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From the Editor...



It's been another busy weekend! Friday night I was at Strawberry Square for Gary Brown's last night of calling there.



Saturday morning, Jenny and I headed for Paisley (north of Orlando) for the 5th Annual Party Weekend. This is a fundraiser for state conventions put on by the Central Association and is held at the Deerhaven Retreat and Conference Center. Deerhaven has motel-like rooms, dorms, RV and tent parking. There is a main hall where everyone gathers for meals, conversation, games, and dancing. This past weekend was to raise money for the 2012 convention.



What that Cheryl won't do to raise money for the state convention!



I was at Virginia's Western Wear and Square Dance Shop in Mascotte last weekend and found out that they will be closed June through August this year. They will be one of the vendors at the state convention so if you need anything, better get it then.

All of the West Coast membership dances for 2011/2012 are now listed below under "Looking Ahead".

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

October 14 – 15, 2011 – **FASSRD's Single-Rama** – Sebring, FL

November 11 – 12, 2011 – **West Coast Association's Fall Fun Fest** – Bartow, FL

2011 Florida State Convention

For the Grand March at the state convention this year, every club is asked to send two couples or four singles in club attire with club banner to participate in the march. Everyone participating in the Grand March is asked to be at the Opening Ceremonies at 6:00 p.m. After the ceremonies, all Grand March participants will be dismissed to line up for the march. PLEASE REMEMBER, ONLY TWO COUPLES OR FOUR SINGLES PER CLUB!

The vendor list is now posted at <http://www.squaredancesites.com/florida2011/>.

Don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets for the \$500 VISA card. The drawing will be held during the convention but you do not have to be present for the drawing. Please see your association's Ways & Means Chairman (for West Coast it's Rita Baxter!).

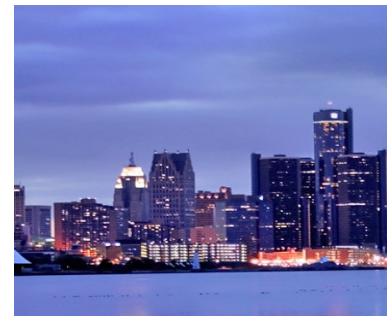
Please save the plastic caps off your water bottles, milk jugs, etc. and bring them to the convention for a collection that is being taken up to provide free chemo for underprivileged children.

2011 National Square Dance Convention



**60th NATIONAL
SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION
DETROIT, MICHIGAN
JUNE 22-25, 2011
GREAT LAKES-GREAT DANCING**

PRESS RELEASE NO. 9



VISITING MICHIGAN – THE I-94 CORRIDOR

Interstate 94 (I-94) is the main expressway running between Chicago and Detroit. Along this route are the cities of Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, Jackson and Ann Arbor. Halfway between Chicago and Detroit is the city of Kalamazoo. Located just south of the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport is **Air Zoo of Kalamazoo**, a truly unique aviation museum. Some of the displays in the museum include Magic Planet, Guadalcanal Memorial Museum, Michigan Aviation Hall of Fame, Michigan Space Science Center, the world's largest hand-painted indoor mural, and more than 50 rare and historic aircraft. Also on the grounds are various amusement park-style rides and attractions. For more information on the Air Zoo, visit the website at www.airzoo.org. Just north of the city of Kalamazoo is the village of Hickory Corners, the home of the **Gilmore Car Museum**. The museum offers a world-class collection of over 200 vintage cars. Also located on the 90 acres are restored historic barns and period buildings. The Museum's interpretive center is a 1930's era Shell Gas Station. The National Miniatures Museum is also located on the grounds. It contains one of the most impressive collections of scale miniatures in the country. For more information on the Gilmore Car Museum, visit the website at www.GilmoreCarMuseum.org or call 269-671-5089. **Fort Custer National Cemetery** is a 770-acre federal cemetery. The cemetery is located at 15501 Dickman Rd., Augusta. The entrance is lined with 152 American Flags and each of the 50 state flags. The cemetery is the burial site of several World War II German Prisoners of War and an unknown Civil War soldier.

For more information on the cemetery, go to www.puremichigan.org and type “Fort Custer National Cemetery” in the search box. **Binder Park Zoo** is located just outside Battle Creek. The zoo is on 433 acres of natural forest and wetlands. The zoo has approximately 600 specimens of over 140 species, including one of the largest giraffe herds in the country. There are 32 rare and exotic animal exhibits plus 19 domestic animal exhibits. For more information on Binder Park Zoo, visit the website at www.binderparkzoo.org. If you like NASCAR, then **Michigan International Speedway (M.I.S.)** is for you. Located southeast of Jackson, near the town of Brooklyn, M.I.S. is a 2-mile oval track with 18 degree banking and 73-foot wide sweeping turns. The M.I.S. has a 12,000-seat grandstand. There are races scheduled on June 17 (RainEater Wiper Blades 200 ARCA Racing Series-NASCAR Sprint Cup Series), June 18 (NASCAR Nationwide Series 250), and June 19 (HELUVA GOOD! Sour Cream Dips 400-NASCAR Sprint Cup Series). Come to the convention early and enjoy a day at the races! For more information on MIS, visit the website at www.mispeedway.com. **The Cascade Falls of Jackson** is a man-made waterfall with six immense fountains, three reflecting pools and sixteen falls, eleven of which are illuminated with multicolored electric lights. The display is 500 feet long, 64 feet wide and 60 feet deep. Enjoy a variety of music, and, if your timing is right, fireworks are shown several times a year. For more information on Cascade Falls, visit the website at www.visitjacksonmi.com/cascade-falls. Located in the historic Kerrytown District of Ann Arbor is **The Sunday Artisan Market**. The open-air market offers a variety of wares, including glass, textiles and fiber arts, wood, ceramics, jewelry, painting, drawing, photography, basketry, metalwork and more. All items are handmade by the artist who is on site. For more information on the Artisan Market, visit the website at www.artisanmarket.org.

VISITING DETROIT



Edsel & Eleanor
Ford House



Mariners' Church

Photo by Mike Russell

Hart Plaza is located on the Detroit River between the Ren Center and Cobo Hall. Stay for a couple days after the convention, and join the **700,000** people on the plaza enjoying the fireworks on Monday, June 27. Find your viewing spot early, as people start arriving at the plaza around 2:00 p.m. While in Detroit, tour the 60-room, English Cotswold-style estate of the

Edsel and Eleanor Ford House. The estate features magnificent architecture, beautiful lakefront grounds and gardens, a collection of fine and decorative arts and much more. Lunch is available in The Tea Room. Public tours are available Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, Noon – 4:00 p.m. Visit the website at www.fordhouse.org. **Mariners’ Church** is a designated National Historic Site. The 160-year-old church has beautiful stained glass windows, a 4100 pipes organ, 2 organists and a professional choir. “The Maritime Sailors’ Cathedral” is mentioned in the Gordon Lightfoot song “The Wreck of the Edmond Fitzgerald” as its bell rang 29 times, once for each life lost in the freighter’s sinking. It is the riverfront and civic center’s oldest structure. Sunday services are held at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. with the full choir performing at the 11:00 service. The church is located just west of the Ren Center and Windsor Tunnel Entrance. For more information on the Mariners’ Church, check the website at www.marinerschurchofdetroit.org.

BID SESSION

On

Friday, June 24, 2011

9:00 A.M.

Riverview Ballroom

Kansas City, Missouri and Springfield, Massachusetts

will be bidding to host the 2015 National Square Dance Convention!

Everyone is invited to participate in the “pep rally-like” atmosphere of the Bid Session! Delegations from Kansas City and Springfield will embark on their quest to convince the National Executive Committee that they are the perfect location, with adequate facilities and entertainment venues to host the 64th National Square Dance Convention. This promises to be an exciting addition to your convention experience.

