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January 26, 2011 – West Coast Association Folding/Business

Meeting – Community Southern Bank, 3440 S. Florida Avenue (1/4 mile north of the South Florida Avenue exit from the Polk Parkway and on the east side of the road), Lakeland – Folding starts at 6:00 p.m. – Business Meeting starts as soon as the Folding is completed; usually around 6:45 – 7:00 p.m. All Officers, County Reps and Committee Chairman are reminded to forward reports to the West Coast Secretary at leaida@earthlink.com when they will miss a meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. Every club is encouraged to send a representative. For info: sgdncfan@aol.com 863-224-3393.

February 1, 2011 – **Deadline for submissions to the April/May 2011 *West Coast Dancer***. For info: evhenning@peoplepc.com.

February 1, 2010 – **Deadline for submissions to the March 2011 *American Square Dance* magazine**. For info: americansquaredance@gmail.com.

February 1, 2011 – Deadline for Extra Mile Award Nominations

– This award is to show appreciation to both Callers and Cuers who go that EXTRA MILE without personal gain, in giving freely of their time and talents to the Square Dance activity. Nominations should be submitted to Charlie and Val Newsome at newsome.charles@comcast.com or 12368 Brady Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32223. To download a copy of the nomination form, go to <http://www.floridasquaredance.com/extra-mile.html>.

From the Editor



Do you still have square dance clothes in the closet that you want to get rid of? Well, you can get rid of them and donate them to a good cause. We are collecting women's skirts, blouses and dresses in good repair and clean to be sold on E-Bay and the proceeds will benefit the 2012 Florida State Convention. Sorry guys! Men's clothes do not sell so we can't take those donations. If you have any donations, please contact Lance and Rita Baxter at lanceandrita@yahoo.com or 863-326-1741 or Jenny Green at jenanngreen@yahoo.com or 863-287-5724 to make arrangements for delivery. This was an excellent fundraiser for the 2011 convention and I'm sure we will do just as well for 2012.

Buttons & Bows of Lakeland will be celebrating their 59th anniversary this Tuesday, January 25. This club is the oldest continuously dancing club in the state of Florida. With all the clubs that are folding right now, there is definitely something to celebrate. Many of you may never have a chance to participate in a celebration of this magnitude again. Please show your support with your attendance on Tuesday night! Please see their history further down in this newsletter.

ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!! Sam Dunn won't be out done! Sam will call free for any club in the West Coast Association area that pays the scholarship fund \$125 by February 1, 2011! If he is already booked at your club, he will call that night for free if the club pays the scholarship fund \$125 by February 1, 2011. Mail your checks made payable to **West Coast Square and Round Dancers Association** to John and Lynne Scott, 6647 Crescent Lake Drive, Lakeland, FL 33813.

Health & Sympathy

The entries listed below are for callers, cuers, West Coast Association officers and representatives and other Florida associations and Federation officers and any others who are well known to the Florida square and round dance community. Listings for others can be found on the website (www.dancergram.com – Health & Sympathy).

How do I get in touch with....??

This contact list can also be found at
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Your Source...

I carry ribbons and flyers for the following dances:

May 27 – 29, 2011 – 57th Florida Square and Round Dance Convention – Lakeland, FL

Buttons & Bows of Lakeland To Celebrate 59 years!!

In the early 50's, a square dance club named Denim & Calico started a class at the Old Armory in Lakeland, FL, which was near Lakeland Regional Medical Center. They held a class led by Frank and Buddy Hawkins. Two students in the class – Howard Parrish and Paul Noble became interested in calling right away; however, Denim & Calico did not have room to take in that class (can you imagine?). Frank Hawkins said he would "Teach you boys to call, and you can take this class and make a new club."

Our own Larry and Dorry Clevenger learned to dance in one of the Denim & Calico classes around 1952. Larry was later president of this club. The caller for Denim and Calico was Frank Hawkins, later Jube Tack and sometimes Ed Bossing from Florida Southern College.

In 1952, Howard and Paul, along with Mel Clark, formed their own club (Buttons & Bows) and shared the calling for some years at the Old Women's Club on Lake Morton in Lakeland. In 1975, the dance site was changed to the Mulberry Civic Center, and except for one year during which club dances were held at Strawberry Square Dance Center in Plant City, Buttons & Bows met continually in Mulberry on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month until November 27, 2004.

Denim & Calico's callers eventually retired and the club folded in the late 50s. In those days, the dues were only \$10 per couple per year and membership was limited to "80 married couples".

(NOTE: Due to the loss of earlier files, there is a gap in the Club's information. The above is based on the memories of Larry and Dorry Clevenger and Evelyn Parrish, widow of the first caller, Howard Parrish)

In 1979, the current white "bow" badge with the button etched in the middle was adopted as the new club badge. This badge was designed by the late Chuck Leamon (a former caller for Buttons & Bows).

Blue and white were the club colors in 1980. Then in 1983, the colors were changed to the current colors of red and white.

Prior to the 80's the late Marty Martin (co-founder of Strawberry Square in Plant City) was the club cuer. In the early 80's, Jim Runnels became the club cuer until he was transferred to Vero Beach. Approximately 1983 Charlie Lovelace became the club cuer and he continues to cue for the club to this day.

Art Springer started calling for the club over 30 years ago and continues to call to this day for the second dance of the month.

In 2002, a huge celebration was held to celebrate their 50th anniversary. It was held at the Lake Mirror Center in Lakeland and there were approximately 280 dancers and spectators in attendance with Art Springer calling and Charlie Lovelace cueing. All past presidents and former members that could be located were invited. An article was written, along with a picture, in the Lakeland *Ledger* regarding this special occasion. Representatives from the West Coast Square and Round Dancers Association, the Florida Federation, guest callers and cuers and one charter member of the club were also in attendance. It had been confirmed with all the other Association presidents at the time, that Buttons & Bows of Lakeland is the oldest continuously operating square and round dance club in the state of Florida.

In 2004, the club decided to move their dances to the Magnolia Building in Lakeland and be sponsored by the City of Lakeland. The only opening on the calendar for the club to hold their dances was the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

And here it is 2011 and the club is celebrating 59 years! The membership is dwindling, the attendance is not as high as it was 20 years ago but everyone still enjoys dancing at Buttons and Bows on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Dancers come from all over Polk County, east Hillsborough County, Pasco County as well as many guests wintering or visiting in the area to dance to guest callers and Charlie Lovelace at the first dance of the month and Art Springer and Charlie at the second dance of the month.

Buttons & Bows of Lakeland is a member run club and is led by a Board of Directors and is governed by its own set of Bylaws. Current membership is 26 with three caller affiliate

members, but there is a core group of approximately ten or 15 dancers who are making every effort to keep the club going. Several people serve in more than one capacity or they just step in and do what needs to be done; for a couple of years there were four co-presidents; for awhile three people kept taking turns as president just trying to keep the club going.

This club is unique for many reasons; not only for its friendliness and its large spread of refreshments at every dance but for other things too. Each year the club has six special events where the club members do something away from the dancing such as dinner theaters, luncheon cruises, tours, plays, concerts, and an annual homecoming. Forming committees, having planning meetings and going on the actual event allows everyone to get to know each other and form new friendships which is difficult to do at a dance. We are an extended family for many of our members who have moved here from the north or who winter here.

