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wanted: Gently used square dance attire to be donated to the West Coast Association. These clothes will be sold on E-Bay with the proceeds being donated to the 2014 State Convention. Contact Jenny Green at 863-287-5724 or jenanngreen@aol.com to make arrangements for delivery or pick up.

June 5, 2012 - Submission deadline for the July issue of Bow &

Swing. For info: bowandswing@gmail.com.

The pre-sale price for the upcoming 2013 Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention has been extended to June 30, 2012. Your registration must be postmarked by July 3, 2012 so respond quickly!

Please fill out a registration form and send it (along with your check) to the Registration Chairman. This is open to "EVERYONE".

Please mark any of the pre-printed forms with "Extended until June 30th" for anyone who uses a pre-printed registration form for this deal.

Join Shufflin' Squares Thursday, June 7 when eight youngsters, excited to be learning square dancing, come dance for us. The kids from Winter Haven have been taking lessons for about a month and are eager to both show off how well they are doing and to see what a real square dance is like. They'll be performing for us at the beginning of the dance Thursday and then staying to watch the rest of us dance to the vocabulary we know. We've made it "pizza dessert night" at the dance, so come enjoy the dessert pizzas for all to share. It'll be a great way to start the summer dance official program Shufflin at Squares.

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!

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Your Source...

I carry ribbons and flyers for the following dances:

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.

Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association Announce New Officers

The Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association held their annual meeting and luncheon on May 6th at Strawberry Square Dance Center in Plant City.

Their officers for the new year are: President – Mike Gormley; Vice-President – Ron Reardon; Secretary: George Varney; Treasurer: Patricia Fuller-Gardner.

ARTS

PRESS RELEASE

ANOTHER VACAVILLE YOUTH THE COMMUNITY CAN BE PROUD OF

SAMANTHA SCHNEIDER of the VacaValley Ramblers Square Dance Club graduated this year and will be attending the Solano Community College in the Fall. She was presented a scholarship Saturday night at the yearly Golden State Round Up in Oakland.

Most of the "Ramblers" and many of her fellow youth dancers in the State were there to dance and see her surprise presentation. The California State Square Dance Council offers this one scholarship each year.

Congratulations Samantha and her dancing parents, Bob and Ann Schneider.

Lessie Diffey VacaValley Ramblers

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ARTS-DANCE - NEWSLETTER - May- 2012

Message From Our Chairman -

Hard to believe that the year is almost half over and we start to embark on Nationals. It seems like yesterday we were in Oklahoma City!

Thanks to all who attended the ARTS Board Meeting in OKC. We accomplished a lot at our meeting and I look forward to our future!

The you2candance.com website continues to grow and get the message out to the world. With the age of technology, we embarked on a world wide web presence. We will continue to market ourselves in as many forums as possible bringing square dancing, round dancing, and contra dancing to the world wide web!

With the 61st National Square Dance Convention about a month away, I want to thank those people who have volunteered their time to participate in the Showcase of Ideas and the seminars that ARTS is hosting at this Convention. There are several members of our group that will not be in Spokane as we will be in Vancouver at the 29th IAGSDC Convention, I encourage those who are going to Spokane to lend a hand to help promote ARTS. Contact ARTS Executive Director, Jerry Reed at ExecutiveDirector@arts-dance.org, to see how you can get involved in Spokane or with the ARTS in any other way..

ARTS continues its current programs: ARTS Add-A-Buck, ARTS Dance Travel, ARTS Grant Programs and many others. For more information on any of these programs, please contact Jerry Reed at ExecutiveDirector@arts-dance.org. We're profoundly grateful to all of the members and contributors to the ARTS! You help to make everything we do possible.