...a not-to-be-missed event...

FUN...FUN...FUN...TOURS AT THE 60TH NSDC

OVERNIGHT TOURS AT THE 60th NSDC

MACKINAC ISLAND TOUR



The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island

The 60th National Square Dance Convention will be held in Detroit, Michigan. Michigan is one of seven states that have the Great Lakes on its borders. Michigan's magnificent coastland gives its reputation as a Water Wonderland State. The Tours Committee simply had to include several tours that provide visiting square dancers a chance to enjoy a memorable tour of one of its renowned vacation attractions-one of them being Mackinac Island.

The Mackinac Island State Park is located off the northern tip of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. Visitors reach the island by a twenty-minute ferry ride from the mainland. The island culture is one that embellishes an early American history of fur trading and fortress life. One can feel the slow pace of the past as you walk the small town streets and appreciate the island's natural surroundings.

Motor vehicles are not allowed on the island. Mackinac Island transportation is strictly horse drawn carriages and bicycles with either single or double seats. It is a natural theme park of early America when the island was essentially an early military fort protecting the coast land from the British during the War of 1812. The quaint shops, its historical military fort, small cottages, and sweet confectionaries offering eating delights, such as pastry, fudge, ice cream, and taffy goodies, are fun experiences. It is a vacation spot that encourages you to relax and enjoy the scenery with family, its citizens demonstrating the island's historical 19th century Americana. The beautiful Grand Hotel is easily seen when the ferry brings visitors into the Island Ferry dock.

Being at the top of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan, it can be a little nippy in the summer evenings, so bring a light jacket or sweater with you. Sleeping at one of the fine hotels should be outstanding, especially when the fresh air wakes you up to a picturesque sunrise just before breakfast. An added plus to taking this tour is getting to see the beautiful, 5-mile long Mackinac Bridge. Illuminated at night, it provides a gorgeous setting for a snapshot. It will be unforgettable.

TORONTO-NIAGARA TOUR



Detroit shares the Detroit River with its Canadian neighbors of Windsor, Ontario. Detroiters have a heartfelt connection with its Canadian neighbors. The Tour Committee felt that an overnight tour to the great city of Toronto would excite any square dancer who seeks a little international adventure. Toronto, Ontario is known as the "New York" of Canada. Its metropolitan flamboyance is well known. Toronto has its unique flair of city life and culture that will dazzle anyone interested in experiencing Canada for the first time. The guided tour will take you to downtown Toronto to see the CN tower and a ferry to Toronto Island. The tour travels

through a vast parade of ethnic communities in their neighborhood locations. Dinner and a theater play are also planned for that evening. **Don't forget to bring your passport.**

One cannot go to Toronto without stopping at Niagara Falls, located an hour away along the Lake Ontario coastline. This bonus side tour to the famous Niagara Falls encompasses not only a view of the water cascades but also a bonus of shops, botanical centers, historical sites, and a few wineries. This whole overnight trip is truly a winner.

FRANKENMUTH & CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND

This one-day tour takes you to Frankenmuth, Michigan, a year-round, Christmas village. On this full-day tour, you will enjoy the Bavarian hospitality of food, culture and festivities. The day includes a visit to Bronner's Christmas Wonderland, a chicken lunch at Zehnders, and visits to the Leelanau Winery and Frankenmuth Brewery. This Christmas Wonderland trip is priced at \$76 per person.

HALF-DAY TOURS IN AND AROUND DETROIT OFFERED DURING CONVENTION TIME

Art and History Detroit Style (\$40): The newly renovated Detroit Institute of Arts is heralded throughout the world as one of the premier venues in the cultural world – Renoir, Van Gogh, Picasso! The Detroit Historical Museum captures the history of Detroit as the American Auto Capitol.

Motown Museum and Detroit City Tour (\$43): This guided tour includes the business, sport, historical and cultural centers of the city. Architectural history, urban parks, museums, theater districts, universities and unique neighborhoods will be featured. A stop and visit at the Motown "Hitsville" Museum will be a true highlight of the tour.

Ford Field Tour (\$31): The tour of the Detroit Lions Arena of NFL football includes a walking tour through the locker room, the tunnel onto the playing field, and the stadium suites. Ford Field hosted Super Bowl XL and the 2009 NCAA Men's Basketball Final Four. It is truly an architectural innovation to enjoy.

Ford Rouge Factory (\$40): This tour is a five-part experience that includes the triumphs and setbacks surrounding the plant. A 360-degree theater will enlighten its audience to an up-close sensory experience as to how the F-150 is assembled. The tour will also include a guided walk through designated and safe areas.

Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village (\$63): The famous Henry Ford Museum chronicles the American automotive history. See the Rosa Parks Bus and JF Kennedy's Presidential Limousine. Greenfield Village hosts a time travel of our great nation starting with how settlers lived and takes you to the landmark inventions leading to many modern day conveniences.

Windsor Canada/Canadian Club Tour (\$45): A passport is required on this guided bus tour of Windsor, Ontario - the city across the river facing Detroit. The tour features the Dieppe Gardens, Odette Sculpture Park, Coventry Gardens and downtown touring. The tour also includes a stop at the Canadian Club Brand Center, home of Canadian Club Whiskey.

Shopping at the Somerset Collection (\$28): The Somerset Collection is an epicenter for luxury retail in Michigan. It features stores such as Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom, Saks Fifth Avenue, Tiffany and Company, and Burberry. The center has a glass-enclosed moving walkway that links Somerset North and Somerset South. "A shopper will love this tour!"

Chrysler Museum Tour (\$45): The Walter P. Chrysler Museum contains production and concept vehicles showcasing its automotive heritage. Visitors will experience 63 restored vehicles including muscle cars of the 50's and 60's, and its Technical Center. A 123-seat theater will feature the history of the life and times of Walter P. Chrysler. A box lunch will be included.

For more information on our tours, visit our website at www.60nsdc and click on "Tours."

REGISTRATION

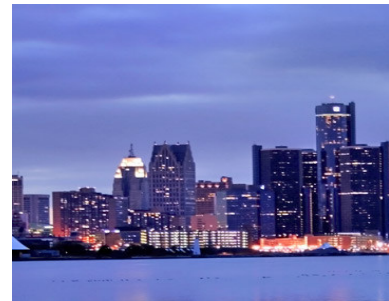
Don't get caught at the last minute paying a higher price to have fun. **Registration price increases to \$60.00 per person on May 1, 2011.** Do it now and save \$\$\$\$.

For Registration and Housing information, contact the 60th NSDC Housing/Registration Chairman at 60th National Square Dance Convention, PO Box 274, Pottersville, MI 48876 or phone us at (517) 290-5797. You may e-mail us at registration@60nsdc.com or download registration forms at www.60nsdc.com

If you are planning on visiting our Canadian neighbors across the Detroit River, please remember to bring your passport.



PRESS RELEASE NO. 10



Detroit's Historical and Breath-Taking Theaters

Detroit has the nation's second largest theatre district in the country following New York City.

