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May 25, 2011 – West Coast Association Folding/Business

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

June 1, 2010 – **Deadline for Northeast Association’s *The Grapevine***. For info: thegrapevine@pergrossi.com.

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

June 5, 2010 - **Deadline for submissions to the July 2011 issue of the *Bow and Swing***. For info: bowandswing@gmail.com

July 20, 2011 – **Deadline for West Coast Association Distinguished Service Award Nominations.** For info: anndonslocum@juno.com.

From the Editor...

So much to do and so little time! Many of your West Coast representatives will be busy this weekend attending meetings and helping with the convention. Hopefully, they will get to dance too!

Please try to attend the West Coast Folding/Business Meeting this Wednesday. This will be our last meeting for the summer. We will not be meeting again until the end of September. There will also not be any West Coast Dancers available until after that meeting in September. The DANCERgram, however, will continue to be distributed on a weekly basis through the summer.

I hope you are making plans to attend the convention this weekend, and that all weekend dances will be canceled in support of **YOUR** state convention. Even if you can't make it for the entire weekend, you can come for a day or an evening. The split prices are listed further down in this issue.

There is a lot of information packed in to this issue regarding the convention. Please be sure to review it and if I haven't covered something that you want to know about, please get in touch with me.

There is also a Trails End Dance at Strawberry Square on Thursday night to kick off the convention. Hope to see you there too!

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).

Penny Green, West Coast president and editor of the DANCERgram, will be having an anterior cervical discectomy with fusion this Friday at Winter Haven Hospital. This is surgery to repair some disks in the cervical area of the back and will be done as an outpatient. According to the neurosurgeon, she should be up and walking that day.

Mike Cox, a caller in the Sun City/Ruskin area suffered a mini-stroke this past week and is expecting to be released from St. Joseph's Hospital tomorrow (May 24). If you would like to send a card, Mike's address is: 1015 Neptune Drive, Lot 22, Ruskin, FL 33570

ADA STEINBERGER TROTT of Lake Worth, FL passed away on May 15, 2011 in her 85th year after a brief illness. She was an Active Member of Southeast Round & Square Dance Association and Good Sheppard Methodist Church, West Palm Beach. Beloved mother of Celeste, Arlette and Donald, loving grandmother of Nicole and Tasha, cherished great-grandmother of Caitlin, Hayley and Jonothan. Predeceased by her loving first husband, Frank Steinberger and her second husband, Frank Trott. Reposing 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at Tillman Funeral Home, 2170 S. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. A celebration of her life is being planned for a later date at First Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale. In lieu of flowers please make contributions to Good Sheppard Methodist Church, West Palm Beach or Hospice of Palm Beach County. To express condolences and/or make donations Visit PalmBeachPost.com/obituaries.

Shirley Nihart, Northeast, (who, along with her husband, Dave, is a past president of the Federation) will be entering the hospital on Tuesday, May 24th to go thru tests prior to Open Heart Surgery on Wednesday, May 25th. The surgery is to replace one valve and repair another. Please keep her in your prayers as she goes thru this surgery. We will send out an update following the surgery.

Message from the Northwest regarding **Caller Chuck Myers**:

Hey folks, I was over at WF Hospital earlier in the day, looking to see if I could find some current information about Chuck, and the Nice lady at the nurse's station was quick to inform me that it was not visiting hours, and if I was not family, I could not visit anyway. Properly chastised, I

retreated to the waiting room, and decided to try their home phone number with the hope of catching someone there. As I was speaking to their answering machine, around the corner comes a geezer in a wheelchair, who looks a little like Chuck, being followed by a very nice lady who looked just a little like Barbara Ann. They stopped and upon closer inspection, I found that it indeed was them.

Bobbie told me to "Come on back" indicating that I should follow them to the room. I informed her of my previous encounter with the nice nurse, whom, I think usta play linebacker for Green Bay, but Bobbie insisted. Back we went, wheelchair leading the way, Bobbie next and me following along, being very attentive to what she was saying, and trying not to look at the nurse's station. We made it to the room. We had a very nice chat for about ten minutes, after which I decided I had pressed my luck far enough. I escaped with little more than a nasty glance from one of Green Bay's finest.

Now about Chuck. Nothing definitive yet. They are still running tests, although he seems to be improving as time goes by. There are several things they have found and are treating, and they are hoping he can come home soon. Maybe all it takes is a brief stay under the watchful eye of someone with the demeanor of Nurse Nasty to make a guy get better and want to go home. I think we may see Chuck out of the hospital before long, but don't think he will be calling any dances real soon. I will keep my eyes open and report on his progress as they tell me.