Gordon Macaw – Chairman of the Governing Board Alliance of Round Traditional and Square Dance, Inc. chairman@arts-dance.org

2012/2013 Officers -

Chairman - Gordon Macaw Vice Chairman - Betsy Gotta Secretary - Scott Philips Treasurer - Edythe Weber

2012 Annual ARTS Meeting -

The 2012 ARTS meeting was held Sunday, March 4, 2012 immediately following the 62nd NSDC Pre-Convention in Oklahoma, OK. Minutes of the meeting are posted on the ARTS web site: www.arts-dance.org

There is an open invitation to all interested persons to attend any of the ARTS meeting. If you would like to get more information -- Copies of the minutes of all past ARTS meetings are available on the web site: www.arts-dance.org

Square Dance History Project (SDHP) - Grant

One of the goals of the ARTS is to promote and publicize the history of our activity. In 2011 a Grant request from the SDHP was approved in the amount of \$2,500.00. SDHP is working toward completion of their work and has created a web site, please visit to see the progress: http://SquareDanceHistory.org

In time, this site will provide access to a rich collection of information about the history of American square dancing and its many forms. Eventually, this will include moving images, audio clips, text, interviews, and photographs. In addition to the financial support the group has already received, they are also seeking major grant support. Obtaining the rights to old footage can be expensive, let alone the cost of digitizing the images on film.

Square dancing has been an integral part of American social life for centuries. Traditional square dance was vital for generations of Americans, especially in rural communities; in the post-World War II era, modern square dance similarly enjoyed participants numbering in the millions. Despite its popularity, the history of square dance has not been well documented. Scores of books explain specific figures and calls, but there is no current source that offers a detailed discussion of the development of this form of American social dance.

The project will assemble many sources of information in one well-organized digital library with a robust web portal. In addition to helping us appreciate our rich square dance heritage, the site will include ample resources to inspire current callers, musicians, and dancers, in order to serve the living tradition. The project is a collaboration between organizations and a group of dance historians representing both traditional and modern square dance. The individuals will act as informed curators. In turn, the Square Dance Foundation of New England will contribute items from its vast library of square dance materials. The group has also been working closely

with the University of New Hampshire Special Collections, home of arguably the world's largest collection of square dance materials, they have offered useful technical and archival assistance.

From dance callers seeking information about particular calls to social dance historians, from casual viewers to dance enthusiasts, the Square Dance History Project will serve many users. The rich story of North American square dance will finally have a home in the digital age.

ARTS-DANCE - Education Grant Program-

Our Educational Grant Program was established, to encourage various dance organizations to conduct Educational Seminars to help inform and educate attendees about various topics related to the activity and help promote ARTS-Dance. In addition to the other topics, the seminars MUST also cover who and what ARTS is and its goals and accomplishments. Any square, round, contra, clogging, or folk dance organization willing to present a program which includes explaining ARTS and its function in the dance community may apply for a grant.

Associations, organizations, or dance promoters may apply for an Educational Grant of up to \$200.00 (or up to 50% of the costs, whichever is less) to cover the costs to present a seminar. The seminar must include a session explaining the ARTS, its history, accomplishments, and current and future programs. This session can be a method to introduce ARTS to the dancing community, and further familiarize others with ARTS accomplishments and programs.

A sign-in list of attendees must be circulated at the session, and if 10 or more attend, the session would qualify for a grant. If there are less than 10 attendees, the organization would not qualify for funds. Any consideration would be subject to availability of funds. The leaders must complete the Educational Grant Form, which can be obtained from any ARTS officer or can be printed from the ARTS-Dance web site: www.arts-dance.org. The application must be submitted to the ARTS Executive Director at 943 Tamarind, Rockledge FL 32955, or Email: ExecutiveDirector@arts-dance.org and must be received at least 60 days prior to the event. An estimate of expenses must be completed on the application. After review, ARTS will notify the applicant if they qualify for the grant. No organization may receive more than one grant in any one calendar year.

Facebook Account -

The ARTS has established a Facebook account at: http://www.facebook.com/groups/139097599434143/. For more information contact Jim Weber at: webmaster@arts-dance.org

ARTS Email Tree -

The ARTS has established an electronic system to help disseminate information directly to all dancers in the USA. Email tree representatives for over 28 states have agreed to serve as contact points for the ARTS Email Tree. The system will work as follows: 1) Information will be sent to the Email Tree Representatives (Reps), 2) The Email Reps will send the information to the people on their mailing list, 3) These people will send the information to the people on their

mailing list, 4) The process will continue until the information is delivered to the dancers in the local clubs. If you would like to help, please contact the Executive Director, Jerry Reed at: ExecutiveDirector@arts-dance.org We welcome and value your comments.

