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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 2015 State Convention. Contact Rita Baxter at 863-326-1741 or lanceandrita@yahoo.com to make arrangements for delivery or pick up.

Lorraine, our "EBay lady", will be closed July and August!

Would you like to see what is for sale? Go to <http://www.ebay.com/csc/LBake>

August 5, 2014 - **Deadline for Submissions to the September 2014 Issue of the *Bow & Swing*** – For info: bowandswing@gmail.com.

August 17, 2014 – **West Coast Association Meeting** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 11:30 a.m. immediately preceding the VIP Dance. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. This will be the annual election of officers. For info: anndonslocum@juno.com.

August 17, 2013 – **West Coast Association VIP Dance** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City. Caller: Keith Stevens, Cuer: Karen Fisher. Early Rounds 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., Mainstream, Plus, and rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. FREE for all dancers. This is the kick off for the 2014 Fall Fun Fest and we will also be recognizing all the volunteers who so diligently try to keep our activity going. For info: anndonslocum@juno.com.

From the Editor...



I occasionally find it necessary to explain the layout of the DANCERgram and how I do things. It's that time again!

When I receive new information on a dance, festival, or convention, it is listed under Looking Ahead as soon as I receive it. It is then moved to either the 2014, 2015, 2016, or 2017 chronological list of dances, which can be found at www.dancergram.com under Looking Ahead on the menu bar down the left side of the screen.

The dances I include on my lists are local dances (the West Coast Association area), Florida regional dances, Florida State Conventions, national conventions, all the state conventions I can find information on, international dances, and special dance weeks and weekends that our local callers and/or cuers are scheduled at. The only cruise I list is the Paul Place Memorial Cruise, which is a fundraiser for the Paul Place Memorial Scholarship for Pride Callers School.

All West Coast Association Membership Dances, SCCA Student Balls, the West Coast Association annual charity dance, West Coast Association Fall Fun Fest, the state conventions and meetings are highlighted at the beginning of the newsletter about three to four weeks prior to the date. The week of the dance, all West Coast area dances and the state convention are again listed under "What's Happening This Week?" I also list events at Pride RV in Maggie Valley, and the schedules for Strawberry Travelers and Hitch-N-Go square dance camping groups as several dancers in the West Coast Association area attend these dances.

If I were to include the 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 list of dances with the newsletter, I would have about a 50-page document to email out each week.

When I receive new information on classes, workshops, or clinics, it is added to the newsletter under “West Coast Classes and Workshops, National Caller and Cued Colleges”. This list contains information for our area as well as regional, state, and national classes that I think would be of interest to the dancers in the West Coast Association area. Square and round dance classes remain on the list until three weeks after the start date and they are removed since we don’t take new class members after the first three weeks. The caller and cued colleges remain on the list until after their week is completed.

All new dance and class information is highlighted in yellow so you can easily scroll down and just find the updated information.

Under “Health & Sympathy” in the newsletter, I only list information on callers (and spouses), cuers (and spouse), prompters (and spouses), West Coast Association past and present officers, Florida Federation past and present officers and Florida regional association officers. I occasionally also include information on vendors we know, and out-of-state callers or cuers who work in Florida. This information is in the newsletter for one issue and then is moved to the Health & Sympathy list on the website. If I receive information on dancers, it is listed under Health & Sympathy on the website. This information remains on the list for two weeks.

The intended audience for the DANCERgram is the West Coast Association area, however, over the years I have received requests from dancers in other parts of Florida and Canada. My original plan was that each club would print off two or three copies of each issue of the DANCERgram and put them out at your dances on the flyer table. I have only been to one dance where they do this. My distribution list is around 1,000 people. Some of the people of my list then forward it on to people on their distribution lists.

The DANCERgram newsletter and the DANCERgram website are really companion documents. If you want to know if something is scheduled on a certain date, you need to go to the website and check the chronological list. However, keep in mind that the dates on the chronological list are just special dances; regular club dances are not included on those lists. Again, I am trying to keep the lists at a manageable size. I maintain a master calendar, that isn’t published, where I have every regular dance and other special dances in Florida listed. This is what I work from each week as I prepare the new issue. Please remember, the information is only as good as what you send me. If you don’t send me the information, it may not get listed. I am unable to attend everyone’s dances on a regular basis so many times the only way I will receive the information is if you send it to me.

