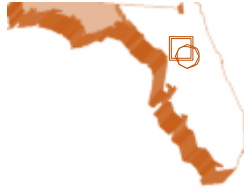


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## SWINGING SQUARES PANAMA CITY

The summer months have gone by quickly. The Sturgis's and the Richard's enjoyed a fabulous trip to Alaska. Jim and Barbara Snook are going to Winnipeg and they will be visiting some of the Canadian dancers met through the square dance club in Panama City. Congratulations go to Chas and Helen Longo as he begins pastoring at his new church.

We plan to begin PLUS workshops on Saturdays soon. We are thankful that Bob Poyner is back to good health as he does several of our PLUS workshops. When these become available, the dates and times of the workshops will be posted on our Facebook page that Cherie Mullins is creating. Go on Facebook and look for Panama City Square Dancers.

Hugh Gibbs provided a Mainstream workshop on July 23rd. It was beneficial to our new graduates and it gave those who attended more confidence. We also are thankful that Berlon can step in at last minute notice to call for our club.

Those of us who attended the 47th Annual Round-up in Tallahassee enjoyed the workshops as well as the dances. Patricia McLendon reported that the NW Round-up will rotate locations. Our club will sponsor this dance in October 2018.

At the beginning of August, our club welcomed back Mary and Jim Riley (after her surgery), and Gwen and Robert Doyle (after his knee replacement), as they both needed a few weeks to recuperate. We were glad to see their return. At our first September dance, we were also elated to see Pat and Travis Tillman. Pat is out of a cast and into a boot. She tells us it will be a couple more months before she can dance.

We hope to see more of Juanita and Dave Lingo as they get back into square dancing again.

Sandy and Dave Sturgis continue to teach and cue rounds on Sundays and one of our square dance graduates, Kathie Riley, is really enjoying the lessons. Several of us that love to square dance are also enjoying line dances on Thursday nights. We are attentive to Julie Gray and Mary Riley as they take time to teach us a line dance or two.

A big thank you goes to Mary and Jim Riley and Patricia and Joe McLendon for decorating the hall in festive fall colors. They had us play a game and we had to find a familiar saying somewhere in the hall. It took us quite a while to notice the 3 scarecrows above the refreshment stand. The scarecrows were covering their eyes, covering their mouths, and they were covering their ears. Marylou Hawley was the first person to find the location of the answer. It was fun and we were looking everywhere.

On October 1st, Saturday, at Grand Square Hall, 1105 Bob Little Road, PC, from 2 to 4 pm., the Panama City Square and Round Dance Association will host the NWFSRDA Membership Renewal Dance. Elmer Sheffield of Tallahassee Florida will do the calling and Sandy and David Sturgis of Panama City, will be cueing rounds.



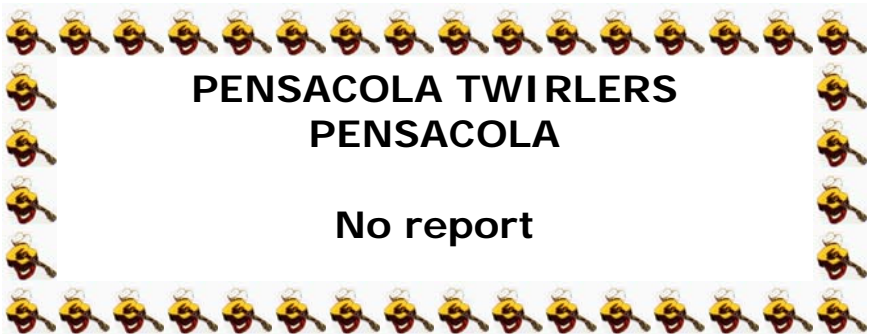


**Tuesday  
November 8  
2016**



**CANOE SQUARES  
MILTON**

**No report**



**PENSACOLA TWIRLERS  
PENSACOLA**

**No report**



**GRAND SQUARE ROUNDS**

**No Report**



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We had some FUN DANCES in the Panhandle since the last Panhandle Press Newsletter. The BIG EVENT for July was the NW Association's 42nd Roundup, which was held on July 29, & 30 at the Senior Center in our Capitol City of Tallahassee. Elmer Sheffield of ESP Records and Dave Mueller were the featured Callers and Susan Snider & Mark Fetzer was the Cuers. Many thanks to Patty Ping, NW Caller/Cuer, who did an outstanding job as our Master of Ceremonies for the Roundup. It was so good to see so many NW Association members and visitors from around the state converge on Tallahassee to celebrate our 42nd Roundup! Thanks to John & Libby Penrod for the great job they did in serving as Roundup Chairmen and for all of you who cheerfully pitched in to help!

In early August, many dancers from NW Florida traveled to Gatlinburg, TN to attend the 42nd Annual Tennessee State Convention. There were nearly 1100 dancers at their convention. It was really fun!

The Seaside Squares held their 53rd Anniversary Dance on August 20th at Ragon Hall. Kevin Cozad was the Caller & Richard & Frances Matthews were the Cuers. It was a really fun dance!

Mark October 1, 2016 on your calendars. The NW Association is sponsoring a membership renewal dance at Grand Square Hall in Panama City on this date. The dance will run from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Elmer Sheffield will be our Caller and Sandy Sturgis our Cuer for this dance. There is a Flyer & member renewal form in this issue of the Panhandle Press to assist you. There is no charge for this dance as long as you renew your NW Association membership in conjunction with the dance. It will be great fun and fellowship so come on out!!

You may recall from the last Panhandle Press newsletter that the NW Association has been in serious search for Officers to serve on our Board for 2017. I am pleased to announce that our nominations and election held at our last business meeting resulted in all board positions being filled. Your NW Association Officers for 2017 are:

- 1) Brian & Barbara McDonald, President(s)
- 2) Deecee Haslett & Jim Walter, Vice-President(s) & 2017 Roundup Chairperson(s)
- 3) Karen Gordon, Secretary
- 4) Alec Schmidt, Treasurer

We will be installing our 2017 Officers at our next NW Association business meeting commencing at 12:00 Noon on October 1, 2016. The meeting will precede the Membership Renewal Dance. Please come to the meeting and show your support for our new Board Members. We will have lunch available for those who attend this meeting.

I wish to recognize the outgoing Board Members for their tireless service to the NW Association. Thanks to Dave Henn, outgoing Treasurer for his 14 years of service in different positions on the Board. Also thanks to John & Libby Penrod for serving the last two years as Association Vice-President(s) & Roundup Chairmen for the 2015 & 2016 Roundup. Thanks y'all!

At our last Board meeting the Delegates unanimously voted that starting in 2017 our annual roundup would be held at a dance hall located in the Panhandle. Mark October 27 & 28, 2017 on your calendar. This is the date for our 2017 Roundup that will be held at Ragon Hall in Pensacola. The 2018 Roundup will tentatively be held at Grand Square Hall in Panama City, 2019 will be held at PASARDA Hall in Ft Walton Beach and 2020 will be back at the Senior Center in Tallahassee.

Kay & I wish to thank all of you who have supported us during our five years as President(s) of the NW Association and ask that you continue to support the NW Association and the new Board Members who will continue to carry on the business of the Association. Thanks!!! We hope to see you in a Square soon.

Alec & Kay Schmidt, Lame-duck President(s)  
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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



I hear the Round Up was a wonderful dance for most. Congratulations to Libby and John Penrod on their tremendous efforts. It takes a lot to make a successful dance. We know.

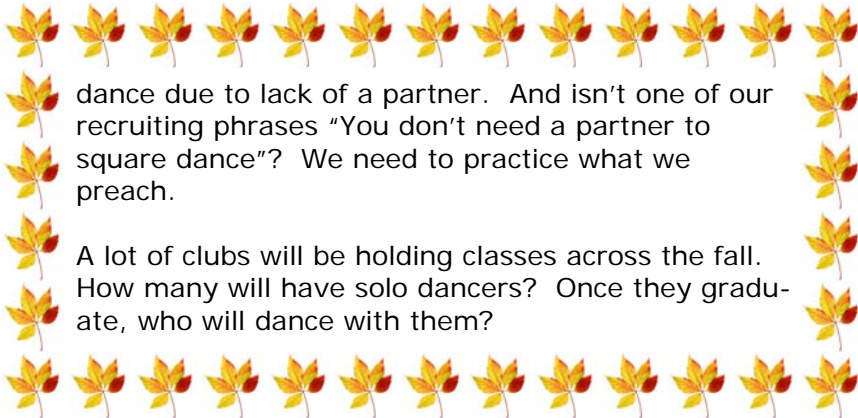
I say successful for the most because a situation has come out of the Round Up. It has to do with solo dancers. Our area is heavy with solo female dancers who wish to dance. Some of them have learned how to dance "Arkie" style (man's part) so they can continue to dance.