BackGrounder -

During the ARTS-Dance Public Relations Seminars held at the National Square Dance Convention® in Portland, Oregon in 2005, the national public relations firm of Weber Shandwick proposed to ARTS that they develop a Square Dancing BACKGROUNDER. What is a backgrounder? Well, that is what we learned during these Portland ARTS Public Relations Seminars.

The ARTS-Dance is a non-profit organization and is operated to generate public awareness and promote growth and acceptance of contemporary Square, Round, Traditional, Contra, Clog, Line & Folk Dancing.

A Backgrounder is simply a single document detailing the basic facts explaining the significant physical, mental and social benefits of Square Dancing. It also summarizes our history, provides definitions for Round Dancing, Square Dancing, Contra/Traditional Dancing, and a historical time line showing the development and growth of these dance activities, including a brief listing of the major dance organizations that have joined together to create the Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square-Dance, INC (ARTS-Dance).

The Backgrounder is not just a listing of information, it also provides interesting "Factoids about Square Dancing'" adding short facts of where our activity has been, how the activity has been portrayed in the media, television and the movies, and identifying some of the more prominent Americans who have been involved with its development. To more readily show and represent our movement, the Backgrounder includes multiple photos depicting the fun and its colorful aspects. The focus of the Backgrounder is to facilitate dancers who have the opportunity to deal with the media to inform them of what we dancers know full well - this is a terrific activity that is more than fun, it has multiple benefits. By providing a Backgrounder to any representative of the media we can be assured that the news article developed by any reporter equipped with the Backgrounder will have useful and ACCURATE facts that they may incorporate into their article or news report when they cover a dancing event.

This Backgrounder has been created in such a way that a local club or association has the ability to customize certain portions, such as contact information to identify the local club or area association's point of contact.

These Backgrounders are available to be downloaded from the ARTS-Dance.org website (www.ARTS-Dance.org) and will be available during the annual National Square Dance Conventions at their Showcase of Ideas. As a tool to encourage others to try our dance activities, a supply of Backgrounders may be left in Doctor's offices waiting rooms for their patients to read and understand the health benefits of Dance.

Everyone is welcome to utilize these Backgrounders to promote our Round, Traditional and Square Dance.

ARTS-Dance Publicity -

In spite of the efforts of many over the years, ARTS-Dance is still a relatively unknown entity to many dancers. To help explain who we are and some of our goals and accomplishments we present Educational Seminars during the NSDCs and USAWest conventions.

You2CanDance.com -

The You 2 Can Dance web site was launched at the National Square Dance Convention in Louisville KY in June 2010. The site is up and operational at www.you2candance.com. There are three videos showing Modern Square Dancing, Round Dancing, and Contra Dancing, as well as detailed explanations of the three dance forms, Squares, Rounds, and Contras. Each section has a resource page for locating a caller, cuer, or club near you. The site is designed for those not already in the activity.

WE NOW NEED YOUR HELP!!

The problem we are having now is getting ALL of the known square, round, and contra clubs listed on the web site, as well as all of the callers and cuers that want to be listed. It is easy to get your club's info listed. Simply go to your state's "find a club" page and click on the line that says, "To add or update your club's listing" and fill in the requested information. The same goes for callers and cuers. We are asking you to check your own information and to pass the word along to everyone you know.

Listed below are ways to use the new web site to help promote dancing in your area. If you have any additional ideas, please send them also via the "contact us" button at the bottom of the home page.

The ARTS administers a Grant Program to help dancer groups finance educational seminars or gatherings. For more information visit: www.arts-dance.org.

