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December 31, 2016 – Strawberry Square New Year's Eve Dance – "Sweet 16" – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller: Dave Muller; Cuers: Charlie and Leona Lovelace. Cost: \$30 per person in advance; \$35 per person after April 30, 2016. Price includes dinner, Plus level dancing and Round Dancing. Open seating, no reservations. For info: 813-752-0491 or 770-825-6513 – strawberrydance@aol.com - www.strawberrysquaredancing.com.

December 31, 2016 - Palace Promenaders New Year's Eve Dance - Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia – Caller: Art Miller; Cuer: Jennie Martin and Russ Collier – Plus Squares and Rounds 8:00 p.m., pause for dinner from 9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., resume dancing at 10:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish; meat supplied. \$20 per couple. Park behind the building. For info: Jennie Martin 863-494-2749 or Mary Dow 941-380-5336.

December 31, 2016 – Whirl & Twirl Black and Silver Ball New Year's Eve Dance – Whirl & Twirl Dance Center, 6949 Venture Circle, Orlando – Caller: Elmer Sheffield – Cuers: Jimmy and Carol Griffin – Meet and Greet 7:30 p.m. – Catered Dinner 8:00 p.m. - \$55 per couple until December 1st - \$60 per couple thereafter. For info or to reserve tickets: 321-972-1679 or 407-616-1294 or macraft@earthlink.net.

January 1, 2017 – Deadline for Members of the Round Dance Council of Florida to Submit their Intention to Cue and/or Teach at the Florida State Convention. For info: frausbs@aol.com.

January 8, 2017 – West Coast Association Business Meeting – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 11:45 a.m. This meeting will be held before the West Coast Association Membership Dance that starts at 1:20 p.m. For info: eddrexel@gmail.com.

January 8, 2017 - West Coast Membership Dance – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Callers: Marty Vanwart and Ron Reardon; Cuer: Alice Bubel. Early Rounds 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. – alternating Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Members: FREE; Guests: \$5 per person. For info: eddrexel@gmail.com.

January 15, 2017 – Deadline for Hall of Fame Nominations. For info: <http://floridasquaredance.com/halloffame/index.php> or clermontbev@gmail.com.

PLEASE NOTE: The New Year's Eve dance in Port Charlotte with Red Bates and Dick Chase has been canceled due to the low number of reservations.

Inspirational Quotes *(from the collection of Ed Foote)*

"Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the ones who receive them, and they bless you – the giver."...Barbara DeAngelis, lecturer and author

"If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway."...Mother Theresa

"Compassion isn't about solutions. It's about giving all the love that you've got."...Cherl Strayed, author

"Grown-ups never understand anything by themselves, and it is tiresome for children to be always and forever explaining things to them."...Antoine de Saint Exupery in *The Little Prince*

"Love is the way I walk in gratitude."...from the book *A Course In Miracles*

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Health and Sympathy

The entries listed below are for callers, cuers, West Coast Association officers and representatives and other Florida associations, 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 and Sympathy).

Hazel Hauck, wife of Cuer Ed Hauck, passed away on December 9th. There will be a memorial on January 11th, 2017 at 11:00 a.m., at St James Episcopal Church, 2423 SW Bascom Norris Dr., Lake City, FL. Cards may be sent to: 115 SW Robinson Ct., Lake City, FL 32024.

Facebook post 12/19/16: **Callers Dee Dee Dougherty and Randy Dougherty** lost their brother to cancer. He was a Viet Nam veteran. If you would like to send a card, her address is 3922 Tyler Street, N.E., Minneapolis, MN 55421. Her email address is deedee@dancewithdeedee.com.

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Your Source...

I carry ribbons and flyers for the following dances:

March 24 – 25, 2017 – Florida State Convention Ribbons, Buttons, Raffle Tickets & Cookbooks

2017 West Coast Association membership badges and bars

CALLERLAB VIEWPOINTS

By Pamela Bailis

Social Justice on the Dance Floor

Pamela Bailis brings up some very important points that should be on every caller, cuer, and dance leaders mind as they put on dances and participate in dance related events. Being inclusive in our dancing and socializing gives more people the opportunity to really enjoy this wonderful activity we all share and love.

Social Justice concerns equity and fair access, in many areas of our lives, including dancing. Creating caring communities of dancers wherever we dance, in class or at club dances, should be a major focus for social justice on the dance floor.

Social Justice on the dance floor implies that callers (at dances and in classes), class coordinators, club officials, and we dancers interact and work collaboratively, as “team-players” to insure that all dancers are engaged and included. Yes, “it takes a village” to support all of the players in our sport and to promote and insure the longevity and joy we all experience as dancers. It’s about inclusiveness, building strong connections and bonds between us, and creating collegiality and compassion amongst all of us.

I would like to suggest that callers and club officials at all classes and dances take responsibility for setting the context for social justice on the dance floor. This would mean that announcements include reminders about:

- Pre-setting up squares is discouraged
- Sensitivity to including new dancers (graduates) who are ready to dance at the level of the dance
- Maintaining a solo dancers rotation
- Perhaps rotating plus and mainstream tips
- Share your partners
- Reminders about this are on-going and included regularly in club newsletters
- Truly welcoming all of us, as family, at all of our dances.

This isn’t a big deal to do. It would mean that callers set the context at the beginning of each dance reminding all of us dancers that everyone should help make sure that everyone dances. Many couples have partners who don’t want to dance every tip. Partners could dance with a solo person just once or split a tip. Also, having a place to meet (with a large, readable sign) for solo dancers is a good idea. This is usually done at large festivals and National Conventions.

It has come to our attention (again) that many club and non-club dancers prefer to dance exclusively with one another. Other couples (even experienced dancers) are excluded from their pre-set squares. Dancing with your friends and club members is fine and fun...but not for

every single tip. This practice is socially unjust, unkind and does not support social justice on the dance floor. Please save a tip or more for other folks who are visiting your dances.

