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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!

Elvin and Dolores Mahan, past West Coast Association presidents, have moved to an assisted living facility in Bradenton. Elvin was to be moved last Wednesday, and hopefully, Dolores was moved over the weekend. Dolores is doing well and will be using a walker for some time. Elvin received his motorized cart last week as he can only walk about 10 – 12 feet without resting due to COPD and of course being 92 years old doesn't help. Their new address is Woodlands Village, 1055 301 Boulevard E., Apartment 1018, Bradenton, FL 34203; 941-243-3582. Ken and Sandy Brasfield.

3/5/12 (Florida): Dick Fisher has been diagnosed with cancer. (from Karen)

Dick has been diagnosed with inoperable (stage 4) pancreatic cancer. We are going to Moffitt Cancer Center, an NCI recognized facility, in Tampa, Florida. There is a chemo treatment which may slow down the cancer and give Dick some pain relief and a few more weeks/months of life. It is the standard pancreatic cancer drug and can be administered anywhere. We are currently in Florida. We are hoping to get on top of the pain Dick is experiencing, fly to Washington (state) where our daughter and Dick's brother & wife live, and decide if treatment is a viable option once we are there. Our son and family who live in Bryan, TX will be here during their spring break.

Life is what happens to us while we are making other plans. We are taking each day one at a time and trying to process all this. Dick is still working on the 4th edition of the Forest Soils textbook and working on dance figures for Roundalab. We are blessed with our square and round dance friends, as well as the many people who have worked with Dick through his graduate student days and in his professional life.

Dick & Karen Fisher

Permanent mailing address:

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Marge Lundberg, long-time Temple Twirlers member and widow of Cuer Wayne Lundberg, had a double mastectomy in 2006 (approx) and has not danced for 5-6 years. Last July she fell and broke her hip and was in rehab for several months. She has now been diagnosed with cancer - stage 4 - that has metastasized to her neck, lower spine and chest.

Since she turned 89 on Feb. 8th, she does not want chemo or radiation therapy and, according to her daughter Debby, is getting an IV drug once a month to strengthen her bones.

Marge is being cared for by her other daughter, Dona, in her home. Dona has to assist her to walk and sit as she cannot stand on her own. That might be caused by being in bed for so long after the hip surgery, or maybe just from the disease. In any case, Marge is "fine and happy" at this time and free of pain.

I am sure she would enjoy a card, and picture of yourself if possible, since she has difficulty remembering folks. Her address is: Marge Lundberg, 1043 Blvd. De La Parisienne, Mary Esther, FL 32569-2312. Martha Bird.

How do I get in touch with....??

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61st National Square Dance Convention

UPDATE ON 61ST TOURS

If you are considering the Glacier Park Tour, there are still a few seats left on the bus taking you there. You do not have to be concerned that it will cancel at the last minute, as it is well over the minimum number for the trip to “go ahead”.

Our most popular tour, the Grand Coulee Dam Geologic Tour is filling up quickly. It is just a few seats away from the maximum number it can handle.

For the Spokane City Tour, the Friday or Saturday tours will be a little less crowded and allow for better sightseeing at the Flower Filled Conservatory and the St. John’s Cathedral!

The Thursday four-hour cruise on Lake Coeur d’Alene, with a fabulous lunch spread, promises to be a highlight for all of you taking a break after the Wednesday Night Special Event, “The Time Benders”, or the Trail-End Dances put on by national callers on Wednesday evening.

The Washington State Tour has been cancelled, as has the Buck Knife, Cabela’s & Lunch Tour on Friday.

Washington State Fruit-the Apple



The apple was chosen as a symbol for the 61st NSDC® for a reason. Washington designated the apple as the official state fruit in 1989. The Washington apple is one of the most recognized symbols of the state worldwide. Washington produces about 42% of the apples grown in the United States, with 60% of those grown for fresh consumption. Apple acreage in Washington is estimated at about 200,000 acres. The majority of apple production occurs east of the Cascade Mountains in the central portion of the state. Go west of Spokane to Wenatchee and south to the Yakima Valley and you are in the heart of the apple growing area of the state.

