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West Coast Membership Valentine's Dance – Bartow Civic Center, 1250 Floral Avenue, Bartow - ER 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Callers/Cuers: Carl Rod and Area Callers and Cuers – West Coast members free – Guests \$5 per person. Any caller or cuer interested in calling/cueing please contact Carl at carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com. For info: sqdnxfan@aol.com – www.dancergram.com – 863-224-3393.

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).

Ellis Lindsey, caller, lost his sister, Myrtle Bundy, on Thursday, February 3rd in Lake City. In addition to Ellis, Myrtle is survived by her husband Leonard, children Kent, Sherry, Greg and Patricia, as well as numerous brothers, sisters, and grandchildren. Please keep Ellis and their family members in your prayers for comfort and peace during the difficult days and weeks ahead. If you would like to send a card, Ellis' address is P. O. Box 1761, High Springs, FL 32655-1761. (Reprint from Northeast Association's Joys & Concerns 2/4/11)

Joe and I received news today from Jean Allen that **Ron Knowlton**, past Federation president, passed away. He was staying with his daughter in Texas, and I believe the services will be held locally, but I do not have any information on where or when as yet. Ron and Cupie served as President of the Northwest Association, and served in each of the offices of the State Federation. They were active Square Dancers and assisted with State Conventions, they were responsible for the Northwest Florida Square Dancer of the year award, and at one time they were involved in obtaining a square dancer float which was used in our annual Billy Bowlegs Parade. Cupie predeceased Ron. As soon as I have more information I will try to pass it on.
Joy Vaccari

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

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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

Cory-Ography In The Classroom

By Corbin Geis, Vice Chairman of the Callers in the Schools Committee, CALLERLAB

A great teaching tool when instructing in elementary, junior high, senior high and college levels is a little book called Dancing for Busy People. This book was compiled by Cal Campbell, Ken Kernen and Bob Howell.

Dancing for Busy People displays many ways of teaching square dancing. It includes a variety of contras, trios, mescolanzas, Sicilian circles, and quadrilles. Basic square dance moves in all of these forms and styles. The book also has couple and solo dances which give a little variety to your program.

The beginning of the book emphasizes the Community Dance Program (CDP) which has a recommended teaching order of 25 basic calls that can be taught in several school lessons. With each call is several pages on teaching tips and unique figures to use.

Some callers who go into the schools accidentally teach the young students the same way they would teach a regular class in the autumn with lessons. Please remember, the school programs are usually on a short-term basis. You want to show the kids square dancing in many different ways so you get their attention and keep it interesting. So, when you come back to visit, they'll be excited to see you and to square dance.

The book, which has a resourceful website, will assist the caller to incorporate a curriculum and a basic plan for the school systems. You'll be able to adapt to the grade level as well. This sometimes worries the callers, especially the new ones. You wouldn't teach a Grand Square to a group of 3rd graders the way you would teach to a group of 10th graders (or perhaps you would).

I think it is very important that the young students be exposed to as many styles of square dancing as possible. Each student learns in a different way. And, I believe the caller will learn a lot as well. I highly recommend for Dancing for Busy People to the caller who is interested in developing a program for the school students.

To inquire about the book, check out their website www.d4bp.com.

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Life Is About Choices

It is time to abolish the dress code!

As my seven-year-old Granddaughter informed me the other day “Nana life is about choices and sometimes you have to be able to make your own choices”. She is right you know.

This story starts in approximately 2007. I was working with an amazing woman we will call her Esmeralda. Well, Esmeralda was going through a very tough time with a divorce from an abusive man, she had just lost 25 pounds of which she couldn't afford to lose, and felt she had very little reason to smile. So I suggested she come to the Seattle Center House Christmas Dance to meet some of my friends and get exposed to the festive atmosphere.

Esmeralda did come to the dance. She had a wonderful time. She had so much fun she started taking lessons, and getting involved with square dancing right away. When she started taking lessons she had said to me “I hope you guys never expect me to wear those poufy dresses because I won't. I explained to her that would be just fine.

After all to me it is about getting people involved in our great activity...right? Not what they are wearing.

I have heard some people say I am (1) trying to get rid of square dancing with my outrageous ideas, and (2) trying to get rid of the traditional square dance attire (neither of which is true by the way). I have traditional square dance attire. I love my square dance clothes. Sometimes though I just don't feel like wearing them. Sometimes I feel like dancing in blue jeans and t-shirt. There should be no reason I shouldn't be able to go to a square dance and dance in blue jeans. As long as my t-shirt doesn't have profanity on it that should be ok too.