You will also find many of the flyers on the DANCERgram website; separated by West Coast Association dances and other dances. The DANCERgram website shares space with another organization so we don’t have room to post every single theme dance flyer.

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 and former dancers!

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

**This contact list can also be found at
www.dancergram.com**

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Your Source...

I carry ribbons and flyers for the following dances:

November 14 – 15, 2014 – **West Coast Association's Fall Fun Fest** – Bartow

2015 Florida State Convention

THE HOLLYWOOD SCENE IN 2015

61ST FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION
MAY 22-25, 2014

CASTING CALL #4 CAMPERS



For all you campers or wanna-be campers, here is some great information from Vinnie & Lorraine Picora, our Directors of Camping.



And I quote from their email: "There are 2 campgrounds not far from the Lakeland

Convention Center. One is the Carefree Lakeland RV Resort. It is not part of the Carefree RV Resorts which is a nationwide company. They are in the midst of some upgrading to their pool and the main clubhouse which will not affect your stay with them. They have given us a "special" convention rate again year for only \$20.00 per night. (Their normal rate starts at \$38.00 per night.) This includes full hookups with 30 and 50 Amps. They have 231 sites plus cabins and rental units, many of which are tree shaded and they can accommodate even some super sized rigs. They do not include cable for short term stays. They do have WiFi. I suggest you go to www.carefreervresorts.com/re-parks/florida/lakeland for more complete information. This resort is about 6 to 7 miles from the Convention Center. They are also a Passport America Park.

The second park is Sanlan RV Resort. This is a larger campground with over 500 sites but very little shade. They do include cable and WiFi but charge extra per night for each pet. Their rates start at about \$38.00 per night but they do not offer any discount for the convention goers or for Passport America members. They are about 5 miles from the Convention Center. See www.sanlan.com for more information. Although this park is more modern than the Lakeland RV Resort, the upgrades being done at Lakeland RV Resort will make it comparable to the Sanlan, in my opinion,

Overall we get a much better deal at the Lakeland RV Resort." (Unquote)

Here is a phone number for the Lakeland Carefree RV Resort for you to make advance reservations: 863-687-6146. Or you can call Vinnie & Lorraine Picora at 386-427-0174 for more detailed information.

Keep your eye out for our next Casting Call.
Judy Anderson, Publicity

Recruiting New Dancers

This information was developed by the Education Committee of the United Square Dancers of America, Inc. and will provide a brief summary of just a few of the topics concerning the recruiting of new dancers. These same recruiting techniques apply to square, round, contra, clogging, and other folk dance clubs. Leadership Education material can also be printed directly from USDA website at www.usda.org.

INTRODUCTION

Recruiting new dancers is a never-ending task within the square dance movement. Square dancing is a great form of entertainment, therapy and exercise. It is also a great equalizer, as there are no income, education or culture barriers. PhD's dance along side of clerks, mechanics, engineers, sanitation workers, small town folk, city dwellers, politicians, world travelers, dentists, ministers all looking for the same thing fun, fellowship, entertainment and relaxation in a friendly, family atmosphere. No one is too old or too young to join in for an evening of square dance fun and fellowship.

How do we find new prospective dancers? How do we approach them? How do we persuade them that square dancing is the hobby for them? WE RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT!

RECRUITING PLANS

To conduct a successful and prosperous recruiting program, a club must design and develop their recruiting plans and guidelines well in advance. Their plans should consider class dates and schedules, length of class sessions, class size, class fees, class facilities, caller, angels or club helpers, attire, training materials, handouts, literature, interaction and interface with the club members and the club activities, class publicity and promotion, and club member support and involvement with the class. Educate the club members (recruiters) by developing an information sheet that provides answers to questions that will most likely be asked by the new prospects. These information sheets should include data about the club as well as the total square dance activity.

RECRUITING METHODS

Personal Contact: the most successful method of recruiting new dancers. Solicit your friends, family members, acquaintances, business associates, etc. Encourage these potentials to bring their friends. Transport your prospects to the early lessons until they establish a rapport with our students.

