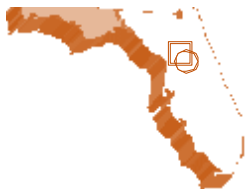


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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hi all,

It's time to get ready for the NWFSRDA 41st Annual Round Up!!! This year's Round Up will be held on October 30 & 31, 2015 at Lewis School in Valparaiso, FL. John & Libby Penrod, NW Association Vice-Presidents & Round Up Chairmen, along with their committee members, have worked tirelessly to make this Round Up very special. NW Caller, Miriam Meriwether who hails from Ft Walton Beach will be our Mistress of Ceremonies for the Round Up. Our featured Callers for the Round Up are Jack Lewis from Boynton Beach, FL and popular NW Caller, Bob Poyner, who resides in Defuniak Springs, FL. Our Cuers for this year's Round Up are David & Sandy Sturgis from Grand Square Rounds in Panama City, FL. On Friday night of the Round Up we will be having a Halloween Costume contest with prizes for the best &/or most unique costume. We hope you are planning on being there for the whole weekend. We have early Rounds & Square Dancing on Friday and Saturday evenings and fun workshops during the day on Saturday. We are planning something for everyone. So, whether you dance mainstream, plus, advanced or rounds you will have a great time! We are hoping some of our square & round dance friends from around the state will join us for this year's Round Up.

Remember to renew your NW Association 2016 membership this month. As a benefit of your renewal, you will be able to attend the 41st Annual Round Up for half the non-member price. As an added benefit of joining or renewing your NW Association membership, you will receive quarterly editions Panhandle Press and your USDA Dancers insurance premium will be covered as well. There are so many benefits of being a member of the NW Association! So, please join or renew now!!

We have so much going on here in the panhandle. Agape Squares is starting a Square Dance Class in Niceville. They had nearly two full squares of new dancers at their first open house. Classes began on September 21st. Miriam Meriwether is conducting Basic & MS Square Dance Classes @ PASARDA Hall in FWB on Wednesdays. Seaside Squares has held two Open Houses and started a new beginner's square dance class on September 18 at Ragon Hall in Pensacola. Roy Bernier (Dancing Dolphins) is teaching some of the Plus Program on Tuesday nights at St Simons Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall in Ft

Walton Beach. TNT Rounds is hosting a Rumba Class on Sunday afternoons at Ragon Hall with lessons being repeated on Tuesday evenings. There is always something going on at Grand Square Hall in Panama City.

Our next NW Association meeting will be held at 0930 on Saturday, October 31st at Lewis School in Valparaiso, FL in conjunction with our 41st Annual Round Up. At this meeting, we will be installing NW Association officers for 2016 so we need as many club delegates as can attend. NW Association officers for 2016 are Alec & Kay Schmidt, President, John & Libby Penrod, Vice-President, Dave Henn, Treasurer and Barbara McDonald, Secretary. I will send an e-mail soon with the proposed agenda. The minutes from the last meeting are in this edition of the Panhandle Press for your review prior to the meeting. We hope to see you there.

Don't forget about the website for the Florida Federation of Square & Round Dancers. You can find it at WWW.floridasquaredance.com This website has many useful links including a link to the Northwest Association home page. We invite you to go there to find a calendar of events and join us on Facebook, if you like.

See you in a square soon.

Alec & Kay Schmidt
President, NWFSRDA



**PENSACOLA TWIRLERS
PENSACOLA**

No report



DUES RENEWAL TIME

As Round-up time approaches, I must remind you that, if you have not done so already, it is time to renew your Northwest Association membership. Our annual renewal dues for current members are \$10.00 per person, and new membership dues are \$15.00 per person. Since your dues include insurance, four issues of the Panhandle Press, and half-price admission to the Round-up, Northwest membership is a bargain.

A Membership Application Form is included in this issue of the Panhandle Press. Even if you are a current member, we are asking that you fill it out and submit it with your renewal dues so that we can keep our records current. Please state the primary club to which you belong to accurately account for our insurance.

The admission cost for the Round-up is \$10.00 per person for both nights for NWF members. We will be using ribbons for admission tickets. These can be purchased in advance to save time at the door. You can also help to save time at the door if you have paid your membership renewal, made out to NWFSRDA, in advance.

It is very important that both individual and club memberships be renewed by December 1, so that we can accurately prepare our insurance reports in a timely manner.

Thank you for your cooperation. See you at the Round-up!

Dave Henn
Treasurer

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Club news: Association clubs—FREE

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Thanks.

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

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Editor's Note

The end of another year is fast approaching. We would like to say thank you to everyone who has submitted club articles or purchased ads this year. Without your submissions, we would not be able to produce this wonderful magazine.

Yes, it is a magazine. With articles from clubs, conventions and organizations around we are able to keep dancers in our area apprised of local happenings. It is wonderful to hear of the fun activities clubs are participating in.

The ads purchased help to support this magazine with funds necessary to print the copies sent out to those who do not have the capability to receive their subscription electronically and the complimentary copies sent your clubs.

Special thanks to Deecee Haslett for the time she has spent proofing each edition. Sometimes her task is quite challenging. Of course, we have to leave something for those who enjoy finding our mistakes. Did you find the one in this edition?

We look forward to serving our association next year and hope everyone continues with their submissions. And remember, you don't need to be the one your club designates to write the article. If you catch a fun moment on your camera, send it to us. We'll be happy to include it, with a caption you send or one of our own!

We hope everyone has a happy, safe and blessed New Year!

Terri & Tim Wilaby

NORTHWEST FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND
DANCE ASSOCIATION MEETING
RAGON HALL
2600 Stratford Lane, Pensacola, Florida
Saturday, August 15, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Alec brought the meeting to order at 1705.

INVOCATION: Alec Schmidt

ROLL CALL: Barbara McDonald 7 out of 10 clubs present.

WELCOME: Alec Schmidt: No visitors present

CORRESPONDENCE: Barbara McDonald. One get well card sent.

MIMUTES: Barbara McDonald. A motion was made, seconded, to approve the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dave Henn not present but gave a report to Alec. Checking account—\$315.55. Expenses were \$747.04. Certificate of Deposit—\$7610.49. Money Market Account—\$908.96. Total Assets as of August 2, 2015 are \$9416.26. A motion was made, seconded and approved to file the report for audit.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Insurance- no report.

Panhandle Press- no report.

2015 ROUND UP: John & Libby Penrod. Lodging for the callers and Cuers is the Comfort Inn in Niceville. They sent ribbons and flyers to NW and NE clubs and everywhere they danced. Reyna also has distributed flyers all over. Invitations and ribbons sent to the Florida State Officers.

Committees for the 2016 dance have been chosen. Deadlines for ads this year is September 1, 2015.

2016 ROUND UP: Is scheduled for July 29th and 30th at the Tallahassee Senior Center. It was moved to July because of the football schedule. Callers have signed their contracts: Elmer Sheffield—featured caller, Dave Muller—NW caller, Susan Snider—Cuer and Patti Ping Mistress of Ceremonies. Host hotels are the Holiday Inn and Best Western at exit 193 on I-10. The flyer is being designed. They are getting bids for 2017.

Florida Federation: Cheryl Miller: The meeting was held Sunday May 24, 2015 at the Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention. Ida Guthrie and George Garich were chosen to replace Jon Fay as NWF delegates. Public Relations handed out new business cards with a place for contact name on the back to promote dancing to clubs and dancers. The Tri folds will still be available for public places. Delegates voted : They sent out letters and the nomination forms were sent out July 13th and need to be returned by August 17th. Twon the cards and it was passed. The Florida Exploratory Committee will continue to research the possibility of submitting a bid to have the National Square Dance Convention in Florida. If we put in a formal bid, we will need people to assist with this event. The next Florida Federation meeting will be held Sunday, November 22, 2015, in conjunction with the NE 42nd annual Fall Festival (November 20-21, 2015).

62nd Florida State Convention Benefit Dance: Alex Schmidt. We need to plan a benefit dance for next year's State Convention. Alec said he would ask Lewis School for a date. He will coordinate with Ted Kennedy, President of the NW Caller's Association, to determine when callers might be available to support a benefit dance. Terri Wilaby said they could donate Ragon Hall on Saturday, January 23, 2016 for a benefit dance. Cheryl Miller will get with Kay

Schmidt for planning a benefit dance. Cheryl Miller stated that NW would receive their check, for supporting the 2015 State Convention, in November. She also stated we would have until May next year to donate to the State Convention. We can vote in January on when to make our donation.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DOY Chairman report- Terry and Jackie Kramero nominations have been received as of August 2nd. Please contact Terry Kramer ASAP to make your nomination. If your nomination is received after all others have been sent to the Review Committee, that nomination will not be included in this year's balloting for DOY. However, they may receive a certificate and Badge as their Club's DOY.