The annual homecoming picnic is always a success and is the best attended event of the year. Former and potential members are invited, there are skits, jokes and musical presentations and a covered dish dinner. There are some excellent cooks in Buttons & Bows!

Some Buttons & Bows members no longer dance but continue to pay their membership dues and support the club as best they can because they don't want the club to fold. The greeters, Larry and Dorry Clevenger haven't danced in many years; however, they greet and collect money at every dance, attend every Board meeting, and participate in planning a special event every year etc.

How many clubs have you belonged to or do you know of where former and current members have such a desire to keep a club running, where there is such a family feel and the members stay in touch with former members?

60th National Square Dance Convention – Detroit, MI



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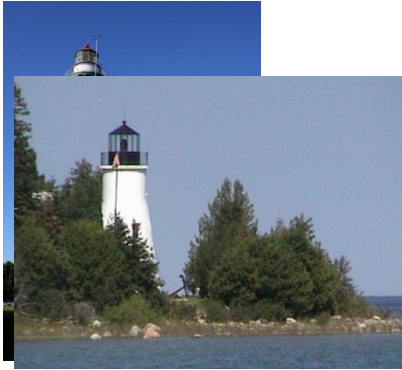
Detroit Children's Museum – Located at 6134 Second Avenue, the museum is the third oldest children's museum in the country. Planetarium shows run daily starting at 10:00 a.m. Exhibits include People of the World Exhibit, Travel Through History Gallery, and many more. Admission price includes one planetarium show. Hours are Mondays – Fridays 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., closed Sundays.

Dossin Great Lakes Museum – Located at 100 Strand Drive, Belle Isle offers visitors a look at life on the Great Lakes. Exhibits include The Gothic Room, which takes visitors back in time when luxury liners sailed the Detroit River. Other exhibits include the actual pilot house from the Great Lakes vessel, S.S. William Clay Ford. The anchor from the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, which sank during a November storm on Lake Superior, is also on display. The Dossin has numerous other exhibits on display. Hours are Saturdays and Sundays 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. with free parking available.

Detroit Historical Museum – Located at 5401 Woodward Avenue, the museum was established in 1928 and is one of America's oldest and largest museums dedicated to urban history. The museum has over 80,000 square feet of exhibition space with more than 600 artifacts, covering over 300 years of Detroit history. Exhibits include a 19th century street scene, an authentic auto assembly line, Frontiers to Factories, and many other interesting and educational exhibits. Museum hours are Sundays Noon – 5:00 p.m., Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The museum is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. For more information on the above museums visit www.detroithistorical.org

Museum of Contemporary Art – Located at 4454 Woodward Avenue, the museum offers visitors free admission and free tours. Museum hours are Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays, 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. The museum is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. Free tours are offered on Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. and Saturday at 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. The museum store offers articles not found elsewhere in the Metro area. This includes specialized art and culture magazines, journals, books, limited edition artist T-shirts and more. The parking lot is located on the east side of the building with the entrance on Garfield Street. For more information, visit www.mocadetroit.org

Visiting Michigan's Sunrise Side



Old Presque Isle Lighthouse

New Presque Isle Lighthouse



Tawas Point Lighthouse

The Lake Huron side of Michigan between Alpena and Au Gres is known as the Sunrise Side. Canoe along the picturesque Rifle River; take a leisurely drive along Recreational Heritage Route US-23. The route covers 200 miles of lakeshore. Be sure to visit the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center. The Center preserves nearly 200 historic shipwrecks in and around the bay. The cold, fresh water of Lake Huron leaves the shipwrecks intact and is, therefore ideal for snorkelers, divers and kayakers. The museum offers traditional maritime exhibits and a hands-on discovery center featuring life-sized re-creations of a historic Great Lakes schooner, shipwreck sites and much more. Other interesting sites in the area include New Presque Isle Lighthouse and Old Presque Isle Lighthouse. There are a total of 8 lighthouses in this area; Tawas Point Lighthouse is within the Tawas Point State Park. The area is also home to Ocqueoc Falls, the largest waterfall in the Lower Peninsula. From the city of Oscoda, travel west on the River Road Scenic Byway for 17 miles to Largo Springs where an elevated walkway will take you to a series of springs that form small waterfalls.

Ceremonies at the 60th

It's time to start getting seriously excited about the 60th National Square Dance Convention to be held in Detroit in June of 2011. We have been planning something a little different for our convention: all of the ceremonies will be held inside to assure your comfort. The plan is to have everyone greeted at each ceremony with the sounds of Motown. Each ceremony will also have featured entertainment. Our Opening Ceremony will kick off this huge event with entertainment and the ribbon cutting. Top callers will also be featured singing the National Anthem at each ceremony. At this point, we have two of those slots filled: one with Scot Byars from California, performing at the Friday Evening Ceremony-Passing of the Torch, and the other Tony Oxendine, performing at the Saturday Evening Ceremony. One of the highlights of the Saturday Evening Ceremony will be the Maycroft Square Tappers Alumni Reunion. For those of you who have enjoyed being entertained by them for 50 years, this will be really special. The

kids are being joined on the floor with several generations of past Square Tappers-don't miss this! As always, all states are invited to join us on Saturday evening for the Parade of States. So, please come to beautiful Downtown Detroit on the river for this gala event, June 22 through June 25, 2011.

DETROIT'S FASHION SHOW

Mark your calendar for the Detroit Fashion Show on Saturday, June 25, 2011, at 1:00 P.M. Our theme this year is "All That Glitters Around the World." We have asked dancers/models from various regions to feature dressy and casual square dance attire. So far, we have participants from Canada, Japan, Hawaii, and other parts of the United States. Attire representing Egypt and Ghana will also be included.

Detroit's skyline, adorned with glitter, will be our background scenery with a complement of international music. Entertainment for the Detroit Fashion Show will be provided by Grace Morehead and the Clayvon Line Dancers.

Come enjoy our two-hour show. If you would like to participate in this grand production, please call Yvonne Woodson at (313) 802-3816.

MOTOWN COMES TO US

You have only to say the word, "Motown," and a music empire comes to mind. An empire that began as a small record company and expanded to a force that shaped and reflected one of the most dynamic cultural and political periods in our history.

The "Motown" dynasty conjures up names of such greats as Martha Reeves and the Vandellas, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, the Temptations, The Four Tops, Gladys Knight and the Pips, Diana Ross and the Supremes, the Jackson Five, among others. Each of these artists contributing to the dynasty of the name "Motown", had their own identity, which was and is bigger than life!

The Wednesday night entertainment brings to the 60th National Convention live, "The Motown Sound!" Performing the hits of this area is The Jerry Ross Band, one of the few premier bands remaining serving the Detroit Metropolitan area and Chicago's high society.

The multi-talented members of the band have performed with some of the greatest legends of the past and present. Many have performed on Grammy Award winning albums, while others will be recognizable from their performances in radio and television commercials. Collectively,

their voices soothe your ear with its blend of sweet unique harmony. Their delightful personalities will charm you as you relive what some still call, "The Good Old Days!"

Their repertoire covers music from the Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey era straight through the golden oldies and right on up to pop music. You will want to join in singing familiar tunes, such as I Feel Good, I Believe I Can Fly, Let's Get It On, When Somebody Loves You, and At Last My Love Has Come Along, and so much more!