Another area of social in-justice concerns folks walking out of squares when other dancers enter. This practice is selfish, inconsiderate and unkind. Would any of us like to that happen to us?

All dancers should be welcome, with or without partners. It would be everyone's responsibility to make sure that all dancers actually dance. I realize that many dancers from the same club prefer to only dance with one another. This practice is irresponsible, unprofessional, and demonstrates exclusivity. Many folks, including experienced dancers, are often left out.

This issue of solo dancers is important for many reasons. Many couples break up, or one partner is ill or dies. Should that mean that the other partner doesn't dance? Often times it's difficult to find a partner before a convention or a dance. Should folks stay home and NOT dance? In addition, there are many solo men and women who begin classes without a partner as a fun, social activity, but end up dropping out or reluctant to continue because they don't have a regular partner. Solo dancers should not be discriminated against. It's not some disease or handicap. Many folks will find themselves without a partner sooner or later. We, as a group of caring professionals, callers, educators, and dancers should embrace all folks who continue to dance – with or without a partner. Our sport will flourish if everyone is included and not excluded because of a loss of a partner.

One important strategy is for gals to learn the man's part, and vice versa. This would also help a lot, and should be encouraged (vs. discouraged) by class callers or class coordinators. Another strategy for including all dancers is to split or share the tip. Solo dancers can trade off, some doing the first part of the tip (pattern part) and others doing the second (singing) part of the tip. Also I've seen dancers "share" a tip by one person or one couple "jumping in and out" as appropriate. All of these work well, when given much support and reinforcement by callers and class instructors, practicing social justice on the dance floor.

I make these suggestions to keep our sport healthy, alive, and flourish. Not just surviving, but THRIVING! We don't want to lose caners who don't have regular partners or couples who feel excluded. It's up to all of us to take action and prevent this from happening. "It takes a village..." All of us interacting together to form a collaborative community of caring and responsive dancers...committed to forging pathways to Social Justice on the Dance Floor!

Pam Bailis has been square and round dancing for 13 years. She's been on the Board of two different clubs, served as President of the Red Ribbon Squares for three years, and is currently serving as a Senior District Director for the Associated Square Dancers of California. She is also Chairperson for the High Fliers, which is a group that visits and tours the city hosting the National Square/Round Dance Convention each year.

Pamela worked in the UCLA Graduate School of Education for over 30 years in the Teacher Education Program, training and supervising California credential candidates. Although retired for three years, she still is invited back to teach a couple courses each year.

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Breaking Records

By Corben Geis

The Reminiscing and Nostalgia Side of Square Dancing

(Little Things Mean A lot)

I know a lot of callers who enjoy calling in the retirement homes, nursing centers, assisted living communities and retirement villages. Some of these callers go in to perform demo dances while some even call Wheelchair Square Dances for the residents who live in these facilities. I've been fortunate enough to have been employed in the therapeutic activities departments in personal care homes for 20 years now, and I can honestly say that Square Dancing, to the senior audiences in these communities, goes far beyond just a music and dance therapy session.

I started calling Wheelchair Square Dancing in these homes and centers when my square dancing grandfather's own Parkinson's disease reached its advanced stages, back in around 1991. My grandmother would go in with me, and as I called the dances, she maneuvered my grandfather in his wheelchair with some of the other volunteers and residents. Just like old times, I was calling and my grandparents were dancing to me.

There were smiles everywhere lighting the room.

As I was recently rooting through Christmas decorations, which were packed into the eaves of my house, I stumbled onto some flyers, videos and notes I had collected in the early 90's when I first became interested in Handicapable Square Dancing, I found a note that I had written way back in 1995, at one of these dances. I apparently was talking, and I guess interviewing several little old ladies about The Square Dancing Days of Yesteryear. The thing that blew my mind was that I was recently calling in a nursing home and a little old man wheeled up to me, after one of the dancing tips, and told me almost the same kind of story. Fortunately, I wrote his talkings down as well. Just comparing these two stories, written 20 years apart, was mind-boggling to me. Most of us love square dancing for the exercise and fun of it. But square dancing, to these folks, is much deeper, more emotional and quite personal.

Millie, age 98, resident

Summer of 1995

I was talking with this little old lady, and quite the lady she is, named Miss Millie. She used to be a school teacher and all her children referred to her as "Miss Millie". We began talking

about square dancing, and three of her table buddies (these good folks all sit at the same table for breakfast, lunch and supper every day) go in on the conversation. I immediately had to talk to these golden girls after I set down the microphone because during the first tip, they were singing, smiling, clapping and nearly dancing out of their wheelchairs. This caught my attention right away, and I just knew there had to be a good story.

Milled was all dressed up, and had on her best 'rouge', as she filled me in to why her cheeks were so jolly red. She and her buddies all had their hair styled that morning at the beauty salon in the home. They all told me they had to get their hair done because of it being 'square dance night in the hall' (the dance was actually held at 2:00pm in the afternoon). I complimented them all on how nice they looked, as one of the gals referred to their attire as their "Sunday's Best". (I was barely 23 years young and just learned about rouge, Sunday's Best and also the 1920's slang The Bees Knees).

Millie's comrades, Ethel and Lily, filled me in a little bit more about why they were all so decked out for just a Square Dance activity at their retirement home. "You see," said Lil, "Millie met her husband at a square dance way back before WWII in an old grange hall." As my posture straightened out, I told them "I'm all ears". Lily continued with "Ethel met her hubby at a barn dance and Ruby over there, who's sound asleep, met her spouse at a 4H Dance as well. No one had any money back during the Great Depression, so we all had to get a little creative for our entertainment. Square Dancing was such great fun, during such a gloomy period of time."

