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This newsletter is published weekly and distributed electronically as a free service to the dancers on the West Coast of Florida. If you would like your own personal copy emailed to you, please notify the Editor either by email or in person.

July 20, 2009 – Deadline to submit nominations for West Coast Distinguished Service Award. For info: anndonslocum@yahoo.com.

From the Editor



Boy you can tell there's not much going on in square and round dancing right now! I'm really struggling finding things to write about; imagine that!

There's only a week left to submit your nominations for the West Coast Distinguished Service Award. Have you submitted yours? Don't wait until the last minute and not allow yourself enough time to write a good nomination.

There are a lot of good hard workers at the West Coast Association level who deserve recognition. Remember, the nominee has had to have given service to the West Coast Association (not just the club level) which is above and beyond the average. As a reminder, the items to include in the nomination are:

- Number of years dancing
- Number of years membership with WCSRDA
- Club membership(s)
- Offices held or holding at all levels
- List the special contributions which you believe qualify the nominee for the award.

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Have you submitted
your nomination for
the West Coast
Distinguished Service
Award?
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The nominee(s) can be a couple or a single.

The nominations should be sent to Don and Ann Slocum at anndonslocum@juno.com by the 20th. The award will be presented at the Fall Fun Fest on November 14th.

The next monthly dance at Strawberry Square will be Saturday, August 1st with Art Springer and Pat Hagen. There won't be a dance in September as the first Saturday is Labor Day Weekend. The weekly Saturday night dances will start up October 3rd.

For several weeks I didn't have any listings under Health & Sympathy, and the past two weeks there have been so many. Please keep all these people and their families in your prayers as they try to cope with their illnesses and grief.

Health & Sympathy Updates

These postings, as well as any previous postings, and notices for dancers can be found at www.squaredancefan.com

Leila Lindsey – wife of Caller and President of the Florida Callers Association, Ellis Lindsey, suffered second and third degree burns over most of her neck, chest, arm and hand on Monday, July 6th, when her pressure cooker exploded. Cards can be sent to her at P. O. Box 1761, High Springs, FL 32655 or email her at lalecl@aol.com.

Ouida Taylor – co-president of the Northeast Association – has been traveling between Mayo Clinic and Lake City, as she visits the doctors for evaluation of her ankle after her fall in Flagler Beach.

Kathryn Marshall – wife of Caller Henry Marshall – died unexpectedly Wednesday, July 8th. She will be cremated and her ashes privately scattered by Henry and his family. There will be a memorial service at their home on Saturday, July 18th at 1:00 p.m. All dancers are invited. Their address is 12164 Comalander Road, Fairhope, AL 36535.

Van Coble – caller in the Tampa Bay area – had hernia surgery last week. I didn't have his address at the time for you to send cards. It's 2606 Lenna Avenue, Seffner, FL 33584-5832.

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Styling, Timing & Casual Dress

By Ken Miller

After attending our student dances, and the 2009 Florida State Convention, I feel that most callers, including myself, have gotten away from teaching styling in our classes. I have noticed that when doing Courtesy Turns, Ladies Chain, Chain down the line, and Right & Left Thru, most of the Ladies are giving me their left hand in a position other than palm down. This makes it difficult to properly turn the Lady, and keep time with the music. Callers, when teaching these 5 basic calls please spend a little more time making sure the hand work is being done properly. Timing is another aspect of dancing that we need to spend more time on during class. The dancers seem to be pulling and jerking each other around more than dancing to the beat of the music. So as callers maybe we need to slow our calling down just a little, and pay more attention to our rhythm.

Another thing that needs to be addressed is altering the way a call is preformed & completed. Let me say here I do not see anything wrong with altering a call, after all we dance to have fun, just be sure that EVERYONE in your square is comfortable with it. And when you alter a call, be sure you know the position you are supposed to be in when the call is completed. A good example is the Do Sa Do. Most people swing instead of back to back (this is OK) but most people then finish the call in an ocean wave formation. This puts them out of position if Do Sa Do is followed with a call other than swing thru.