Our auditorium can only accommodate approximately a thousand people; this is a show you won't want to miss. Send in your reservations **now!** We look forward to sharing this memorable occasion with YOU!

Clinics

In Clinics, dance leaders will engage in a brief discussion, instruction and demonstration of their topic. This will be followed by audience participation. We are currently planning to have about 20 clinics.

Panels

In a Panels session, there are three to six persons serving on the panel, with an additional person moderating the discussion. Panels are conducted in a classroom setting, with a question and answer session following the panel member's discussion of the topic. Currently, we are planning to have about 24 panel discussions.

Seminars

In a Seminar, there is basically one person presenting a topic. This is also done in a classroom setting. There will be a question and answer period following the topic presentation. We are currently planning to have about 25 seminar presentations. Many of these presentations are presented by Callerlab and Roundalab representatives.

Bid Session

The Bid Session is the opportunity for you to observe the presentation of the cities that are requesting the 2015 National Convention. Following the Bid Session, the National Executive Committee will meet with the people requesting the convention. The city that will host the 2015 convention is announced at the ceremonies on Saturday night.

Sew and Save

The Sew and Save activities are a significant part of the education opportunity. Here you will be able to see clothing patterns, watch sewing demonstrations, make and take items from this area, as well as participate in the placing of your tickets in the giveaway of your choice. We expect to have sewing seminars and demonstrations of the latest sewing equipment.

Club Leadership Certification

The National Square Dance Convention offers you a certification in club leadership. By attending specified education activities, you will receive a certificate recognizing your attendance. Furthermore, we will be honoring the unfulfilled certificates that were started at previous conventions. That means you *must bring your partially completed attendance card to Detroit* and finish what you started.

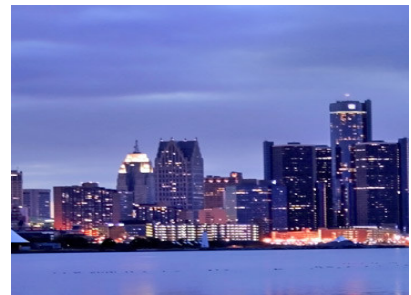
Registration/Housing Information:

You can download a registration form by visiting www.60nsdc.com and click on "Registration" or by contacting Lloyd and Linda Catey, 60th NSDC, 3462 Doane Hwy., Grand Ledge, MI 48837. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE 60TH NSDC, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: www.60nsdc.com.



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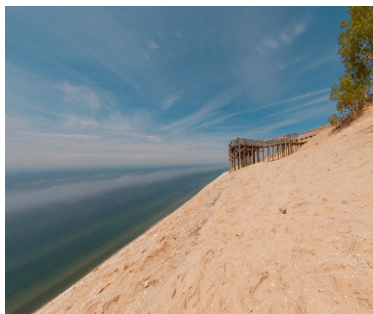
VISITING DETROIT

ATTENTION SPORTS FANS- The Detroit Tigers baseball team has home games scheduled at Comerica Park during our convention dates. Games are scheduled for Friday, June 24 at 7:05 p.m.; Saturday, June 25 at 7:05 p.m.; and Sunday at 1:05 p.m. The Tigers will be taking on the Arizona Diamondbacks. Catch a ride on the People Mover and come out and enjoy America's pastime at beautiful Comerica Park. For more information about the Detroit Tigers visit www.detroitigers.com.

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT was founded in 1919 by a group of YWCA volunteers to help immigrants become acclimated with their new community. The Institute features the Stella Hall of Nations, which includes flags from 82 nations. Also featured are 2,000 dolls from 84 countries and many other ethnic displays and artifacts. The Institute is located at 111 E. Kirby directly across from the Detroit Institute of Art, near the African American Museum. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information visit www.iimd.org or call 313-590-7493

HISTORIC FORT WAYNE, located on the Detroit River at 6325 Jefferson Avenue was built in 1845 as a result of tension with Britain (now Canada). The tensions were resolved and the fort's cannons never fired a shot. Still standing are the original 1848 limestone barracks building, the 1845 Star Fort, which was renovated in 1861, the Commanding Officers House, the Spanish- American War Guardhouse, several Officer's houses, and support buildings built between the 1880's and 1940's. There is also an Indian burial mound constructed by the Indians that is nearly 1,000 years old. The fort is being restored by volunteers and the Detroit Parks and Recreation Department. Regular hours are Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Secured parking is available onsite for \$5.00. Self-guided tours of Historic Fort Wayne are **free** of charge. Guided tours are available by contacting Historic Fort Wayne at (313) 297-8373 or by e-mailing info@historicfortwaynecoalition.com. The fort also houses the National Museum of the Tuskegee Airmen. Tours of the Airmen Museum are available by appointment only. For information contact them at 313-833-8849.

VISITING MICHIGAN'S WEST COAST



Warren Dunes State Park



Grand Haven Musical Fountain



S.S. Badger

Cross-Lake Car Ferry

The Lake Michigan shoreline is blessed with beautiful sandy beaches, vibrant cities and quaint villages. Located on the Southern tip of Traverse Bay is Traverse City, the hub of the north. After enjoying the 60th NSDC, stay for a couple of extra weeks and visit **Traverse City** over the 4th of July for the **National Cherry Festival**-you won't go away hungry! For a unique experience in Traverse City, visit the **Music House Museum**. The museum is a complex of renovated farm buildings, located about 8 miles north of Traverse City on US-31. The museum features an

extensive, meticulously restored, collection of the finest and rarest automatic musical instruments. Some of the instruments featured at the museum include a 1925 Weber Duo-Art Reproducing Piano, a 1924 Wurlitzer Theater Organ, a 1910 Loche Angelus Nickelodeon, and a Belgian Mortier Dance Organ. For more information on the Music House Museum visit www.musichouse.org. For the jewelry lover, a visit to **Korner Gem** will be a true delight. Korner Gem is located at 13031 S. Fisherman Cove on M-22, just north of Traverse City in Brewery Creek. The store features some of the most unusual gemstones and local Michigan stones accented by pearls, crystals and more. They offer extraordinary beadwork, necklaces, bracelets and more. They even offer their customers the opportunity to design their own pieces. Visit www.kornergem.com for more information.

Twenty-two miles to the west of Traverse City on the Lake Michigan shoreline is **Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore**. The dunes range in color from pale champagne to burnt sienna, which roll and spike to 400 feet in height. It is highly recommended that you stop by the visitor's center located at the edge of the Village of Empire before exploring the dunes. You will find maps, interpretive displays and an informative movie about the area. Volunteers and park rangers are available to answer any questions you may have regarding the dunes. For more information regarding the dunes, visit www.sleepingbeardunes.com. While in the area, stop by some of the wineries on the beautiful Leelanau Peninsula.