How to Use You 2 Can Dance

- 1. Make you2candance.com your home page. Every time you go on line, you will register a "hit" to the site. This helps it move to the earlier pages when someone does a search.
- 2. If you have a web site, be sure to add a link to this site. The number of links to a web site is a major factor in moving it to the first few pages of search engines.
- 3. Make sure you are listed on the web site, whether you are a caller, cuer, or club.
 - If you have a web site, we will put a link to your site.
 - If you have an email address, we will put a link to it for immediate contact by a visitor to the site.
 - Send data to info@you2candance.com

- 4. Everywhere you can we ask you to advertise "you2candance.com". It is a non-threatening, no pressure way to get people to check us out, and no one will bother you unless you choose to be a contact.
 - Put a little sign in one of your car's rear windows. Just you2candance.com, nothing else. You don't have to put your phone number or any explanation. If enough people do this, eventually people will visit the site, just to see what it's all about.
 - Print up business cards that just say www.you2candance.com. Leave them laying around in waiting rooms, libraries, on supermarket bulletin board, anywhere someone might just pick it up and say "What the heck is this?"
 - Make up a banner and hang it outside where you dance, or when you do a demo.
- 5. Use this web site on your flyers for open houses or other recruiting literature. People unfamiliar with the dance activity can watch a video of actual dancers and listen to a description of the activity given by a professional voice-over artist.
- 6. This web site isn't by any means the only tool you will need to help our activities grow. It is, however, another weapon to put in your arsenal. ARTS-Dance has created this to help you educate the public about what it is that we enjoy so much. Remember, the more times someone sees something, hears something, comes into contact with something, the more likely they are to at least give it a try. After all, that's all we're asking, just give us a try.

ARTS-Dance and NEC -

For many years the National Executive Committee (NEC) published the National Squares magazine to provide the dance community with information about the upcoming National Square Dance Convention (NSDC).

Recently the NEC decided to stop the publication of National Squares as a hard copy (paper) document. This action was taken for several reasons including low subscription numbers, the high cost of printing, and the ease of electronic distribution. The NEC is a Member of the ARTS Board and had requested approval for the ARTS to help with distribution of the National Squares E-Bulletin through the ARTS Email Tree. The Board has approved this request.

ARTS-Dance and NSDC and USAWest -

Since its inception, the ARTS has supported the National Square Dance Conventions (NSDCs) and the USAWest Conventions. We provide information seminars as part of the convention education program and we have a display in the Showcase Of Ideas. The Board encourages all dancers, callers, and cuers to attend these events. When thousands of dancers get together, you cannot help but have fun

ARTS-Dance at 61st NSDC -

The 61st NSDC will be held in Spokane, WA June 27 - 30, 2012. This promises to be another funfilled convention. For information visit: www.61nsdc.com. The ARTS will exhibit our high-quality information Tri-Fold. This brochure provides information about The ARTS including a list of Board Members, accomplishments, and plans. Copies of the Tri-Fold will be in the convention packages. Copies of the Backgrounder brochure and You2CanDance will also be available in the Showcase Of Ideas. The ARTS will also present Educational Seminars:

- You2candance.com Promoting Dancing Through The ARTS Website
- Potential & Perspective the Future of Our Activity

ARTS & TRAVEL -

The ARTS-Dance online TRAVEL SITE has been activated for a number of years. Our agreement with YTB Travel has been extended indefinitely. Please visit www.arts-dancetravel.com before making your travel plans. You will enjoy the same savings as other online travel sites and help The ARTS by using this service.

Plan to attend the 61st NSDC in Spokane, WA - June 28 - 30, 2012

Next ARTS Meeting 9:00 AM - Sunday, June 30, 2013 Immediately Following the 62nd NSDC Oklahoma City, OK

The ARTS Bylaws require the Board to meet at least once a year. Normally this annual meeting is held immediately following the NSDC. The Board may change the date and location of the meeting as needed. ALL interested persons are invited to attend any ARTS meeting. The Board welcomes participation and additional input. The ARTS Board Members are working to help increase the number of dancers and the Board is always looking for new ideas to help this effort. Please consider attending a future meeting. Copies of the minutes of past meetings are posted on the ARTS web site. Please take a look to see the work we have done and are planning. For More Information Contact ExecutiveDirector@arts-dance.org.

Volunteers & Helpers -

The ARTS-Dance is dedicated to promoting our activity and to raising awareness of the activity among the non-dancing public. We are always looking for new ideas and volunteers to assist in our mission. The Governing Board represent all the major dance organizations in the USA. These dedicated dance leaders work hard for the ARTS and for the dance activity. As with any volunteer organization, there is a continuing need for fresh input, ideas, and people to help out. If you would like to help or if you have questions, please contact our Executive Director, Jerry Reed at ExecutiveDirector@arts-dance.org.

