

Florida West Coast Dancer



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WEST COAST SQUARE AND ROUND DANCERS' ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM 2017

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West Coast Square & Round Dancers' Association

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John & Lynne Scott, 6647 Crescent Lake Dr., Lakeland, FL 33813

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Complete the above application and you will be helping promote square and round dancing in 16 counties served by the West Coast area association.

You will also receive a West Coast badge and free admission to all dances in the area that are sponsored by the association.

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Following each is the WCA Representative and Clubs within that County.
***Clubs with Web sites**



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‘Twas the night before convention,
When all thro’ Lakeland Center
Not a dancer in sight, not even a caller or cuer,
The wares of the vendors were displayed with great care,
In hopes that many dancers soon would be there;
They were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of squaring up and weaving the ring
Danced in their heads.
Next morning there arose such a clatter,
The doors were flung open and dancers sprang forth,
When what to their wondering eyes should appear,
But a little round Penguin, so lively and quick,
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old bird,
His feet tapped a beat as he danced his jig, shouting,
“Now Callers, Now Cuers, Now Dancers and all
“Come fill the halls at Lakeland Center March 24-25!”



WCSRDA 43RD ANNUAL



FALL FUN FEST

November 10 & 11, 2017

Bartow Civic Center, 2250 Floral Ave, Bartow, FL 33830



Don Mojer
Caller



Jimmy & Carol Griffin
Cuers



Bob Stern
Caller

RIBBONS	
In advance:	\$18
At door:	
Fri & Sat	\$20
Split Fri or Sat after 6 pm	\$10
Saturday all day	\$15

There will be 2 halls for your dancing pleasure.

One hall will be Mainstream/Plus alternating with Rounds, Phase 2-4.

The other hall will be A2.

For more information go to:

www.shufflinsquares.com

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FALL FUN FEST REGISTRATION

Name (1): _____ Name (2): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Club Name: _____

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 Venice: Woodmere Park 941.828.0481

*Clubs with Web sites.

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DEADLINES !!! Issue — Deadline date
 For all updates, additions, changes, Ads and articles for the Dancer.
 April / May / June 2017— March 10, 2017
 July / April / May, 2017—June 10, 2017

NEXT WEST COAST ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING
 January 8 at 11:45 AM — Strawberry Square
 Election of WCA OFFICERS — SEPTEMBER 6 ,2017

Health and Sympathy

Betty Stevens is very ill. She and husband, Dick, are past Presidents of the WCA and have held many other offices. If you wish to send a card her address is 905 Helena Dr., Brandon, FL 33511

Marilyn Grube, a long-time resident of Strawberry Square and an avid square and round dancer, passed away on November 18, 2016. She was 90 years old and rarely missed a dance at Strawberry Square nor at Buttons and Bows of Lakeland and other clubs when she could get a ride.

Her family decided the best way to celebrate Marilyn's life is to have a dance in her memory and honor. It will be held on Sunday, February 19th at Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL, featuring Ron Reardon calling and Charlie Lovelace cueing. Early rounds 1:30 - 2:00 p.m. and alternating Mainstream and Plus squares and rounds 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Please join us for an afternoon of dancing in Marilyn's memory. Everyone is welcome and there will be no charge to attend. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call 404-405-8946.

Mary Dow is recovering nicely from her knee replacement surgery. She was at the West Coast Membership Dance on December 4th but is still unable to dance. If you would like to send her a card, her address is PO. O. Box 1333, Arcadia, FL 34265.

Mary is the De Soto/Hardee/CharlotteCounty Rep for the West Coast Association and the secretary of the Fall Fun Fest Committee. She's also the one that is always hitting you up for a dollar!

Jennie Martin is homebound for the time being as she has a blood clot in her leg. If you would like to send her a card, her address is 5693 N.W. CR 661, Arcadia, FL 34266. Jennie is a cuer at Palace Promenaders and Cultural Center Squares and is the owner of the Palace Square Dance Hall in Arcadia. She is also the De Soto/Hardee/Charlotte County Rep for the West Coast Association.

Patti Wilkerson is recovering nicely from her back surgery. She was also at the West Coast Membership Dance on December 4th but is still unable to dance. If you would like to send her a card, her address is 412 Klickety Klak Lane, Valrico, FL 33594. Patty is a cuer in the Tampa Bay area.

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Every convention has its sweet spot and I think you will agree that ours is our compact location. By compact I do not mean small, I mean close and convenient. **The convention center and hotels are all within two blocks. Over 1000 rooms are across the street.** You will not need to purchase a bus pass unless you are a camper. **All the dancing is in one building.** There are **many food options** both on site and within walking distance from the convention center. Most parking options are across the street from the convention center or hotels. You will literally be able to park your car and not need it till you leave.

Hopefully, we have peaked your interest and have given you a taste of what is in store for the people who attend our convention in June of 2017. The Cincinnati area and the 66th NSDC will have the **Activities, Facilities, and the Location** for great national convention. We will be looking for all of you and your friends in Cincinnati!

Steve & Beverly Stoehr
General Chairman

66th National Square Dance Convention®

66 National Square Dance Convention **June 21-24, 2017-Cincinnati, Ohio**

Last Name Only _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
Nation _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____ Cell _____
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First Name for Badge	\$60.00 registration fee before
Adult _____	May 1, 2017
Adult _____	
Youth _____	\$75.00 registration fee
Youth _____	after April 30, 2017

(Under 5 years of age free)

66th National Square Dance Convention

Vickie Stewart

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WEST COAST SQUARE & ROUND DANCERS' ASSOCIATION SPECIAL DANCES for 2015 – 2016

PRE – DANCE ROUNDS 1:30 PM – SQUARES 2 – 4 PM
(Free to Association Members – \$5.00 per person for guests)

CALLER OR MC	CUER	LOCATION	
Jan. 8, 2017 w/ Marty Vanwart & Ron Reardon	Alice Bubel	Strawberry Square 4401 Promenade Blvd.	Plant City
Feb. 5, 2017 W/ Sam Dunn & Keith Stevens	Jack Jenkins	Strawberry Square	Plant City
March 5, 2017 w/ Robert Arias & Sam Dunn	Russ Collier	Palace Dance Hall	Arcadia
Sept. 17, 2017	President's Ball	Strawberry Square 4401 Promenade Blvd.	Plant City

*dances with an MC are open to the MC's invited Callers and Cuers.

DANCERgram Newsletter and Website

...for current dance information on the west coast of Florida

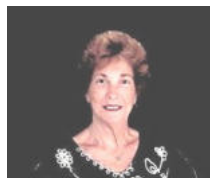
Receive current and informative information directly to your In Box!

