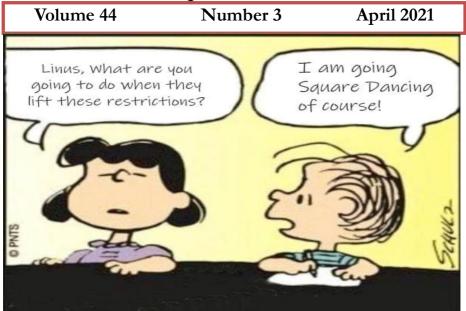


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### FLORIDA FEDERATION



### Florida Federation President's Message

April 2021

APRIL is here already. Can you believe it? It seems like just last week we were celebrating Christmas. And



now it's Easter. Warmer and longer days. Hopefully we have all gotten used to the "spring forward" time.

We are certainly hoping more venues open up as the month goes forward. Here in NE, we have two clubs dancing. In Jacksonville we have the Moose Promenaders on Thursdays and in Lake City we have the Dixie Dancers on Tuesdays. From what I've been told more more clubs are beginning to dance throughout the state.

I do want to remind you again that the Florida Federation or any association or Square Dancer will NEVER ask you to donate gift cards to any organization for any reason. A past member of Northeast and also a Caller received an email requesting some gift cards to donate to veterans association. This is definitely a SCAM!!

I would like to thank you, our square and round dancers, for all the work and support you give to our activity. I look forward to seeing you at the 67th Florida state square and round dance convention in 2022.

Linda Tester, President Florida Federation of Square Dancers www.floridasquaredance.com





International Caller - Jerry Story Jerry Lee Story age 65 of Fairfield, passed away Saturday, December 19, 2020, at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinic.

Jerry was born June 21, 1955, to Kenneth and Marian (Hammond) Story in Keokuk, IA. He married Kristine Sue Laux on July 25, 1976 in Fairfield, Iowa.

Jerry graduated from Fairfield High School Class of 1973. He was an International Square Dance caller and local business owner. Jerry enjoyed shooting pool and going to the gun range. He was a Green Bay Packers fan and enjoyed watching FOX news.

Jerry used his love of music to honor the Lord by making a Gospel CD "Wings of a Dove". Jerry was known for his sense of humor and his story telling. What he loved most was spending time with his kids and grandkids.

He will be missed by his wife, Kristy of Fairfield; his two sons, Joshua (Esther) Story of Navarre, FL and Jacob (Som) Story of Fairfield; his grandsons, Seth, Luke, and Nathan Story; his two sisters, Jeanie Ludeking of Knoxville, TN and Jane (John) Kurt of Minnesota; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Marian. On-line condolences may be made to the family at <a href="https://www.behnerfh.com">www.behnerfh.com</a>.

In our rush to appease and be "relevant" to everyone (impossible), we must not soften and lose SSD to the disastrous escalator of levels that put us in our current predicament. SSD is standalone, and must remain as such.

Let's not fail Jerry's mission!

Written and posted on Facebook by David Hill—

Thank you for sharing these memories about Jerry Story and his friendship and being a part of the square dancing world... he will be missed dearly...

Just sitting here thinking...

Last night the square dance world lost one of the greatest callers to grace the stage with his presence. "Jerry Story" Jerry was a larger than life personality, charismatic, an amazing entertainer. He had passion for square dancing & calling.

He worried about the future of square dancing and fought strongly to help keep it alive. He was a teacher, a mentor and inspiration to many callers. I am sure that there are many callers out there who started their careers wanting to be just like Jerry. Jerry recorded many singing calls on various record labels throughout the years. I am sure that if you were to look at any number of callers' music on their computers that you would find at least one or two of Jerry's recordings.

Square dancers around the world knew Jerry and his calling style. I remember many years ago that Jerry was in such demand that you had to book him two and three years in advance for your event. I remember hearing the stories of the Peppermint Palace in the Rio Grande Valley where Jerry did his winter program for many, many years.

Jerry was a vital and intricate part of the heartbeat of square dancing. His contributions to square dancing and calling are countless. His legacy is worldwide. Another icon gone too soon. Rest in peace Jerry.

Tony Oxendine, Spi Larry and others, my condolences to you on the loss of your best friend. Tony, I want to thank you for being the point of contact between the family and all of us. For keeping us updated on his condition and the events surrounding them. I know that it absolutely broke your heart to have to tell us that Jerry had passed.