During 2007-2009, production averaged annually about 130,000,000 "bushels," with an average of 100,000,000 bushels packed in boxes and sold fresh, and 30,000,000 bushels processed. (Bushel = about 44 lbs or 20Kg.) The value of Washington apples sold as fresh or processed product is estimated at about \$2.2 billion annually. Not only does this industry provide food,

but it is also a large employer in all facets of the production of apples. Additionally, the apple juice producer, Tree Top, Inc. is located in Washington State in the town of Selah.

The cost of production of an acre of apples is about \$5,200 to \$7,400, depending on a number of common orchard variables. The greatest expense is the labor for picking, pruning and hand fruit thinning. Packing and marketing adds an additional \$5,600 to \$7,500 of cost per average acre of production, about half of which is labor related.

From 28 to 32 percent of the crop is exported annually, with major markets in the Asian Pacific Rim, Canada, Mexico, and South America.

Many varieties of apple are grown in Washington State, including Red Delicious, Golden Delicious, Fuji, Gala, Granny Smith, Braeburn, Jonagold, Pink Lady, and Cameo. About 100 packinghouses store, sort, box and ship Washington apples, nearly all twelve months of the year.

Nothing beats the taste of a cold, crisp apple, grown in Washington State!

TRANSPORTATION AT THE 61st NSDC
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Due to economic budgetary cutbacks by the Spokane Transit System (STA), significant changes are required to the Transportation Services being offered for the attendees of the 61st NSDC. After careful review of the STA schedule and routing abilities, it has been determined that extensive use of the STA provided services is not conducive to the success of transporting our Convention attendees. All shuttle and bus transportation is now sponsored by the 61st National Square Dance Convention®. The 'STA' bus pass, which has previously been offered on the Registration Form, is being automatically converted to the 61st NSDC Parking Lot Shuttle pass. If you do not have your own transportation to get to the Parking lot, those of you staying at one of the Convention Hotels should consider the Hotel/Motel bus pass.

Parking Lot Shuttle:

A parking lot will be available at 801 N. Cincinnati Street in the Gonzaga University District. You can either walk the .8 mile lighted path, or ride the 10-minute shuttle, to the Convention Center. It is STRONGLY recommended that you purchase the "Parking Lot Shuttle Pass" on the Registration Form for only \$12 per person.

RV Shuttle:

For all those folks that are planning to bring their RV's to the beautiful Pacific Northwest, and attend the National Convention, there will be an 'RV Bus Pass' available for purchase (\$40 per person) for the folks using the RV facilities at the Spokane Exposition Center (404 N. Havana St., Spokane Valley, WA 99202). These bus passes will only be available for the 'RV' registered guests.

Hotel/Motel Shuttle:

For those hotels not listed as 'walking' hotels on the Registration Form that are located to the east and west of the downtown core, the 61st NSDC will provide busses. The hotel/motel bus pass is available for purchase (\$40 per person) by attendees staying at these hotels.

61st NSDC LIMITED PARKING

The Convention Center is located in Downtown Spokane and parking is very limited. It is STRONGLY recommended that you purchase the "Parking Lot Shuttle Pass" on the Registration Form for only \$12 per person. A parking lot will be available at 801 N. Cincinnati Street in the Gonzaga University District. You can either walk the .8 mile lighted path, or ride the 10-minute shuttle to the Convention Center. Again, it is suggested that you pre-purchase the \$12 per person "Parking Lot Shuttle Pass" for day-to-day transportation to the Convention Center.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE 61st NSDC

Need a break from your dancing? Give us two hours of your time volunteering and you will have the chance to meet dancers from around the world. There is a need for volunteers in almost all areas including registration, tours, hospitality, education and dance hall monitoring. You can volunteer one of two ways: visit our website at www.61nsdc.com, and print and fill out the form located under "Volunteers", OR sign-up during the Convention. Just follow the signs that will be posted around the Convention Center. For more information you can send an email to volunteers@61nsdc.com. We hope to meet you at Convention!

SOUND AT THE 61st NSDC

The sound at the 61st NSDC in Spokane will be some of the best sound ever provided for a National Square Dance Convention®. BOHICA Sound has been contracted to provide Hilton amplifiers for all of the dance halls. The speakers utilized will be the Spokane Convention Centers' multimillion-dollar overhead sound system; it is fabulous!