- 1 Every Monday morning
- 2 Health & Sympathy Notices
- 3 Extensive list of national conventions and festivals
- 4 Stay in touch while you travel
- 5 Plan ahead – all the special dances are in chronological order and are listed in one place!
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Penny Green, Editor, sqdncfan@gmail.com 863-224-3393

NOTICE! The officers of the West Coast Square and Round Dancers' Association and the editors of the West Coast Dancer do not necessarily agree with all views as presented in the articles: However, they will print any article submitted as long as it is square dance related and tastefully written. The editors reserve the right to edit all articles including Club News. A limit of 150 words or approximately 15 lines (No. 8 font) of Club News is requested. Note that Club News is not a repeat of the club listing or Ad but news of club activities of interest to dancers. Dance Listings are printed at no charge and limited to City (area), Club name, Place and Address, Time, Caller/Cuer, Level/Phase and Contact information. If a more detailed description is desired, such as Themes for future dances, Guest Callers/Cuers, admission fees, and varying schedules, please make use of the Ad schedule.

***A message from former
West Coast Association
President Flo Ormsbee***



Did you feel a "little chill" in air recently?? I am thinking that the penquins who showed up at the Fall Fun Fest this past weekend brought it and left it with us..

I am not sure of the exact amount of dancers who showed up for Fall Fun Fest but I do know that Jack Lewis and Tom Miller kept us dancing all weekend to the beat with happy feet. Susan Snider did a wonderful job on rounds. The Advanced Hall had approximately 7-8 squares all weekend and the Mainstream and Plus dancers had a great time as well.

One of our long time square dance couples could not attend the FFF due to being extremely ill. Betty Stevens and her husband Dick Stevens were unable to be there. Betty is very ill. I have not been able to speak personally to her but have been told she has a brain tumor that is very aggressive and the prognosis is not good. They have been very active over the years in square dancing serving as President, FFF registrars as well as other positions. Please keep both of them in your prayers. If you wish to send cards their address is: 905 Helena Street, Brandon, FL 33511

On a happier note there was a fundraiser going nearby for a little boy named "Supercooper". Square dancers passed the hat and raised \$523.00 to donate to his family for medical bills. It's so true how square dancers always come through to help out when asked.

Ed Drexel and Terry Wetherby were presented with the Distinguished Service Award for outstanding service to the WC at the Fall Fun Fest held on November 11th and 12th, 2016. On Sunday the couple also accepted the position of Parliamentarians for the Florida Federation. They will also be co-chairpersons for the 2017 Fall Fun Fest. Janice Serencko and her helpers did an excellent job of putting on our Fall Fun Fest.

As a result of Flo Ormsbee's resignation as WC President on November 13, 2016 due to health issues an election was held on December 4 at the WC Dance held in Arcadia (a great success) to find a new Vice President. The current officers of the WC are: Ed Drexel, President, Lance and Rita Baxter, Vice Presidents, Terry Wetherby, Secretary and John and Lynne Scott as Treasurers.

I hope everyone had a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving with their friends and family as we look forward to more good times with our families during the remainder of the upcoming holidays.

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***66 National Square Dance Convention
June 21-24, 2017-Cincinnati, Ohio
At the Duke Energy Center
525 Elm St., Cincinnati, OH 45202***

WELCOME

Wow, things are really picking up now! All kinds of things are getting their final preparations and details set in stone. From the food to the floor, to the caller & cuers, and to all the education and meeting halls, all are falling in place for the big event. We have a few **new things** to talk about, **some reminders**, and things you should be thinking of as the time gets closer.

First, the things that will help us to help you. So far, about half of the early registrations (the short forms) have been converted to long forms so get the word out to all the people that preregistered on the short form. If you have not filled out a long form yet be sure you do. [Long Form \(PDF\)](#) This is where we get your name for your convention badge, program book w/ Dailies, syllabus for Rounds and Contra, Sew & Save book, the latest nationals cookbook, tickets to the Wednesday night dinner and show with [the American Kings \(PDF\)](#), [camping & camping bus pass](#), [tours](#), and of course your [hotel](#) for the convention.

We still have **plenty of room** for you, but now is the time to get your registration in, and to be sure you get the things you want most. Please take a little extra time filling out the form to be sure we can read all the information. Most of this information will end up in a data base and your conformations all use your email. If you do not have one, list "no e-mail" so we can send you a hard copy. If you know that **your email has changed**, drop us an email and let up know so you do not miss anything we send out.

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We still have **plenty of hotel rooms**, and they are so close to the convention center that **no bus pass is needed**. If you have a handicap please let our housing people know so they can help. The hotels do not have large numbers of these rooms and not all handicapped rooms are equal so let us help early.

Check our [website for parking locations](#). They are easy access right off the highway and next to our hotels and The Duke Energy Center. We have been working on special rates so check the site before you come for the best deals.

If you have not **booked your tours** yet, then get with it now. It will allow you to get in before they fill up or keep us from closing one out that you might want to take. They all

Club News

Please note the description of what constitutes NEWS in the Notice on page 3. Note: A repeat of dance listing information, theme dances on regular club nights, regularly scheduled caller/cuer names is not news.

BUTTONS & BOWS — LAKELAND No Club News



CHARLOTTE PROMENADERS — PORT CHARLOTTE

The Charlotte Promenaders of Port Charlotte FL will be dancing at a new location starting Jan. 5, 2017 and will continue for 15 weeks ending our season April 20, 2017. Our new location is at the Port Charlotte United Methodist Church, 21075 Quesada Ave., Port Charlotte, FL 33952. Club Presidents are— Jim and Deb Clay 94-456-2580

PINE RIDGE PROMENADERS - LAKE PLACID.

The Pine Ridge Promenaders of Lake Placid will dance every Thursday evening from 7-9:30pm at the Sunshine RV Resort, Rt. 70 east, Lake Placid- January thru March. We dance MS/PLUS and some rounds. Visitors always welcome. Casual or square dance attire.



Contact: Sue/Bob Broderick, publicity chairs for the PRP PH: 828-290-2147



SUN CITY CENTER SWINGERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

The Sun City Center Swingers Square Dance Club held its Annual Pot Luck Dinner and Business Meeting on December 9, 2016 in the Armstrong Room of the SCC Atrium. The Meeting and Dinner went well.

At the meeting the following Club Officers were elected to serve for the 2017 term:

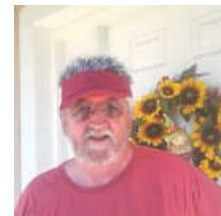
President - Veanna Cape Vice President - Teri Hatch
Treasurer - Tom Kilgallon Secretary - Jerry Cape
Trustees - Judy and Charlie Pyle, Mary and Dick Schultz

Judy Pyle presented Teri Hatch, our past President, with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of her dedication in leading the Club in 2016.

The Club will again make a monetary donation to the Mary and Martha House, Ruskin, to help Santa make the Children's Christmas a Happy One. The Mary and Martha House provides shelter and substance battered women and children from the local area.

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INTRODUCING **THE 2017 WCSRDA** **PRESIDENT ED DREXEL**



BY FLO ORMSBEE **2016 PRESIDENT**



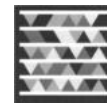
As a result of the resignation of President Flo Ormsbee effective November 13, 2016, Ed Drexel became President. On December 8, 2016 an emergency West Coast meeting was held in Arcadia before the WC dance to elect new Vice Presidents Lance and Rita Baxter to fill Ed's previous position. Terry Wetherby remains as secretary and John and Lynne Scott are treasurers.