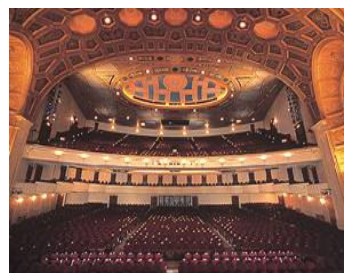
The **Fox Theatre** is a 1928 [movie palace](#) and performing arts center located at 2211 Woodward Avenue in [downtown Detroit, Michigan](#). It was listed on the [National Register of Historic Places](#) in 1985 and was designated a [National Historic Landmark](#) in 1989. Located within the [Detroit Theater District](#), the Fox has 5,048 seats. It is the largest surviving movie palace of the opulent 1920s and features a top-notch entertainment schedule. The beautiful Fox Theater was fully restored in 1988. For tickets go to www.foxtheatredetroit.com/Tickets

The **Fisher Theatre** opened as a movie and vaudeville house on November 11, 1928. It featured Mexican-Indian art, banana trees, a goldfish pond and wandering macaws that audience members fed by hand. Remodeled as a live theatre in 1961, the Fisher is now adorned with marble, Indian rosewood and walnut paneling, and crystal and bronze decorative work. The original 3,500 seats were scaled down to 2,089 to ensure an intimate atmosphere and optimal sightline. Over the last 40 years, the Fisher Theatre has been a favorite venue of many of Broadway's brightest stars, like Mary Martin, Carol Channing, Joel Grey, Bernadette Peters and Lynn Redgrave. It has hosted the world premieres of "Hello Dolly," "Fiddler on the Roof", "Sweet Charity," and "Golden Boy." For ticket information, go to www.fishertheatre.ticketsnow.com

Music Hall is the unique and perfect venue for the celebration of who we are and who we can become. Since Matilda Dodge Wilson opened Music Hall's doors in 1928, this intimate downtown venue has been a significant player in Detroit's performing arts sector. As the last remaining legitimate stage theatre, Music Hall is the only Detroit venue built for the primary purpose of presenting live performances. Music Hall has been home to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Michigan Opera Theatre, one of the nation's first Cinerama screens, and a wide variety of quality performances that embody the diverse cultures of the world. The resilience and pride of this Detroit theater hall is in its lineage and history of hosting performing legends like Lucille Ball, Ray Charles and Jack Benny on its stage. As a prominent variety house, Music Hall provides accessible music, theatre, dance, and other performance programming and education to a diverse audience. This 1,701 seat theatre provides an opportunity for rising stars, as well as a home for classic icons. Music Hall is truly a cultural resource for the city of Detroit. For more information see their website at www.musichall.org or call (313) 963-2366.



Masonic Temple Theatre



Detroit Opera House

Appearing on the Michigan Historical Register and the National Register, **The Masonic** is one of the largest and finest theatrical houses in the country. Since its opening in 1926 by the Masonic fraternity, the Masonic Temple Theatre has hosted virtually all forms of live entertainment, including plays, musicals, variety shows, classical music and opera, rock-n-roll and dance. The Masonic Temple Theater in Detroit hosts major headliners in 125 to 175 performances each year. For more information, check out their website at www.themasonic.com or call (313) 832-7100.

Located at the corners of Broadway and Madison at Grand Circus Park, the **Detroit Opera House** was originally opened January 12, 1922, as the Capitol Theater. At the time of its gala premiere, the 4,250-seat theater claimed to be the fifth largest in the world. The theater was the first in a series of palatial vaudeville and moving picture houses built in the Grand Circus Park area in the 1920s. The building was constructed with superb acoustics and in the style of the grand European opera houses. This opulent, magnificent Detroit Opera House has offered sleek theater productions from the Big Apple including "Dance Theatre Harlem" and "A Streetcar Named Desire". For schedule information, call (313) 961-3500 or visit their website at www.detroitopera.boxofficecenter.com

In 1902, the 20th Century Club, a group of cultural, socially prominent women, built a Mission-style building to house their club. The building, now the **Century Theatre**, was built of red brick trimmed with white sandstone. The first floor originally housed a dining room, while the second floor featured a 400-seat auditorium. In 1928, the 20th Century Club contracted the building of a second theater. This Spanish Revival-style building theatre, known then as the Little Theatre, was completed. With the disbanding of the 20th Century Club in 1933, the Little Theatre however, suffered through several name changes and purposes including being a movie theater and then back to live theater. In 1967, the theatre was named **The Gem**. In 1990, the building was completely restored and reopened in 1991. Protected from demolition during [urban renewal](#) for [Comerica Park](#), the newest home of the [Detroit Tigers](#), **The Gem Theatre and Century Theatre** were moved five-blocks on wheels to their new location at 333 Madison Avenue on October 16, 1997. Today, the historic Gem & Century Theatres are two of Detroit's most intimate and charming venues. They proudly boast record breaking history as six of their shows are in the top ten longest running shows in Michigan: "Menopause, the Musical," "Escanaba in Da Moonlight," "The All Night Strut," "Shear Madness," "Forbidden Broadway," and "Forever Plaid." For schedules and ticket information, check out their website at www.gemtheatre.com

CONVENTION HOTELS FOR THE 60TH NSDC

The headquarters hotel for the 60th National Square Dance Convention is the 72-story **Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center**. It is a beautiful 4-star hotel on the Detroit River. Whether your room overlooks the river, the city, or the Ontario shore, the views from all the rooms are magnificent. The rooms are sleek and stylish and you will be impressed with the amenities and the décor. The beds are super comfortable with luxurious "Revive" beds. Rooms feature flat screen TV, plug in technology, individual climate control, AM/FM alarm clock radio, two-line telephones with voicemail, data ports and message light, cable TV and in-room pay movies,

high-speed internet access and in-room safe, coffee maker, hair dryer, iron and ironing board. Also available are valet services and guest laundry. You do not need to leave the hotel to reach the People Mover as the station is on the 2nd level of the hotel.

The Ren. Center is a city in itself, with 70 different shops which circle the Ren. Center on levels A, One, and Two. Stores include gift shops, restaurants, ice cream shop, a theatre, drug store, post office, beauty/barber shop, florist, bank and food court. The food court on level A offers a quick meal from any of several fast food restaurants at reasonable prices with room to seat over 1,100 people. The Ren. Center also offers many restaurants—from casual to fine dining, featuring a variety of cuisines and prices. Just outside the doors of the Ren. Center is the beautiful Riverwalk along the Detroit River. If you prefer to walk, the Cobo Hall is a few short blocks from the hotel. One of the neat features is a display of all the new GM vehicles on level A, which can also be viewed from the level above. If you want more exercise, there is a state-of-the-art exercise room or you can take a leisurely or brisk walk on the circular walkways. www.gmrencen.com

The Holiday Inn Express has changed its name to **Downtown Detroit Inn and Suites**. It is a beautifully remodeled and renovated 3-star hotel. It is less than a block to the People Mover and only 4 blocks from the Cobo Hall. The hotel offers a complimentary, deluxe, hot continental breakfast (the special cinnamon rolls are fabulous) and also has a restaurant and bar. All rooms include a microwave and refrigerator and the suites have fully equipped kitchenettes. The indoor swimming pool and state of the art fitness center make for a place to relax or exercise and complimentary high-speed internet keeps you in touch. The only hotel that allows pets is the Downtown Detroit Inn and Suites. The pets need to be under 25 lbs. and transported in a pet cage (kennel). There is a \$25 non-refundable deposit for the stay. Check them out at www.hiexpress.com/detroitmi

The newest 4-star hotel in town is the beautiful **Greektown Casino Hotel** and it is located in the heart of Greektown's Historic and Entertainment District. The contemporary-designed guest rooms are luxurious with beautiful views. The hotel boasts several restaurants, as well as, an international buffet with multicultural culinary creations from around the globe. The food is terrific! Attached to the hotel is a casino where you can spend a few bucks or just watch others spend their money. There are some adjoining rooms, but smoking rooms are no longer available. Cobo Hall is about 1.2 miles away, but the People Mover is on site; you can catch it by walking through the casino. Free parking is available in the attached garage. Check them out at www.greektowncasinohotel.com