In addition, BOHICA will provide Yak Stack, or better, speakers for all of the halls that do not have the overhead sound system.

BOHICA has sounded many National Conventions as well as many other Square Dance weekends and functions.

So what are you waiting for... register today for the greatest square dance event of 2012, the 61st National Square Dance Convention® to be held at the Spokane Convention Center in beautiful Spokane, WA on June 27-30, 2012. Register today!

DANCE FLOORS AT THE 61st NSDC

Square dancers, and especially round dancers, require smooth and comfortable dance floor surfaces. Hours of movement across rough and hard dance floors could result in extraordinary fatigue and possible injury. Therefore, National Square Dance Conventions® take every precaution to ensure good dance floors for the comfort and pleasure of the dancers. The 61st NSDC has contracted with “Dancing Delight” to provide over 28,000 square feet of flooring throughout the Spokane Convention Center.

Did You Know...

“Father’s Day” was founded in Spokane, Washington in June 1910 by a woman named Sonora Smart Dodd in honor of her father, William Jackson Smart.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE 61st NSDC, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:
www.61nsdc.com**

Your Source...

I carry ribbons and flyers for the following dances:

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

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

October 26 – 27, 2012 – **33rd Annual Party-Rama** – Sebring, FL

November 9 – 10, 2012 – **West Coast Association’s 38th Annual Fall Fun Fest** - Bartow

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

What's Happening This Week?

Week of March 12, 2012

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

Monday (March 12) – *Fisher's 2012 Phase III – IV Round Dance Party* – Stardust Dance Center, 1405 S. Collins St. (Big Lots Shopping Center), Plant City – 7:45 – 9:30 p.m. – Cuers: Karen and Dick Fisher. \$12 per couple per session. For info: 936-366-2504 – rffisher@tamu.edu – www.fisherdance.com.

Twilight Twirlers – Bonita Springs Community Building at Reynolds and Old 41 – Rusty Hinge Workshop 6:30 p.m.; Mainstream 7:00 p.m. – rounds and lines on tape – Caller: Howard Cole. For info: Howard Cole at 239-691-5670 (hwcole@att.net) or Leo Malinowski at 239-775-8111.

Harmony Hoedowners St. Paddy's Dance – 3240 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring – A2 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: Sam Dunn; Cuer: TBA - casual attire. For info: <http://samdunn.net/harmony.htm>.

Sun-N-Fun St. Patty Party – 7125 Fruitville Road, Woodland Hall, Sarasota – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Plus squares with rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates; Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: Bill and Marge Webb at 941-343-9720 or 440-526-7258 or billwebb2@gmail.com or John and Shirley Galik at 941-371-3914.

Sassy Squares – **NO DANCE** For info: 863-214-1923 or samdunn@samdunn.com.

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

Temple Twirlers Circus Big Top 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: Marty Van Wart, Cuer: Jack Jenkins. Dancers please use the entrance marked "Gage Hall" on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. For info: flobyington@yahoo.com.

Heel & Toe – Senior Center Annex, 702 Indiana Avenue, St. Cloud – Plus workshop 6:30 – 7:00 p.m., Mainstream dancing 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: UNK. For info: 407-931-1688 or 407-339-1499.

Tuesday (March 13) – *Buttons & Bows of Lakeland St. Patrick's Day Dance* – 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Squares (alternating Mainstream and Plus) 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Roland Blanchette; Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. Square dance attire optional – beautiful wood floor for dancing – finger foods. For info: igsap988@yahoo.com / 863-815-7400 or sgdnfan@aol.com / 863-874-4522.

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: chrounds@capital.net

R&R Gators – Alligator RV Park, 6400 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda – Plus/Rounds 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Caller: Dave Magee, Cuer: Russ Collier. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

Horizon Village – 9200 Littleton Road, N. Ft. Myers (south of the shell factory and west of US 41) – Plus and Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: Len Siegmann, Cuer: Ruth Siegmann. For info: 239-823-7661

Woodmere A2 Dance - 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (off Jacaranda Blvd.) – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481 or Venice cell 941-223-0987 or redbates@juno.com.

