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## February 1, 2017 – **Deadline for Extra Mile Award**

**Nominations.** Do you know a caller or cuer that goes that Extra Mile without personal gain in giving freely of their time and talents to the square dance community? Now is the time to thank them for work! Please use the nomination form found on the Internet and follow the outline to provide the required information. For info: <http://floridasquaredance.com/documents/ExtraMileAwards/extra-mile.php> or [dennistaylor5426@att.net](mailto:dennistaylor5426@att.net).

## February 4, 2017 – **Strawberry Square Community Flea Market**

– 4401 Promenade Boulevard, off Boot Bay Road, Plant City – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Doughnuts, hot dogs, chips, coffee, and drinks. Tools, crafts, baked goods – something for everyone. For info: 813-704-5540.

## February 5, 2017 – **Deadline for Submissions to Bow & Swing for the March 2017 issue.**

For info: [bowandswing@gmail.com](mailto:bowandswing@gmail.com).

## February 5, 2017 - **West Coast Membership Dance**

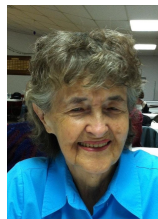
– Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Callers: Sam Dunn and Keith Stevens; Cuer: Jack Jenkins. Early Rounds 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. – alternating Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Members: FREE; Guests: \$5 per person. Even if you are a member, please sign in when you arrive so we have an accurate count of the attendees. For info: [eddrexel@gmail.com](mailto:eddrexel@gmail.com).

## February 15, 2017 – **Square Dancing at the Fair**

– State Fairgrounds, corner of Hwy. 301 and I-4 in Tampa – Masters of Ceremony for Squares: Ron Reardon and Marty Vanwart – Master of Ceremony for Rounds: Charlie Lovelace. All callers and cuers are welcome to participate in the program. Please notify the respective Emcees of your interest in participating. Dancing will be in the Charles M. Davis Special Events Center. Dancing will be from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. the grand march will be at 1:30 p.m. For info: [mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com).

## February 19, 2017 – Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association (SCCA) Clinic

- Martin House, Strawberry Square Community, Plant City – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Squares Clinician: Dave Muller – Rounds Clinician: Alice Bubel. FREE to members of the Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association; \$25 for non-members. For info: [keithuns@yahoo.com](mailto:keithuns@yahoo.com).



## February 19, 2017 – Marilyn Grube Memorial Dance –

Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller: Ron Reardon – Cuer: Charlie Lovelace – Early Rounds 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. – alternating squares and rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – FREE. Join us for a fun afternoon of dancing to honor the memory of Marilyn and her great passion for dancing. All are welcome, dancers and non-dancers alike. Marilyn's family requested that we hold this dance in Marilyn's memory. For info: [stldfmd203@me.com](mailto:stldfmd203@me.com).

## February 25 – 26, 2017 – Florida Federation Working Weekend

- Florida Federation Working Weekend – Comfort Inn & Suites, 626 Lee Road, Orlando, FL - 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be committee meetings on History; Public Awareness, Publicity, Preservation, and Education; Showcase of Ideas; Association Presidents and Insurance; and State Convention Procedures. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. For info: [dennistaylor5426@att.net](mailto:dennistaylor5426@att.net) or 321-453-3438.

## February 25, 2017 - 64<sup>th</sup> Florida State Square & Round Dance

**DANCE ETIQUETTE** Spread yourself around the dance floor. Dance with the caller's partner, singles, [and] visitors. The more people you dance with the greater your enjoyment. Stay for the entire dance, if possible. It gives the caller great pleasure to have a full floor for his final tip. Square dancing has been a popular tradition in America since colonial days. Remember, a smile on your face helps people in your square enjoy themselves! Anonymous

Reprint from *Orange Blossom Squares News* – December 2016/January 2017

**Convention Benefit Dance** - Whirl & Twirl Square Dance Center, 6949 Venture Circle, Orlando – featuring Caller: Bill Chesnut and Cuer: Susan Snider - Suggested donation \$8 per dancer - Be sure to bring lots of cash for the Chinese Auction because we know you will want to bid on the goodies! In addition, if you have any new or gently used items for the auction, they will be gratefully accepted. This dance is held in conjunction with the Florida

Federation Working Weekend. ALL square and round dancers are welcome. For info: Lewis and Linda Wasserman [lewiswasserman@gmail.com](mailto:lewiswasserman@gmail.com) or [lindawasserman0@gmail.com](mailto:lindawasserman0@gmail.com).

The Happy Promenaders dance on February 19<sup>th</sup> has been re-scheduled to February 26<sup>th</sup>.

The 2017 Space Coast Fiesta (formerly known as the Florida Winter Festival) is sold out! A waiting list is available for those who wish to be contacted if there is a cancellation. Please notify Linda Saunders at [Johnlin2631@gmail.com](mailto:Johnlin2631@gmail.com) or 386-428-1496.

The Florida State Convention dance schedule is now available at <http://floridasquaredance.com/convention/63/Dance%20Schedule.pdf> or you can go to [www.floridasquaredance.com](http://www.floridasquaredance.com) and scroll down to the link.

**NEEDED RIGHT AWAY!**

Dancers who live in Hillsborough and Lee Counties that are knowledgeable about square and round dancing in your area and are willing to help promote square dancing.

The West Coast Association needs representatives in Hillsborough and Lee Counties who will be a liaison to the Association by promoting dances and membership in the Association, sell ribbons for the Fall Fun Fest, and be a contact for anyone looking for dance information. If this is you, contact Ed Drexel, President, WCA at [eddrexel@gmail.com](mailto:eddrexel@gmail.com).