It is a fact that square dance clothes are expensive and some people just can't afford them. Others just don't care to wear them. Whatever the reason it is time to get rid of the dress code.

I am here to tell you if the dress code changes at National Conventions and State Festivals 75-80% of those in attendance are still gonna wear square dance attire, prairies skirts, even dresses because they like their square dance attire.

I really want to go to the National Convention in 2012 in Washington State. After all it is in my own State, but I think it is time to stand up for changes. I am still preregistered hoping the National Committee will drop the dress code. If they don't that is ok too. When all is said and

done I will be going to the Gay and Lesbian Convention in Vancouver Washington in 2013 because at that Convention I will be accepted for who I am and what I am wearing no matter what.

Oh, and Esmeralda after three years of square dancing owns poufy skirts and wears them on occasion to square dances. See what happens when you let people make their own choices.

At seven years old my Granddaughter was right.

For those of us who are young at heart...life is uncertain so eat dessert first!

Hugs,
Leslie Young
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Tips for an Effective Flyer

By Penny Green

Do you have effective flyers for your dances and/or classes or are they just getting lost on the flyer table? Following are some tips:

Proofread

- ✓ Is everything spelled correctly?
- ✓ Is punctuation correct?
- ✓ Apostrophes ('s) i.e. Susan's is either possessive as in Susan owns something or the contraction for Susan is. If there is more than one girl named Susan, it is Susans'. More and more I see the improper use of 's.
- ✓ Cues is spelled with a 'C', not a 'Q'.
- ✓ Are the phone numbers correct? Did you include the area code?
- ✓ Did you include the full address, including city and state? You never know when your flyers will be picked up and taken to another dance.
- ✓ Do you have the full date (with year) and the time?
- ✓ Did you include a contact name with working phone number (with area code) and working email address? I recommend that you use an email address that is checked frequently.
- ✓ Did you include the level of the dance?

- ✓ On your new beginner class flyers, are you using terminology that they will understand?

Appearance

- ✓ Does it look professional?
- ✓ If you taped or glued clip art on the flyer, can you see the outline when you make copies?
- ✓ Is the flyer typed? This looks more professional. Taking a typed flyer and then handwriting changes on it looks very tacky.
- ✓ Use colored paper when you make copies; this will make your flyer stand out on the flyer table.
- ✓ Ensure you make clean copies and don't have a dirty background or a lot of marks on your copy.
- ✓ If you're able to obtain pictures of the caller and cuer, this helps the dancers identify who they are.

I hope these tips help!

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Point of Order

From Kappie Kappenman

Are You A Giver Or A Taker?

It will soon be that time when square dance clubs are looking for people to serve on club executive committees. I would like to share some thoughts on the subject with you, having experience in serving and also in looking for people to serve.

My wife and I have been square dancing for over seven years during which time we served four years on a club executive committee (including as presidents) and now work on various smaller committees. The time spent has been fulfilling, rewarding, and yes, at times frustrating, but I would strongly recommend that anyone given the opportunity should readily do so.

Do you know how hard it is to find good people to serve in positions of importance which affect the future of your club? True, there are those dancers with legitimate reasons for being unable to serve, but on the other hand there are those who just don't want to get involved.

Maybe you've been asked to serve and are hesitating, having some doubts if you could handle the job. We are all unsure about new things; it's part of our nature. Remember, when making up your mind, that there are always other people to help you. Those who have held the same

position in the past and are a storehouse of information, and your fellow executive committee members are there to help you. There are more pluses than minuses in serving on a committee. The positions are not all demanding. In turn, you get to know more people, make new friends, and help out an activity from which you derive so much enjoyment. Don't cheat yourself. Do it and have some fun.

I've learned to classify people into "givers" and "takers". Takers turn down all requests to serve their clubs, no matter how small the job. They come to a dance, enjoy themselves, and leave with no thought of the effort it takes to put on a dance.

These people are the first to complain if something is not to their liking. Can you imagine the state the club would be in if all the members were "takers"?

Perhaps you really can't serve on an executive committee, and don't have the time for other smaller committee work. You can still be a "giver" and help the club in many ways.

