

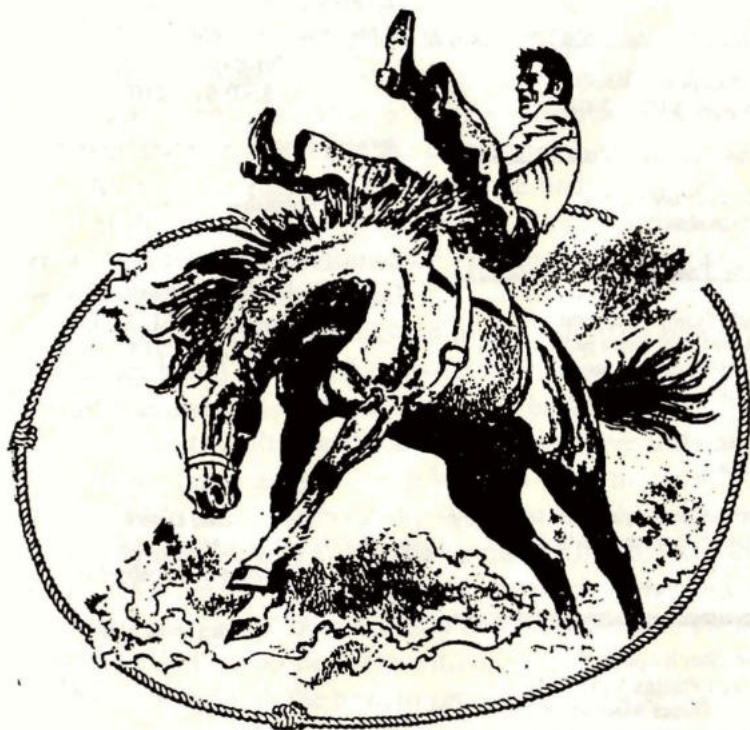
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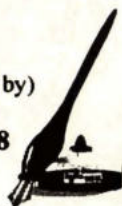
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Cornett's Corner

Now that the 46th National Convention is over and summer is fading into fall, our dancing activity is increasing rapidly. We have some really good dances on tap for the months of October-December with a mix of great callers and cuers performing throughout our area. Please support these dances and encourage our new dancers to attend by inviting them to ride with you. This is one major way we can ensure that square dancing in Northwest Florida will grow. Look at the flyers and the Calendar of Events in this issue for more detailed information.

It is with great pleasure that we announce that the officers from 1997 were reelected at the meeting in Marianna to serve another year. We all look forward to a really great 1998! Your officers for the coming year are: Fred & Shirley Cornett, President; Julian & Flo Rosdick, Vice President; Fred & Janette Cramer, Secretary; Jerry & Sandy Williamson, Treasurer. Gary Ping agreed to serve as Editor of the Panhandle Press again. Jim Waters will assist Tom Hancock with the Insurance Chairman duties. We thank all these folk for their contribution to our Association during the past year. We promise that we will make every effort to give YOU an opportunity to help with the business of the Association in the coming year.

At the after party in Marianna we had a real treat - Elmore Harper of the Quincy Curlee-Q's played his musical saw. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the performance. Thanks Elmore for volunteering your time and talent. Well done!

Other square dance associations in Florida have blood banks. A square dance blood bank for Northwest Florida was researched several years ago. However, because the blood banks in the Tallahassee, Panama City, Ft. Walton and Pensacola areas were not administered by the same organization, there was no way to tie all the areas together. We'd like to know if the situation has changed and if there is some way that we here in Northwest can begin a blood bank for our dancers. We need a volunteer to research this and make a recommendation as to the feasibility of such a service. Please call us at 850-934-0574 if you can help with this project.

We finally took the time to get our USDA Visa credit card and encourage each of you to do the same. Each sale generated by the

credit card provides a small amount of money rebated to the USDA. The USDA uses the funds to promote square dancing throughout the U.S. This year some of the funds paid registration fees to the 46th National Convention for 85 handicapable dancers from seven handicapable clubs. Because of the financial assistance, more handicapable dancers attended the 46th than have attended any other national. Our own Pensacola Special Steppers received help to attend the 46th. Please think positively about obtaining a USDA Visa card. We'd like to generate 98 new cards from Northwest Florida in 1998. For an application or further information contact Joe Vaccari at 850-243-9484 or call us.

Get your partner and make your reservations now for our 1997 Roundup on October 24-25 in DeFuniak Springs. Julian Rosdick and his committee are planning a super dance weekend for us. Here are just a few of the happenings - Welcome by Mayor Lawson on Friday evening, lots of square dancing (Fun Level through A-2); round dancing; line dancing, door prizes, presentation of our Dancer of The Year Award, after party skits and free pancake and ham breakfast (Saturday night). If your club dances on Friday or Saturday nights, please ask your membership to go dark for that weekend so that we can have a good attendance at the Roundup. We look forward to seeing all of you in DeFuniak Springs for a great weekend of fun and fellowship. See the enclosed flyer for scheduling and motel information.

Food for thought - Are You A Winner, Or Are You A Loser?

A winner says, "I'm good but not as good as I should be.

A loser says, "I'm not as bad as lot of other people are.

A winner sees an answer to every problem.

A loser sees a problem in every answer.

A winner says, "Let me help you.

A loser says, "That's not my JOB.

Excerpts from an article by Jerry Story

Fred & Shirley Cornett
President





**Editor's
Message**

AH YES, IF YOU FIND MISTAKES

in this publication, please consider that they are there for a purpose. We publish something, for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes!

Bulletin published by humans!

The holidays are upon us and I know this time of year gets a little hectic, however, I hope to see everyone at the Roundup. It sounds like it will be a lot of fun this year. I also wish everyone a very merry Christmas and happy New Year.

At the Roundup we plan to put out the new Club Book which will replace the Pink Book. I would like to thank everyone who sent in the new information for the book.

Thanks to everyone who sent in articles for this issue and keep them coming. The Panhandle Press would not be much of a news letter without the news from our member clubs.