Ethel added, "We would often pay the callers and their bands with homemade cooking, lodging or by throwing a few pennies in their tip jars. These guys needed the money, we all did back then, but THEY truly did it for their love of music and dance." I asked Ethel if she met her husband at a square dance as well as the others and she replied, "Are you kidding? Ralph had two left feet and couldn't carry a tune in a bucket. I was a music teacher and he was the janitor at the same school. That's how we met. We both thoroughly loved music, I would often play our piano and all of my kids would sing along, but Ralph...oh, how I loved him...was a tone-deaf son-of-a-\$%#@, so he hummed along to everything. He would have absolutely have loved to see all of this square dancing with all of those old-time songs you are singing. You are rekindling a lot of good old memories."

The activities director told me, after the next tip, that 'a bunch of these folks met their significant others at some kind of a square or barn dance back in the day.' She also informed me that 'they get all done up hoping to meet some more boys their own ages at these square dances'. She told me that these ladies will be talking about you and this square dance for months, or until you come back again.'

I will be perfectly blunt, my eyes were like Niagara Falls. How absolutely beautiful. "All of these memories took them back into the midst of time to a square dance, of all things."

There were smiles everywhere lighting the room.

Fast forward to the present day, a few months ago. I'm calling a wheelchair square dance at a nursing center at a summer patriotic themed picnic they were throwing in mid-summer for the residents, staff, family and friends of their community. A little old man, followed by a little old lady, drove their little scooters up to my calling table.

Bob, 88 & Mary, 85, both residents

August 2016

"Young man!," bellowed Bob, as I thought I was in some kind of trouble because his eyes were watering nearing his approach. "I haven't heard that song" Sentimental Journey in years! How in the world did you know THAT was my absolute favorite song? I asked my wife to marry me after the war was over, and that song was playing on the radio in my car when I got down on my knee."

I stuttered a bit and said to him, "I sure hope you liked it, sir." He nearly wheeled over my toes and then reaches out and puts me in a firm bear hug and yells, "LIKE IT? I LOVED IT!!! I can just see my wife dancing up in heaven right now. You're a good old boy, ain't ya? Your pappy raised you right, son." He lets me loose from his big squeeze and points his finger at me, and with that Robert DeNiro face he exclaims, "Sentimental Journey at a square dance! Ha! You know I'm not going to get that song out of my head for a week now!" He turns away, shaking his head, and singing the words to himself as he peels out.

The little old lady trailing Bob on her little moped scooter comes up to me, next in line and requests a song. "Do you happen to know Beautiful Brown Eyes?" I said, "Yes, I have it right here. Would you like to hear it? I will call it for the next tip." Mary is her name and she tells me that her husband used to sing that tune to her all the time. I informed her that my version would not be a waltz, which they apparently used to dance in their living room after her kids all grew up and moved out. She looked a little bit bummed with me.

After the next tip and 'Brown Eyes' was my singing call (I kid you not) she waddles and wobbles back up to me and said, "Do you like making old people cry? Because you are really good at it!" Which sounded like a bust to my chops, was actually a very well-paid compliment, after the activities director filled me in. The administrator actually came over to me and said, "Do you realize that this program you offer is far more than just a square dance? This reminiscing program has a lot of layers and levels to it." This boss was in her late 40's or early 50's and she then told me after the dance, as I was packing up my equipment, that "this music and dance program was, without a doubt, the most uniquely entertaining activity I have ever seen." She'd been in this field ever since she was old enough to work back on her teenage days and was absolutely floored with resident reaction and responses to Wheelchair Square Dancing.

And, there were smiles everywhere lighting the room.

I love square dancing namely for the fun and fellowship...and the choreography. Square Dancing now opens up some doors to great memories and lets me revisit my grandparents who are up there dancing on Cloud 9 somewhere. I'll call some choreo and remember what my pap

liked to hear, or call “Double Bogey Blues” and recall how much my golfing Granny loved that singing call.

These good folks, I mentioned in this article, were truly touched by something much more powerful than just a song and a dance. If you ever get a chance to dance for any of the shut-ins, please think about these few paragraphs. Ask them some good questions besides, “How are you doing?” or “Did you like that last dance?”

I have learned so much over the years in our activity, especially that “little things REALLY DO mean a lot.”

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All Things Considered

By Ed Foote

The future Of The National Convention

In recent years the National has seen a sharp decline in attendance. Much of this can be blamed on the reduced number of dancers. But other factors, such as high hotel rates and the desire of many dancers to attend a weekend with a few well-known callers instead of a large event, have also had an effect.

For the first time in history, no city has bid to host a National. 2020 has no sponsoring city. The Executive Committee of the National, in an effort to save the Convention, has decided to run the Convention itself in Spokane, Washington. Naturally, the Executive Committee will not want to do this every year. So how is the National to survive if cities do not want to bid? Here is a solution.

1. **Eliminate the idea that the dancers of a particular region will bid and run the Convention.** It is too much work for too few dancers. No one area is likely to want to commit the time and effort involved, given the reduced number of dancers everywhere.
2. **The National Executive Committee will select the city,** based on where it can find the best financial arrangements, while also making an effort to move the event geographically around the country.
3. **Committee chairmen will be selected nationally from those who volunteer.** The Education Chairman might be from Massachusetts, the Program Chairman could live in North Carolina, the Registration Chairman could live in Texas, the business Chairman could live in Oregon, and so on.

There is absolutely no reason why everyone has to live in the same region as the event, given the ease of communication these days. Communication with the convention center and hotels can be done by phone and email. Committee chairmen and their staffs can communicate the same way.

4. **Committee chairmen and their staffs can stay in office for multiple years,** as long as they do a good job. Staff people would report to their respective committee chairman, and committee chairmen would report to the National Executive Committee.

This will eliminate the unnecessary situation of reinventing the wheel every year. No wonder every National has problems in various areas – new people with no experience are doing the job every year. Having permanent committee chairmen will result in their gaining valuable experience that will then be carried forward to future Nationals.

5. **The number of people involved in running the National is larger than necessary.** The 2012 National had about 170 people involved in its operation, while the 2015 National had about 140 people. With efficient committee chairmen and their staffs remaining for multiple years, there is no reason why the number of people running the National can not be reduced by 50%.