1. Offer to take the place of those always at the "sign-in" desk so they can dance.
2. Help put out tables and chairs at the refreshment time. There is always a need for willing hands. Or offer your services in setting out food and cleaning up.
3. Stay behind after a dance and help put away chairs and tables, and take down decorations.
4. Offer to Photostat flyers or other club notices. If you are in a position to do so.
5. Host a visiting caller or cuer if you have a spare bedroom.

I am sure you can think of many other small ways to help out in the day to day activities of the club. Just keep your eyes and ears open – you'll see them.

It's important that all dancers take turns serving the club. We can really take advantage of the "givers" who are always willing to work. Many of us take it for granted we can get these people to serve, but is that really fair? Why not let "givers" retire for a while? Let them come to a dance just to dance, to forget the club and square dancing problems. In no time they'll be back to work for the club with renewed vigor.

Do you know the highest instance of dropouts in the activity? It's people who have served as club presidents. Do you know why? I think it's from simple lack of gratitude for all their hard work. I say it's about time clubs start paying tribute to those "givers" in their midst – dedicated people who devote much time and effort so that we dancers can have a good time. It doesn't have to be anything fancy, just some recognition.

My wife and I worked hard during our year as presidents it being the club's 25th anniversary year, and planned special events as well as coordinating a reunion weekend. At the end of the club year, we were called up on the stage and thanked and Jennie was given a bouquet of flowers. That meant a great deal to us.

Why not trying “giving”? You and your club will be the better for it.

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Emergency Call for Medical Aid (EMCA)

This ARTS Email E-News release is to forward information regarding the Emergency Call for Medical Aid (ECMA). The ECMA was created many years ago to provide information to dancers, dance leaders, and callers with a standard way to respond to an emergency in a square during a square dance, while dancers are dancing. The revision was to correct the diagram of dancers making the arch. The previous version showed seven dancers while the revised version shows six dancers making the arc circle.

The ECMA was recently revised by The ARTS and the revised document is attached.

The ECMA includes a diagram showing how the dancers should react when there is an emergency situation in a square. It also includes four steps:

- 1) When a dancer goes down, a second dancer attends to him/her
- 2) The remaining couples join hands and take a step backward. This will allow the injured person and the attendant air and room
- 3) Raise joined hands as high as possible in the form of an arched circle
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What's Happening This Week?

Week of February 7, 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: **Chuck and Gerry Hardy**; Cuer: **Charlie Lovelace**. 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: **Dave Buys**; Cuer: **Pat Hagen**. 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: Ron Reardon, 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 – **NO DANCE** For info: <http://samdunn.net/harmony.htm>.

Tuesday – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Valentine's Day 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: Gary Brown, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace – beautiful wood floor - finger foods – square dance attire preferred. For info: jgsap@yahoo.com or sqdnfan@aol.com.

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: **The Hardys**, 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 – **Timber Pines** – 6872 Timber Pines Boulevard, Spring Hill – Plus 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Bob Bourassa; Cuer: John Ayres - square dance attire optional. For info: 352-666-1546.

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 Valentine's Day Dance – Betmar MHP, Clubhouse #2, Lakewood Drive, Zephyrhills – Rounds/Squares – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: **Allen Snell**, Cuer: Ella Bettencourt – please bring finger food. 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 Valentine's Dance Party – 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: **Marty Van Wart**. 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 Valentine's Dance – Citrus Park Clubhouse, 25601 Trost Boulevard, Bonita Springs, FL – ER – 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Red Bates**, Cuer: Mike Alexander - snacks. For info: Ada 239-948-2063 or Sue 239-948-7083.

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: **Ben Rubright**; Cuers: **Dick Chase**. For info: 941-380-5336, mdow@embarqmail.com, or 863-494-2749.

Pine Ridge Promenaders Valentine's Dance – Sunshine RV Resort, Rt. 70 (1,000 yards east of Hwy. 27, Lake Placid - Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Sam Dunn**, 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 – 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 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 - **Strawberry Travelers #153** – Paradise Oaks RV Resort, Bushnell, FL – Caller: Charlie Pergrossi. For info: billdees3@msn.com.

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.

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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 – **NO DANCE** For info: raindancer999@yahoo.com.

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

Sun City Swingers Salute to Super Bowl - 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. Members will provide football season type delicious snacks and the club will supply the beverages. Square dance attire preferred. For info: suzannelynch3@verizon.net or gail3357@gmail.com.

Saturday – **Strawberry Travelers #153** – Paradise Oaks RV Resort, Bushnell, FL – Caller: Charlie Pergrossi. For info: billdees3@msn.com.

