news would be nice. Thanks.

Also, our Nominating Committee is seeking people to fill our offices for next year. The election will be at the August 19 Association meeting. Please consider serving in an office. Contact Cheryl Miller.

Have a happy and safe July 4. Happy Birthday, America!
See you in a square.

Dave Hem

SWINGING SQUARES - Panama City, Florida

Banner stealing is a time honored tradition with square dancers. Several Monday's ago, eight members of Swinging Squares club traveled to Dothan, Alabama to visit the Do-Sa-Do's...and steal their banner. One of our callers, Ernie Griffin, calls regularly for that club so we had two good reasons to make the trip. We enjoy dancing with the enthusiastic club members and we have a chance to dance with Ernie. It was the perfect opportunity to steal their banner...so we brought it back to Grand Square Hall.

Of course, they had to visit to retrieve it and visit they did. We had a great time hosting the evening. That wasn't the end of the fun. Several weeks later, Do Sa Do's returned...this time to steal OUR banner. We were tipped off they were coming so we made sure plenty of goodies on the counter would add to the festivities. Making new friends is one of the best benefits of square dancing.

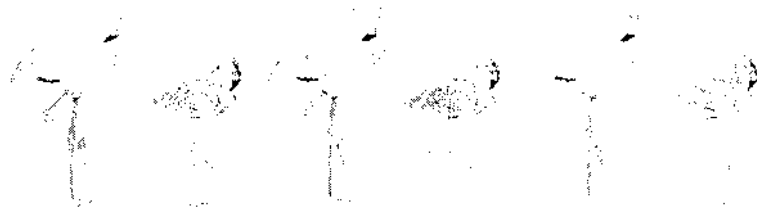
We have switched from spring décor to patriotic red, white and blue. The hall never looks better than when we decorate for July 4th. Because the holiday falls on Tuesday, Swinging Squares regular dance night, our celebration may be postponed for a week while dancers party with their families. We'll think of something to highlight one of America's favorite holidays on another dance night.

Club member Sherry Richards has accepted the responsibility for Northwest Florida Dancer of the Year nominations. This recognition from your fellow dancers is a time honored tradition. Simple application forms will be sent to all Northwest Clubs by August first. Please encourage your group to make a nomination...it will be Round-Up time before we know it!

And speaking of rounding up dancers, Plans are in the works for a fall beginner's class and Grand Square Hall twentieth anniversary celebrations. You'll be hearing more about those plans in the near future.

Remember, the welcome mat is always out Tuesday night at Grand Square Hall. Click our web site a www.floridadance or type in keyword Grand Square Hall for time and location information. Or call Sherry and Dave at 784-6983.

Betty Kearney, PR Chairman



Ways & Means – 2007 Florida State Square and Round Dance

The 2007 Florida State Convention Ways & Means are still active. We had a great time at the PASARDA Hall's Billy Bowlegs Festival Dance. We had another Silent Auction featuring many great Baskets and other goodies. The highlight of our fundraising was a visit by "Flamingo Flo" the Pirate. Flo is the girlfriend of the infamous "Flamingo Flynn" who had many patrons of last year's Billy Bowlegs Festival Dance walking the plank.

This year Flamingo Flo had the Saturday night dancers bidding on who would walk the plank with real water at the end of the plank. Special thanks to Caller Dave Muller who received the "highest bid" and was a great sport and cooled his feet in the water tub.

You have seen our tables at various dances throughout Northwest Florida. We have very nice pocketed polo shirts with our 2007 Convention logo. The shirts are \$25.00 each. We have adult small, medium, large, extra-large, and double extra-large. We have a shirt in your size! We will have a table at every dance we can find to attend. Also available are various Arts & Crafts made by some very talented Northwest Dancers. Currently, we are selling Raffle tickets for a Convention Basket; the basket has everything you need for the 2007 Convention including hotel accommodations at the Holiday Inn. Costs of the tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00. The drawing for the winner will be on Saturday, October 28, 2006 at the Northwest Florida Round Up dance in DeFuniak Springs; you do not need to be present to WIN!!

Upcoming planned activities will include 50/50 Drawings, Recycled Clothing Sale, Chinese & Silent Auctions and another White Elephant Sale. Please look for our ads at your clubs & in the Panhandle Press. Any new ideas are welcome and we can always use help!