## Inspirational Quotes

*(from the collection of Ed Foote)*

"We either make ourselves happy or miserable. The amount of work is the same."...Carlos Castaneda

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has."...Margaret Mead

"The more anger towards the past you carry in your heart, the less capable you are of loving in the present."...Barbara De Angelis, lecturer and author

"If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies. Succeed anyway."...Mother Theresa

"Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind. Always."...Jan Maclaren

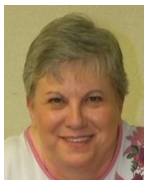
"To love and be loved, that is the meaning of life."...Cheryl Strayed, author

"We must accommodate changing times, but cling to principles that never change."...Hugh Coleman, President Jimmy Carter's high school principal

"There is no greater joy nor greater reward than to make a fundamental difference in someone's life."...Sister Mary Rose McGeady, former president of Covenant House

"People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway."...Mother Theresa

"How people treat you is their karma, how you react is yours."...Dr. Wayne Dyer, lecturer and author



## *From the Editor...*

There is an awful lot going on during February! Please check pages 2 -3 for information on some upcoming dances and meetings. It will be appreciated if you make an effort to attend these dances and meetings.

One very important due date is the submission of nominations for the Extra Mile Award. This award recognizes any caller or cuer that has gone the Extra Mile without personal gain in giving freely of their time and talents to the square dance community. Nominations are to be submitted by Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Go to

<http://floridasquaredance.com/documents/ExtraMileAwards/extra-mile.php> for additional information and the nomination form.

As I was reading the latest issue of the *Bow & Swing*<sup>1</sup>, I noticed there are a lot of clubs in the West Coast area who are not taking advantage of the FREE “advertising” that is available to promote your clubs. I also noticed that there are some clubs in our area who are not consistent with submitting an article on a monthly basis. The current issue should feature several clubs with “No Report”. In the *Bow & Swing*, there is a section for club articles and at the back of the magazine, there is a list – Where to Dance by Region/Day.

While we are on the subject of free advertising, are you taking advantage of our Florida Square Dance website? The website is [www.floridasquaredance.com](http://www.floridasquaredance.com). You can do several things on this website;

1. If your club has a **website** that is currently separate from floridasquaredance.com, you can link your site to the Florida site. Just contact the webmaster for further details.
2. If you don't have a **website**, you can contact the webmaster ([brucemorgan@embargmail.com](mailto:brucemorgan@embargmail.com)) and he will create a website for you at a very reasonable price. There are many inquiries made through the floridasquaredance.com website and we would hate for visitors to miss dancing at your club because you aren't listed on the website.
  - a. There is a **map program** on the website where you enter the information on your dance and it will mark the location on the map.
  - b. There is a **calendar program** where you can enter any of your dances and have your flyer attached.

Why not log onto floridasquaredance.com right now and see what all is included on this site. You will be pleasantly surprised!

Don't forget to utilize the West Coast *Dancer* newsletter which can only be found on the West Coast Association website. This publication also has an area for clubs to send in articles and another place to list your dance information by the day of the week. Again, all this is FREE!

And a plug for the DANCERgram! This publication is more detailed than the others. Each weekly issue contains the dance schedules for the upcoming week through Tuesday of the following week. Each club listing contains not only the name of the club or dance, it also includes the street address of the facility, name of the caller and/or cuer, dance level, preferred attire, theme (if applicable), and contact information. All the past issues are archived at [www.dancergram.com](http://www.dancergram.com). The newsletter is also broken down by sections and posted separately on the website. By checking the menu down the left side, you can jump right to what you are looking for. There is also a section on the website for square dance tours and cruises! This is a

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<sup>1</sup> The state square dance magazine; the official magazine of the Florida Callers Association

weekly newsletter (magazine?) and due to the detailed information that is included in the What's Happening This Week... section, it is very important that the editor receives your information and is notified of any changes or cancellations. You can send your information for the whole year/season so you don't have to remember to send every week or month. If your club has an email distribution list of your members, please add the DANCERgram editor to the list. This way if something is changed or canceled, you won't have to contact the editor as the information will be relayed in your emails to your members.

There are also three other regional publications that you can utilize – *Panhandle Press*, *The Grapevine*, and *Hitchin' Post*. The submission due dates for these three publications are also listed in the DANCERgram. They all usually have an area to list dances and accept articles. Archived copies of these publications can be found at <http://floridasquaredance.com/pubs.php>. You will need to speak to each of the editors to determine if what their copy requirements are as well as the cost.

## *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 well known to the Florida square and round dance community. Listings for others are at [www.dancergram.com](http://www.dancergram.com) – Health and Sympathy.**

**UPDATE ON RON HOLLAND:** (received February 2, 2017) I just received a phone call from Ron's brother, Dale and it's not good. He has had multiple surgeries because of the burns. Yesterday, they took him to surgery and the tissue below the skin grafts is deteriorating. He also had another heart attack.

The doctor said Ron won't be leaving the hospital, so if you want to see him, you need to go quickly!

**BETTY STEVENS:** I just talked to Dick and he sounds really good. He told me they were just getting ready to leave the house; he's spending the night at his son's. He also gave me the funeral information for Betty as follows: Burial will be at New Hope Cemetery, 207 New Hope Road, Brandon at 10:00 a.m. It will be followed by a Celebration of Life at New Hope United Methodist Church, 120 N. Knights Avenue, Brandon at 11:00 a.m. There will be a reception after the service. If you would like to send Dick a card, his address is 905 Helena Drive, Brandon, FL 33511. **ALL SQUARE DANCERS PLEASE WEAR YOUR BADGE!** Below is the obituary from the funeral home:

*In Memory of*



Betty M. Stevens

**September 21, 1933 - January 30, 2017**

**Obituary**

STEVENS, Betty Marie, 83, of Brandon, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, January 30, 2017. She was a member of New Hope United Methodist Church in Brandon. Betty loved dancing, sewing, and most of all, her family. She belonged to the West Coast Square Dancing Association and the Sassy Lassies and often made her own dance outfits. Betty is survived by her husband of 32 years, Charles "Dick" Stevens, her children; Richard Stevens (Susan), Scott Stevens (Suzanne), Timm Hamilton (Bonnie), Todd Hamilton, Douglas Stevens (Susan), brothers; Clifford Graham Jr (Linda), Edward Graham, sister; Grace Kent, grandchildren; Steven, Jennifer, Chris, Brian, Wesley, Ryan and Sarah, great-grandchildren; Landon and Mackenzie, and many nieces, nephews and friends. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2017, 11 am at New Hope United Methodist Church 120 N Knights Ave, Brandon, FL 33510. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Greater Brandon Meals on Wheel, P.O. Box 6578, Brandon, FL 33508.