Some ladies are bold enough to ask men to dance so they may enjoy the evening. Some ladies are either too shy or still believe it is the gentleman's responsibility to ask a lady to dance. I understand one lady went home after a full weekend dance without dancing a single tip. Pretty sad considering how many tips were available.

I know husband and wives attend dances to dance with each other. May I make a request on behalf of the solo dancers, male and female alike? Please look around during the dance and make note of who is not dancing. Be brave and ask them to dance. It might be they are unable for health reasons and you are then able to dance the rest of the evening with your spouse.

However, you just might make someone's night. Solo dancers don't necessarily come to a dance to be wall flowers. And what is one dance out of the night? If two or three spouses will allow for a single dance with a solo dancer, the solo dancer has now danced two or three tips.

Isn't it worth the smiles and happy feelings to give up one dance with your spouse? Otherwise we start to lose the few dancers we have because they are unable to



dance due to lack of a partner. And isn't one of our recruiting phrases "You don't need a partner to square dance"? We need to practice what we preach.

A lot of clubs will be holding classes across the fall. How many will have solo dancers? Once they graduate, who will dance with them?

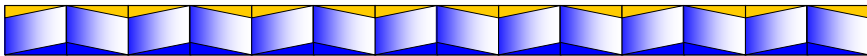
## **CAPITAL TWIRLERS TALLAHASSEE**

Well, the biggest news from the Capital Twirlers is that the 2016, 42nd NWFSRDA Roundup was a roaring success—or so we have been told! About 130 dancers, including 66 from the NWSRDA, 25 from the NEFSRDA, 6 from the WCSRDA, 2 from the SEFSRDA, 4 from Alabama, and 2 from Georgia, attended the two night event. Elmer Sheffield, Dave Muller, Susan Snider and the band, Southern Satisfaction kept our dancing feet moving and Patti Ping, our emcee, kept everyone on schedule. It was a happy and rewarding weekend.

Prior to that weekend, some of our Twirlers danced in Commerce, Ga. At the Peachtree Promenade and the weekend after the Roundup, nine of us attended the Tennessee State Square Dance Convention in Gatlinburg.

We have expanded our club membership with three new members and we are planning for the holiday dances coming up soon. We love to have visitors! Come dance with us on Monday nights from 7-9:30 at the Tallahassee Senior Center, 1400 N. Monroe St. TLH 32303. Contact Libby at 850-566-2117 or libbypenrod@comcast.net.





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**SUNDAY---GRAND SQUARE ROUNDS**

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**Doors Open & Lessons** 6:30 - 7:30 PM  
**Dance** 7:30 - 9:00 PM  
**Contact: Ed Gannaway----- (850) 630-4180**

**TUESDAY---SLICK KICKERS**

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

**WEDNESDAY---OPEN**

**THURSDAY---SWINGING SQUARES**

**Class** 6:30 - 8:00PM  
**Squares & Rounds** 8:00 - 9:30 PM  
**Contact: Jim & Mary Riley----- (850) 871-2955**  
**Caller: Hugh Gibbs**  
**Cuer: Sandy Sturgis**

**FRIDAY---BALLROOM DANCING**

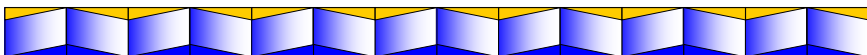
**Ballroom with Basic Lesson** 6:30 - 8:30 PM  
**Instructors: Dirk & Trisha----- (850) 277-0566**

**SATURDAY---OPEN FOR SPECIAL DANCES**

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**Love, Carl**

NORTHWEST FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND  
DANCE ASSOCIATION  
JULY 30, 2016, Saturday 0945 AM  
Tallahassee Senior Center  
1400 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL.

Call to Order - Alec & Kay Schmidt brought the meeting at order at 0945 AM.

Invocation - Alec Schmidt

Pledge of Allegiance- John Penrod

Roll Call - Barbara McDonald There were 10 clubs represented and 2 visitors present.

Welcome - Alec & Kay welcomed visitors and delegates.

Correspondence- Barbara McDonald. Four get well cards sent.

Received correspondence from the officers regarding the round up.

Minutes - Barbara McDonald. The minutes for April 2, 2016 were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report - Dave Henn. The report from 3-29-16 through 7-26-16 was presented. We had a total income of \$2,554.75, expenses of \$1,421.58 for a balance of \$2,463.21. CD of \$7,612.09 and Money Market of \$1,009.38 for total assets of \$11,084.68 and Dave reported a \$20 addition. The report was moved and seconded to be accepted.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Insurance – Tom Hancock- None, not present

Panhandle Press -Tim & Terry Wilaby None, not present

Public Relations -Miriam Meriwether None, not present

2016 Round up - John and Libby Penrod. The round up is under way, with good reports and plenty of food last night.

2017 Round Up - Alec Schmidt the Round up will be October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 2016. Callers are Darryl McMillan, Larry Belcher, Tim and Terry Wilaby. We have no MC yet. The location is to be determined.

Florida Federation Report- Cheryl Miller None, not present.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS – No reports.

OLD BUSINESS: It was brought up that the Constitution and bylaws need to be correct from the previous changes regarding DOY and new dancer incentives. Barbara will update the changes. Alec will put on next meeting agenda.

NEW BUSINESS-

NW Association Membership Dance – Alec Schmidt. We need

a 4<sup>th</sup> quarter meeting to install officers. Discussion followed as to date, time and place. It was moved and motioned to have the meeting October 1<sup>st</sup> 2016, Saturday at 1200 with a dance to follow at 2-4 PM. Theme is "Membership Renewals". Place is Grand Square Hall in Panama City, with Terry and Sandy Sturgis cuer. Alec will check on a caller.

Proposal for location of future NW Association Round ups: Alec said our attendance has contracted, and the school's floors hard on older dancers. All NWF halls have wood floors. Location of Roundups is up to the coordinator who is the vice president. If we rotate the roundup among the halls, the VP would be a year term. We would need VP from that location. We have an offer from Pensacola to have it at Ragon Hall next year, October 2017. Cost would be \$400. Deecee presented a schedule using one hall. A motion was made to have one hall and schedule a rotation of dancing. A show of hands showed approval. We will need local volunteers to help with the Round ups in that area. Round ups in 2018 would be Panama city, 2019 in Fort Walton Beach, and Ragan Hall in 2020 in Pensacola. The VP also has the responsibility of getting the callers for the following year. Libby thanked all who attended the dance at the Senior center. She realized it was more costly but we were given half price for the full use of the building, we had no janitorial responsibility and they donated ice cream for Saturday night.

Benefit dance: We had a successful dance in January with the theme of a Hawaiian luau. The profits we earn from the dance supports the Florida Federation. The State Convention is in March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25 2017. We need a first quarter meeting in January 2017. The NWF receives a donation from the Federation profit.

Application from Clubs to join the Association: None

Election for 2017 officers: Nominating Committee Chairman. Terry Kramer present the slate of officers:

President: Brian and Barbara McDonald

Vice President: Jim Walker and Deecee Haslett

Secretary: Diane DiBattista

Treasurer: Alec and Kay Schmidt

Nominations were then opened to the floor. Karen Gordon was submitted for Secretary. There were no other submissions. There was no written ballot prepared. There was discuss and club delegates can vote. Diane decided to withdraw her nomination which was approved. John Penrod moved that we ac-

cept the ballot with Karen Gordon to be Secretary and other officers as listed. It was seconded and all voted to approve the slate. Alec has brochure on duties of club delegates.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Seaside Square 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Dance August 20, 2016 at Ragon Hall in Pensacola

October 15, 2016 "Raise the Roof" at Ragon Hall. An all gospel dinner, dance and advanced tickets are for sale.

October 1, 2016 "Membership Renewal" Dance at Grand Square Hall in Panama City 2-4.

Adjournment: at 10: 25.

Secretary,  
Barbara McDonald

**Addition:**

August 2nd 2016 Final preparations are Meeting at 1200 with lunch, dance from 2-4, Callers Elmer Sheffield caller and Sandy Sturgis the Cuer.