Exhibitions/Demonstrations: Perform square dance exhibitions or demonstrations at shopping centers, malls, fairs, community events, church events, etc. Be sure to present a colorful, fun and friendly atmosphere to the spectators. Wear proper square dance attire. Involve the spectators, if possible, to demonstrate how easy it is and how much fun can be experienced in just a short time. Pass out flyers regarding your club and its class information.

Party/Benefit Dance: Offer to sponsor a Western Square Dance Party for a church group, civic organizations or business group. Sponsor a Benefit Dance for a charitable cause that is open to the public. Demonstrate the club dancing and then involve the spectators, to let them taste the fun and fellowship that goes with square dancing. This recruiting method offers the potential of signing up a complete group of prospects at one time for the lessons.

Advertise: Design, develop and distribute posters and flyers advertising your class plans. Place flyers in malls, stores, community bulletin boards, Chamber of Commerce, Welcome Centers, Welcome Wagons, Community Service Centers, waiting rooms, business offices, etc. Advertise via electronic billboards and the community service features of local radio and TV stations. Advertise and publicize by writing club, class, square dance articles for local newspapers and local square dance publications. Build a dynamic, live dancing club square dance flat for use in various community parades and pass out flyers along the route.

Recruiting Tools: Flyers depicting all the pertinent information can be passed out at exhibitions, malls, dances, placed in publications or news media, placed on bulletin boards or stacked in convenient places for people to pick up. Homemade or special made posters may be placed in high visibility areas in malls, centers, stores, bulletin boards, etc. Handouts may be made and distributed person to person, which will also spark conversation and an opportunity to meet potential dancers one on one. Invitations may be developed and sent to prospects or to previous dancers that have dropped out of the dance activity.

RECRUITING PROCESS

Preparation: Preparation is essential for a successful recruiting program. Recruiters should be a near expert about the club, class plans square dance movement on a local and national scale, and should be knowledgeable regarding costs, methods of payment, schedule, location and other class details. Recruiters should have flyers, posters, handouts and other attractive material available for distribution.

Personal Contact: Promote the square dance activity as a wonderful source of wholesome entertainment, exercise and an opportunity of great fun and fellowship. Sell the “club” concept, its members and its activities to the prospects. Promote the class lessons as an inexpensive evening out on the town, with the finest people, learning something new while exercising.

Follow through: Off to pick up your prospects and take them to the first few lessons. Meet with your prospects for a light snack before or after class. Call prospects immediately if they are absent from class. Keep your “recruits” under your surveillance until they mingle with their classmates and have become a solid member of the class. Keep fanning the spark until it glows and burst into a full flame!

For additional information about USDA or any of its programs, please visit our website(www.usda.org) or mail the education/Publications Committee (usda.education.publications@usda.org).

See our website for current Officers, and Committee Chairs mailing addresses and phone numbers.

Drop Out?....NEVER!!!

The next time you get discouraged in any square dance class or workshop tip remember this true story. SMILE, and TRY, TRY AGAIN!

Dorothy Surratt is proof that to be a good square dancer one must first be a good listener.

She has been square dancing for three years and blind for 17 years.

But her lack of sight has not been a problem, she says, although when she first decided to take square dance classes, she wondered if her classmates and the instructor might feel uncomfortable with a blind student in the class.

But Eddie Fulps, the caller at the Southside YMCA where she took lessons, told her, "I'm game if you are."

She and her husband, J. B. Surratt, took the 20 weeks of lessons and now are regular members of the Texas Twirlers Square Dance club and the Cowtown Cloggers. "I just can't say enough good things about how much I enjoy it (square dancing)," she said. "It's the most fun thing I've done in years."

She says she and her husband decided to take the lessons because they had been looking for an activity they could do together.

The idea of making that activity square dancing was spurred one night when they were around a group of square dancers and decided they also liked the costumes square dancers wear.

"I enjoy the quality of the social contacts we make in square dancing," Mrs. Surratt said, "but I also like the opportunity it affords me as a blind person."

She's looking for some round dancing lessons and wants to be a good clogger as well. She thinks her blindness may turn out to be an advantage in those activities, too.