All Club nominations and forms will be mailed to the Review Committee by August 24th and returned to the DOY chairman by September 15th. Final tabulation of the ballot rankings will be done and certified by the NW President no later than October 1st. Badges and certificates will be ordered by October 5th. Awards will be presented on Saturday, October 31st at the Round Up. This will be the last year using the big travel board listing the previous DOY awardees. Terry suggested we go with a wall plaque or an individual award such as a desk top award. Any suggestions are appreciated. Discussion on number of submissions. Eligibility of dancers was carried on about people who have been nominated previously from clubs. Clubs should be recognizing dancers each year even if they do not meet NW criteria for a DOY. It was addressed by the bylaws of caller run clubs. It was discussed to revisit the Nominating DOY nomination process, plaques and bylaws by getting a volunteer committee. Miriam Merriweather, Terry Kramer, Brian McDonald and Alec will meet before the next association meeting. It was also brought up when we would do the DOY award for 2016 which could be done in the 4th quarter meeting and install officers.

OLD BUSINESS:

Miram Merriweather, Public Relations for NW, joined the Ft. Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce last year. She paid for that and it is now up for renewal for \$150.00. In that time she has received 2800 business listing displays on their web site and 421 times looked at more detail. (21%). She started a Wednesday night square dance class and round dance class on Tuesday nights. She has interest in contra dancing. She goes to events in the area. She wants to get NW clubs to be involved. She asked if NW would pay her renewal fee for this year. It was discussed, Cheryl Miller made a motion to pay for Miriam's membership. It was discussed, seconded and passed. Ideally we should have someone from each geographical area be in contact with their Chamber. Miriam said 1-2% joining said they heard about square dancing through the Chamber.

Alec passed out a copy of an e-mail on the insurance and getting it in on time. It has links and contacts information. Alec explained to Miriam about collecting for the NWFL membership, Round Up and the starting of insurance for new people for 2016. New members and graduates need to pay for insurance from now until the end of 2015. By joining NWFSRDA, dues includes insurance for 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers: Cheryl Miller reported; The Nominating Committee submitted the following nominations for 2015-2016 year: Alec Schmidt- President; John and Libby Penrod-Vice President; Secretary-Barbara McDonald and Dave Henn-Treasurer. No nominations from the floor. Offices are held for one year. This will be Alec's 5th year as president and extending his term beyond the 4 years allowed, Cheryl made a motion to wave Article 5, Section 3 (no person may hold the same office for 4 consecutive years) of the current constitution for the current election year 2015-2016 so the term of president can be filled. It was seconded, discussed and passed. A call to vote for all

positions which are unopposed. Joy moved that the Secretary cast a single ballot for the selection of officers. It was seconded and passed. One ballot cast in favor of election the above slate of 2016 officers.

DOY Criteria: There was confusion on being nominated for NWFSRDA DOY 2 years in a row, but you can be nominated for your Club DOY. Section 4 under B. After much discussion it was decided to extend the nominating deadline to September 1st.

Applications from clubs to join Association: No applications.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Upcoming Dances

October 29th, 2015 Round Up Trail End Sand Spurs, PASARDA Hall 7PM.

October 30-31th, 2015 NWFSRDA 41st Round Up at Addie Lewis School in Valparaiso, FL.

NEXT MEETING: October 31st 2015 at 9:45AM at Addie Lewis School, Valparaiso, FL. in conjunction with the NW Association Annual Round Up.

ADJOURNMENT: At 1815.



January Shine January 16, 2016



**Ted & Nancy Kennedy
Squares**



**Terri & Tim Wilaby
Rounds**

\$5.00 per person

Workshops 12:30–2:30pm Round Dance Workshop

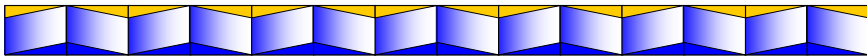
3:00–5:00pm A1/A2 Workshop

\$10.00 per person

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

A1/A2 sets will be offered during the evening dance

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SUNDAY---GRAND SQUARE ROUNDS

Easy/Intermediate Dance 1:30 - 3:00 PM
Intermediate Dance 3:30 - 5:30 PM
Cuer: Sandy Sturgis----- (850) 265-9488

MONDAY---BOP & SHAG DANCE CLUB

Doors Open & Lessons 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Dance 7:30 - 9:00 PM
Contact: Pam Wiggins----- (850) 532-4130

TUESDAY---SLICK KICKERS

Country & Line Dance 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Contact: Joe & Julie Gray----- (850) 258-9847

WEDNESDAY---OPEN

THURSDAY---SWINGING SQUARES

Early Rounds 6:30 - 7:00 PM
Class 7:00 - 8:15PM
Squares & Rounds 8:15 - 9:30 PM
Contact: Joe McLendon----- (850) 769-4218
Caller: Chris Burchfield
Cuer: Sandy Sturgis

FRIDAY---BALLROOM DANCING

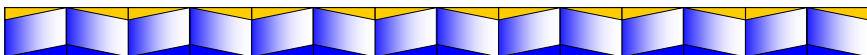
Ballroom with Basic Lesson 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Instructors: Dirk & Trisha----- (850) 277-0566

SATURDAY---OPEN FOR SPECIAL DANCES

Contact: Joe McLendon----- (850) 769-4218

IMPORTANT NOTES:

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME ALSO: ALL CLUBS OCCASIONALLY CANCEL--PLEASE VERIFY WITH CONTACT, CUER OR CALLER. GRAND SQUARE HALL IS OWNED & OPERATED BY DANCERS OF THE PANAMA CITY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION, A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION DEDICATED TO PRESERVING OUR SQUARE & ROUND DANCE HERITAGE.



DANCING DOLPHINS FORT WALTON BEACH

An open letter to the Dancing Dolphins. Thanks to each Dancing Dolphin for your countless contributions to your club. Thank you for not only taking part in the joy of square dancing, but also giving of your time and effort in actively supporting and promoting it. As a ready volunteer, you are always there pitching in and lending a hand, assisting students as angels, helping set up and tear down equipment, providing refreshments, and taking part in preparing for special dances. You proudly represent your Dancing Dolphins Club. You also demonstrate character traits that are very much appreciated, loyalty and dedication. Despite today's unlimited entertainment choices, you determined to make square dancing your top priority. You set the standard and lead by example. You understand the importance of commitment. As a mutually dependent social activity, with dancers' choices and options, as well as the spirit of the dance at stake, you get it! You never miss a square dance evening or event without due cause or reason. Your loyalty and dedication at the "grassroots" club level serves as a refreshing role model for square dancers everywhere. You appreciate "the more the merrier" holds true--more dancers create more excitement which generates a festive atmosphere. You are an inspiration to all who truly appreciate this fun, healthy, and friendly social activity. Thank you for the countless times you have "saved the day" through your unfailing commitment. It's a true pleasure being your Caller.



Dancing Dolphins

Caller: Roy Bernier

When: Tuesdays, 7-9 PM

Where: Saint Simon's on-the-Sound
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Contact: Roy Bernier (850) 651-6356
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62nd Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention “Sweet 16” May 27-28, 2016

Who can resist a piñata? Who can resist a cupcake? I don't know of anyone.

You could be the winner of a large, beautiful cupcake piñata to use at a party, decorate a girl's room, or give as a gift. To win the piñata, buy your raffle tickets now. Price: one ticket - \$2. Five tickets - \$5.

Wait! There's more! This piñata has sixteen candles, and each candle holds a surprise. When you win the piñata, you will win ribbons to some of Florida's premiere square dance festivals. Wait! There's more! Some of the candles have gift cards or cash!! The total value of this prized possession is \$516!!! Wait! There's more! Anyone who sells fifty raffle tickets for the piñata will receive ten FREE raffle tickets.

You can see a picture of the cupcake piñata, see a list of all the prizes, and download a Sweet 16 Convention registration form from our website www.floridasquaredance.com. There is also an adorable Cupcake Artifact traveling around all the associations in Florida. Inside there are MORE raffle tickets and a picture of the piñata with a list of the sweet goodies on each candle. In the artifact are also registration forms for the convention . . . fill one out and buy your ribbon as well.

