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

From the Editor.....



Even though the 2012 Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention is little less than a year away, the committee is busy making plans and raising funds for the big event.

In addition to the raffle tickets that are being sold for the 3G Kindle, we are collecting used women's clothing to be sold on E-Bay. This has been a successful fundraiser for the last two or three conventions. Any used women's clothing in good condition will be accepted. If you have a donation to make, please contact Jenny Green at jenanngreen@yahoo.com or 863-287-5724 to make arrangements for delivery or pick up. There are other fundraisers and will be more as the year progresses. Go to this link to find more information - <http://www.floridasquaredance.com/convention/58/fund.html>.

Ribbons are also available for the 2012 convention. Purchasing early saves you a few dollars and you have until April 30, 2012 to take advantage of the discounted rates. Jenny and I both have ribbons when you are ready to purchase yours!

For all the information you need on this convention, go to <http://www.floridasquaredance.com/convention/58/>.

If you have an interest in helping out with this convention or future ones, you may contact chairman as follows:

2012 – Carole and Garland McKenzie at carolemc@embarqmail.com

2013 – Paul and Cheryl Miller at pe.miller@mchsi.com

2014 – Penny Green at sqdnxfan@yahoo.com or Jenny Green at jenanngreen@yahoo.com

The web sites for 2013 and 2014 won't be available until the Monday after the previous convention i.e. 2013 won't be available until after the kick off at the 2012 convention.

While doing some Internet research, I came across this paragraph on the Gold's Gym web site.

2. Go Dancing: Physical activity should be rhythmic, repetitive, and enjoyable so that older adults get in the habit of exercising. You'd be surprised how many calories dancing can burn. **A new trend among seniors is square dancing - many do it not only for the exercise (that is**

equal to a 3 mile hike), but also for the social interaction. The biggest excuse for not taking up square dancing is the strange outfits that are worn, but then again its fun to dress up every once in a while!

Has anyone thought about a fitness gym for a location to dance? Most of these gyms have a separate room from the exercise area with a nice floor.

Is your caller and/or cuer promoting the convention at your dances? Each you hear them mention the convention at a dance, you can go to <http://www.floridasquaredance.com/convention/58/survey.html> and “vote” for them. They may win a free weekend stay for the convention! The caller and/or cuer do not have to be programmed for the convention in order to be included in this promotion.

Congratulations to Richard Ozga of Auburndale on the occasion of his 91st birthday! He has been dancing for 60 years and continues to dance three or four nights a week. He and his late wife, Dottie, were active square dance campers, and Richard is currently a member of Buttons & Bows of Lakeland and he also dances at Shufflin’ Squares of Lake Ashton in Lake Wales.

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).

Lance Baxter, Vice President of the West Coast Association and Federation Assistant Facilities Manager, came home from the hospital on Friday, July 8th and is doing very well.

Harry Packer, co-owner of Susie Q Creations and husband of Caller SusanElaine Packer, fell last week dislocating his muscle tendons from the knee cap. He had surgery to sew the two back together again. He was staying at Florida South in Orlando; however, I haven’t had any updates so he may be home by now. Cards may be forwarded to him at 740 S. Hampton, Orlando, FL 32803.

Don't forget to go to www.dancergram.com for additional information on West Coast dancers!

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:

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

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

November 18 – 19, 2011 – **Northwest Association's Wild Wild West Fall Festival** – Jacksonville

January 26 – 28, 2012 – **Florida Winter Festival** – Lakeland

We've made it!

Summary of our extraordinary experience with square dancing

The following article is a reprint (exactly) from USDA News Vol.ume XXII, Issue 3, July/September 2011 and was written by Oli and Andrea Kuester of Germany. When Jerry and Donna Robey of Gainesville were working on their Traveler Badges, they ran into Oli and Andrea while they were working on theirs. The Kuesters visited Strawberry Square last year while they were dancing in Florida.

When we graduated in Mainstream in August 2008, we had no idea that it will change our lives.

We started square dancing in October 2007 when some friends searched for a new hobby they could share. They asked us to go with them to an "Open House" of the Square company Dusseldorf because we like the USA and travel each year to the United States since 1992. We liked it and had fun but our friend didn't.

We started the class with 17 students and in December we met the first time in a private home to practice. We had CDs and a newer caller helped us and retaught the figures we had problems with. Next time when we met without a caller and the CD's were to fast to dance. Oli started calling. We found out that we love to dance, and founded a "Self regulating Community for Square Dance Addition: to dance as often as possible.

At the beginning Oli had no idea how to get us back home while calling, but he keeps us moving and could explain very well. On our graduation in August 2008, he performed his first singing call. The students could dance it because we had practiced it but the angels had their problems. That was fun.