Ed Drexel and Terry Wetherby were presented with the Distinguished Service Award and were also nominated and accepted to be Parliamentarians for the Florida Federation at the Federation meeting which was held on November 13, 2016 during the Fall Fun Fest that was held in Bartow on November 12 and 13th 2016.

During the Fall Fun activities the WC helped raise \$523.00 to help a little boy in the Bartow area with some of his medical bills. The called him "Super Cooper". The family was very appreciative of our efforts.

The WC has some new and exciting ideas for the coming months. January 8, 2017 – West Coast Association Business Meeting – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 11:45 a.m. This meeting will be held before the West Coast Association Membership Dance that starts at 1:20 p.m. The callers for this dance will be Ron Reardon and Marty Vanwart and the cuer will be Alice Bubel.

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On February 5, 2017 the WC dance will be held at Strawberry Square Dance Center and the callers will be Sam Dunn and Keith Stevens and the cuer will be Jack Jenkins. Dance starts at 1:20 p.m. with alternating squares and rounds throughout the dance.

On March 5, 2017 the WC dance will be held in Arcadia and the callers will be Sam Dunn and Robert Arias. Dance starts at 1:20 p.m. with alternating squares and rounds throughout the dance.

Anyone may attend the WC meetings to see how the Association runs our area. If you wish to join the initial fee to join per person is \$12.00. This includes your badge and your first year bar. Renewals are \$6.00 per year per person. We are open to suggestions on how to make our association the best. Please come, visit and share your ideas at any of our meetings.

Since lots of club elections happen at this time and officers change positions it would be beneficial to all if you have new information from you club that you would like to share please forward those emails to Flo Ormsbee for publication in the WC Dancer.

Inspirational Quotes
(from the collection of Ed Foote)

"Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the ones who receive them, and they bless you – the giver."...Barbara DeAngelis, lecturer and author.

"If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway."...Mother Theresa

"Compassion isn't about solutions. It's about giving all the love that you've got."...Cherl Strayed, author

"Grown-ups never understand anything by themselves, and it is tiresome for children to be always and forever explaining things to them."...Antoine de Saint Exupery in The Little Prince.

"Love is the way I walk in gratitude."...from the book A Course In Miracles

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PINELLAS PK.**Pinellas Pk. Aud. 7690
59th St. N— Next to Police Sta. — "Third
Sun. Rnds" Party – Ph. III – IV-V ~1-4:00
PM Jimmy & Carol Griffin 727-525-7809
web: www.floridasquaredance.com/jcspin

PUNTA GORDA* PH II-IV, &:7:00– 9:00pm
1/22/17, 2/26/17, 3/26/17, 4/9/17 Call for
Directions. Dick Chase 239-770-5257

COUNTRY / WESTERN / LINE DANCE

PLANT CITY**Strawberry Square – 4401
Promenade Blvd. 813-752-0491

Please check Strawberry Square Web site

TUESDAY

ARCADIA Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627
NE Floridian Circle – Off Hwy 17 N.
Lines 7–9 PM Jennie Martin 863-494-2749



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The Sun City Center Swingers Square Dance Club will begin the New Year with a Mainstream/ Plus Square Dance on Friday Night January 6, 2017.

The Club dances every Friday Night, except when pre-empted, in the SCC Atrium Dance Studio, 945 North Course Lane (North Complex, off N. Pebble Beach Blvd.). Dance Workshop 7 - 7:30 PM, Mainstream/Plus Dance, with Rounds, 7:30 - 9:30 PM.

Callers for January are: Marty Van Wart/Gary Bubel on alternating Fridays. Alice Bubel Cues.

Square Dancers come join us for Great Dancing, Fellowship and Delicious Refreshments. Square Dance Clothes or Dressy Casuals are acceptable

For further information call Veanna at at 813 --938--1038 or Teri at 813-633--0551 and/or see our Web Site at [html::floridasquaredance.com/suncity/index](http://floridasquaredance.com/suncity/index).

ROUND DANCES & WORKSHOPS

MONDAY

N. FT MYERS*Rec. Center, social dance class. 7:00 - 8:30pm, Directions: Dick Chase 239-770-5257

PUNTA GORDA*So. County Regional Pk. 670 Cooper St., 1:00 - 3:00 pm, PH III & IV Wksp. Nov.– Mar. Russ & Wilma Collier 941-505-0960 / 941-661-1920 Email: russcollier1@gmail.com

PUNTA GORDA*PH III-IV 1:30 - 3:30pm Directions: Dick Chase 239-770-5257 Rnd. Dance Class

SUN CITY CTR**Kings Point Swingers – Kings Pt. Main Clubhouse Studio Rm. 1902 Clubhouse Rd. Advance Rnds 5 - 7pm Mike Cox 813-634-8212 or 813-642-0900 or mc8152@verizon.net or 813.649-0754 Wear your badge & tell guard you are attending the dance at the Clubhouse Studio.

TUESDAY

PINELLAS PK*J & C Spin-A-Rounds – Pinellas Park Auditorium – 7690 59th St N 6:30 – 8:15 PM — Ph III – IV - V Jimmy & Carol Griffin 727-525-7809 Web: www.floridasquaredance.com/jcspin

WEDNESDAY

BONITA SPRINGSCitrus Park Clubhouse, 25501 Trost Blvd. ~ Jan thru Mar. Advance - 1:00 - 2:00 pm Intermediate - 2:00 - 3:00 pm Mike & Joyce Alexander 239-992-0207

PUNTA GORDA*PH II-III, 10:00-12:00pm Cha review, 12:30-2:00pm Directions: Dick Chase 239-770-5257

PUNTA GORDA**So. County Regional Park, 670 Cooper St. (Should be dancing PH2 and some Ph3) 10:00 am - n ~ Nov. - Mar. Wally & Ione Wade, Instr. 941.505.1979 ionewade@centurylink.net

THURSDAY

BROOKSVILLE*Pot O' Gold Rd. Dancers Cloverleaf Farms Heather House, 900 N Broad St - Rt 41N ----- Nov. Thru April 9 AM Ph II, III some IV, 10 AM Basic I & II Judy & Jake Doane ----- 351-797-5557

ZEPHYRHILLS*Gem Estates (On North Avenue) Hall is at 3945 Elgin Dr. Beg two step 3 - 4 PM Phase 2 workshop 4 - 5 PM Starts January Jan - Mar only Sandy Burke, Cuer. 813-355-3638 petrsan.burke495@gmail.com

FRIDAY

DADE CITY*Blue Jay pk. 38511 Wilds Rd. Hall on Pelican Dr. Beg waltz 1- 2 PM Phase 2 Workshop 2-3 PM Begin Phase 3, Rh & Cha 3 - 4 PM Jan - Mar only Sandy Burke, Cuer. 813-355-3638 petrsan.burke495@gmail.com

FT. MYERS**At Shell Point, Social Dance Class 7:00– 8:15 Directions: Dick Chase 239-770-5257

FT. MYERS BCH**Indian Creek Pk. 17340 San Carlos Blvd. – Jan. thru Mar. Rm.11 Ph III - III+ 12:00 - 1:30 pm Ph IV - IV+ 1:30 - 3:00 pm Joyce & Mike Alexander E-mail:JTA440@msn.com

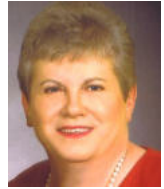
SATURDAY

Ft Myers BEACH**Indian Creek Resort, Social Dance Class 3:30 - 5:000 Directions: Dick Chase 239-770-5257

SUNDAY

ARCADIA**Palace Promenaders - Sq. Dnc. Hall - 1627 NE Floridian Cir. Off Rt 17 N ~ 2:00 - 5:00 pm Phase II I- IV Round dance Cuers to be announced. Please call for schedule.

