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

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

August 17, 2011 – **Deadline for submissions to the October/November 2011 *West Coast Dancer*.** For info: evhenning@peoplepc.com.

From the Editor...



Seven West Coast dancers attended Central Association's Fifth Saturday dance at Whirl & Twirl Square Dance Center in Orlando on Saturday night. This is Central's equivalent to our West Coast membership dances. The floor was packed with dancers from all over the Central Association area dancing to Bill Boyd, Bob Stern, Whit Brown, John Swindle, Don Whitaker, and Roland Morin. Joanne Helton did the rounds.

Are your caller and/or cuer advertising the Florida State Convention at your dances? Did you know that every time you hear a caller or cuer advertise the convention from the stage, you can go online to <http://www.floridasquaredance.com/convention/58/survey.html> to let the convention chairman know that the Florida State Convention was announced from the stage by either the caller or cuer or both. The caller or cuer who receives the most votes will be given a prize. This is a way for the convention committee to find out how well the convention is being promoted around the state. The callers and cuers do not have to be programmed for the convention to be included in this promotion.

Our annual VIP Dance will be August 21 at Strawberry Square Dance Center. This is the kick-off for the 37th Annual Fun Fest and will feature Sam Dunn and Charlie Lovelace who are both programmed for the Fall Fun Fest along with Jack Pladdys of Ohio. All dancers are invited to this FREE dance where we will also be recognizing the volunteers who keep our activity going on the west coast of Florida. All club presidents in attendance will be recognized as well as many others. Early rounds are 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., and squares (alternating Mainstream and Plus) are from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

ATTENTION ALL CALLERS!

If you plan to call at the Florida State Convention in Lakeland in May 2012, don't forget to submit your Caller Profile to the caller chairman by September 1, 2011. You have to be a member of the Florida Callers Association in order to be programmed.

Don't forget that the deadline for submissions to the October/November issue of the *West Coast Dancer* has been moved up to August 17 to accommodate the re-scheduling of the

Folding/Business Meeting in September. Since this issue will contain a lot of information on the clubs starting their dance seasons in the Fall, please review your listings and ensure they are correct. Most importantly, ensure that the contact information is current. Please consider listing two contacts so there is a back-up number if one can't be reached. If you have any changes or additions, please email Ed Henning at evhenning@peoplepc.com by August 17.

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).

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 6, 2011 – **26th Annual MacDonald Training Center Benefit Dance** – Strawberry Square

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

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

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

March 16 – 17, 2012 – **Central Association's 12th Annual Shamrock Swing** – The Villages

May 25 – 27, 2012 – **58th Florida State Convention** – Lakeland

If you see a flyer that has my name and contact information stamped on it, I have ribbons for that dance.

Communication is the



to building relationships. We all know that good communication between husband and wife, parent and child, supervisor and employee makes stronger relationships. Why wouldn't this apply to square dancing?

In order to have a strong cohesive group, we need to stay "connected". For snowbirds, square dancers are their extended family when they are in our area. For others who have no family, square dancers are their family. When our dancers are ill and feel all alone, they need to know that their square dance family is there for them. When there is a death, they need to know their square dance family grieves too.

What kind of club do you belong to; one that you feel a part of or one that just gets together to dance once a week, twice a month, etc. with no other contact?

What can we do to have a club that feels like a family?

At the dances don't let anyone sit by themselves. If you see someone sitting alone, either join them or get them to move to a group of people. Introduce them to the people in the group; tell them a few facts about each person i.e. where they are from, where they work, how long they have belonged to the club, etc. Having commonality creates great friendships.

If you have a first time visitor, in addition to other dancers introducing themselves, the president should meet them and find out a little about them. When it's time to introduce the first time visitors, the president should introduce them and tell the group what you found out about them. Many people do not like to speak in front of a group so it's difficult for them to even get their name out. If the president does the introductions and gives a little information about them, there may be someone in the group who has something in common with the visitor and it will start a conversation between them. Just because you have greeters at the door when people arrive, doesn't make you the friendliest club. Greeting visitors is not just a job for the officers; all dancers should welcome visitors. Even if someone attends your dances on a regular basis but they haven't joined your club, they should be greeted like first time visitors. Perhaps with these efforts, they may decide to join your club.