**Happy Holidays,  
Everyone!! See  
you on the dance  
floor!!**



**Arlene**





# 63rd Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention March 24-25, 2017 “Dance to the Beat With Happy Feet”

## THE BEGINNING SAGA Chapter 1

Let me tell you how these two unlikely Penguins met. You see it all started when the Colony was stranded in South Florida after making a wrong turn while strolling around at Sea World one evening after dark. They found themselves outside the park with no way to get back inside. There was no moonlight that night so it was very dark. Fearing the worst they finally asked if someone would lead them back to the South Pole where penguins really do belong. If you remember at the Kick-Off in Lakeland a brave penguin came forward and offered lead them back to the South Pole. The penguins were ever so grateful.

In that big picture, that is being raffled off, you will see all of the penguins following their fearless leader down a small hill enroute to the South Pole and if you look about sixth penguins up you will see one of the penguins glancing further up the hill where he spots a forlorn little girl penguin looking very sad and scared. If you look again you will notice she is the one standing to one side looking down. He leaves his place in line and goes up the hill where he introduces himself to her and tries to console her. He says “Hello, my name is Penrod but my friends just call me Pen. And your name is?” She answers him shyly “My name is Gwendolyn and my friends call me Gwen.”



“Why are you so sad?” Pen asks.

“I miss South Florida; I really would like to go back. There is going to be another Big

Square Dance Convention in 2017 in Lakeland that I would really like to attend." Says Gwen

"That sure sounds like fun. And I am a square dancer too. Maybe we could travel back there together." Pen replies.

So they start their journey back to Lakeland together and their adventures begin.

Judy Anderson



## ***T—N—T Rounds***

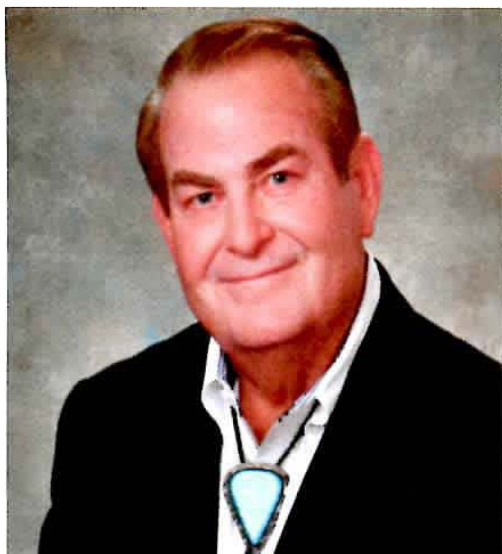
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*In Memoriam*

*Ken Brown, dancer*

*July 2, 2016*

*Dot Claybaugh, dancer*

*September 1, 2016*

*Thelma Crouthers, dancer*

*August 21, 2016*

*Chuck Scallion, Dancer*

*September 4, 2016*

*Tim Marriner, caller*

*August 29, 2016*

*Johnny Jones*

*September 7, 2016*

*Al Brundage, caller*

*August 31, 2016*

*Clariece Smith*

*September 27, 2016*

**DANCING DOLPHINS  
FORT WALTON BEACH**

**No report**





# 63rd Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention March 24-25, 2017 “Dance to the Beat With Happy Feet”

## THE ON-GOING SAGA PEN & GWEN'S TRAVELS Chapter 2

Pen and Gwen have started to make their plans for the long journey back to Southern Florida from the South Pole, hoping to arrive in time for the 63rd Florida State Convention in 2017. Things were running pretty smoothly gathering supplies they thought they would need for the trip. They were really smart when they decided to borrow the GPS “thingy” from Shannon Penguin. You remember her---she was the brave young penguin who volunteered to lead ALL the lost Sea World penguins back to the South Pole at the Kick-Off last May. And she did a great job. Never once did they get lost nor did they encounter any nasty wild beast or turbulent weather, so Pen and Gwen felt sure they would be safe in borrowing her GPS.

As Pen and Gwen were about ready to leave, by way of Madagascar where they had cousins they wanted to visit, when Gwen found out from one of the Penguinette's that the convention had changed the dates and now would be dancing earlier than anticipated. They found out the dates had been changed to March 24 & 25, 2017. That's 2 months earlier than they expected, well - - - what to do? Nothing to do but get the show on the road or rather “on the ocean” ASAP. Gwen really starts packing what she thought they needed for the long trip. One of the things she packed was her new “What Should I Bring to the Dance” cook book. When questioned why a cook book, Gwen's smug reply was – “you just never know when you might need a quick snack to munch on”. This is







**MARKETING** One of the first goals of our plan for marketing was to investigate how we can communicate with all clubs. Through various efforts we have established a mailing list of over 2,000 dancers. Our goal is to gather marketing and promotion ideas and materials and send these to our mailing list. At this time we have sent four letters to our mailing list. These letters have included ideas and Winning Ways reports gathered by CALLERLAB. It is our hope that these materials will provide ideas and inspiration to clubs and other groups in their efforts to promote the activity. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact our Executive Director at: [ExecutiveDirector@arts-dance.org](mailto:ExecutiveDirector@arts-dance.org)

**YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK** Over the years there have been several projects which have received financial support from The ARTS. These projects have included 1) Square Dancing 101 - A comprehensive workbook designed for teachers or youth group leaders who want to teach Modern Western Square Dancing. While targeted at a younger audience, this manual can be utilized by any age group wanting to learn the basic square dance movements. 2) Contra 101 - This is a product similar to Square Dancing 101 with an emphasis on Contra Dancing. 3) Education Grants - Financial assistance to groups which sponsor educational gatherings to help members become better leaders. 4) Convention Support - Support to State and National Conventions. 5) Re-Image Project - Funding for the Re-Image Square Dancing Project.

**RE-IMAGE & LIVE LIVELY** Jim & Judy Taylor, Re-Image Project Leaders, continue to investigate new ways to publicize the efforts to Re-Image Square Dancing. They are always looking for new methods and products to help "spread the word" about this important effort. During the past couple of years The ARTS has been actively promoting the new Square Dance logo and the slogan "Live Lively - Square Dance." The logo, slogan, and the combined logo/slogan have been featured in numerous promotion products, including pins, car window stickers, bolo ties, shirts, not pads, and large banners. In addition to the promotion by The ARTS there have been a great number of clubs and large square dance events have included the logo and slogan in their promotion materials. A "Live Lively" web site and Face Book page have been created

and are getting lots of hits. They have presented Re-Imaging seminars at several national, regional, and state conventions. At these events and other dances over 8,000 "slogo" pins and 5,000 window stickers have been distributed. These items have been sent throughout the USA, Japan, Canada, Germany, and Netherlands. The next phase of Re-Imaging has begun by providing marketing and recruiting ideas and suggestions to clubs all around the dance community. We believe the visual image of Square Dancing as a lively activity is getting spread throughout the world. Jim & Judy are looking for interested volunteers who can help with this important project. If you are interested please contact Executive Director, Jerry Reed at: [ExecutiveDirector@arts-dance.org](mailto:ExecutiveDirector@arts-dance.org)



**LOGO** - Available at: <http://www.arts-dance.org/> Various color schemes and sizes for the logo may be chosen. The various color schemes are available at: [http://www.squaredance.bc.ca/Clip\\_Art/logos.shtml](http://www.squaredance.bc.ca/Clip_Art/logos.shtml) Use this to promote Square Dancing

# Live Lively -



# Square Dance!

**PUBLICITY EFFORTS** We are asking you to help "spread the word" to all corners of the square dance activity. A concerted effort by all of us will help establish this new vision as the symbols of the square dance brand. All clubs, associations, festivals, and other organizations are encouraged to use the new slogan and logo in all advertising and promotion. Marketing experts agree that consistent and repeated use of a logo and slogan will help to establish the new "Square Dance Brand." If you are interested in helping or learning more, please contact Executive Director, Jerry Reed at: [ExecutiveDirector@arts-dance.org](mailto:ExecutiveDirector@arts-dance.org)



## TNT ROUNDS PENSACOLA

Such a nice, laid back summer we had. Sunday classes were finished, so we only danced club. We turned the Tuesday night review into a beginner's club. We got brave and started West Coast Swing with the intermediate dancers on Wednesdays. We actually made it through most of the Phase V figures before summer schedules took their toll.

Our beginner's Foxtrot class is off and running with a wonderful 21 couples being adventurous. They are coming along nicely and seem to be enjoying themselves. Some are taking it for the second time, because the first time it was their first rhythm.