Word was received that **Ginny Bates** fell about a week ago and fractured her upper arm and shoulder. Some of Red's dances are being canceled this week. If you would like to send Ginny a card, their address is 2092 Batello Drive, Venice, FL 34292. Ginny is the wife of Caller Red Bates.

**Leila Lindsey's mother** passed away on January 29<sup>th</sup>. No other details are available at this time. Leila is Caller Ellis Lindsey's wife. If you would like to send a card, their address is 1069 SW Shiloh Street, Fort White, FL 32038.



**Ron Holland's** brother, Dale, has notified SSDUSA<sup>2</sup> that on January 9th, Ron had a bad accident at his house. He was working in his shop and his overalls caught on fire. He was rushed to the hospital and has second and third degree burns from his right ankle up to his buttocks. He has had surgery and has been in and out of ICU.

He is at Vanderbilt Medical Center in the Burn Unit. He can have visitors but please understand that he may not recognize you. If you want to send him cards, send them to his home address and Dale will take them to Ron. His address is 280 Walnut Grove Road, Lebanon, TN 37090.

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<sup>2</sup> Single Square Dancers of the United States of America



Ron has been a past president of SSDUSA several times, was the SSDUSA representative on the ARTS Council. He is also the south regional director for SSDUSA and chairman of several different committees.

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## *Your Source...*

**Ribbons, flyers, and fundraising items are available for the following dances:**

- March 24 – 25, 2017 – **Florida State Convention Ribbons, Buttons, Raffle Tickets for \$500 cash drawing and a quilt (two different drawings) & Cookbooks**
- **2017 West Coast Association membership badges and bars**
- November 25 – 27, 2017 – **West Coast Association Fall Fun Fest ribbons.**

One positive encouragement to all the readers of this square dance journal, try it. It may work very well.

This article demonstrates that square dancing can be successful with different generations of people “breaking down the age barriers” which separate them with dancers of three or four generations dancing together. Square dancers of all ages can build energy and enthusiasm and can easily merge into square dancing while at the same time enriching family unit of St. Valentine...

Any individual, club, caller, or association who wishes to communicate his/her opinions on this subject or communicate their success story in recruiting is encouraged to contact the American Callers’ Association at [Mac@americancallers.com](mailto:Mac@americancallers.com) or Dr. Patrick Demerath at [pdemerath@hotmail.com](mailto:pdemerath@hotmail.com). The American Callers’ Association will be pleased to publish your story.

Please visit our website and newsletters at [AmericanCallers.com/news](http://AmericanCallers.com/news).

Until next time, Happy Dancing.

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## *On the Record - Squares*

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### **Poise**

A word not often heard in today’s lexicon and hardly ever mentioned in square or round dancing. The word, poise, may get a few raised eyebrows from those who consider poise only relegated to the ballroom dance world. Some folks may roll their eyes, as if to say: “here we go talking about some historic square dance oddity again”. Friends, the term may not be engaging however the mechanics that define poise in square and round dancing is what creates dancers who are successful and stay in the activity longer. Poise has been part of my personal lesson plan in all programs for many years. In my opinion, it is more important to teach poise in a beginner’s class than it is to teach extended applications or what some call “DBD”. When poise and styling (dance technique) are part of learning a new call, dancers are better able to dance the calls without breakdowns. Anytime square breakdowns can be avoided, it will reduce frustrations (dancer and caller) and start to build the dancer’s self confidence.

1. Poise is control of your body’s movements – the different between a good dancer and one who is bumping into others in the square, lagging behind the pace of calls, or just plain rough. In square dancing we teach “shuffle” steps, which is where your body

weight is shifted forward over the balls of your feet. Heels rise off the floor and steps are made by sliding forward on the balls of your feet. Make sure that both feet are in constant contact with the ground. This adds stability. When someone is shuffling (sliding with both feet on the floor) it is difficult, if not impossible, to push them over. By contrast, a person simply walking lacks this stability and is very easy to push over.

The shuffle step in time with music has the forward slide on the downbeat of music, also known as the “boom”. In shuffle rhythms where the beat is “boom, boom, boom, boom”, the shuffle step should feel like a sliding march. Practicing this step can be done just by clapping your hands and shuffling forward on every clap. Clap fast and you won’t keep in time with the beat for very long. The speed of clapping - the tempo being too fast is what causes dancers to stop shuffling and simply walk, out of time with the music. Callers who teach dancers how to shuffle, should also slow the music so they may enjoy shuffling.

Dancers should have hands at waist height and shoulders relaxed. Keep elbows pointed down and at their side, especially when dancing calls in ocean waves. When elbows come up, dancers build torque in their shoulder muscles and often, without realizing, are bearing down on the adjacent dancers. Sometimes the force is great enough to hurt adjacent dancers. When the elbows come up, dancers will find themselves reaching in front of them and often for the wrong dancers. As a caller, I see when dancers do “casting” calls like “Cast Off”, “Spin The Top”, “Relay The Ducey” and when elbows come up, dancers will reach out and grab anyone causing the square to break down. Finally, elbows up are a hazard to shorter dancers, where the risk is an elbow to the face from a dancer lacking control of their body movements.