Does your club have a newsletter? This is a great way to keep in touch with your members when they are traveling, sick or gone for the summer. This doesn't have to be anything fancy; it can just be an email but include news about the club, birthdays and anniversaries, illnesses and deaths, recognitions, etc. One club president sends an email right after the dance to not only their members but anyone else interested in knowing what is happening in their club. Another club has a formal newsletter with a name that is distributed monthly and mailed to those who do not have email. Former members that want to keep in touch with the club, pay a small fee to cover postage.

How much visiting can people do at a dance, especially those that square and round dance? Why not plan some special events i.e. dinner theaters, lunch cruise, sightseeing etc. Form a committee for each event and make sure all members are assigned to at least one committee. Committee meetings with a meal included is a good time to get to know everyone and those that attend the special events also have opportunities to get to know each other better.

Get all your members involved with the work of putting on a dance. I find that when you let people volunteer to work in the kitchen, there are some who never volunteer and therefore don't take their turn and there are others who are always working the

kitchen. Set up a schedule at the beginning of the year; pair members of long standing with new members. This is another opportunity to get to know each other. Also schedule greeters for each dance; make sure everyone takes a turn. If your club is large enough, it may be that each member will only have to take one turn in the kitchen and one turn at the door. Does your club have the treasurer sit at the door for every dance to collect the money? Why not schedule four people at the door; one to collect money, one to sell 50/50 tickets and two to greet? You just might get more volunteers for the treasurer position if they know they don't have to sit at the door every dance.

How do you communicate with your members between dances? Be sure to gather everyone's email address. This is great for quick messages regarding reminders about upcoming dances, notification of illnesses or deaths, etc. Of course, don't forget about the members who do not have email! Some clubs have a telephone committee or communications committee who call everyone when information needs to be distributed. The membership list can be divided up so that one person doesn't have to make all the calls. Have several people on the committee and each one has 5 – 7 people to call. Volunteers will be more willing to assist if they don't have too many calls to make!

What about a membership directory? All of your members should be listed on a membership list or in a "directory" with copies given to all of the members. This list should contain not only names and addresses, but phone numbers and email addresses, summer addresses, birthdays and anniversaries. I have to "toot my horn" here. Last year I created a photo directory for Buttons & Bows of Lakeland. There is a photo of each member along with their names, address, phone number and email address. In another section all of the birthdays are listed by month and another list of anniversaries by month. The first page lists all of the officers with their phone numbers and email addresses, as well as a list of all the committees and their chairman. There is a copy of the schedule for the year showing theme dances, callers and cuers. The second page explains about club colors, membership responsibilities, and anything else a new member would need to know that isn't included in the Bylaws. Bylaws are also included, as well as a list of past presidents by year(s) and the year each member joined the club. Having a picture directory puts pictures with names so members can learn each other's names, and it puts all the important information into one document. The directory is updated once a year and if there are any changes during the year, they are communicated through the newsletter. Whenever someone joins the club, they are not only given a badge but they immediately receive a copy of the directory.

Banner raids and retrievals – invite all the members to go. Why not even include your class members? Perhaps you can meet for dinner before you go dancing or go out to dinner or for dessert after the dance; this is another way for people to get to know each other. Carpooling to the dances is another way to get to know each other.

I know of a club (in another association) that meets once a week for breakfast; another opportunity. This same club attends several conventions and they always travel together; nobody travels alone. They meet at a restaurant for breakfast to start their trip and then they head out. During the convention, they all eat meals together, go sightseeing and shopping together, etc. They all plan their vacations around these trips and they take one or two weeks for the trip and make stops along the way.

These are just a few suggestions; perhaps you have others.

I have a personal story to relate. It has to do with church but can easily be applied to square dancing. Last year I was homeless for five months and had to move to Lakeland to live with my sister and brother-in-law. My church is in Auburndale so while I was in Lakeland I attended a church near my sister's house. During those five months, I never heard from anyone from the church in Auburndale to ask why I wasn't attending church, was I ok, was there anything they could do to help, etc. Needless to say, I'm looking for another church. How many dancers have visited your dances and not come back for the same reasons? How many dancers visit your dances on a regular basis but they won't join your club? Why?