We have restarted our cookouts on the last Sunday of the month and what wonderful food is coming! We have been enjoying pancit, au gratin potatoes from scratch, pasta salads and more. Come out and join us. Every-

body brings a meat of their own and Tim grills it out on the grill. Then bring a dish to share with 4-8 people. It is a wonderful time for fellowship and getting to know one another. The cookout follows our club dancing 3:30—5:30 on Sundays.

Even though Terri will be having surgery on her heel in the first couple weeks of October, everything will be running on schedule. Bryan and Fran will be helping out both with class and club. Thank you to both of you!!

Come join us the last Sunday in October for our cookout. Be sure to wear your costume as we join in the festivities called "Halloween"!



## Cincinnati, Ohio June 21,22,23,24, 2017

The first issue of the E-Magazine for the 66th NSDC® is in the mail (e-mail). If you're a long time reader, then you know that this is place to get all the latest information on the upcoming National Convention in Cincinnati.

Beverly and I have been working on all the details for this event since 2013 after we received the bid at the Oklahoma convention. Our various chairmen and their committees have worked very hard to make this the best convention! Not only so our guest will have a great dance venue, but also to host it in a place with so many other great things to experience.

Many people come from across the country and around the world to not only dance, but also to get a sense of what our Midwest USA / Cincinnati region is all about. That is why we have chosen the tag line **"Cincinnati - A Great American Experience"**.

Two quick notes: One for the round dance folks. [The Rounda-lab Convention \(PDF\)](#) will precede our convention in our host hotel. This should make it easy for all our favorite cures to attend our convention. There will also be a [GSI Caller School \(PDF\)](#) on the front end of the 66th NSDC® to attract new and experienced callers.

Last but not least, be on the lookout in your email box for additional details on the 66th NSDC®. These will be short pinpoint extra information about special events and happenings that you may want to know about. E-mail is so timely these days that we can get new information out to all of you in a matter of minutes and include links to details that can help you stay informed. We know you will enjoy **"Cincinnati - A Great American Experience"!**

*See you soon at a Square or Round dance!*

Steve & Beverly Stoehr  
General Chairman, 66th National Square Dance Convention®

## 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  
Chuck Davis (850) 422-3172

### 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**

Beginner Square and Lines class, Tuesdays, 7:00—9:00 PM  
Round Dance class, Wednesdays, 6:00—8:00 PM  
Round Dance club, Wednesdays, 8:00—9:00 PM  
Mainstream/Plus, Rounds, Lines, 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](mailto:panhandlepress@hotmail.com).

NORTHWEST FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE  
ASSOCIATION, INC.

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(As it should appear on the badge, if a new member)

PLEASE PRINT. THANK YOU.

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PLEASE STATE THE PRIMARY CLUB TO WHICH YOU BELONG  
(FOR INSURANCE ACCOUNTING)

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PLEASE LIST ANY OTHER CLUBS TO WHICH YOU BELONG:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

DUES PER YEAR:

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SINGLE: \$10.00

COUPLE: \$20.00

NEW MEMBERSHIP:

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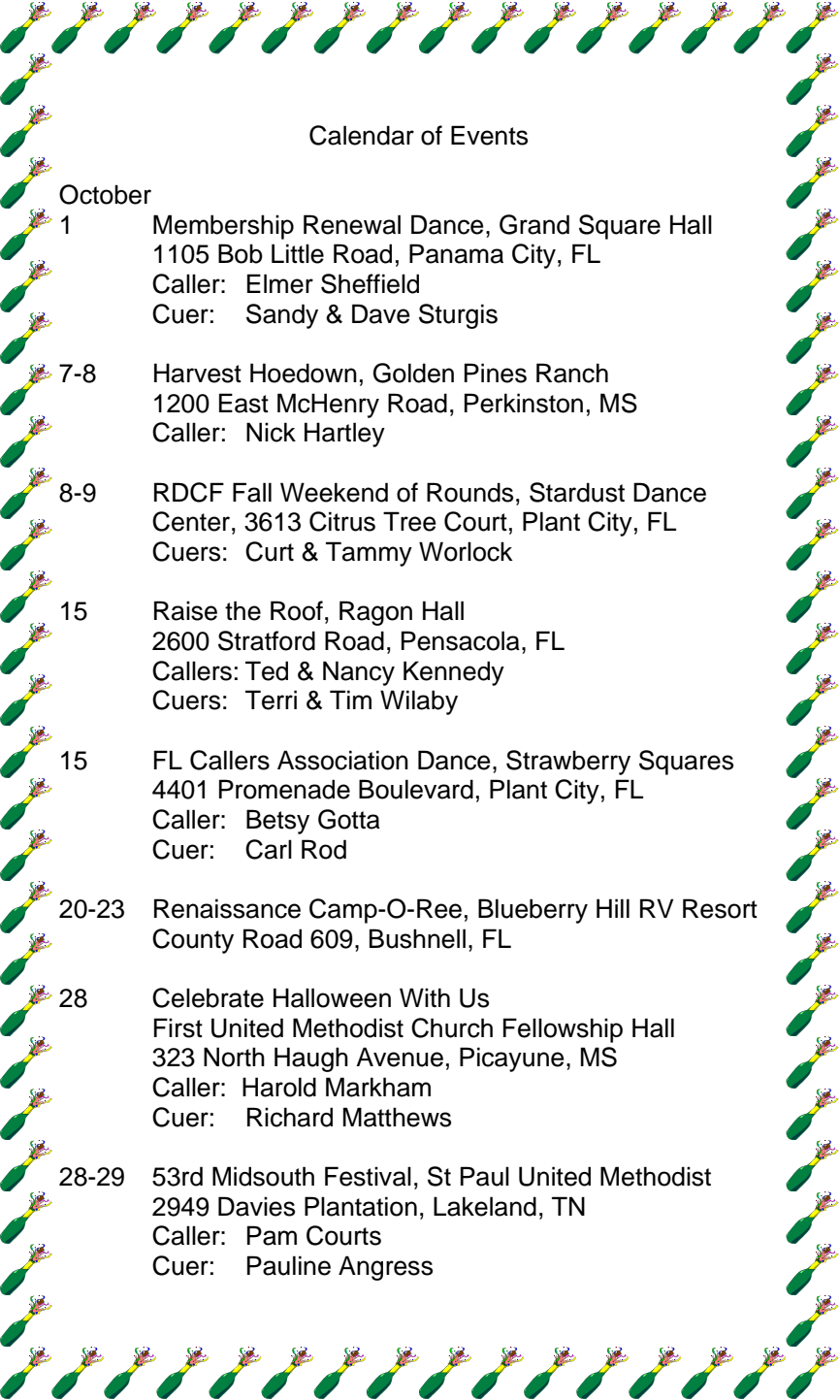
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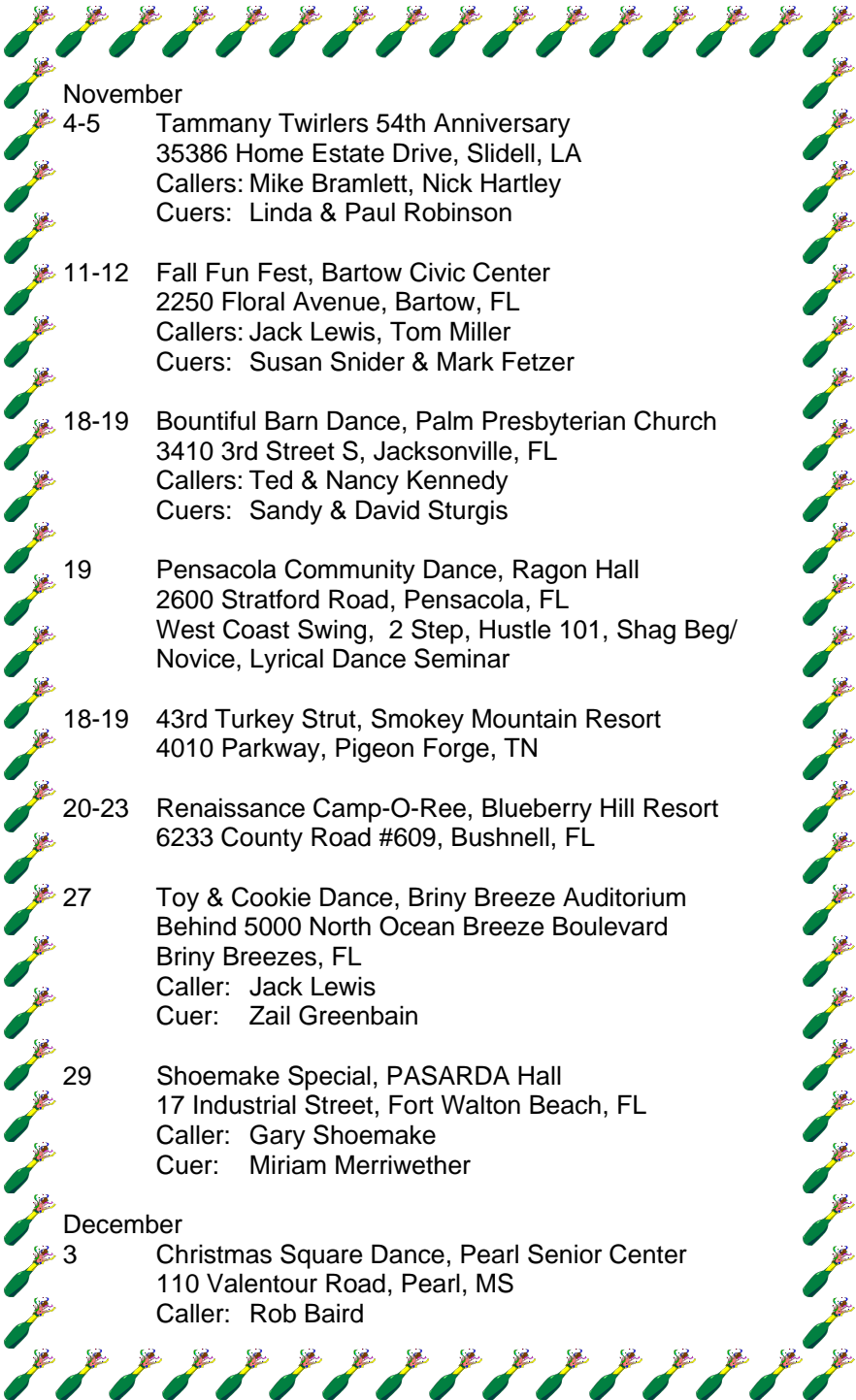
1. A Northwest Florida Association badge.
2. Four (4) issues of the Panhandle Press Newsletter.
3. Half-price admission to the annual Northwest Association Round-up in October.
4. Accident medical insurance (fee included in dues).
5. Representation at state and national levels.
6. Participation in Northwest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