Maple Leaf Squares St. Patrick's Night – Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Highway (I-75 Exit 170 go SW 1 ½ miles), Queensway Hall – alternating Plus and Mainstream tips 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Dave Magee. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

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.

Suncoast Squares – MCC King of Peace Church (rear entrance by the parking lot), 3150 Fifth Avenue North, St. Petersburg – These dances are for the GLBT and Straight Communities – all are welcome! Early Rounds 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream Squares – 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.; plus Squares 9:00 – 10:00 p.m. - \$2.50 donation for Rounds; \$5 donation for Squares – casual attire. Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox. For info: rritter@ij.net.

Wednesday (March 14) – Palmetto Palms A-2 – 19681 Summerlin Boulevard, Ft. Myers – 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481/ redbates@juno.com.

Palmetto Palms Plus - 19681 Summerlin Boulevard, Ft. Myers – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481/ redbates@juno.com.

Palmetto Palms C-1 - 19681 Summerlin Boulevard, Ft. Myers – 1:30 – 2:20 p.m. – Caller: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481/ redbates@juno.com.

Betmar Bells & Beaus St. Patrick's Dance - Betmar MHP, Clubhouse #2, Lakewood Drive, Zephyrhills – Rounds/Squares – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: Allen Snell, Cuer: Ella Bettencourt. Casual attire. For info: 813-783-7523 or tckelly2@aol.com.

Camp Inn Grande Squares - 3455 U.S. Hwy. 27 North, Frostproof – FREE square dance workshop 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. - 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. squares and rounds – Caller: Sam Dunn, Cuer: Carl Rod – casual attire. For info: 863-382-6792 or samdunn@samdunn.net.

Strawberry Square C-2 Dance and Workshop - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Caller: Art Springer. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432 or Dan and Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350.

Strawberry Square Club - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 7:00 – 7:30 Plus workshop – 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Mainstream/Easy Plus. Caller: Bill Harrison. \$7 per person. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Linda Lynn 813-659-9040 or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

Timber Pines – 6872 Timber Pines Boulevard, Spring Hill – Early Rounds 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. - Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – caller: Bob Bourassa – cuer: John Ayers - square dance attire optional – for gate access and directions call 352-666-1546.

Strawberry Square C-1 Workshop and Dance - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Caller: Art Springer. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432 or Dan and Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350.

Kings Point Swingers Advanced Round Dance – Kings Point Main Clubhouse Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City Center – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Cuer: Mike Cox. Visitors please wear your square dance badge and tell the guard at the entrance gate that you are attending the dance at the Clubhouse Studio. For info: 813-634-8212 or 642-0900 or mc8152@verizon.net or 813-649-0754.

Cultural Center Squares – Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte, FL. Callers: Art Miller; 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 (March 15) – 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: Keith Stevens; Cuer: Carl Rod – square dance attire optional. For info: [easchwartz@tampabay.rr.com](mailto: easchwartz@tampabay.rr.com).

Charlotte Promenaders – Port Charlotte Beach Recreation Center, 4500 Harbor Boulevard, Port Charlotte – Early Rounds 7:00 p.m., Plus 7:30 – 9:45 p.m. – Caller: Chuck and Gerry Hardy, Cuer: Russ Collier. For info: 941-426-2364 or 941-429-8271 or sqdbird@aol.com.

Glen Haven St. Patrick's Dance – Glen Haven RVP, 37251 Chancy Road, Zephyrhills – MS/Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: George Varney, Cuer: Ella Bettencourt. For info: 813-782-8079.

Snobirds St. Patrick's Dance – Citrus Park, 25601 Trost Boulevard (Clubhouse), Bonita Springs – ER 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Howard Cole, Cuer: Mike Alexander. For info: blingley@gmail.com.

Pine Ridge Promenaders St. Patrick's Dance – Sunshine RV Resort, Rt. 70 (1,000 yards east of Hwy. 27, Lake Placid - Mainstream/Plus 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Russ Young – finger foods will be served. For info: 863-699-2789.

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.

Jacaranda Trace – 3600 William Penn Way, Venice - A-2 - 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Caller: Mike Cox. For info: 941-408-2627.