The Courtyard by Marriott has been designated the "Caller/Cuer Hotel". It is across the street from the Ren. Center and also has direct access to the People Mover. The spacious, recently redecored rooms have king or double queen beds and all the amenities you would expect from a 4-star hotel. The hotel offers an exercise room, an indoor pool, whirlpool, and tennis courts. Services include a restaurant, open daily for breakfast lunch and dinner, and a bar for light snacks, lunch and dinner. There are also several shops in the building. The Courtyard is

connected to the Ren. Center by a skywalk so you can take advantage of its shops and eateries. Visit their website at www.detroitdowntowncourtyard.com

The Shorecrest Hotel is a small, family-owned hotel a few blocks away from the Ren, Center, three blocks from the People Mover and eight blocks from Cobo Hall. The attached restaurant serves “the best breakfast in town”, according to the front desk. Wireless internet service is available in the Guest Lobby. There are some adjoining rooms and a parking lot on site. Their website is: www.shorecrestmi.com

All hotels are within walking distance of Cobo Hall and most have a station for the People Mover on site or are a short walking distance to the People Mover. **Each person registered for the convention will be given a complimentary pass for the People Mover to make getting around town and to the dance quick and easy.** We know that you will be impressed with the beauty of the accommodations, the friendliness and helpfulness of the hotel staffs, and the number of things to do and see in downtown Detroit. This is a beautiful city and you will want to take advantage of the sights and the activities available. We have found ourselves enjoying this lovely city as we visited the hotels, used the People Mover, and walked around the downtown area.

Note: As of May 2010, all hotels and eating establishments in Michigan are smoke-free.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Some of our hotel contracts expire on May 30, 2011, so we cannot guarantee availability or prices after that date. Please check the back of the registration form for more information on making reservations and/or cancellations. A one-night room and tax rate may apply for cancellations received less than 48 hours prior to arrival. Cancellations can be made directly with the hotels after May 20, 2011.

Registration/Housing Information:

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

Registration packets may be picked up at the Registration Desk in the Main Lobby on Level 1 at Cobo Center starting on Tuesday, June 21st from noon until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Group registrations may be picked up by one person from your group. Campers can pick up their registration packet at the campground.

Parking in Downtown Detroit

Be assured, there is ample parking available in the downtown area.

The Downtown Detroit Inn and Suites has valet parking for their guests. The cost is \$18.00 per day, per car, with in and out privileges.

The Courtyard by Marriott has valet parking for their guests. The cost is \$20.00 per day, per car, with in and out privileges.

The Marriott Ren. Center has valet parking for their guests. The cost is \$25.00 per day, per car, with in and out privileges.

Miller Parking is a 24-hour, above-ground garage located at Atwater & Renaissance Drive W. There are 1,250 spaces available. Cost is \$1.50 first 1/2 hour, \$5.00 1/2-2 hours, \$10.00 2-5 hours, \$15.00 5-10 hours, \$20.00 10-24 hours. In and out privileges are available for guests of the **Marriott Ren. Center Hotel** only. Go to the garage office to receive your in-out pass. Ph: 313-259-2434

Port Atwater is a 24-hour, above-ground garage located at Beaubien and St. Antoine. It has 1,100 spaces available. **There is a covered walkway to the Ren. Center.** Cost is \$3.00 per hour with a daily maximum of \$12.00 on weekdays and \$6.00 maximum on weekends. There are no in and out privileges available at this site. Ph: 313-259-3595

Beaubien Place is a 24-hour, above-ground garage located at Atwater & St. Antoine. It has 1,150 spaces available. Cost is \$3.00 per hour with a maximum of \$12.00 per day on weekdays and \$5.00 flat weekend rate. There are no in and out privileges available at this site. Ph: 313-568-5676

Millender Center Parking is a 24-hour, underground garage located under the Millender Center at 331 E. Larnier at the corner of Randolph & Congress. There are 1,850 spaces available. Cost is \$2.00 every 15 minutes with a maximum daily rate of \$15.00 on weekdays and a flat rate of \$10.00 on weekends. There are no in and out privileges available at this site. Ph: 313-568-5676

Cobo Hall has roof deck parking (entrance at Congress and First). Hours are events only. Daily maximum rate is \$10.00. There are 1,000 spaces available. Cobo Hall garage parking (entrance at Washington Blvd. and E. Jefferson), hours are 6 a.m. – 11 p.m. Monday thru Friday, as needed Saturday and Sunday. There are 500 spaces available.

We recommend if you are staying in the downtown area that you park at one of the 24-hour parking facilities and use the free People Mover for getting back and forth to the convention center, as well as, other places throughout downtown Detroit.

Please note: All parking prices are subject to change without notice.

EXHIBITIONS AT THE 60TH NSDC

Need a break from dancing? Sit back and watch our exhibition groups perform their amazing routines. The following groups are currently scheduled to perform at the 60th NSDC.

The Maycroft Square Tappers are from Muskegon, Michigan and have been performing their unique blend of square dancing and round dancing, set to a tap step for more than 50 years. This youth group is comprised of children from ages 2 through 18 years old and is one of the youngest exhibition groups in the country. They dance to a variety of music including country, rock-n-roll, folk and hip-hop.

The California Heritage Dancers will not only entertain us, but give us a history lesson in square dancing. Their demonstrations, performed in period costumes, will take us from the beginning of square dancing here in the United States in the 1700's to the modern times.

The Capital Squares are from the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. In addition to dancing in the traditional four couple squares, they will be performing intricate patterns and movements in "hexagon squares", "octagon squares", and other formations.

Denim and Lace is a youth group from Lamar, Colorado. Members of the group are from the ages of 5 through 18. All sets consist of four boys and four girls in the same grade level. The average number of dancers enrolled in Denim and Lace each year is about 400. The junior and senior sets attend the National Square Dance Convention each year for exhibition dancing.

Lamar Dudes and Dames are also from Lamar, Colorado. The group not only consists of youth dancers, but also Alumni and other adult dancers. The Convention youth dancers and senior cloggers are high school age; the alumni dancers range in age from early 20's to early 50's.

Hunterdon Stars and Mercer Arc Angels Handicapable Groups are from Flemington, NJ and Ewing, NJ respectively. Both clubs have attended many National Square Dance Conventions. The members range in age from 25 to 74. Each member brings their own unique talents and enthusiasm to the group.

Smokey Mountain Twirlers will be coming to our convention from Sevierville, TN. Their routines consist of old square dance calls no longer taught in today's dance programs. Most of the calls use a Grand Square movement and have all eight dancers in motion at the same time.

The Michigan Contra Company has dancers from many contra dancing communities sharing their enjoyment of this very social dance form. The figures you'll see presented are a combination of old traditions and newer styles, with some of the latest choreography.

*******VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*******

We need some volunteers to sign up before the convention for specific assigned duties. To volunteer, e-mail our program chairmen at program@60nsdc.com or if you do not have e-mail call the assistant program chairmen at 517-536-8095. We will offer you the specific jobs we have available that we would like to fill before the convention starts.

During the convention, anyone wishing to volunteer can check in with us in the morning, preferably in room W1-55 which is the caller/cuer/dance leader check in room, to see which times we have available that day. If you decide at some time during the day that you would like to rest, then come to W1-55 at any time. All volunteers are welcome.

Volunteers are also needed to help at the Registration Desk during the convention. Would you like a place to rest and get to meet new friends or get reacquainted with old friends? What better place than the Registration Desk to offer a warm greeting and hand out packets to the arriving dancers from around the world.

If you are interested, please contact the Registration and Housing Chairs, Linda & Lloyd Catey, by e-mailing them at registration@60nsdc.com or call (517) 290-5797 to volunteer an hour. We will have a sign-up sheet at the Registration Desk where you can sign up to work an hour of your choice.