Looking For Financial Assistance For An Educational Gathering? The ARTS Education Grant Program: http://www.arts-dance.org/

Do you have non-dancing friends? Do you want them to learn more about our activity? Have them visit the You2Can Dance web site to learn more about activity www.you2candance.com

ARTS Governing Board

Organizations

The following organizations have agreed to support The ARTS

- > All Join Hands
- > CALLERLAB
- > CONTRALAB
- > International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs (IAGSDC)
- > National Square Dance Campers Association (NSDCA)
- > National Executive Committee (NEC)
- > ROUNDALAB
- > Single Square Dancers USA (SSDUSA)
- > USAWest
- > United Square Dancers of America (USDA)

Please Plan to attend the 61st NSDC in Spokane, WA and the ARTS Education Seminars 1st Seminar - 1:30 PM on Thursday

3rd Seminar - 11:45 AM on Saturday

"You2candance.com - Promoting Dancing Through The ARTS Website"

Staff - Roy Gotta, Jim Maczko and Jim Weber

The ARTS has created a new web site and three videos (DVDs) dedicated to attracting new dancers. This seminar will provide information regarding the following main points of this project: 1) Establish a dedicated web site, 2) Create professional, upbeat videos of approximately two minutes for each segment of the activity, and 3) The videos may be accessed through the web site and copies are available. Come join us to learn more about this project and how the ARTS is using technology to help increase the number of dancers

What's Happening This Week?

Week of June 4, 2012

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

Monday (June 4) – 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.

Kings Point Swingers A-2 Dance — Kings Point Main Clubhouse Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City Center — Early Rounds 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.

<u>Tuesday (June 5)</u> – *The Groves* – Groves Clubhouse, 7924 Melogold Circle, Land O Lakes – Mainstream class 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Mainstream dance 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. All dancers welcome. \$4 per person. Call: Allen Snell. For info: 813-966-5759 or wdfloyd@aol.com.

Suncoast Squares – King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – Early Rounds 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. – Plus 9:00 – 10:00 p.m. Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox. A GLBT Club – all are welcome (including the straight community) – casual attire. For info: www.suncoastsquares.com or 727-599-1440 or rritter@ij.net.

<u>Wednesday (June 6)</u> – *Cultural Center Squares* – Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte, FL. Callers: Robert Arias; 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.

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.

Thursday (June 7) – 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. A group of eight youngsters will be joining us for the first tip. They have been taking lessons and they are excited to visit a dance. For info: easchwartz@tampabay.rr.com.

Suncoast Squares A1 – A2 Dance and Workshop – King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Caller: Mike Cox. A GLBT Club – all are welcome (including the straight community) – casual attire. For info: www.suncoastsquares.com or 727-599-1440 or rritter@ij.net.

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

Snell's Bo's and Bells (Dunedin) – Dr. William E. Hale Senior Activity Center, 330 Douglas Avenue, Dunedin – Workshop 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Squares (mix of Mainstream, Plus, and Rounds) – 7:30 – 9:00 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 <a href="mailto:mcox47@m

Promenade Squares – **NO DANCE** For info: <u>walkey1a@yahoo.com</u> or 727-789-3836.

Friday (June 8) – Snell's Bos and Bells (Largo) – Largo Community Center, 400 Alternate Keene Road (just north of E. Bay Drive between Keene/Starkey Road and Highland Avenue), Largo – Early Rounds 7:00 p.m., 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 <a href="mailto:mccv47@mailto:mccv47

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 Tropical Spring Fling - 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 – wear your favorite island attire. For info: <a href="maintaintenants-r

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 rsch462636@aol.com or Bob and Beverly Barringer 813-633-3651.

<u>Saturday (June 9)</u> – <u>Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Firefly Dance</u> - Sadie Street Rec Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Squares (alternating Mainstream and Plus) 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Caller: Carl Rod, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: millerralphie@yahoo.com.