Some of the more popular sand dunes located along the Lake Michigan shoreline includes Silver Lake State Park, Saugatuck Dunes State Park, and Warren Dunes State Park. **Silver Lake** is located in Oceana County near the village of Mears. Besides all the usual outdoor activities found within a park, there are popular Off-Road Vehicle Trails/Routes, camping and a lighthouse. Nearby, there are Mac Woods Dune Rides, miniature golf, go carts, restaurants, shops and other activities. **Saugatuck Dunes** is located in Allegan County near the town of Saugatuck. It is a day-use park which offers 2.5 miles of secluded shoreline; 14 miles of hiking trails through scenic, stabilized and wooded sand dunes; and coastal dunes that are over 200 feet tall. Nearby activities in the town of Saugatuck include art galleries, restaurants, and shops. Other activities include Saugatuck Dune Rides; Star of Saugatuck Boat Cruise, a narrated cruise onboard an authentic sternwheeler; and Felt Mansion built in 1928-the summer home of Dorr E. Felt, the inventor of the comptometer (a predecessor to the printing adding machine, also invented by Felt). **Warren Dunes** is located in southwest Michigan near the town of Sawyer. The park features three miles of lakeshore and six miles of hiking trails and camping. It also features a dune formation that rises 260 feet above the lake-offering spectacular views and excellent hand gliding. Stroll along the boardwalk in **Grand Haven**, and enjoy shopping, food, ice cream, sun, and surf. Walk out on the pier to the lighthouse and watch numerous watercraft on the lake. On Friday and Saturday evenings, stay until dark and enjoy the "musical

fountain" show. Show start-times vary from 8:30 p.m. until 10:10 p.m. depending on the time of sunset and the darkness needed for viewing the show.

Take a break from the sand between your toes by enjoying a relaxing cross-lake ferry trip to Wisconsin. Board the **S.S. Badger Car Ferry** in Ludington for a four-hour cross-lake cruise to Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Enjoy food, games, a movie or just relaxing on deck. For a faster trip, catch the Muskegon **Lake Express Car Ferry** to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. While in Muskegon enjoy the fun, thrills, and excitement of **Michigan's Adventure Amusement and Water Park**. The Park features over 60 rides and attractions, including a roller coaster that is over one mile long and 125 feet tall. Michigan's Adventure also boasts Michigan's only suspended looping roller coaster. **Holland** was named the 2nd happiest place to live in the USA by the Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index. Find yourself visiting the Netherlands of the 1800's by stepping back in time at Nelis' Dutch Village. You will enjoy the beat of wooden shoes while watching the Klompen Dancers, listen to the music of an Amsterdam Street Organ, see old world architecture, canals, gardens, Dutch crafts, and artwork. Watch wooden shoes being made and see the only place in the USA where authentic Blue and White Delftware Pottery is made at the DeKlomp Wooden Shoe & Delft Factory. All up and down the Lake Michigan shoreline, you will find beaches, scenic turnouts, city, township, county and state parks for your enjoyment. For more information on any attractions in Michigan visit www.michigan.org.

DANCING AT THE 60th NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION

There will be 15 dance halls at the 60th National Square Dance Convention in Detroit, June 22-25, 2011. Dancing will start at 10:00 a.m. in most of the halls, including the Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Challenge, Contra, Country Western/Lines, Youth/Family and Clogging Halls. The Solo Hall will open at noon each day. There will also be a Variety Hall for your dancing enjoyment. The Showcase of Rounds will be in Cobo Arena.

SQUARE DANCING

Mainstream, Plus and Advanced Halls will dance continuously all three days from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. with After Parties to follow each night until 11:30 p.m. We will have a C-1 hall with 2,856 square feet, plus a C-2 hall with 1,363 square feet. In addition, Oakland Hall will offer Mainstream Dancing from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. each evening with the Ghost Riders Band.

To support the growing interest, a Variety Hall will be offered at the Detroit convention. This High Energy hall will be filled with enthusiastic dancing. The Variety Hall will be in a 50,000 square foot room.

The Solo Hall will be held in a 3,060 square foot room. It will be open from noon to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily.

ROUND DANCING

The 60th National Square Dance Convention has an extensive Round Dance Program planned for your pleasure. We will be dancing in three different halls, all under one roof. One hall will be for easy level rounds-Phase II and Phase III; the second hall for intermediate level rounds-Phase IV; and the third hall for advanced rounds-Phase V and VI. We will also provide Round Dancing in the Mainstream and Plus Square Dance Halls.

There will be a Showcase of Rounds at 10:00 a.m. daily, with teaches for them in the afternoon. Also available will be daily teaches for some Classic Rounds and teaches for some specific Round Dance Figures. To top off our Round Dance Program, there will be some introductions to different rhythms, as well as an introduction to Round Dancing for those who would like to expand their dancing pleasure.

All of our Round Dance Halls offer over 10,000 square feet of dancing in each hall and will feature polished concrete or the new plastic composite flooring. Come join us for a Round Dance Program that will have you reminiscing for years.

CONTRA DANCING

Come join the Contra Dancing fun at the 60th NSDC in Detroit! Our 2011 program will feature both veteran Contra Dance callers from Michigan, and Contra callers from the Square Dance community around the nation. Start your day with us at the convention as we feature welcome clinics each morning from 10-11 a.m. Join us during the day for workshops in both broad categories like Becketts, Mescalanzas and Contra, and specialty workshops like Heys and Contra Corners. We are also planning high energy Contras! And the evenings...whoa...we have two live and dynamic bands, one on Friday night and one on Saturday night, playing the music for that extra zing in your step. All these activities are in an expansive dance hall that overlooks the Detroit River and the Windsor Skyline. Please accept this warm and hearty invitation from our Contra Dance planning group led by Glen Morningstar, Jr.

COUNTRY WESTERN DANCING

“What is Country Western Dance?” It’s everything from line dancing to fixed pattern partner dancing to couples (freestyle) dancing. It’s everything from waltz, to swing, to the two-step. Is

it only done to Country Western music? Absolutely not! You will hear everything from Country Western to pop to rock to oldies. You will hear anything that is “danceable” music that will make you want to get up and move.

We have two Education Clinics planned at this time. One of them involves “Fun & Easy Line Dances for the Square Dance Community.” In this Clinic, you will learn quick, easy and fun line dances that can be done between Square Dance tips-something that you can take back home with you and do at your Square Dance clubs. The other Clinic will feature “Partner Dances for the Square Dance Community.” Each year, we get more of the dancers interested in “fixed pattern partner dances,” so grab your partner and come and join us for the best time you can have (with your boots on).

So come, get ready to kick up your heels and join us in the Country Western Hall in Detroit, MI at the 60th National Square Dance Convention.”

CLOGGING HALL

The Clogging Vice Chairman is planning a comprehensive Clogging program for the convention. There will be a fun “Introduction to Clogging” workshop held at the beginning of each day. Each day’s morning educational workshop will build upon the previous day’s instruction. The remaining four hours of instruction each day will encompass all levels of Clog Dancing (Beginner, Easy Intermediate, Intermediate and Advanced). The Clogging program will feature instructors from all over the US, with the majority of the instructors coming from the Midwest states. Each night will end with a **fun dance** hosted by the various instructors. Routines taught for the day will be cued by the instructors. Dancer requests for clogging community routines will also be encouraged, as well as participation in songs taken from the National Dance List (NDL). The NDL dances are some oldies but goodies that have been danced over the years nation-wide and allow people from all over to learn the same dances. All in all, the Clogging hall will provide a fun-filled and educational atmosphere, as well as cater to all levels of Clog dancers.