**SUMMARY of MINUTES of NWFSDA MEETING
August 9, 1997 Marianna, Florida**

- The current net worth is \$5,066.62. Fred Cornett reviewed the budget for the past nine months and we are in good financial shape.
- Tom Hancock stated in a written report that the Florida Federation will print a Handbook for new dancers. Everyone is invited to the Federation meeting in Lakeland on November 16. Tom also reported that we have one outstanding insurance claim.
- Joe Vaccari reported that the USDA held its annual meeting in Orlando at the National Convention and elected new officers. The Fiscal year budget of \$30,050 was approved. Affiliate membership now includes over 310,000 dancers.
- Gary Ping reported that club articles are coming in with greater frequency. Keep up the good work. Gary's e-mail address is garyping@worldnet.att.net.
- Julian Rosdick submitted in a written report that plans for a great Roundup are progressing. A program book will be printed and there will be a free pancake breakfast served after the dance on Saturday night. He requested all clubs that dance either on Friday or Saturday nights go dark for the Roundup.
- No financial report on the National Convention.
- Tony & Patti Gee have been selected as their club's nominee for Dancer of the Year. Cliff & Jean Alien agreed to take over the chairmanship of this committee.
- Changes to the By Laws were approved.
- Election of officers was held. Officers who served last year were reelected. Tom Hancock will continue to serve as Insurance Chairman with help from Jim Waters.

BAYOU SHUFFLERS

Ft Walton ... Summer is behind us and the long awaited, much anticipated 46th National Convention is Just a memory. It's a memory of many enjoyable moments, such as dancing to Bob Poyner and his son in the Live Music Hall and seeing old friends from faraway places. Two of those friends were Tom and Jo Porter who now lives in Arkansas. The convention was a great event, but we missed you Chuck and Bobbie.

During August, Rocco & Pat Torre, Ron & Gethyn Giordano and Jerry & Sandy Williamson vacationed at English Mountain. While they were there, Gethyn learned that she had been selected as one of two teachers from Okaloosa County to be trained in a Reading Recovery Program at Georgia State University in Atlanta. All of her expenses for the school year are funded by this program. It's quite an honor, and we're happy for her.

Harry & Joan Murphy, Jeannine Lucas & John & Mary Ann Ellis had an enjoyable afternoon at the Okaloosa Walton Community College. They had lunch and took a tour of the new Arts Center, which included going backstage at OWCC's new state-of-the-art theater.

Former club members, Neil & Caroline Leeper, danced with us during August. They stop by now and then as they crisscross the country in their motor home. It's always good to see them.

Bob Poyner's advance workshop has resumed after a summer hiatus. The workshop is held on the second and forth Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 at Pasarda Hall. Those dancers who have completed A-1 and A-2 lessons are invited to join the group, Bob and Ann make these evenings an easy way to improve your dancing and acquire more floor time.

The Bayou Shufflers dance on Saturday evenings from 8:00 to 10:00 A2 at Pasarda hall in Ft. Walton Beach. The following is our revised schedule:

Chuck Myers - Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 6

Bob Poyner - Nov. 1

Willis Simmons - Oct. 4

Ben Williams - Nov. 22

If you have any questions, please call Rocco Torre at 850-678-5706
or Email: rtorre@bsc.net

Submitted by Mary Ann Ellis

BELLES & BEAUX

Ft. Walton ... The Belles & Beaux finished off their part of the combined square dance schedule on Friday, the 12th of September. There are still two Tuesday night dances to be completed, so come on out and enjoy the music and dancing.

Tom Miller, from Pennsylvania, was the caller for the Friday dance on the 12th. Five squares enjoyed his calling. Tom really entertained the crowd. If you ever get the opportunity to dance to Tom's calling, by all means do so. You will have a ball. To end the night, everyone joined in a big circle to give Tom a big thank you with a bow. Come on back, Tom Miller, we certainly had a good time.

One of our visitors for the night was a very welcomed edition to our Friday group. Flo Rosdik showed up with hubby, Julian. As most of you know, Flo has recently been in and out of the hospital, but she is well on the road to recovery. Flo really looked great. She isn't able to dance at the moment, but it won't be long before she will be in a square with us. Comedian, Billy Crystal, would say "Flo, you look marvelous, just marvelous".

Tim Marriner and Chuck Sample will again be performing in our hall on Friday, Dec. 12 for our 1997 Christmas Party Dance. Mark this date on your calendars for a night of fun and entertainment. We hope you will attend. See our flyer in this issue.

The summer is almost over and the traveling is coming to an end. We hope that all your journeys during the summer season were happy ones that you can reflect back on for many years to come. Now that the season is behind us let's all get active and give our bodies some much needed exercise. Come on out and get more involved into our great pastime of square dancing. We'll be looking at you across the square.

Submitted by Chuck Scalion

CANOE SQUARES

Milton ... June saw almost 50% of the membership of Canoe Squares attending the Nationals in Orlando. We are proud of our turnout. All enjoyed themselves. The ladies really took advantage of the vendors' booths.

On July 21, John Saunders of New Smyrna Beach, Fl. called on our regular dance night. It was a fun night with six squares thanks to our visitors.

In July, we received our annual two week "eviction notice" from Hobbs Middle School. This break is for the staff to refurbish the floor for the new school year.

So on August 4th we had an outdoor potluck dinner at Carpenters Park in Milton. August 11th found the club at a pool party at Tanglewood Golf Club in Milton courtesy of Flo Dorsey. We enjoyed hotdogs and hamburgers. All the trimmings were provided by club members. Square dancing and the Macarena in the pool were highlights of the evening. Some of our class members attended both events.

August 24th was our annual canoe trip on the Coldwater Creek. We had nine canoes and 3 tubers. The following people from the Ft. Walton area also joined us. They are: Tom and Dorothy Kracht, Jim and Pauline Waters, Bill Brune, Carol Ross and Greg Richardson. We were delighted to have had their participation. The weather was great--sunny, not too hot and no thundershowers.

Come square up with us on Monday nights at 7:30 pm, Hobbs Middle School, Milton.

Submitted by Mary Hamilton

COUNTRY SQUARES

Sunny Hills ... Ten years ago square dancing was born in Sunny Hills where it has flourished ever since.

The Country Squares club members have become known in the area for their friendliness and warmth. Visitors have always been made welcome, and although we may not have the best dancers, we have what square dancing is supposed to be about -- good spirits, companionship, fun and fellowship.

The third Thursday of every month is covered dish and/or finger food night. We celebrate monthly birthdays and anniversaries with a cake. However, we do celebrate with discretion; all our members are thirty nine even if they have been married for fifty years.

Several years ago we instituted an annual Hobo Party coinciding with Halloween. Admission is a can of vegetables which is dumped into the pot of hobo stew. Dancers come dressed as hobos and supply their own utensils and tin plate. Newspapers are used for tablecloths. Neighboring club members look forward to the evening and participate with us.