2. Poise is physical balance – the difference between being a good dancer and one who stumbles or falls in square. For many years we have taught dancers to stand up straight, sucking in their “dining room”. This simple act allows dancers to not only look good, but also keep their square from breaking down. Aside from a physical disability that may preclude good posture, a dancer who slouches will not be able to properly execute “pull by” calls like “Square Thru”, “Right & Left Thru”, etc. Their hands are too low because of poor posture, almost like they are dragging their knuckles on the ground. It is not lack of understanding the definition, it is lack of good dance posture that cause many breakdowns.

The first time many of the dancers in my beginner program hear me talk about dance posture is when the call, “Swing” is taught. A slouching dancer will not only be incapable of smoothly executing the call, but will also fall behind causing the square to breakdown. During my years of calling, some of the most graceful “Swings” were executed by dancers in their 80’s and 90’s. They had learned physical balance and were too encumbered by the slowing down of aging.

At the same time, dancers are taught to “tuck in their sitting room”, a polite way of saying “tightens their gluteal muscles” and this action keeps their feet directly under

their moving bodies. Sadly, we've seen the dancer who trips other dancers by getting their feet into another dancer's path or becomes tangled up in their own feet. This is more than not looking good, it is a hazard and one that can be corrected.

Becoming a dancer with poise is not accidental. It is learned and it is not difficult to learn. Poise is taught by the experienced caller, cuer, or dancers to help other dancers become smooth dancers. Poise and styling are the difference between being the dancer and others model themselves after versus someone who others may avoid.

Please send your questions or comments to [buddy@buddyweaver.com](mailto:buddy@buddyweaver.com) – I am here to help you become a better dancer or caller.

Reprint from *American Square Dance* – February 2017

## *All Things Considered*

By Ed Foote

### **Various Topics**

Adding some thoughts to items in recent issues of *American Square Dance Magazine*:

1. **Caller Shortage.** A cartoon last fall showed a person reading a square dance publication and saying: "What we have is too many callers and not enough dancers." This is not necessarily true.

As I reported in this column in November, 2015, many areas of the country are reporting caller shortages. Naturally, fewer dancers results in fewer people being interested in trying calling, so the problem feeds on itself.

2. **Drinking and Dancing.** Last fall Buddy Weaver discussed drinking before and during dancing. While it is agreed that drinking and dancing do not mix, there is no interesting footnote to this.

Wisconsin has long been the home to a number of breweries. In the 1980s and 1990s it was common practice for square dance clubs to dance in bars. Many bars had a recreation hall, and they would let clubs dance for free in exchange for the people purchasing beer and liquor.

After every tip the dancers would go out to the bar and get a drink, come back and dance the next tip, then go get another drink, and so on throughout the evening. The amazing thing was that all this drinking did not affect people's ability to square dance. They were able to do all the calls well, from Mainstream through Challenge. I called several dances at bars in Wisconsin.

The reason that drinking did not affect the dancing was that people from Wisconsin were so used to consuming alcohol. This is somewhat the same as people in France

consuming large amounts of wine, and it does not affect them. But dancing in bars in Wisconsin faded out at the turn of the century, and it is not done today at all.

All this goes to show that there is often another side to an issue.

3. **Yellow Rock.** Last fall Buddy Weaver also discussed Yellow Rock, where dancers were expected to hug when this was called. But where did the term “Yellow Rock” come from?

Many years ago there was a barn in the suburbs of Kansas City called the Yellow Rock Barn. In the 1960s thru the 1980s square dance clubs would meet there. A local caller in the 1960s decided to label hugs as Yellow Rocks, in honor of the barn. I have called at this barn.

So now you know the rest of the story.

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## *My Thoughts*

By John and Nora Geen

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### **Adding Fun And Fellowship To Fitness**

Now that we are well into a new year I am contemplating program material for the months ahead. No, I don't mean square dance formulas and modules or tricky choreography to impress and bedazzle dancers. I need material so they can have fun. Theme dances are always a fun thing, especially when the dancers can come dressed to accentuate the occasion.

January is not a fruitful month – what party activities can one apply to the day of Epiphany or Martin Luther King Jr. day? Chinese New Year's does hold some promise, but over the years we have found that dancers are more apt to relate to poet Robert Burns Day. You may recall that Robert Burns not only wrote the lyrics to Auld Lang Syne but was quite a reprobate. Now, not all of our dancers had Scotch in them (no pun intended), but just about all did wear a tartan garment (plaid to you non Scotchmen). That enhanced the party atmosphere and of course Nora and I donned our costume plaids (kilts to those who are not Scotch) complete with dangling sporran (Ok, you look that one up!) and, to the delight of the club photographer they took great enjoyment in posing with us.

I am emphasizing these fun things for a purpose. It is a common practice to promote lessons for fun, fitness and fellowship, but this must often leave some new dancers wondering when the fun and fellowship starts. I further believe it to be true that dancers do not become loyal to a club just to dance. I further believe that dance alone will not keep them coming back! It is my

understanding that many clubs do not even invite new dancers to their dances until they have graduated from lessons. (Shame on you!)

Any way back to my topic about program material!

The month ahead is truly a sanctified month for themes. There is the glamor of St. Valentine's Day to work with. A few red heart decorations will help with the festive mood and what caller could not build a program of love songs for the bright colored dance dresses of pretty ladies?

Following that is Presidents Day, an opportunity to play patriotic records for celebration. A somber ceremony of a few gracious words by the pastor to honor our country will add a note of purpose to the occasion and there will be a photo of attending dancers with Old Glory for a further touch of grace.

All this we plan for February plus a great wind-up Mardi gras costume dance to give them about all the fun and fellowship they can stand.

Let us now look forward to the further promise of spring!