The best people from the entire country would be selected, not just those from a small area. As they gain more and more experience, the number of support staff needed for each committee would be reduced, because each person would be operating with more knowledge and thus more efficiency.

Summary: Is this a drastic change from the present? Yes. But it would result in greater efficiency put forth by fewer people. This is a change that must be done if the National Convention is to survive.

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What's Happening This Week?

Week of December 19, 2016

All clubs, callers, and cuers are asked to provide the editor with new dance schedules on an annual basis, as well as any updates, changes, and cancellations as needed. Failure to do so will result in your listing being removed from this publication.

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

If your club will not be dancing during the holidays, please notify the editor ASAP so the information can be included in the holiday issues.

Monday (December 19) – **Indian Creek Advance Dance** - Indian Creek RV Resort, 17340 San Carlos Boulevard, Ft. Myers Beach – Caller: John Hughes – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Casual attire. For info: jack@revette.org.

King's Point Round Dance – King's Point Main Clubhouse, Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City – Cuer: Mike Cox – Phase III – IV – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. For info: Mike Cox 813-6490-0754/mc8152@verizon.net or Nina 813-508-6462.

King's Point A-2 Dance – King's Point Main Clubhouse, Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City – Cuer: Mike Cox – Phase III – IV – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. For info: Mike Cox 813-6490-0754/mc8152@verizon.net or Nina 813-508-6462.

Horizon Village - 9200 Littleton Road (south of Shell Factory) – Caller: Dave Magee; Cuer: Russ Collier – Plus/Rounds 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – casual attire. For info: callerdave@hotmail.com.

Temple Twirlers Christmas 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: **Ron Reardon**, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. Square dance attire preferred. Dancers please use the entrance marked "Gage Hall" on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. For info: bbkilk@verizon.net.

Tuesday (December 20) – **Woodmere Park A-2 Dance** – 3951 Woodmere Park Boulevard, Venice, FL – Caller: Red Bates – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. For info: 941-223-0987 or redbates@juno.com.

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 – casual attire. **Potluck luncheon following the dance.** For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

Maple Leaf Squares Christmas Dance - Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, Queensway Hall, 2100 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte – Plus 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Dave Magee – Cuer: Ken

Klumpp. Square dance attire preferred. For info: 941-627-4889 or loisD523@kingston.net; 941-235-2736; <http://www.mapleleafsquares.com/>.

Horizons Round Dance Club Pie Night/Christmas Dance - 9200 Littleton Road (south of Shell Factory) – Cuer: Russ Collier – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. For info: russcollier1@gmail.com.

Suncoast Squares – King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – Review session 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. – Plus workshop and dancing 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 mutschlerdan@yahoo.com or 678-656-2523.

Wednesday (December 21) – Strawberry Squares Club Christmas Dance – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Caller: **Ron Reardon** – Mainstream/Easy Plus Workshop 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – alternating Mainstream and Easy Plus 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. - wood dance floor – hearing enhancement – fragrance free. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Bob and Barb Hancock 419-633-0610 or Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

Strawberry Square C-2 Dance w/C-3 Tip – **NO DANCE** For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Wayne Sorrells 770-490-1670, Nancy Hall 813-752-1816, Jack Gano 813-759-8172 or Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

Strawberry Square C-1 Dance w/C-2 Tip – **NO DANCE** For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Wayne Sorrells 770-490-1670, Nancy Hall 813-752-1816, Jack Gano 813-759-8172 or Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

J and C Spinarounds Phase IV and V Workshop and Dance – Walter Fuller Recreation Center, 7891 26th Avenue N., St. Pete, FL – 7:00 – 8:45 p.m. – Cuers/Instructors: Jimmy and Carol Griffin. For info: 727-525-7809 or spinards@tampabay.rr.com or www.floridasquaredance.com/jcspin.

Chase-A-Rounds in Punta Gorda – **CANCELLED UNTIL JANUARY** For info: 239-770-5257 or prentice0626@gmail.com.

Cultural Center Squares – Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Rooms F and G, Port Charlotte, FL. Caller: Art Miller; Cuers: Jennie Martin and Russ Collier - 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Mainstream, Plus, and Rounds. For info: Mary 941-380-5336 or Jennie 863-494-2749. For info: Mary 941-380-5336 or Jennie 863-494-2749.

Thursday (December 22) – Pine Ridge Promenaders Christmas Dance – Sunshine RV Resort, Rt. 70 (1,000 yards east of U.S. 27), Lake Placid – Caller: **Nelson Wakeman** – Cuer: Larry Chatos – Early Rounds 7:00 p.m. - Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. For info: 863-699-2789 - 570-703-3774 - bobnsue97@hotmail.com.

Strawberry Square Phase 4 Figure Dance/Teach — Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Cuer/Instructor: Jack and Nell Jenkins – 2:30 p.m. –

4:30 p.m. - \$6 per person per session. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Jack and Nell Jenkins 828-508-3690.

Shufflin' Squares – Lake Ashton Golf Club, 4141 Ashton Club Drive, Lake Wales, FL – alternating **Mainstream, Plus, and Rounds** – Early Rounds 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Squares and Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Caller: **Keith Stevens**; Cuer: Carl Rod – square dance attire optional. For info: lanceandrita@yahoo.com.

Jacaranda Trace Dance and Workshop – 3600 William Penn Way, Venice - A-2 - 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Caller: Mike Cox. Attending dancers are required to be efficient in all positions A1. For info: 941-408-2627.

Citrus Squares – First United Methodist Church, 21501 W. Highway 40, Dunnellon, FL – Caller: Ellis Lindsey – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. For info: 352-465-2142 (H) – 352-419-2504 (C) – rickducharme@ymail.com.

Suncoast Squares A2 Dance and Workshop – King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – 7:00 – 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 beemerr90s@juno.com.

Promenade Squares – Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – Beginners Class 6:00 p.m. - Early Rounds 7:15 - 7:45 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:45 - 9:30 p.m. - Caller: Bob Ormsbee, Cuer: Jimmy Griffin. For info: dhua7@aol.com or 727-544-0227.