In May 1996 we started our first annual "Luau" which was a huge success. The club supplied the barbecued pork and the members and guests supplied the fixings. Square dancers came dressed in colorful Hawaiian prints and grass skirts. We even did the limbo!

Over the years members have come and gone and been replaced with new dancers. Many of the charter members are still with us. This year we hope to celebrate our tenth birthday with members old and new. Won't you join us?

We dance every Thursday night at the Sunny Hills Community Center from 7:00-9:30 pm.

Y'ALL COME YOU HEAR!

For more information call Martha Coker 535-2897 or Estelle Tobeck 733-2814.

Submitted by Martha Coker

DANCE-A-ROUND R/D CLUB

Panama City ... Tri-City Rounds at Grand Square Hall on August 24th was lots of fun. We were well supported by 5 cuers; Bill Henkiner, Al Doolittle, June Leverette, Norma Smoyer and myself. It was well attended by 18 couples. A total of 36 rounds were cued, mostly easy level (which is where the most fun really is), but with an occasional intermediate round. With continuous cueing it's pretty easy to find something for everyone.

Tallahassee is scheduled to put on the next Tri-City dance in about three months, but has not firmed up the place or set a firm date. We understand the hall at the Senior Center is high priced, and there is some discussion about holding the dance here at Grand Square Hall. That would be nice for our local dancers, and the ones from Fort Walton, but a little difficult for the Tallahassee dancers hosting the dance.

We will start a new beginner class for rounds on Tuesday, October 7th at 6:00 pm. We especially need new dancers now, as many of us are getting older and between deaths & sickness we have had a lot of losses (similar to our square dance situation). We welcome new dancers, even those who say they have two left feet. If you know anyone interested in learning R/D basics, or refreshing their memories, please ask them to come on October 7th.

Several dancers have asked for a workshop on Bolero basics. We have some exceptional teachers coming here this fall, and we will be sure that some basic Bolero is included when the Blackfords come Sept. 26-27. If more Bolero is requested, and enough interest is shown to support it, there are several teachers that have shown an interest in coming here to do a workshop/dance.

In addition to the Blackfords, we have the Pierces coming Nov. 21-22 to do a phase 3 & 4 workshop on waltz & foxtrot. Tony DiGeorge will call, and the Van Attas will cue at the Festival, January 16 & 17th. Ted Kennedy will call our annual Mardi-Gras dance Feb. 22. Be sure to check the CALENDAR OF EVENTS and mark your calendar.

Submitted by Bill Bovard & Madelyn Springer

FLYING SQUARES

Ft Walton Bch ... Welcome back to regular dancing - we plan to dance the season away. We invite anyone who can dance on Tuesday nights to join us in Fort Walton at PASARDA Hall. We dance from 7:30 to 9:30 with Bob Poyner as our caller.

We want to wish Flo Rosdick continued good health as she recovers from two visits to the hospital for surgery. She has had a rough summer and we sure hope to see her back dancing with us soon. Julian has been a faithful caretaker - we will be happy to see them both.

Congratulations go to Ted Benson and Jane McCallum - they were married in August. Many of us attended their wedding which was lovely and enjoyed by all.

Our club had their yearly canoe trip, along with Canoe Squares. A great time was had by all. Was the water cold, Dorothy?

We will be losing our club presidents, Ralph and Marcy McGuire, as they will be moving to Gulf Breeze and will be dancing closer to home. Thanks for your service, we will miss you.

That's about it for now - looking forward to seeing everyone at the various dances coming up in the future.

Submitted by Shirley Constable

PENSACOLA TWIRLERS

Pensacola ... This has been another exciting quarter for the Pensacola Twirlers. We have had members participating in nearly every dance opportunity in Northwest Florida and South Alabama. August 9th found our representatives at the Northwest Florida Square and Round Dance Association meeting in Marianna.

A majority of our members were in attendance at the Alabama Square and Round Dance Association State Convention held in Mobile on the 15th and 16th of August. Patty Ping, our caller, was right there doing the thing she does best, calling. I think the wedding of the year must have been the wedding of Ron Williams and Nancy Johnson, congratulation to Ron and Nancy Williams. The theme for the wedding party was western. A scrumptious reception followed the wedding ceremony. After the reception, Tony DiGeorge called a stimulating square dance. All in all, the festivities were going strong at 10:00 pm with square dancing and ballroom dancing for everyone in attendance. It was a privilege to be invited and participate in this festive event.

Patty Ping had us dancing for the public again at the Pensacola Art Museum fund raiser held at the Pensacola Fair Grounds on September 6th. This is an annual event and we are proud to contribute to the cause and represent our club and square dancing for the general public at every opportunity.

We are looking forward to upcoming events for the Twirlers. On October 18th, we will again sponsor a picnic at the Family Picnic Area on NAS Pensacola. All square dancers in the area are invited to attend and bring those individuals who used to square dance but who have not danced for a while. Also anyone interested in learning to square dance is welcome. Last year we had over 100 people in attendance and would really like to beat that count this year. Patty Ping will be calling for those who would like to dance and earn a FUN DANGLE for dancing at a picnic.

The Pensacola Twirlers will be celebrating their 12th Anniversary with a dance on November 8th at Sanders Beach. Gary Shoemake will be our caller and Chuck and Nancy Sample will be Cueing. Last year we had a wonderful time at this dance and with the participating dancers from all over this area, we expect to have an even greater dance this year. I will close, looking forward to dancing with you soon.

Submitted by: Frank Branton

*** THANK YOU *** THANK YOU ***

It would be great to be able to drop in on every club to thank everyone personally for helping before, during and after the convention especially those who worked on the Social & Special Events Committee.

We wish to extend a warm and much appreciated thank you to the hundreds of dancers that worked on this committee.

This committee was special. It handled the social and fun portions of the convention. There were people greeting arrivals at the airport, carrying signs advertising the fashion show, and acting as tour guides on the bus tours. There were people telling everyone where to go; that is, when they stopped at the information booth for directions. We had people making coffee and hauling ice. A group made sandwiches for the models. We had people making spotter signs and tour signs and stanchions. Others made a castle, a carriage, even a Santa sleigh. Still others were at the dock as the cruise ship sailed. People were ushering and escorting. Some were assisting the NEC. Others were sewing tote bags and costumes. There were artists that made special designs for the tour brochure and fashion show program book. Still others made up goody bags for the foreign dancers. Others were writing original spiels and scripts for the committees use. Some were designing flyers and taking minutes at meetings. We had narrators, ticket sellers, ribbon checkers, equipment and prop haulers, and people looking after the future conventions. Others photographed, video taped, & recorded music. There was also singers, dancers, actors, actresses, and even a Magician. There were NEC haulers, people filling squares, proof reading, fixing hair, arranging a tea, and manning rooms. Every job was important. Every job made the convention run a little smoother. (If you don't see your job listed here, it's because the brain blew a fuse!)