For more information on the 60th NSDC, please visit our website at: www.60nsdc.com
Emergency phone number for the Cobo Center: (313) 212-0983

HOT OFF THE PRESS!!!

THE GHOST RIDERS BAND WILL BE PERFORMING FOR THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT DANCE!



PRESS RELEASE NO. 11



The excitement is building! Those of us who have had the pleasure to work on the 60th National Square Dance Convention look forward to showcasing the jewel that is **Detroit**. Join us and see what all the excitement is about!

Visiting Michigan

Our State motto: Si quaeris peninsulam amoenam, circumspice, "If you seek a beautiful peninsula, look about you!" Michigan is bordered by four of the Great Lakes-Superior, Michigan, Huron, and Erie. Michigan gets its name from Lake Michigan, from the Algonquian Indian term meaning "big water". Besides the four Great Lakes, Michigan has more than 11,000 lakes, many rivers, waterfalls and sand dunes. Dotting our lakeshores are numerous lighthouses. All throughout Michigan, you will find exciting casinos, peaceful parks, wineries, farm markets, shopping and much, much more. We are the only state where its residents can point to a spot on the back of their left hand and say, "this is where I live". No matter what part

of Michigan you travel through, there is something for everybody. Visit www.puremichigan.org for great destination and vacation ideas.

Visiting Detroit

On a personal note, I'm from the Lake Michigan side of the state and had never been to Detroit until I started working on the Publicity Committee for the 60th NSDC. I was totally amazed the first time I visited Detroit! It is a clean, vibrant, cultured, beautiful and friendly city. The tile work at each of the People Mover stations is beautiful. Each station has its own unique tile design so be sure you take notice when riding the People Mover. Detroit is graced by some elegant old buildings as well as stunning new buildings. The cityscape is truly breathtaking. Sign up in the Pure Detroit Store within the Ren. Center (Renaissance Center) for a tour of this truly unique building. The tour includes a ride up to the 72nd floor in their glass elevator, which offers a birds-eye view of Detroit and Windsor. If you prefer your sightseeing from the ground level, stroll along the Riverwalk. The view of both Detroit and Windsor is beautiful. Be sure to take full advantage of all that Detroit has to offer by joining us on one of our many tours. Wherever your interest lies, we have a tour that will cover it. For more information on our tours, visit our website at www.60nsdc.com.

The Detroit Riverwalk



Across the river to the south, you will be looking at Windsor, Ontario, Canada. This is the only place in the United States that you can look south into Canada. Detroit is still working on the Riverwalk and it is not going to be finished for a few more years. It will eventually extend from Joe Louis Arena to Belle Isle, a total of 7 miles.

Starting at Joe Louis Arena, the home of the Detroit Red Wings and walking east, you will come to Cobo Center, the home of the nation's largest auto show each January. This is also where the 60th NSDC® will be dancing. As you approach Cobo, you see a large overhang which will be used for our tour and campsite buses. We can park up to 10 buses under this canopy at one time if needed. It keeps everyone out of the sun and rain while boarding and unloading. We have a large area inside Cobo to sit and wait for the buses to arrive.

Next to Cobo Center is Hart Plaza. This is a very large park for a variety of activities. It has an amphitheater as well as some memorials inside the park. One of the memorials visible from the Riverwalk is the Underground Railroad. This dates back to before the Civil War as the black slaves came to Detroit and then over into Canada to gain their freedom. At this time, the Riverwalk turns away from the Detroit River for a short while, as construction of the Detroit River Passenger Dock is ongoing. This dock will be used for cruise ships on the Great Lakes in

the coming years. It is due to be completed in 2011, but not in time for our convention. As you make this left turn, you walk directly in front of the Police Precinct. You now have to walk past the Passenger Dock and up to the Renaissance Center, home of General Motors Corp. It houses the Marriott, our headquarters hotel for the convention. Turn right back onto the Riverwalk, and see a fountain built into the concrete. It is not unusual to see children, as well as adults, playing in this fountain.

Continue walking past the Ren Center, a couple of parking garages, and open parking lots on the Riverwalk. After the parking lots, you come upon the latest construction along the Riverwalk, a new state park. The wetlands have just been added to this area, complete with a stream as well as tall grasses that were native to this area many years ago. This area was formerly home to many concrete companies. After going through the state park, you will see the Centennial Lighthouse, the lighthouse used for our National Convention logo. A picture was taken by Nancy Friedlander and developed into our logo by Nancy. At the end of the Riverwalk, at this time, is a small carousel for people to ride. It also has a world map engraved into the concrete. It is not unusual to see people picnicking, fishing or just walking along the Riverwalk, as it is one of the most beautiful natural areas of Detroit.

Driving to Cobo Center

Detroit has four major freeways that lead into Downtown Detroit and drop you off by the Cobo Center. Both the Chrysler Freeway (I-375) from the north and the Lodge Freeway (M-10) from the south end on Jefferson Ave. In fact, as you arrive from the south, you travel through a tunnel under Cobo Center.

If you are staying at the Marriott at the Renaissance Center or the Courtyard by Marriott, just drive down Jefferson Ave. They are located on each side of this street. Here are the directions to help you find Cobo Center.

Traveling from the North via I-75:

1. Take I-375 south.
2. Exit at Westbound Jefferson Ave.
3. Proceed down Jefferson Ave. to Cobo Center, straight ahead.
4. Stay to the right to avoid going back onto the freeway.
 - A. **To park in the Cobo Center Garage:**
 1. Cross Washington Blvd.
 2. Drive into the parking garage.
 - B. **To park on the Cobo Center Roof:**
 1. Turn right onto Washington Blvd.
 2. Drive two blocks.
 3. Then turn left on Congress.
 4. Stay right to avoid going onto the freeway.
 5. Pass Second St.
 6. Turn left into Cobo Roof Parking.

Traveling from the South via I-75:

1. Exit at M-10 (Lodge Freeway) south.
2. Follow the signs to Civic/Cobo Center.
 - A. **To park in the Cobo Center Garage:**
 1. Exit left at Larned St.
 2. At the stop light, turn right on to Washington Blvd.
 3. Turn right into garage entrance.
 - B. **To park on the Cobo Center Roof:**
 1. Exit at Howard St.
 2. Drive straight ahead to the third stop light.
 3. Turn left on Fort St. and drive one block.
 4. Turn right on Third St.
 5. The road will curve to the left. Turn right into Cobo Roof Parking.

Traveling from the West via I-96:

1. Exit at M-10 (Lodge Freeway) south and follow the signs to Civic/Cobo Center.
2. Use the directions above for South via I-75.

Traveling from the West via I-94:

1. Exit on to I-96 south.
2. Exit at M-10 (Lodge Freeway) south and follow the signs to Civic/Cobo Center.
3. Use the directions above for South via I-75.

Traveling from the Northwest via M-10:

1. Follow the signs to Civic/Cobo Center.
2. Use the directions above for South via I-75.

Cobo Center - Just the Basics

Strolling around Cobo Center can be a little confusing, so here are the "basics!"

Cobo Center has four areas representing the three local counties and the City of Detroit. If you are coming from the west on the People Mover, you enter Cobo Center in the "**Detroit**" area. Straight ahead are the areas: "**Macomb**," "**Oakland**," and finally "**Wayne**." Most of the dancing and meetings will be in the "Oakland" and "Wayne" areas. The People Mover drops the riders on Level 3 of the Cobo Center. Above this level is "Roof Parking," which you can access by elevator. Using a series of 26 escalators and elevators, dancers can travel to Level 2, Level 1, Level O (the basement), and the "Parking Garage" below Level 0.

