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... for the latest news in the square and round dance community.

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West Coast Association President's Message:



It's the first of the year! 2021 has to be a better year; it can't get any worse.

At the time of this writing, there is very little dancing in the West Coast Association area than in 2019.

Strawberry Square in Plant City is open for round dancing and round dance classes, with the Bunns teaching the classes and they and the Griffins taking turns cueing the round dances. They have just started their Wednesday night Mainstream/Easy Plus dance with various callers and Fun Plus on Friday afternoons with Marty Vanwart. There is also a social dance with DJ Ken Miller on most Saturday nights. A small New Year's Eve dance was held, and I'm sure it was well attended. It was just a dance; no meal, snacks, or beverages were provided. Check out their website (<https://www.strawberrysquaredancing.com/>) for details.

Palace Promenaders in Arcadia have re-opened with rounds only. They also changed from Saturday nights to Friday nights. Their facility was sold earlier in the year, and the new owners requested this change in the dance nights. Judy Barnhill is cueing.

Judy and Duane Barnhill hold virtual dancing. Judy is cueing Phases 3 and 4 on Sundays and Phases 2 and 3 on Tuesdays.

Snells Bo's and Belle's are dancing in Dunedin on Wednesday nights. They used to dance on Thursday nights.

Temple Twirlers of Tampa are dancing on the second and fourth Mondays with various callers and cuers.

We are looking forward to the annual Florida Winter Fiesta to be held at Strawberry Square in Plant City on February 12 – 13, 2021. Jack Pladdys, Tony Oxendine, and Rod Barngrover will be calling, and Jimmy and Carol Griffin will be cueing. Now that Strawberry Square has two separate dance halls in one building, there will be more dancing for both Advance and Plus. For more details on this weekend dance, check the flyer at www.dancergram.com.

Some of our seasonal clubs may not be able to dance this season due to COVID.

Hopefully, we will be dancing full blast at the start of the next dance season, starting in October!

Penny Green
President





Dancing Fun in 2021 in the "City with Soul"

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70th NSDC IS STILL ON!

Plan to get together with friends in the City with Soul

Dec. 14, 2020—There's light at the end of the tunnel with the first vaccines for COVID-19 being shipped to states across the country, so as of now the 70th National Square Dance Convention® is still on.

Reunite with friends and fellow dancers and remember how good it feels to dance again. Some of the best callers and cuers from around the country will be attending, so if you are a bit rusty, it should all come back to you soon.

If you are a caller or cuer, remember to register and update your caller and cuer profile by Jan. 15 if you want to be scheduled. Log on to sdconvention.com and follow the instructions.

For dancers, remember to register for housing by Saturday, May 15, 2021 to take advantage of discounted room rates. You must register for the convention before registering for housing. To register for housing online, go to 70nsdc.com and click on housing: hotels, camping and travel on the left side of the site. After May 15, rooms will not be discounted and may not be available depending on hotel occupancy.

For more information about the convention, go to the Contact Us page on the 70th NSDC website and send Convention Committee members an email.



Mississippi Fun Fact

We're Excited to Share Our Story with You!

Our branch of the family began in 1902 in Mississippi when then President Theodore Roosevelt saved one of our ancestors from a horrible and tragic end!

He was visiting Mississippi to settle a boundary dispute between Louisiana and Mississippi when he was invited to go game hunting. Someone decided to tie one of our much larger family ancestors to a tree for him to shoot. Thank goodness he didn't want to shoot the defenseless bear and ordered him released.

Whew!

A Washington political cartoonist drew his version of the story and chose to depict a small, innocent-looking bear like us.

That's when everyone started calling our line of the family "Teddy bears." In no time at all toymakers were creating cute little bears like us. And, in 2002 the Mississippi Legislature commemorated the 100th anniversary of Teddy Roosevelt's hunt by making the Teddy bear the official state toy.

Boy, are we proud! We are also proud of our home state and look forward to telling you all about it in upcoming issues.

Jackson & Missy

70th NSDC Ambassadors



IS THIS YOUR FIRST CONVENTION?

ULTIMATE FUN IN 2021

MANY THINGS TO ENJOY FOR FOUR DAYS BESIDES ALL THE DANCING.



Dancing Fun in 2021 in the "City with Soul"

The National Square Dance Convention® is different than other conventions. Besides dancing there is so many fun things to enjoy. The Convention begins Wednesday afternoon 5:00 with the Opening Ceremony.

NSDC ARCHIVES ROOM

Visit room 213 on the second floor to see the Past Convention Program Books, the belt buckles and other memorabilia from each convention since the 1950's.

WEDNESDAY 5:30 PM
GET REGISTERED TO ATTEND
THIS GREAT PERFORMANCE
AND MEAL



Bid Session

Held Friday morning at 9:00 on 3rd floor in theater.
How are conventions awarded to states?
Would your state considering putting one on?

Clinics to Learn

CONTRA
LINE DANCING
CLOGGING
ROUND DANCING
SQUARE DANCING
A1 & A2
CHALLENGE 1 & 2
HEX SQUARES
PROGRESSIVE SQUARES



Showcase of Rounds

Showcase of Round Dances teaches of the day are held each morning. Fun to watch the dancers.

Follow the rainbow to the Showcase of Ideas to learn and Youth head to your special hall for fun designed just for you.



Showcase of Ideas

Want to learn from other states and organizations how they are promoting dancing in their area to make their different dances grow. See flyers for dances they have coming up. This is a great place to check out.

Closing Ceremony

Tony Oxendine and Rob Baird will be handling the opening and closing ceremonies for us. You will enjoy the Parade of States before the closing ceremony.

Youth Hall

Different types of dancing
Different games and activities
Lots of food
No pictures allowed
Prizes to win

Fashion Show

Get on board to the “City with Soul” Fashion Show. You will enjoy the entertainment as well as the fantastic dresses. Linda Carlile will make sure, it is a show to remember.



After Parties

Another hour of square dancing and round dancing with lots of callers and cuers from 10 – 11. And youth will have a fun hour also.

2021 Post National Convention Cruise

with

Justin Russell and Mike Hogan

New Orleans, Key West, Freeport and Nassau

See flyer at www.dancergram.com

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