Suncoast Squares – MCC King of Peace Church (rear entrance by the parking lot), 3150 Fifth Avenue North, St. Petersburg – These dances are for the GLBT and Straight Communities – all are welcome! A-2 – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. - \$7 – casual attire. Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox. For info: rritter@ij.net.

Promenade Squares St. Patrick's Dance – Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – ER 7:15 - 7:45 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:45 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Dick Demerit, cuers: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin. For info: walkey1a@yahoo.com or 727-789-3836.

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 (March 16) – Central Association's 12th Annual Shamrock Swing – La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages, FL – Callers: Tim Marriner and Ron Libby. Cuers: Jimmy and Carol Griffin. Two halls – Mainstream, Plus, DBD and Advance. Ribbons \$18 per person in advance; \$20 at the door. Daily admission available at the door: \$14 per person all day Saturday; Friday or Saturday evening only \$12 per person. For info: sharonandron579@gmail.com / 352-751-5737 or courjl4720@thevillages.net / 352-751-1009. Flyer at www.dancergram.com.

Sassy Squares – NO DANCE For info: 863-214-1923 or samdunn@samdunn.com.

Buttonwood Bay Squares Final Dance of the Season - 10001 U.S. Rt. 27 S., Sebring (5 miles south of Sebring on Rt. 27) – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Square Dance 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Nelson Wakeman assisted by Jama; Cuer: TBA. For info: Roger and Connie McElfresh 863-655-4243 or rogerconniemc@tnni.net.

Curliques - Estero Woodlands Clubhouse – Estero, FL – Workshop: 6:30 p.m.; Plus dance 7:00 p.m. – Caller: Howard Cole – rounds and lines on tape. For info: Howard Cole at 239-691-5670 or hwcole@att.net.

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.

Strawberry Square C-2 Dance and Workshop - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Caller: Keith Stevens. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432 or Dan and Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350.

Manatee RV Park – 6302 U.S. 41 South, Ruskin – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Plus Squares 7:30 – 9:30 p.m., Advanced 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox. For info: Joe 813-641-9418 or Mike 813-649-0754.

Strawberry Square A-2 Dance – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – A2 Workshop 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., A-2 Dance 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Caller: **Bill Harrison**. \$7 per person. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432 or Dave and Betty Bradley 989-289-6446.

Woodmere Park C-1 Dance - 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (off Jacaranda Blvd.) – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Caller: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481 or Venice cell 941-223-0987 or redbates@juno.com.

Dixie Grande Squares – Grace Lutheran Church, 321 Avenue C SE, Winter Haven – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Easy Plus Squares 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire preferred – Caller/Cuer: Carl Rod. For info: carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com or 863-651-3292 (c) or 863-293-9369 (H).

Spinning Wheels St. Patrick's Day Dance - 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 – square dance attire preferred – green is the scene. For info: raindancer999@yahoo.com.

Sun City Swingers St. Paddy's Party - 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. Square dance attire preferred. Air-conditioned hall, wood floor, and lighted, paved off-street parking. **Dancers will provide delicious finger food (green) and the club will supply beverages.** For info: Dick and Mary Schultz 813-633-8718 rsch462636@aol.com or Bob and Beverly Barringer 813-633-3651.

Saturday (March 17) – Round Dance Council of Florida Spring Weekend of Rounds – Stardust Dance Center, 1405 S. Collins Street, Plant City, FL – Clinicians: Joe and Pat Hilton. Phase 3 & 4+ weekend of dancing and clinics. Weekend package \$75 per couple. Lunch will be provided by the Round Dance Council of Florida. Continental breakfast will be served both mornings. Host Hotel: Red Rose Inn & Suites, 2011 N. Wheeler Street, Plant City – 813-7852-3141 - \$79 + tax per night. For info or tickets: Sandy Sturgis, 163 Candlewick Circle, Panama City, FL 32405 – 850-265-9488. Make Check payable to RDCF.