We, also, want to thank all of the committees for making our job easier by your friendliness, cooperation and helpfulness.

Thank you one and all from the bottom of our hearts. A zillion yellow rocks.

Randy & Carol Poole, Chairman
Social & Special Events Committee

Dear Dancers of Northwest Florida,

Thank you so much for your support for the past four years. Our successful convention is over and we have many memories and lasting friendships. We would like to thank each of you in person, but that is impossible. Please accept this as your personal "thanks".

The oil painting that was presented to us in our convention outfit was truly a surprise. Thanks so much. We really appreciate it. It was a joy working with you all.

Happy Dancing,
Worley & Nan Carrier

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NORTHWEST FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

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47th National Square Dance Convention

Charlotte, NC

June 24 - 27, 1998

"Nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina"

News Release

Camping at the 47th NSDC

The official campground for the 47th National Square Dance Convention will be located at the Charlotte Motor Speedway a few miles north north east of the Queen City. The site is behind turns 3 and 4 and is part of the existing Speedway camping area. The area is grassy, reasonably level, and has paved access roads leading to all camp sites which are typically about 25 feet by 50 feet. Some larger sites are available and all together there will be room for something over 700 units. Campers with pets will be grouped together as much as possible close to the designated "Pet Walk".

As noted on the Registration Form the area supports only "Dry Camping". This means there is no electrical hook up, no sewer connection, and no water connection at the camp site. There is a dump station at the campground and water is available at the dump station. There will be a limited number of shower facilities on the campground. The convention shuttle buses serving the campground will be on an "Express Schedule" with no stops going or coming between the campground and the Convention Center. There will be Convention Hospitality on the campground. For details or inquiries you may call the Registration and Housing Office at 704-566-8664 or the Vice-Chairman of RV/Camping at 919-365-5386.

The RV/Camping Committee has gathered the following information on area commercial camping facilities for the convenience of those who may want to stay elsewhere. Remember, the 47th NSDC has no connection with these facilities and does not endorse or warranty the availability or condition of any of these facilities and there is no Convention Shuttle Bus service to these locations. Reservations must be made by the camper directly with these facilities.

Fort Mill South Carolina area (all about 15 miles south of Charlotte)

Carowinds Campground
207 sites with full hook-ups
1-800-888-4386

Lazy Daze Campground
200 sites, 18 with full hook-ups,
184 with water & electrical
1-803-548-1148

Radisson Grand Resort Camp Ground
(formerly Heritage USA)
388 sites, 122 with hook-ups
1-803-547-3500

RV Service
Jerry Lathan's RV World
RV Sales & Service Center
1-800-872-3103

North Carolina areas

Denver, NC (about 40 miles north of Charlotte)
Cross Country Campground
400 sites, 240 with full hook-ups
1-704-483-5897

Forest City, NC (about 60 miles west of Charlotte)
Foothills Family Campground
27 sites with full hook-ups
1-704-245-4064

RV Service
Terrell Camping Center
about 40 miles north of Charlotte
1-704-478-2651

Monroe, NC (about 25 miles south east of Charlotte)
Cane Creek Park (County Park)
120 sites, 49 with full hook-ups, 61 with water & electric
1-704-843-5909

Salisbury, NC (about 45 miles north of Charlotte)
Bull Hill Campground
39 sites, 31 with full hook-ups
1-704-642-0035

The Services Committee of the 47th NSDC is attempting to arrange Park & Ride for those camping at commercial facilities so they can catch a Convention Shuttle Bus for the ride uptown. We'll keep you posted!



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47th NSDC Registration & Housing Up Date

As time goes on the Registration Form for the 47th National Square Dance Convention is being up dated to reflect the changing status of various hotels and motels. As properties are filled they are removed from the Registration Form and as we have new properties under contract, they are added to the form. Needless to say any forms already in circulation can not be corrected. If you have a form that you picked up some time ago, it may be out of date. If you are ready to fill out and send in your form and feel that you need a new copy, call the Registration & Housing Office and they will help with up to date information. The office is currently open Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday from 7pm to 10pm eastern time. These hours will be expanded in the future. The phone number is 704-566-9664 and the fax number is 704-563-3285.

At this time we know that the following hotels have been filled:

#02 - Holiday Inn, City Center

#10 - Holiday Inn, Central

#04 - Radisson Plaza

#21 - Comfort Inn

The following properties have been added:

#36 - Best Western, Airport

#38 - Courtyard, University

#43 - Sheraton, Airport

#45 - Cricket Inn

#37 - Best Western, Luxbury

#41 - Marriott, Executive Park

#44 - Wyndam Garden

#99 - Campus Housing (Queens College)

Much is said about "walking distance" when it comes to hotels and other things around the Convention Center in Charlotte. Most of us can walk from the Convention Center to just about any place in Uptown Charlotte in 15 or 20 minutes, depending on our pace and how much browsing is done along the way. The Charlotte Convention & Visitors Bureau has a walking map of Uptown and all the hotels listed as in walking distance on the registration form are within the 15 minute radius from the Convention Center. Charlotte is located on a knoll but there are no steep hills to walk up or down. To help those who have requested some further information regarding how far hotels are from the Convention Center we offer the following:

#01 - Dunhill - 6 blocks

#03 - Marriott, City Center - 5 blocks

#02 - Holiday Inn, City Center - 5 blocks

#04 - Radisson Plaza - 3 blocks

Remember to purchase your Bus Pass when you register so we'll be able to schedule the bus service to meet your needs.

Also, if you have not converted your Early Bird (Crown Jewel Certificate) to a full registration, please do this as soon as possible.

As the old saying goes; "The early Early Bird catches the desired hotel".