**FLORIDA FEDERATION
2016 PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE**



The weather is cooler, the dance season has started, we have numerous opportunities to dance and visit with our friends; what else could we ask for?

By the time you read this article, we will have had two very successful weekends; the West Coast Association's Fall Fun Fest and the Northeast Association's Fall Festival "A Bountiful Barn Dance".

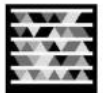
We will also have had our Fall Federation meeting. We will have held elections for the 2017 officers and decided about the date and location for our future state conventions. I will report on the results of the meeting in my next article.

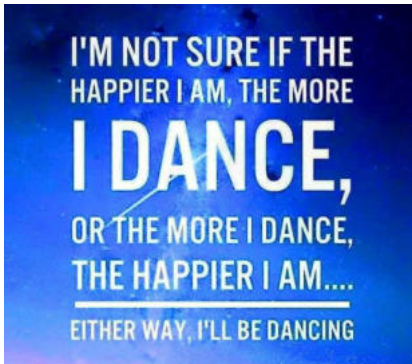
With Christmas coming it brings the exchange of gifts, spending time with family and close friends, and making New Year's resolutions. Why not make a resolution to do one thing to help us turn around our favorite activity, square dance! It's going to take the assistance of every one of us.

If I don't see you during the holidays, I hope you have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year and that you have a safe and happy holiday with friends and loved ones.

I'll see you in square somewhere!

Penny Green
President





I wondered what my parents did to fight boredom before the internet.

I asked my 17 brothers and sisters, and they didn't know either.

BUTTONS & BOWS Of Lakeland 

PDR 7:00 pm ~ MS/P/Rd 7:30 pm
Magnolia Building – 702 E. Orange St.

Guest Callers
Cuer at all dances: Charlie Lovelace

MS/PLUS SQUARES AND ROUNDS ©

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Promenade Squares

Senior Center
7625 59th St. N. – Pinellas Park

Dance every Thursday (Sept. thru May)
(June, July, August: 2nd & 4th Thursday)
6:00-7:15 PM Beg. Lessons (check first)

7:15 -7:45 PM Pre-Rounds
7:45 – 9:30 PM Ms / Plus Dance

Caller – Bob Ormsbee
Cuer - Donna Huard
Myrna: 208-369-6949



63rd Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention
March 24—25, 2017, Lakeland, Florida

Last Name: _____

First Name (His) _____ Solo _____

First Name (Hers) _____ Solo _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

County _____ Phone: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Make checks payable to: 63rd FSDC
Mail to: Carol Poole
1541 Lake Side Dr.
Deland, FL 32720

PLEASE NOTE: Registrations received after March 8th, 2017 will need to be picked up at the Registration Booth at the Convention Center on March 24, 2017. Service Charge for NSF or returned checks: \$30.00

July 1, 2016 thru March 8, 2017...\$27.00
Convention Box Office.....\$30.00
Per Person-Includes Tax



VENICE**Woodmere Pk, 3951 Woodmere Pk. Blvd - (Off Jacaranda Blv.) Plus w/DBD 3 - 5 pm Dec. - Apr. ~ Caller, Red Bates 941-223-0987 / redbates@juno.com

ZEPHYRHILLS**Betmar Clubhouse #3 – Plus Wksp 1-3 PM – Marty Van Wart –Info: 813.780.8036 – Nov. thru Mar. 813.788.2004

WEDNESDAY

BEVERLY HILLS*Hillbillies - Civic Ctr Club House - Plus Wksp 7-8PM - Lon Ligon 813-746-4882 or 746-3028

WAUCHULA*Crystal Lake Sqs. - Crystal Lake Vil.,237 Maxwell Rd (on RT 17 - 2 mi. N. of Wauchula) ~ 01/04/17 Extended Ms. 1 - 2:30pm ~ Mike Gormley 419.376.0557 or mike@mike-gormley.com Possible early Nov./Dec. start time. Check start time.

THURSDAY

FT. MYERS BCH*Indian Creek Pk. 17340 San Carlos Blvd. – Rm 11 ~ Advance 2:45 – 4:45 pm Jerry Fell 5170603-6657
SEBRING**Buttonwood Bay Squares Buttonwood Bay RV Pk, 10001 US Rt. 27S. Nov. thru Mar. ~ 863-655-2634 1 - 2:30 PM Mainstream. Wksp 2:30 - 4 PM Beginners Wksp.

FRIDAY

FT MYERS BCH*Indian Creek Pk. 17340 San Carlos Blvd – Muskoegon Hall 1 - 3 pm Mainstream Wksp / Lessons 3 - 5 pm Plus Workshop / Lessons Walt Courtney 859-967-9993 Tootscourtney@yahoo.com

PLANT CITY**Strawberry Square – 4401 Promenade Blvd. 813.752.0491
Please check Strawberry Square Web site www.stawberrysquaredancing.com

VENICE**Woodmere Pk, 3951 Woodmere Pk. Blvd - (Off Jacaranda Blv.) Red Bates Plus Review & teach Dec - Mar.~ 1 - 3pm 941.223-0987/redbates@juno.com

WINTER HAVEN**Dixie Grande Squares Grace Lutheran Church Gym. 327 Ave. C SE Plus 6:30pm ~ 1st, 3rd, 5th Fri. Caller/Instructor - Carl Rod 863-293-9369

SUNDAY

HUDSON**The Huggables, Care's Enrichment Ctr., 12417 Clock Tower Pky. 2- 4 pm MS/P workshop with Allen Snell 727-809-3429

LAKE WALES*Shufflin' Sqs. - Lake Ashton Golf Club – 6052 Pebble Bch. Blvd. Winter Haven, (HFC at Lake Ashton), 2-4:30pm, Adv. Wksp. All advanced and wannabe advanced dancers welcome. Info: 863.326.9774, keith@keithstevens.com

BEGINNER ROUND DANCE LESSONS

WAUCHULA*Crystal Lake Sqs. Day of the week unknown at this time. Contact Mike Gormley at mike@mike-gormley.com for more information.