Keep him and Barbara Ann in your prayers. He was one sick puppy when he went in.

UPDATE 5/22/11: Just talked with Chuck Meyers. He is in a regular room now and expects to go home in the next 2-3 days. Good news, BUT, he has a very serious condition. He has had a hiatal hernia for some 50 years and his stomach has protruded thru the diaphragm and into the chest cavity where the esophagus has wrapped around the stomach. This caused all the vomiting and more than likely the stress from that caused the light heart attack. His seven Drs. are meeting tomorrow to decide what to do, leave it alone or do surgery. Either option has its drawbacks and either option will be very risky. After his Drs. decide what they think, and then Chuck will have to decide what he wants them to do.

Please keep Chuck and Bobbie in your prayers. I will pass on any further information as I receive it.

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

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

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

The Ship is just about to the port!

Are you ready? The ship will be pulling in on Thursday, May 26 for the Trials End Dance at Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City.

Don't want you to miss out on anything, so below is a list of important information to make this a fun weekend for you.

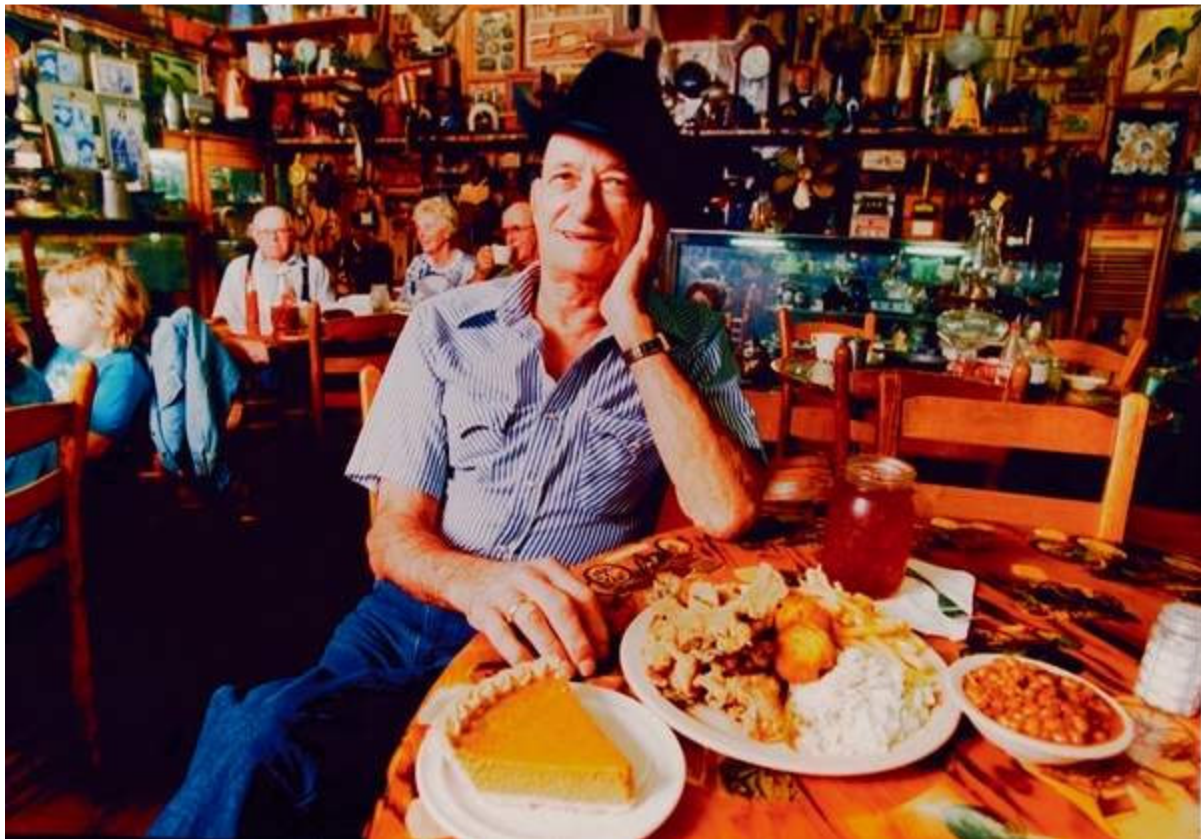
- ✚ **Accommodations:** The host hotel is the Country Inn and Suites, 4500 Lakeland Park Drive (Exit 33 off I-4), Lakeland. They may be full by now, but the Howard Johnsons, at I-4 and Highway 98, has rooms available at the same convention rate as the Country Inn & Suites.
- ✚ **Registration:** Do you have your ribbon(s) yet? If you don't, they are still available through May 26 at the discounted price of \$27 per person for the entire weekend; they go up to \$30 at the door. Can't dance the entire weekend, well we have "split" prices as follows: Friday only - \$12 per person; Friday and Saturday - \$25 per person; Saturday and Sunday \$27 per person; Saturday Evening \$12 per person; Sunday only - \$12 per person. These split "prices" can only be sold at the convention. Pre-ribbon sales are for the entire weekend. Oh!!! And don't forget to pack your ribbon(s) and badge(s)!
- ✚ **Attire:** Friday night – pirate attire or pirate themed square dance clothes; Saturday – club colors; and Sunday – Mardi Gras costumes or themed square dance clothes. Square dance attire is requested for all evening sessions; casual attire is acceptable during the day.
- ✚ **Program Booklet:** The entire program booklet can be found at <http://floridasquaredance.com/convention/57/images/ProgramBookPullout.pdf>. You can print it off and start planning your schedule for the weekend!
- ✚ **New Dancers:** Encourage your new dancers to attend; there will be a Mainstream hall, and I've been told there will be some surprises in that room!
- ✚ **Singles (and any others that would like to join us):** Please come to the meet and greet on Skeleton Island. There will be lots of singles/solos at the convention, so come here to meet them. Even if you have a partner, please support this endeavor. There will be squares and rounds.
- ✚ **Youth:** Unfortunately there won't be a separate hall for the youth, but please come join the Singles on Friday night. The Youth Chairman, Jenny Green, has made ribbons with green frogs for dancers to pin on their outfits to indicate you will welcome youth and young adults in your square. As we all know, this is our lifeblood and we have to encourage their participation.
- ✚ **Pirate Flotilla (Grand March):** Participants in the Grand March will include the officers of the Florida Federation, officers of the Florida Callers Association, officers of the Round Dance Council of Florida, officers of each of the regional associations, FASSRD, and Square Dance Campers, four (4) representatives only from each club in club colors and carrying your club banner. Everyone participating in the Flotilla is asked to be at the Opening Ceremonies on the Black Pearl (Plus Hall) at 6:00 p.m. After the ceremonies, all participants will be dismissed to line up for the march on Treasure Island (Mainstream Hall). When you arrive on Treasure Island, please be attentive to the instructions for lining up.
- ✚ **Exhibits and Showcase:** Be sure to visit the exhibits and see the Showcase of Ideas exhibit from the Florida Federation which will be on display at the National Convention in Detroit next month.
- ✚ **Entertainment:** There will be entertainment each night on the Black Pearl at 6:30 p.m. Come early so you get a good seat! Friday night will be the Opening Ceremonies;