Penny Green

2012 Florida Square and Round Dance Convention – Mardi Gras Fun in the Sun



Our Jesters are spending the month of August getting their fittings for their outfits for the upcoming 58th Florida State Square Dance Convention to be held in Lakeland on May 25-27, 2012. Several Jesters will be attending the "Trail In" Dance to be held at Strawberry Squares in Plant City on Thursday, May 24, 2012.

This Convention will be a "Mardi Gras Fun in the Sun" event only to be held in Lakeland, Florida! Wear your "Mardi Gras" costumes or outfits on Friday night for the Mardi Gras Ball...Don't have time for a fitting for an outfit? Don't worry we will have beads, masks and other outrageous items to make you fit in just perfectly! So buy your ribbons for this event (money back guaranteed, if you find you can't make it). Current price is \$35.00 per person. If you wait to purchase your ribbon at door at the Convention it will be \$40.00 per person. Buy now and SAVE. Can't find a registration form? Find it in the registration area of our website: www.floridasquaredance.com/convention.

Don't forget we have Special Youth pricing on the ribbons until April 30, 2012. Their ribbons will be half price providing they have not reached their 16th birthday prior to June 1, 2012. Be sure to mark "YOUTH" on the registration form. Let's get the Youth in our activity to the convention.

Our "Jesters" have been keeping track of the "Caller / Cuer Survey" results. The caller or cuer who promotes the convention the most will get their hotel accommodations provided FREECurrently there is a tie between several of the callers and cuers. Remember if you are a Club President or dance Host and the Caller or Cuer (or both) promote the upcoming 58th FSSRDC from the stage, please take the survey located on the Convention website and report the Caller or Cuer on the website survey form, you will have to do the survey twice if both Caller & Cuer promote the Convention...and of course if (2) two Callers promote the Convention, you would take the survey twice to record each of the Callers.

We have an upcoming raffle for a "3G Kindle" wireless reader to be given away at the Northeast "Fall Festival" on November 19, 2011 (you do not have to be present to win). Get your ticket soon only 300 tickets will be sold for this prize! Each Association President or Ways & Means Chairman has tickets. You can't miss the chance to win this prize and enjoy it yourself or give it away as a nice present.



Garland & Carole McKenzie
General Chairmen

CALLERLAB Foundation News

The Paul Place Scholarship

By John Swindle

On April 2, the third annual Paul Place Memorial Dance took place in Daytona Beach, FL. The memorial dance was held to honor Paul Place, a dedicated and supportive member of CALLERLAB for more than 25 years. The dance was hosted by the Dixie Squares of Daytona Beach, with their caller, John Swindle programming the dance with callers in attendance.

The dance was well attended with callers from around Central Florida. The following callers donated their time and calling skills to make sure the dancers in attendance had a memorable evening: Rod Barngrover, Bill Boyd, Whit Brown, and John Swindle. We would like to thank the callers and dancers of Central Florida for their continued support.

On behalf of CALLERLAB Foundation John and Gail Swindle accepted a donation from the Traveling Hoedowners in support of the memory of Paul. The Traveling Hoedowners and Paul recorded several square dance videos which have proved to be helpful to students and others. John explained the purpose of the Foundation and the scholarship programs. The terms of the Paul Place Memorial Scholarship are available through CALLERLAB and the Foundation. New callers or seasoned callers may apply for assistance from the Foundation to attend a CALLERLAB Caller-Coach Accredited Caller's School. Applications are available on at www.callerlab.org.

The Paul Place Scholarship is administered by the CALLERLAB Foundation. This year the dance in Daytona Beach raised \$1,001 to add to this scholarship. We are very pleased and proud with the efforts of all the dancers in Central Florida and callers for their support and attendance at this dance.

(In 2012, the memorial dance will be held at Strawberry Square.)

Foundation Scholarships

The CALLERLAB Foundation Mission Statement reads, in part: "The mission of the CALLERLAB Foundation is to preserve and promote the folk art of American square dancing and related dance forms."