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2.3.17 Post on United Square Dancers of America: ***THE GREAT  
SMOKEY MOUNTAIN WILDFIRE FUND  
BENEFIT SQUARE DANCE – THE 68th  
NSDC***

We were devastated by the news of the careless fire that consumed the lives of many in the area just north of us in Tennessee. Many square dancers have connections to Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge Tennessee, going there to dance and have a good time at several dances, including the "Heart of the Smokies" Square-Up Dance in Pigeon Forge or at the Tennessee State Square & Round Dance Convention in Gatlinburg or at the "Turkey Strut" Dance around Thanksgiving each year.

The 68th National Square Dance Convention's® 2019 Atlanta Georgia General Chairman, Louis and Angie McClure knew immediately upon announcing the January 22nd benefit dance that



many wanted to participate. Calls came in from all over and donations were being mailed in early and when Jerry Biggerstaff (NC), Steve Kopman (TN), Gary Shoemake (TN), Matthew Temples (GA), Ramona Stowe (GA), Mike McDonald (SC) and Debbie McClain (SC) volunteered to donate their time and talents to our event there was no doubt that this would be a great success! And it was!!

You know the saying from the wonderful movie Field of Dreams, "You build it and they will come" well it's true... Just before 2 PM dancers started pouring into the First Presbyterian Church Gym in Gainesville, Georgia. Over 200 dancers from Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, North and South Carolina came to donate and have a good time dancing. Shelia Beckley, a square dancer from Sevier County, Tennessee was there in her "MOUNTAIN STRONG" t-shirt to share her story and thank the crowd. The money raised (\$5,366.) will go to the Dollywood Foundation's "My People Fund" and other local charities in the area. To everyone that came and donated money or gifts and to those that worked to make this all happen we cannot thank you enough for the kindness and generosity you have shown the people of Tennessee.

The 68th National Square Dance Convention® hopes that you will Come and Dance and Explore Georgia again soon!

## *What's Happening This Week?*

**Week of January 30, 2017**

All clubs, callers, and cuers are encouraged to provide the editor with new dance schedules on an annual basis, as well as any updates, changes, and cancellations as needed. We reserve the right to delete listings for lack of updates.

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

**Monday (January 30) – *Indian Creek Advance Dance with C1 Star Tips*** - Indian Creek RV Resort, 17340 San Carlos Boulevard, Ft. Myers Beach – Caller: John Hughes – A2 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – C1 9:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Cost of dancing this year is \$12/couple or \$6/person. (*Don't worry if you're a single. There'll be a place for you*). Your exact change will help the gatekeeper. Casual attire. For info: [jack@revette.org](mailto: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](mailto:mc8152@verizon.net) or Nina 813-508-6462.

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**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](mailto:callerdave@hotmail.com).

**Temple Twirlers Birthday/Anniversary 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. **PLEASE NOTE: Door fees have been increased to \$6 for guests and \$5 for members.** For info: 813-382-8621 or [lindarobertsTempletwirlers@gmail.com](mailto:lindarobertsTempletwirlers@gmail.com).

**Tuesday (January 31) – 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](mailto:redbates@juno.com).

**R&R Gators – NO DANCE** For info: [callerdave@hotmail.com](mailto:callerdave@hotmail.com) or 941-235-1611.

**Maple Leaf Squares Valentine’s 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](mailto:loisD523@kingston.net); 941-235-2736; <http://www.mapleleafsquares.com/>.

**Horizons Round Dance Club** - 9200 Littleton Road (south of Shell Factory) – hosting a special dance choreographed by the Colliers. Cuer: Russ Collier – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Although it won't be a formal evening ladies are requested to wear a skirt (long preferred, but ladies choice) and the men, you guessed it (no, not long skirts! :) long pants... For info: [russcollier1@gmail.com](mailto:russcollier1@gmail.com).

**Suncoast Squares** – King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, St. Petersburg – Introduction to Round Dancing 6:30 p.m. – 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](http://www.suncoastsquares.com) or [suncoastsquares@gmail.com](mailto:suncoastsquares@gmail.com) or [mutschlerdan@yahoo.com](mailto:mutschlerdan@yahoo.com) or 678-656-2523.

**Wednesday (February 1) – Palmetto Palms A-2 Dance** – 19681 Summerlin Boulevard, Ft. Myers, FL – Caller: **Red Bates is unable to attend but Jack will be there with recorded calls (with Red’s blessing)** – 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Casual attire. Cost of dancing this year is \$12/couple or \$6/person. (*Don't worry if you're a single. There'll be a place for you*). Your exact change will help the gatekeeper. For info: 941-223-0987 or [redbates@juno.com](mailto:redbates@juno.com).

**Palmetto Palms C-1 Dance** – 19681 Summerlin Boulevard, Ft. Myers, FL – Caller: **Red Bates is unable to attend but Jack will be there with recorded calls (with Red’s blessing)**- 1:20 p.m. – 2:20 p.m. Casual attire. Cost of dancing this year is \$12/couple or \$6/person. (*Don't worry if you're a single. There'll be a place for you*). Your exact change will help the gatekeeper. For info: 941-223-0987 or [redbates@juno.com](mailto:redbates@juno.com).

**Palmetto Palms Plus Dance** – **NO DANCE** For info: 941-223-0987 or [redbates@juno.com](mailto:redbates@juno.com).

**Camp Inn** – Camp Inn RV Resort, 10400 Highway 27, Frostproof – Caller: **Sam Dunn** - March 10, 2017 – alternating Mainstream and Plus 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – casual or square dance attire acceptable. For info: Larry Corder at 740-502-3371 or Harley Daum at 218-831-7799.

