

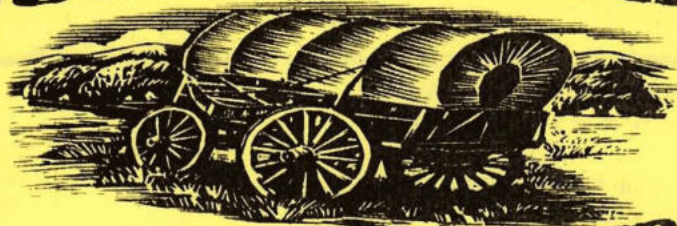
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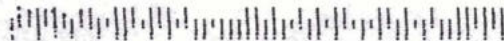
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## 31st ANNUAL ROUND-UP

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**Square Dancers for Katrina Relief**

By now we have all seen the devastation left in the wake of hurricane Katrina. Thousands of people along the Gulf Coast have been left homeless. These people need shelter, food, and clothing.

It is time for square dancers world wide to unite. Together, we can make a difference. Over the years, square dancers have shown themselves to be some of the most caring people in the world. There is not time to establish a new non-profit corporation for square dancers to donate to, so Grand Square Inc., a US 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation, has volunteered to funnel the monies collected. Make your checks out to Grand Square Inc., and CLEARLY mark on the check that the money is to be earmarked for the Square Dancers for Katrina Fund. All donations are 100% tax deductible and ALL of the monies collected will be hand-delivered to the appropriate charitable organization(s). If you like, you can donate using VISA, MASTERCARD, or PayPal via our secure website - <http://www.squaredancers4katrina.org/>. Make your tax deductible check to:

GSI  
Dancers for Hurricane Katrina Fund  
1100 East Morhead Street, Suite 100  
Charlotte, NC 28204

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Our 31<sup>st</sup> annual Round-up is just around the corner! Please plan to attend this great dance weekend October 21 and 22 in DeFuniak Springs. There will be square dancing at the Mainstream, Plus, and Advanced levels, with Bob Poyner, Willis Simmons, Ted Kennedy, and Jack White scheduled to call. Bill Bovard will cue the rounds. Encourage all of your club members to join you.

Also at this dance we will announce the clubs' and our Association's Dancer(s) of the Year, which is a great honor. Our Association officers will be installed: Dave Henn, President; Louie and Wilma Flowers, Vice-Presidents; Joe and Patricia McLendon, Treasurers; and Alice Helton, Secretary.

I know this will sound like a broken record, but I would like to remind you that Northwest is hosting the 53<sup>rd</sup> 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 52<sup>nd</sup> 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 the 28th. Tim and Terri would like to have at least three squares for our kickoff activity.

Cheryl Miller and others on the Convention Committee are doing a great job fund raising. So far we have raised \$5,837, but we still have a long way to go. Please support our efforts.

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.

The Pensacola Twirlers will have their 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance on November 12. Watch for details. And don't miss the New Year's Eve dance at Ragon Hall. This is always a great way to start a new year, by dancing with your friends.

See you in a square. Dave Henn

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## FLORIDA SINGLES ASSOCIATION

Greetings! We have just returned from the National Singles Dance-A-Rama in Columbus, OH. We had 486 registered dancers with 22 from Florida. Our next Dance-A-Rama will be in Rochester, New York, over the Labor Day Weekend.

Our Single Rama is fast approaching and details are being finalized for another fun weekend with Joe Fioretti, Whit Brown and the Griffins. We will be at the historic Kenilworth Lodge in Sebring October 21 and 22. We have after parties on Friday and Saturday nights, and we have two DJs from Georgia booked for both evenings. Please bring finger foods for the refreshment tables. We will be holding our annual meeting where we will be electing officers for the new year.

Florida will be hosting the next Fuzzy Navel in Jekyll Island, Georgia on March 24 & 25, 2006. Jim Cosmin will be calling and Misty Hannah will be cueing. Ribbons are now available for purchase.

For more information on these singles weekends or other single square dances, please call me at 863-967-5004 or email me at "[pjgreen@squaredancing.org](mailto:pjgreen@squaredancing.org)".