To Kristy, Jake and Josh, his dear family, our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time.

Go Rest High On That Mountain, Jerry.



### 2022 Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention







### LIGHTHOUSES #8 thru #12 Fowey Rocks, Boca Chita, Triumph, Pacific, Carysfort

Since the State Convention has been POSTPONED until March 18th and 19th of 2022, there is plenty of time to write about all the great lighthouses around the Florida Keys area. There are a total of 24 from the Cape Florida Lighthouse in the Miami area around the tip of Florida to the Sanibel Island Lighthouse. There is not much excitement concerning some and others have an interesting past so starting with my number #8 Lighthouse.

#8 Fowey Rocks Lighthouse: It is located only 7 miles southeast of Cape Florida Lighthouse, which is on Key Biscayne, and it was completed in 1878. It stands 110 feet above the water and is octagon in shape. Fowey Rocks is named for the Royal Navy frigate HMS FOWEY which was wrecked on a near-by reef in 1748. Efforts to save the boat failed so it remains sunken but today its location is excellent for scuba



diving. The hurricane of 1935 washed away the first deck of the lighthouse but the tower did survive as did the light on top. One of the early lighthouse keepers was Jefferson Browne who later became Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court.

#9 Boca Chita Lighthouse: This is a "private" lighthouse owned by Mark C. Honeywell and is situated on a 29-acre island out in the Atlantic Ocean. The island is also owned by Honeywell. The light house has an estimated height of 65 feet but it does not have a working light. This was strictly Hore



working light. This was strictly Honeywell's "toy".

#10 Triumph Reef Lighthouse: It is only 19 feet tall and is located just a few miles south of Fowey Rocks and just north of Carysfort Reef Lighthouse. It is triangle-shaped and is set on a set of piles that connect at the top, like teepee poles, called a dolphin. It was a lighted buoy between 1968 and 1977 but became a lighthouse sometime before 1982. Little is known about this light.

#11 Pacific Reef Light: This is a skeletal pyramidal, hexagonal, iron, screw-pile and was designed to operate unmanned. It may

be named for the vessel PACIFIC that wrecked on the East Key in Dry Tortugas in 1857 the although the light was not built until 1921. The height from mean high water to focal plane is only 45 feet. This tower is at sea and located just 3 miles southeast of Elliot Key but it is still within the Biscayne National Park. lantern room was removed from this light and is presently on display at the Founders Park in Islamorada Key. Contrary to reports, this is an active light which can be seen for 9 miles.



#12 Carysfort Reef Lighthouse: This lighthouse was also named after a shipwreck that happened back on 1770, t h e HMSOctober CARYSFORT, but the lighthouse was not built until around 1825 and was build using regular piles driven through "disks". It stands 112 feet tall. The tower is a deep shade of red, made of iron, and is octagonal in shape in a skeletal design which allows the wind to pass through easily. This design probably helped when the hurricanes happened. became operational in 1852 and is still operating to this day.



The State Convention is still in a holding pattern as you can well expect until this nasty Covid-19 stuff is under control. All of us square dancers are frustrated at not being able to dance but, thankfully, there is still email, facebook, and the good ole "Ma Bell" that keeps us in touch at least a little bit. The two (2) Lighthouses being given away are covered and safe as well as the beautiful Lighthouse Quilt. It is likewise being kept in pristine condition. Don't worry if you have misplaced your raffle tickets, remember you filled out half of each ticket with your name and phone number so you are still eligible to win.

Another little reminder: wear your MASK, wash your HANDS, keep SOCIAL DISTANCING, and call a LONG TIME-AGO FRIEND! Surprise them, it'll make their day as well as your own.

Judy Anderson, Publicity





LIGHTHOUSES #13 thru #17
Molasses Reef Light,
Hens & Chickens Shoal Light
Alligator Reef Lighthouse,
Tennessee Reef Light
Nine-Foot Shoal Light

As you can see by my articles, some are called "Lights" and some are "Lighthouses". This is kind of self-explanatory in that "Light" simply means there is no home/house to be lived in or a lighthouse keeper on the premises. A "Lighthouse" has living quarters either built with the light above or adjacent to the lighthouse. Most of the structures around the State of Florida are "Lights" as you will read in these articles.

#13 Molasses Reef Light: This Light was erected in 1921 on a small reef 4.5 miles off shore and in only 9 feet of water. This unmanned light was built in a pyramidal, hexagonal and skeletal shape looking similar to a pyramid with the flashing rotating light mounted on top. There is no mention as to how this reef got its name.