THE RAINBOW ROOM

The LGBT community will host the Rainbow Room at the 60th National Square Dance Convention. Many of your favorite callers will lead the five parties. If you enjoy high energy dancing, high kicks on weave-the-ring, and lots of laughter, come join us in the Rainbow Room on Friday and Saturday of the convention week. Casual clothing will be permitted in the

Rainbow Room. In the other dancing locations, formal square dance attire is required. For more information, contact Chuck Novak with the Grand River Squares at: novakcharles@hotmail.com

Come join the fun in the Rainbow Room!

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Ken Ritucci will be the keynote speaker at the 60th National Square Dance Convention® in Detroit on June 24, 2011. Ken will be focusing on the Challenging Changes affecting our square dance activity. He calls all over the United States, Canada, and Europe, which gives him the opportunity to witness the challenges that the square dance activity is facing. We feel that his experiences will provide the listener with challenging thoughts about the future of our activity.

Ken is a CALLERLAB member and serves on the Board of Governors. He has held several positions as committee chairman, including chairman of the Plus Committee. He has his own caller schools in Manchester, New Hampshire and San Jose, California.

Ken calls Mainstream through C3A. He continues to challenge himself and others to be as much as they can be. Having trained literally hundreds of callers, Ken continues to be recognized for his leadership and his teaching/training skills.

HAVE YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED ABOUT THE 60TH NSDC BY VISITING US ON FACEBOOK

Registration/Housing Information:

You can download a registration form by visiting www.60nsdc.com and click on "Registration" or by contacting Lloyd and Linda Catey, 60th NSDC, 3462 Doane Hwy., Grand Ledge, MI 48837.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE 60TH NSDC, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: www.60nsdc.com

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What's Happening This Week?

Week of January 24, 2011

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

Monday – *Sassy Squares* – **NO DANCE** For info: <http://samdunn.net/harmony.htm>.

Sun 'N Fun – Woodland Hill, 7125 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FL – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Plus squares 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **The Hardys**; Cuer: **Bill Webb**. For info: Bill and Marge Webb – 941-343-9720 or 440-526-7258 or billwebb2@gmail.com; John & Shirley Galik – 941-371-3914.

Twilight Twirlers – Bonita Springs Community Building at Reynolds and Old 41 – Rusty Hinge Workshop 6:30 p.m.; Mainstream 7:00 p.m. – rounds and lines on tape – Caller: Howard Cole. For info: Howard Cole at 239-691-5670 (hwcole@att.net) or Leo Malinowski at 239-775-8111.

Hampton Promenaders – Ariana Beach Club, 320 Ramsgate, Auburndale – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream and Plus tips 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Ken Ritucci**; Cuer: Carl Rod. Square dance attire preferred. For info: dmountain@tampabay.rr.com.

Woodmere Park – 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (off Jacaranda Blvd.) – 10 – noon – MS Review/Plus Class; 1:00-3:00 – A-2 Dance; 3:00-5:00 – Plus Workshop. Caller/Instructor: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481/ redbates@juno.com.

Kings Point Swingers A-2 Dance – Kings Point Main Clubhouse Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City Center 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox. If you have danced this level before, you can come at 6:00 p.m. for a rusty hinge workshop. Visitors to Kings Point should tell the gate you are attending a Kings Point Swingers event at the Clubhouse Studio. For info: Sonny 813-634-8212 or George 813-642-0900.

Temple Twirlers - Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 2707 W. Waters Avenue (northeast corner of Habana Avenue), Tampa – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Walter Lougee**, Cuer: **Charlie Lovelace**. Dancers please use the entrance marked “Gage Hall” on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. For info: flobyington@yahoo.com.

Harmony Hoedowners – 3240 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring – A2 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: Sam Dunn; Cuer: Linda Catey - casual attire. For info: <http://samdunn.net/harmony.htm>.

Tuesday – *Buttons & Bows of Lakeland 59th Anniversary Dance* – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland, FL – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Art Springer, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace – beautiful wood floor - finger foods – square dance attire preferred. All former members are invited to attend. For info: jgsap@yahoo.com or sqdnfcfan@aol.com.

Ft. Meade Squares First Dance of the Season - City Mobile Home Park, 1046 Second Street, Ft. Meade, FL – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Joy Teagle, Cuer: Phyllis Hathaway – square dance attire optional. For info: 863-285-9962 or lik@tm.net.

Ding-a-Lings - Rice Creek RV Resort, 10714 Hwy. 301 South, Riverview – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Ron Reardon**, Cuer: **Pat Hagen** – square dance attire preferred. For info: chrounds@capital.net. For info: chrounds@capital.net.

R&R Gators – Alligator RV Park, 6400 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda – Plus/Rounds 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Caller: Dave Magee, Cuer: Russ Collier. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

Maple Leaf Squares – Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Highway (I-75 Exit 170 go SW 1 ½ miles), Queensway Hall – alternating Plus and Mainstream tips 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – caller: Dave Magee. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

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.

Wednesday – Palmetto Palms A-2 – 19681 Summerlin Boulevard, Ft. Myers - 1:30-2:20 C-1 Dance - 2:30-4:30 A-2 Dance - both casual attire. Caller: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481/redbates@juno.com.

Palmetto Palms - 19681 Summerlin Boulevard, Ft. Myers - 7:00 p.m. Rounds; Plus 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates; Cuer: Dick Chase. For info: 941-828-0481/redbates@juno.com.

Camp Inn Grande Squares - 3455 U.S. Hwy. 27 North, Frostproof – FREE square dance workshop 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. - 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. squares and rounds – Callers: Sam Dunn, Cuer: Phyllis Hathaway – casual attire. For info: 863-382-6792 or samdunn@samdunn.net.

Betmar Belles & Beaus – Betmar MHP, Clubhouse #2, Lakewood Drive, Zephyrhills – Rounds/Squares – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: **TBA**, Cuer: Ella Bettencourt. For info: 813-783-7523 or tckelly2@aol.com.

Strawberry Square C-1 Dance and Workshop – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Caller: Art Springer. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com. Dancer Center: 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the office, Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Dan and Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350, or Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Strawberry Square C-2 Workshop Dance – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Caller: Art Springer. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491.

Strawberry Square Club – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Workshop: 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Alternating Mainstream/Easy Plus 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Clyde Stocker**. Banner raids welcome. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491.

Kings Point Swingers Round Dance – Kings Point Main Clubhouse Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City Center – A1/A2 workshop 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Advanced Rounds 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Cuer: Mike Cox. Visitors please wear your square dance badge and tell the guard at the entrance gate that you are attending the dance at the Clubhouse Studio. For info: 813-634-8212 or 642-0900 or mc8152@verizon.net or 813-649-0754.

Cultural Center Squares – Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Pt. Charlotte – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds – Caller: Art Miller; Cuers: Jennie Martin and Russ Collier. For info: 941-380-5336, mdow@embarqmail.com, or 863-494-2749.

Thursday – **Glenhaven** – Glen Haven RVP, 37251 Chancy Road, Zephyrhills – MS/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: George Varney, Cuer: Ella Bettencourt. For info: 813-782-8079.

Snobirds Stew Night – Citrus Park, 25601 Trost Boulevard (Clubhouse), Bonita Springs – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Jerry Fell**, Cuer: Mike Alexander. For info: blingley@gmail.com.

Kings Point Swingers – Kings Point Main Clubhouse Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City Center – Plus w/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. - Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox. Visitors please wear your square dance badge and tell the guard at the entrance gate that you are attending the dance at the Clubhouse Studio. For info: 813-634-8212 or 642-0900 or mc8152@verizon.net or 813-649-0754.