Hope to see you in a square real soon!  
Penny Green, President

### CAPITAL ROUNDS - Tallahassee, FL

Our great cuers, Fran and Jim Soos lost two cars, three computers and had other hurricane damage but they didn't let that stop them from cueing!. That's very hard to do. They stated that there were many, many good people who helped them with everything. Volunteers washed and dried hundreds of records for them. They bought a new computer and Fran immediately started recording. So, we are continuing our enjoyable dancing.

We still have easy rounds from 6 till 7:30 with any work-shopping the first half hour. Higher level dances are enjoyed from 7:30 till 9:30. On the 5th Tuesday we have been dancing "just for fun" with all dance levels cued. We have liked these so much that now we will "fun" dance the last Tuesday of every month and the time will be from 7 till 9 beginning in September. Fran would appreciate dance requests. Her programs are always varied but it is always nice to hear what are favorites of the dancers.

Fran and Jim have been very active in the Dixie Federation. In July they helped host a spaghetti dinner. Callers and cuers did the cooking and then had a terrific dance to work off all that food. Great attendance! In September they will be teaching and cueing at the Dixie Round Dance Federation for a weekend.

The August fun dance was especially nice as we had Barbara and Fred Jones back from Greece. John and LaDonna Hutchison visited. Pete was able to dance some. She hasn't let that broken leg slow her down too much. Naturally, many have been vacationing or ill, etc., but we do hope to see club members and visitors dancing with us on any Tuesday you have available. Remember it's great fun and great exercise too!

PS: Jim swears that Fran has another dancing partner at home....the cat joins her as she works on her cueing. Hmmm, think we can invite the cat some time soon?

Submitted by Rose Blackburn

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### Calendar of Events

Oct

21 & 22      **31st Annual Round-Up:** DeFuniak Springs Community Center, Defuniak Springs FL  
Callers: Bob Poyner / Ted Kennedy / Willis Simmons / Jack White  
Cuer: Bill Bovard

Nov

4 & 5      **52nd O'Leona Hoedown:** O'Leno State Park- High Springs, FL  
Callers: Bob Poyner / Ernie Rollen    Cuer: June & Frank Leverette

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**Pensacola Anniversary Dance:** Bayview Senior Center, Pensacola, FL.  
Caller: Ted Kennedy      Cuer: June Leverette

Dec

31      **New Years Eve Dance:** Regan Hall, Pensacola, FL.  
Callers: Bob Poyner / Stan Sullivan    Cuer: Jack Bremmer

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### Northwest Florida Membership changes

#### New Members:

Joe and Julie Gray  
314 Prudence Lane  
Panama City Beach, FL 32408

Tuck and Peggy Tucker  
8405 Fremont Road  
Youngstown, FL 32466

Email Changes: Paul & Cheryl Miller - [pc\\_miller@bellsouth.net](mailto:pc_miller@bellsouth.net)

## **Miracle on the Square Dance Floor**

By Berlon Graham

Shalimar, Florida

For the past 12 years I have called the Christmas party for the Youth of the Edgewood Baptist Church in Columbus Georgia. On December 17, 2004, the youth had invited the church family to be part of this Christmas fellowship. I began the dance by starting with a tip for teens through adults, then I asked for kids between the ages of 8 - 12 to form squares. I had noticed a couple sitting to my left with their son, who appeared to be about 9 years old. When the music started the young boy got up to dance and a young girl joined him. While they were dancing I noticed his parents were standing up and the mother was crying. I did not know why since their son appeared to be having a good time dancing. After the party when I began to pack my equipment to leave, the couple approached me. The mother gave me a big hug and said, "Mr. Graham, this has been the most wonderful night of our lives. You probably did not know but a miracle has happened here tonight. You see our son is autistic, he does not even talk. He has never played with other children, but when the music started and you asked his age group to get on the floor, we could not believe he got up to dance. It was as if we were watching our son come to life tonight!"

This touching story was shared with Joe & Joy Vacarri and they asked Berlon to share the story with others. Thanks !

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## **SWINGING SQUARES - Panama City, FL**

Although we once again missed hurricane disaster, our community will feel the storms impact for months to come. Evacuees are being housed in shelters and private homes. Children are enrolled in our schools and the generosity of residents is felt in many ways by those displaced from their homes by Katrina.