Pensacola Fiesta of Five Flags Dance – Ragon Hall, 2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL – Caller: Ted Kennedy (Slidell, LA) – Cuer: Terri Wilaby (Pensacola) – A1/A2 squares 6:30 p.m., Early Rounds 7:00 p.m., alternating rounds/Squares 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. \$10 per person at the door; no advance ribbon sales. For information about the Fiesta of Five Flags, go to: http://www.fiestaoffiveflags.org/. Dry is camping available. For info: 850-944-0322. Flyer can be found at www.dancergram.com

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 or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

Palace Promenaders Summer Program – **NO DANCE** For info: Jennie 863-494-2749 or Mary 941-380-5336. Park in back of the building. For info: Jennie Martin 863-494-2749 or Mary Dow 941-380-5336.

<u>Sunday (June 10)</u> – *Orange Blossom Squares* – La Hacienda Center, The Villages 352-259-6040 – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Chris Phillips, Cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: hal.baumann1959@gmail.com or 352-259-6552.

Suncoast Squares – King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – Plus and Rounds 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox. A GLBT Club – all are welcome (including

the straight community) — casual attire. For info: www.suncoastsquares.com or 727-599-1440 or rritter@ij.net.

Monday (June 11) – Temple Twirlers Ice Cream Social – Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 2707 W. Waters Avenue (northeast corner of Habana Avenue), Tampa – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Art Springer, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. Dancers please use the entrance marked "Gage Hall" on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. For info: flobyington@yahoo.com.

Kings Point Swingers A-2 Dance — Kings Point Main Clubhouse Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City Center — Early Rounds 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.

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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April 17 – August 22, 2012 – **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.

June 21, 2012 – **Cape Coral Beginner Square Dance Lessons** – Lake Kennedy Senior Center, 400 Santa Barbara Blvd., Cape Coral – 7:00- 9:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Wes Morris. For info: 239-282-6322 or <u>i.h.morris@embarqmail.com</u>.

July 17, 24, and 31 - **Suncoast Squares Open Lesson Nights** – King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Caller: Mike Cox. A GLBT Club – all are welcome (including the straight community) – casual attire. Open to the public and no experience is necessary. \$5, but you get in free if you have never danced with us before. Friends-of-Friends at Open Lesson Nights allow anyone who brings a first timer to also get in free that night. For info: www.suncoastsquares.com or 727-599-1440 or rritter@ij.net.

August 7, 2012 – **Suncoast Squares Mainstream Dance Lessons** - King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Caller: Mike Cox. A GLBT Club – all are welcome (including the straight community) – casual attire. For info: www.suncoastsquares.com or 727-599-1440 or rritter@ij.net.

August 7, 2012 – **Suncoast Squares Plus Dance Lessons** - King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – 9:00 – 10:00 p.m. Caller: Mike Cox. A GLBT Club – all are welcome (including the straight community) – casual attire. For info: www.suncoastsquares.com or 727-599-1440 or rritter@ij.net.

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.

September 13, 2012 – Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Introduction to Square Dancing – Brandon Community Center, 502 E. Sadie Street, Brandon – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. - \$4 per person per lesson – couples, families, singles and teens welcome. Lessons start September 20, 2012. Please RSVP to one of the following: Linda Ormsbee 813-972-3629 or D'Ann Olree 813-571-1770.

September 13, 2012 – Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Beginner Square Dance Lessons – Brandon Community Center, 502 E. Sadie Street, Brandon – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. - \$4 per person per lesson – couples, families, singles and teens welcome. Lessons start September 20, 2012. Please RSVP to one of the following: Linda Ormsbee 813-972-3629 or D'Ann Olree 813-571-1770.

October 4, 2012 – **Strawberry Square Phase 2 Workshop** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 12:00 – 2:00 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 813-752-227 or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

October 4, 2012 – **Strawberry Square Phase 3 Workshop** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 7:00 – 9:00 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 813-752-227 or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

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 per student. Space is limited. Register today!!! For info: 413-734-0591 or kenritucci@aol.com; www.northeastcallersschool.com.

October 10, 2012 - **Strawberry Square First C-1 Dance of the Season** - 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.

November 4, 2012 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Beginner Square Dance Lessons** - Florida Presbyterian Homes on Lake Hunter, McArthur Center, 811 Lakeside Avenue, Lakeland – 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette - \$4 per person per session. For info: sqdncfan@aol.com or 863-874-4522.