## Calendar of Events

### October

- 1 Membership Renewal Dance, Grand Square Hall  
1105 Bob Little Road, Panama City, FL  
Caller: Elmer Sheffield  
Cuer: Sandy & Dave Sturgis
- 7-8 Harvest Hoedown, Golden Pines Ranch  
1200 East McHenry Road, Perkinston, MS  
Caller: Nick Hartley
- 8-9 RDCF Fall Weekend of Rounds, Stardust Dance  
Center, 3613 Citrus Tree Court, Plant City, FL  
Cuers: Curt & Tammy Worlock
- 15 Raise the Roof, Ragon Hall  
2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL  
Callers: Ted & Nancy Kennedy  
Cuers: Terri & Tim Wilaby
- 15 FL Callers Association Dance, Strawberry Squares  
4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL  
Caller: Betsy Gotta  
Cuer: Carl Rod
- 20-23 Renaissance Camp-O-Ree, Blueberry Hill RV Resort  
County Road 609, Bushnell, FL
- 28 Celebrate Halloween With Us  
First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall  
323 North Haugh Avenue, Picayune, MS  
Caller: Harold Markham  
Cuer: Richard Matthews
- 28-29 53rd Midsouth Festival, St Paul United Methodist  
2949 Davies Plantation, Lakeland, TN  
Caller: Pam Courts  
Cuer: Pauline Angress



November

4-5 Tammany Twirlers 54th Anniversary  
35386 Home Estate Drive, Slidell, LA  
Callers: Mike Bramlett, Nick Hartley  
Cuers: Linda & Paul Robinson

11-12 Fall Fun Fest, Bartow Civic Center  
2250 Floral Avenue, Bartow, FL  
Callers: Jack Lewis, Tom Miller  
Cuers: Susan Snider & Mark Fetzer

18-19 Bountiful Barn Dance, Palm Presbyterian Church  
3410 3rd Street S, Jacksonville, FL  
Callers: Ted & Nancy Kennedy  
Cuers: Sandy & David Sturgis

19 Pensacola Community Dance, Ragon Hall  
2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL  
West Coast Swing, 2 Step, Hustle 101, Shag Beg/  
Novice, Lyrical Dance Seminar

18-19 43rd Turkey Strut, Smokey Mountain Resort  
4010 Parkway, Pigeon Forge, TN

20-23 Renaissance Camp-O-Ree, Blueberry Hill Resort  
6233 County Road #609, Bushnell, FL

27 Toy & Cookie Dance, Briny Breeze Auditorium  
Behind 5000 North Ocean Breeze Boulevard  
Briny Breezes, FL  
Caller: Jack Lewis  
Cuer: Zail Greenbain

29 Shoemake Special, PASARDA Hall  
17 Industrial Street, Fort Walton Beach, FL  
Caller: Gary Shoemake  
Cuer: Miriam Merriwether

December

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



31 Sweet 2016 New Year's Eve, Strawberry Squares  
Caller:  
Cuers: Charlie & Leona Lovelace

2017  
January

21 January Shine, Ragon Hall  
2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL  
Callers: Ted & Nancy Kennedy  
Cuers: Terri & Tim Wilaby

February

3-4 Florida Space Coast Winter Fiesta  
Titusville Elks Lodge # 2113, 2955 Columbia Blvd,  
Titusville, FL  
Caller: Tony Oxendine, Jack Pladdys, John Saunders  
Cuers: Glenn & Rosalee Kelly

3-4 39th Annual Mardi Gras Festival  
Woolmarket Community Center  
16320 Old Woolmarket Road, Biloxi, MS  
Callers: Gold Rush (Scott Brown, Shawn Brown, Lisa  
Minton)  
Cuer: Barbara May

March

3-4 48th LA State Convention, Castine Center  
63350 Pelican Boulevard, Mandeville, LA  
Friday: Paul Cote & Ghost Riders Band  
Saturday: LA Callers & Cuers

10-11 62nd MS State Convention, Pearl Senior Center  
110 Valentour Road, Pearl, MS  
Caller: Tony Oxendine  
Cuers: David & Linda Holladay

16-18 WASCA 2017, Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel  
5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

# AGAPE SQUARES NICEVILLE

What word describes an Agape Squares Summer.....fun, fabulous, fantastic! Well, that's three words, but you get the picture!



**Seaside Squares 53rd  
Anniversary**



**Tennessee State  
Convention**

Many Agape members traveled to enjoy square dancing events throughout the Southeast: Northwest Florida Association Roundup in Tallahassee; Peachtree Promenade in Commerce, GA; 42nd Tennessee State Convention in Gatlinburg, TN; and The Pride RV Resort in Maggie Valley, NC. In addition, members were able to visit and dance at other local club events.

Mix in family vacations, visitors, weddings, etc. and we can proudly say we still managed to average at least three squares a week.



Agape now has a web presence in the form of a Facebook Page. So, if you want to know what's cooking in Niceville (and that could be taken literally, as we do have some great food each

week), just search for us on Facebook.

Most of the graduates from our last class have been honing their skills over the Summer, and were ready to be Angels for new members at our first Fall Open House on August 29th. We were pleasantly surprised to see so many prospective, and excited, new members show up.....five squares. Can you feel the excitement.....it's building! Come join us.....we're ready to dance!



## SEASIDE SQUARES—RAGON HALL PENSACOLA

Merci beaucoup, muchas gracias, grazie, Viele Dank...in any language **many thanks** to the Nifty Nine team of Deb & Deak, Bobbie & Mike, Kathy & Joe, Deecee & Jim and, of course, Arlene. They were a busy bunch of weed-eating, gravel raking, hedge trimming, weed pulling, water fountain removing, A/C duct sealing, wall rehangng, purse rail fixing, kitchen scrubbing, curtain, drapery & valence washing folks on a very hot & humid Saturday morning of August 6th. As a small token of appreciation, they were treated to pizza for lunch. In the days that followed Deak did a nice job of power washing the porch and walkways, Jim lightly buffed the entire wooden floor and Jim has continued to keep up with the big job of grass cutting on a weekly basis. This much needed surge of activity was done in preparation for our 53rd Anniversary Dance held on August 20th.