Charlotte Promenaders – Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Pt. Charlotte – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 - Caller: **The Hardys**; Cuers: **Ruth Siegmann**. For info: 941-380-5336, mdow@embarqmail.com, or 863-494-2749.

Pine Ridge Promenaders Hobo Stew Night – Sunshine RV Resort, Rt. 70 (1,000 yards east of Hwy. 27, Lake Placid - Early Rounds as scheduled, Mainstream/Plus 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Ed Foote**; Cuer: **Phyllis Hathaway** – finger foods. For info: 863-699-2789.

Pioneer Village – Pioneer Village, 7974 Samville Rd. North Ft. Myers, FL – Mainstream with Rounds – 9:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Caller: Len Siegmann; Cuer: Ruth Siegmann - \$3.50 per person. For info: 239-940-6121 or marcy_stwrt@yahoo.com.

Maple Leaf Squares A2 – Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Highway (I-75 Exit 170 go SW 1 ½ miles), Queensway Hall – 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon – caller: Dave Magee. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

Promenade Squares – Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – Beginners Class 6:00 – 7:15 p.m., 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: lcece@tampabay.rr.com or 727-799-3068.

Dunedin – **NO DANCE** Allen Snell. For info: settarose1@verizon.net or 727-809-3429 or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429 or mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net.

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.

Friday - Dixie Grande Squares – Grace Lutheran Church, 327 Avenue C SE, Winter Haven – Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. (NO EARLY ROUNDS) – Caller/Cuer: Carl Rod. For info: 863-293-9369 or carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com.

Buttonwood Bay – NO DANCE For info: Roger and Connie McElfresh 863-655-4243 or rogerconniemc@tnni.net.

Strawberry Square C2 Workshop and Dance – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Caller: Keith Stevens. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the office, Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Dan and Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350, or Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Woodmere Park – 3951 Woodmere Boulevard (off Jacaranda Blvd.), Venice – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, C-1 Dance – Caller: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481/ redbates@juno.com.

Strawberry Square A2 - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates; Cuer: Jimmy Griffin. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the office, Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Curliques – Estero Woodlands Clubhouse – Estero, FL – Workshop: 6:30 p.m.; Plus dance 7:00 p.m. – Caller: Howard Cole – rounds and lines on tape. For info: Howard Cole at 239-691-5670 or hwcole@att.net.

Spinning Wheels – Mango Recreation Center, 11717 Clay Pit Road, Seffner – ER 6:15 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 6:45 – 8:45 p.m. – Caller: UNK, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: raindancer999@yahoo.com.

Snell's Bo's and Bell's - Largo Community Center, 400 Alternate Keene Road, Largo - 7:30 – 9:45 p.m. – Caller: Sam Dunn, Cuer: Pat Fiyalko. For info: settarose1@verizon.net or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429 or mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net.

Sun City Swingers - 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: Art Springer, cuer: Pat Hagen. Square dance attire preferred. For info: suzannelynch3@verizon.net or gail3357@gmail.com.

Saturday – Reflections – NO DANCE For info: timpa50@sbcglobal.net.

Strawberry Square - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – ER 7:00 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Sam Dunn, Cuer: Linda Catey. For info: <http://strawberrysquaredancing.com/index.html>. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Linda Lynn 813-659-9040, Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702, Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Strawberry Square Phase IV Dance/Workshop - NO DANCE For info: lurvds@embarqmail.com or www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry. Dance Center: 813-752-

0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Palace Promenaders – Palace Square Dance Hall, 1647 NE Floridian Street, Arcadia – Chili at 6:00 p.m. - Mainstream/Plus/Rounds – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Art Miller, cuer: Jennie Martin – square dance attire preferred – park in back of the building - \$8 per couple. For info: Jennie Martin – 863-494-2749; Mary Dow – 863-494-6062/ mdow@embarqmail.com.

Sunday – **5 Caller Extravaganza** – Lake Ashton Golf Club, 4141 Ashton Club Drive, Lake Wales, FL – ER 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., alternating tips (Mainstream/Plus) 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Callers: Sam Dunn (Sebring, FL), Ron Reardon (Zephyrhills, FL), Carl Rod (also a cuer) (Winter Haven, FL), Keith Stevens (Lake Wales, FL) and Dan Wilkerson (Brandon, FL) – square dance attire optional - \$5 per person. For info: lanceandrita@yahoo.com.

Strawberry Square Classic Rounds - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 2:00 p.m. – followed by pot luck. Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: <http://strawberrysquaredancing.com/index.html>. Dance Center: 813-752-0491. If you need further information and cannot reach the Dance Center office, you may contact: Charlie Lovelace at luvrds@embarqmail.com or Nicki Horne 813-707-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Happy Promenaders - **NO DANCE** For info: call Jan (239) 642-8612 or playwalt@comcast.com.

Pioneer Village – Pioneer Village, 7974 Samville Rd. North Ft. Myers, FL – Mainstream with Rounds – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: Len Siegmann; Cuer: Ruth Siegmann - \$3.50 per person. For info: 239-940-6121 or marcy_stwrt@yahoo.com.

Clover Leaf Leprechauns – 900 North Broad Street (U.S. 41 N.), Brooksville, FL – ER 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., A-1 tip 4:15 p.m. – Caller: **Bob Bourassa**, Cuer: Judy Doane – finger foods. For info: 352-270-8469 or <http://www.geocities.com/leprechaun34601>.

Huggables – King of Kings Church, 10337 U.S. 19 (between SR 52 and Ranch Road), Port Richey – casual dress – 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 or mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net.

Orange Blossom Squares 50+ Anniversaries – La Hacienda Center, The Villages 352-259-6040 – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Ken Ritucci**, Cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: hal.baumann1959@gmail.com or 352-259-6552.

West Coast Classes and Workshops

National Caller and Cuer Colleges

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!

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January 10, 2011 – **Matlacha Beginners Square Dance Class** - January 13, 2011 – Matlacha Community Center, 4577 Pine Island Rd NW, Matlacha – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Caller: Wes Morris – casual attire. Pre Registration Required, For Info/Registration, call 239-283-4110.

January 11, 25, 2011 and February 1, 8, 2011 – **Strawberry Square Country Western Line Dancing Classes** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – Beginner Dances: 7 – 8 p.m.; Intermediate Dances: 8 – 9 p.m. – Leaders: Jeff and Diane Hissong - \$4 per session – continuation of this class is participation dependent – call the dance hall at 813-752-0491 for pre-class registration. For info: strawberrysquaredancing.com.

January 13, 2011 - **Matlacha Plus DBD Workshop** – Matlacha Community Center, 4577 Pine Island Rd, NW, Matlacha – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon – Caller: Wes Morris - casual attire. Pre Registration Required. For Info/Registration, call 239-283-4110.

January 23, 2010 – **Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association Clinic** – Lake Ashton Golf Club, 4141 Ashton Club Drive, Lake Wales, FL – 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Clinician: Ken Ritucci. Program will include Insight into Modern Choreography, New Ways to Use Old Calls, Add Fun and Spice to Your Presentation, and Improve Your Calling Techniques. Directions: 20 miles south of I-4 on US Rte. 27 and 1.5 miles west of US Rte. 27 on Thompson Nursery Rd. (at the entrance to the Eagle Ridge Mall). \$25 per person which includes clinic, sandwich and beverage. Limited space available. Reservations required. Contact Keith Stevens 863-326-9774 or email keith@keithstevens.com.