Reprint from the Fort Worth Star Telegram

Reprint from *Bow & Swing* – February 1981

Reprint from *Keepin' Posted* - Volume 37 – Number 4 – July 2014

What if...

What if... no one joined a club?

What if...no one helped with the "chores" of running a club i.e. set up and taking down for the dance, working in the kitchen, greeting, etc.?

What if...no one wanted to be an officer at the club, regional, state, and national level?

What if... no one visited other clubs?

What if...no one sponsored a class?

What if...no one participated in banner raids?

What if... no one joined a regional square dance association?

What if... all the workers quit?

What if ... no one angeled at new dancer classes?

What if... no one attended the state, regional, and national conventions and festivals?

What if.. no one participated in demonstrations?

What if... no one promoted square dancing?

What if... Penny Green stopped producing the DANCERgram?

There wouldn't be any square and/or round dances for you to enjoy! Think about it!

Penny Green, DANCERgram Editor

What's Happening This Week?

Week of August 4, 2014

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

Monday (August 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: **Art Springer**, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. Dancers please use the entrance marked "Gage Hall" on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. For info: bbkilk@verizon.net.

Heel and Toe – Senior Center Annex, 702 Indiana Avenue, St. Cloud – Caller: Bill Boyd; Plus workshop 6:30 – 7:00 p.m., Dancing to the level of the floor 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. \$5 per person. Please call ahead to ensure there will be a dance. For info: 407-319-0790 (C), 407-931-1688 (H), or bell-gelt@mpinet.net. Website: www.floridasquaredance.com/heelandtoe.

King's Point – King's Point Main Clubhouse, Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City – A2 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Mike Cox. For info: Mike Cox 813-649-0754 or George 813-642-0900.

Tuesday (August 5) – 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. Donations go to All Join Hands. A GLBT Club – all are welcome (including the straight community) – casual attire. For info: www.suncoastsquares.com or suncoastsquares@gmail.com or 727-443-6242 or ianai@mail.com.

Wednesday (August 6) – Cultural Center Squares Summer Program – Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte, FL. Callers: Robert Arias; Cuers: Jennie Martin and Russ Collier. Workshop 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. - 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. alternating tips. For info: Mary 941-380-5336 or Jennie 863-494-2749. For info: Mary 941-380-5336 or Jennie 863-494-2749.

Thursday (August 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: Art Springer; Cuer: Carl Rod – square dance attire optional. For info: easchwartz@tampabay.rr.com.

Suncoast Squares A2 Dance and Workshop – King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – Advanced 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. – C1 8:30 – 9:30 p.m. Caller: Mike Cox. A GLBT Club – all are welcome (including the straight community) – casual attire. For info:

www.suncoastsquares.com or suncoastsquares@gmail.com or 727-443-6242 or ianai@mail.com.

Jacaranda Trace – 3600 William Penn Way, Third floor in Auditorium, Venice – A2 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. For info: Mike Cox 813-649-0754 or Alice 941-408-2627.

Promenade Squares – **NO DANCE** For info: mblackburn13@tampabay.rr.com or 208-369-6949.

Friday (August 8) –

Saturday (August 9) – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Remember When Dance** - 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: Allen Snell, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com.

Palace Promenaders Summer Program - Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia – Caller: Robert Arias; Cuer: Jennie Martin and Russ Collier – Workshop 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Squares and Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. 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.

Sunday (August 10) – **Suncoast Squares Monthly Dance** - King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – Plus and Rounds 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox. A GLBT Club – all are welcome (including the straight community) – casual attire. For info: www.suncoastsquares.com or suncoastsquares@gmail.com.

Monday (August 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: **Allen Snell**, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. Dancers please use the entrance marked “Gage Hall” on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. For info: bbkilk@verizon.net.

Heel and Toe – Senior Center Annex, 702 Indiana Avenue, St. Cloud – Caller: Bill Boyd; Plus workshop 6:30 – 7:00 p.m., Dancing to the level of the floor 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. \$5 per person. Please call ahead to ensure there will be a dance. For info: 407-319-0790 (C), 407-931-1688 (H), or bell-gelt@mpinet.net. Website: www.floridasquaredance.com/heelandtoe.