Thank you to the dancers who, in the week leading up to our Anniversary Dance and in addition to their own weekly square and round dancing, visited some of our nearby clubs and invited our neighboring dancers to attend our big dance. Because of visits by Joe & Kathy and Jim & Deecee, we had more dancers from Agape Squares, Dancing Dolphins and Sand Spurs in attendance. Perhaps on the next visit they will be able to take a full square and steal a banner!



The dance was a wonderful surprise with 6 squares of dancers and over 15 round dance couples filling the floor. It was truly wonderful to see so many dancers in the hall again. There were dancers not only from the clubs listed above, but also from as far away as Belles and Bouys in Gulfport, MS. Thank you also to the faithful dancers from

Alabama who come to support our dances each time. We know



you are out there, thank you for proving it. We hope to see you at the next dance at Ragon Hall.

Seaside Squares would like to congratulate Deecee Haslett and Jim Walter upon being elected as Vice-Presidents of Northwest. A big shout-out also to Karen Gordon, secretary of Northwest. We know you will make us proud!





# 63rd Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention March 24-25, 2017 “Dance to the Beat With Happy Feet”

## PEN & GWEN'S TRAVELS Chapter 3

With their GPS all programmed, Pen and Gwen are off swimming towards their final destination of the 63rd Florida State Convention. They are really hoping to arrive by Thursday March 23rd, in time for the Trail-In Dance on that date. If things go as planned, they will!

One of their first planned stops is in the Cape of Good Hope, the southern tip of Africa. After they landed Pen was curious as Gwen pulled out her trusty “What Should I Bring To The Dance” Cook Book. Pen, always hungry, asked “What’s on the menu for tonight. What yummy specialty are you planning?” “You’ll see”, Gwen replied. Gwen quickly turned to page 152 for that famous Cocktail Meatballs recipe and got started. When almost finished mixing Pen heard Gwen groan loudly “No Catsup!!! Can’t believe I forgot the catsup!” It was then she heard a small voice behind her saying “If you’ll share, I have some catsup.” Turning quickly around there stood Rico, her cousin from Madagascar. Of course they shared. It seems that Rico had made a special trip to try to find Pen and Gwen to inform them of the changes of the Convention Host Hotel to the IMPERIAL SWAN HOTEL & SUITES.

“Imperial Swan Hotel & Suites”, Rico explains. “are offering the square dancers a very special rate of \$59.00 per night which includes a free breakfast each morning and I did some checking with them, too. They have recently renovated and are now offering rooms with 2 twin beds or 2 double beds or one



with a king bed. Also, EACH room does have a microwave AND a refrigerator, something most other hotels don't offer. Here's the phone number you'll need to make reservations and I strongly urge you make early reservations too as there are so many other things going on in Lakeland in March, that is why the other hotels are NOT lowering their rates at all. Call 863-647-3000 and remember to ask for the "square dancers rate!"

After eating and talking late into the evening, Gwen pulled out her "Fire HD 8 Tablet" and settled in to read before retiring for the night. Rico was intrigued by the tablet and asked many questions. Gwen explained it has an 8" HD Display with Wi-Fi and 8 GB. And that Emperor Elsa Penguin is offering to raffle one off with the drawing for it being at the Fall Fun Fest Dance in Bartow on Saturday, November 12, 2016. She explained that there are several other helper penguins all around who have bright yellow tickets to sell, 1 ticket for \$2.00 or 7 for \$5. As Rico was settling down on the soft sand to sleep, he again complimented Gwen on the great dinner she had prepared. Gwen, ever grateful for the kind remark, commented "you know, Rico, that Cook Book is also for sale again. We had to replenish our supply when we ran out at the 2016 Convention. They are still only \$12.00 and will be available at most dances now. Just check for them. They are all about what snacks and goodies to bring to dances. Square Dancers really love to eat, you know."

Judy Anderson  
Narrator



# Happy Birthday

As we travel together  
the pathway of life,  
my love for you grows  
stronger every day.  
I am so lucky to have  
you for my wife!  
God bless you.





# Go with the Flow

Learn, Dance & Grow

Are you a dancer who

**L**oves to get out on the floor and dance,

**C**ares that the number of dancers is  
dwindling, and wants to

**P**lan strategies to help our pastime grow?

*The LCP*

*—Leadership Certification Program—  
is designed for you!*



## Experience Education



# 63rd Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention March 24-25, 2017 “Dance to the Beat With Happy Feet”

## PEN & GWEN'S TRAVELS Chapter 4

Come on you two. Time to rise and shine! I've made some Cheesy Muffin Puffs\* you guys like to much" Gwen said with a big smile. Slowly Pen and Rico ambled over to the sand pile that Gwen had set up for breakfast. Gwen notice that Rico was not his usual cheery self and inquired "why" only to be told that he missed Kowalski and Skipper and yes, he even missed little Private - even though he was usually a pain in the neck. After very little discussion it was decided they really should swim on to Madagascar if Pen and Gwen wanted to be in Florida by the March 24th\*\* Convention date while still taking time for a short visit with their cousins.

Soon Gwen heard Pen call out - "Everybody ready? Then let's get started". So they jumped into the Western Indian Ocean for the short swim up the coast to Madagascar. Upon arriving in the city of Manakara on the eastern side of Madagascar where their cousins lived, they were surprised to find not only Skipper, Kowalski and little Private there to greet them but the whole Colony. After a big evening feast of Crescent Pizza Stocking's\*\*\*, Dirt Cake\*\*\* and Party Punch\*\*\* everyone settled in for a good old catching up time of families and their adventures. Gwen, while talking to her many cousins, did not see too many entrance ribbons being worn and asked the "why" question. Seems most of the penguins had not received word on how to purchase ribbons in advance. Being really flabbergasted, Gwen had Pen get registration forms\*\*\*\* from their traveling gear. She handed them out while explaining the "how-to" get advance entrance ribbons. She explained "just fill out the form\*\*\*\* then make their check for \$30.00

for each ribbon wanted, payable to the "63rd FSDC" and mail to Randy & Carol Poole, 1541 Lakeside Drive, DeLand, FL 32720. (No overseas postage needed, of course). Or if they want additional information they only had to call 386-734-5295 or e-mail: cpoole19@cfl.rr.com. "Carol's the ready lady with the ready answers." Gwen said.

Pen was talking to Kowalski and Skipper about the host hotel where he and Gwen would be staying at the convention, mentioning he already had made reservations as a surprise for Gwen. Skipper asked about the Imperial Swan Hotel & Suites to which Pen replied "Their rates are only \$59.00 plus tax per night but you must tell them you are with the square dancers. This price includes a free breakfast each morning and that each room has a microwave and refrigerator included. But you must hurry because none of the other hotels are lowering their prices for this square dancing weekend. Here's the number to call for reservations: 863-647-3000, don't delay too long AND we can use their pool, too!"

Rico borrowed Gwen's Fire HD 8 Tablet upon retiring to his designated spot on the beach and with a yawn he promised her he would purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win the one being given away by Emperor and Empress Penguin, at the Fall Fun Fest in Bartow, November 12th. "Several helper penguins have those yellow raffle tickets to sell" Gwen remarked. "Just look for one of them!"

Judy Anderson, Narrator

#### Footnotes:

\*Recipe: Cheesy Muffin Puffs found page 64 "What Should I Bring To The Dance" Cook Book

\*\*New Convention Dates March 24th and 25th, 2017

\*\*\*Recipes: found on pages 200, 30, & 98

\*\*\*\*Registration form can be found elsewhere in Bow & Swing

F Y I: Emperor Ray and Empress Elsa Penguin (Huddleston) will be making appearances at the following weekend dances: Fall Fun Fest in Bartow, November 11th & 12th, West Coast Area and the Fall Festival in Jacksonville Beach, November 18th & 19th, North East Area. Come say "Hello" and help support the 2017 Florida State Convention.





