

September 7, 2026

Concerns



One of our dancers, **Martha Bird**, who is also the Assistant Treasurer for Temple Twirlers, had an unfortunate encounter with a pickup truck last week while walking at night at her apartment complex to retrieve her mail. She is currently at St. Joseph Hospital in Tampa with broken ribs and other fractures and numerous bruises. Her sister, Kathy Allen, also from Temple Twirlers (and the club treasurer) will be taking care of Martha when she is able to be released from the hospital and rehab. Get well cards can be sent to Martha at her sister's address: Kathy Allen, 117 W. Brentridge Drive, Brandon, FL 33511-7113.



Caller **Sandie Bryant**, renowned international caller, went down with a brain bleed last week in Germany. She is currently in a medically-induced coma, unconscious and in serious condition in the hospital in Germany.

Her family has posted a GoFundMe to help with astronomical costs. If you click on the GoFundMe link below, you will find info from Sandie and Albert's daughter, Alexandra.

US link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/stand-with-sandie>

European link: <https://gofund.me/d2b28ef48>

From Where's the Dance: To help ease the financial burden of her care, Where's The Dance — a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation — is accepting donations on Sandie's behalf. Because you're giving to WTD, rather than directly to an individual, 100% of every donation goes toward Sandie's medical costs with no processing fees taken out, and your gift will be tax deductible (subject to personal limitations.). If Sandie has touched your life — as a caller, a friend, or simply someone who always showed up for this community — please consider giving what you can.

[Donate to Support Sandie →](#) Thank you for being part of this community, and for helping look after one of our own.

Sympathies



Jack Hoffman

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/cocoa-fl/jack-hoffman-13008881>

If you would like to send cards to Barbara, her address is 550 Captains Way, Merritt Island , FL 32952; and to Terri at 1305 Lester Court, Merritt Island, FL 32952.

We are very sorry to report that **Fred Piper** passed away last August 8th. Condolences may be sent to his wife: Maryann Piper, The Gables Assisted Living, 2960 Tampa Road, Palm Harbor, FL 34684. Fred was the caller for Promenade Squares.



Mo Barrett passed away on July 19, 2026.

[Winnie M. Barrett Obituary Jul 19, 2026 - Cardwell, Baggett & Summers Funeral Home](#)

If you would like to send cards, John's address is 615 Big Tree Road, South Daytona, FL 32119-2809.

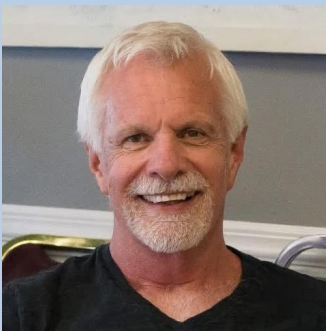


Foley Wood, former caller in Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

<https://www.pnj.com/obituaries/psar1552245>



Suncoast Squares, with great sadness, has notified us of the the loss of their good friend **David Ralston**. He was involved in a traffic accident while riding his bike Saturday morning and passed away at the hospital later that afternoon. The police report that he lost control of his bike and veered from the bike lane into a moving car. The driver remained at the scene and cooperated with the police investigation, which is ongoing. There is no other information at this time. David was a regular Monday night dancer and had a wide social network in this area. He will be deeply missed. When news of a funeral or memorial service is made available by his family we'll pass that information along.



It's with great sadness we (Suncoast) have to report the loss of another of our Suncoast family. Jim Hydrick passed away on September 1st after a serious illness. He was a very private person and many of us that knew him well were unaware that anything was wrong. It came as a complete shock, and we don't have any additional information at this time. We will pass along any details regarding a memorial service if one is forthcoming. The club will have an event in memory of Jim after we've had time to plan something appropriate.