Here is a list of just some of the dances where the cupcake raffle tickets will be for sale. Take advantage of these opportunities to buy lots of tickets for the raffle. YOU could be the lucky winner. The proceeds of the raffle help support the Sweet 16 Convention to be held May 27-28, 2016, in Lakeland, FL.

Aug 6-8 – TN State Conv., Gatlinburg, TN

Aug 14-15 – NC State Conv., Raleigh, NC

Aug 29 – NEFSARDA 5th Sat. Dance, Jacksonville, FL

Sep 12 – First Coast Rounds, Jacksonville, FL

Oct 10-11 – Round Dance Council, Plant City, FL

Oct 17 – FL Callers' Association Dance, Plant City, FL

Oct 23-26 - FANSDC Camp-O-Ree 2015, Eustis, FL

Oct 30-31 – NWFSARDA Round Up, Valparaiso, FL

Nov 6-7 – Ghosts of O'Leno Hoedown, Wild Frontier Campground, Ocala, FL

Nov. 13-14 – WCSARDA Fall Fun Fest, Bartow, FL

Nov. 20-21 – NEFSARDA Fall Festival & Federation Meeting (raffle drawing)

This cupcake is valuable to non-square dancers as well. Festival ribbons could be sold to dancers, or without even selling the ribbons, the cupcake would still be worth \$361. Right now I am sure you are eager to get your hands on at LEAST one strip of five raffle tickets to call your very own. Email Kathy McKinney at jacknkathy1@bellsouth.net or Cheryl Miller at pe.miller@mchsi.com or Dianne Syphard at diannehall6@aol.com or Linda Tester at lindactester@bellsouth.net. Get your Sweet 16 Convention ribbons now for only \$27 a person. Make checks payable to: 62nd FSDC and mail to: Jack McKinney, 709 6th Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250 Phone: 904-249-3224 e-mail: jacknonemckinney@bellsouth.net

There are now fewer than ten months until the Sweet 16 Convention. What are you waiting for?

Susie Moon
Publicity





47st Annual NWFSRDA Roundup

Trail End Dance!!!

Thursday, October 29, 2015

7:00 to 9:00 PM

Caller: Miriam Merriwether

PASARDA Hall

17 Industrial Street

Fort Walton Beach, FL

For more info:

Miriam @ 850-974-0091

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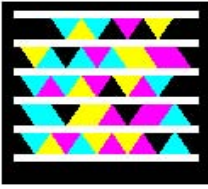
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\$5/person – refreshments welcomed

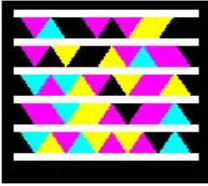
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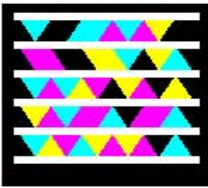


For those of you who are computer savvy, here's a treat. This page has what are called "Mobi Tags".

This first one will take you to Northwest Association's website.



This next one will take you to the Florida Federation's website.



Interested in keeping up with the Florida State Convention? Try this one!



T—N—T Rounds

***Sundays 3:30—5:30 pm
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65th National Square Dance Convention Des Moines, Iowa June 2016



All of us had a great time in Springfield, MA. Now is the time to start thinking about the 2016 convention which will be held in the Iowa Events Center, In Des Moines, Iowa.

Contrary to what most people think, Iowa is not all-flat land. We have rolling hills and tall bluffs to see and enjoy. Along the Missouri River by Council Bluffs, for example, are the Loess Hills, one of the few naturally occurring wind-blown silt deposits from thousands of years ago.

Des Moines is at the cross roads of interstate 80 which is a major east west highway system. If you want to see scenery along the way, we have listed 10 alternate routes using two lane roads to get to Des Moines. They are listed on our website, 65nsdc.org.

Des Moines is also easy to get to by air. We have a very modern International Airport, which has 18 direct flights in and out of the city, and it is only 6 miles from the Iowa Events Center. There is also a Mega bus that links 120 major cities for really low prices. One of the stops is only a few blocks for the Events Center.

We have listed several of our best hotels on the back of our registration form. All will be linked by the purchase of a bus pass. A majority of these hotels are also linked by a skywalk, which is climate controlled, and are also linked to the Iowa Events Center.

For those of you camping, we will be using the Iowa State Fair Campground with 1600 sites, many of them are full hookups. It has mature trees on gently rolling land; you may need lumber to level your RV.

Parking at the Events Center at \$7.00. There are other parking spaces around the Events Center as well.

The Events Center has four names; depending on which direction you approach it from, Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center, HyVee Hall and Iowa Hall of Pride.

The Events Center has 4 floors, which will be used for the convention. The 300 numbered rooms will be used for Education Seminars, Panels and Clinics, with some of these rooms also offering dancing, lines, hex-

agons, clogging, contra, rounds, advanced, challenge, DBD, high energy and low energy. Other areas will offer the Live Band, Fashion Show, Exhibitions, Showcase of Ideas, Sew & Save and more.

Registration will be located in part of the Memorial Hall; this is the main entrance to the convention center, which is the 3rd floor. Ways & Means, Information, Tours, and Lost & Found are some of the other items which can be found at this location.

When not dancing visit our Capitol Building. It is the only five domed Capitol in the country. One of the domes is gold plated with 24 karat gold leaf and the other four domes have gold on them near the very top.

Another place you may want to visit is our historic governor's mansion, Terrace Hill. The family lives on the second floor. Construction began in 1866 and was finished in 1869 at a total cost of \$250,000. The tower is 90 feet tall.

We also have a genuine English King's Manor House, the Salisbury House. It was brought over from England stone by stone. It was moved by cosmetic magnet Carl Weeks in the 1920's. It has 42 rooms and is over 20,000 square feet.

During the end of the week of our convention (Friday, Saturday & Sunday) downtown Des Moines will host a Juried Art Festival featuring 190 of the nation's best artists selected from a competitive jury process. There is live music and we have applied to do a square dance demonstration as part of the entertainment.

We will be offering a golf tournament on Wednesday, June 22, from 9 to 4. This will include bus transportation to and from, 18 holes with lunch and prizes. Check the tour brochure or go online for more details.

If you arrive early or want to stay late you may want to visit: Adventureland Amusement & Water Park (Pools, fun rides, food vendors entertainment and amazing water slides).

Another reason to attend the 65th National Square Dance Convention is the mid-western hospitality. Although Des Moines is a major city, (metropolitan area, of 500,000) it is composed of mostly small town comfort.

We are #1 as the best city for young professionals according to Forbes Magazine; 5th best city for retirement across the nation; and 6th best state to retire in, both according to Bankrate. We know it's the number one place to square dance in 2016!

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62nd Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention

“Sweet 16”

May 27-28, 2016



EXTRA! EXTRA! Read all about it!!

The Sweet 16 Florida Convention is going to feature a “Fun Hall.” All sorts of fun activities will be bursting from this hall. You need to make sure you check it out May 27-28, 2016, in Lakeland, Florida. During the daytime in the

Fun Hall, you will discover some unique things like a Zumba fitness class, contra instruction and dancing, and line dance instruction and dancing. In the evenings, you will be blown away by Dangle Dances, Candy Gram dance, and Hot Hash dancing. At the Candy Gram Dance, the Candy Gram messages will be delivered and the dancing will be all singing calls. These new additions to the Convention line-up are sure to add even more fun to a delicious weekend!

Get a grip on this really sweet part of the deal for the Sweet 16 Convention. Even though the convention will be only two days, we’re going to pack in the same number of hours of dancing as the 2015 three-day convention!! This is fantastic news!! To make this happen, dancing will begin at 10:00 AM on Friday, May 27, 2016. How sweet it is!

It’s not too late to buy your raffle tickets for the cupcake piñata worth \$516. If you haven’t seen them for sale at a dance, then email Kathy McKinney at jacknkathy1@bellsouth.net or Cheryl Miller at pe.miller@mchsi.com or Dianne Syphard at diannahall6@aol.com or Linda Tester at линдactester@bellsouth.net to buy a raffle ticket.