Central Association's 12th Annual Shamrock Swing – La Hacienda Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages, FL – Callers: Tim Marriner and Ron Libby. Cuers: Jimmy and Carol Griffin. Two halls – Mainstream, Plus, DBD and Advance. Ribbons \$18 per person in advance; \$20 at the door. Daily admission available at the door: \$14 per person all day Saturday; Friday or Saturday evening only \$12 per person. For info: sharonandron579@gmail.com / 352-751-5737 or courj14720@thevillages.net / 352-751-1009. Flyer at www.dancergram.com.

Strawberry Square C/1 Dance/Workshop - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Caller: Bill Harrison. \$7 per person. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432 or Dan and Thelma Ogilvie 813-752-1350.

Strawberry Square Phase 5 Dance and Workshop – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the Dance Center, call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Dave Heugel 910-200-3828, or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

Buttons & Bows of Venice – Woodmere Park, 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice – Square/Rounds 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Caller: Art Springer; Cuer: Karen Haiflich. For info: remsenny@aol.com.

Strawberry Square – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Early Rounds 7:00 p.m., Plus with Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Square dance attire preferred – Caller: Bill Harrison, Cuer: Jack Jenkins. \$7 per person. For info: 813-752-0491 or www.strawberrysquaredancing.com. If you can't reach the dance center, call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, or Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702, or Linda Lynn 813-659-9040, or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

Palace Promenaders St. Patrick's Dance – 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. Palace Square Dance Hall, 1647 North-East Floridian Street (right off Rt. 17) , Arcadia, FL – Caller: Art Miller; Cuer: Jennie Martin. Park in back of the building. For tickets or information: Jennie Martin 863-494-2749 or Mary Dow 941-380-5336.

Sunday (March 18) – Motivators - St. Cloud Senior Center, 3101 – 17th Street, St. Cloud – A-2 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., C-1 Tip 4:00 p.m. – Caller: Chris Phillips. For info: aepkie@cfl.rr.com.

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Strawberry Square Beginners' Ball – 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Caller: Bill Harrison. \$5 per person. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Linda Lynn 813-659-9040 or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

Timber Pines A2 Dance - 6872 Timber Pines Boulevard, Spring Hill – A1 – A2 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. caller: Bob Bourassa - square dance attire optional. For info: 352-666-1546.

Happy Promenaders - **NO DANCE** For info: call Jan (239) 642-8612 or playwalt@comcast.com.

Crystal Lake Squares – **NO DANCE** For info: dmorriso@vistanet.net.

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.

Cloverleaf Leprechauns St. Patrick's Dance - 900 North Broad Street (U.S. 41 N.), Brooksville, FL – ER 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., A-1 tip 4:15 p.m. – Caller: Bob Bourassa, Cuer: Judy Doane – finger foods. For info: 352-799-8625, lmuttitt@tampabay.rr.com or <http://www.geocities.com/leprechaun34601>.

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

Monday (March 19) – Fisher's 2012 Phase III – IV Round Dance Parties – Stardust Dance Center, 1405 S. Collins St. (Big Lots Shopping Center), Plant City – 7:45 – 9:30 p.m. – Cuers: Karen and Dick Fisher. \$12 per couple per session. For info: 936-366-2504 – rffisher@tamu.edu – www.fisherdance.com.

Twilight Twirlers – Bonita Springs Community Building at Reynolds and Old 41 – Rusty Hinge Workshop 6:30 p.m.; Mainstream 7:00 p.m. – rounds and lines on tape – Caller: Howard Cole. For info: Howard Cole at 239-691-5670 (hwcole@att.net) or Leo Malinowski at 239-775-8111.

Harmony Hoedowners – **NO DANCE** For info: <http://samdunn.net/harmony.htm>.

Sun-N-Fun – 7125 Fruitville Road, Woodland Hall, Sarasota – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Plus squares with rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Art Springer**; Cuer: **Jack Jenkins**. For info: Bill and Marge Webb at 941-343-9720 or 440-526-7258 or billwebb2@gmail.com or John and Shirley Galik at 941-371-3914.

Sassy Squares – **3240 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring – A-1 – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. - Caller: Sam Dunn.** For info: 863-214-1923 or samdunn@samdunn.com.