MONDAY

AUBURNDALE*321 Ramsgate, 6- 7:30pm Cuer/Instructor - Carl Rod 863-293-9369

PLANT CITY**Strawberry Square – 4401 Promenade Blvd. 813.752.0491
Please check Strawberry Square Web site www.stawberrysquaredancing.com

TUESDAY

ST. PETERSBURG**Suncoast Squares— King of Peace MCC Ch., 3150 5th Ave N. GLBT club but all welcome. 6:30 - 7:30pm No partner req'd. Mike Cox 727.599.1440 www.suncoastsquares.com

WEDNESDAY

PUNTA GORDA*Beginner, 12:30-2:00pm Directions: Dick Chase 239-770-5257

FRIDAY

FT. MYERS BCH**Indian Creek Pk. 17340 San Carlos Blvd. – Jan. thru Mar. Rm.11 10:30 am -11:30am Joyce & Mike Alexander Email: JTA440@msn.com 239.992,0207

PUNTA GORDA** So. County Regional Park, 670 Cooper St. 10:00 am—n ~ Nov. - Mar. Wally & Lone Wade, Instr. 941.505.1979 ionewade@centurylink.net

FRIDAY

FT MYERS BEACH*Indian Creek Pk. 17340 San Carlos Blvd – Muskoegon Hall 9:00 - 11:00am 959-967-09993 Tootscourtney2yahoo.com **Beg.**

PT. CHARLOTTE**Maple Leaf Squares, Maple Leaf Golf & CC, 2100 Kings Hwy, I-75, Exit 170, go "SW 1-1/2 Mi. Queensway Hall—Starts Nov.: 2 ~ 1-3pm Dave Magee 941.235.1611 or callerdave@comcast.net Call for schedule. **Beg.**

WINTER HAVEN*Dixie Grande Squares Grace Lutheran Ch., 327 Ave. C SE 6:00 pm ~ Caller/Instructor - Carl Rod 863-967-5004 **Beg.**

SATURDAY

NOKOMIS*Royal Coachman Resort 1070 Laurel Ave. ~ Recreational Center **Mainstream** Class, noon -2:00pm Caller: Red Bates 941.223-0987 / redbates@juno.com

SQ. DNC. LESSONS (Plus - A - C)**MONDAY**

PLANT CITY**Strawberry Square – 4401 Promenade Blvd. 813-752-0491 **Please check Strawberry Square Web site www.strawberrysquaredancing.com**

TUESDAY

ST. PETERSBURG*Suncoast Squares - King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Ave. N. GLBT club but all are welcome. **Ms** 7:30 - 9pm ~ **Plus** - 9 - 10 pm Info: 727-443-6242 / ianai@mail.com www.suncoastsquares.com and suncoastsquares@gmail.com

SEBRING**Button Wood Sqs., Buttonwood Bay RV Res., 41 Kingfish Dr. 3:00 - 4:30pm Plus: 586-610-8370 Caller: Nelson Wakeman

ZEPHYRHILLS*Betmar Club House #3 On Rt. 54 ~Intro to Plus ~ 1 - 2:30 pm Marty Van Wart 813-788-2004

WEDNESDAY

ESTERO*Corkscrew Woodlands Pk - 21798 Corkscrew Woodlands Blvd. — I-75 Exit 123 ~ **Plus** at 12:30pm ~ **MS** at 1:30pm 239-691-5670 / 239-560-2572 Jan thru Mar

THURSDAY

PLANT CITY*Strawberry Square – 4401 Promenade Blvd. 813-752-0491 **Please check Strawberry Square Web site www.strawberrysquaredancing.com**

ST. PETERSBURG**Suncoast Squares - King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Ave. N. A GLBT club but all are welcome. **A1-A2** have begun & are from 6:30 - 8:30pm **C1** starts Nov. 6, 8:30 - 9:30pm (dancers must have completed A2) Caller: Mike Cox Info: 727-443-6242 / ianai@mail.com www.suncoastsquares.com and suncoastsquares@gmail.com

FRIDAY

PT. CHARLOTTE*Maple Leaf Squares, Maple Leaf Golf & CC, 2100 Kings Hwy, I-75, Exit 170, go "SW 1-1/2 Mi. Queensway Hall—Plus ~ 3 - 5 pm Dave Magee 941.235.1611 or callerdave@comcast.net

VENICE*Woodmere Pk, 3951 Woodmere Pk. Blvd. – (Off Jacaranda Blv.) **MS** 1:00 - 3:00 pm Nov. - Mar. **Plus** review 3:00 - 5:00 pm Nov. - Feb. Caller: Red Bates 941-828-0481 / redbates@juno.com

SQUARE DANCE WORKSHOPS**MONDAY**

DADE CITY*Travelers Rest - 29129 Johnston Rd — 6 – 7:30 PM - Plus – Bob Bourassa – 352-796-8254, 352-588-4433 Nov. thru Mar.

TUESDAY

ESTERO**Esterio Rec. Ctr., 9200 Corkscrew Palm Blvd, Refresher Wksp. 6:30 – 7:30pm, ~~~ Basic/MS 7:30 – 9pm ~ Instructor Wes Morris 239-282-6322. For Registration 239-498-0415 or online at www.leeparks.org Jan. 5 thru Apr. 12, 2016

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THE ON-GOING SAGA 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: cpooler19@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



2017 Florida Federation Of Square Dancers President's Message



Well the New Year is here and it promises to be an exciting year in the Florida Square Dance community. There are new things effecting the Federation. The first is the Federation elected new officers at the November meeting. The officers are: Presidents – Dennis and Nancy Taylor, Vice Presidents – Ray and Elsa Huddleston, Secretary – Cheryl Miller, Treasurer – Linda Tester, and Parliamentarians – Ed Drexel and Terry Wetherby. If you have any suggestions or recommendations that could improve our activity contact any of the officers or attend one of the Federation meetings.

Another new item that affects us is the change in the date of the 2017 Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention from the Memorial Day Weekend to March 24 and 25, 2017. Hopefully we will see a lot of the winter visitors in March that normally have returned north by Memorial Day. Encourage any of the winter visitors you dance with to join you at the convention. Additionally The Space Coast Fiesta will be held in Titusville on February 2 & 3 instead of in January. Also during the year plans will be underway for the 2018 State Convention that will be in Daytona Beach in February. Make your plans with this change in mind. In January some clubs will be starting classes for new dancers. Be sure to support these classes whenever you can. So you can see there are several changes already planned for 2017.

Even though things are changing many things will remain constant. Many clubs will be continuing the classes that started in 2016 and celebrate the graduation these classes. Be sure to

Continued next page.

VENICE*Buttons & Bows - Woodmere Pk. 3951 Woodmere Pk. Blvd. (Off Jacaranda Blvd) - Plus/Rnds 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Tina Ziomek (941) 493-6035 Jan. - Apr. Guest caller/Cuers:

N. Ft. Myers**N. Ft. Myers Rec Ctr., 2000 N. Recreation Pkwy, Basic / MS Starts Oct 19, 2015 ~ 3 - 5pm. Instructor Wes Morris 239-282-6322 For registration 239-533-7200

ZEPHYRHILLS* Valley Dale Club House, Valley Dale Squares Jan. thru Mar. 7 - 9:30pm; Alt. Ms/Plus follows brief class Walter Lougee 352-437-4796

WEDNESDAY
N. FT. MYERS**Heron's Glen, on US 41 at the Lee/Charlotte Cty. Line ~ Clubhouse Dave Magee, callerdave@comcast.net 941.235.1611 ~ 7 - 9pm, Nov. thru Mar. Call for schedule...Beg..