You must be eager to get your Sweet 16 Convention ribbon, and they are only \$27 a person. Here’s how to do it – Make checks payable to: 62nd FSDC and mail to: Jack McKinney, 709 6th Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250 Phone: 904-249-3224 e-mail: jacknonemckinney@bellsouth.net

Susie Moon, Publicity





SWINGING SQUARES PANAMA CITY

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Bob Poyner for keeping us dancing in Wausau at the Possum Festival. We were the entertainment. It was HOT, HOT, HOT. There were square dancers from Tallahassee, Dothan, Panama City and other areas around Florida and Alabama participating in the fun. Slick Kickers, two step and line dancers, had a good group from Grand Square Hall lead by Joe and Julie Gray. They danced while square dancers were resting. It was a fun night, and we all should have lost a couple of pounds. Thanks again to Bob and Ann and everyone who traveled to Wausau for helping Swinging Squares entertain the crowd. All dancers received the one-of-a-kind Possum Festival dangle.

Swinging Squares finished the mainstream class with Mike and Anne Mahowald and Chas and Helen Longo joining our Club. They are fun people and give the Club new enthusiasm. We are now dancing mainstream with teaching tips. Larry Skipper is planning our next basic class. The Club hopes to begin a new class in October. Because of the holidays and lack of an instructor, it may be put off until the first of the year. We really hate to delay because we have two squares ready to start.

We are looking forward to traveling to Pell City to dance with Darryl, Jerry, Tony and Sandy. Also, we're planning for a fun weekend at the Round Up the last of October.

Plans are in the works for a tailgate party on the fifth Thursday of October. Wear your team T-shirt and get in to the spirit. We will be serving hot dogs with all the fixings. Come over and join us for a lively night of dance.

See you soon,
Joe and Patricia McLendon, VP, Swinging Squares

NWFSRDA ANNUAL ROUND UP

COMING SOON, TO A TOWN NEAR YOU!

Yes it is!! The wagons will be circling on October 30-31st for the NWFSRDA 41st Annual Round Up in Valparaiso, Florida.

The annual Round Up is a special dance, sponsored by the Northwest Association, in appreciation for the dancer's support of the Association.

Plans are being made to make this an occasion which will fan your top and explode your wave! This year, as in past years, the dance date falls on the Halloween weekend so begin planning your entry into the costume contest NOW.

Although the Association is able to finance a good bit of the dance expenses, it is still necessary for the dancers to help out. Each dancer will need to pay for a ribbon which assures entry to the dance on both days and, as chairmen, we will be asking for your help in some of the on-site tasks. Ribbons and flyers have been given to a delegate from each club and you can buy a ribbon anytime between now and the dance date. Ribbons will also be available at the door. General admission price is \$20.00 per ribbon but NWSRDA members pay only \$10.00. Just another benefit of being a member of the NWFSRDA.

Stay tuned for more information. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact us via voice, email, or text. Libby's smart phone at 850-566-2117 or John's at 850-566-2130. libbypenrod@comcast.net or penrod.jp@comcast.net

Thanks, John and Libby Penrod
NWFSRDA Vice-Presidents
41st Annual Round Up Chairmen



*No monkeying
around here—it's a
fact!*

I will soon be back!

*I can't wait to see my friends on
the dance floor!*

Arlene





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When years are passing by like days,
and in my hand your hand is placed,
a knowing smile will cross your face,
a simple touch still makes my heart race.

I love you as much now as I ever did before,
if possible, I may even love you more,
all starting from a feeling we did not ignore,
a feeling of connection we chose to explore.

I don't know what it is that you saw in me,
what I saw in you was the utmost happiness
that can ever be,
even more so on the day when you and I
became "We",
I can still smile and say with love and
truth Honey, I love you...Happy Anniversary.

Carl

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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.



Calendar of Events

2015

October

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B Sharps Fall Ball, Azalea Hall
5949 Bourne Road, Theodore, AL
Callers: Dan Campbell, Ted Kennedy
Cuers: Fran & Carl Keller

3

Special Saturday, Port Orange Adult Center-Annex
3738 Halifax Drive, Port Orange, FL
Caller: Dee Dee Doughtery-Lottie

5-8

Huntsman World Senior Games Square Dance
SunRiver Community Center, 1390 W Morane Manor
Drive, St George, UT

9

Special Dance with Jerry Junck, KC Hall
300 South Adams Street, Rayne, LA
Caller: Jerry Junck

9-10

Daytona Beach Ball, Ormond Senior Center
351 Andrews Street, Ormond Beach, FL
Caller: Tony Oxendine
Cuers: Jimmy & Carol Griffin

10-11

RDCF Fall Weekend of Rounds, NEW Stardust Dance
Center, 3613 Citrus Tree Road, Plant City, FL
Cuers: Susie & Gert-Jan Rotscheid

15-17

Oktoberfest 2015,
Historic Fontana Dam Village, NC
Callers: Jerry Handley, Paul Marcum, Darryl McMillan
Cuer: Pauline Angress

17

Belles and Buoy's 53rd Anniversary
Lyman Senior Citizens Center, 14592 County Farm
Road, Gulfport, MS
Caller: Elmer Sheffield
Cuers: Terri & Tim Wilaby



17 FCA Fall Clinic Dance, Strawberry Squares
4404 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL
Caller: Al Stevens
Cuer: Susan Snider

22-25 2015 FANSDC Camporee, Southern Palms RV
One Avocado Drive, Eustis, FL

23-24 2nd Annual Harvest Hoedown, Golden Pines Ranch
1200 East McHenry Road (GPS), Perkinston, MS
Caller: Ted & Nancy Kennedy

23-24 53rd Midsouth Festival, St. Paul United Methodist
2949 Davies Plantation, Lakeland, TN
Caller: Darryl Lipscomb
Cuers: Gloria & Tom McMullin, Matthew Temples &
Ramona Stowe, Gin & Jim Weaver

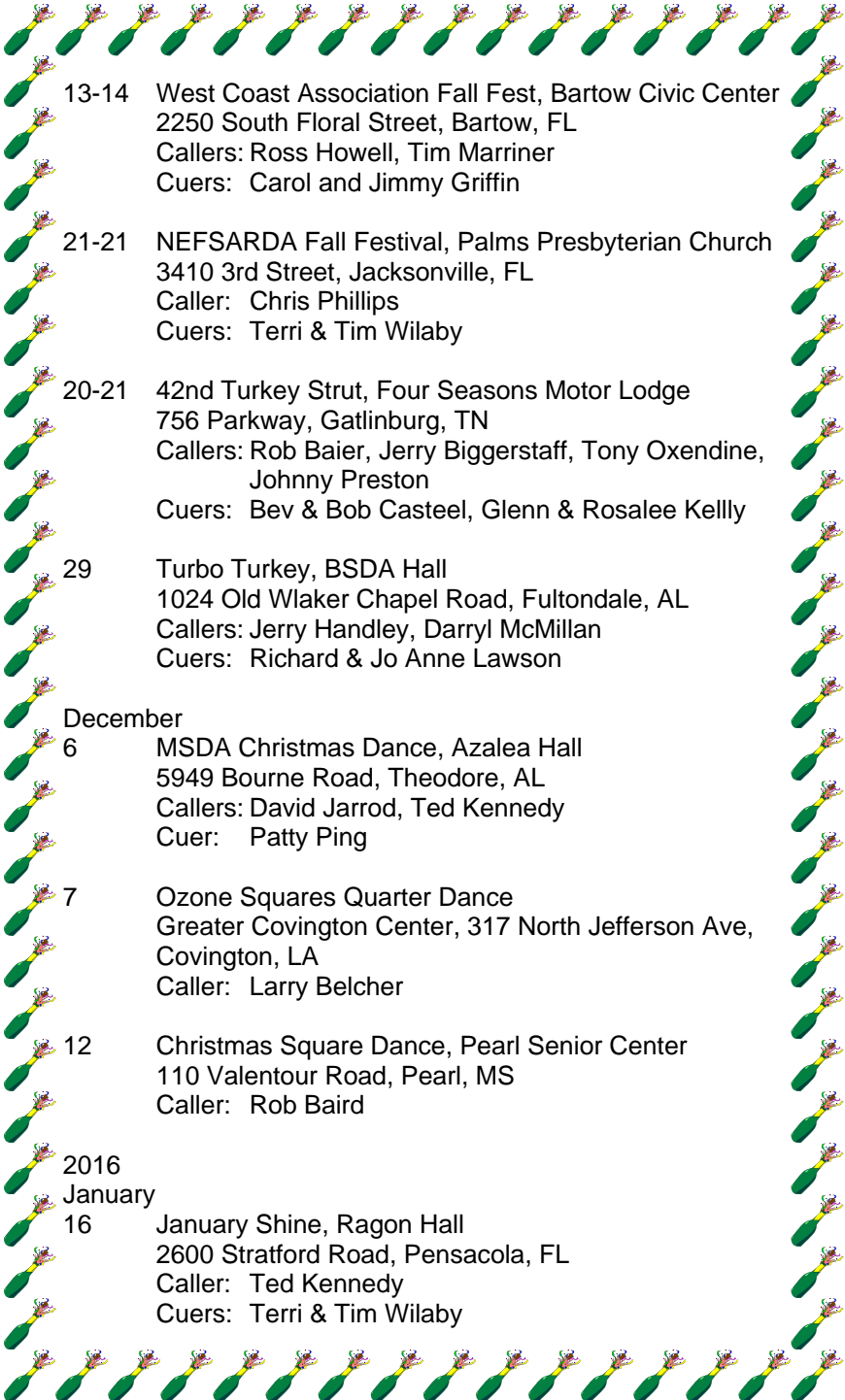
29 Round Up Trail-In Dance, PASARDA Hall
17 Industrial Street, Fort Walton Beach, FL
Caller: Miriam Merriwether