Western North Carolina Chimney Rock

Prepare to be elevated, it is said that one's life is incomplete until one has been to the mountain, stood at its summit, and breathed the same air as the Creator. You'll stand in awe of the view - 1,200 vertical feet down; along Hickory Nut Gorge to Lake Lure and on a clear day, as far as Kings Mountain, seventy-five miles to the east beyond the Blue Ridge Mountains. (97 miles from Charlotte, NC)

Western North Carolina Grandfather Mountain

Grandfather Mountain is located near Linville, NC and is one of the most environmentally significant mountains in the world. It has been set apart by the UN as an International Biosphere Reserve, a place where man and nature thrive in harmony. (106 miles from Charlotte, NC)



Eddie Mayall Square Dance Caller

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Oct 16	Singing River, Pascagoula, MS	Dec 4	Singing River, Pascagoula, MS
22	Single Squares, Mobile AL	11	Merry Mixers, Gulf Shores, AL
23	Merry Mixers, Gulf Shores, AL	18	Merry Mixers, Gulf Shores, AL
24-25	Roundup DeFuniak Springs, FL	19	Star Twirlers, Gulf Port, MS
30	Merry Mixers, Gulf Shores, AL	31	Ragon Hall, Pensacola - New Years Eve Dance
Nov 6	Singing River, Pascagoula, MS	Jan 2	Seaside Squares, Pensacola, FL
7	Seaside Squares, Pensacola, FL	8	Merry Mixers, Gulf Shores, AL
12	Single Squares, Mobile AL	9	Star Twirlers, Gulf Port, MS
13	Merry Mixers, Gulf Shores, AL	14	Single Squares, Mobile AL
20	Merry Mixers, Gulf Shores, AL	15	Merry Mixers, Gulf Shores, AL
21	Seaside Squares, Pensacola, FL	16	Seaside Squares, Pensacola, FL
26	Single Squares, Mobile AL	22	Merry Mixers, Gulf Shores, AL
		28	Single Squares, Mobile AL
		29	Merry Mixers, Gulf Shores, AL

Dear Dancers,

Flo Rosdick (Flying Squares - Ft. Walton Bch, FL) wishes to express her heartfelt and sincere appreciation for all the cards, letters, phone calls and even food from all the square dancers of Northwest Florida Council. Flo underwent major surgery on 9 June and is now recuperating at home, in Destin. Flo wants to give a SPECIAL THANK YOU for Tom and Jean Hancock. It's wonderful to know we are surrounded by such warm and caring friends.

Sincerely, Julian Rosdick

Dear Dancers,

I want to thank all my square and round dance friends for their prayers, cards, flowers and calls during my illness. As soon as I can, I will visit.

Love to all of you, Irene Miner

WHAT SHOULD A CLUB EXPECT OF THEIR CALLER?

The club should establish a set of guidelines relative to the objectives of the club as far as dance level, lesson classes, special dances, banner raid policies, dance and caller fees, round dance or line dance involvement. Once this has been accomplished, the club should expect the caller to:

Provide a dance and workshop program that keeps the dancers proficient at the agreed upon level. The caller should provide a variety in the program using enough "dance by definition," specialty squares and crowd pleaser to make the dance interesting and fun.

If banner raids and special dances are to be attended, the caller should be encouraged to join the club for the event.

The club should have the prerogative of using guest callers on a pre-scheduled basis. The club caller then would have the prerogative of accepting other dance dates on such a night; however, any dates accepted should not be in an area that would conflict with the special dance of the club.

If lesson classes are to be a part of the club dance night, the caller should develop a program that will provide a teaching session, as well as a well-rounded club program so that the actual dance time (probably three hours) will be adequately distributed between the class and the club. The club should compensate the caller for the additional time spent teaching the beginners.

If round dancing or line dancing is to be part of the club program, it must fit into the overall activity when lesson classes are being taught so as not to detract from the teaching part of the dance.

Be professional: (1) be on time for each dance; (2) look the part of a caller; (3) belong to and support the state activities; (4) stay abreast of activities happening in the square dance world by belonging to a professional national organization such as Callerlab or the American Callers Association; (5) take note services to be aware of new calls and variations in delivery of old calls; (6) have a BMI/ASCAP license.

WHAT SHOULD A CALLER EXPECT FROM THE CLUB?

The club should:

- Be committed to supporting the dance with their physical presence as well as financially.

- Recognize the cost to call (fixed expenses, travel, etc.) and compensate the caller adequately for his/her time and expense.

- Support him/her when he/she is doing a special dance/week-end guest calling at another club.

- Develop a promotion and recruiting program that will insure there are enough new dancers to make a lesson class worthwhile (probably a minimum of 10 couples).

- Advise him/her at least one year in advance when they anticipate using a guest caller so that the club caller can accept outside booking if available.

- Be supportive at the dance by being on time for the first tip and make every effort to stay until the last tip.

- Develop special dance nights and advertise to other clubs so that big crowds of people can enjoy the special occasion.

- Provide him/her with a written contract (memorandum of agreement) so that there will be no misunderstanding of what is expected, when the caller is booked, what level is to be called, fees (including compensation for lesson classes or workshops), etc. Coordinate dates of special events that do not fall on a dance night so the caller can know far enough in advance to permit him/her to at least have the prerogative of not booking dances or making private plans. Most callers want to be part of the outside social aspect of the club as well as the dance nights.

- Stay abreast of trends, changes and attitudes that are happening in the square dance world by belonging to and supporting state and national activities.

- Last, but certainly not least, communicate. If problems are beginning to exist, talk them out between the club members and the caller. Many times the caller is not aware that something he/she is doing is offensive to certain club members, he/she is not doing the job the club members want, etc., etc. Only through good communication can small problems be eliminated before "molehills are turned into mountains".

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NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY!

WEDNESDAY,
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1997 Orlando, FL
1998 Charlotte, NC
1999 Indianapolis, IN
2000 Baltimore, MD
2001 Anaheim, CA

NORTHWEST FL ASSOC. MTGS

JAN 18, 1997 - Panama City
MAY 31, 1997 - Ft. Walton Beach
AUG 9, 1997 - Marianna
OCT 25, 1997 - DeFuniak Spgs

OCTOBER

- 18 Wheel Arounds Anniversary Dance - National Guard Armory- Albany, GA
Caller - Bobby Lepard, Cuer- Al Doolittle.
- 24 & 25 NWFSRDA 23rd Annual Roundup - DeFuniak Springs, FL - NWF
Callers/Cuers - Bill Donahue, M.C.

NOVEMBER

- 8 Pensacola Twirlers Anniversary Dance, Gary Shoemake, Chuck Sample.
Sanders Beach, Pensacola.
- 21-22 PHASE SCHOOL, R/D Ph 3&4, Grand Square Hall, Panama City, FL. Jerry and
Barbara Pierce.