SUNDAY
NAPLES*Happy Promenaders – Hitching Post, S. Tamiami Tr. - Just E. of the Hitching Post Mall. Nov. thru Mar. PDR 7 PM ----- MS/P/Rns 7:30 – 9:30 PM Guest Callers / Mike Alexander Info: 239-642-8612 Call for schedule.

WAUCHULA**Crystal Lake Sqs—Crystal Lake Vil. ,237 Maxwell Rd. (on RT 17 - 2 mi N of Wauchula) Beg. Starts 01/04/17 ~ 4:00 - 5:30pm Ms. 2:30-4:00pm Mike Gormley 419.376.0557 or mike@mike-gormley.com Start time possibly early Nov./ Dec.

PLANT CITY*Strawberry Square – 4401 Promenade Blvd. 813.752.0491 **Please check Strawberry Square Web site**

THURSDAY
DUNEDIN**Hale Senior Activity Ctr. 330 Douglas Ave. Ms class, 6:30 - 7:30 pm Ms dance 7:30 - 9:00pm Allen Snell 727.809.3429 or 727.809.0323

ST. PETERSBURG**Suncoast Squares— King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Ave. N. GLBTclub but all welcome. (2nd Sunday full level dance) Ms, P, A @ 4 - 6:30pm In Oct. 3rd Sunday 2:00 - 4:30pm In May 2016 on 3rd Sunday 4:00 - 6:30pm Info: 727-443-6242 / ianai@mail.com www.suncoastsquares.com and suncoastsquares@gmail.com

LAKE WALES**Shufflin' Sqs. - Lake Ashton Golf Club – 4141 Ashton Club Dr. ~ off Thompson Nursery Rd. 6-7:30pm Beg. Keith Stevens instructor. Info: 863-326-9774 or keith@keithstevens.com

WAUCHULA**Crystal Lake Sqs - Crystal Lake Vil. - 237 Maxwell Rd. (on RT 17 - 2 mi N of Wauchula) Ms/Plus/easy Rds 7 - 9 pm 2017 Sched. 01/15 29; 02/19; 03/5, 19 Caller/Cuer: Mike Gormley mike@mike-gormley.com Dress optional [Info: 419.376.0557](mailto:Info:419.376.0557) or ron.storms@gmail.com

PINELLAS PK**Promenade Squares -- Sr. Ctr. – 7625 59th St. N – 1 Blk N off Pk Blvd. at RR tracks. Beg. Lessons: 6 – 7:15pm Beg. When conducted. Call first. Instr. Bob Ormsbee ~ Info: 727-544-0227

BEGINNER & MS SQ. Dnc. LESSONS

MONDAY
DADE CITY* Morning Star Pk. Beg. & Ms. 1:30—3:30pm Walter Lougee 207-462-3989

PT. CHARLOTTE**Maple Leaf Squares, Maple Leaf Golf & CC, 2100 Kings Hwy, I-75, Exit 170, go "SW 1-1/2 Mi, CanAm Clubhouse - A1, 9am -11. MS Rusty Hinge rev. 11am - 1pm Dave Magee 941.235.1611 or callerdave@comcast.net

NOKOMIS*Royal Coachman Resort 1070 Laurel Ave. - Pavilion 2 - 4pm Jan. - Mar. Beg. Caller: Red Bates 941.223-0987/redbates@juno.com

SEBRING**Button Wood Sqs., Buttonwood Bay RV Res., 41 Kingfish Dr. Beg. 2:30 – 4pm MS. 1-2:30pm Nelson Wakeman 586-610-8370

TAMPA** Temple Twirlers, Lakeshore Villa Clubhqs. 1540I Lakeshore Villa Blvd., 6:30 – 8:30 pm w/plus wksp. Ron Reardon: Inst. Info: Ben Kirkland BBKJLK@verizon.net PH: 813-986-2928 Beg.

LAKE PLACID**Pine Ridge Promenaders
Sunshine RV Resort- Rt 70 (1000 Yds E of
US 27) 7:30 – 9:30pm – Guest Callers/Cuers
MS/Plus – Jan. - Mar.
828.290.2147 or bobnsue97@hotmail.com

LAKE WALES*Shufflin' Sqs. - Lake Ashton
Golf Club – 4141 Ashton Club Dr. ~ off
Thompson Nursery Rd. –1st & 3rd Thurs. ER
7-7:30pm ~ 7:30–9:30pm – Alternating Plus
and Adv. Tips. Guest callers
Info: easchwartz@tampabay.rr.com
www.shufflinsquares.com
2nd, 4th & 5th Thurs. Ms & Plus tips
Keith Stevens caller.

PINELLAS PK*Promenade Squares -- Sr.
Ctr. – 7625 59th St. N – 1 Blk N off Pk Blvd.
at RR trks. 2nd & 4th Thurs. June thru Aug.
Otherwise Weekly.
6 - 7:15 Beq. Les. ~ PDR 7:15 – 7:45pm
7:45 - 9:30pm Ms/ Rds/ some Plus
6 - 7:15pm Mainstream/Plus/DBD workshop
OR Class when being conducted
See Beginner Class schedule on Thurs.
Bob Ormsbee / Donna Huard
dhua7@yahoo.com / 727.544.0227
See Ad Pg. 11.

PT CHARLOTTE*Charlotte Promenaders
Pt. Charlotte Bch. Rec Ctr., 4500 Harbor
Blvd. - PDR 7:00 PM — Plus 7:30 - 9:30
PM Guest callers & Dick Chase: Cuer
941.429.1311 or 941.575.8392 ~ Jan . thru
Apr.

ST. PETERSBURG*Suncoast Squares—
King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Ave N
GLBTclub but all are welcome.
A1-A2 Class in progress 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Info: 727-443-6242 / ianai@mail.com
www.suncoastsquares.com and
suncoastsquares@gmail.com
Caller: Mike Cox

VENICE* Jacaranda Trace, 3600 William
Penn Way, A2, 2 - 4 pm, Mike Cox
941-408-262

FRIDAY

DADE CITY* Morning Star Pk. MS & Plus
Jan. 20/ Feb/17/ Mar. 17, 2017
Ms / Plus 7:00-9:30pm
Walter Lougee 207-462-3989

ESTERO**Corkscrew Curiques, Corkscrew
Woodlands Pk., 21798 Corkscrew
Woodlands Blvd. I-75 exit 123, Wks 6:30pm.
MS w/ announced Plus, Rnds 7- 9 pm
2nd Fri. of each month Nov. thru April
Wes Morris, Recorded Rnds. 239-282-6322

PLANT CITY*Strawberry Square – 4401
Promenade Blvd. 813.752.0491
Please check Strawberry Square Web site
www.strawberrysquaredancing.com

SEBRING* Buttonwood Sqs., Buttonwood
Bay RV Resort, 41 Kingfish Dr.
Dancing MS/Plus/Rnds, 1st & 3rd Fri.
Caller: Nelson Wakeman and guest callers
Jan. thru Mar. Pres. Tim: 586-610-8370

SUN CITY CTR*SCC Swingers - Dance
Studio in Atrium Bldg. North Campus, North
Pebble Bch. Blvd., 1/2 Mi. N. of SR 674 —
Ph: 941-776-0477 or 813-633-9742
ER 7:00 PM – MS/Plus/Rnds 7:30-9:30pm
Rounds by: Alice & Gary Bubel
Squares: Ron Reardon: 1st, 3rd & 5th Fri.
Squares: Marty Van Wart: 2nd & 4th Fri.