Friday (December 23) – Woodmere Park C-1 Dance – 3951 Woodmere Park Boulevard, Venice, FL – Caller: Red Bates – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. For info: 941-223-0987 or redbates@juno.com.

Strawberry Square A-2 Dance - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Caller: **Keith Stevens** – 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – wood dance floor – hearing enhancement – fragrance free. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Wayne Sorrells 770-490-1670, Dona Watson & Henry Hillje 813-756-6145, or Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

Sun City Swingers - North Campus Dance Studio, Atrium Building, 945 North Course Lane, Sun City – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Robert Arias**. Square dance attire preferred. Air-conditioned hall, wood floor, and lighted, paved off-street parking. For info: 813-938-1038.



Christmas Eve

Please call ahead to ensure there is a dance!

Saturday (December 24) – *Strawberry Square Plus Dance* – **NO DANCE** For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Wayne Sorrells – 770-490-1670; Mary Lee Van Valkenburg – 813-707-1702; Cherylene Sorrells 770-8256513.

Indian Creek Estates – **NO DANCE** For info: revettejp@gmail.com.

Strawberry Square Phase 5 Figure Dance/Clinic – **NO DANCE** For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Jack and Nell Jenkins 828-508-3690.

Strawberry Square Phase 3 Dance w/Phase 4 Intro Teach - 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Cuer/Instructor: Jack and Nell Jenkins – 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. - \$6 per person per session. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Jack and Nell Jenkins 828-508-3690.

Palace Promenaders - **NO DANCE** For info: Jennie 863-494-2749 or Mary 941-380-5336. Park behind the building. For info: Jennie Martin 863-494-2749 or Mary Dow 941-380-5336.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Sunday (December 25)

Monday (December 26) – *Indian Creek Advance Dance* - Indian Creek RV Resort, 17340 San Carlos Boulevard, Ft. Myers Beach – Caller: John Hughes – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Casual attire. For info: jack@revette.org.

King's Point Round Dance – King's Point Main Clubhouse, Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City – Cuer: Mike Cox – Phase III – IV – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. For info: Mike Cox 813-6490-0754/mc8152@verizon.net or Nina 813-508-6462.

King's Point A-2 Dance – King's Point Main Clubhouse, Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City – Cuer: Mike Cox – Phase III – IV – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. For info: Mike Cox 813-6490-0754/mc8152@verizon.net or Nina 813-508-6462.

Horizon Village - 9200 Littleton Road (south of Shell Factory) – Caller: Dave Magee; Cuer: Russ Collier – Plus/Rounds 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – casual attire. For info: callerdave@hotmail.com.

Temple Twirlers – **NO DANCE** For info: bbkilk@verizon.net.

Tuesday (December 27) - Buttons and Bows of Lakeland – Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange Street, Lakeland – Caller: Keith Stevens – Cuer: Charlie Lovelace – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – wood dance floor – hearing enhancement – fragrance free – finger foods. Bring a can of vegetables for the hobo stew. Come dressed as a hobo. For info: sgdnfan@gmail.com or 863-224-3393.

Woodmere Park A-2 Dance – 3951 Woodmere Park Boulevard, Venice, FL – Caller: Red Bates – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. For info: 941-223-0987 or redbates@juno.com.

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 – casual attire. For info: callerdave@comcast.net or 941-235-1611.

Horizons Round Dance Club - 9200 Littleton Road (south of Shell Factory) – Cuer: Russ Collier – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. For info: russcollier1@gmail.com.

Maple Leaf Squares – Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, Queensway Hall, 2100 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte – Plus 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Dave Magee; Cuer: Ken Klumpp. Square dance attire preferred. For info: 941-627-4889 or loisD523@kingston.net or 941-235-2736 or [941-235-2736](http://www.mapleleafsquares.com/), also at <http://www.mapleleafsquares.com/>.

Suncoast Squares – King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – 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 mutschlerdan@yahoo.com or 678-656-2523.



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!

December 19, 2016

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS	
<u>December 20th</u>	Sunday - Shufflin' Squares Advance Workshop – Lake Ashton Golf Club, 4141 Ashton Club Drive, Lake Wales, FL – Caller: Keith Stevens – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. For info: lanceandrita@yahoo.com .
Strawberry Square A2 Review/Workshop	Thursday – Craig's RV Basic 50 Club – Craig's RV Park – 7895 N.E. Cubitis Avenue (5.3 miles north of Palace Promenaders' Dance Hall; west side of Hwy. 17), Arcadia – Caller/Instructor: Robert Arias – 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. For info: 813-601-1834.
Strawberry Square C1 Workshop	
<u>December 22nd</u>	
Lakeshore Villas Beginners Class (Temple Twirlers)	September 22, 2016 – Promenade Squares Beginners Square Dance Lessons - Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – 6:00 p.m. prior to the dance. Caller/Instructor: Bob Ormsbee. For info: dhua7@aol.com or 727-544-0227.

September 22, 2016 – **Temple Twirlers Beginners Square Dance Lessons** – Lake Shore Villa Clubhouse, 15401 Lakeshore Villa Boulevard, Tampa – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Ron Reardon: For info: bbkilk@verizon.net.

September 22, 2016 – **Strawberry Square Phase 2 – 3 Class** - 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Cuer/Instructor: Jack and Nell Jenkins – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. - \$6 per person per session. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Jack and Nell Jenkins 828-508-3690.

September 25, 2016 – **Strawberry Square Choreographed Ballroom (Round Dancing) Beginners Class in Rumba and Cha Cha** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade

Boulevard, Plant City – Cuers/Instructors: Jack and Nell Jenkins – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. - \$6 per person per session. For info: 828-508-3690 (cell – leave message if no answer) – BMI and ASCAP licensed.

October 22, 2016 - **Strawberry Square Phase 3 Dance w/Phase 4 Intro Teach** - 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Cuer/Instructor: Jack and Nell Jenkins – 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. - \$6 per person per session. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Jack and Nell Jenkins 828-508-3690.