30-31 NWFSRDA 41st Annual Round Up,
Addie R. Lewis Middle School
281 Mississippi Avenue, Valparaiso, FL
Callers: Jack Lewis, Bob Poyner
Cuers: Sandy & David Sturgis

November

6-7 Tammany Twirlers 53rd Annual Festival
Tammany Twirlers Clubhouse, 35386 Home Estate
Drive, Slidell, LA
Callers: Fri—Justin Russell, Sat—Tim Marriner
Cuers: Terri & Tim Wilaby

6-8 Ghosts of O'Leno Hoedown, Wild Frontier Campground
3101 Northwest 16th Avenue, Ocala, FL
Caller: Bill Chestnut
Cuer: Susan Snider



13-14 West Coast Association Fall Fest, Bartow Civic Center
 2250 South Floral Street, Bartow, FL
 Callers: Ross Howell, Tim Marriner
 Cuers: Carol and Jimmy Griffin

21-21 NEFSARDA Fall Festival, Palms Presbyterian Church
 3410 3rd Street, Jacksonville, FL
 Caller: Chris Phillips
 Cuers: Terri & Tim Wilaby

20-21 42nd Turkey Strut, Four Seasons Motor Lodge
 756 Parkway, Gatlinburg, TN
 Callers: Rob Baier, Jerry Biggerstaff, Tony Oxendine,
 Johnny Preston
 Cuers: Bev & Bob Casteel, Glenn & Rosalee Kelly

29 Turbo Turkey, BSDA Hall
 1024 Old Wlaker Chapel Road, Fultondale, AL
 Callers: Jerry Handley, Darryl McMillan
 Cuers: Richard & Jo Anne Lawson

December

6 MSDA Christmas Dance, Azalea Hall
 5949 Bourne Road, Theodore, AL
 Callers: David Jarrod, Ted Kennedy
 Cuer: Patty Ping

7 Ozone Squares Quarter Dance
 Greater Covington Center, 317 North Jefferson Ave,
 Covington, LA
 Caller: Larry Belcher

12 Christmas Square Dance, Pearl Senior Center
 110 Valentour Road, Pearl, MS
 Caller: Rob Baird

2016

January

16 January Shine, Ragon Hall
 2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL
 Caller: Ted Kennedy
 Cuers: Terri & Tim Wilaby

SAND SPURS

FORT WALTON BEACH

As the summer draws to an end and October is just around the corner, we look forward to the 41st NWFSRDA Roundup. Miriam will be calling a Trail-End dance on Thursday evening, October 29th at PASARDA Hall preceding the Roundup on Friday night October 30th. We hope to fill the hall to capacity.



On the 27th of August, the Sand Spurs had a “Going Away Party” for Cheryl and Allan Hanson who are moving back to the New Orleans, Louisiana area, which Cheryl so dearly loves. The send-off was attended by over four squares of friends and visitors who came to give them best wishes and much love for their future. Among the visitors, we had folks from Indiana who joined the festivities.

Since their new home is so close to New Orleans!



It seemed only natural that in their Honor the party theme should reflect.... **Mardi Gras!**

Claudette, Barbara and Jackie decorated the main hall and kitchen with many decorations reflecting the theme; and Miriam’s selections of songs to call also reflected several special songs which fit the occasion.



Oh, what wonderful and generous cooks square dancers are! The kitchen was filled to overflowing with so many wonderful dishes, like a huge crockpot full of barbecued pork and a very special and delicious salad prepared by the Beck's along with the home-made potato soup and many sandwiches and desserts prepared by all.

We hope Allan and Cheryl can return on occasion to dance with us. We will miss their spirited dancing and friendship which they always brought to PASARDA Hall dances!

Miriam's Wednesday evening Square Dance class is still going strong with several squares of dancers preparing to graduate. The Tuesday evening Cued Ballroom Waltz class that began on the 25th of August has been progressing nicely and the couples and singles learning the art of this graceful dance seem to be enjoying themselves immensely.

On a Personal Note: The DOY Committee has been very busy managing the nomination process for the NWFSRDA's 2015-16 DOY Awards. The winners will be announced at the Roundup. As the current Chairs of this Committee, we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all the Clubs who have chosen to participate in this traditional process by honoring their dancers and naming them as their Club's DOY, and promoting them to become the next NWFSRDA's DOY! We also wish to thank the four Area Representatives who volunteered to review all the nominations and help us determine the dancer(s) who are to be chosen as this years NWFSRDA's DOY!

It has been our honor to represent both the NWFSRDA and the Sand Spurs as their Dancers-of-the-Year for 2014/2015.

Jackie & Terry Kramer



SEASIDE SQUARES—RAGON HALL PENSACOLA

Hear Ye, Hear Ye from SEASIDE SQUARES

*Once upon a Friday... weary,
Seaside ventured out to query.
Could they start a class and reach
some newly interested friends to teach?*

Well, by golly, they could & did!

Seaside Squares is proud to announce its latest group of new graduates who stuck with their lessons that began in February and continued throughout the summer.

The mainstream graduates are: Deb & Deak Batchelor, Bobbi & Mike Nichols and Bill Rankin. One of Seaside's own, Pattie Lewis, also participated in the class learning the man's part (or as some might prefer, learning the left side partner's part). Please welcome our new graduates into your squares!



The club had several others who started, but due to conflicting work & personal schedules, were unable to complete the class. Imagine that, allowing work & personal commitments to take priority over dancing. Hmmm! However, everyone hopes these folks will return & bring some other interested friends with them to the next beginner's class that is forming as this article is being written. There were two Open House opportunities in September: Friday the 4th & Friday the 11th, that ran in conjunction with Seaside's Friday night dancing, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. The callers had everyone up on the dance floor to experience this "friendship set to music" that is square dancing. Then on Friday the 18th from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., classes started in earnest.

Come join us as we bring new friends to our wonderful activity. Classes run from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. and club dancing follows from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Visit www.seasidesquares.com for more information.

65th National Square Dance Convention

Des Moines, Iowa



June 22-25, 2016

“Do the Iowa Scene in 2016”

Press Release #2

Our team has some wonderful tours for you to choose. We have 21 tours with many places to tour on each one. Choose one or tour all, we would love to have you. Don't forget the overnight tours before and after the convention. Please book early so we do not have to cancel one you may have wanted. So far there are no bookings for the Golf Outing, where are you golfers? More than one person requested this outing. It should be a fun time for all those who like to golf.

Tour the Governor's Mansion, actual house where his family lives, with lunch at the Art Center by one of our famous chef's and then on to the Salisbury House to tour with its British Royalty dating to the 13th century. This is a wonderful tour. There are many more to choose, so please see our flyer or go online to 65th nsdc.org and make your reservations early. Here are some of our Tours:

**MT1 – Clear Lake/Grotto of Redemption,
Monday, June 20, leaving at 8 a.m. return-
ing on Tuesday June 21 at 6:30 p.m.**

You will go to beautiful Clear Lake, Iowa and tour the city with a local guide. Stroll along the winding pathways and explore the beauty of nearly 3 acres of themed flowerbeds, ponds, and streambeds of Central Iowa. Have lunch while cruising on the “**Lady of the Lake**”.



Tour the **Surf Ballroom/Museum** and the crash site of Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and the Big Bopper. See the **Iowa Fire Museum** which has a memorial from the 9/11 New York World Trade Center, explore the **Fort Custer Maze** and finish the day at **Lamp Post Theatre Dinner and Comedy Show**.