After the graduation we started square dancing three to five times a week, visited many "Special Dances" and did some "banner raiding". Oli got the chance to do two singing calls every club evening.

When we planned our next vacation in the USA I searched for Square Dancing in the United States. I found many Web-Pages and also the USDA Travel Program with the goal to dance in all 50 sates of the USA. We thought that could be interesting for us because we travel so much.

We rote Joy an E-Mail and asked if we could join that program although we are no residents of the United States. She found no reason against it so we started to plan our first trip. We planned to dance in five or six different states and thought we could finish that program within ten years.

During our vacation in October 2008 we visited a zoo, three theme parks, made a segway tour in Indianapolis and had time to shop. We decided to visit some more states as planned and when the vacation was over we have danced in the following states:

- 2 times in Kansas
- 1 time in Illinois
- 2 times in Indiana
- 1 time in Michigan
- 1 time in Ohio
- 2 times in Missouri
- 1 time in Tennessee
- 1 time in West Virginia
- 2 times in Kentucky
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In Missouri we went to a dance with Mike Sikorsky and had no idea what will await us. It was amazing.

In Indiana we danced also at the State Convention were we met Linda and David Isom and inspired them to take part at the USDA travel program, too.

We enjoyed meeting very nice people and had a lot of fun.

In an one hour drive from our home we have almost 50 clubs we could visit.

Less then tree months after our graduation we already danced in 26 different clubs.

In most of the German square dance clubs they have the rule to dance one or two years mainstream before you learn PLUS. We danced so much that we had a lot of experience and started our PLUS class in January (4 month after our graduation).

In March 2009 we flew to **Hawaii**, visited two islands and danced in Pearl City and Honolulu on Oahu. We liked the beautiful nature.

From Hawaii we flew to Las Vegas. From there we started a round trip by car with stops in several states just for square dancing.

Very special was the part where we drove from Colorado to Wyoming. On the way we had a snowstorm and black ice. The view was very bad. We arrived in the city but the caller couldn't make the way. The next morning the weather wasn't good but we could leave the town and drove to Utah were we danced to Steve Sullivan. We spend the next day together with him and his wife Judy and had a great time. Oli go some tips about calling from Steve and in the evening at Steve's club in Idaho Oli made his first singing call in the USA.

In California we visited relatives so we stayed there for a week. After this vacation we have danced in 16 states:

- 1 time in Arizona
- 1 time in Colorado
- 1 time in Utah
- 1 time in Idaho
- 1 time in Nevada
- 5 times in California

In April we graduated in PLUS and were founding members of a new PLUS club.

The president had heard that Oli had started calling so from Mai 2008 he got support from the club caller and could use the dance hall one hour prior the regular club dance. He always had one or two squares for practice and learned a lot.

Oli's caller father (Markus Lampenscherf) had heard from a club that was looking for a new club caller for the next year. Markus had heard Oli just once calling then he warmly recommended Oli to the board of that club. The board came to hear him and was interested.

Amazing! In our club in Dusseldorf he didn't get so much support.

In June Oli had a business trip to Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania and I had to stay at home. Olie went dancing five times.

After that trip Oli signed his first caller contract for the club in Bergisch Gladbach starting at the end of the year.

In October 2009 we flew again to America for vacation. We travelled around, visited two theme parks, hopped on our trip and had a ball while dancing.

We danced:

- 2 times in Maryland
- 1 time in North Carolina
- 1 time in Virginia
- 1 time in Washington D.C.
- 1 time Delaware
- 1 time in New Jersey
- 1 time in Pennsylvania
- 1 time in New York
- 1 time in Vermont
- 2 times in New Hampshire
- 2 times in Massachusetts
- 1 time in Rhode Island
- 1 time in Connecticut
- 2 times in Maine
- 1 time in Canada
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In Delaware we met the first time another couple (Jerry and Donna Robey) that took part at the USDA Travel Program. We talked a lot about the experience of our travels and became friends. We checked our schedules and found out that we will meet again two more times on that trip. That was very funny but also nice to meet friends again.

In Main we take part at a Kick Off Dance for the New England Convention were we met also some of the dancers we have met before.

On the internet I found the Northeastern Caller School from Ken Ritucci in Manchester. Only one and a half day fits in our schedule before we have to fly home but Oli could join and we met caller like Ed Foote, Norm Poissons, Jerry Story and Barry Clasper.

Also we met some callers and dancers we have already danced with on that trip. At this caller school Oli could find out how much he had already learned with the support from Markus. It was sad that he couldn't stay the full time but we decided to come back the next year.