November 1, 2016 – April 25, 2017 – **Strawberry Square First A-2 Review Workshop of the Season** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City, FL – Caller: Stevens. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

November 2, 2016 – **Heron’s Glen Beginners Class** - Herons Glen, 2250 Avenida Del Vera, North Fort Myers – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee. For info: callerdave@hotmail.com.

November 2, 2016 – **Heron’s Glen Plus Class** - Herons Glen, 2250 Avenida Del Vera, North Fort Myers – 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee. For info: callerdave@hotmail.com.

November 3, 2016 – January 26, 2017 - **Buttons and Bows of Lakeland Beginners Square Dance Class** – Florida Presbyterian Homes at Lake Hunter, 811 Lakeside Avenue, Lakeland – Caller/Instructor: Marty Vanwart – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – first night is FREE then the cost is \$5 per person per session. For info: sgdncfan@gmail.com or 863-224-3393.

November 3, 2016 – **Buttons and Bows of Lakeland Plus Class** – Florida Presbyterian Homes at Lake Hunter, 811 Lakeside Avenue, Lakeland – Caller/Instructor: Marty Vanwart – 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. – first night is FREE then the cost is \$5 per person per session. For info: sgdncfan@gmail.com or 863-224-3393.

November 5, 2016 – **Strawberry Square Phase 5 Figure Clinic/Dance** - 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Cuer/Instructor: Jack and Nell Jenkins – 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. - \$6 per person per session. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Jack and Nell Jenkins 828-508-3690.

November 7, 2016 – **Strawberry Square Beginners Square Dance Class** – 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Caller/Instructor: Marty Vanwart – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

November 7, 2016 – **Strawberry Square Plus Class** – 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Caller/Instructor: Marty Vanwart – 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

November 7, 2016 – **Ft. Myers Social Dance Class** – N. Ft. Myers Recreation Center, 2000 N. Recreation Park Way, N. Ft. Myers – Instructor: Dick Chase – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Casual attire. For info: 239-770-5257 or prentice0626@gmail.com.

November 9, 2016 – **Punta Gorda Phase II and III Round Dance Class** – South County Community Services, 670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Cuer/Instructor: Dick Chase. Casual attire. For info: 239-770-5257 or prentice0626@gmail.com.

November 9, 2016 – **Punta Gorda Cha Review** – South County Community Services, 670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda – 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Cuer/Instructor: Dick Chase. Casual attire. For info: 239-770-5257 or prentice0626@gmail.com.

DATE CHANGE - November 10, 2016 – **Maple Leaf Squares A1 Class** - Maple Leaf Golf and Country Club, CANAM Hall, 2100 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte – 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. – Caller/instructor: Dave Magee - \$5 per person per session. For info: callerdave@hotmail.com.

November 10, 2016 – **Maple Leaf Squares Beginners Class** - Maple Leaf Golf and Country Club, CANAM Hall, 2100 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte – 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. – Caller/instructor: Dave Magee - \$4 per person per session. For info: callerdave@hotmail.com.

DATE CHANGE - November 11, 2016 - **Maple Leaf Squares Mainstream Review** - Maple Leaf Golf and Country Club, CANAM Hall, 2100 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Caller/instructor: Dave Magee - \$5 per person per session. For info: callerdave@hotmail.com.

November 11, 2016 - **Maple Leaf Squares Plus Workshop** - Maple Leaf Golf and Country Club, CANAM Hall, 2100 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Caller/instructor: Dave Magee - \$4 per person per session. For info: callerdave@hotmail.com.

November 14, 2016 – **Punta Gorda Round Dance Class** – South County Community Services, 670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda – Cuer/Instructor: Dick Chase – Phase III and IV – 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Casual attire. For info: 239-770-5257 or prentice0626@gmail.com.

December 4, 2016 – **Russ & Wilma's Round Dance Workshop** – South County Regional Park Carmalita Hall, 2610 Carmalita, Punt Gorda – Cuer/Instructor: Russ Collier – Phase 3 – 4 – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. For info: 941-661-1920 or russcollier1@gmail.com.

December 5, 2016 – March 21, 2017 – **Woodmere Park Mainstream Review/Plus Teach** – 3951 Woodmere Park Boulevard, Ft. Myers, FL – Caller: Red Bates – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. For info: 941-332-0987 or redbates@juno.com.

December 6, 2016 – April 11, 2017 – **Woodmere Park Plus Workshop** – 3951 Woodmere Park Boulevard, Venice, FL – Caller: Red Bates – 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. For info: 941-223-0987 or edbates@juno.com.

December 9, 2016 – **Woodmere Mainstream/Plus Review** – Woodmere Park, 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (off Jacaranda Blvd.) – Time TBA – Caller: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481 or Venice cell 941-223-0987 or redbates@juno.com.

December 11, 2016 – **Bradenton Pleasant Lake Basic 50 Class** – Pleasant Lake Carefree RV Resort, 6633 53rd Avenue East, Bradenton – Caller/Instructor: Robert Arias – 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. For info: 813-601-1834.

December 14, 2016 – December 28, 2016 - **Crystal Lake Squares Lessons** – Crystal Lake Community, 237 Maxwell Drive, Wauchula – Caller/Instructor: Mike Gormley – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. All beginners and experienced dancers are invited. **Be sure and invite your friends to come and try the dancing, before the class is closed sometime in January and proceed on.** Mike is also taking names of those who would be interested in Beginner Western Round Dance lessons. For info: mike@mike-gormley.com or 419-376-0557.