VENICE*Woodmere Pk, 3951 Woodmere
Pk. Blvd. – (Off Jacaranda Blv.) ~ C1 (Cas.)
10 AM – noon ~ w/C2 tip ~ Dec. – Mar.
Caller: Red Bates Casual attire.
941-223-0987 / redbates@juno.com

SATURDAY

ARCADIA*Palace Promenaders - Sq. Dnc.
Hall - 1627 NE Floridian Cir. Off Rt 17 N ~
MS / Plus workshop 6 - 7pm
MS / Plus & Rounds 7 – 9 pm
Robert Arias May thru Sept. / Jennie Martin
Sam Dunn will Call at announced dances.
863.494.2749/ 941.380.5336 Call for dates.

FT MYERS BEACH**Indian Creek Pk
17340 San Carlos Blvd – Iroquois Hall
ER 7:00 Sqs. 7:30 - 9:30pm Dave Mcgee &
Dick Chase 239-770-5257

PLANT CITY**Strawberry Square – 4401
Promenade Blvd. 813.752.0491.
Please check Strawberry Square Web site
www.strawberrysquaredancing.com

encourage the new dancers and support the classes. Another example is the Southeast Association will hold their annual SnowFlake Frolic on January 28th. The Federation will have their annual Working Weekend and benefit dance in Orlando on February 24 and 25. On Sunday after the 2017 State Convention the Federation is scheduled to hold their meeting at the Swan Hotel in Lakeland. The Central Association will be holding their Party Weekend on April 21-23, 2017 to support the 2018 State Convention. The Northwest Association will hold their Roundup on October 27-28, 2017 in Pensacola. The West Coast Association will hold their Fall Fun Fest on November 10 and 11 in Bartow. The Northeast will hold their Fall Festival the following weekend November 17 and 18 in Jacksonville. This will be followed by The Federation Annual meeting after the Fall Festival on Sunday November 19. And of course the many clubs will be holding their regular dances all through the year. . We can't forget that The National Square Dance Convention will be in Cincinnati on June 21-24, 2017. If you haven't been to one you are missing a great time. Now is an excellent time to start a tradition of going to the NSDC each year.

As you can see in the New Year there will be many great opportunities, both new and old, for you to participate in and enjoy. Support these events and promote square dancing all year round.

Your help is needed – as of the writing of this message we don't have volunteers to Chair the 2019 State Convention. Now is the time that this position needs to be filled so the new Chairman can work with the 2018 Chairman and gain an insight into the running of a convention. If we are to have the excellent conventions like those we have had in the past we need you to volunteer now.

See you in a square!

Dennis & Nancy Taylor
Federation Presidents

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THE ON-GOING SAGA PEN & GWEN'S TRAVELS Chapter 5

It was time to move on towards Florida, Pen and Guin's final destination, after a wonderful Christmas Holiday and having a fabulous New Years Eve Celebration in Hawaii! So it was plop plop and into the water they went, heading towards Florida and the Convention. After riding the ups and downs of the Panama Canal Locks they finally left the Pacific Ocean and in the Gulf of Mexico and were headed towards the shore of Florida. Pen, our navigator, was hoping they would land in Tampa Bay – and they did.

After the long journey from Hawaii to Florida, Guin decided to make something really special for their first evening ashore. Grabbing her trusty "What Should I Bring To The Dance" Cook Book she decided that since there were fresh mango's available, she would make one of her (and Pen's) favorite recipes – Mango Bread* and serve it with another favorite, Cocktail Meatballs**. Then for desert she decided on Grandma's Rice Pudding***. It seems that everything taste better now that they were back in Florida.

Since Pen and Guin have landed

they headed straight towards Lakeland, they decided they really had time to help a little with the preparations. They contacted several committee chairmen to find out where best they be of help. First contacted was Carol Poole, registration chairman, who said that sales were going pretty smoothly and still has a few entrance ribbons. But she also related that she could use a little help in the registration booth during the day if anyone would like to help her. Contact 386-734-5295 or email: rpoole19@cfl.rr.com to volunteer.

And here's Pen's favorite committee as he is good at giving out "yellow rocks" – Hospitality!

Anita Taylor needs more people interested in being greeters at both hall entrances. Contact her at 904-272-6551. BUT the most important commitment they could make would be to be at the Convention Center at 8:30 AM on Friday morning, March 24th to help decorate the many halls being used.

Guin checked with the Imperial Swan Hotel & Suites (our HOST hotel) and found out there are some square dancers rooms still available. In the mean time Pen was trying to find out



SQUARE DANCES

MONDAY

FT MYERS BEACH*Indian Creek Pk 17340 San Carlos Blvd – A-2 7:00 PM – Iroquois Hall Winter - Room 11 Summer. Jerry Fell ~ 517-403-6657.

SEBRING*Harmony Hoedowners, Sebring Cntry Est. Civic Assoc. 3240 Grand Prix Dr. Sq. (Cas. or Sq. Attire) Sam Dunn & Guest Cuers. 1st & 3rd Adv.dnc. Dec-Mar 7:30 - 9:30 pm DBD/ Adv W/S & dnc. Jan-Mar 7:30 - 9:30 pm 2nd & 4th – MS/Plus/Rnds – 7:30 – 9:30 pm Dec. thru Mar. Plus W/S 6:30 - 7:30 pm 863-382-6792 / www.samdunn.net

SUN CITY CTR*Kings Point Swingers – Kings Pt. Main Clubhouse Studio Rm. 1902 Clubhouse Rd. ER 7 - 7:30pm. ~ A2 7:30 - 9:30pm. Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox: 813-649-0754 or George: 813-642-0900 Visitors tell gate you're attending this dance.

TAMPA*Temple Twirlers - Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 2707 W. Waters Ave. - PDR 7 PM - MS / Plus 7:30-9:30 PM Ron Reardon / 1st, 3rd & 5th Mon. & Guest callers/Charlie Lovelace on Rds.:Ad page 14 Info: Linda Roberts, 813.382.8621 e/m: lindarobertstempletwirlers@gmail.com

TUESDAY

LAKELAND*Buttons & Bows - Magnolia Bldg.– 702 E. Orange St. — PDR 7:00PM, Alt. Ms/Plus/Rnds 7:30 - 9:30 PM - 2nd & 4th Tues. - Info: — 863-229-7756 All year See Ad on page 11.