Summer casual dress has been in effect for a few years now, and it appears to me that there are a few dancers that are taking casual dress a little too far. Flip flops should not be worn in place of shoes (I think it is unsafe to be dancing with this type of foot wear, as you can slip and fall or be stepped on). Some are coming to dances (for a lack of better words) just plain sloppy. It has been said shorts should be a part of casual dress. And some dancers think summer casual dress is a year around thing. I also think we need to readdress the wearing of short sleeve shirts for men. I will be the first to agree it is more comfortable for the guys, but what about the comfort of the ladies? Having to take hold of a sweaty hairy arm during swing thru, or allemande left. I'm a guy and it bothers me to take hold of that clammy arm. Really guys why not change into a long sleeve shirt at the dance, and then change back before you go home?

I did not intend to offend anyone with this article, but I have heard comments from several dancers from the beginning of casual dress, who agree with the things written here. I hope to get some feed back from fellow callers, and dancers, please let me know what you think.

Thanks.

Ken Miller

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Source for Ribbons

This list can also be found at
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I carry ribbons and flyers for the following dances:

October 23 - 24, 2009 - **30th Annual Single-Rama** - Sebring, FL.

November 1, 2009 - **24th Annual MacDonald Dance** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, Plant City, FL

November 13 - 14, 2009 - **35th Annual West Coast Fall Fun Fest** - Bartow, FL

January 21 - 23, 2010 - **Florida Winter Festival** - Lakeland, FL

March 19 - 20, 2010 - **10th Annual Shamrock Swing** - The Villages, FL

What's Happening This Week?

This schedule can also be found at
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Week of July 13, 2009

NOTE: Yellow highlighting is a change from last week's issue.

Monday –

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Bay Indies – Indies Hall (first hall after entering park), 950 Ridgewood Ave. (off Venice Ave. E.), Venice – A2 10:00 a.m. – noon; Plus 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – caller: Red Bates – casual attire. For info: 941-223-0987 or redbates@juno.com.

Temple Twirlers – 1807 N. Lincoln Ave., Tampa – ER 7:00 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: [SusanElaine Packer](mailto:SusanElainePacker), cuer: Charlie Lovelace – casual attire - finger food. For info: mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com or pwoodlief@tampabay.rr.com.

Kings Point Swingers – Kings Point Main Clubhouse Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City Center – A-2/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller/cuer: Mike Cox – casual attire. Visitors please wear your square dance badge and tell the guard at the entrance gate that you are attending the dance. For info: mc8152@verizon.net or 813-649-0754.

Tuesday – **Buttons and Bows of Lakeland Red, White and Blue Dance** –

121 S. Lake
the Texas

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TEMPORARY MOVE TO NEW LOCATION – Lake Mirror Center, Avenue (east of the Magnolia Bldg., on the same lake, next to Cattle Company), Lakeland – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – finger food - casual attire – wear your patriotic colors! – caller: Roland Blanchette, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. This temporary move is necessitated due to the floors being re-done at the Magnolia Building. For info: bevanlee@aol.com.

J and C Spin-a-Rounds – Pinellas Park Auditorium, 7690 – 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – Phase IV – V 6:30 – 8:15 p.m., Advance – Beginners Mixed Rhythms 8:30 – 10:00 p.m. For info: spinards@tampabay.rr.com or 727-525-7809.

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Sun City Swingers – Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Room 3, Sun City – Mainstream 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (caller will be “calling to the floor”) - caller: Van Coble – new dancers from any class are encouraged to visit and get some floor time over the summer months – casual attire. For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

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Suncoast Squares - Metro Center, 3170 3rd Ave. N., St. Pete, FL – Mainstream and Plus workshop 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. - Caller: Mike Cox. For info: suncoastsquares@yahoo.com.

Wednesday – **Cultural Center Squares** - Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Pt. Charlotte - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds - caller: Wes Morris; cuer: Jennie Martin and Russ Collier. For info: 941-380-5336, mdow@cyberstreet.com, or 863-494-2749.

Thursday – Ashton Golf Lake Wales –

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Shufflin’ Squares – Lake Club, Thompson Nursery Road, Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Carl Rod. Square dance attire optional. For info: easchwartz@tampabay.rr.com.

NEW CLUB – Dr. William E. Hale Senior Activity Center, 330 Douglas Avenue, Dunedin – Beginners 6:30 – 7:30 – Squares (all sets) 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. - \$5 per person – caller: Allen Snell. For info: settarose1@verizon.net or 727-809-3429 or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429.