June 22 – 25, 2011 – **Grand Square International 5th Annual Caller School** – 60th Annual National Square Dance Convention, Detroit, MI – Caller Coaches: Tony Oxendine, Jerry Story, Vernon Jones and Ken Ritucci. Covers all experience levels. Full CALLERLAB curriculum. Modules – Singing Call Techniques – Sight Calling – Showmanship and Much More. You must be registered for the 60th NSDC to attend. Register early! Limited to first 50 callers. For info: Tony Oxendine at tony@tonyoxendine.com or 803-840-0746.

August 18-22, 2011 – **Norcal Callers School** – Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church. Sunnyvale, California – Callers: Ken Ritucci (Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach), Randy Dougherty (Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach), and Scot Byars. Programs for Beginning and Experienced Callers Cost: \$325.00 per caller. For reservations, a \$100 deposit is required. No charge for accompanying spouse/partner. Food and lodging not included Program: Starts Thursday, August 18th at 7:00 p.m. Ends Monday, August 22nd at 12 noon. For more Info contact Ken Ritucci, 132 Autumn Road, West Springfield, Massachusetts 01089. Phone: (413) 734-0591 Email: kenritucci@aol.com.

October 6 – 10, 2011 – **Northeast Callers School** – Mill-a-Round Dance Center, off Route 1293, Manchester, NH – two levels of programs: beginner and experienced. Topics of Discussion: Mechanics of Choreography, Timing, Voice/Delivery, Smooth Dancing/Body Flow, Programming, Teaching, Music/Rhythm, Choreographic Management, and Ethics/Leadership. Callers: Ken Ritucci, Norm Poisson, Sandra Bryant, Mike Sikorsky and Keith Stevens. \$350 per caller (\$100 deposit). For info: 413-734-0591 or kenritucci@aol.com or www.northeastcallerschool.com.

October 16 – 20, 2011 – Pride Caller's College – Pride Resort, I-40, Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – Callers: Jon Jones, Deborah Carroll-Jones, Tony Oxendine and Jerry Story. Separate halls for new callers (0 – 5 years experience) and experienced callers. Tuition: \$375 per student. "Discounted" cabins, park models and RV space available. Full meal service available. For reservations: 1-800-926-8191

Looking Ahead

February 18 – 20, 2011 – **1st Annual Sequoia Stampede** – Tulare County Fairgrounds, 215 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, Tulare, CA – presented by Grand Square International – Callers: jet Roberts (California), Tony Oxendine (North Carolina), and Tomas Hedberg (Sweden); Cuers: Sharon and Casey Parker and Mary Ann Callahan – two halls of dancing Plus, A-1, A-2, round dance teaching, square dance workshops, vendors on-site, special Euro-style Saturday night, A-1/A02 no breaks, no rounds..all on their special wood dance floor. RV parking onsite (hook-ups); local motels offering special rates with mention of this dance weekend. Weekend package: \$40 per person; Friday only \$15 per person; Saturday Only \$30 per person, and Sunday only \$15 per person; Camping: \$25 per night. No refunds after February 11, 2011. For more info: Heath Tinsley 704-377-5554 or heath@gsiinternational.org.

May 10, 2011 – **Pride RV Resort** – I-40 Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – non-stop Mainstream dance; Plus and A2 star tip. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dress smart casual! Callers: Matt Worley and Tony Oxendine. \$6 per person for single caller and \$7 per person for two callers. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (ask for Linda) or squaredance@pridervresort.com.

May 17, 2011 - **Pride RV Resort** – I-40 Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – non-stop Mainstream dance; Plus and A2 star tip. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dress smart casual! Callers: Jack Pladdys and Tony Oxendine. \$6 per person for single caller and \$7 per person for two callers. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (ask for Linda) or squaredance@pridervresort.com.

May 19 – 21, 2011 – **23rd State Virginia Square and Round Dance Convention “Sashay to the Garden Party”** – Holiday Inn Hampton Hotel and Conference Center 1815 West Mercury Boulevard, Hampton, VA. Square dance attire after 7 p.m. Synthetic flooring in all halls. For registration info: 703-573-8378 or tom.nancystafford@cox.net. For housing registration: 540-387-4518 or lembattle@yahoo.com.

May 24, 2011 – **Pride RV Resort** – I-40 Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – non-stop Mainstream dance; Plus and A2 star tip. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dress smart casual! Caller: Ken Bower. \$6 per person for single caller and \$7 per person for two callers. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (ask for Linda) or squaredance@pridervresort.com.

May 31, 2011 – **Pride RV Resort** – I-40 Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – non-stop Mainstream dance; Plus and A2 star tip. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dress smart casual! Caller: Greg Jones. \$6 per person for single caller and \$7 per person for two callers. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (ask for Linda) or squaredance@pridervresort.com.

June 7, 2011 – **Pride RV Resort** – I-40 Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – non-stop Mainstream dance; Plus and A2 star tip. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dress smart casual! Callers: Jimmy Robertson and Jerry Story. \$6 per person for single caller and \$7 per person for two callers. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (ask for Linda) or squaredance@pridervresort.com.

June 14, 2011 – **Pride RV Resort** – I-40 Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – non-stop Mainstream dance; Plus and A2 star tip. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dress smart casual! Caller: Jerry Story. \$6 per person for single caller and \$7 per person for two callers. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (ask for Linda) or squaredance@pridervresort.com.

June 21, 2011 – **Pride RV Resort** – I-40 Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – non-stop Mainstream Chris Burchfield. \$6 per person for single caller and \$7 per person for two callers. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (ask for Linda) or squaredance@pridervresort.com.

June 28, 2011 – **Pride RV Resort** – I-40 Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – non-stop Mainstream dance; Plus and A2 star tip. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dress smart casual! Caller: Jerry Biggerstaff. \$6 per person for single caller and \$7 per person for two callers. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (ask for Linda) or squaredance@pridervresort.com.

July 5, 2011 – **Pride RV Resort** – I-40 Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – non-stop Mainstream dance; Plus and A2 star tip. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dress smart casual! Caller: Steve Kipman. \$6 per person for single caller and \$7 per person for two callers. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (ask for Linda) or squaredance@pridervresort.com.

July 12, 2011 – **Pride RV Resort** – I-40 Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – non-stop Mainstream dance; Plus and A2 star tip. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dress smart casual! Callers: Gary Shoemake. \$6 per person for single caller and \$7 per person for two callers. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (ask for Linda) or squaredance@pridervresort.com.

July 19, 2011 – **Pride RV Resort** – I-40 Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – non-stop Mainstream dance; Plus and A2 star tip. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dress smart casual! Caller: Justin Russell. \$6 per person for single caller and \$7 per person for two callers. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (ask for Linda) or squaredance@pridervresort.com.

July 26, 2011 – **Pride RV Resort** – I-40 Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – non-stop Mainstream dance; Plus and A2 star tip. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dress smart casual! Caller: Jerry Story. \$6 per person for single caller and \$7 per person for two callers. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (ask for Linda) or squaredance@pridervresort.com.