PORT CHARLOTTE*Maple Leaf Squares, Maple Leaf Golf & C.C., 2100 Kings Hwy. 1-75 exit 170, go SW 1-1/2 Mi., Queensway Hall ~ Nov. thru Mar. Ph 941-235-1611 callerdave@comcast.com 7: - 9:30 pm ~ MS/Announced Plus

PUNTA GORDA*R & R Gators – Alligator RV Park, 6400 Taylor Rd. — Plus/ Rnds 10 AM – noon — Dave Magee/Russ Collier 941-235-1611 - Nov. - Mar. Or callerdave@comcast.net

PLANT CITY**Strawberry Square – 4401 Promenade Blvd. 813.752.0491 **Please check Strawberry Square Web site www.strawberrysquaredancing.com**

ST. PETERSBURG**Suncoast Squares— King of Peace MCC Ch., 3150 5th Ave N. GLBT club but all welcome. ER 6:30-7:30pm MS 7:30 - 9pm, Plus Wksp. 9 – 10pm.~ Info: 727-443-6242 / ianai@mail.com www.suncoastsquares.com and suncoastsquares@gmail.com Caller: Mike Cox

VENICE**Woodmere Pk, 3951 Woodmere Pk. Blvd. – (Off Jacaranda Blv.) ~ A2 1 – 3 pm ~ Dec. – Apr. ~ Red Bates (Cas.) 941-223 -0987 / redbates@juno.com

ZEPHYRHILLS**Betmar Belles & Beaus - Betmar Clubhouse #3, Rt 54 — A1– 7–9pm A2 Tip at 9 PM – Marty Van Wart – Russ Bunker 813-780-8036 – Jan. thru Mar.

WEDNESDAY

FT. MYERS**Palmetto Palms, 19681 Summerlin Blvd. ~ ER 7:00-7:30pm Sq. & Rnd 7:30-9:30pm Red Bates & Dick Chase, Directions: 239-7705257

PT. CHARLOTTE*Cultural Ctr. Sq. Dance Club – Pt. Char. Cult. Ctr. Centennial Hall 2280 Aaron St. 7–9:00 pm ~ MS/Plus/Rnds Caller: Robert Arias ~ May thru September Caller: Art Miller ~ October thru April Cuer: Jennie Martin & Russ collier 941-380-5336 or 863-494-2749

ZEPHYRHILLS**Betmar Belles & Beaus Betmar Clubhouse #2 Rt. 54: Plus/Rounds 7 - 9:30pm: Guest callers/Ella Bettencourt 813-783-7523 Nov. thru Mar.

THURSDAY

BONITA SPRINGS**Snobirds, Citrus Pk. Clubhouse, 25601 Trost Blvd ~ PDR 7:00-7:30: MS/Plus 7:30 - 9:30 PM ~ Guest Callers/Cuers Jan. thru Mar. 239-948-8652 or 603-361-3009

DUNEDIN* Dr. William E. Hale Sr. Ctr., 330 Douglas Ave. Workshop 6:30—7:30 PM 7:30 –9 PM ~ Ms/Plus/Rnds ~ Allen Snell settarose1@verizon.net Rosie: 727-809-0323 ~ Allen: 727-809-3429

DUNNELLON*Citrus Squares – United Methodist Church, 21501 Hwy 40 – MS/ Plus 7:00 – 9:00 PM – Rick DuCharme 352.465.2142 H & 352.419.2504 C rickducharme@ymail.com

Entertainment - arrange for entertainment in the evenings - musical, dance demonstrations, etc.

Grand March - coordinate lining up everyone for the Grand March.

Hospitality/Security - coordinate the schedule of volunteers to greet at each of the entrances

Program Ads - coordinate with each of the associations regarding the renewal of ads and the purchase of new ads for their respective areas.

You do not have to live in Lakeland to fill this position. All of the ads are sent to the program booklet chairman.

Publicity/Promotion - write press releases for a the Bow & Swing, each of the association newsletters, local newspapers, etc.

Ways & Means - coordinate with the convention chairman as to what fundraisers will be done and make arrangements for them.

Ways & Means for Central, Northwest and Southeast - The state ways & means chairman makes the arrangements for each fundraiser and each of the associations needs a person to handle raffle ticket sales for their area.

We are not only facing the loss of dancers but also of workers. If we can't get volunteers to help put on these conventions, then we won't be able to continue having them.



about camping arrangements on the Convention Center grounds. Here's what he learned about camping on the grounds. It will be \$35.00 a day dry camping and they can accommodate up to 20 rigs. Contact Paul and Marilyn Scott, Camping Chairmen, if you need more information. Call them at 904-264-9392 or email them: mjanescott@bellsouth.net.

They just found out that the "Fun Hall" will be the most exciting place to be again this year, and on both nights, too. There will be "Hot Hash" again with Whit and Rod who are planning to keep everyone really moving fast and furious, maybe even exhausting the real die-hards. And "Dangle Dances" - always a favorite place to be even if you don't seriously collect dangles. Then on Saturday afternoon there will be the "Last Square Standing". This is becoming a very challenging and very interesting activity, so grab a square of your friends and try this out. Of course, Pen and Guin always like to visit the Vendors. Pen enjoys browsing around Susie-Q's table to see what's new there. She always has

something intriguing to tempt you while Guin, who seems to be always in the "need" for something new to wear, can be found at the Sew-Em-Up Fashions Vendor. Several other vendors will be there to entice you too.

Since the Fire Tablet 8 was given away at the Fall Fun Fest in Bartow, Guin has learned of two new "money makers" to help defray the expenses of this convention. One is a fabulous \$500.00 **CASH** Prize to be given on Saturday evening and the other is a beautifully designed hand made quilt being raffled off also on Saturday.

It's very plain to see that this will be one of the best State Square Dance Conventions with so many wonderful adventures awaiting for everyone who attends. Our little Penguin Friends, Pen and Guin, have had a great time sharing their adventures with you and they hope to see you there from the Thursday nights Trail-End Dance at the Strawberry Squares Hall in Plant City on through the weekend of great dancing and planned entertainment. Be sure to see the 2018 Conventions Kick-Off on Saturday evening. See what is planned for next year by Lewis and Linda Wasserman, the General Chairmen.



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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



Fl. Federation President's Message of Urgency Regarding the Fl. State Conventions



It is becoming very critical that we fill the position of general chairman for the 2019 convention. This position needs to be filled now so that they can also learn the ropes by being the assistant general chairman for the 2018 convention. This position can be filled by one couple, two couples, a solo or two solos, someone from the Florida Callers Association, the Round Dance Council of Florida, or the Florida Square Dance Campers as well as the Federatiron.

There is a Convention Procedures document which provides you with valuable information on what to do and there is also a timeline document that provides you information on when everything needs to be accomplished. There are also numerous past convention chairman to serve as advisors.

Regarding the 2018 convention...

There are several positions that still need to be filled; Dangle Dances, Entertainment, Grand March, Hospitality / Security, Program Ads, Publicity / Promotion, Vendor Chair, Ways & Means, W/M Central, W/M Northwest, and W/M Southeast.

The responsibilities of each of these positions are as follows:

Dangle Dances - create dangle dance themes in coordination with the convention theme, schedule callers to call each dangle dance, work with Suzie Q Creations to design a dangle for each theme.