King’s Point – King’s Point Main Clubhouse, Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City – A2 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Mike Cox. For info: Mike Cox 813-649-0754 or George 813-642-0900.

Tuesday (August 12) – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland** – Magnolia Building 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., alternating Mainstream and Plus with two rounds between tips 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Scotty Scharrer, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. Beautiful wood dance floor – square dance attire optional – hearing enhancement. For info: 863-224-3393 or sgdncfan@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 suncoastsquares@gmail.com or 727-443-6242 or ianai@mail.com.

West Coast Classes and Workshops National Caller and Cuer Colleges

Please provide start date, start and ending time, level (Beginner, Mainstream, Plus, etc.), GPS 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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Round Dance Workshop – Kings Point, Main Club House, Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City Center – Advanced Rounds 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Cuer: Mike Cox. For info: 813-649-0754.

August 5, 2014 - **Suncoast Squares Mainstream Classes** – King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – Early Rounds - 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 suncoastsquares@gmail.com or 727-443-6242 or ianai@mail.com.

August 5, 2014 - **Suncoast Squares Plus Workshop** – King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – Early Rounds - 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 suncoastsquares@gmail.com or 727-443-6242 or ianai@mail.com.

August 14 – 17, 2014 – **Norcal Callers School** – Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 W. Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA – Instructors: Ken Ritucci (Callerlab Accredited Callercoach), Scott Byars, and Harlan Kerr. Whether you 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; full Callerlab curriculum; and understand what it takes to be a caller. Space is limited – register today - \$37/student. For application and more information, contact Ken Ritucci 413-734-0591 or kenritucci@aol.com.

September 4, 2014 – **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Mainstream Workshop/Plus Class** – Brandon Community Center, 502 E. Sadie Street, Brandon – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. - \$4 per person – Callers/Instructors: Dan Wilkerson and Bob Ormsbee. For info: pattiwilkerson44@yahoo.com 813-571-7786 or Betty 813-685-3826.

September 4, 2014 - **Suncoast Squares Advanced Workshop** – King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – Early Rounds – 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 suncoastsquares@gmail.com or 727-443-6242 or ianai@mail.com.

September 5 – 7, 2014 – **C2 Level Workshop** - Cherry Ridge Campsites & Lodging, 147 Camp Road Honesdale, PA – Caller: Ben Rubright – large wooden dance floor – onsite lodging available – computer-generated squares – onsite meals served. Call 570-488-6654 to make lodging reservations. Visit www.cherryridgecampsitges.com for more info.

September 15, 2014 – **Temple Twirlers Square Beginners Square Dance Class** – Lakeshore Villa Clubhouse, 15401 Lakeshore Villa Street, Tampa – Caller/Instructor: Ron Reardon - \$3 per person per session. For info: bbkilk@verizon.net.

September 18, 2014 – **Promenade Squares Beginner Square Dance Class** - Senior Center, 7625 – 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – 6:00 p.m. - Caller/Instructor: Dick Demerit. For info: mblackburn13@tampabay.rr.com or 208-369-6949.

October 2, 2014 – **Promenade Squares Beginner’s Lessons** - Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – Beginner’s Class 6:00 p.m. - Caller: Dick Demerit, Cuers: Jimmy Griffin. For info: mblackburn13@tampabay.rr.com or 208-369-6949.

October 5 – November 30, 2014 – **Strawberry Square Phase 3 Round Dance Review/Workshop** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Cuer: Jack Jenkins. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you can’t reach the Dance Center, call Jack and Nell Jenkins 828-356-4817 or Nicki Horne at 813-727-6210.

October 5, 2014 – November 30, 2014 – **Strawberry Square Phase 2 Round Dance Review/Workshop** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – \$6 per person - Cuer: Jack Jenkins. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you can’t reach the Dance Center, call 828-356-4817 or Nicki Horne at 813-727-6210.

October 9 – 13, 2014 – **Northeast Callers School** – Manchester, New Hampshire – Callers/Instructors: Ken Ritucci, John Marshall, Rob French, Dottie Welch, and Mickey Braithwaite. For application and more info: kenritucci@aol.com or www.kenritucci.com or 413-734-0591.