Please show your support for the 2007 Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention Chairman & Committees by attending our "Benefit Dances". Remember "Follow the Bird to the 53rd".

Submitted by Paul & Cheryl Miller

The Pictures that the Photographer took at the State Convention are now on the web. Go to www.nphotos.net to view all the photos and order via email.

FLORIDA SINGLES ASSOCIATION

August 31 - Sept. 3 will find some of us in Rochester, NY for the 36th National Singles Dance-A-Rama. Callers will include Mike Callahan (New York), Tim Crawford (Canada), Jim Lee (Canada), Tom Miller (Pennsylvania) and Art Tangen (Kansas). Cuers are Wayne & Barbara Blackford (Florida & Arizona), Mike and Linda Liberti (Arizona), Pete and Mary McGee (Pennsylvania) and Mark and Marlene Thone (New York). This is always a fun weekend of not only dancing but renewing old friendships and making new friends.

Our 27th Annual Single-Rama will be in Sebring October 20 - 21 with Sam Dunn calling and Phyllis Williams cueing. John Dean & Anne Oliver will be here to DJ our after parties on Friday and Saturday nights. Please bring finger foods for the refreshment tables. Sandy's Boutique will join us again as the vendor.

For information on these dances or any other singles dances, please contact me at 863-967-5004 or pgreen@squaredancing.org.

Penny Green,
President

DEFUNIAK SPRINGS DANCE CLUB, DeFuniak Springs, Florida

The DeFuniak Springs Dance Club will be taking off for a couple months starting Monday, June 12. No dancing for two months.

Rodney Ryals



**FOLLOW THE BIRD TO THE 53rd
FLORIDA STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION**

What a great time we all had at the 52nd Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention. Congratulations to Garland & Carole McKenzie, General Chairman, and all their committees for their dedicated work over the past five years. The planning by the Southeast brought a fun three days to the dancers at this year's State Convention. Hat's Off to everyone who helped!!

Now, after a super Kick-Off presentation at the Convention on Sunday night, the Northwest is ready to buckle down and really get the final touches put on next year's State Convention. Our Committees are working hard and we believe we have a great weekend planned for you next May. If you weren't there and did not get your early bird ribbon you need to get registered so you don't miss following the Bird to the 53rd! For your convenience, we have given registration forms and ribbons to several people in each Association. Or, if you prefer you can order your ribbon directly from our Registration Chairman at 227 Hughes Street, NE, Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32548. Prices per person are \$25.00 until October 31st. From November 1, 2006 until April 30, 2007 the ribbons will be \$27.00 per person and if you wait until you get to the Convention the price will be \$30.00 per person. **BUY EARLY AND SAVE MONEY! MONEY BACK GUARANTEE** until 5:00 pm on May 25, 2007 - no questions asked. You won't find a better deal than that! And, remember, for youth under the age of 16 (if registered by April 30, 2007) the price is Half-Price!!

Check out our website at <http://floridasquaredance.com/convention/index.html> and you'll find all the latest information, including pictures of our fund raising items along with the prices for each. **MORE NEWS COMING SOON!**

Charlie & Val Newsome
Publicity Chairman

CAPITAL TWIRLERS – Tallahassee, FL

Whew, the very warm spring seems to slow us down some while we dance. Elmer tries to get us to dance with extra "zing" and we do enjoy ourselves. However, we sure would like more visitors...then we have even more fun. We will not be dancing the last week of June due to the center being closed. We will have our normal schedule in July and August (1st, 3rd and 4th Mondays) but in Sept. we will dance 2nd, 3rd and 4th Mondays with our normal dancing dates in Oct.

Hosts for our picnic in April were Harry and Retta Rudy. The meat was catered and our creative cooks prepared tons of other goodies. We were seated on the back deck overlooking a beautiful golf course. We had almost 100% attendance plus a few guests. It was a time to really talk to each other. Those of us who do square and round dancing usually do not talk so much so this was great!

We have had a few dancing guests, some from PA and others who had been away for awhile. Some of us also visited the Albany club. We wanted to steal their banner but didn't make it this time so we are planning another trip soon.