December 21, 2016 – **Palmetto Palms Workshop** - 19681 Summerlin Boulevard, Ft. Myers, FL – 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. RSVP and confirm dance level: 989-372-0852

January 2, 2017 – March 27, 2017 – **Strawberry Square Intro to A-1 Class** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller/Instructor: Marty Vanwart – 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Wayne Sorrells 770-490-1670, Dona Watson and Henry Hillje 813-756-6145 or Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

January 2, 2017 – March 27, 2017 – **Strawberry Square Intro to A-2 Class** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller/Instructor: Marty Vanwart – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Wayne Sorrells 770-490-1670, Dona Watson and Henry Hillje 813-756-6145 or Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

January 3, 2017 – February 28, 2017– **Strawberry Square Line Dancing Classes** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Instructor: Cindy Bunn – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – beautiful wooden floor; please change to clean, non-marking shoes or boots to protect the finish. Cost: \$5 per person per session. No experience or partner needed. Cookies and coffee are provided. The hall is fragrance-, smoke-, and alcohol-free. You are welcome to bring your own non-alcoholic beverage, and may smoke outside – coffee and

cookies provided. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

January 4, 2017 – **Punta Gorda Beginners Round Dance Class** – South County Community Services, 670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda – 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Cuer/Instructor: Dick Chase. Casual attire. For info: 239-770-5257 or prentice0626@gmail.com.

January 4, 2017 – March 29, 2017 – **Crystal Lake Squares Extended Mainstream Workshop** – Crystal Lake Community, 237 Maxwell Drive, Wauchula – Caller/Instructor: Mike Gormley – 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. For info: ron.storms@gmail.com or 765-499-1268.

January 4, 2017 – March 29, 2017 – **Crystal Lake Squares Mainstream Lessons** – Crystal Lake Community, 237 Maxwell Drive, Wauchula – Caller/Instructor: Mike Gormley – 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. For info: ron.storms@gmail.com or 765-499-1268.

January 4, 2017 – March 29, 2017 – **Crystal Lake Squares Beginners Lessons** – Crystal Lake Community, 237 Maxwell Drive, Wauchula – Caller/Instructor: Mike Gormley – 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. For info: ron.storms@gmail.com or 765-499-1268.

January 6 – February 4, 2017 – **Strawberry Square Intro to Cha-Rhumba** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Cuer/Instructors: Tom and Cindy Bunn – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

January 6, 2017 – April 26, 2017 – **Strawberry Square Fun Plus Dance/Workshop** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Caller: Marty Vanwart – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

January 6, 2017 – February 24, 2017 – **Strawberry Square Cha-Rhumba Intro** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Cuer: Tom Bunn – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – no round dance experience necessary. For info: For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

January 7, 2017 – March 25, 2017 – **Royal Coachman Resort Beginners Class** – Royal Coachman Resort Recreation Hall, 1070 Laurel Road, Nokomis, FL – Caller: Red Bates – 10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. For info: 239-770-5257 or redbates@juno.com.

January 7, 2017 – March 25, 2017 – **Royal Coachman Resort Mainstream Class** – Royal Coachman Resort Recreation Hall, 1070 Laurel Road, Nokomis, FL – Caller: Red Bates – 12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. For info: 239-770-5257 or redbates@juno.com.

January 7, 2017 – **Indian Creek RV Resort Social Dance Class** – Indian Creek RV Resort, 17340 San Carlos Boulevard, Ft. Myers Beach - Cuer: Instructor: Dick Chase – 3:30 – 5:15 p.m. Casual attire. For info: 239-770-5257 or prentice0626@gmail.com.

January 8, 2017 – **Strawberry Square Jive Classes** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Cuer: Jack Jenkins – 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – six-week session. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please call Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

January 9, 2017 – March 28, 2017 – **Lake Placid Beginner's Class** – Camp Florida Resort, Shoreline Drive, Lake Placid – Caller/Instructor: Nelson Wakeman – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. There will be round dance tapes played after the class for anyone that wants to practice; there will be no teaching. For info: nelsonwakeman@gmail.com.

January 10, 2017 – **Suncoast Squares Plus Class** - King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – 9:00 – 10:00 p.m. Caller/Instructor: Mike Cox. A GLBT Club – all are welcome (including the straight community) – casual attire. For info: www.suncoastsquares.com or suncoastsquares@gmail.com or mutschlerdan@yahoo.com or 678-656-2523.

January 12, 2017 – **Citrus Park Snobirds Beginner Square Dance** – Citrus Park Clubhouse, 25501 Trost Boulevard, Estero – Caller/Instructor: Wes Morris or Mac McCall – FREE! - 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. For info: 239-498-8833 or 239-992-0207.

January, 17, 24, and 31, 2017 – **Suncoast Squares Open House for New Dancers** - King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – 7:30 p.m. – 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 suncoastsquares@gmail.com or mutschlerdan@yahoo.com or 678-656-2523.

January 19, 2017 - **Buttons and Bows of Lakeland Plus Class** – Florida Presbyterian Homes at Lake Hunter, McArthur Center, 811 Lakeside Avenue, Lakeland – Caller/Instructor: Marty Vanwart – 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. – first night is FREE then the cost is \$5 per person per session. For info: sqdnxfan@gmail.com or 863-224-3393.

February 3 – 18, 2017 – **Square/Round Dance Cruise – Floating Callers' College** – Grand Princess sailing out of San Francisco to Hawaii – Callers: Scot and Erin Byars (Crown Records Recording Artist); Cuers: MaryAnn Callahan and Craig Cowan. Complete CALLERLAB curriculum plus vocal sessions. Eight days of instruction classes on at-sea days). Prices starting at \$2,114 (prices per person/double occupancy and include all dance fees, port taxes, and government fees. Your cruise may be tax deductible! If you are currently calling, you may be able to deduct both your caller's school fees and your cruise fare from your federal income taxes! Only student's travel will be eligible for deduction. 4dance Academy does not guarantee any tax benefits; please verify these benefits with your tax professional. Instructor: Scot Byars

(CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach). Tuition \$100 (in addition to the \$150 dance fee paid with cruise). Make check payable to 4dance Academy and mail to 2140 Byron Road, Sacramento, CA 95825 or visit www.gr8dancing.com to pay with PayPal. For more information, call Scot at 916-320-7207.