The following scholarships are available from the Foundation.

The *Dave Krediet* Memorial Scholarship Fund. In accordance with the wishes of Dave's family, proceeds from this scholarship fund will be used exclusively for disbursement to any caller wishing to attend a caller's school.

The *Paul Place* Memorial Scholarship Fund. In accordance with the wishes of Paul's family, proceeds from this scholarship fund will be used exclusively for disbursement to any caller wishing to attend a caller's school with emphasis to newer callers.

The *Grande Square, Inc.* Scholarship Fund is available to callers, who have indicated a desire to learn to call or a desire to improve their calling, or a square dancer or organization which has indicated a desire to sponsor a seminar or clinic to provide training to dancers or callers to help them better serve square dancing.

The *Kenneth Reid* Memorial Scholarship Fund. Proceeds from this scholarship fund will be used exclusively for disbursement to any caller wishing to attend a caller's school.

The *General CALLERLAB Foundation* Scholarship Fund. Proceeds from this scholarship fund will be used exclusively for disbursement to any caller wishing to attend a caller's school.

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to the Foundation or one of the scholarships administered by the Foundation, you may send your donation to: The Foundation, c/o CALLERLAB, 200 SW 29th, Suite 104, Topeka, KS 66611. For more information you may contact the CALLERLAB Office or the Foundation website at www.CALLERLABFoundation.org.

Youth Callers Equipment Grant

The CALLERLAB Foundation Board recognizes the importance of supporting Youth Callers. The Board also recognizes that some Youth Callers may need assistance obtaining calling equipment. Therefore, the Board has established a new grant program as a way to provide assistance to Youth Callers.

The goal of this grant program is to provide useable equipment to Youth Callers at little to no cost. As part of this goal, the Foundation will establish a method for the collection and distribution of calling equipment. All callers, dance leaders, and organizations will be encouraged to support this program.

Guidelines and applications may be downloaded from the Foundation website at www.callerlabfoundation.org. Select "Education Grants"; under the tab that reads "Foundation Initiatives". Those wishing to donate equipment for this grant should contact the Home Office.

Applications should be submitted to the CALLERLAB Foundation Office, 200 SW 30th Street, Suite 104, Topeka, KS 66611.

In Memoriam

Joe Frisella – Rhode Island
Dave Lightly – Iowa
Donald Brown – Texas
Matt Asanuma – Japan
Everett Mackin – Rhode Island
John West – Indiana
Ernie Gross - Nebraska

Foundation Awards

Presented by Tim Marriner, Chairman of the Board

Patron of the Foundation

This award was established by the Foundation to recognize individuals and organizations which have demonstrated outstanding or contributing support to the Foundation or square dancing. It is presented to individuals or organizations who have met the following criteria: 1) Outstanding support to the Foundation or square dancing on a short term project; 2) Continuing support of the Foundation or square dancing on a long-term basis; or 3) A substantial donation to the Foundation of \$1,000 to \$4,999 in a calendar year. At the 38th CALLERLAB Convention, two Patron of the Foundation Awards were presented.

The Dixie Squares of Daytona Beach were presented the Patron of the Foundation Award for their contribution of \$1,001 for the Paul Place Scholarship Fund. John and Gail Swindle, caller for the Dixie Squares, accepted the award on behalf of the Dixie Squares.

The "Friends of Mike Jacobs" were presented the Patron of the Foundation Award for their contribution of \$1,000 to the Foundation. Roy and Betsy Gotta accepted the award on behalf of the "Friends of Mike Jacobs".

What's Happening This Week?

Week of August 1, 2011

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

Monday (August 1) – *Auburndale Round Dance Party* – **NO DANCE** For info: 863-293-9369.

Kings Point Swingers A-2 Dance – Kings Point Main Clubhouse Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City Center 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Squares/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox. If you have danced this level before, you can come at 6:00 p.m. for a rusty hinge workshop. Visitors to Kings Point should tell the gate you are attending a Kings Point Swingers event at the Clubhouse Studio. For info: Sonny 813-634-8212 or George 813-642-0900.