Saturday night will include a rendition of the National Anthem by Brenda Whitaker, introduction of the current crew, awards and the Pirate Flotilla; and Sunday night will include the introduction of the 58th (2012) Convention Chairmen and their kick-off and invitation.

- ✚ **Competition:** Some people have a strong desire to compete and we aim to please everyone (or at least try). There will be competition on Saturday afternoon on the Black Pearl at 2:00 p.m. You can build your square ahead of time or just come to the hall and start up a square. Last square standing wins!
- ✚ **Dangles:** For you dangle lovers; there will be surprise dangle dances on Treasure Island Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon.
- ✚ **Jolly Roger's Booty (Sewing and Crafts):** Something for the crafty people! There will be raffle tickets available, handmade coasters will be given away and you can pick up a schedule for their activities for the weekend; Saturday – demo on gathering made easy, press a hem, fill an iron, and care of a slip, crafts making bells, a pair of earrings, and pop-up cards. Sunday afternoon – crafts: learn to tie a lovely bow, make a ribbon bracelet and pop-up cards. Demo on gathering made easy, third hand, thimbles, and hump jumper.
- ✚ **Vendors:** Square dance clothes, shoes, accessories, embroidery, jewelry, travel, gold and silver buyer, badges and dangles made to order, and a health consultant. They open at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and will be open every day through the evening (except for meal breaks) and will close Saturday night.
- ✚ **Meetings:** What kind of convention would it be if we didn't have meetings???
 - Friday
 - 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. – 58th (2012) Convention Committee – Execution Dock
 - Saturday
 - 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. – Convention Profit Review – The Spanish Main (Country Inn & Suites).
 - 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. – Round Dance Council of Florida – Devil's Island
 - 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Square Dance Insurance Program – Execution Dock
Every club participating in the Square Dance Insurance program, please send a representative. If your club is considering participating in the program or just want information for yourself, please plan to attend.
 - Sunday
 - 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. – Florida Federation meeting – Execution Dock.
Everyone welcome to attend.
 - 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. – Florida Callers' Association meeting – Captain Hook's Nook