DECEMBER

- 7 Annual Toys for Tots Dance, Sanders Beach, Pensacola, Chuck Myers, caller
Cuer TBA
- 12 Belles & Beaux 12th Annual Chuck Wagon Roundup, PASARDA Hall, Ft.
Walton Beach, Caller - Tim Marriner, Cuer - Chuck Sample.
- 31 New Years Eve Dance, PASARDA Hall, Ft. Walton Bch. Chuck Myers calling.
- 31 New Years Eve Dance, Ragon Hall, Pensacola, FL. - Eddie Mayall, Ben Williams,
June Leverette

1998

JANUARY

- 16 & 17 Panama City Festival - Grand Square Hall -Tony DiGeorge calling, Van Attas
cueing

FEBRUARY

- 22 Annual Mardi-Gras Dance, Grand Square Hall, Panama City, FL. Ted Kennedy,
Bill Bovard

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Square Dance Caller and Instructor



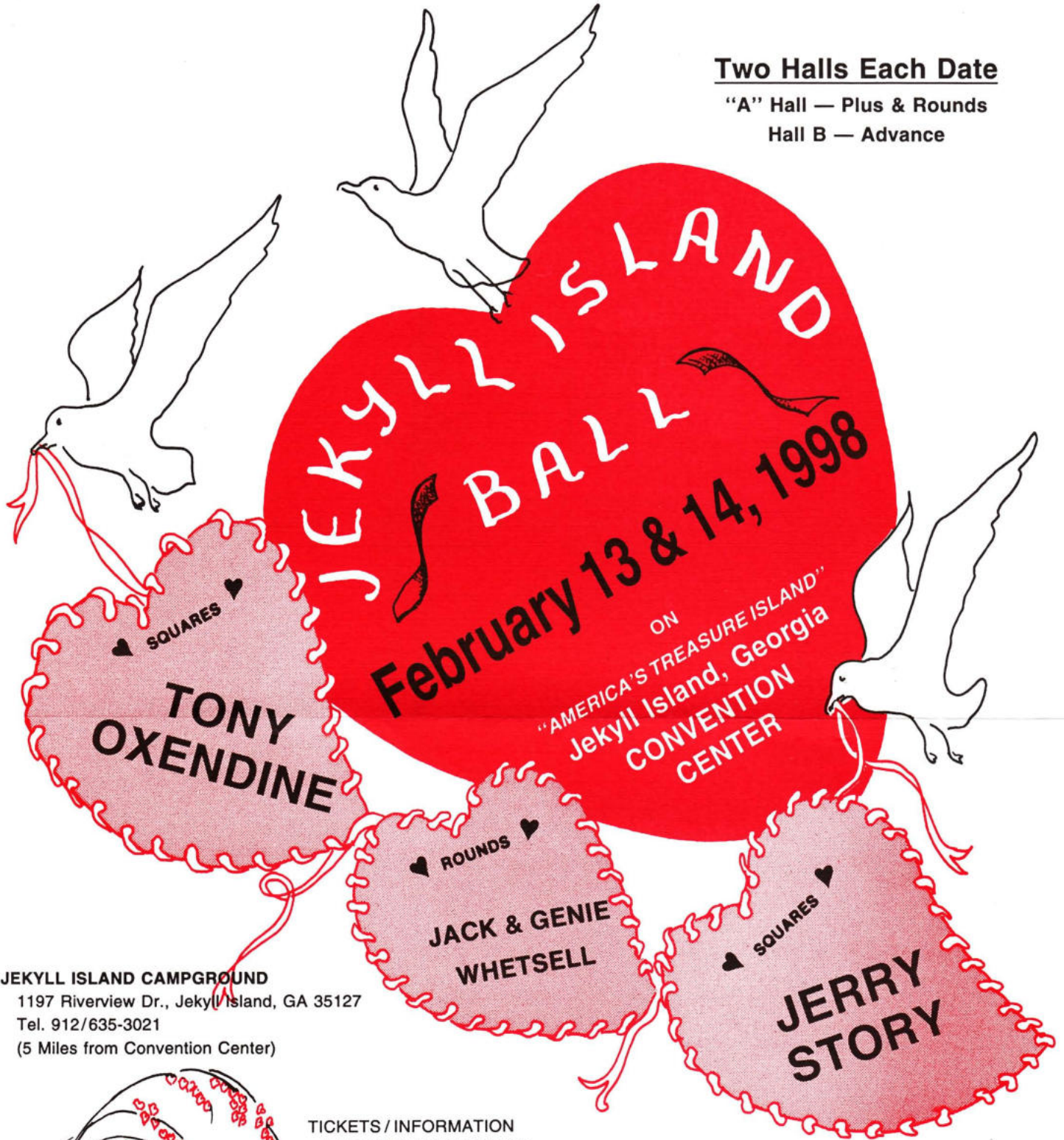
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1998:

Round Dance Workshop 10:00 - Noon
 Squares Workshop
 Plus DBD 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
 A-2 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
 Request Rounds 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
GRAND BALL
 Plus and Rounds 8:00 - 10:30 p.m.
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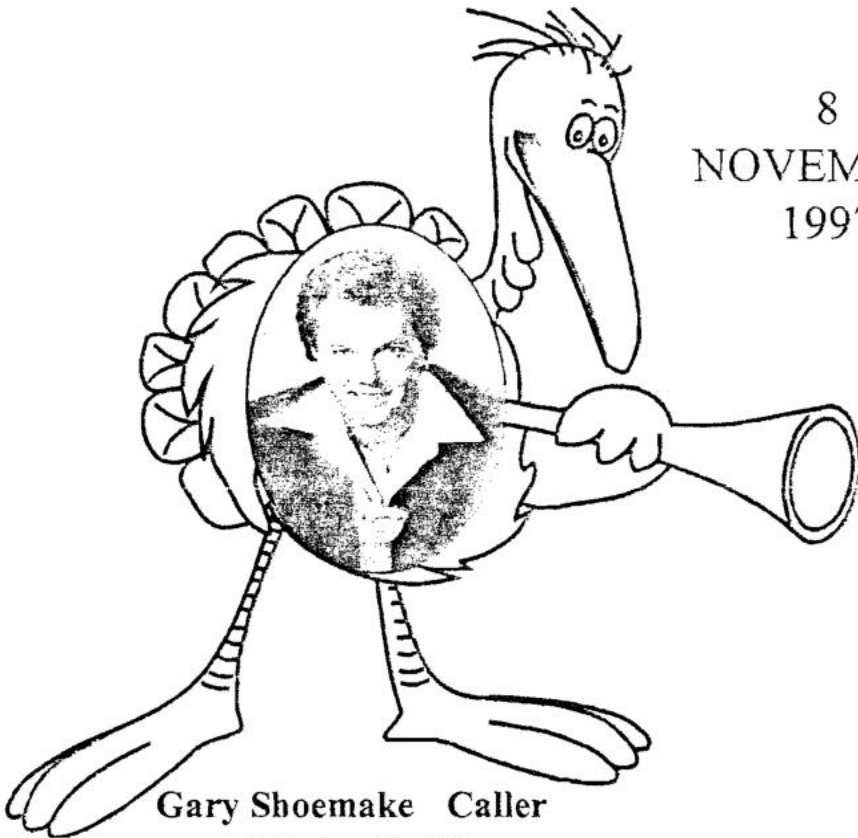
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NOVEMBER