Elmer continues to keep us dancing to new recordings (many of them his and in the top ten). He also has us try new steps and redo some old ones. In other words, he challenges us and always gives us variety. Fran and Jim continue our interesting rounds, and, since Andy has started a class, Fran and Jim do include some rounds that the students can do. We would all like to have our club grow.

Again, please drop in any time. Tallahassee Senior Center, 1400 N. Monroe has a terrific dance floor. Come see for yourselves, O.K? We dance from 7:30 till 9:30 on Monday evenings.

Summer is vacation time so come spend a night with us and we'll try to visit some of you.

Rose Blackburn





Fashion Show Rehearsal

We are planning a Rehearsal for October 28, 2006. That's the Saturday of the Northwest Florida Association Round Up.

Please be at the DeFuniak Springs Community Center after the NWFSRDA meeting – approximately 11:30 AM Saturday morning. The rehearsal will last approximately 90 minutes.

Also...

We need four models that already have their dresses ready to participate in a "Mini Fashion Show" during Saturday evening to give our dancers and guests a taste of what the Fashion Show at the State Convention will be like. If you would like to participate, please email Cheryl Miller ASAP. Cheryl's email address is: pe_miller@bellsouth.net.

Contact Cheryl @ 850-939-6688 or email pe_miller@bellsouth.net.



Poor Dave Mullen's ! He had to walk the "PLANK" at the Billy Bowlegs Festival.

Calendar of Events

- July**
21 & 22 Peachtree Promenade: Commerce, GA - Civic Center
Callers: Darryl McMillan, Ken Bower, Gary Shoemaker, Jerry Biggerstaff, Steve Kopman Cues: Jack & Murial Raye
- August**
19 2007 FSSRD Convention Benefit Recycle Sale, Saturday: Ragon Hall, Pensacola, FL
Callers: Bob Poyner & Willis Simmons
19 NWFSRDA Meeting
- October**
6 & 7 Panhandel Promenade: Ragon Hall Panama City, FL
Caller: Darryl McMillan Cues: Sandy & David Sturgis
27 & 28 Northwest FL Roundup: Community Center, DeFuniak Springs, FL
Callers: Tony DiGeorge, Chuck Myers, Bob Poyner, Willis Simmons Cues: June & Frank Leverette
28 NWFSRDA Meeting
- November**
11 Pensacola Twirlers Anniversary Dance: Pensacola, FL
Caller: Ted Kennedy Cues: June & Frank Leverette
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**When: 7:00 pm
August 19, 2006**

For more information: Paul or Cheryl 850-939-6688 or
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Jeb Bush
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Square Dance Month

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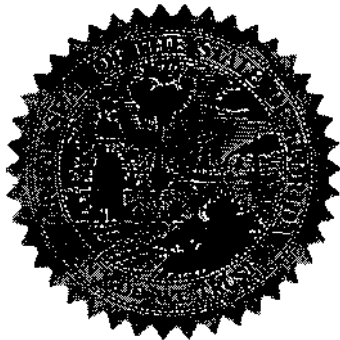
WHEREAS, square dancing eased the danger and hardships of life on the frontier; and

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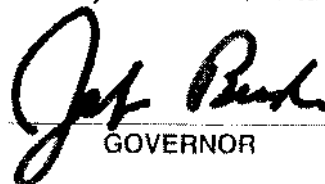
WHEREAS, this wholesome physical and old-time cultural activity offers a valuable antidote for the tensions and pressures created by the conflicts of modern American life; and

WHEREAS, the various square dance associations throughout the United States and Canada, including the Florida Federation of Square Dancers and the Florida Callers Association, celebrate National Square Dance Month in September;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeb Bush, Governor of the state of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing September 2006 as Square Dance Month.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
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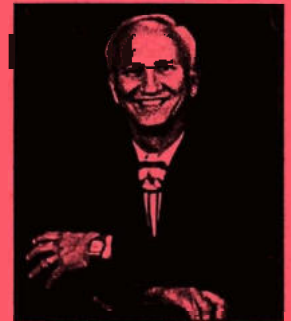
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Friday Evening

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Saturday Evening

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8:00-10:30 Squares & Rounds

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