

# DANCERgram

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This publication is a sub-set of the *DANCERgram*, which provides Square and Round Dance news for the West Coast of Florida AND is the official Newsletter of the West Coast Square & Round Dancers Association (formerly the *West Coast Dancer*).

# JOYS

**Richard Ozga** celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 8<sup>th</sup> at his facility in Winter Haven. Due to the



COVID-19 restrictions, we were unable to enter the facility and have a party for him so we did a drive-by parade. Richard and his friends in the facility were brought out front to watch the parade. All of the square dancers in the state of Florida were asked to send Richard birthday cards. At this time, we don't have a count of how many cards he received, as his caretaker is not able to enter the facility to get his mail.

Richard was in the Navy and is a WW2 veteran who served in the Pacific. He square and round danced for over 50 years, and would probably still be dancing if his legs hadn't given out on him. He and his late wife, Dottie, were the chairmen of the 2000 Fall Fun Fest. They were also active members of the Limenaders, a now defunct square camping group out of Lakeland. He was a member of Buttons & Bows (Lakeland), Hamptons (Auburndale – merged with B&B), and Shufflin' Squares (Lake Wales). He also visited several clubs in the area.

Caller **Ron Reardon** has announced his retirement from calling. He has been the club caller for Temple Twirlers and taught their new dancer classes. He also guest called at other clubs and Strawberry Square. He and his wife, Sue, live in Zephyrhills. If you like to send cards, his address is 4635 Olive Drive, Zephyrhills, FL 33542. I don't know if this announcement is a joy or a concern!  
Martha Bird

# CONCERNS

**Sonny McCartney** is in the hospital with stage 4 cancer throughout his entire body. The doctor doesn't know if he will go home or to hospice because he is too weak to walk and take any kind of cancer treatment. His family has been called to come and visit him. If you would like to send cards, his address is 722 NW Riverside Drive, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34983.

Mary Ryall/Jack Lewis/Steve Adler

**Rosie Snell** was recently discharged from the hospital. She has a blockage, which they are trying to dissolve with medication. The doctors want to do this before they decide to do surgery. Rosie is the wife of Caller Allen Snell who calls on the West Coast of Florida. If you would like to send cards, her address is 11434 Leisure Lane, Port Richey, Florida 34668.

Caller **Diane Hicks** suffered a stroke several weeks ago and has been in rehab trying to gain her strength and speech back. She now has a cardiac problem and was to have surgery the morning of August 13<sup>th</sup>. An update has not been received at this time. If you would like to send her a card, her address is 1658 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33713. Diane is a caller in the west coast area. She is a member of the Suncoast Caller & Cuers Association and the Florida Callers Association.

**Yolanda Trainor** took a fall the end of July on a wet floor and fractured both wrists. She had surgery on her right wrist last week and now has a cast on both wrists. Fortunately, she has lots of help from friends and neighbors at Strawberry Square and is being well looked after. If you want to send cards, her address is 1443 Alamo Drive, Plant City, FL 33563. Yolanda is a former member of Temple Twirlers in Tampa, and now lives at Strawberry Square MHP and belongs to Strawberry Squares.

**Caller Mike Sikorsky** was in the hospital very sick with double pneumonia and MRSA. It was not COVID-19. His daughter posted on Facebook a couple days ago, they moved him from ICU to the Progressive Care Unit. His lungs are healing slowly and the MRSA has left his bloodstream. He is recovering, but it will take some time. She has started a GoFundMe Drive for him and here's the link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/mike-sikorsky-fundraiser>. Give if you can!

Donations can also be sent via PayPal to [lshoemake66@yahoo.com](mailto:lshoemake66@yahoo.com) or by check to: Riverside Benefit, P.O. Box 6334, Sevierville, TN 37864.

# SYMPATHIES

**Robert Padgett**, a member of the Florida Callers Association and the Moose Promenaders Square Dance Club, passed away yesterday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. He had been struggling with his health after having a stroke and was scheduled to have heart valve surgery this month. His daughter reports he was having breathing difficulties and went back to the hospital where he passed away. Please keep his family in your prayers during a sad and difficult time. Cards may be sent to Christy and Jason Jones, 6139 Suwanee Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32217. NEFSARDA Joys & Concerns

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of **Dorothy (Dot) Adams** from complications from COVID-19. Dot and Ben were extremely active in the Florida Crackers, one of the first clubs that I called for in South Miami. They moved to Palm Bay, Florida and continued square dancing until Ben's death several years ago. Dot continued joining us on our square dance cruises, along with her daughter, Cheryl, and son, Bruce. She was a ray of sunshine, always with a smile on her face. We will miss her terribly. If you would like to send cards, Cheryl's and Bruce's address is 1573 Talbott Street, SE, Pam Bay, Florida 32909. Jack Lewis

**Lee Klassen** passed away peacefully on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Vonita had not been able to visit Lee for the past four months due to the Coronavirus restrictions at his Alzheimer's facility. Lee and Vonita were members of the Citrus Squares square dance club (Dunnellon, Florida) for many years. If you'd like to send a card to Vonita, she would appreciate hearing from you. Her address is 8384 E. Sunray Lane, Floral City, FL 34436. Rick Ducharme

**Jody Bisz**, Sally Galek's sister, passed away on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, after a long illness. She would have been 93 on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Jody was a long-time square and round dancer. She was the one that introduced Sally to square dancing many years ago. She will be especially missed by all those who had the pleasure of dancing with her. If you would like to send Sally a card, her address is 5000 N. Ocean Blvd. S-204, Briny Breezes, FL 33435. Steve Adler

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