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(Map on back)

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January 16-17, 1998

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Saturday, January 17: 10-12 A.M. - ROUNDS WORKSHOP
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7 P.M. - EARLY ROUNDS
8-10 P.M. - DANCE - ROUNDS BETWEEN TIPS

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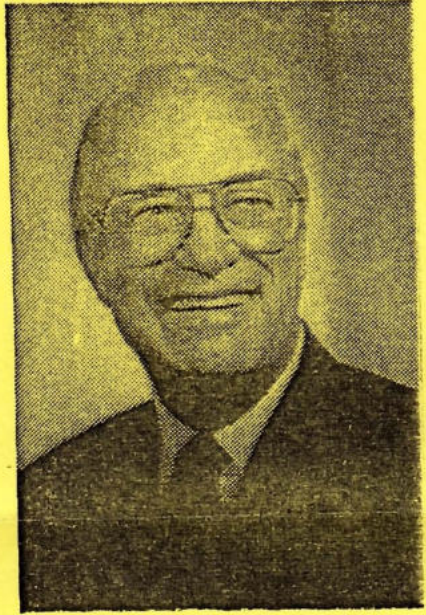


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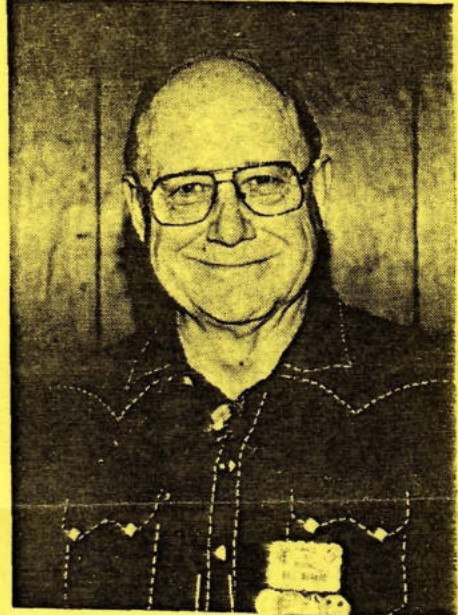
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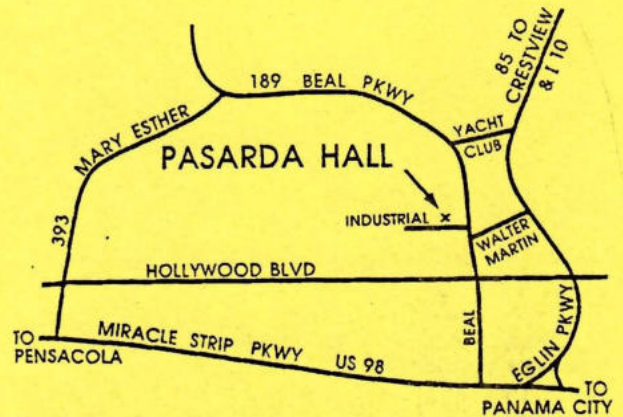
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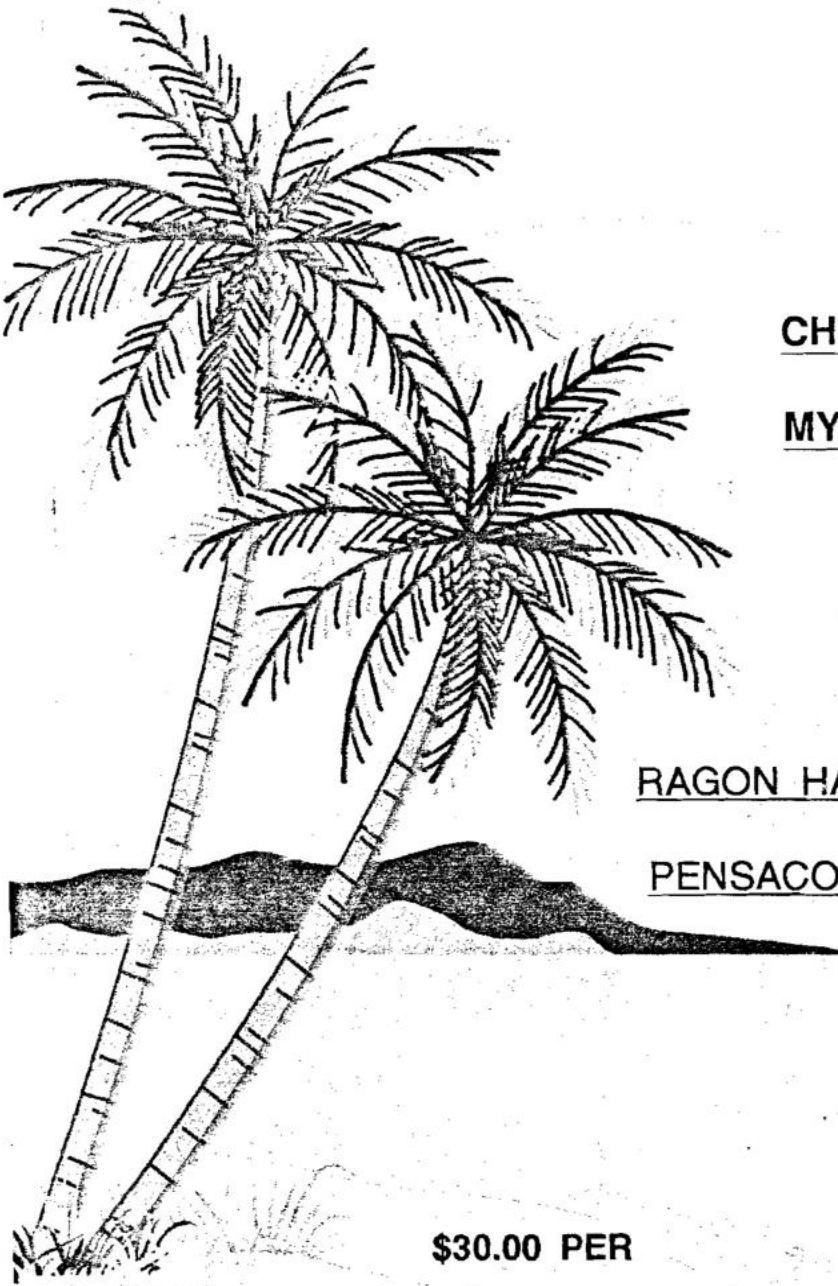
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October 24-25, 1997