August 2, 2011 – **Pride RV Resort** – I-40 Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – non-stop Mainstream dance; Plus and A2 star tip. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dress smart casual! Callers: Randy Dougherty and Jerry Story. \$6 per person for single caller and \$7 per person for two callers. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (ask for Linda) or squaredance@pridervresort.com.

August 4 - 6, 2011 - **37th Tennessee Square & Round. Dance Convention "A DANCERS HEAVEN IN 2011"** - Mills Conference Center. 234 Historic Nature Trail. Gatlinburg, Tennessee 37738 - Caller: All Tennessee callers are invited to call Cues: All Tennessee cues plus many nearby state cues. Level of Dance: Mainstream - A2, Phase III - Phase VI W.L. Entire weekend, \$30 (until 7/1/11) after 7/1/11 \$35, Single day tickets available also Thursday Train-in: 8:00-11:00p.m., Friday 1:00-11:00p.m., Sat. 10:00a.m.-11:p.m. LIVE BAND HALL!!, Workshops, Vendors, Fashion Show, Clothing Sale For more Info Contact: Shelia Beckley P.O. Box 4442. Sevierville, TN 3864 865-654-6747, sheliabeckley@bellsouth.net Web link for dance: www.tnsquaredance.org.

August 9, 2011 – **Pride RV Resort** – I-40 Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – non-stop Mainstream dance; Plus and A2 star tip. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dress smart casual! Callers: Ken Ritucci, Randy Dougherty and Jerry Story. \$6 per person for single caller and \$7 per person for two callers. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (ask for Linda) or squaredance@pridervresort.com.

August 16, 2011 – **Pride RV Resort** – I-40 Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – non-stop Mainstream dance; Plus and A2 star tip. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dress smart casual! Callers: Tony Oxendine and Jerry Story. \$6 per person for single caller and \$7 per person for two callers. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (ask for Linda) or squaredance@pridervresort.com.

August 23, 2011 – **Pride RV Resort** – I-40 Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – non-stop Mainstream dance; Plus and A2 star tip. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dress smart casual! Callers: Tony Oxendine and Jerry Story. \$6 per person for single caller and \$7 per person for two callers. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (ask for Linda) or squaredance@pridervresort.com.

August 26 – 28, 2011 – **50th Annual All Japan Square Dance Convention** – International Convention Center Pamir, Grand Prince Hotel – Approximately \$132 USD for three days of world-class dancing. Convention begins noon Friday the 26th and continues through Sunday the 28th. The Ghostriders Band will make an appearance. GSI is helping to promote Japanese Square Dance Association (JSDA) events. Registration deadline: Early May 2011 (exact date TBD). For info: doc-hir@my.home.ne.jp or ozakitac@nifty.com

August 30, 2011 – **Pride RV Resort** – I-40 Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – non-stop Mainstream dance; Plus and A2 star tip. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dress smart casual! Caller: Jimmy Roberson. \$6 per person for single caller and \$7 per person for two callers. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (ask for Linda) or squaredance@pridervresort.com.

September 6, 2011 – **Pride RV Resort** – I-40 Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – non-stop Mainstream dance; Plus and A2 star tip. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dress smart casual! Caller: Ron Libby. \$6 per person for single caller and \$7 per person for two callers. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (ask for Linda) or squaredance@pridervresort.com.

September 9 – 10, 2011 – **Birmingham Blast** – BSDA Friendship Hall, 1024 Old Walker Chapel Road, Fultondale, AL (I-65, exit 267) – Callers: Tony Oxendine and Dee Dee Dougherty-Lottie. Cuer: David Holladay. Dance on a beautiful wood floor. Casual or traditional attire all weekend. **Friday:** 6:30 p.m. hot dogs, Callorama/lines with Dee Dee 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Squares and Rounds 7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. **Saturday:** Rounds 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Squares 10:30 a.m. – noon, Squares 1:30 – 3 p.m., and Rounds 3 – 4:30 p.m. **Saturday Night:** Early Rounds with Alternating Lines 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Square and Rounds 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. Dance package: \$35 per person. Limited squares, Plus Hall. No split sessions. For info: 704-377-5554 or info@gsiinternational.org.

September 13, 2011 – **Pride RV Resort** – I-40 Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – non-stop Mainstream dance; Plus and A2 star tip. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dress smart casual! Callers: Bob Asp, Curt Braffett and Jerry Story. \$6 per person for single caller and \$7 per person for two callers. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (ask for Linda) or squaredance@pridervresort.com.

September 20, 2011 – **Pride RV Resort** – I-40 Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – non-stop Mainstream dance; Plus and A2 star tip. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dress smart casual! Callers: Johnny Preston and Jerry Story. \$6 per person for single caller and \$7 per person for two callers. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (ask for Linda) or squaredance@pridervresort.com.

September 29, 2011 – **Pride RV Resort** – I-40 Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – non-stop Mainstream dance; Plus and A2 star tip. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dress smart casual! Callers: Marshall Flippo, Tony Oxendine and Jerry Story. \$6 per person for single caller and \$7 per person for two callers. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (ask for Linda) or squaredance@pridervresort.com.

October 4, 2011 – **Pride RV Resort** – I-40 Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – non-stop Mainstream dance; Plus and A2 star tip. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dress smart casual! Callers: Johnny Preston and Tony Oxendine. \$6 per person for single caller and \$7 per person for two callers. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (ask for Linda) or squaredance@pridervresort.com.

October 11, 2011 – **Pride RV Resort** – I-40 Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – non-stop Mainstream dance; Plus and A2 star tip. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dress smart casual! Caller: Steve Kopman. \$6 per person for single caller and \$7 per person for two callers. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (ask for Linda) or squaredance@pridervresort.com.

October 18, 2011 – **Pride RV Resort** – I-40 Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – non-stop Mainstream dance; Plus and A2 star tip. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dress smart casual! Callers: Jon and Deborah Jones, Tony Oxendine, and Jerry Story. \$6 per person for single caller and \$7 per person for two callers. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (ask for Linda) or squaredance@pridervresort.com.

October 25, 2011 – **Pride RV Resort Final Dance of the Season** – I-40 Exit 20, Maggie Valley, NC – non-stop Mainstream dance; Plus and A2 star tip. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dress smart casual! Caller: Gary Shoemake. \$6 per person for single caller and \$7 per person for two callers. For info: 1-800-926-8191 (ask for Linda) or squaredance@pridervresort.com.

Links

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Websites

<http://floridasquaredance.com/>

<http://www.squaredancesites.com/florida2011/>. (57th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention)

Associations/Organizations

<http://www.you2candance.com> (square dance marketing)

<http://scafl.com>. (Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association)

<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)

<http://www.floridasquaredance.com/fassrd/index/html> (Florida Singles)

<http://scafl.com/> (Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association)

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

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

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

<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.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

www.travelinghoedowners.com (Square Dance DVDs – Both Instructional and Dance)

www.swskirts.com (Jan Southwest Style Skirts & Pat's Tees)

www.suzieqcreations.com (Suzie Q Creations)

www.Bobsengraving.com (division of Suzie Q Creations – covering southwest Florida)

<http://www.aronssquaredanceshopandpatterns.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.Strawberrysquaredancing.com (Strawberry Square)

Callers/Cuers

<http://www.mike-gormley.com> (Mike Gormley)

<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)

Clubs

www.sailfishsquares.org

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