# 66<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention

"Do the Queen City Scene in 2017"

June 21, 22, 23, 24, 2017 Cincinnati, Ohio

Online Registration - [Website: 66nsdc.org](http://Website:66nsdc.org)

For Convention Use Only  
 Registration # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Received \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check # \_\_\_\_\_



Please Print  
 Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Registrations are non-transferable  
 Request for Refund: \$80.00  
 Youth born after June 24, 1959 \$30.00, 5 and under - born after June 24, 2012, Free admission.  
 A \$10.00 fee per Registrant will be imposed for cancellations or changes.  
 Prices will increase May 1, 2017 to: \$75 for adults, \$37.50 for Youth born after June 24, 1989  
 Registrations received after April 30, 2017, e-mail confirmation only.

For badges	First Name	Last Name	Subtotals
Adult:	_____	_____	_____
Adult/Child:	_____	_____	_____
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Adult/Child:	_____	_____	_____
Program Book widely schedules (\$15.00 after 4/30/2017)	_____	_____	_____
Syllabus: <input type="checkbox"/> Rounds	_____	_____	_____
On CD: <input type="checkbox"/> Contra	_____	_____	_____
Syllabus and CD	_____	_____	_____
Sew & Save Book - "Sew with the Flow" <input type="checkbox"/> CD <input type="checkbox"/> Book	_____	_____	_____
Cookbook - "Queen City Cookbook"	_____	_____	_____
Wednesday Special Event, Dinner & Show "American Kings"	_____	_____	_____
Camper Bus Pass - 4 days (See reverse)(\$60 After 4/30/17)	_____	_____	_____
RV Camping - (4 nights minimum/pricing on reverse side)	_____	_____	_____
Tours - Please see reverse for details & instructions.	_____	_____	_____
Tours Total	_____	_____	_____
No Refunds/Cancellations after April 30, 2017 (U.S. Funds)	_____	_____	_____

ALL campers MUST pre-register. You will receive a profile form when your payment is received To camp together, arrive together.

Check Enclosed  Visa  Master Card  Discover Card

Print Name On Card \_\_\_\_\_  
 Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration - Vickie Stewart #: 517-256-1533 E-mail: [vsandhsingchair66@gmail.com](mailto:vsandhsingchair66@gmail.com)

Please identify at which Dance Program you intend to spend most of your time dancing  
 Squares:  New dancer  M  P  DBD  HI Energy  A1  A2  C1  C2  
 Rounds:  2  3/4  5/6  
 Other:  Contra  Line Dancing/Western  Handicap  Low Energy Squares (Slow Paced Dancing)

Will you be participating in the Leadership Certification Program?  Yes  No

### HOUSING

Complete the housing portion of this form below or book direct at <http://groups.reservetravel.com/group.aspx?id=17057>

Housing Required?  YES  NO Please Circle Room Nights Needed:

June	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	

Hotel Preference (hotel codes on back): 1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please check the appropriate box:  One Bed (1-2 people)  2 Beds (2-4 people)  
 Preference:  Non-Smoking  Smoking  Wheelchair Accessible Room  
 Special Hotel Room Needs: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Requests for Shared Rooms or Same Hotel registrations must be mailed together in the same envelope.  
 Same Hotel as: \_\_\_\_\_

For Assignment in Block Housing - Requests are due by Jan 1, 2017  
 Block Housing - 10-25 rooms \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Block Leader Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

TO GUARANTEE YOUR ROOM RESERVATIONS, YOU MUST PROVIDE A CREDIT CARD NUMBER  
 AND PAY A \$3.50 CONVENIENCE FEE. PAYMENT FOR THE ROOM WILL BE CHARGED AT CHECK IN  
 Visa  Master Card  Discover Card

Print Name On Card \_\_\_\_\_  
 Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return Form, with payment to:  
 66<sup>th</sup> NSDC Registration & Housing Committee  
 2555 S. Drive Drive, Suite 234, Kettering, OH 45409

Individuals name to be programmed - Callers/Cueers/Etc. (If your expertise is to be programmed)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Caller & Level (  M  P  DBD  A  C )  Caller & Level (  2  3/4  5/6 )  
 Caller for Youth  Contra Prompter  CW Lines Instructor  
 Exhibition Group  Educator  Handicap  
 \* Go to [www.66nsdc.com](http://www.66nsdc.com) to update your profile.\*

66th Convention Badges REQUIRED at all times. Dressy Casual Attire allowed until 6:00 pm. Proper Square Dance Attire is Required After 6:00 pm for all Dancers.

Instructions for Registration (left side)

1. **Print legibly all names, addresses, city, state, zip code, country, and B/D of youth (age 5-17 by 6/21/2017) -1/2 price!** to ensure correct registration. **Do not** include the amount for all other materials and tours.
  2. **Important!** Daily schedules are only available with the purchase of a Program Book. Daily schedules will not be available separately at the Convention. Most dancers will want to purchase the Program Book.
  3. **Correctly calculate the Total and include credit card information (with signature), check or money order payable in U.S. funds to the 66th National Square Dance Convention\* and return it with the Registration Form.**
  4. **Do Not Spend Cash. No Single Day Registrations Sold.**
  5. **Not Camping, no Pick-up or Carpooling on your registration Form, and send in the required fees (four night's worth of campsite fees) with your registration Form.** Please check appropriate boxes. RV's that will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. There are 30 amps, 8.50-amp electrical service with water, some full hookups. Free Dump station available to registered guests; if you plan to camp together, you must arrive together. For more information contact: RV Vice-Chairman, Ross Willkie: ross.willkie@icloud.com, Cell phone: 517-812-1832.
  6. **Bus Pass for 66\* registered campers only. Price after 4/30/17 will be \$60.**
  7. **Tour Forms and Payments are to be mailed directly to: 66th National Square Dance Convention\* 2555 S. Olive Drive, Suite 234, Kettering, OH 45409.** For more information and form go to [www.66nsdc.com](http://www.66nsdc.com) or call 937-233-8192. **Registration fee for non-campers is \$100.00. A \$10.00 fee per registrant will be assessed for cancellation. No refunds after April 30, 2017.**
- Instructions for Housing (right side)**
1. The 66th NSDC Housing Committee is partnering with Cincinnati USA Convention & Visitors Bureau to provide website access for housing reservations. Complete the housing portion on the right side of the front of this form. This form must be received by April 1, 2017 to receive the 66th NSDC contracted room rates; if you request housing at hotel codes 1-5, you must stay a minimum of four (4) nights, including Wednesday through Saturday, June 21-24, 2017.
  2. Only one person per room should complete a hotel reservation request on the front of this form. Please print the name of the person making the reservation. Hotel requests can be made through the online site or registrations must be in the same envelope and mailed to arrive together.
  3. All Block Housing requests staying in same hotel are due by January 1, 2017 submitted with name and telephone number of Leader to Brenda Howard, Housing Vice-Chairman, at [Housing66NSDC@yahoo.com](mailto:Housing66NSDC@yahoo.com).
  4. Indicate three (3) choices of housing preference, by specifying hotel code number; Be sure to indicate 1 or 2 beds as well as preference; Hotels will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis according to availability.
  5. **Hotel Reservations: Your reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card and a \$35.00 conference fee.** Hotel Reservations will not be assigned for the room in advance of arrival and an alternative form of payment may be presented at check-in.
  7. **Hotel Confirmations:** You will receive a hotel confirmation via email or mail, if you do not receive your confirmation within 21 days, please contact the 66th NSDC Housing Committee by: (a) email: [Housing66NSDC@yahoo.com](mailto:Housing66NSDC@yahoo.com), (b) phone: 937-221-8192; (c) mail Registration/Housing 66NSDC, 2555 S. Olive Drive, Suite 234, Kettering, OH 45409 through April 1, 2017.
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Map of Hotels



Code	Hotel Name	King Suite	Standard King	Standard /Queen 2 beds	Distance
1	Millennium (Headquarters/ Callier Crier)	NA	\$155	\$155	Shywalk
2	Hilton	NA	\$161	\$161	1 Block
3	Hyatt	NA	\$164	\$164	Across St.
4	HomeWood Suites	\$159	\$149	\$149	2 Blocks
5	Hampton Inn	\$159	\$149	\$149	2 Blocks

**CAMPROUNDS:**

Code	Bus service available for campers only	Price
1	(Full hook-up pull through w/50 amps)	\$60
2	(Full hook-up NO pull through w/ 30 amps)	\$50
3	(No full hook-up & No pull through - 30 amps)	\$40
4	Cabins (8 available) Includes: 1 QN bed and pull out couch; 2 additional carpeted loft floors with 4ft. high ceilings for additional sleeping space. 6 maximum per cabin	\$140/night

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

Mondays

Available

Tuesdays

Beginner Rounds 7:00—9:00 pm

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

Wednesdays

Intermediate Rounds 7:00—9:00 pm

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

Thursdays

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

Beginner's round dance class 1:30—3:30 pm

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## The SAND SPURS

### FORT WALTON BEACH - by Jackie and Terry Kramer

As Summer winds down and Autumn is around the corner, the *Sand Spurs* have planned a very busy schedule. A twelve week session of Square and Line dance classes began on Tuesday, the 13th of September with dancing from at 7:15 PM to 9:00 PM. In addition to the square and line dance lessons, Miriam has also introduced the class to the latest craze...*Contra* dancing.