King's Point Swingers - Kings Point Health Room (main Clubhouse), CR. 674 (east of I-75), Sun City Center - ER 7:00 - 7:30 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller/cuer: Mike Cox. For info: 813-649-0754 or hlhtfh@yahoo.com.

Citrus Squares – First United Methodist Church, 21501 W. Highway 40, Dunnellon - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - caller: Ellis Lindsey. For info: lalecl@aol.com.

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Promenade Squares - Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – ER 7:15 - 7:45 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:45 - 9:45 p.m. - caller: Dick Demerit; cuers: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin. For info: sgdancegranny@juno.com or 727-546-5966.

Friday 7:00 attire

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Spinning Wheels Luau – 1807 N. Lincoln Avenue, Tampa, FL – ER p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance preferred – caller: Art Springer, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: helenm720@aol.com or jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com.

B & S Flutter Wheelers - Bayonet Point Enrichment Center, 12417 Clock Tower Parkway, Bayonet Point, Hudson - ER 6:30 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - AS tip at 9:00 - relaxed



Are you saving your pennies (or coins) for Pennies for Independence? Don't forget to bring them to the Collection Points, which are indicated in the DANCERgram with the P for I logo!



attire June to October - caller: Bob Bourassa, cuer: John Ayers. For info: Bob Bourassa 352-796-8254 or rbourassasr@tampabay.rr.com.

Snell's Bo's & Bell's – Largo Community Center, 65 – 4th Street NW, Largo – 7:30 – 9:45 p.m. – callers: Allen Snell, cuer: Pat Fiyalko - wear your brightest colors – please bring finger foods. For info: settarose1@verizon.net or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429.

P FOR I **Sun City Swingers Watermelon Bash** – Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Van Coble, cuer: Pat Hagen. There is no better way to keep cool during the torrid month of July than to have a slice(s) of ICE COLD WATERMELON. To satisfy this urgent need, you are invited to a “Watermelon Bash”. The Club will supply all the watermelon you can eat. For info: gail3357@gmail.com or 813-633-1297 (Gail) or 813-633-8780 (Sue).

Saturday –

Sunday – **Third Sunday Rounds Party** – Pinellas Park Auditorium, 7690 – 59th St., N., Pinellas Park – Phase II – IV – 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – cuers: Jimmy and Carol Griffin. For info: 727-525-7809 or <http://web.tampabay.rr.com/cspin>.

B & S Flutter Wheelers - Bayonet Point Enrichment Center, 12417 Clock Tower Parkway, Bayonet Point, Hudson - A 2 workshop 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. - A 2 Dance - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - relaxed attire - caller: Bob Bourassa. For info: 352-796-8254 or rbourassasr@tampabay.rr.com.

Huggables - King of Kings Church, 10337 U.S. 19 (between SR 52 and Ranch Road), Port Richey - casual dress – lessons 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. - caller/cuer: Allen Snell. For info: 727-809-3429 or 727-809-0323 or settarose1@verizon.net.

Orange Blossom Squares – **TEMPORARY LOCATION DUE TO RENOVATIONS AT LA HACIENDA CENTER:** Mulberry Grove Recreation Center, 8445 SE 165 Mulberry Lane (just south of Hwy. 42, off Buena Vista Blvd., The Villages – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Whit Brown, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: willowhouse@msn.com or 352-753-2325.

West Coast Classes and Workshops

These classes are also listed at
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Please provide start date, start and ending time, level (beginner, Mainstream, Plus, etc.) exact address (with city) where class and/or workshop will be held, instructor's name, contact name, email address and phone number.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT THIS INFORMATION NEEDS TO BE COMMUNICATED OUT TO NEW DANCERS! IT'S NOT A SECRET!

July 9, 2009 – **Temple Twirlers Plus Class** – Forest Hills Park Community Center, 724 West 109th Avenue, Tampa – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. - \$4 per person per session – for mainstream graduates and for plus dancers wanting to brush up on their dancing – caller/instructor: Roland Blanchette. Couples, singles and teenagers welcome. You do not have to bring a partner. For info: Merle Lewis or Phyllis Woodlief at 813-962-1861 or 813-961-0732.