Temple Twirlers – Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 2707 W. Waters Avenue (northeast corner of Habana Avenue), Tampa – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Callers: **Roland Blanchette**, 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 (August 2) – *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 (August 3) – *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 (August 4) - *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/Cuer: George Varney – 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: 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 (August 5) – *Dixie Grande Squares* – **NO DANCE** For info: sqdnxfan@aol.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 - 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. For info: Dick and Mary Schultz 813-633-8718 rsch462636@aol.com or Bob and Beverly Barringer 813-633-3651.

Saturday (August 6) – **Palace Promenaders Summer Program** – **NO DANCE** For info: Jennie 863-494-2749 or Mary 941-380-5336.

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

Monday (August 8) – **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 **Hobo 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 Cues 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 August 1, 2011

July 19, 2011 - **The Groves Beginner Square Dance Class** - Clubhouse, 7924 Melogold Circle, Land 'O Lakes, FL – 7:00 p.m. - Caller/Instructor: Allen Snell - \$4 per person per session – open to new students for the first three weeks. Angels needed! For info: Lloyd or Gayle Floyd at 813-996-4632 or wlfloyd@aol.com for more information.

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.

*The following Strawberry
Square Phase 3 and 4
Round Dance Workshops
have been canceled:
August 4
August 11*

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. - \$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.*

November 15, 2011 - **Ding-a-Lings Welcome Back Dance** - Rice Creek RV Resort, 10714 Hwy. 301 South, Riverview – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Ron Reardon, Cuer: Pat Hagen – square dance attire preferred. For info: chrounds@capital.net.

December 20, 2011 - **Ding-a-Lings Christmas Dance** - Rice Creek RV Resort, 10714 Hwy. 301 South, Riverview – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Ron Reardon, Cuer: Pat Hagen – square dance attire preferred. For info: chrounds@capital.net.

January 17, 2012 - **Ding-a-Lings Pie Night** - Rice Creek RV Resort, 10714 Hwy. 301 South, Riverview – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Kip Moulton, Cuer: Linda Moulton – square dance attire preferred. For info: chrounds@capital.net.

January 31, 2012 - **Ding-a-Lings Hawaiian Night** - Rice Creek RV Resort, 10714 Hwy. 301 South, Riverview – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Callers: Chuck

and Gerry Hardy, Cuer: Pat Hagen – square dance attire preferred. For info: chrouds@capital.net.

February 14, 2012 - **Ding-a-Lings Valentine Dance** - Rice Creek RV Resort, 10714 Hwy. 301 South, Riverview – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Ron Reardon, Cuer: Pat Hagen – square dance attire preferred. For info: chrouds@capital.net.

February 21, 2012 - **Ding-a-Lings Mardi Gras Dance** - Rice Creek RV Resort, 10714 Hwy. 301 South, Riverview – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Gary Bubel, Cuer: Alice Bubel – square dance attire preferred. For info: chrouds@capital.net.

March 13, 2012 - **Ding-a-Lings 50's Night** - Rice Creek RV Resort, 10714 Hwy. 301 South, Riverview – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Ron Reardon, Cuer: Pat Hagen – square dance attire preferred. For info: chrouds@capital.net.

March 27, 2012 - **Ding-a-Lings Crazy Hat Dance** - Rice Creek RV Resort, 10714 Hwy. 301 South, Riverview – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Ron Reardon, Cuer: Pat Hagen – square dance attire preferred. For info: chrouds@capital.net.

April 3, 2012 - **Ding-a-Lings Birthdays Night** - Rice Creek RV Resort, 10714 Hwy. 301 South, Riverview – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Ron Reardon, Cuer: Pat Hagen – square dance attire preferred. For info: chrouds@capital.net.

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.suziegcreations.com (Suzie Q Creations)

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

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

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

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

www.sheplers.com (Sheplers - the world's largest western stores and catalog)

www.PerfectPetticoats.com (Perfect Petticoats)

<http://www.grandsquare07.com> (Grande Square.com – square dance clothes and accessories)

Square Dance Halls

www.Strawberrysquaredancing.com (Strawberry Square)

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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