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Northwest Florida Callers

Bill Donahue, MC

ROUNDS

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SCHEDULE (All Times are CDST)

Friday, October 24

7:00 - 7:30 P.M.	Hall A	Early Rounds
7:30 - 7:45 P.M.	Hall A	Welcome from Mayor Lawson
7:30 - 10:30 P.M.	Hall A	Plus with Rounds
	Hall B	Advanced
	Hall C	Fun Level

Saturday, October 25

8:30 - 9:30 A.M.	NWFSRDA Meeting (Coffee & Donuts)	
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.	Hall A	Rounds Workshop
	Hall B	Advanced Workshop
2:00 - 4:00 P.M.	Hall A	DBD Workshop
	Hall B	Line Dance Workshop
	Hall C	Fun Level Workshop
7:00 - 7:30 P.M.	Hall A	Early Rounds
7:30 - 8:00 P.M.	Hall A	Presentations
8:00 - 10:00 P.M.	Hall A	Plus with Rounds
	Hall B	Advanced
	Hall C	Fun Level
10:00 - 10:30	Hall A	After Party (Skits & Games)
10:30 P.M.	Hall A	Free Breakfast

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All Events	Per Person	\$6.00
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Saturday Only	Per Person	\$6.00
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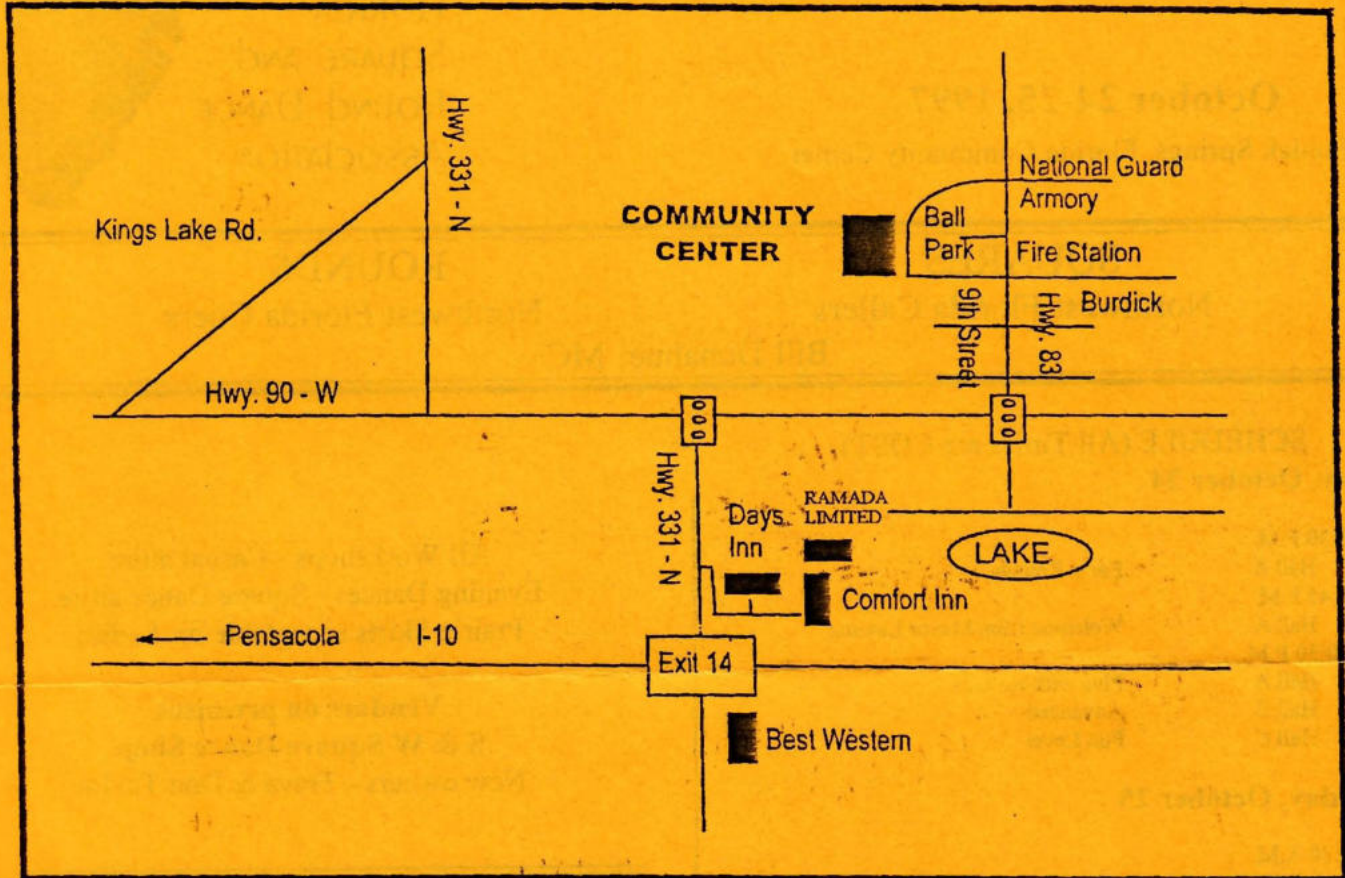
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New Membership	\$9.00 per person
Renewal	\$6.00 per person

Chairman: Julian and Flo Rösdiak
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