In November we went to a Caller School from Kenny Reese in Germany. It was different to the one in America but also very helpful. The classes were built by the years of experience so Oli started at the beginner class but after one day he switched to the intermediate class. Kenny Reese was surprised about his voice and his knowledge because he hadn't heard his name before but I'm sure now he will remember.

Short before Christmas Oli become the club caller of the "Flat Creek Roses". In Germany it is hard to become a club caller, so caller wait for many years to get a chance but he was at the right time at the right place. He had really luck!

Also at the end of the yea he took over from Markus a bi weekly calling for another club. Wow, that was fantastic, too.

At that two clubs he could use all his knowledge and could practice a lot. The dancers understood that it could happen that he makes mistakes but he became berry every week. He was enthusiastic and you could feel and see how much fun he had while calling. The dancers loved him.

In January 2010 we started to join an A1 class. The club where we dance on Sundays offered that. For us it was much harder to learn A1 then to learn PLUS.

Our next vacation in the USA was in April 2010.

We danced:

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| - 1 time in Alaska | - 1 time in Iowa |
| - 1 time in Wisconsin | - 1 time in Minnesota |
| - 1 time in South Dakota | - 1 time in Nebraska |
| - 1 time in North Dakota | - 1 time in Montana |
| - 1 time in Wyoming | - 1 time in Utah |
| - 2 times in Oregon | - 1 time in Washington |

In Alaska we stayed a few days, had a lot of fun at a Pie Auction and visited a wildlife refuge.

In Minnesota we take part at a “Royalty Dance” and in Nebraska we visited a “Spring Spectacular”.

When we arrived in North Dakota we found out that the dance for the next day in Wyoming was canceled, because the caller has moved. It was the only club that hasn’t answered on our e-mail but they had that dance in their schedule on the internet. If we had this information earlier, we could dance in Wyoming in the morning on our way to North Dakota.

We tried to call different clubs and callers but had no luck. The next morning we veer towards Montana because we hoped to get a call for advance in Montana for that day. At noon we stopped at a McDonald’s because we had no bars on our cell phone and checked our e-mails. Once again no luck, the caller couldn’t help us. We had a phone number for a class in Montana. We called there and they offered us to come. We checked the navigation and we were to late to arrive in time but we decided to try it and we arrived while the class was still on going.

In Wyoming we danced a day later at the club where the dance was cancelled one year before. From Wyoming we drove to Idaho and visited again Steve and Judy Sullivan and Oli called a club dance together with Steve in Utah.

In Oregon we visited our family, went to a dance with Mike Sikorsky and drove to an anniversary dance in Washington. Then the vacation was over.

When we were back home, Oli became the new club caller of the Square company Dusseldorf, the club where we have learned to dance. The old caller was in this club for 15 years but the members like Oli’s enthusiasm and fun while calling. Some people that about leaving the club because of the old caller, so it was a good decision of the board to change something.

Oli is calling now 3 to 4 times a week on a regular basis. Unbelievable after that short time of practice. I like to hear him calling, so most of the time I accompany him when he falls and I dance.

I spend a lot time while planning our trips. When we know which states we want to visit I search for the days of dances and check with a map in which sequence we could visit them and how far are the distances between the clubs. Then I search for e-mail addresses to get in contact with the clubs and when they have answered we check for hotels on our way.

This way I did to plan our last trip and to finish the 50 states. On our trip in October 2010-12-18 we danced:

- 2 times in Texas
- 1 time in Oklahoma
- 1 time in Arkansas
- 1 time in Alabama
- 1 time in Georgia
- 9 times in Florida
- 1 time in New Mexico
- 1 time in Louisiana
- 1 time in New Hampshire
- 1 time in Mississippi
- 1 time in South Carolina

In Texas we went again to a special dance with Mike Sikorsky and Nasser Shukayr.

In New Hampshire we visited again the caller school of Ken Ritucci in Manchester. At the caller school were great caller coaches like Ann Ueberlacker, Tim Marriner, Barry Clasper.... We met some callers from the year before and also some new caller. The caller school is a lot of work but also fun. This year we received the Overseas Award of the Northeastern Caller School. What an honor!

After the caller school we flew to Pensacola and started to dance in the last 5 states. In Florida we had the chance to dance at a special with Tim Marriner. That was really funny. We also met some callers and dancers from the rest of our trip. Our 50th state we danced with the "Travelling Hoedowners" and Jerry and Donna Robey at the "Whirl and Twirls" in Orlando and also celebrated that at Jerry's and Donnas Club, the "Grand Squares" in Gainesville.

Now we are reached our goal not in ten years we only need two years and eleven days. We met a lot of people, we never would met without square dancing. I found some really good friends and we become an idea what it means "Square dancing is friendship set to music!"