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

Temple Twirlers – Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 2707 W. Waters Avenue (northeast corner of Habana Avenue), Tampa – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Ron Reardon**, Cuer: **Charlie Lovelace**. Dancers please use the entrance marked “Gage Hall” on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. For info: flobyington@yahoo.com.

Heel & Toe – Senior Center Annex, 702 Indiana Avenue, St. Cloud – Plus workshop 6:30 – 7:00 p.m., Mainstream dancing 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Caller: UNK. For info: 407-931-1688 or 407-339-1499.

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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Strawberry Square A2 Review Workshop - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 10:00 – 12:00 noon. Caller: Keith Stevens. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Don and Barbara Huff 813-752-2278, Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432 or Dave and Betty Bradley 989-289-6446.

March 13, 2012 – **Snowbird Basic Round Dance Classes** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Cuer: **Karen Fisher**. 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. - \$5 per person.

April 17 – August 22 – **Summer Round Dancing with Ione and Wally Wade** – South County Regional Park, 670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda. – Phase 2 – 3 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. For info: 941 505-1979, wally.wade@hotmail.com.

August 16 – 20, 2012 – **Socal Callers School** – Cedar Brook Dance Center, 12812 Garden Boulevard, Garden Grove, California. Whether 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, fuller CALLERLAB curriculum, and develop a calling career that is best for you. Space is limited. Register today! \$350 per student. For info: 413-734-0591 or kenritucci@aol.com.

October 4 – 8, 2012 – **Northeast Callers School** – Mill-a-round Dance Center, Manchester, NH – Callers: Ken Ritucci (CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach), Norm Poisson, Jerry Story (CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach), Steve Kopman, and Don Moger. Plenty of microphone time; professional assessment of your skills; understand what it takes to be a leader, fuller CALLERLAB curriculum, and develop a calling career that is best for you. Whether you are presently calling or desire to be a caller, this school will help you with your calling career. \$375

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Looking Ahead...

April 2 – 4, 2012 - **CALLERLAB 39th Annual Convention** – Nashville, TN – This convention is not limited to just callers. Many dance leaders also attend our conventions and we invite you and any of your association representatives to be a part of our convention. For info: 785-783-3665. NOTE: I have a copy of the registration form. If you would like a copy, just let me know. It was too long to include in this newsletter.

May 6, 2012 – **Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association Meeting** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Polk City – Time: TBA. This is the annual picnic and elections. If you call, cue or teach in the area covered by the West Coast Association, you should consider joining this association. For info: carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com or 863-651-3292.

August 17 – 18, 2012 – **“Golden Oldies” 50th Michigan State Convention** – Radisson Plaza Hotel, Kalamazoo, MI - Room rates at the Radisson for the convention are \$125 per night with **two free** breakfast vouchers per room per day. Ask for the Square Dance Convention group rate when making reservations. Call 1-800-333-3333 for reservations at the Radisson. There is **free** parking in the attached parking structure available to **all** dancers registered for the convention. Camping will be available at Markin Glen, one of Kalamazoo County’s parks, at a rate of \$25 per night, plus a \$5 registration fee. These are full hook-up sites that include 50 amp service, water and sewer. The park is located 4 miles from the Radisson Plaza Hotel. There are 38 sites available. Contact Mandy Eldred at 269-383-8761 for reservations. For registration information please contact Ed and Donna Fuller, 11365 Phal Road, Grass Lake, MI 517-522-3840, e-mail antique@umich.edu. For information about our convention or to download a registration form visit www.squaredancemichigan.com.

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May 5, 2013 – **Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association Meeting** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Polk City – Time: TBA. This is the annual picnic and elections. If you call, cue or teach in the area covered by the West Coast Association, you should consider joining this association. For info: carlsqrdrod@yahoo.com or 863-651-3292.

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.61stnsdc.com> 60th National Square Dance Convention – Spokane, WA

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

Vendors

<http://www.jlvinyl.com/SQUARE---ROUND-DANCING.html> (vinyl decals)

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 (New physical address: Bob L. Adams, Bobs Engraving, 8827 Megan Lane, Orlando, FL 32836; Telephone: 407-777-8952; www.bobsengraving.com; e-mail address: bobsengraving@aim.com)

<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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