Let's say you want to go the Wednesday Night Show, "**Motown on Review**," which is located in room **W1-52**. The "**W1**" means that this room is located in the "**Wayne**" area on "**Level 1**." The room numbers run in order, so just look for room "**52**." The only level that **does not** use this numbering system is the basement, Level 0. On Level 0, you will find the Michigan Hall, whose

rooms are lettered Michigan 48 (M-48), Michigan 49 (M-49), and Michigan 50 (M-50). If you are departing on a tour, you will also meet on this level in the Edgewater Room to pick up the tours. If you stroll along the Detroit Riverwalk to Cobo Center, you will enter the Cobo Center at **Level 0**.

The **Registration Desk** is located on **Level 1 in the lobby of Cobo Center's Main Entrance, known as the "Wayne Atrium."** If you are walking to Cobo Center down Jefferson Ave. from the Marriott Renaissance Center on a beautiful, Michigan summer day, you will enter Cobo Center at the Washington Blvd. Main Entrance.

Well, there you have it! You now know the "basics" to traverse Cobo Center

IS THERE ANY FOOD IN DETROIT?

Wow, is that a loaded question? Detroit has so much to offer that your difficulty will not be where to eat, but when to fit it in.

Let's begin with the **Marriott and the Ren. Center**-Our host hotel.

Forty-Two Degrees North: This wonderful restaurant features American Midwest Cuisine with the best river views in the city.

The Volt: An electrifying bar and lounge that features light snacks and heartier fare and has floor to ceiling windows. Casual Dress – lunch and dinner

Starbucks: You'll never have to leave the hotel to get that morning fix!

Food Court: Yes, there is a food court right there in the hotel. There are at least 15 different fast food restaurants offering everything. Why not get a take-out and sit along the beautiful Detroit River. Then stroll down to the Riverwalk and check out the wetlands and the state park.

Andiamo Riverfront Detroit: This restaurant serves authentic, northern Italian cuisine at the water's edge in the Wintergarden of the G.M. Renaissance Center. They are open for lunch and dinner.

Hockey Town Café: This sports bar and restaurant is also open for lunch and dinner.

Potbelly Sandwich Works: Enjoy sandwiches, soups and ice cream while taking in the refreshing view of the Detroit River and Windsor, Canada.

Do you realize that we are not even out of the headquarters hotel? This list does not include all the choices, but time is moving on. Where should we go now? Maybe you would like to know what kind of food you will find at Cobo Center itself.

Cobo Center

For those of you who do not want to journey outside Cobo Center, we have many options for you! We will be offering delicious lunch and dinner buffets daily.

Kiosks: Throughout Cobo Center, there will also be various kiosks where you can purchase **sandwiches, pizza, hamburgers, hotdogs, muffins, ice cream, etc.**

The People Mover and Food!

Do not limit yourself to the Marriott and the Convention Center. There are numerous restaurants, offering a variety of food along the People Mover. Stop at **Greektown, Bricktown,** and the Theater District at the **Broadway** and **Grand Circus Park Stations.** What's the People Mover you ask? It is an elevated train that will transport you around downtown Detroit. There are 13 different stops along the People Mover. Each one has attractions, restaurants, stores, bars, and some have casinos. If you are not too tired from all that dancing, I hope you take the time to explore the city. Included in your registration will be a pamphlet giving you the names of restaurants at each stop. And guess what? The fee for the People Mover is included in your registration fee. Ride it as many times as you like for **FREE.**

GO! SEE! SHOP! EAT!

Education Highlights

The Education Events scheduled for the 60th National Square Dance Convention® will give you an opportunity to increase your knowledge base relative to the activity we all enjoy. Between the Seminars, Panels, Club Leadership Program, Clinics, and Sew & Save events along with the Keynote Speech, Publications & Program Book display, Bid Session, Showcase of Ideas, and Organizations Round Table, there will be something of interest to everyone. Please check out the Education link on the 60th NSDC website, www.60nsdc.com. The current schedule includes:

Seminars: Thirty-three seminars are currently scheduled. They will start at 9 a.m. Thursday and end at 5 p.m. On Friday, they start at 1 p.m. and end at 5 p.m. This will allow you to attend the Bid Session and Keynote speech. On Saturday, seminars will start at 10 a.m. and end at 5 p.m.

Panels: Twenty panel discussions are currently scheduled. They will begin at 9:30 a.m. Thursday and end at 4 p.m. On Friday and Saturday, they start at 1:30 p.m. and end at 4 p.m.

Club Leadership Program: This program will enable you to receive recognition by attending four identified panels or seminars, the keynote speech and two elective seminars or panels. Your recognition will be a certificate of completion and a dangle for your badge.

Clinics: We have scheduled a large variety of dance activities in the Education Clinic room. In addition, there will be an opportunity for you to experience what the next level of square

dancing has to offer as “Introductory” sessions in the respective dance hall. The Contra, Clogging and Country Western halls will also offer “Introductory” sessions in their respective halls.

Sew & Save: There are thirteen combination demonstration and make & take events scheduled. These will start at 10 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The workroom will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday and Friday. It will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. The drawing for prizes will start at 3 p.m. on Saturday, with all prizes to be picked up by 5 p.m. Saturday.

Keynote Speech: Ken Ritucci will deliver the Keynote address at 11 a.m. on Friday. His focus will be on “Addressing Challenging Changes Through Great Education”.

Publications & Program Book Display: The publications sent to us by the various local areas will be on display along with the Lee Long collection of convention program books. Please stop and browse through this display from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Bid Session: The Bid Session will start at 9 a.m. Friday. As of now, there are two cities bidding for the 64th National Square Dance Convention® in 2015.

Showcase of Ideas: Stop by Wayne Hall and browse the numerous organizations that will be displaying their ideas related to promoting our dance activity. The Showcase of Ideas will be available to you from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. It will open at 10 a.m. on Saturday, but close at 2 p.m. All displays are to stay intact until 2 p.m.

Organizations Round Table: This event will start at 9 a.m. Saturday and is scheduled to end at 11 a.m. Participants will include two previous NSDC convention chairs, USDA, ARTS-Dance, and CALLERLAB. It will be moderated by the chairman of the 60th NSDC. This discussion will focus on how the various representatives view the changes that are facing our dance activity.

Competition

Do you enjoy a little friendly competition? Then join in the fun of a Square Dance Competition. The competition will be held on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. in Cobo Arena. The callers will be Tony Oxendine and Randy Dougherty.

Dancers need to sign up before the competition and must sign up as part of a complete square of eight. Individual couples wishing to compete that don't have a team can post their interest in joining other individual couples at the competition registration table and form themselves into a square. Competition sign-up forms can be picked up in the lobby near the registration booth area at the competition registration table. There will be someone at the competition registration table on Wednesday from noon until 4:30 p.m. and on Thursday from 9:00 a.m.

until 12:30 p.m. Teams must be registered by 12:30 p.m. on Thursday. Forms should be returned to the competition registration table by 12:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Rules for the competition can be found in the program book. They will also be available at the competition registration table.

All participants in the competition must be registered for the 60th National Square Dance Convention.

Volunteer judges are needed to judge the competition.

Remember to check the 60th website www.60nsdc.com for more extensive and current information about the National Square Dance Convention events.

GREAT LAKES - GREAT DANCING

Roger Chapman

One of the Florida Square Dance community's and Florida Callers Association's finest callers, Roger Chapman, passed away March 3, 2011.