Polk Chronicles: A Visit To Allen's Historical Café

On the occasion of Polk County's Sesquicentennial (150th) and Auburndale's Centennial (100th) celebrations this year, I thought this article would be of interest to everyone.



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CARL ALLEN inside Allen's Historical Cafe in Auburndale. He served Cracker foods such as catfish, alligator, rattlesnake, frog legs, turtle and swamp cabbage.

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Fourteen years ago, Polk County lost one of its most unique institutions. In fact, all of Florida did.

There's so much you missed out on if you never had a chance to visit Allen's Historical Cafe in Auburndale. Cracker foods such as catfish, alligator, rattlesnake, frog legs, turtle and swamp cabbage. The wild collection of historical artifacts that covered every surface. The bluegrass music on Thursday nights.

Located at 1387 U.S. 92 W. in Auburndale -- just west of where Bridgers Avenue intersects with the highway -- the barn red, wood-frame building with ALLEN'S in giant white letters across the top was an Auburndale landmark. It had white-painted hitching posts out front -- and if you'd come up on horseback, I doubt Carl Allen would have minded.

Allen's was founded in 1958 by Auburndale native Carl Allen and his wife, Jewell. It started out as a bait and tackle shop, but around 1964 Carl Allen started serving catfish dinners, according to www.dizzyrambler.com, a site created by Carl Chambers, one of Allen's regulars on bluegrass night.

"I had to take my wife all the way to Okeechobee to get a mess of catfish," Chambers' website quotes Allen as saying. "Then one day I got me an idea: I'm goin' down there and bring me back a load, and I'm gonna cook 'em in here. And that's how I got started. I put catfish on the map."

Allen's menu was wild. As in, most of the Cracker delicacies offered were wild animals. Allen hired hunters to bring in a variety of critters including diamondback rattlesnake, soft-shelled turtle, shark and even armadillo.

"I don't know why he started (cooking armadillo), but I think there was a governor at the time who loved armadillo," Jewell Allen told the Associated Press in 1998. "He was just searching for something unusual because we are unusual."

If the restaurant looked a little rustic on the outside, it was nothing compared to the historical feel inside. The walls and ceiling were covered with historical artifacts and antique oddities that Carl Allen started collecting as a young boy in Auburndale. Pictures of old Auburndale. One of the city's old gas street lamps. A variety of cooking implements. The keys and locks to the original county jail in Bartow. A bright green stove. Coca-Cola door handles. It was hard to just sit at one of the homemade wooden tables (each of them covered with pictures and heavy shellacked, made with a treadle sewing machine base) and not go wandering around the restaurant to see what curiosities you might notice this time. And Carl Allen could tell you stories about every one of them.

"I try not to give my customers just another place to eat, but a place where one can reminisce while taking a giant step back into the past," Allen told the Winter Haven News Chief in 1976.

And then there was the music. In the 1970s Allen started welcoming local bluegrass musicians to the restaurant to jam together. It soon became a Thursday night tradition, growing so much that Allen added a large music room with a stage and sound system to the back of the restaurant in 1980, the Dizzy Rambler website states.

"There got to be so many pickers sittin' on my tables that I couldn't serve food," the site quotes Allen as saying. "They'd come in and sit down at five o'clock and didn't leave until 11. I don't blame 'em. They'll tell you 'If you don't jam at Allen's, you can't come to Florida.'"

Again, not that Allen minded. He founded the Florida State Bluegrass Championship in the 1970s and personally presided over it for 25 years.

Carl Allen died in March 1996 at age 78. Although the Allens had a lifetime lease on their building, Jewell Allen, then 72, chose to close the doors in May 1998. That July, the more than 7,000 antique collectibles that lined the restaurant's walls were sold at the largest auction Polk County had ever seen. It took four days to sell 60 years' worth of collecting.