Before the storm, Bob Poyner and Jack White did a great job of working through the plus list with three squares of new and experienced dancers at Grand Square Hall. Ten hours of intense lessons have lifted the confidence level of everyone. Since some participants came from Tallahassee and Pensacola and needed to head home, our Sunday session began, instead of ended, with a delicious Bar-B-Que dinner. The event was such a success, more weekend dances are being considered.

By the time you read this, we will have held our Open House FUN NIGHT. Because last year's classes were so successful, expanded lessons will be held on Thursday nights for ten weeks with graduation before the Christmas holidays.

It's time to choose Northwest Florida's Dancer of the Year and that means it is time to honor a Swinging Squares couple with a nomination for the award. This year we have chosen Sandy and David Sturgis to represent us at the October Roundup when the winner will be announced.

Our talented decorations crew is always thinking up new ways to make Grand Square Hall even more inviting and exciting. This season they created an unusual look for the hall with a "Summer Circus" theme. A simulated "tent" effect with animals, clowns, colorful honeycomb garlands and pinwheels put dancers in a festive mood. Refreshments one night included peanuts, soda, lemonade, apples with caramel dip and pigs in a blanket "hot dogs". all typical circus favorites. Of course one dancer, who shall remain nameless, quipped, "Please don't feed the monkeys" to the kitchen help!

Wonder what they will come up with for fall and the holidays? Come visit and find out!  
You are always welcome at Grand Square Hall any Tuesday night from 7:30 to 9:30.

P.S. Check out the BLUE AND WHITE BALL flyers in this issue. This January dance is a favorite event featuring Darryl McMillan and Bill Bovard.

**CHAUTAUQUA SQUARES - DeFuniak Spring, FL**

The Chautauqua Squares doesn't have much news to report. The club is holding open house and hoping we can get a good class started this year. Louie has put out flyers and I have written several articles for our local paper hoping to get some people interested in wanting to learn square dancing, and would come out and take classes. This is so difficult with computers and TV that people seem to get hooked on, not to mention the gas situation. Most of the stores here are without gas or limit you.

I know that the 2005 Roundup will be a success, and I hope to see some of you there.

Happy Square Dancing  
Mary Hutcheson-Jones

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*"Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace, good  
will toward men."  
-- Luke 2:14*

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**SEASIDE SQUARES, INC.**

Ragon Hall, 2600 Stratford Rd., Pensacola, FL 32526-8778  
Phone (850) 944-0322 or (850) 293-9807

**At Ragon Hall for 2005**

**Jan Frolic**

Sat - Jan 29  
Caller: Stan Sullivan  
Cuer: Misty Hannan

**Pens. Special Steppers Dance**

Sat - Feb 5  
Afternoon Dance time  
1 PM to 5 PM

**C. P. Memorial Dance**

Fri - March 11  
Charity Dance  
Local Callers & Cuers

**Weekend of Rounds**

Fri & Sat - April 15 & 16  
Pierce, Jerry & Barbara

**Alabama Spring Fling**

Fri & Sat - April 22 & 23  
Caller: Willis Simmons  
Caller: Larry Belcher

**July Jamboree**

Fri & Sat - July 15 & 16  
Caller: Tony DiGeorge  
Cuer: Barbara Mays

**Dynamite Weekend**

Fri & Sat - Aug 5 & 6  
Callers: Bob Poyner &  
Tom Miller  
Cuer: June & Frank Leverette

**Anniversary Dance**

Sat - Aug 20  
Caller: Darryl McMillan  
Cuer: Paul Hutchinson

**New Years Eve Dance**

Fri - Dec 31  
Callers: Bob Poyner  
Stan Sullivan  
Cuer: Jack Brimmer

## DUES RENEWAL TIME

It's time to renew your Northwest Association membership for 2006. Renewal dues are \$8.00 per person, \$16.00 per couple. The cost includes membership, insurance, quarterly copy of the Panhandle Press, and reduced admission to the Roundup. New Member dues are \$12.00 per person, \$24.00 per couple. The cost includes membership, badge, insurance, quarterly copy of the Panhandle Press. In order to receive the reduced member admission fee to the 2005 Roundup dance, NEW MEMBERS that join NWF for 2006 must pay an additional \$3.90 each to cover the required insurance for the remainder of 2005.

A Membership Application Form is included in this issue of the Panhandle Press. You will need to fill it out and submit it with your renewal dues.