Roger and Mary Jane began dancing in 1959 with Sam Prescott and started calling in his hometown of Winter Haven. Roger taught new beginners each year and his home clubs "Sunshine Swingers" and "Susie Q's" were flourishing clubs during the peak of square dancing due to his devotion to the square dance activity. Roger was in demand throughout the Southeast and in constant demand to call for many clubs around the state. He traveled to Brazil and Hawaii with dancers and called during their travels.

Roger was a member of the Florida Callers Association for over 45 years and when he retired from calling due to health, he became a Lifetime Member of FCA. He was a member of the American Callers Association and was a tireless leader for the square dance activity for more than 45 years.

Roger and Mary Jane, along with six other Florida callers and partners started "The Florida Sunshine Festival" which ran from 1974 – 2004. It became one of the premier festivals in the country. Roger was on staff of many festivals and enjoyed the "Fontana Fun Fest" where lasting memories were formed with the dancers and callers from around the country, who worked on staff with Roger. He recorded numerous records for "Blue Star" recording company. Roger enjoyed calling all levels, especially making sure the dancers were having a great time at all levels.

In addition to being one of the finest callers in our activity, he was a master wood carver and if you have one of his hand-carved bolos you are among one of the lucky ones. He won many awards for his carvings from around the state and was an instructor for the Winter Haven Recreation Dept. Roger played football for the "Gators" after receiving a Football scholarship out of high school. He owned Chapman Tile Co. for 50 years until retirement.

Roger's pride and joy was his family; married 58 years to Mary Jane, they have 2 daughters, Debbie and Denise and 1 son, Tiger, 4 grandchildren & 3 great grandchildren.

We have been blessed to have wonderful memories of our times together and how much he loved the square dance activity will live forever to those of us who knew and loved him.

John & Linda Saunders

What's Happening This Week?

Week of April 11, 2011

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

Monday (April 11) – Hampton Promenaders – Ariana Beach Club, 320 Ramsgate, Auburndale – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream and Plus tips 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Sam Dunn**; 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 Ice Cream Parlor Dance - 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: **Bob Schlenker**, 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

Tuesday (April 12) – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Mexican Fiesta 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: Keith Stevens, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace – beautiful wood floor - finger foods. For info: jgsap@yahoo.com or sgdnfan@aol.com.

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

Wednesday (April 13) – **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.

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 Final Dance of the Season – 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: **Sam Dunn**. 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 (April 14) - **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 – 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Callers: **Len Siegmann**, Cuer: **Ruth Siegmann**. For info: 941-475-2777 or 941-426-2354.

Charlotte Promenaders will be dancing in a new location effective January 6, 2012. The new location is Port Charlotte Beach Recreation Center, 4500 Harbor Boulevard, Port Charlotte – parking passes will be provided. For info: 941-426-2364 or 941-429-8271.

Promenade Squares Easter Bonnet Dance – 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 (April 15) – Dixie Grande Squares – Grace Lutheran Church, 327 Avenue C SE, Winter Haven – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. - Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Cuer: Carl Rod. THIS IS NOW A WEEKLY DANCE WITH EARLY ROUNDS. For info: 863-293-9369 or carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com.

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: Keith Stevens. 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.

Spinning Wheels Easter Dance – Mango Recreation Center, 11717 Clay Pit Road, Seffner – ER 6:15 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 6:45 – 8:45 p.m. – Caller: Art Springer, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. 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 Nifty Fifties - 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: Bob Ellis, Mike Cox. Square dance attire preferred. For info: suzannelynch3@verizon.net or gail3357@gmail.com.

Saturday (April 16) – Pasco Squares – C.A.R.E.S. Enrichment Center, 12417 Tower Parkway, Hudson – Workshop 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., dance 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – alternating Plus and Mainstream tips. For info: 727-808-3429 or 727-809-0323.

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: Red Bates, Cuer: Jack Jenkins. For info: 813-752-0491 or www.strawberrysquaredancing.com. If you are unable to reach the office, call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Linda Lynn 813-659-9040, Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702, or Nicki Horne 813-8905 or 813-727-6210.

Strawberry Square Phase IV Dance/Workshop - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City – 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: luvrds@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 – 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 (April 17) – **Motivators Final Dance of the Season** – St. Cloud Senior Center, 3101 – 17th Street, St. Cloud – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. A-2, 4:00 p.m. C-1 Tip – Caller: Chris Phillips - \$4 per person. For info: 407-344-9260 or loisdancer@aol.com.

Timber Pines – Hwy. 19, Spring Hill – Early Rounds 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. - Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Bob Bourassa - square dance attire optional – for gate access and directions call 352-666-1546.

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 – casual dress. For info: 352-270-8469 or <http://www.floridasquaredance.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 – La Hacienda Center, The Villages 352-259-6040 – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Don Hanhurst, Cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: hal.baumann1959@gmail.com or 352-259-6552.

Monday (April 18) – **Hampton Promenaders** – Ariana Beach Club, 320 Ramsgate, Auburndale – ER None, Mainstream and Plus tips 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Roland Blanchette; 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: **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

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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March 31, 2011 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Plus Workshop** – Palm Terrace Healthcare Center, 1919 Lakeland Hills Boulevard, Lakeland – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette. All square dancers who have completed Mainstream lessons and those who want to brush up on their Plus skills are invited to attend. For info: sgdncfan@aol.com or 863-224-3393.

May 5, 2011 – **Temple Twirlers Beginner Class** – Lakeshore Villa Retirement Park, 15401 Lakeshore Villa Street, Tampa, FL – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Caller/Instructor: Ron Reardon. \$3 per person per session. Angels who come to help with the beginner class will not be required to pay. For info: flobyington@yahoo.com.

May 5, 2011 – **Temple Twirlers Plus Workshop** – Lakeshore Villa Retirement Park, 15401 Lakeshore Villa Street, Tampa, FL - Caller/Instructor: Ron Reardon. \$3 per person per session. Everyone will be required to pay (including angels). For info: flobyington@yahoo.com.

May 29 – June 4, 2011 – **Round Dance Camp Fun Valley** – South Fork, Colorado – Cuers: Dick and Karen Fisher. Clinics – Workshops – Party Dances – Private Lessons – Fun and Games. Six clinics, three each on two rhythms chosen by the dancers; Eight teaches/reviews (Phase II to Phase VI) Six nights of Phase II-VI programmed dancing on a floating wood floor; Wednesday off for sightseeing, horse back riding, golf, shopping, or private lessons; and RV hookups, cabins, motel units; all meals included in dance package. For info: 936-366-2504 or rffisher@tamu.edu or www.fisherdance.com. For board and room options and registrations 1-800-548-1684.

June 12 – 16, 2011 – **Heart of America Callers School** – Kaw-Valley Dance Center, 200 SW 30th Street, Suite 105, Topeka, KS 66611 – Staff: Jerry Junck*, Paul Henze*, and Tim Marriner*. Contact: Jerry Junck, 908 Brooke Drive, Wayne, NE 68787, 402-375-2420, junck@aol.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.

July 3 – 7 – 2011 – **Cascade Callers College** – Circle 8 Ranch, Cle Elum, WA – Staff: Daryl Clendenin* and Jerry Junck*. Contact: Daryl Clendenin at daryl@clendenin.net.

July 15 – 17, 2011 – **California Caller College** – Santa Ana, California. Staff: Frank Lesclinier*. Contact: Frank Lesclinier, 909-229-3031 or frank253@hotmail.com.

July 18 – 21, 2011 – **SDCCGB Callers School, Southampton, UK** – Southampton, England. Staff: Paul Bristow* and Jerry Story*. Contact: Susie Kelly, (Hon Sec SD Callers Club of GB), 2 Crossbridge Cottages, Thornton, Milton Keynes, MK17 0HE, UK, +44 (0) 1280 816940 or susie@graybo.co.uk.