"It represents the end of an era of old Cracker Florida," Gov. Lawton Chiles, himself a Cracker and cafe regular, told the Associated Press in May 1998. "The cafe had a quality of what old Florida is really about."

The Sins and Evils of Square Dancing

A warning to all by yours truly, Les Quilter
Reprint from Cross Trail News, March-April 2011

In fairness to the parent body, I offer this disclaimer. The opinions expressed here are not necessarily endorsed by the WS&RDA. Brent and Cathy Besse are stepping down from calling, signifying the end of an era. A retirement of a couple respected and loved, who are unaware of the dark side of square dancing. Oh, yes! Square dancing can be evil and a hazard to your health.

What is wrong with square dancing? The calls are depraved, lustful and downright sexually explicit; a bawdy collection of old-fashioned bedroom techniques, featuring licentious conduct and adulterous behavior. I'm no prude, but just listen as I reveal the awful truth about this activity.

One should be aware from the start that married couples are not welcome. If they were, then the opening call should be, "Bow to Your Spouse" not "Bow to Your Partner." This is followed by, "Left Allemande." French is the language of illicit love. You do not stay with your partner, oh, no! "All Eight Circulate": means you leave your partner out in the cold and find someone else. She also is performing this vile act. Drunkenness is actively encouraged as you are invited

to “Pass Out”. Removal of clothing comes next as we hear, “Pell Off”, “Slip” (a female undergarment), “Swing”, we know that is a party game, but I ask you how low is “Slither”?

Misconduct is condoned as you “Pair Off”, “Mix”, “Trade”, “Couples Trade”, even “Triple Trade”.

It doesn’t stop there. You are “Motivated”, called on to “Switch”, “Swap Around”, and the most wicked of all, “Relay the Deuce”, bon on, girl off! Eventually, exhausted, you return to your original partner, but I believe there has been a “Shadow Cast” on square dancing that we have to eradicate swiftly before we suffer a “Chain Reaction”.

I have come to the end of my ramblings and on behalf of all your friends and dancers gathered here tonight, I would like to wish you, Brent and Cathy, the best of luck in the future and thank you for the many years of fun, pleasure and delight of square dancing. Despite my warning I have not indulged in any immoral activities and I am sure neither has anyone here, but it was fun watching Brent’s face as he wondered what I was going to say!

American Square Dance Editor’s Note: This page has been edited to preserve our PG rating.

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What’s Happening This Week?

Week of May 23, 2011

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

Monday (May 23) – ***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 Birthday/Anniversary 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: **George Varney**, 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 (May 24) – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Final Dance of the Season** - Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland, FL – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Art Springer, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace – beautiful wood floor - finger foods – square dance attire preferred. For info: sgdncfan@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 (May 25) – **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 Summer Schedule – Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte, FL. Callers: Wes Morris; Cuers: Jennie Martin and Russ Collier. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.; alternating tips. For info: Mary 863-380-5336 or Jennie 863-494-2749.

Trails End Dance

**Call ahead to ensure there is a dance!
They may all be at the Trails End Dance!**

Thursday (May 26) - **57th Florida State Convention Trails End Dance**, Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Callers: Bob Stern and Roland Morin; Cuers Terri Wilaby and Sandy Sturgis. Cost: Donation. Early Rounds: 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. Squares 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. For info: Ailene Picheco 321-652-0680 or apicheco@juno.com.

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

Promenade Squares – Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – DBD Workshop 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: walkey1a@yahoo.com or 727-789-3836.

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.

Start of the State Convention

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Friday (May 27) – 57th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention – “Yo Ho Ho and a Weekend of Fun” – The Lakeland Center, 401 W. Lime Street, Lakeland, FL – Callers and Cuers: members of the Florida Callers Association and/or the Round Dance Council of Florida. \$27 per person in advance; \$30 at the door. Daily ribbons available at the door. For registration info: sarah.pergrossi@yahoo.com or 352-453-3829.

Dixie Grande Squares – **NO DANCE** For info: 863-293-9369 or carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com.

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

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Saturday (May 28) – 57th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention – “Yo Ho Ho and a Weekend of Fun” – The Lakeland Center, 401 W. Lime Street, Lakeland,

FL – Callers and Cuers: members of the Florida Callers Association and/or the Round Dance Council of Florida. \$27 per person in advance; \$30 at the door. Daily ribbons available at the door. For registration info: sarah.pergrossi@yahoo.com or 352-453-3829.

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.