**Strawberry Squares Club** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Caller: **Marty Vanwart** – 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](http://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** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Caller: Keith Stevens – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – wood dance floor – hearing enhancement – fragrance free. For info: [www.strawberrysquaredancing.com](http://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 813-7598172 or Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

**Strawberry Square C-1 Dance w/C-2 Tip** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Caller: Keith Stevens – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – wood dance floor – hearing enhancement – fragrance free. For info: [www.strawberrysquaredancing.com](http://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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:spinards@tampabay.rr.com) or [www.floridasquaredance.com/jcspin](http://www.floridasquaredance.com/jcspin).

**Chase-A-Rounds in Punta Gorda** – South County Regional Park, 670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda – Phase III Waltz Review - Cuer: Dick Chase – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. For info: 239-7705257 or [prentice0626@gmail.com](mailto: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 (February 2)** – **Florida Space Coast Fiesta Trail End Square Dance Special** – Lake Ashton Clubhouse, 4141 Ashton Club Drive, Lake Wales – Callers: Tony Oxendine, Jack Pladdys, and John Saunders – A2 Dancing 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.; Plus Dancing 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – casual attire acceptable - \$8 per person in advance; \$10 at the door. A sell-out is expected – get your tickets early. For info and tickets: 863-326-1741 or [lanceandrita@yahoo.com](mailto:lanceandrita@yahoo.com).

**Charlotte Promenaders** – Port Charlotte United Methodist Church, 21075 Quesada Avenue, Port Charlotte – Caller: **Nick Hartley** – Cuer: Dick Chase – Early Rounds 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. –

Plus Squares and Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. For info: [jdclay8146@gmail.com](mailto:jdclay8146@gmail.com) or 330-647-4596 or 941-456-2580.

**Citrus Park Snowbirds *It's the age of Aquarius, be hip*** – Citrus Park Clubhouse, 25501 Trost Boulevard, Estero – Caller: Mac McCall; Cuer: Mike Alexander – Early Rounds 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream, Plus, Rounds 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. For info: 239-498-8833 or 239-992-0207.

**Pine Ridge Promenaders *Ice Cream Social*** – Sunshine RV Resort, Rt. 70 (1,000 yards east of U.S. 27), Lake Placid – Caller: Ed Foote – Cuer: Ione Wade – Early Rounds 7:00 p.m. - Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. For info: 863-699-2789 or 570-703-3774.

**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](http://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 – Early Rounds 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. - alternating **Mainstream and Plus** – Early Rounds 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Caller: Keith Stevens – square dance attire optional. For info: [lanceandrita@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:rickducharme@ymail.com).

**Suncoast Squares *A2 Dance and Workshop*** – King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.suncoastsquares.com) or [suncoastsquares@gmail.com](mailto:suncoastsquares@gmail.com) or [beemerr90s@juno.com](mailto:beemerr90s@juno.com).

**Promenade Squares *Birthday Dance*** – 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](mailto:dhua7@aol.com) or 727-544-0227.

**Friday (February 3) – *Florida Space Coast Fiesta*** (replaces the Florida Winter Festival in Lakeland, FL) – Titusville Elks Lodge, No. 2113, 2955 Columbia Boulevard, Titusville, FL - Callers: Tony Oxendine, Jack Pladdys, and John Saunders; Cuers: Glenn and Rosalee Kelley (Kentucky). Dancing: Friday: 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.; Saturday: 19:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Advance registration \$40 per person for the entire weekend - \$45 per person at the door – NO SPLIT SESSIONS. U.S. monetary value, tax included, lodging not included. For info: [johnlin2631@gmail.com](mailto:johnlin2631@gmail.com) or 386-428-1496.

**Clearview Squares** – Clearview United Methodist Church, 4515 – 38th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – Caller: Ted Hughes; Cuer: Jimmy Griffin – Rounds 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.,

Mainstream, Plus, and Rounds 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. For info: 727-641-0408 or [ted.hughes@juno.com](mailto:ted.hughes@juno.com).

**Strawberry Square Fun Plus** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller: Marty Vanwart – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. - wood dance floor – hearing enhancement – fragrance free. For info: [www.strawberrysquaredancing.com](http://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 770-825-6513.

**Buttonwood Bay Squares** – Buttonwood Bay RV Resort Recreation Hall, 41 Kingfish Drive (Off U.S. 275), Sebring – Caller: Ed Foote - Cuer: Lone Wade – Mainstream, Plus, and Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – square dance attire optional. For info: 586-610-8370 or [tjstewart58@comcast.net](mailto:tjstewart58@comcast.net).

**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](mailto:redbates@juno.com).

**Strawberry Square A-2 Dance** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City, FL – Caller: Kip Moulton – 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. – wood dance floor – hearing enhancement – fragrance free. For info: [www.strawberrysquaredancing.com](http://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: Marty Vanwart – Cuer: Alice Bubel. Acceptable attire is square dance clothes or dressy casual. Air-conditioned hall, wood floor, and lighted, paved off-street parking. For info: 813-938-1038.

**Saturday (February 4) – Florida Space Coast Fiesta** (replaces the Florida Winter Festival in Lakeland, FL) – Titusville Elks Lodge, No. 2113, 2955 Columbia Boulevard, Titusville, FL - Callers: Tony Oxendine, Jack Pladdys, and John Saunders; Cuers: Glenn and Rosalee Kelley (Kentucky). Dancing: Friday: 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.; Saturday: 19:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Advance registration \$40 per person for the entire weekend - \$45 per person at the door – NO SPLIT SESSIONS. U.S. monetary value, tax included, lodging not included. For info: [johnlin2631@gmail.com](mailto:johnlin2631@gmail.com) or 386-428-1496.

**Buttons & Bows of Venice** – 3951 Woodmere Park Boulevard, Venice – Caller: Red Bates – Cuer: Karen Haiflich – 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – no early rounds. For info: [chrisziomek@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisziomek@yahoo.com).