October 16, 2014 – April 30, 2015 – **Strawberry Square Phase 2 Round Dance Class** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. - \$6 per person. – Cuer: Jack Jenkins. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you can’t reach the Dance Center, call Jack and Nell Jenkins 828-356-4817 or Nicki Horne at 813-727-6210.

October 16, 2014 – April 30, 2015 – **Strawberry Square Phase 3+ Figure Clinic & Dance/Teach** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. – \$6 per person - Cuer: Jack Jenkins. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the Dance Center, call 828-356-4817 or Nicki Horne at 813-727-6210.

October 16, 2014 – April 30, 2015 – **Strawberry Square Phase 4 Dance/Teach** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – \$6 per person - Cuer: Jack Jenkins. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the Dance Center, call 828-356-4817 or Nicki Horne at 813-727-6210.

October 17 – 18, 2014 – **Florida Callers Association Annual Clinic** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL - – Clinician: Mac Letson. Friday: 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. \$50 for non-FCA members. Saturday night: dance at Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. Caller: Mac Letson. Host hotel: Imperial Swan Hotel & Suites, 4141 South Florida Avenue, Lakeland, FL. For info: Bob Poyner at bnapoy@fairpoint.net.

October 19 – 23, 2014 – **Great Smoky Mountain Caller School** – Pride RV Resort – 4394 Jonathan Creek Road, Waynesville, NC – Caller Coaches: Tony Oxendine and Jerry Story – FOR EXPERIENCED CALLERS ONLY – A one of a kind Callers School featuring two of the world's most well-known callers. This will be an intense week and an emphasis on choreographic and music management and presentation – featuring in depth sessions on sight calling, modular calling, and CRaMS. Sunday 5:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Monday 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m., Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m., Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m., Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. \$995 per caller includes school, lodging and meals. Spouses encouraged to attend - \$100 surcharge includes all meals.

November 1, 2014 – April 25, 2015 – **Strawberry Square Phase 5 Figure Clinic & Dance/Teach** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Figure Clinic: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Dance/Teach: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – \$6 per person - Cuer: Jack Jenkins. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the Dance Center, call 828-356-4817 or Nicki Horne at 813-727-6210.

November 1, 2014 – April 25, 2015 – **Strawberry Square Phase 4 Figure Clinic** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Figure Clinic: 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. – \$6 per person - Cuer: Jack Jenkins. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the Dance Center, call 828-356-4817 or Nicki Horne at 813-727-6210.

November 6, 2014 - **Suncoast Squares C1 Workshop** – King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – Early Rounds – 8:30 – 9:30 p.m. Caller: Mike Cox. A GLBT Club – all are welcome (including the straight community) – casual attire. For info: www.suncoastsquares.com or suncoastsquares@gmail.com or 727-443-6242 or ianai@mail.com.

December 1, 2014 – **Strawberry Square Beginners Square Dance Class** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com; 813-752-0491. If you are

unable to reach the Dance Center, please contact: Cherylene Sorrells at cds1025@bellsouth.net or 770-825-6513.

December 1, 2014 – **Strawberry Square Plus Workshop** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette – 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com; 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please contact: Cherylene Sorrells at cds1025@bellsouth.net or 770-825-6513.

December 4, 2014 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Beginners Square Dance Class** – Presbyterian Homes at Lake Hunter, McArthur Center, 811 Lakeside Street, Lakeland – Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. - \$5 per person. For info: sgdnxfan@aol.com or 863-224-3393.

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December 4 – 7, 2014 – **Tennessee Callers School** – Baymont Inn & Suites, Knoxville/Cedar Bluff, 209 Market Place Boulevard, Knoxville, TN – Caller Coaches: Ken Ritucci, Lee Kopman, and Steve Kopman – two levels of program for beginner and experienced. \$400/student – space is limited! Register today! For an application and more information, contact Ken Ritucci at 413-734-0591 or write kenritucci@aol.com – www.kenritucci.com.

December 7, 2014 – April 26, 2015 – **Strawberry Square Beginner Round Dance Class** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. - \$6 per person - Cuer: Jack Jenkins. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you can't reach the Dance Center, call 828-356-4817 or Nicki Horne at Nicki Horne at 813-727-6210.

