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

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

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"Kindle 3" drawing to be held on November 19, 2011 at the Northeast Association "<u>Fall</u> <u>Festival</u>"

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All proceeds from this drawing will benefit the "2012 Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention

#### Attitude

Attitude is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company, a church, a home.

The remarkable thing is, we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we embrace for that day. We cannot change our past. We cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only think we can do is play on the one thing we have, and that is our attitude.

Reprint from the *Grapevine*, July, August, September 2011

Be sure to check out <u>http://www.floridasquaredance.com/convention/58/fund.html</u> for all fundraising activities for the 2012 convention!

# 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**, West Coast Association Vice President and Federation Assistant Facilities Manager, suffered a heart attack on Thursday, June 30. He had four way bypass surgery on Saturday. When I talked to Rita Sunday, she said he was doing 100% better and anxious to return home. If you would like to send cards, his address is 4445 Strathmore Drive, Lake Wales, FL 33879.

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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

### Sew On & Sew Forth

By Karen Reichardt www.squaredancesewing.com

#### Under It All

A lady must not reveal all her secrets. To keep things hidden ladies need to search out her preferences for Pettipants, Pantaloons, or pant liners.

New dancers often think they don't need these special garments. "I never spin like that!" or "My skirts always stay down!" they say. A quick Star Thru & California Twirl will show this to be an error. Activities such as helping in the kitchen can imperil modesty.

Prairies skirt wearers sometimes believe a lowered hem line prevents a display of intimates. This is a false sense of security. A swing and a bit of breeze can disclose many things. Nylon pants liners and long pettipants made to be work with culottes can be found in most lingerie stores for a smooth line under slim skirts. Or make your own pantaloons for longer styles. Put an end to overexposure! Cover your Derrière!

#### Petticoats

The length and fullness of a petticoat or crinoline is a matter of personal preference. From a softly gathered prairie length nylon to an eighty yard lame and lace creation the choice is yours. The proper length is about half an inch shorter than the skirt. If the full slip is too short the skirt will 'lampshade' or droop over the edge. A prairie slip should be very close to the skirt length. The purpose of the slip is to prevent the skirt from tucking between the legs and to reduce shadows showing through the skirt.

I do not recommend making your own petticoat. I have made a couple of them and the effort is not worth the rewards. One of my friends told me "Sew the easy stuff – Buy the hard stuff". Save your time and energy for making dresses and shirts. Petticoats are available in a hundred colors and different fabrics. Colors and fabrics that you will not be able to find in your local fabric store.

When contemplating the purchase of a new petticoat don't get with basic white to 'go with everything'. Instead get that wild bright color that you just love and make your outfits go with the petticoat. [A] red petticoat could be worn with many different prints. To a solid blue dress, add a few red ribbons. On a black dress, wear a red belt. For a yellow dress, wear some red beads. Petticoats are for fun. Wind up your wild side and get the brightest color that your heart desires.

Reprint from *The Grapevine* – July, August, September 2011

# **Baby Boomers Need Exercise!**

That seems to be the latest mantra for those folks who are just getting into their 50's and looking forward to retirement. Prestigious publications like the AARP Bulletin and even USA Today have been running feature articles with good advice for Baby Boomers. The advice is that exercise is essential if the "age 50" crowd wants to prolong life and remain active into their senior years.

My wife, Frances, and I are in our early 80's and when we were the age of the current Baby Boomers we found an exercise program that has served us well for the past 30 years. Growing up in the WWII era, before most teenagers had cars, TV's and computers, we had the advantage of either walking or riding bikes for transportation and having nights free for outside activities. Maybe this will keep us healthy until retirement age.

The exercise program I referred to earlier sort of happened by accident. Back in 1981, when I was almost ready to retire in New Orleans from a career as a Navy pilot, one of the active duty sailors who was a square dance caller asked us to join one of his cases in a local square dance club. We did, and we soon discovered that it not only keeps us

physically active, but it was an excellent social outlet and a terrific mind stimulator. It did take us several months to learn all the square dance moves and too feel comfortable interacting with others on the dance floor, but when we moved back to our small north Louisiana hometown, we had an activity we could immediately step into with a local square dance club.

We have found in the ensuing 30 years of square dancing that our health has stayed good, our community of friends has expended and our mental alertness has not appreciably diminished. Wonder what would have happened if we had retired to being couch potatoes instead? After a few years of square dancing we became round dance (choreographed ballroom dancing) instructors. Round dancing is done in conjunction with most square dance activities and it really gives us a double whammy of exercise. Hey, the best of both worlds!