**Strawberry Square Plus Dance** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller: Rod Barngrover – Cuer: Charlie Lovelace – Early Rounds 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Plus/Rounds 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. - wood dance floor – hearing enhancement – fragrance free. For info: [www.strawberrysquaredancing.com](http://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 770-825-6513.

**Indian Creek Estates** – Indian Creek RV Resort, 17340 San Carlos Boulevard, Ft. Myers Beach – Caller: Dave Magee – Cuer: Dick Chase – **Plus and Rounds** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Casual attire. For info: [jack@revette.org](mailto:jack@revette.org).

**Strawberry Square Phase 5 Figure Dance/Clinic** – 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 - wood dance floor – hearing enhancement – fragrance free. For info: [www.strawberrysquaredancing.com](http://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 - wood dance floor – hearing enhancement – fragrance free. For info: [www.strawberrysquaredancing.com](http://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 Chili Night** - 1627 NE Floridian Circle, Apopka – Caller: Robert Arias – Cuers: Jenny Martin and Russ Collier – Mainstream, Plus, and Rounds. Parking is available behind the building. **Bring your favorite Chili or side dish to share, dance will start at 6 PM, we will eat at 7 then dance until 9.** For info: Jennie 863-494-2749 or Mary 941-380-5336.

**Sunday (February 5) – West Coast Membership Dance** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Callers: Sam Dunn and Keith Stevens; Cuer: Jack Jenkins. Early Rounds 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. – alternating Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Members: FREE; Guests: \$5 per person. **Even if you are a member, please sign in when you arrive so we have an accurate count of the attendees.** For info: [eddrexel@gmail.com](mailto:eddrexel@gmail.com).

**Punta Gorda Round Dance Party** – South County Community Services, 670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda – Cuer: Dick Chase – Phase II – IV – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Party clothes are suggested. For info: 239-770-5257 or [prentice0626@gmail.com](mailto:prentice0626@gmail.com).

**Estero Square Dance/Workshop** - Estero Recreation Center, 9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd, Estero, FL – Caller/Instructor: Wes Morris - 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., PLUS and "A" little more. Review PLUS moves and teach selected moves from Advance program. All singing calls included in the dance program for your dancing enjoyment. Register at the Rec Center or online [www.leepparks.org](http://www.leepparks.org). For info: [239-282-6322](tel:239-282-6322).

**Monday (February 6) – Indian Creek Advance Dance with C1 Star Tips** - Indian Creek RV Resort, 17340 San Carlos Boulevard, Ft. Myers Beach – Caller: John Hughes – A2 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – C1 9:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Casual attire. Cost of dancing this year is \$12/couple or \$6/person. *(Don't worry if you're a single. There'll be a place for you).* Your exact change will help the gatekeeper. For info: [jack@revette.org](mailto:jack@revette.org).

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:callerdave@hotmail.com).

**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: **Ralph Peacock**, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. Square dance attire preferred. Dancers please use the entrance marked “Gage Hall” on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. **PLEASE NOTE: Door fees have been increased to \$6 for guests and \$5 for members** For info: 813-382-8621 or [lindarobertsTempletwirlers@gmail.com](mailto:lindarobertsTempletwirlers@gmail.com).

**Tuesday (February 7) – Woodmere Park A2 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](mailto: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@hotmail.com](mailto:callerdave@hotmail.com) 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](mailto: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](mailto:loisD523@kingston.net); 941-235-2736; <http://www.mapleleafsquares.com/>.

**Suncoast Squares** – King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.suncoastsquares.com) or [suncoastsquares@gmail.com](mailto:suncoastsquares@gmail.com) or [mutschlerdan@yahoo.com](mailto: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.**

Communicate this information to new dancers! It's not a secret!

**January 30, 2017**

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](mailto:lanceandrita@yahoo.com).

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.

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](mailto: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: [813-382-8621](tel:813-382-8621) or [lindarobertsTempletwirlers@gmail.com](mailto:lindarobertsTempletwirlers@gmail.com).

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:callerdave@hotmail.com).

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:prentice0626@gmail.com).

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](mailto:callerdave@hotmail.com).

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [redbates@juno.com](mailto:redbates@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](mailto:redbates@juno.com).

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

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:prentice0626@gmail.com).

January 4, 2017 – March 29, 2017 – **Crystal Lake Squares Extended Mainstream** - 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](mailto:ron.storms@gmail.com) or [765-499-1268](tel:765-499-1268).

January 5, 2017 - **Maple Leaf Squares Plus DBD** - Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, CANAM Hall, 2100 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Caller/Instructor: Dave Magee. You must be proficient in Plus in order to participate. Email Dave ([callerdave@hotmail.com](mailto:callerdave@hotmail.com)) if you intend to attend. For info: [callerdave@hotmail.com](mailto:callerdave@hotmail.com).

**DATE CHANGE** January 6, 2017 – **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](mailto:callerdave@hotmail.com).

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](http://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](http://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](http://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 – **Indian Creek Advanced Choreographed Ball Room Lessons** - Indian Creek RV Resort, Room 11, 17340 San Carlos Boulevard, Ft. Myers Beach – Cuer/Instructor: Mike Alexander – 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. For info: 508-965-7195.

January 6, 2017 – **Indian Creek Intermediate Choreographed Ball Room Lessons** - Indian Creek RV Resort, Room 11, 17340 San Carlos Boulevard, Ft. Myers Beach – Cuer/Instructor: Mike Alexander – 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. For info: 508-965-7195

January 6, 2017 – **Indian Creek Beginners Choreographed Ball Room Lessons** - Indian Creek RV Resort, Room 11, 17340 San Carlos Boulevard, Ft. Myers Beach – Cuer/Instructor: Mike Alexander – 5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. For info: 508-965-7195.