Breakfast in your Comfort Inn Hotel then visit the **Guardian Angel Roadside Chapel** and then off to Britt, Iowa to tour the **National Hobo Museum**. On to **Camp Algona POW Museum and Nativity Scene**, which was carved by former German prisoners of war, in thanks for their good treatment. Have



lunch at the Pizza Ranch in Algona, Iowa. Tour the **Motor Sport Museum and Train Museum**. Then off to West Bend, Iowa to the **Grotto of Redemption** where millions of rocks and gems were collected by Father Paul Mathias Dobberstein who built the Grotto to tell in stone the story of man's fall and his redemption by Jesus Christ.

Double Occupancy -----\$200

WI – Golf at Toad Valley, Wednesday, June 22 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Golf in Pleasant Hill, Iowa for 18 holes with cart, fun and prizes

Golf -----\$52

W2 – Living History Farms/Machine Shed, Wednesday, June 22 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This 500-acre outdoor museum that recreates history and lifestyles in various time periods – the 1700 Loway Indians, the 1850 pioneers, the towns people of 1875 and 1900 farmers. Historical interpreters dressed in period clothing complete the daily routines. Visit the Chapel built on the site where the Pope held mass in 1979.



Lunch at the Machine Shed -----\$49

W3 – Adventure Land Amusement and Water Park, Wednesday, June 22 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bring your swimming suit, have fun on the water slides and pools and check out the entertainment, fun rides and food vendors at the park.

Lunch on your Own -----\$65

Child 4-9 -----\$60

Child 0-3 unless on lap -----\$20

W-4 – Amana Colonies , Wednesday, June 22 from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A guide will take you through a national Historic Landmark of America’s longest-lived communal society. Visit the seven German villages along the Iowa River, serving old fashioned family style meals with homemade pie, wineries specializing in dandelion and rhubarb, shops with hand-made items, a textile mill and more.

Lunch on your own -----\$35

W5-Jester Park Equestrian Center, Wednesday, June 22 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Take a Trail Ride by horseback or a wagon ride. Both take you through the woods and along Saylorville Lake. **This one has limited space so please get your tickets early.**

Trail Ride-----\$51

Wagon Ride-----\$31

W6-Bridges of Madison County, Wednesday, June 22 from 8 a.m.

A guide will take you to the Covered Bridges of Madison County, sites of the Hollywood productions: “The Bridges of Madison County” and “Cold Turkey.” See the 76-acre Winterset City Park with **Clark Tower**, climb it if you would like. Experience an **English Hedge Maze** and see **Cutler Donahoe Bridge**. Tour **John Wayne’s birthplace**, have lunch at St Paul’s Lutheran Church and have time to shop on the Town Square with a Ben Franklin store and visit the Fons and Porter shop where “Love of Quilting” is taped. Take a self-guided Court House tour. -----\$49



W7-City Tour, Wednesday, June 22 from 1 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Besides the highlights of the city, this will make a stop at the **West End Architectural Salvage** with very unusual shopping and a possible talk from Don Short of the television show “West End Salvage”. -----\$21

T1-John Deere/Gold Star Military Museum, Thursday, June 23 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Gold Star Military Museum is located at historic Camp Dodge. This renovated museum houses exhibits honoring Iowa men and women who have served the state and nation in peace and war. In the museum see displays of artifacts from the Civil War through the present day, including uniforms, equipment, weapons, insignia and the everyday items used by service members. Then off to John Deere to tour the factory.

Tour-----\$20



Our Special Event will amaze you. **Vocal Trash** is a team of entertainers that sing, dance, play recycled instruments and for the younger set the B-Boys Break Dance. The older folks might consider this type of dance to be more acrobatic. They do it all set to wonderful music by the rest of the team. Kelsey was a star on the Broadway hit “Annie” and has a voice unmatched in any range, she tap dances and plays the drums too. Steve thinks he is the old fart at age 53, but he is amazing with his wonderful singing voice and the talent for playing drums on anything and everything and his amazing wit and just good clean fun. You will not see this whole team stop moving once the show starts. The music and the moves are electrifying. You will be ready to dance when this is over.

We are NOT having a meal with our Special Event this year, but there will be several places within the Iowa Event Center where you can get what you want to eat and the prices will be less than what we could provide. So we kept the price down on our Special Event and I think you will be able to get a meal and the show for less than previous years.

Our Fashion Show will be spectacular. We have wonderful decorations planned to enhance the models and not distract from them. We have a wonderful pre-show light music by Jack O’Leary and some songs during the show by Berry Peck written to fit the theme of the show. The narration will be kept to the point so there is no dragging. Dorothy and Dave Hansen have worked very hard to make it the best Fashion Show ever and I think you will agree. They have some wonderful models.

Current Registration Total is 2106

Getting to Des Moines off the Interstate

This is a series of articles featuring one of the ten scenic routes to Des Moines allowing you to bypass the Interstate Highway System. It is our desire that you make your trip to Iowa a vacation and not just a drive from your home to the National Square Dance Convention® in Des Moines.

Route 1 – Through South/South Central Iowa START AT FORT MADISON,
IA WITH A VARIANCE FROM ROUTE 1

Head northeast of Fort Madison on the Great River Road (Hwy 61) to Burlington, home of Snake Alley. Then follow Hwy 34 west to Mount Pleasant, home of the Midwest Old Threshers Reunion. Follow Hwy 34 west to Fairfield, Iowa’s emergent art scene. You might like to detour south of Fairfield on Hwy 1 to the Villages of Van Buren. Continue from Fairfield west to Ottumwa where the Des Moines River runs directly through the town. Another detour of inter-

est between Fairfield and Ottumwa, via Hwy 16, is Eldon, home of the American Gothic House, <http://www.americangothichouse.net/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/house27.jpjn> made famous by Iowan Grant Wood. On a visit to Blakesburg, off Hwy 34 on T61 between Ottumwa and Albia, you will find the Antique Air Museum, featuring various periods of aviation. It is approximately 20 minutes away from Ottumwa. Continue northwest on Hwy 149/Hwy 23 to Oskaloosa, home of the Nelson Pioneer Farm and Museum, a premier historic attraction. Take Hwy 163 to Pella where you will get the feel of Holland with everything from wooden shoes to Dutch letters. Pella is just 43 miles from Des Moines.

Some points of interest along the way: FORT MADISON, IA: The historic downtown where Victorian architecture abounds, offers an array of specialty shops and five antique stores. The Old Santa Fe Depot Historic Center depicts the community's railroad history. The Santa Fe Bridge was originally built in 1888 and the current bridge was built in 1927. Measuring 525 feet, the bridge is the world's largest double-decker, swing span bridge. The top level accommodates automobile traffic while the lower level provides two tracks for railroad traffic. The bridge rotates to allow river traffic to pass safely.

BURLINGTON, IA: Visit Snake Alley, "the crookedest street in the world." Discover the Heritage Hill Historic District, museums, downtown shopping, and beautiful parks. Catch a minor league baseball game, test your luck at Catfish Bend Casino and experience the excitement of auto racing at the 34 Raceway.

MOUNT PLEASANT, IA: Share the charm and history of this rural community and admire the variety of architecture in the homes and businesses. Iowa Wesleyan College is the oldest chartered institution of higher learning west of the Mississippi. Visit the grounds to see the Harlan-Lincoln House, home to James Harlan, U.S. senator and friend to President Abraham Lincoln. Celebrate rural heritage during Midwest Old Threshers Reunion with steam trains and electric trolleys, and working steam engines.

FAIRFIELD, IA: Iowa's foremost art colony, with diverse cultural events, international cuisine and home to Maharishi University of Management, founded by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. Maharishi Vedic City, Iowa's newest city in 25 years, features unique Vedic architecture and an open-air observatory of masonry sundials that display the movements of the sun, planets, and stars.

OTTUMWA, IA: A river town whose name means place of perseverance and land of rippling waters, Ottumwa is the home of Iowa's most famous Indian chiefs, Wapello, Keokuk and Appanoose. Regional attractions include the American Gothic House, Wapello County Museum, and Antique Air Museum.

OSKALOOSA, IA: There is something for everyone here, from the historic city square with the bandstand to a recreation trail that nearly loops the city. Visit the Nelson Pioneer Farm and Museum, one of the premier historic attractions in Mahaska County. The Nelson home and barn are the focal point of the museum and are designated National Historic Sites by the US Department of Interior.