It's rather ironic that Modern Western Square Dancing which has now evolved into a predominantly "senior" activity, got its start with a teen-age group of students in the 1920's from Colorado Springs who toured the country giving demonstrations of folk dancing and was led by the school superintendent, Lloyd "Pappy" Shaw. It's also interesting that the international spread of square dancing was the result of post WWIII G.I.'s who carried it around the world, particularly to Germany and Japan.

With the modern craze for zumba, aerobics, and staying fit, I feel a much overlooked fitness program for prospective seniors is square dancing. There are local clubs all over the USA and clubs in foreign countries (square dancing is called in English worldwide), so there is no reason not to dance when your tour visits Japan!

So, grab your partner, do-si-do, and laugh at the folks who won't get off the couch.

Jerry Stinson, Ruston, LA Reprint from *USDA News* Volume XXII, Issue 3, July/September 2011 And reprinted from *American Square Dance* – July 2011

# United Square Dancers of America Code of Conduct

Square Dancers everywhere are encouraged to comply with an appropriate Code of Conduct that will enhance the public image and the pleasure of the movement to all dancers and non-dancers, as well.

Among the unique aspects of this wholesome activity is the attractive attire that is an intrinsic part of the image of the square dance. Accordingly, the wearing of appropriate apparel is as important to the enjoyment of the participants as it is to those watching.

Not only should the clothing of the dancers be appearing to the eye, but also functional to the others within the square. It is generally recommended that this includes the wearing of long sleeved shirts for the men and full or prairie skirts for the ladies as local customs and events may require.

Avoidance of alcoholic be4verages both before and during dances is essential to insure the enjoyment for everyone. A single drink can severely diminish the response time required to execute the intricate moves of the dance. Square Dancing in itself has the capability for providing sufficient exhilaration to warrant abstinence from alcohol on dance nights.

Courtesy to others is important at all times. This includes personal cleanliness, as Square Dancing is an energetic recreation that can be offensive should adequate precautions not be taken.

The welcoming of others into the dance and into the squares is an integral part of the social aspect of Square Dancing. Walking out of a square at any time is considered a severe insult. At the end of the dance, no one should leave the square before thanking everyone who contributed to the joy and the fun of dancing together.

Conforming to the accepted and generally taught hand positions and maneuvers for execution of the movements help to eliminate any uncertainty among the other dancers. Proper styling while dancing is as important to the enjoyment of the Square Dance as is the proper execution of the movements themselves.

Adherence to these guidelines should be encouraged from the very early stages of beginner's class. The best means of achieving this is through example by experienced dancers and leaders and by the incorporation of ethics into the education process during the class.

It is felt that through the reaffirmation of these long recognized rules of conduct, dancers everywhere will be reminded of the importance of courtesy, friendliness and personal hygiene. All of these things are an integral part of the square dance activity.

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# Point of Order

From Kappie Kappenman

#### Food for Thought

"Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people and remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you and think what you owe the world; to put your rights to the background and your duties in the foreground; to see that your fellow men are just as real as you are and try to look behind their faces into their own hearts? Are you willing to confess that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the universe and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness? Are you willing to do these things even for a day? If so, you are a SQUARE DANCER."

The preceding paragraph appeared in Square & Folk Dance Federation of Washington's state magazine "Footnotes" in Harry MacGregor's first editorial after becoming president of the Square & Folk Dance Federation of Washington (1964-1965). Now even though he has passed away, it seems appropriate to read these lines again and meditate on the words. These words describe Harry's philosophy in living. He was a SQUARE DANCER.

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# ARTS

The 64th National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup> was awarded to Springfield, MA and was announced on Saturday, June 25th at the closing ceremonies in Detroit, Michigan. The dates of the convention will be June 24 - 27, 2015. This is the first National Convention to be held in the New England states. Gene & Connie Triplett - Member, National Executive Committee

SAVE THE DATE!

#### **"FUTURE NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTIONS"**

Website:	Location	Date:	#Registered:				
www.60nsdc.com	Detroit, MI	Jun 22-25, 2011	3,694				
www.61nsdc.com	Spokane, WA	Jun 27-30, 2012	3,294				
www.62nsdc.com	Oklahoma City, OK	Jun 26-29,2013	811				
www.63nsdc.com	Little Rock, AR	Jun 25-28, 2014	585				
www.64nsdc.com*	Springfield, MA	Jun 24-27, 2015					
(Statistics as of June 30, 2011)							

\* This will be the web site address for Springfield after the site is up and running

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## What's Happening This Week?