Palace Promenaders Summer Program – **NO DANCE** For info: Jennie 863-494-2749 or Mary 941-380-5336.

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Sunday (May 29) – **57th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention – “Yo Ho Ho and a Weekend of Fun”** – The Lakeland Center, 401 W. Lime Street, Lakeland, FL – Callers and Cuers: members of the Florida Callers Association and/or the Round Dance Council of Florida. \$27 per person in advance; \$30 at the door. Daily ribbons available at the door. For registration info: sarah.pergrossi@yahoo.com or 352-453-3829.

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 – **NO DANCE** For info: hal.baumann1959@gmail.com or 352-259-6552.

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Monday (May 30) – 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 – NO DANCE 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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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 Lescrier*. Contact: Frank Lescrier, 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.

July 25 – 29, 2011 – **Jubilee Callers School** – BSDA Friendship Hall, Fultondale, AL – Ken Ritucci (CALLERLAB Accredited Callercoach) and Wade Driver. \$350 per student. Space is limited; register today! For info: 413-734-0591 or kenritucci@aol.com.

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.

August 26-27, 2011 - IMPROVE YOUR ROUND DANCING ANNUAL CLINIC – Kennesaw Community Center. 31753 Watts Drive. Kennesaw, Georgia **30144** - Cuers Wayne and Barbara Blackford with Anne and Gup Gupton - Level of Dance PH 4/5 TEACHES & Ph 4/5 soft 6 dancing - Cost of Dance \$70.00 per couple (Includes all dancing & teaches; lunch on Saturday). **Limited Registration** - Time of Dance 7:00 PM. For more Info Contact T.D. Gupton 770-838-9731 tdgupton@comcast.net, P.O. Box 97 Villa Rica, GA 30180.

September 15, 2011 - **Promenade Squares Beginner Square Dance Class** – Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – caller: Dick Demerit – 6:00 p.m. For info: [727-789-3836](tel:727-789-3836) walkey1a@yahoo.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

October 18, 2011 – **Phase III-IV Choreographed Ballroom Figure Clinics, Dance Reviews, New Routines....and Dancing** – Stardust Dance Center, 1405 S. Collins Street (Big Lots Shopping Center), Plant City – Cuers: Karen and Dick Fisher. 7:45 – 9:30 p.m. - !2 per couple per session. For info: rffisher@tamu.edu; www.fisherdance.com; 936-366-2504.

November 3, 2011 - **Maple Leaf Squares “Rusty Dancers”** – Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Highway (I-75 Exit 170 go SW 1 ½ miles), Queensway Hall – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – caller: Dave Magee. Gated community; ask guard for directions to Canam Clubhouse. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

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 13, 2011 – **Temple Twirlers Beginner Square Dance Class** - Silver Dollar Resort, 12515 Silver Dollar Drive, Hospitality Room/adjointing Clubhouse, Odessa, FL – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. - open for new members for three weeks – Caller/Instructor: Sharon Short - \$3 per person – no charge for angels...ever. For info: 813-239-3314 or sshar16@aol.com.

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 6, 2012 - **Maple Leaf Squares Beginners Class Open House** – Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Highway (I-75 Exit 170 go SW 1 ½ miles), Queensway Hall – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

January 8, 2012 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Beginners Square Dance Class** – Heatherwood, Harden Boulevard, Lakeland, FL – 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette. For info: sqdncfan@aol.com or 863-224-3393.

January 15, 2012 – Strawberry Square Day of Plus – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller: Sam Dunn. 9:00 Coffee and donuts; 9:30 – 12:00 Dancing; 11:30 a.m. – break – free time; 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. Dancing. \$30 per couple for entire package (6 hours of dancing – no split sessions). **To ensure your space, register now!** Be sure to print a registration form off Sam’s website or www.dancergram.com so you can complete the checklist indicating what calls you want him to work on. Send your \$30 check now to Strawberry Square, Inc., 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL 33563. Casual dress. For info: call Sam at 863-382-6792 or www.samdunn.net.

January 24 and 31, 2012, February 7, 14 & 28, 2012; March 6 & 13, 2012 – **Snowbird Basic Round Dance Classes** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Cuer: Linda Moulton. 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. - \$5 per person

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.

NO DATES AVAILABLE – 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
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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://www.floridasquaredance.com/jcspin/> (Jimmy and Carol Griffin)

www.2fwd2.com (Lisa Wall)

www.keithstevens.com (Keith Stevens)

Clubs

www.sailfishsquares.org

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