January 7, 2017 – **Indian Creek Social Dance Class** - Indian Creek RV Resort, 17340 San Carlos Boulevard, Ft. Myers Beach – learn Round dance steps and rhythms and how to execute those moves without

cues. The class will concentrate on Cha Cha and Rumba. Instructor: Dick Chase – 3:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.  
For info: For info: 239-770-5257 or [prentice0626@gmail.com](mailto:prentice0626@gmail.com).

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:nelsonwakeman@gmail.com).

January 10, 2017 – **Suncoast Squares Plus Class** - King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.suncoastsquares.com) or [suncoastsquares@gmail.com](mailto:suncoastsquares@gmail.com) or [mutschlerdan@yahoo.com](mailto: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 15, 2017 – March 26, 2017 - **Estero Square Dance/Workshop Season** - Estero Recreation Center, 9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd, Estero, FL – Caller/Instructor: Wes Morris - 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., PLUS and "A" little more. Review PLUS moves and teach selected moves from Advance program. All moves will be used in singing calls for your dancing enjoyment. Register at the Rec Center or online [www.leepparks.org](http://www.leepparks.org). For info: [239-282-6322](tel:239-282-6322).

January 16, 2017 – **Bradenton Beginners Square Dance Lessons** – Village on the Greens Clubhouse, 508 – 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, Bradenton – Caller/Instructor: Mike Cox - \$3 per person per session. For info and registration: [votgsquaredance@outlook.com](mailto:votgsquaredance@outlook.com) or 954-889-6971.

January 17, 2017 – **Suncoast Squares New Dancer Classes** - King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.suncoastsquares.com) or [suncoastsquares@gmail.com](mailto:suncoastsquares@gmail.com) or [mutschlerdan@yahoo.com](mailto:mutschlerdan@yahoo.com) or 678-656-2523.

January 18, 2017 – **Odessa Rumba and Cha Beginners Lessons** – Silver Dollar RV Resort, 12515 Silver Dollar Drive, Odessa – Cuer/Instructor: Sandra Burke – 4:30 p.m. For info: [petrsan.burke495@gmail.com](mailto:petrsan.burke495@gmail.com).

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](http://www.gr8dancing.com) to pay with PayPal. For more information, call Scot at 916-320-7207.

February 2, 2017 – April 6, 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: [sqdnfcfan@gmail.com](mailto:sqdnfcfan@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](mailto:ted.hughes@juno.com).

February 2, 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: [sqdnfcfan@gmail.com](mailto:sqdnfcfan@gmail.com) or 863-224-3393.

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](mailto:kenritucci@aol.com) or [www.kenritucci.com](http://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

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## *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 for publication.*

## *Looking Ahead*

February 4, 2017 – **Strawberry Square Community Flea Market** – 4401 Promenade Boulevard, off Boot Bay Road, Plant City – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Doughnuts, hot dogs, chips, coffee, and drinks. Tools, crafts, baked goods – something for everyone. For info: 813-704-5540.

February 11, 2017 – **Beaux & Belles 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance** – MASDA (Montgomery Area Square Dance Association) Hall, 2200 Poplar Street, Montgomery, AL – Caller: Larry Belcher – Cues and Lines Prompter: David Holladay. 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. For info: 334-288-6024 or 334-703-2054.

February 14, 2017 - **Maple Leaf Squares Valentine Strawberry Social** - Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, Queensway Hall, 2100 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte – Plus 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Dave Magee – Cues: Ken Klumpp. Square dance attire preferred. This is a re-schedule of the February 19<sup>th</sup> dance. For info: 941-627-4889 or [loisD523@kingston.net](mailto:loisD523@kingston.net); 941-235-2736; <http://www.mapleleafsquares.com/>.

February 26, 2017 - **Happy Promenaders** – Hitching Post RV Park Rec Hall, 100 Barefoot Williams Road, Naples – Caller: Red Bates; Cues: Mike Alexander. Early Rounds 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.; Mainstream, Plus, and Rounds 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Honor America and wear your red, white and blue. For info: 239-642-8612 or [playwalt@comcast.net](mailto:playwalt@comcast.net).

March 5, 2017 – **West Coast Association Meeting** – Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 Floridian Circle, Arcadia - 12:00 noon. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting. For info: [eddrexel@gmail.com](mailto:eddrexel@gmail.com).

# Links

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## Websites

<http://floridasquaredance.com/>

[https://www.facebook.com/#!/home.php?sk=group\\_149454955123658&andap=1](https://www.facebook.com/#!/home.php?sk=group_149454955123658&andap=1) (Florida Federation's Facebook page)

## Publications

[www.flwestcoastdancer.com](http://www.flwestcoastdancer.com) (West Coast Dancer)

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

## Associations/Organizations

[www.flwestcoastdancer.com](http://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](http://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<sup>®</sup>)

<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> 66<sup>th</sup> 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://viriniawesternwear.com/> (Virginia's Western Wear and Square Dance Shop, Mascotte, FL)  
[sewemupfashions.com](http://sewemupfashions.com) (Sew 'em Up Fashions, Spartanburg, SC)  
<http://www.ilvinyl.com/SQUARE---ROUND-DANCING.html> (vinyl decals)  
[www.travelinghoedowners.com](http://www.travelinghoedowners.com) (Square Dance DVDs – Both Instructional and Dance)  
[www.suzieqcreations.com](http://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](http://www.sheplers.com) (Sheplers - the world's largest western stores and catalog)  
[www.PerfectPetticoats.com](http://www.PerfectPetticoats.com) (Perfect Petticoats)  
<http://www.grandsquare07.com> (Grande Square.com – square dance clothes and accessories)

## Square Dance Halls

[www.Strawberrysquaredancing.com](http://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](http://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.squaredance\(rounddancepublications\)radionetwork.com](http://www.squaredance(rounddancepublications)radionetwork.com) (square dance radio network)

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