“Cued Ballroom” classes started on Wednesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of September. The schedule is as follows: *Beginner’s Two-Step* class 6:00-7:00 PM and then from 7:00-9:00 PM, a continuation of “Phase III” *Waltz and Rumba*, for those who have had the first parts of the Waltz and Rumba lessons. The Sand Spurs *Mainstream* and *Plus* level dancing will continue on Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00 PM. So, spread the word and get your friends involved in one or all of these fun-filled activities.

Many of our *Sand Spurs* members attended several out-of-town dances this summer. They particularly enjoyed the *Seaside Squares* “July Jamboree” on July the 16<sup>th</sup>. On July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, our club was well represented at the annual NWFSRDA “Round Up” in Tallahassee, Florida. It was a really fun weekend of dancing and fellowship. Many of us got to dance some “Rounds” that we learned in Miriam’s “Cued Ballroom” classes.

On the 13th of August, we celebrated Miriam's birthday; what a surprise that was for her! Pictured is the birthday girl enjoying some cake.



Miriam called for the *Seaside Squares* on Friday, the 19th of August, in celebration of their 53rd Anniversary. Several squares were there to help them celebrate. Congratulations to the *Seaside Squares*!

**A Celebration!** ~ A large group of Square Dancers, along with the extended family of Ted and Jane Benson, gathered at the *Hurlburt Soundside Club* on Sunday, the 21st of August to celebrate Ted and Jane's 19th Wedding anniversary. Ted gave a wonderful talk about their life together...It is amazing that they have been on 49 cruises!



We look forward to a special upcoming dance on Tuesday, the 29th of November when International Caller, Gary Shoemake, will be our guest caller.

Encourage your friends and associates to join in some of the starting classes. They will enjoy hitting the floor and dancing to a wonderful beat!

C U on the dance floor!

Editors Note: August 19th Miriam called for Seaside Squares. August 20th was Seaside Squares 53rd Anniversary.

## "Future National Square Dance Conventions®"

Website	Location	Date
66 <sup>th</sup> NSDC	Cincinnati, Ohio	June 21-24, 2017
67 <sup>th</sup> NSDC	Kansas City, Missouri	June 27-30, 2018
68 <sup>th</sup> NSDC	Atlanta, Georgia	June 26-29, 2019
69 <sup>th</sup> NSDC	Spokane, Washington	June 17-20, 2020

### Comparative Convention Registration Statistics

EOM	2010 Louisville	2011 Detroit	2012 Spokane	2013 Oklahoma City	2014 Little Rock	2015 Spring- field	2016 Des Moines	2017 Cincinnati
June	2540	1956	3298	1930	1978	1861	1629	1265
July	2607	1987	3314	1974	2097	2342	1998	1385
August	2703	2031	3452	2176	2097	2442	2105	
September	2912	2111	3659	2261	2194	2566	2203	
October	3232	2130	3721	2323	2322	2642	2267	
November	3360	2255	3842	2422	2350	2753	2405	
December	2829	2470	3920	2575	2465	2871	2536	
January	4116	2642	4101	2793	2624	3021	2682	
February	4481	2737	4222	2988	2799	3150	2682	
March	4936	3105	4343	3265	2999	3495	2851	
April	5432	3143	4761	3569	3380	3632		
May	6295	3493	5047	3761	3437	3746		
Final Total	6295	3756	5536	4185	3842	4004		



# **63rd Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention March 24-25, 2017 “Dance to the Beat With Happy Feet”**

## **PEN & GWEN'S TRAVELS Chapter 5**

Poor Gwen, always the worrier, was really beginning to fret when she realized that so, so many friends did not know the State Convention dates had been changed to March 24th and 25th, that these dates are for all day Friday starting with “needle down” at 10 AM and also the same time on Saturday the 25th. But she did have to smile too just thinking that now the customary Snow Birds would still be in Florida and now would be available to attend – hooray - no more excuses!!!

Then Gwen became concerned about the Trail-In Dance held every year on Thursday night prior to the State Convention but her worry was soon unfounded as there are no exceptions in this department either. It is still being held the Thursday night before the convention, the 23rd. And it's still being held at the Strawberry Squares Dance Hall in Plant City. She also found out the callers this year will be the co-caller chairmen Jack Lewis and Bill Chesnut, with early rounds, starting at 7:00 PM, cued by co-chairmen Joanne & Ken Helton with Chuck & Mary Ryall's. Gwen got out her social calendar to make all these changes in ink-----she does not want to miss out on a single chance to square dance and round dance too. Especially since she and Pen are traveling so far to attend.

It was mid-afternoon when Pen finally caught up with Gwen. Seems he and “the boys”, (Rico, Kowalski, Skipper and Private) had gone out to sea to find the big pink octopus that had been plaguing them ever since the movie. He found Gwen with the ladies all sitting around giggling and laughing

and looking at the “What Should I Bring To The Dance” cook book which also was Gwen’s photo album. Seems each page has a picture of someone from either their home Colony in Antarctica or pictures of their new friends in Madagascar. “Oh look, Pen – here is a picture of you playing a pirate with a parrot on your shoulder and everything. And one of you caught napping in a sombrero and of you shoveling snow, wow remember that stuff? Now here’s a cute one of me with a little bow on my head just learning to waddle. And one of “the boys” too. Isn’t Private just the cutest?”, Gwen commented with gales of laughter from all the gals. Several of the gals wanted a cook book/photo album of their own but since Gwen does not carry them, she suggested they could order them from Empress Elsa Penguin (Huddleston) for only \$10.00. Phone 954-484-4553 or if they should see her and the Emperor at the different dances they’ll have some with them.

Always hungry, Pen got to thinking about the sombrero picture and suggested having a Mexican Fiesta night. Gwen checked her trusty cook book and found a Burrito Casserole\*, a Mexican Salad\* and Black Bean & Salsa Dip\*. “Can’t get too much more than those for Mexican.” she thought. And since pecans grow in Madagascar she decided to make some Sugar & Cinnamon Spiced Pecans\* to munch on later. Yummy!

Later in the evening as Pen and Gwen were strolling by the ocean before turning in for the evening, they decided they really should be swimming on their way as they still have a long, long way to travel to get to Florida. Pen said he had already planned their next stop and it is to be a surprise for Gwen. He would tell her nothing more even though she teased and nagged, he just smiled. All he did tell her is that they would be swimming up the Yamuna River to the most beautiful place on earth. Now Gwen was really curious and anxious, so much so she had all her gear packed and ready for travel even before she went to bed on her sand dune. No reading the “Fire HD 8 Tablet” tonight!!!

Judy Anderson, Narrator

Footnote: Recipes on pages: 118, 119, 96 and 6

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**MOTELS FOR THE 2017 STATE CONVENTION**

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**The Host Hotel for 2017 is:**

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Lakeland, Florida 33813  
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(Price includes 2 free breakfasts each morning)**

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**Trail-End Dance**

Strawberry Squares Hall  
4401 Promenade Blvd  
Plant City, FL 33563  
Thursday, March 23, 2017  
Early Rounds 7:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Squares 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Registration Form

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May 28, 2016 thru March 23, 2017 \$27.00 pp.  
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Per Person-Includes Tax Cash or Check only

NO CREDIT CARDS

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Those youth that have not reached their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday by April 1st, 2017 will be admitted at HALF PRICE when pre-registering for the full program on or before the March 24th cutoff date

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

### **Please Note**

Mail in registrations received after March 8, 2017; ribbons must be picked up at the convention center box office

Service Charge for NSF or returned checks: \$30.00

Cancellation Policy: Refunds will be cheerfully made until the doors open at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, March 24, 2017

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Make checks payable to: 63<sup>rd</sup> FSDC and mail to:

Carol Poole  
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**March 24 & 25, 2017**

### **63<sup>rd</sup> Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention Registration Form**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(His) (Hers)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.

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