PELLA, IA: Pella's architecture gives you the feeling of Holland, along with wooden shoes, delicate Dutch pastries, the musically animated Klokkenspel, Molengracht canal with working drawbridge, and the tallest working windmill in the United States. Pella offers three designated Cultural Districts and beautifully landscaped parks with an array of color. Old World charm and annual tradition peaks in early May at Tulip Time Festival. Pella is also home to Pella Windows and Doors, one of the country's largest manufacturers. The Vermeer Museum and Global Pavilion chronicles the history of Vermeer Corporation and the development of its agricultural products such as the round baler, and industrial construction equipment including trenchers, boring equipment and environmental equipment. Enjoy a variety of outdoor recreation at nearby Lake Red Rock.



PRAIRIE CITY, IA: Begin with a visit to the Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge, and then enjoy four beautiful parks. The Prairie City Historical Society Museum offers a glimpse of the city's past.





For the past 19 years you have been my best friend, love and soul mate. You have been there for me always, giving me strength and encouragement. On this, our wedding anniversary, I again pledge my love for you forever and always.

GRAND SQUARE ROUNDS

No Report

Northwest Association Clubs

Agape Squares

Caller: Berlon Graham, Mondays, 7—9 PM
Niceville First UMC Life Center
214 South Partin Drive, Niceville, FL
Berlon Graham (850) 609-3241

Canoe Squares

Caller: Bob Poyner, Mondays, 7:30—9:30 PM
Hobbs Middle School
5371 Glover Lane, Milton, FL
Bob Poyner (850) 834-3548

Capital Twirlers

Caller: Elmer Sheffield, Mondays, 7:00—9:30 PM
Tallahassee Senior Center
1400 North Monroe, Tallahassee, FL
Jack Taylor (850) 877-2459

Dancing Dolphins

Caller: Roy Bernier, Tuesdays, 7—9 PM
Saint Simon's Parish Hall
28 Miracle Strip Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach, FL
Roy Bernier (850) 651-6356

Grand Square Rounds

Cuer: Sandy Sturgis, Sundays, 3:30—5:30 PM
Grand Square Hall
1105 Bob Little Road, Panama City, FL
Sandy Sturgis (850) 265-9488

Pensacola Twirlers Square & Round Dance Club

Caller: Patty Ping, Tuesdays, 7—9 PM
Bayview Senior Center
2000 East Lloyd Street, Pensacola, FL
Patty Ping (850) 206-5084

Sand Spurs

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

Seaside Squares

Caller: Various, Fridays, 7:30—9:30 PM
Cuer: Terri Wilaby
Ragon Hall
2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL
Tim Wilaby (850) 512-5600

Swinging Squares

Caller: Chris Burchfield, Thursdays, 7—9:30 PM
Cuer: Sandy Sturgis
Grand Square Hall
1105 Bob Little Road, Panama City, FL
Joe McLendon (850) 769-4218

T—N—T Rounds

Cuer: Terri Wilaby, Sundays, 3:30—5:30 PM
Ragon Hall
2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL
Terri Wilaby (850) 712-5230

For any further information, contact Terri Wilaby,
(850) 712-5230 or panhandlepress@hotmail.com.

62nd Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention “Sweet 16” May 27-28, 2016



Your fellow dancers are hard at work planning the 2016 Florida Convention! Look over the list of the chairmen, and I won't be surprised if you recognize more than a few names.

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Ways and Means Northwest: Cheryl Miller
Ways and Means Northeast: Patrick and Joan Amarino
Ways and Means Central: Dennis and Nancy Taylor
Ways and Means Southeast: Steve Adler
Ways and Means West Coast: Jenny Green

Here are just a few of the things that some of these chairmen have already been doing in preparation for next May 27-28 in Lakeland. Julie Franciskato attended a meeting to help plan the schedule for the two full days of dancing and plan how much time will be given to dangle dances and other activities in the Fun Hall. Also, she has already started planning the fun and crazy dangle dances. Thank you, Julie. Jenny Green has been advertising the sale of raffle tickets, buttons, and candy grams. Thank you, Jenny.

Bruce and Colleen Morgan started over a YEAR ago creating the 2016 convention website and have been keeping it updated. (Check it out <http://floridasquaredance.com/convention/index.html>) They created the registration form, and they will soon begin creating the Dance Schedule portion of the program book, gathering information from the Caller Chairman, Cuer Chairman, and General Chairmen. This has to be finished by April 1st. Thank you, Bruce and Colleen.

Also, Bruce will be working with Ailene Picheco. Starting in January, she will be selling advertising to businesses and individuals and sending the print-ready copy to Bruce. Thank you, Ailene.

General chairmen Kathy McKinney, Dianne



Syphard, and Linda Tester have been travelling all over Florida and Southeast USA promoting the convention. They are selling new adorable t-shirts that say, "Strike Up The Music – We've Come To Dance!" The shirts are available in various colors and cost only \$12. Order one for yourself now by contacting Joan Amarino at jnorve@netzero.com. Thank you, Kathy, Dianne, and Linda.

It's not too late to buy your raffle tickets for the cupcake piñata worth \$516. The drawing will be in November at the Northeast Fall Festival, but you don't have to be present to win. If you haven't seen them for sale at a dance, then email Kathy McKinney at jacknkathy1@bellsouth.net or Cheryl Miller at pe.miller@mchsi.com or Dianne Syphard at diannehall6@aol.com or Linda Tester at lindactester@bellsouth.net to buy a raffle ticket.

You must be eager to get your Sweet 16 Convention ribbon, and they are only \$27 a person. Here's how to do it – Make checks payable to: 62nd FSDC and mail to: Jack McKinney, 709 6th Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250 Phone: 904-249-3224 e-mail: jacknonemckinney@bellsouth.net

Susie Moon
Publicity





TNT ROUNDS PENSACOLA

Another year has come and almost gone. It has certainly been a busy year! Looking at the fall schedule, it will be going out with a bang. Tim and I would like to say thank you to all of the dancers who have come to dance with us, both in Pensacola and when we have travelled to other dances.

Our class this fall is Rumba and we are happy to see a lot of the students from previous rhythms continuing their journey. We have picked up a few new students who seem to be enjoying our activity. We hope they will stay. We actually have one couple who has now completed the beginner's levels and are looking forward to the intermediate dancing.

Intermediate level—we are covering slow two-step on Monday nights from 7-9pm. This will begin the first Monday in October, October 5. We can't wait to get everyone to the floor and have some fun!

As for travels, we will be in Plant City on October 10 & 11 for the Round Dance Council's Fall Weekend of Rounds. November 6 & 7 we have been invited to cue for the Tammany Twirler's Festival in Slidell, LA. We then travel to Jacksonville, FL on November 20 & 21 for the Northeast Association's Fall Ball. Wow! And the Rumba class will only miss the one Sunday in October. (It's rather hard to finish up in Plant City at 12 on Sunday and be back in Pensacola by 1. Teleportation has not been invented—yet!)

Looking toward the new year, we will begin a Foxtrot class in January, have the January Shine, and hit the dance floor stepping to a wonderful beat.

Please feel free to come and visit us at Ragon Hall any Sunday from 3:30-5:30. After dancing, we do go out to dinner at a local restaurant, so you can make an evening of it.

Ragon Hall
2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL 32526
(850) 944-0322

Mondays

Jazzercise 4:30—5:30 pm

Instructor: Cindy Till (850) 232-0243, donaldhoffay@cox.net

Intermediate Rounds 7:00—9:00 pm

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

Tuesdays

Jazzercise 5:30—6:30 pm

Instructor: Cindy Till (850) 232-0243, donaldhoffay@cox.net

Beginner Rounds 7:00—9:00 pm

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

Wednesdays

Jazzercise 4:30—5:30

Instructor: Cindy Till (850) 232-0243, donaldhoffay@cox.net

Thursdays

Jazzercise 5:30—6:30 pm

Instructor: Cindy Till (850) 232-0243, donaldhoffay@cox.net

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

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

Fridays

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

Various callers, President Tim Wilaby (850) 512-5600,
timwilaby@hotmail.com

Saturdays

Assorted activities, see our calendar @

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

Sundays

T-N-T Rounds 3:30—5:30 pm

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

Northwest Florida Square & Round Dance Association 41st Annual Round Up



October 30-31, 2015

Addie R. Lewis Middle School
281 Mississippi Avenue, Valparaiso, FL 32580



Northwest Caller
Bob Poyner



Featured Caller
Jack Lewis, Boynton Beach, FL



Featured Cuers
Sandy & David Sturgis

Halloween Costume Contest

Friday Evening:

Halloween Costume Contest!
7:00-7:45 pm Early Rounds & Fun Level Squares
8:00-10:00 pm Squares w/Rounds between tips
Squares dance levels: Mainstream/Plus/DBD/A1-A2
10:00-10:30 "Musical Highlights"

**Enjoy 2 Dance
Halls all Weekend!**



Saturday Morning & Afternoon:

NWFSRDA Meeting 9:45 am
Afternoon Workshops:
Rounds Workshop 1:30-3:30 pm
Squares Workshop 1:30-3:30 pm
Mainstream/Plus/DBD/Intro. A/1-A/2

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10:00-10:30 "Musical Highlights"

Weekend - \$10.00 Per Person NWFSRDA Member / \$20.00 Non-Member

Split Ticket-Non Member Friday Night \$10.00 Per Person / Saturday Workshop & Dance \$15.00 Per Person

Information contacts: John or Libby Penrod (850) 385-0608 Email: penrod.jp@comcast.net
Alec or Kay Schmidt (850) 678-8711 Email: aschmidtmd@aol.com

Purchase "Advance Ribbons", Make check payable to NWFSRDA; Mail to: John Penrod, 2786 Pecan Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32303

Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Number of Ribbons # _____ Member per person \$10.00 _____ Non Member per person \$20.00 Check Enclosed: \$ _____

Request of Pre-Register ribbons received after: October 15, 2015 will be held at the door for pickup. Thank you for your support!

Advanced Registration

May 23, 2015 thru May 24, 2016
Convention Box Office
Per Person-Includes Tax

\$27.00 pp.

\$30.00 pp.

Cash or Check only

NO CREDIT CARDS

SPECIAL RATES FOR YOUTH

Those youth that have not reached their 16th birthday by June 1st, 2016 will be admitted at HALF PRICE when pre-registering for the full program on or before the May 24th cutoff date

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

Please Note

Mail in registrations received after May 10, 2016; ribbons must be picked up at the convention center box office
Service Charge for NSF on returned checks: \$30.00
Cancellation Policy: Refunds will be cheerfully made until the doors open at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 27, 2016
1 day ribbons sold at the Box Office

Make checks payable to: 62nd FSDC and mail to:

Jack McKinney Phone: 904-249-3224
709 6th Avenue North e-mail: jacknmemckinney@bellsouth.net
Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

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



A dancer who is not an Association Member will be a Provisional Member of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers for the duration of the Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention after acceptance of the registration form.

The application for registration signifies that the dancer will abide by the rules of the Convention, local Regulations and Laws.

Donations to the Florida Federation, the Florida Callers Association, the Round Dance Council of Florida or their Conventions are not tax deductible for income tax purposes.

Square Dance Attire requested at all Evening Sessions

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May 27 & 28, 2016 62nd Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention Registration Form

Last Name: _____ (Please Print)
First Name _____ (His) _____ (Hers)
Address _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____
County _____ Phone: (____) _____
E-mail: _____
Primary Dance Club _____

For Registration Only: Ribbon # _____ Ribbon # _____

MOTELS FOR THE 2016 STATE CONVENTION

THE FOLLOWING HOTELS, MOTELS & CAMPGROUND SUPPORTED
THE 2015 CONVENTION WITH ADS

The Host Hotel for 2016 is:

Ramada Lakeland Hotel

3260 US Hwy 98 North
Lakeland, Florida 33805
(863) 688-8080

\$65.00 + tax. Ask for Square Dance Rate
(Price includes 2 free breakfasts each morning)

Comfort Inn & Suites	863-859-0100
Holiday Inn & Suites	863-595-4500
Imperial Swan Hotel & Suites	863-647-3000
Stay Inn & Suites – Barrow	863-533-0711
Travelodge – Hwy 98 N	863-858-4481
Lakeland Carefree RV Resorts	863-687-6146

Trail-End Dance

Strawberry Squares Hall
4401 Promenade Blvd
Plant City, FL 33563
Thursday, May 26, 2016
Early Rounds 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Squares 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Registration Form

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CAPITAL TWIRLERS TALLAHASSEE

Our regular Monday night dance on June 22nd could not be held due to another activity at the Tallahassee Senior Center requiring the space we usually use. However, caller Darryl Lipscomb was in town and called for the Twirlers at our alternate site, Fellowship Presbyterian Church. Joining us for the evening of dancing was George Lavender, a caller from Valdosta, GA along with his wife and several members of Belles and Beaux Club in Valdosta. Many of our recent graduates attending and not only had a wonderful time dancing but gained experience and confidence dancing to a new caller.

On July 7th five couples traveled to Valdosta, GA to dance with the Belles and Beaux and caller George Lavender...and to steal their banner!! We are looking forward to their return visit to reclaim their banner.

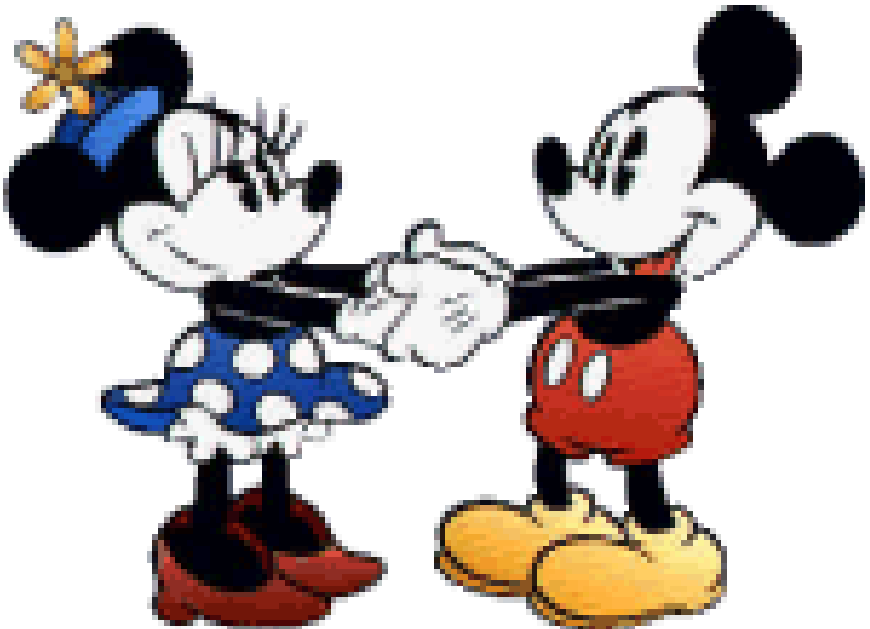
On July 20th, Ken Bower was the featured caller at our Monday night club dance. We had many visitors from Valdosta, GA who reclaimed their banner as well as dancers from Blountstown and Niceville. Ken alternated Mainstream and Plus tips and, as expected, it was a great night of dancing for everyone.

Four couples from the Capital Twirlers (Chuck & Laura Davis, Cecil & Georgeanne Hartsfield, John & Libby Penrod, and Scott & Phyllis Treadway) attended the Peachtree Promenade in Commerce, GA. Callers Ken Bower, Jerry Biggerstaff, Steve Kopman, Darryl McMillan and Gary Shoemake provided plenty of high energy, Plus dancing. Round dancers were treated to cueing from Sandy and David Sturgis. The dance was very well attended with some 40 total squares (Plus and Advanced). There were couples from Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee and possibly some from other states that we did not meet. Florida was well represented with about 70 dancers from around the state.

On Saturday, August 1st, seven members from the Capital Twirlers joined dancers from Panama City, Fort Walton Beach, Pensacola, and Dothan, AL along with caller Bob Poyner in Wausau, Florida for mainstream and plus dancing at the annual Possum Festival. Despite being outside and very hot and humid, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

In August, several of our members attended the Seaside Squares 52nd Anniversary dance in Pensacola, FL. On August 20th, NW Vice Presidents John and Libby Penrod traveled to Fort Walton Beach to dance with the Sand Spurs and caller Miriam Merriwether and to promote the Northwest Association's upcoming 41st Annual Roundup to be held in Valparaiso October 30-31. Some much appreciated donations were made by members of the Sand Spurs. Also in August, three of our members attended the Northeast Association's Dog Days dance in Lake City, FL.

At our first dance in September, a large contingent of dancers attended from the Belles and Beaux in Valdosta, GA and returned home with out banner!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

You are more than just my wife
You are my best friend
You are more than a companion
You are my soul mate indeed
You are more than my happiness
You are the source of pure bliss
Without you everything
In my life would be amiss

Forever Your



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