Oli (Oliver) and Andrea Kuester
Germany

What's Happening This Week?

Week of July 11, 2011

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

Monday (July 11) – **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 Indoor Picnic 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: **Art Springer**, 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 (July 12) – **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 (July 13) – **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 941-380-5336 or Jennie 863-494-2749.

Thursday (July 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.

Promenade Squares Patriotic Dance - 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. Wear red, white and blue. 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.

Friday (July 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. For info: 863-293-9369 or carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com.

Spinning Wheels – Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 2707 W. Waters Avenue (northeast corner of Habana Avenue), Tampa. Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 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. For info: settarose1@verizon.net or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429 or mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net.

Sun City Swingers Cool with a Float - Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Bob Ellis, cuer: Pat Hagen. Casual for the summer. Air-conditioned hall, wood floor, and lighted, paved off-street parking. Cool root beer floats will be served along with other goodies provided by the club. For info: Dick and Mary Schultz 813-633-8718 rsch462636@aol.com or Bob and Beverly Barringer 813-633-3651.

Saturday (July 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.

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

Sunday (July 17) – 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 Ice Cream Night – La Hacienda Center, The Villages 352-259-6040 – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Whit Brown, Cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: hal.baumann1959@gmail.com or 352-259-6552.

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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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June 28, 2011 – **Suncoast Squares Free Fun Night** – King of Peach MCC Church, 3150 Fifth Avenue North, St. Pete - This is the kickoff for their 2011 Membership Drive. Rounds from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. and square dancing from 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. Then there will be three open lesson nights for beginners. Cost is \$2.50 per person donation for round dancing, and \$5 per person donation for square dancing. For info: www.suncoastsquares.com or 727-599-1440.

July 12, 2011 - **The Groves** is having an organizational meeting at the clubhouse, 7924 Melogold Circle, Land O Lakes, FL on July 12, 2011 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of starting a square dance class. If the interest warrants, we hope to start a new square dance club after the class finishes. Allen Snell will be the caller/instructor. The class and the club will be open to everyone, not just Groves' residents. **There will be a demonstration of square dancing** at the meeting and audience participation will be invited. Refreshments will be served. We anticipate starting regular classes on July 19. We hope you will join us. Please call Lloyd or Gayle Floyd at 813-996-4632 or wlfloyd@aol.com for more information.

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.

July 25 - 29, 2011 - **JUBILEE CALLERS SCHOOL** - BSDA Friendship Hall. Fultondale, Alabama - Ken Ritucci of Massachusetts (Callerlab Accredited Callercoach) & *Wade Driver* of Texas. \$350.00 per student. Weather you are presently calling or desire to be a caller this school will help you with your calling career. *Plenty of Microphone time; * Professional assessment of your skills; * Understand what it takes to be a leader; * Full Callerlab Curriculum; * Develop a Calling career that is best for you; * Special emphasis on understanding music, rhythm & singing call development; * Special emphasis on sight calling techniques. Space is Limited. Register today. For more Info & an application contact Ken Ritucci at 413-734-0591 or kenritucci@aol.com or www.kenritucci.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, 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

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. - \$12 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 4, 2011 – **Beginner Square Dance Lessons** – Location TBA – 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Carl Rod. For info: 863-293-9369 or carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com.

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 7, 2011 – **Auburndale Beginner Round Dance Classes** – location TBA. 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Cuer/Instructor: Carl Rod. For info: 863-293-9369 or carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com.

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/adjoining 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. - 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
www.dancergram.com.

August 5 – 7, 2011 – **West Virginia Square, Round & Contra Dance Convention** – Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, WV.

September 16 – 17, 2011 – **Nebraska State Square and Round Convention** – Hasting, NE.

October 21 – 23, 2011 – **52nd Missouri State Square ‘n Round Dance Festival** – Black River Coliseum, Popular Bluff, Missouri. For info: www.squaredancemissouri.com/Flyers/MissouriFestival.

January 27 – 28, 2012 – **37th Annual South Carolina Square and Round Convention** – Springmaid Beach Resort and Conference Center, Myrtle Beach, SC. For info: 843-315-3100.

May 6 – 7, 2012 – **52nd State Ohio Dance Convention** – John S. Knight Center, Akron, OH. For info: 330-735-2873.

June 7 – 10, 2012 – **Texas State Festival** – MPEC, Multi-Purpose Events Center, 1000 5th St., Wichita Falls, TX. For info: www.squaredancetx.com.

Links

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Websites

<http://floridasquaredance.com/>

https://www.facebook.com/#!/home.php?sk=group_149454955123658&ap=1 (Florida Federation's Facebook page)

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://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

Miscellaneous

<http://www.squaredanceradionetwork.com> (square dance radio network)

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