November 4, 2012 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Plus Workshop** - Florida Presbyterian Homes on Lake Hunter, McArthur Center, 811 Lakeside Avenue, Lakeland – 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette - \$4 per person per session. For info: sqdncfan@aol.com or 863-874-4522.

November 4, 2012 – **Strawberry Square Beginner Round Dance Class** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 6:30 – 8:00 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 or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

November 9, 2012 — **Strawberry Square C-1 Class/Workshop** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City — 1:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m. Caller: Keith Stevens. This class is for those dancers who have completed a C-1 class, but are not ready to dance at the C-1 level. Keith will work with the dancers at increasing their proficiency. 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 or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

November 9, 2012 – **Strawberry Square C3A Teach and Workshop** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 12:45 – 2:45 p.m. 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 or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

November 13, 2012 – **Strawberry Square A2 Workshop/Review** - 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 Dave and Betty Bradley 989-289-6446.

November 13, 2012 – **Strawberry Square C1 Class/Workshop** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. 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 or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

December 3, 2012 – **Strawberry Square Beginner Square Dance Class** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette – first class free (class fee \$5 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.

December 3, 2012 – **Strawberry Square Plus Square Dance Lessons** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant – 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette – first class free (class fee \$5 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.

January 3, 2012 – Charlotte Promenaders First Dance of the Season - Port Charlotte Beach Recreation Center, 4500 Harbor Boulevard, Port Charlotte, FL 33952 (parking passes will be provided) – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Plus Squares 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Caller: Red Bates; Cuer: Dick Chase. For info: 941-412-8588 or 941-429-8271 or sqdbird@aol.com.

January 7, 2013 – **Strawberry Square A-1 Class/Workshop** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 2:00 p.m. - Caller: Marty Van Wart. 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.

January 7, 2013 – **Strawberry Square A-2 Class/Workshop** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. - Caller: Marty Van Wart. 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.

January 10, 2013 – **Strawberry Square Intro to C1 (Part 2)** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. - Caller: Marty Van Wart. 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 or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

January 20, 2013 – Strawberry Square Special Event for Mainstream and Plus Level Dancers – Without Rounds – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller: Tim Marriner.

January 22, 2013 – **Strawberry Square Snowbirds Basic Round Dance Class** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 5:30 p.m. – Cuer: Karen Fisher. 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 or Gayle Sterling 207-649-0432.

January 22 – March 12, 2013 – **Dance by Definition in Plus Level Workshop** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller: Sam Dunn - designed for dancers who have been dancing for two years or more - \$5 per person – casual attire – no new incoming people beginning February 5. To be fair to the dancers, if you want this workshop you must attend all sessions or contact Sam. For info: 813-752-0491 or http://strawberrysquaredancing.com. If you can't reach the dance center, call Gayle or Tim at 207-649-0432 or Sam at 863-382-6792 or www.samdunn.net.

January 27, 2013 – **A Day of Plus** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller: Sam Dunn. \$30 per couple for the entire package. Five hours of dancing – no split sessions. Pick up a flyer so you indicate which Plus moves you want to work on. To ensure your space, register now! Mail your check made payable to Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL 33563. Schedule: 8:30 a.m. – coffee and muffins; 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – dancing; 11:30 a.m. – break/free time; 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. – dancing. Casual attire. For info: 813-752-0491 or http://strawberrysquaredancing.com. If you can't reach the dance center, call Sam at 863-382-6792 or www.samdunn.net.

April 12, 2013 - Charlotte Promenaders Final Dance of the Season - Port Charlotte Beach Recreation Center, 4500 Harbor Boulevard, Port Charlotte, FL 33952 (parking passes will be provided) – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Plus Squares 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Caller: Dave Magee; Cuer: Ruth Siegmann. For info: 941-412-8588 or 941-429-8271 or sqdbird@aol.com.

Looking Ahead...