July 14, 2009 – **Suncoast Squares Beginner/Mainstream Square Dance Lessons** - Metro Center, 3170 Third Avenue, N., St. Petersburg. The first three classes are open for beginners. The cost is a requested donation of \$5 per class. The Mainstream class will meet from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Caller/instructor: Mike Cox. For info: www.suncoastsquares.com.

July 14, 2009 – **Suncoast Squares Plus Class** - Metro Center, 3170 Third Avenue, N., St. Petersburg. The cost is a requested donation of \$5 per class. The Plus class will be from 9:00 – 10:00 p.m. Caller/instructor: Mike Cox. For info: www.suncoastsquares.com.

September 10, 2009 – **BATS Beginners Class** - Brandon Community Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – caller/instructor: Dan Wilkerson. For info: dr.danbob@yahoo.com, 813-571-7786 or Bob 813-689-5897.

October 13, 2009 – **Sun City Swingers Annual Open House for Beginners Class** – Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Room 3, Sun City – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Beginner class will start October 20th**. Caller/instructor: Van Coble. For info: gail3357@gmail.com.

November 2, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Beginner Dance Class** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – caller/instructor: Roland Blanchette. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-0491.

If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

November 2, 2009 – **Strawberry Square Plus Workshop** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. – caller/instructor: Roland Blanchette. For info: www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702; Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

December 6, 2009 – **Ft. Meade Squares Plus Workshop** – City Mobile Home Park, 1046 Second Street, Ft. Meade – 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. – caller: Russ Young – casual attire. For info: FMRLyoung@aol.com.

December 6, 2009 – **Ft. Meade Squares Beginner Lessons** – City Mobile Home Park, 1046 Second Street, Ft. Meade – 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. – caller/instructor: Russ Young – casual attire. For info: FMRLyoung@aol.com.

Looking Ahead

The events listed below are new this week. The entire list of future events can be found at www.squaredancefan.com

Links

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Associations/Organizations

<http://www.floridadanceweb.com/> (Florida Dance Web)

<http://floridasquaredance.com/> (Florida Federation)

<http://www.flcallersassoc.org/> (Florida Callers Association)

<http://www.usda.org/> (United Square Dancers of America)

www.iagsdc.org (International Assn. of Gay Square Dance Clubs)

www.floridadanceweb.com/fassrd (Florida Singles)

<http://www.callerlab.org> (CALLERLAB)

<http://www.americancallers.com> (American Callers Assn.)

<http://www.roundalab.org/> (ROUNDALAB)

http://floridadancing.com/html/west_coast_squares.html (West Coast Assn.)

<http://ssdusa.org> (Single Square Dancers USA[®])

<http://www.nsdca.org> (National Square Dance Campers)

<http://www.arts-dance.org> (Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square Dance [ARTS])

<http://www.58nsdc.com> 58th National Square Dance Convention - Long Beach, CA

<http://www.59thnsdc.com> 59th National Square Dance Convention - Louisville, KY

<http://www.60thnsdc.com> 60th National Square Dance Convention - Detroit, MI

<http://www.nsddirectory.com/> (National Square Dance Directory - information and contacts for clubs in the U.S., Canada and around the world)

Vendors

<http://usda.fundlinklic.com/> (online shopping mall)

www.suzieqcreations.com (Suzie Q Creations & SW Florida Location – Bob’s Engraving 239-354-2053; adamsBZ@msn.com)

<http://www.aronsquaredanceshopandpatterns.com/> (Aron's Square Dance and Western Wear Shop)

<http://www.calyco.com/> (CaLyCo Crossing - a full line square dance shop)

<http://www.tictactoes.com/> (Tic Tac Toes - shoe vendor)

www.sheplers.com (Sheplers - the world's largest western stores and catalog)

www.PerfectPetticoats.com (Perfect Petticoats)

<http://www.grandsquare07.com> (Grande Square.com – square dance clothes and accessories)

Square Dance Halls

www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry (Strawberry Square)

Callers/Cuers

<http://www.samdunn.net/> (Sam Dunn)

<http://home.rr.com/jcspin> (Jimmy and Carol Griffin)

www.2fwd2.com (Lisa Wall)

www.keithstevens.com (Keith Stevens)

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