#### Week of July 4, 2011

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

**Monday (July 4)** – *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: <u>flobyington@yahoo.com</u>.

<u>Tuesday (July 5)</u> – *J and C Spin-a-Rounds* – Pinellas Park Auditorium, 7690 – 59<sup>th</sup> 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: <u>spinards@tampabay.rr.com</u> or 727-525-7809.

<u>Wednesday</u> (July 6) – *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 <u>mc8152@verizon.net</u> 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.

<u>Thursday (July 7)</u> - Shufflin' Squares - Lake Ashton Golf Club, 4141 Ashton Club Drive, Lake Wales, FL – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., alternating tips (Mainstream/Plus) 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. advanced tip 9:30 p.m.. Caller: Sam Dunn; Cuer: ?? – square dance attire optional. For info: eschwartz23@tampabay.rr.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** – **NO DANCE** For info: <u>walkey1a@yahoo.com</u> 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: <u>settarose1@verizon.net</u> or 727-809-3429 or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429 or <u>mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net</u>.

*Citrus Squares* – First United Methodist Church, 21501 W. Highway 40, Dunnellon – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: Ellis Lindsey. For info: <u>lalecl@aol.com</u>.

**Friday (July 8)** – *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 <u>carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com</u>.

**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: Mike Cox, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace – casual attire. For info: raindancer999@yahoo.com.

**Snell's Bo's and Bell's** - **NO DANCE** For info: <u>settarose1@verizon.net</u> or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429 or <u>mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net</u>.

*Sun City Swingers* - 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: Art Springer, cuer: Pat Hagen. Casual for the summer. Air-conditioned hall, wood floor, and lighted, paved off-street parking. For info: Dick and Mary Schultz 813-633-8718 <u>rsch462636@aol.com</u> or Bob and Beverly Barringer 813-633-3651.

**Saturday (July 9)** – *BATS (Bay Area Twirlers) 50's/Square/Bop* – Brandon Community Center, 502 E. Sadie Street, Brandon, FL – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Keith Stevens, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace – casual. For info: <u>star1nut@verizon.net</u>.

**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** – Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia – Caller: Art Miller; Cuer: Jennie Martin – Squares and Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. For info: Jennie 863-494-2749 or Mary 941-380-5336.

**Sunday (July 10)** – *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 <u>settarose1@verizon.net</u> or <u>mcox47@mail.emsvillage.net</u>.

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

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**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. – Callers: 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.

# 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!

#### Updated July 4, 2011

June 28, 2011 - Suncoast Squares Free Fun Night - King of Peach MCC Church, 3150 Fifth

The following Round Dance Workshops at Strawberry Square Dance Center has been canceled: July 7, 2011 Class will resume on July 14 as usual. All other classes and dances remain as usual. 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: <u>www.suncoastsquares.com</u> 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 Lescrinier\*. Contact: Frank Lescrinier, 909-229-3031 or <u>frank253@hotmail.com</u>.

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 OHE, UK, +44 (0) 1280 816940 or <u>susie@graybo.co.uk</u>.

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 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Ends Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> 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: <u>727-789-3836</u> 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: <u>rffisher@tamu.edu</u>; <u>www.fisherdance.com</u>; 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: <u>callerdave@comcast.net</u> 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 <u>carlsgrdrod@yahoo.com</u>.

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 <u>www.strawberrysquaredancing.com</u>.

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, <u>ugottadance@optonline.net</u>.

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 <u>carlsgrdrod@yahoo.com</u>.

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 <u>sshar16@aol.com</u>.

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 <u>nshukayr@gmail.com</u>.

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 <u>www.strawberrysquaredancing.com</u>.

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: <u>callerdave@comcast.net</u> 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: <u>sqdncfan@aol.com</u> 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 <u>www.dancergram.com</u> 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 <u>www.samdunn.net</u>.

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 <u>AlStevensCaller@aol.com</u>.

**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.

July 22 – 24, 2011 – **27<sup>th</sup> Illinois Square & Round Dance Convention** – Hilton Hotel, 700 East Adams Street, Springfield, IL. For info: <u>www.gillbirge.com/2011 illinois.html</u>; 309-392-2023.

August 18 – 20, 2011 – **2011 USA West Square Dance Convention** – Cowlitz Conference Center, 1900 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Longview, WA. For info: <u>www.usawestwa.com</u>, 503-396-5537.

August 19 – 21, 2011 – **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania Square and Round Dance Convention** – Radisson Hotel Pittsburgh Greentree, 101 Radisson Drive, Pittsburgh, PA. For info: <u>www.PAsquaredance.org</u>.