June 9, 2012 – **Pensacola Fiesta of Five Flags Dance** – Ragon Hall, 2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL – Caller: Ted Kennedy (Slidell, LA) – Cuer: Terri Wilaby (Pensacola) – A1/A2 squares 6:30 p.m., Early Rounds 7:00 p.m., alternating rounds/Squares 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. \$10 per person at the door; no advance ribbon sales. For information about the Fiesta of Five Flags, go to: http://www.fiestaoffiveflags.org/. Dry is camping available. For info: 850-944-0322. *Flyer can be found at www.dancergram.com*

July 7, 2012 – **Christmas in July** – Keystone Heights High School, 700 Orchid Avenue, Keystone Heights, FL – square and round dance to help others walk – 2:30 – 5:00 p.m. To benefit the Shriner's Crippled Children Hospital – Touch a Quarter – Touch a Heart. One of the many fun events is the quarter line up. One foot of quarters is \$3.25. Chinese auction, raffles, door prizes – non-stop dancing – squares and rounds - \$10 per couple. Come dance to help the kid's walk. With everyone helping, this dance has raised over \$20,000. For info: 352-378-2577 or marynut@cfop.biz. Flyer can be found at www.dancergram.com

July 15, 2012 – **The Groves** – the Groves Ballroom, 7924 Melogold Circle, Land O Lakes, FL. **Come square dance to a live band!** Allen Snell and the Good Times Band will be performing. Dancing will be from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Allen Snell will be calling Mainstream and singing with the band (comprised of square dancers) will accompany him. \$5 per person. Dress is appropriate casual. For info: <a href="wdf.viii.org/wlf.viii

November 16 – 17, 2012 – **Northeast Association's Fall Festival "Hello Hollywood!"** – Palms Presbyterian Church, 3410 – 3rd Street South, Jacksonville, FL – Caller: Jack Lewis – Cuer: Joanne Helton. Host hotel: Comfort Inn Oceanfront, 1515 – 1st Street North, Jacksonville Beach, 904-241-2311. Camping: Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park, 500 Wonderwood Drive, Atlantic Beach, FL, 904-249-4700. For info: Fall Festival Chairpersons Mark Fetzer and Susan Snider, 904-908-5184, <u>frausbs@aol.com</u>. *Flyer can be found at <u>www.dancergram.com</u>*

January 26, 2013 – Lake Ashton Advanced Dance – Lake Ashton clubhouse, 4141 Ashton club Drive, Lake Wales, FL – three advanced sessions 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. – Callers: Bobby Keefe and Keith Stevens. Reservations limited to eight squares so reserve early! \$36 per couple; \$20 deposit required. Confirmation will be sent by email (if available). Advanced dancing at its Florida best with two of the more creative choreographic artists in the state. Luxurious setting. Wood floor, air conditioning, beautiful view of Lake Ashton, restaurant on site with Bob Evans, Chili's, and others within two miles. Motels nearby including Holiday inn Express, Hampton Inn, and others. Reservation form can be downloaded from www.keithstevens.com. For info: keithuns@yahoo.com.

March 8 – 10, 2013 – **Sounds of Sebring A2 Classic** – Kenilworth Lodge, 836 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL – Callers: Ron Libby and Johnny Preston. Full package includes: 2 nights lodging, 4 meals (2 hot meals and 2 full continental breakfasts), 5 full sessions of A2, additional C1 star tips, A/C halls – hardwood dance floors – after party with concert. Complete package per person – double occupancy; Lodge: \$195; Villa: \$210; efficiency: \$220. Deposit: \$500; balance due 2/8/13; cancellation date: 2/8/13. For info: 352-259-3188, ronlibby@aol.com. Flyer can be found at www.dancergram.com

Links

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Websites

http://floridasquaredance.com/

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

Associations/Organizations

http://www.you2candance.com (square dance marketing)

http://sccafl.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)

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

www.swskirts.com (Jan Southwest Style Skirts & Pat's Tees)

www.suziegcreations.com (Suzie Q Creations)

<u>www.Bobsengraving.com</u> (New physical address: Bob L. Adams, Bobs Engraving, 8827 Megan Lane, Orlando, FL 32836; Telephone: 407-777-8952; <u>www.bobsengraving.com</u>; 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)

<u>http://www.grandsquare07.com</u> (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.dosado.com/cgi-bin/lib/shopwrapper.pl?page=rdpubs&shop=dosado&cart=3901977.2052http://www.squaredance (round dance publications)

<u>radionetwork.com</u> (square dance radio network)

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