The admission cost of the Roundup for Northwest member is \$8.00 per person, non-member is \$15.00 per person for the weekend. We will be using ribbons for admission tickets. Please help us eliminate a line at the Roundup entrance by purchasing your ribbons in advance. Also, please have your membership application form completed and your check prepared in advance payable to NWFSRDA. Ribbons can be purchased from Northwest Association Officers.

Thank you for your support of Northwest Association. See you at the 31st Roundup, Oct 21 & 22.

Joe and Patricia McLendon Treasurers

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## CAPITAL TWIRLERS - Tallahassee, FL

Dancing this quarter certainly has been interesting for many clubs. Here in Tallahassee, our dancing schedule was changed due to Dennis. July fourth cancelled an evening of dancing fun as did the fifth Monday of August.

A couple from a traveling club danced with us and many pictures were taken. We viewed these through an entertaining slide show on a computer. Aren't computers amazing? And they have so many uses. Sure wish they could get us some new dancers and maybe some more clubs?

As many of you know, we have had the honor of having two great callers and we are sorry to report that Jack White has resigned. Panama City to Tallahassee is quite a drive and it probably seems longer returning each time. Jack and Pearl will be missed. They have done much to keep square dancing clubs going.

We still have wonderful Elmer Sheffield and he has very graciously offered his help keep us dancing. In fact, he very generously offered free dance lessons if we can possible get a class going. How is that for dedication?

Beginning in October, we will be dancing on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Monday's of each month. Fran and Jim will continue cueing their usual two nights. New dues and door fees will also begin in October. We hope all visitors will notice our changes and keep coming to dance with us. Contact Rose (850 997 0737) if you need further information.

We are a fun group and really look forward to visitors. Remember, we are at the Tallahassee Senior Center, 1400 N. Monroe, and we dance on Monday from 7:30 till 9:30. Do come dance around the square with us.

Submitted by Rose Blackburn

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

NORTHWEST FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
(As it should appear on the badge, if a new member)

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

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LIST ALL OF THE CLUBS TO WHICH YOU BELONG:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

DUES PER YEAR:

RENEWALS:

SINGLE: \$ 8.00  
COUPLE: \$ 16.00

NEW MEMBERSHIP:

SINGLE: \$ 12.00  
COUPLE: \$ 24.00

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

NWFSRDA (NORTHWEST FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION)

MAIL TO:

Joe and Patricia McLendon  
6323 Oak Knoll Road  
Panama City, Florida 32404  
850-769-4218  
Email: [jmcle13354@bellsouth.net](mailto:jmcle13354@bellsouth.net)

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP ENTITLES YOU TO:

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

# SWINGING SQUARES

PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA

ANNUAL

BLUE AND WHITE BALL

JANUARY 14, 2006

FEATURING

DARRYL McMILLAN

SQUARES

BILL BOVARD

ROUNDS

EARLY ROUNDS 7:00 - 7:45

MAINSTREAM/PLUS 8:00 - 10:30

\$8.00 PER PERSON

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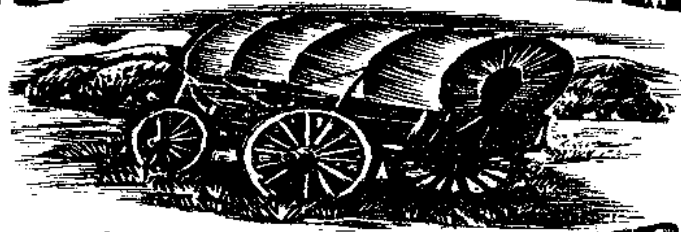
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#### CALLERS

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Willis Simmons / Jack White

#### Cuer

Bill Bovard

Weekend - \$8.00 Per Person NWFSRDA Member / \$15.00 Non-Member

Split Ticket - Non-Member Friday Night \$8.00 pp/ Sat Workshop & Dance \$12.00 pp

#### Friday Evening

#### Saturday

#### Saturday Evening

7:00-7:45 Early Rounds

Time TBA - NWFSRDA meeting

7:00-7:45 Early Rounds

8:00-10:30 Squares & Rounds  
plus / mainstream / advanced

1:30-3:30 pm workshop for Rounds  
plus/ mainstream / intro to advanced

8:00-10:30 Squares & Rounds  
plus / mainstream / advanced

DeFuniak Springs

Pensacola

Panama City

MORE INFO:

850-951-0987

850-455-5160

850-769-4218



# PENSACOLA TWIRLERS ANNIVERSARY DANCE

NOVEMBER 12, 2005

BAYVIEW SENIOR CENTER  
2000 E. LLOYD ST  
PENSACOLA, FL

**CALLER**  
**TED**  
**KENNEDY**  
**SLIDEL, LA**

**EARLY ROUNDS 7:30PM**  
**DANCE 8:00PM TIL 10:00PM**

**CUER**  
**JUNE**  
**LEVERETTE**  
**LAMONT, FL**

**CALL FOR**  
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**FLO HORNE**  
**850-476-5604**

**PATTY PING**  
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Montgomery, Alabama



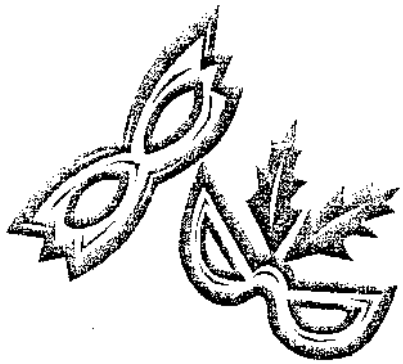
Caller: Jon Jones

# 46th Annual Dixie Jamboree



Crew:  
Jerry & Barbara Pierce

## Mardi Gras Celebration February 17th & 18th 2006



Early Rounds – 7 PM

Square & Round 8-10 PM

Advanced Tickets \$12.50 per person

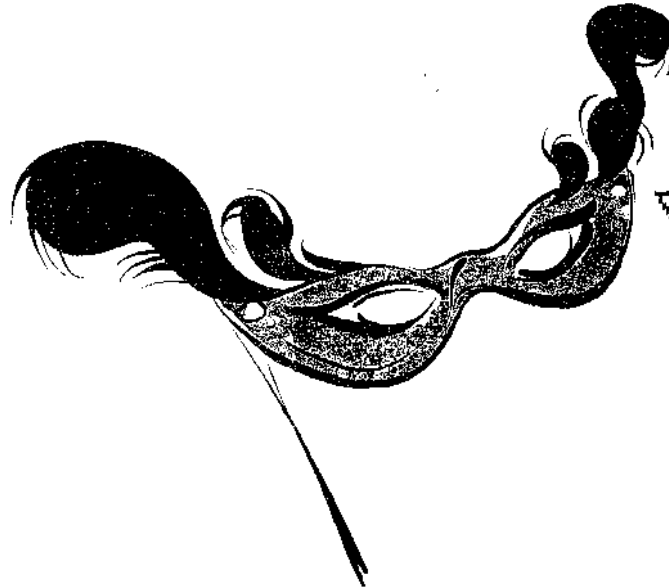
Both Nights at Door \$15.00 per person

Friday Only (Door) \$ 8.00 per person

Saturday Only (Door) \$10.00 per person

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Saturday: Rounds Workshop 10-Noon

Possible Fun Square Dance 2-4 PM



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For more information contact: Crews & Suzanne Reaves (334) 272-8194

**Participating Motels for the 2006 State Convention**

<b>Holiday Inn North</b> 3260 Highway 98 North	863-688-8080	\$75.00
<b>AmeriSuites</b> 525 West Orange Ave. Fills up fast	863-413-1122 Continental Breakfast	\$85.00
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<b>Best Western Diplomat</b> 3311 Highway 98 North	863-688-7972 Hot Breakfast Buffet	\$74.00
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<b>Holiday Inn South</b> 3405 South Florida Ave.	863-646-5731 Coffee, Juice & Danish	\$70.00
<b>Royal Palm Inn &amp; Conf Ctr</b> 4645 Socrum Loop	863-858-1411 Hot Breakfast Buffet	\$45.50
<b>Royalty Inn</b> 3425 Highway 98 North	863-858-4481 Continental Breakfast	\$79.95

**All Rates Plus Tax**

**For convention rates, make reservations early and be sure to identify yourself as being with the Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention.  
For Camper Information - See inside the brochure.**

Registration Form

# 52<sup>nd</sup> Florida State Square And Round Dance Convention



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