August 26 – 27, 2011 – **Alabama State Convention** – Pell City Civic Center, 2801 Stemley Bridge Road, Pell City, AL – Alabama callers and cuers. For info: Elaine Wheeler (President ASARDA) 205-629-3901.

September 1, 2011 – Dance-A-Rama Trail In Dance for the 41<sup>st</sup> Single Square Dancers USA Dance-Rama – Marriott – Indianapolis East, 7202 E. 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Indianapolis – Caller: Tony Oxendine. For info: <u>www.dar2011@ssdusa.org</u>; <u>www.dar2011@ssdusa.org</u>.

October 21 – 23 – **22<sup>nd</sup> Indiana Square Dance Convention** - Indianapolis Marriott East, 7202 E. 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN. For info: <u>www.insquaredanceconfention.com</u>; Lois Daugherty, 4702 Kessler View Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46220; 317-257-1334; <u>elfdaughtery@iquest.net</u>.

October 28 – 29, 2011 – **37<sup>th</sup> Annual Roundup** – Community Center, 361 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, DeFuniak Springs, FL. For info: Louie and Wilma Flowers 850-549-5517.

April 1 – 3, 2012 – **Sixth Annual Party Weekend** – Deerhaven Retreat & Conference Center, 47924 NFS 540-2, Paisley, FL. For info: Randy and Carol Poole 386-734-5295.

May 5 – 6, 2012 – **52<sup>nd</sup> Ohio State Dance Convention** – John S. Knight Center, 77 E. Mill Street, Akron, OH. For info: Dick and Janice Freese 330-753-2873.

May 11 – 13, 2012 – **65<sup>th</sup> Annual Silver State Square & Round Festival** – Grand Sierra Resort, 2500 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Reno, Nevada. For info: Linn and Marlene Stoutenburg, linnmarl@charter.net; www.SquareDanceNevada.com.

June 7 – 10, 2012 – **2012 Texas State Festival** – MPEC, Multi-Purpose Events Center, 1000 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Wichita Fall, TX. For info: <u>www.squaredancetx.com</u>.

July 26 – 29, 2012 – **13<sup>th</sup> US Handicapable Square Dance Convention** – Charleston Area Convention Center, 5055 International Boulevard, North Charleston, South Carolina. For info: Michelle Mabie, 36 Brampton Lane, Ganesvoort, NY 12831; 518-636-5976; <u>mmichbritt@aol.com</u>.

August 10 – 12, 2012 – **53<sup>rd</sup> Wisconsin Square & Round Dance Convention** – La Crosse Convention Center, La Crosse, WI. For info: Jan and Charlie Bitter, 5185 Ciscel Drive, Oshkosh, WI 54904; 920-231-3453; <u>mrcharlie@charter.net</u>; <u>www.wisquaredanceconvention.org</u>.

August 24 – 25, 2012 – **34<sup>th</sup> Alabama Square & Round Dance State Convention** – Pell City Civic Center, Pell City, AL. For info: Elaine Wheeler (President ASARDA) 205-629-3901.

May 3 – 4, 2013 – **53<sup>rd</sup> Ohio Dance Convention** – Aladdin Shrine Event & Conference Center, 3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus, OH. For info: Velma Doyle 614-837-6974; <u>velmadoyle@sbcglobal.net</u>; <u>www.cocdc.org</u>.

June 24 – 27, 2015 – **64<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention** – Springfield, MA. For info: <u>www.64nsdc.com</u> (this website may not be running yet).

# 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://sccafl.com. (Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association)

http://www.flCallersassoc.org/ (Florida Callers Association)

http://www.usda.org/ (United Square Dancers of America)

<u>www.iagsdc.org</u> (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<sup>®</sup>)

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 59<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention - Louisville, KY

http://www.60thnsdc.com 60<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention - Detroit, MI

<u>http://www.nsddirectory.com/</u> (National Square Dance Directory - information and contacts for clubs in the U.S., Canada and around the world)

#### Vendors

<u>www.travelinghoedowners.com</u> (Square Dance DVDs – Both Instructional and Dance)

<u>www.swskirts.com</u> (Jan Southwest Style Skirts & Pat's Tees)

www.suzieqcreations.com (Suzie Q Creations)

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

<u>http://www.aronssquaredanceshopandpatterns.com/</u> (Aron's Square Dance and Western Wear Shop)

<u>http://www.calyco.com/</u> (CaLyCo Crossing - a full line square dance shop)

http://www.tictactoes.com/ (Tic Tac Toes - shoe vendor)

<u>www.sheplers.com</u> (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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