BATS (Bay Area Twirlers) Sweethearts Ball – Brandon Community Center, 502 E. Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Ed Foote, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace – square dance attire preferred. For info: Patti 813-571-7786 or Betty 813-685-3826.

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

Strawberry Square Valentine's Dance - 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: **Jack Jenkins**. 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 Valentine's Dance and 27th Club and Hall Anniversary – 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 – West Coast Membership Valentine's Dance – Bartow Civic Center, 1250 Floral Avenue, Bartow - ER 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Callers/Cuers: Carl Rod and Area Callers and Cuers – West Coast members free – Guests \$5 per person. Any caller or cuer interested in calling/cueing please contact Carl at carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com. For info: sqdnrcfan@aol.com – www.dancergram.com – 863-224-3393.

Strawberry Travelers #153 – Paradise Oaks RV Resort, Bushnell, FL – Caller: Charlie Pergrossi. For info: billdees3@msn.com.

Timber Pines – 6872 Timber Pines Boulevard, Spring Hill – A1 – A2 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. caller: Bob Bourassa - square dance attire optional. For info: 352-666-1546.

Heel & Toe – St. Cloud Senior Center, 3101 – 17th Street, St. Cloud – Plus Workshop 6:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: Bill Boyd, Cuer: Bev Landwehr. For info: minimercury@cfl.rr.com or 407-339-1499.

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

Pioneer Village Sweetheart Dance - 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.

Strawberry Square Ph. 4-5 Valentine's Eve Round Dance – Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 2:00 p.m. – Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: lurvds@embarqmail.com.

Clover Leaf Leprechauns Valentine's Dance – 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 Sweetheart's Ball – La Hacienda Center, The Villages 352-259-6040 – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Gary Shoemake**, 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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February 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.

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 11 – 13, 2011 – **Strawberry Travelers #153** – Paradise Oaks RV Resort, Bushnell, FL – Caller: Charlie Pergrossi. For info: billdees3@msn.com.

February 15, 2011 - **Ding-a-Lings 50's Night** - 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.

March 6, 2011 - **Ding-a-Lings March Jubilee** - 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: The Hardys, Cuer: Pat Hagen – square dance attire preferred. For info: chrounds@capital.net. For info: chrounds@capital.net.

March 26, 2011 – **Buttons & Bows of Venice 50th Anniversary Dance** – Woodmere Park, 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates; Cuer: Karen Haiflich. For info: remsenny@aol.com.

March 29 2011 - **Ding-a-Lings Crazy Hat Dance** - 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 - prizes. For info: chrouds@capital.net. For info: chrouds@capital.net.

April 8 - 10, 2011 – **Strawberry Travelers #153** – Paradise Oaks RV Resort, Bushnell, FL – Caller: Charlie Pergrossi. For info: billdees3@msn.com.

April 8 - 10, 2011 - **5th Taiwan International Square Dance Convention** - , Gis MOTC Convention Center No.24, Sec. 1, Hangjhou S. Rd. **Taipei City, Taiwan (R.O.C.)** – Caller: Tony Oxendine - (Saturday) 14:00 - 22:00 plus April 10 (Sunday) 10:00 - 16:00. Tony's Night at April 8, 2011 - (Friday) 19:00 - 21:30. Organizer: Square Dance Association of R.O.C. Square Dance (Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, C1); Round & Line Dance hosted by Chinese and Foreign callers simultaneously held in two ballrooms. Registration Fees (activity and insurance dues included). Foreign Participant----US\$60 (with meal). Meals Offered: April 9 (Saturday) - Western Buffet Dinner (seated based on colors of convention badges). April 10 (Sunday) - Lunch Box (each group please send a representative to receive the lunch box). Registration forms are on website: <http://sdaroc.blogspot.com/p/5th-tisdc.html>. Glynn and Helen Condit of Green Valley, AZ, helped Introduce Square Dancing in Taiwan (1974 to 1977). They are planning to go to the Convention. An Independent Free Lance tour is being planned. No Visa Required, Excellent Accommodations, Trains, Buses, Taxi cabs, High Speed Rail and Signs in English. Email: gcondit@cox.net Phone: 520-625-6577.

October 21 - 23, 2011 – **Strawberry Travelers #153** – Wekiva Falls RV Resort, Sorrento, FL – Caller: Charlie Pergrossi. For info: billdees3@msn.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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