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, Saundra 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

November 6, 2011 – **Strawberry Square Beginner Round Dance (choreographed ballroom) Lessons** – Strawberry square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Cuers/Instructors: Charlie and Leona Lovelace. For info: 813-752-0491 or www.strawberrysquaredancing.com.

November 6 – 10, 2011 – **Pocono Caller's School** – Lake Harmony, White Haven, PA. Staff: Tom Miller, Betsy Gotta*, and Barry Clasper*. Contact: Betsy Gotta, 2 Laurel Place, North Brunswick, NJ 08902, 732-249-2086, ugottadance@optonline.net.

November 9, 2012 – **Horizon Village Round Dance Class** - Horizon Village, 9200 Littleton Road, N. Fort Myers (south of the Shell Factory and west of US 41) – Cuer/Instructor: Ruth Siegmann. Review some Phase 2 Basics; learn Classics and Phase 3 Rounds. For info: 239-823-7661.

November 17 – 21, 2011 – **Silver Sate Caller College** – Las Vegas, NV. Staff: Doug Davis* (Spokane, WA), Nasser Shukayr* (San Antonio, TX), and Hanna Tenenbaum (Malmoe, Sweden). Contact: Nasser Shukayr at nshukayr@gmail.com.

December 5, 2011 – **Strawberry Square Beginner Square Dance Lessons** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. (immediately following beginner class) – for those wanting to get back into square dancing, a refresher or just finished Mainstream - Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette. \$5 per person; first class free. Casual clothes and comfortable shoes recommended. For info: 813-752-0491 or www.strawberrysquaredancing.com.

December 5, 2011 – **Strawberry Square Plus Square Dance Lessons** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. (immediately following beginner class) – for those wanting to get back into square dancing, a refresher or just finished Mainstream - Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette. \$5 per person. Casual clothes and comfortable shoes recommended. For info: 813-752-0491 or www.strawberrysquaredancing.com.

January 8, 2012 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Beginners Square Dance Class** – Heatherwood, Harden Boulevard, Lakeland, FL – 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette. For info: sgdncfan@aol.com or 863-224-3393.

January 8, 2012 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Plus Workshop** – Heatherwood, Harden Boulevard, Lakeland, FL – 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette. For info: sgdncfan@aol.com or 863-224-3393.

NO DATES AVAILABLE – **Al Stevens Caller School** – Schwarzwald Sonnenhof Hotel, Langenbrand, Germany. Staff: Al Stevens*. Contact: Al Stevens, Broetzingerstr, 56, 75180 Pforzheim, + 49 7231 766704 or AlStevensCaller@aol.com.

– **Rocky Mountain Callers School** – Denver, Colorado. Staff: Tim Marriner*, Ron Markus*, and Mike Olivieri. Contact: Ron Markus, 520-795-3543, ramcaller@juno.com, www.rockmtncallerschool.com.

Looking Ahead

For a complete list of upcoming dances by year, click here
www.dancergram.com.

October 15 – 16, 2011 – Round Dance Council of Florida Fall Weekend of Rounds Latin Mini-Boot Camp – Stardust Dance Center, 1405 S. Collins Street, Plant City, FL – Phase 3 and 4+ weekend of dancing and clinics. Weekend page \$75 per couple. Featured cuers: Curt and Tammy Worlock. **Saturday:** 9:15 – 9:30 a.m. – Warm Up Rounds with Council Cuers; 9:30 – 11:45 a.m. Clinic for all – conducted by Curt and Tammy; 11:45 – 1:00 P.M. Lunch provided by Round Dance Council of Florida; 1:30 – 3:45 p.m. - Clinic for all conducted by Curt and Tammy. 3:45 – 4:45 p.m. – Round Dance Council Meeting for Council members; 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. Phase 3/4+ Dance conducted by Curt and Tammy. **Sunday:** 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Clinic for all conducted by Curt and Tammy; 11:00 – 12:00 noon Phase 3/4+ Dace with Curt and Tammy. HOTEL: Comfort Inn, 2003 South Frontage Road (Park Road exit), Plant City; 813-707-6000. \$69.99 + tax (ask for Stardust rate). Partial weekend prices available up to sellout. Refundable until day of event. Mail check payable to Curt Worlock, 3613 Citrus Tree Court, Plant City, FL 33566. For info: 813-759-8313.

October 16, 2011 – **West Coast Association Membership Dance** – Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City – Early Rounds 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., Squares (alternating Mainstream and Plus) and rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Emcee: TBA – square dance attire

preferred. West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person. For info: sgdncfan@aol.com or 863-874-4522.

November 1, 2011 – **Maple Leaf Squares First Dance of the Season** – 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.

November 1, 2011 – **R&R Gators First Dance of the Season** - 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.

November 3, 2011 - **Maple Leaf Squares First A2 Dance of the Season** – 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.

November 6, 2011 – **Cloverleaf Leprechauns' First Dance of the Season** - 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: Red Bates, Cuer: Judy Doane – casual dress. For info: 352-270-8469 or <http://www.dloridasquaredance.com/leprechaun34601/>.

December 4, 2011 – **West Coast Association Membership Dance** – Corkscrew Woodlands, Estero – Early Rounds 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., Squares (alternating Mainstream and Plus) and rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Emcee: TBA – square dance attire preferred. West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person. For info: sgdncfan@aol.com or 863-874-4522.

January 8, 2012 - **West Coast Association Membership Dance** – 900 North Broad Street (U.S. 41 N.), Brooksville, FL – Early Rounds 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., Squares (alternating Mainstream and Plus) and rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Emcee: TBA – square dance attire preferred. West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person. For info: sgdncfan@aol.com or 863-874-4522.

January 20, 2012 – **Buttonwood Bay Squares Pie Dance** - 10001 U.S. Rt. 27 S., Sebring – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Square Dance 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Mike Gormley; Cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: Roger and Connie McElfresh 863-655-4243 or rogerconniemc@tnni.net.

February 12, 2012 – **West Coast Association Membership Dance** – Bartow Civic Center, 2250 Floral Avenue, Bartow – Early Rounds 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., Squares (alternating Mainstream and Plus) and rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Emcee: TBA – square dance attire preferred. West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person. For info: sgdncfan@aol.com or 863-874-4522.

March 11, 2012 - **West Coast Association Membership Dance** – Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, Sebring – Early Rounds 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., Squares (alternating Mainstream and Plus) and

rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Emcee: TBA – square dance attire preferred. West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person. For info: sgdncfan@aol.com or 863-874-4522.

March 27, 2012 – **Maple Leaf Squares Final Dance of the Season** - 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.

March 27, 2012 – **R&R Gators Final Dance of the Season** - 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.

August 19, 2012 - **West Coast Association VIP Dance** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Early Rounds 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., Squares (alternating Mainstream and Plus) and rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Callers: TBA; Cuers: TBA – square dance attire preferred. West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person. For info: sgdncfan@aol.com or 863-874-4522.

October 16, 2011 – **West Coast Association Membership Dance** – Woodland Hill, 7125 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FL – Early Rounds 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., Squares (alternating Mainstream and Plus) and rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Emcee: TBA – square dance attire preferred. West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person. For info: sgdncfan@aol.com or 863-874-4522.

September 16, 2012 – **West Coast Association President's Ball** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Early Rounds 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., Squares (alternating Mainstream and Plus) and rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Caller: TBA; Cuer TBA – square dance attire preferred. West Coast members FREE; guests \$5 per person. For info: sgdncfan@aol.com or 863-874-4522.

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.nsdirectory.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.suziegcreations.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)

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<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)

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Clubs

www.sailfishsquares.org

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