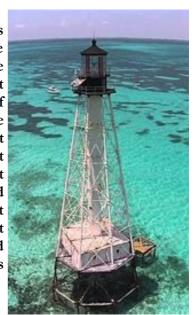


#14 Hen & Chickens Shoal Light: This Light is the smallest of all the shoal lights and the only one built as a triangular pyramid on stone piles.

It stands only 35 feet high. How it got its name is a mystery but it does appear on a chart of the Florida Keys back in 1871, no explanation given.



#15 Alligator Reef Lighthouse: This Lighthouse's information was the subject of my article published in the May issue of Bow & Swing, check it out but here is a little reminisce: The reef and lighthouse were named after the USS ALLIGATOR, a ship that conducted successful missions against pirates in the early 1800's. It was built back in 1873 at a cost of \$135,000 and stands 150 foot, the second highest lighthouse in Florida Keys. It was built structurally sound as it has withstood several hurricanes over the years of its existence.





#16 Tennessee Reef Light: It is told the reef most likely was named for a vessel lost in September 1832 but there is no actual recorded history of that event. This Light was erected in 1935 in only 14 feet of water. It is one of a very few ever painted black. Although it is unmanned it still has a working lantern.



#17 Nine-Foot Shoal Light: Early in 1911 and 1912 only one person

was assigned to keep this Light operational. He was more of a "Lamplighter" than a "Keeper" as he did not maintain any residency at the light. This Light, as so many others, is built teepee-like style, known dolphin style (mentioned some other articles) and stands only 18 feet tall. It does mark one  $\mathbf{of}$ the entrances into



Marathon's Boot Key Harbor. The origin of its name is not known.

Plans for the State Convention are still in a temporary "hold pattern" but that does not say that the Douget's are not thinking about some of the planning stages. Certainly as soon as this Covid-mess is reconciled more things will again get into full swing. Until then, keep on wearing those masks, washing those hands, and social distancing, it will speed things along. Prayers going out to everyone and we sincerely wish everyone an extremely pleasant, safe, and Happy Holiday Season. Happy New Year, too!

Judy Anderson, Publicity

LIGHTHOUSES #18 thru #23
East Washerwoman Light,
Sombrero Key Lighthouse
Looe Key Light & American
Shoal Lighthouse. Pelican Shoal Light,
Sand Key Lighthouse



Our venue, the canceled/postponed Florida State Convention, is still in limbo. Linda Tester, President of the Florida Federation, now has her committee inquiring about the status of the Convention Center and the possibility of still holding our 67th Florida State Convention in <u>2022</u>. So keep watching for current updated info in all our publications around the State. Hopefully our State Convention will happen – as Tennessee Ernie Ford would say: "The good Lord willin' and the creek don't rise".

#18 East Washerwoman Light: There are two scenarios' as to how this light got its name.

One being that its agitation of small waves on the rocks looked like those of a washing machine. The other is that clothes from a shipwrecked vessel washed up on the rocks. Not much is



known about this light other than it stands 36 feet tall, it is unmanned and is painted white on the top and black around the foundation.



#19 Sombrero Key Lighthouse: This Lighthouse stands 142 feet high and it went into service 1858, just before the Civil War. It is said it was named *Sombrero* because of the hat a Spanish Missionary Priest wore back in 1743. It has two platforms. The lower one held the water and fuel tanks and a generator (after the

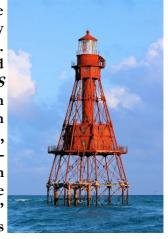
light became electrified). The second one held the quarters for the staff that originally ran the light. Although the lighthouse is now unmanned, it is fully automated.

#20 Looe Key Light & American Shoal



Lighthouse: These two are being combined because they are only a short distance apart. Looe Key was also named after a ship wreck, the *HMS Loo* which crashed in 1744. In 1826 a brick 30-foot beacon

was built, however it lasted only 7 years, destroyed by hurricane. Needing a light-house on a firmer foundation American Shoal Lighthouse was built a short distance away. It was lit in 1880 with the keepers' quarters 40 feet above the shoal. It is unmanned but automated now. 15





#21 Pelican Shoal Light: This light is relatively new, established in 1939 and then renovated in 1951. An active light it stands in only 16 feet of water and is only 36 feet tall. Not much more is known about this light.