February 16, 2017 – May 4, 2017 - **Buttons and Bows of Lakeland Beginners Square Dance Class** – Florida Presbyterian Homes at Lake Hunter, 811 Lakeside Avenue, Lakeland – Caller/Instructor: Marty Vanwart – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – first night is FREE then the cost is \$5 per person per session. For info: sgdnfan@gmail.com or 863-224-3393.

February 19, 2017 - **Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association (SCCA) Annual Clinic** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Time TBD. You do not have to be a member of the Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association to attend. For info: ted.hughes@juno.com.

July 20 – 23, 2017 – **Atlanta Callers School** – City of Light, 3125 Presidential Parkway, Atlanta, GA – Callers: Ken Ritucci (Massachusetts) (Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach) and Tony Oxendine (South Carolina) (Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach). Plenty of microphone time • understand what it takes to be a leader • Professional assessment of your skills • Develop a calling career that is best for you • Full CALLERLAB curriculum. Whether you are presently calling or desire to be a caller, this school will help you with your calling career. Only \$400 per student – Space is limited! Register today! For info: 413-262-1875 or kenritucci@aol.com or www.kenritucci.com.

August 10 – 13, 2017 – **2017 Norcal Callerlab School** – Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 W. Fremont Avenue., Sunnyvale, CA – Callers: Ken Ritucci (Massachusetts) (Callerlab Accredited Caller Coach), Harlan Kerr (California), and Bill Harrison (Maryland). Plenty of microphone time • understand what it takes to be a leader • Professional assessment of your skills • Develop a calling career that is best for you • Full CALLERLAB curriculum. Whether you are presently calling or desire to be a caller, this school will help you with your calling career. Only \$400 per student – Space is limited! Register today! For info: 413-262-1875 or kenritucci@aol.com or www.kenritucci.com.

Demos/One-nighters

This is a new section for you to promote your demos and one-nighters. If you need dancers to help you out, please forward the information so it can be added here.

Looking Ahead

March 9 – 11, 2017 – **43rd Annual Round-up** – Brazos Ball Room, Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Avenue, Waco, TX. For info: 214-546-9463 or billyh3@verizon.net.

March 16 – 18, 2017 – **WASCA'S 58TH Spring Square and Round Dance Festival "An Aerial Adventure"** – Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel, Alexandria, VA. For info: 703-425-4072 or 2017FestivalDirectors@wascaclubs.com.

April 28 – 29, 2017 – **59th New England Square and Round Dance Convention** – Crowne Plaza Hotel, 801 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick, RI. For info: www.nesrdc.org.

April 30, 2017 – **Tim Marriner Memorial Benefit Dance** – Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace Street, Herndon, VA. For info: 703-573-8378 or NVCCNAN@gmail.com.

May 5 – 7, 2017 – **38th Annual Spring Fling** – Albuquerque Square Dance Center, 4915 Hawkins NE, Albuquerque, NM. For info: 505-410-6034 or BandMAllen@cybermesa.com.

June 9 – 11, 2017 – **65th Minnesota State Square and Round Dance Convention** – Mayo Civic Center, 30 Civic Center Drive SE, Rochester, MN. For info: www.mnsquaredanceconvention.com.

August 18 – 19, 2017 – **55th Michigan Square and Round Dance Convention "Work the Gears Through the Years"** – Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Detroit-Dearborn. For info: squaredancemi@gmail.com – www.facebook.com/2017-Michigan-Square-Round-Dance-Convention-266204230417234 - www.square-dance-michigan.com/convention.

August 31 – September 3, 2017 – **47th Single Square Dancers USA Dance-A-Rama** – Wyndham Riverfront Hotel, 2 Riverfront Place, North Little Rock, AR. For info: 501-416-5366 – www.dar2017.ssdusa.org – reg2017@ssdusa.org.

May 4 – 6, 2018 – **39th Annual Spring Fling** – Albuquerque Square Dance Center, 4915 Hawkins NE, Albuquerque, NM. For info: 505-410-6034 or BandMAllen@cybermesa.com.

May 15 – 17, 2018 - **WASCA'S 59TH Spring Square and Round Dance Festival "Venetian Carnival"** – Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel, Alexandria, VA. For info: 703-729-2109 or 2018FestivalDirectors@wascaclubs.com.

May 19 – 20, 2018 – **30th Virginia State Convention, "Explode the Wave at Hampton Harbor"** – Crowne Plaza Hampton Marina Hotel, Hampton, VA. For info: janipay8@aol.com – 828-215-3351- wturley78@yahoo.com – 757-236-1403 – roho38@verizon.net - 757-897-5280.

June 27 – 29, 2018 – **16th US Handicapable Convention** – Omni Hotel, Jacksonville, FL. For info: 386-734-2110 or revates.deland@gmail.com.

Links

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Websites

<http://floridasquaredance.com/>

https://www.facebook.com/#!/home.php?sk=group_149454955123658&andap=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.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.66nsdc.com> 66th 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://virginiaswesternwear.com/> (Virginia's Western Wear and Square Dance Shop, Mascotte, FL)
sewemupfashions.com (Sew 'em Up Fashions, Spartanburg, SC)

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

www.travelinghoedowners.com (Square Dance DVDs – Both Instructional and Dance)

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.luvrounds.com/> (Charlie Lovelace)

<http://www.ronreardoncaller.com/> (Ron Reardon)

<http://www.rodbarngrover.com> (Rod Barngrover)

<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)

Miscellaneous

<http://LiveLivelySquareDance.com> (New square/round dance logo)

<http://www.dosado.com/cgi-bin/lib/shop->

[wrapper.pl?page=rdpubsandshop=dosadoandcart=3901977.2052](http://www.dosado.com/cgi-bin/lib/shop-wrapper.pl?page=rdpubsandshop=dosadoandcart=3901977.2052)<http://www.squaredance> (round

dance publications)[radionetwork.com](http://www.radionetwork.com) (square dance radio network)

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