February 15, 2015 (tentative) - **Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association Caller Training Seminar** – Clinician: Ross Howell. Details to be announced. Mark your calendars. For info: fisher.karen1026@gmail.com.

Looking Ahead...

August 8 – 9, 2014 – **C3A Weekend Dance** – Kirkwood Lodge, 1192 Lakeshore Drive, Osage Beach MO 65065 – Callers: Ross Howell and Darryl Lipscomb – all inclusive package for two is just \$375!~ Includes: your guest room Friday and Saturday nights; five delicious meals; evening snacks Friday and Saturday, all applicable taxes. Five dance sessions beginning Friday at 3:00 p.m. Attend the C2 week and save 10% on this weekend! Some RV sites available: call 314-971-3690 or 800-295-2794 for information. Policies: All rooms require a \$50 advance deposit. Any cancellation prior to your arrival date will result in a \$25 cancellation fee. Non-notified cancellations will forfeit 100% of deposit. Deposit can be rolled over to a future event at Kirkwood Lodge. Cancelled "Roll Overs" forfeit entire deposit. Guests arrive on Friday, August

8, 2014 and depart on Sunday, August 10, 2014. For info: 573-348-2161 or 800-295-2794 – info@kirkwoodlodge.com – www.kirkwoodlodge.com.

August 29 – September 2, 2014 – **Plus/Advance Weekend** – Rocky’s Campground – Boonville, NY – Caller: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481, redbates@juno.com. Camp info: Doris Lyon 315-942-2250.

September 5 – 7, 2014 – **A-2 Weekend (C-1 Tips)** – Rocky’s Campground, Boonville, NY – Caller: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481, redbates@juno.com. Camp info: Doris Lyon 315-942-2250.

September 10, 2014 – **Submission Deadline for October, November, December Issue of the West Coast Dancer.** For info: evhenning@peoplepc.com.

October 2 – 6, 2014 – **Dancing in Jamaica** – Sandals Grande Riviera, Ocho Rios, Jamaica – Tours & Travel, 514 Chaffee Pointe Blvd., Suite #9, Jacksonville, FL 32221. Mary Fowler 904-568-7094, traveljacksonville@yahoo.com, 904-693-2619; Macie Jackson 904-693-2619, maciejackson@comcast.net.

October 24 – 25, 2014 – **52nd Mid-South Festival** – St. Paul United Methodist Church, 2949 Davies Plantation Rd., Lakeland, TN 38002 (outside Memphis). For info: Mary An Walker, 901-628-4356, walker5252@aol.com.

August 7 – 9, 2015 – **56th Wisconsin Square & Round Dance Convention** – Horace Mann High School, 325 McKinley Street, North Fond du Lac, WI 54937. For info: Ron and Janelle Mueller, 3123 North 9th Street, Sheboygan, WI 53083; 920-452-9434; rjmueller@att.net.

Links

Websites

<http://floridasquaredance.com/>

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

Publications

www.flwestcoastdancer.com (West Coast Dancer)

<http://newsquaremusic.com/sioindex.html> (Sets in Order)

Associations/Organizations

www.flwestcoastdancer.com (West Coast Dancer)

<http://floridasquaredance.com/westcoast/index.html> (West Coast Assn.)

<http://www.floridasquaredance.com/rdc/> (Round Dance Council of Florida)

<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.ebay.com/csc/LBakedAlaska/m.html?LH_Complete=1& ipg=50& since=15& sop=13& rdc=1 (EBay used square dance attire site)

<http://virginiaswesternwear.com/> (Virginia's Western Wear & Square Dance Shop, Mascotte, FL)

<http://www.ilvinyl.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)

<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.keithstevens.com (Keith Stevens)

Clubs

www.sailfishsquares.org

http://www.mike-gormley.com/square_dance/Crystal%20Lake%20Squares.htm (Crystal Lake Squares)

Miscellaneous

<http://www.dosado.com/cqi-bin/lib/shop-wrapper.pl?page=rdpubs&shop=dosado&cart=3901977.2052>[http://www.squaredance\(rounddancepublications\)radionetwork.com](http://www.squaredance(rounddancepublications)radionetwork.com) (square dance radio network)

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