#22 Key West Lighthouse: This Lighthouse has already been written about. See your copy of Bow & Swing's June issue or check your own local publications June/July issues.



#23 Sand Key Lighthouse: One of the few Keys not named after a ship wreck but rather because it was built on sand. Englishmen left a "day" beacon at Sand Key in 1770 but it was a half century later before the lighthouse was built. The 63-foot brick lighthouse lasted until 1846 when it was demolished by hurricane. The second lighthouse was erected on coral and stands 132 feet tall. Because of a fire it was deactivated in 1989, however it was reactivated in 1996 and is still operational today.

Judy Anderson, Publicity



LIGHTHOUSES #24 thru #28 Cosgrove Shoal Light, Pulaski Shoal Light Rebecca Shoal Light Tortugas Harbor Light & Dry Tortugas Lighthouse

#24 Cosgrove Shoal Light: This is one of two Lights erected in 1935,

the other one is the Pulaski Shoal Light. Cosgrove Shoal Light, according to the Coast Guard records, is located about 20 miles southwest of Key West. The light is said to stand between 48 and 54 feet tall and was assembled on



"piles" which are rocky stones. At the present time, the structure is painted red with a flashing white light with a range of 9 miles out.



#25 Pulaski Shoal Light: This is the second light erected in 1935. It stands only 49 feet tall. The light was named after a Polish General, Casimir Pulaski, a hero who fought in the American Revolution. It is located about 30 miles northwest of Key West. At the present time, it is not known if the light is still operational.

#26 Rebecca Shoal Light: This lighthouse was built in 1879 but was not lite until 1886. It was a house-like structure on top on iron screw piles and had a black lantern at first. When the light was automated in 1925, with a white light, it was determined that a "keeper's quarters" would not be needed. In 1953 the dwelling was demolished because it had deteriorated so badly however it was eventually replaced with a

modern light tower again with no keepers' dwellings, however Hurricane Charlie destroyed it completely and now no longer exist.

#27 & #28 Tortugas Harbor Lighthouse & Dry Tortugas Lighthouse: The Tortugas were named by Ponce de Leon during his The first many exploration in 1513. Lighthouse in the Dry Tortugas was at Garden Key but it no longer exists and is now referred to as the "Old Tower". The current light house at Fort Jefferson on Garden Key is referred to as the "New The Lighthouse is reported to stand 157 feet tall and it is painted white half way up and black to the top. It was lite in July 1857. It is still in existence and functional today.



Convention: 67th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention scheduled for March 18-19, 2022.

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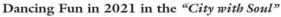
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No matter your interest, you can find something in Jackson. But you better register soon, June is coming sooner than you think! Visit www.70nsdc.com and sign up today!

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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.

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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.



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### Pre-Convention for the 71st NSDC is March 13th 2021 in Evansville, IN.



Pre-Convention Dance
March 13th, 2021 7 to 10 P.M.



Wes Dyer





The Doubletree Hotel, 601 Walnut St., Evansville, IN. Admission is your 71st NSDC registration \$50 per person until until March 13.



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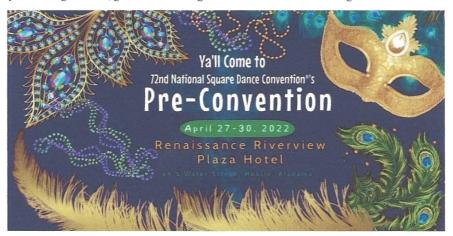
## Tall come Dance & Play on Mobile Bay

### Ya'll Come Dance & Play on Mobile Bay

We are excited to see dancing "slowly" start resuming in some areas around the country, as well as here in our own state of Alabama. We are raring to get back to dancing and promoting the 72<sup>nd</sup> National Square Dance Convention. We hope that during our upcoming travels we have the opportunity to meet and dance with many of you (eventually), and personally invite you to attend our *Party Gras in 2023!* Our National Square Dance Convention. will not only be a terrific dance event - it will also be one heck of a **DANCE PARTY** that you won't want to miss!

Team Mobile is shooting for the stars to make our Party Gras fabulous, unique, and ultimately satisfying! Our team has this one chance to get everything right - to ensure that this is a NSDC you won't soon forget! We fully understand when hosting a NSDC there are no do-overs and no second chances. Knowing this, our entire Team is working hard to pull out all the stops this far in advance to make certain we are fully prepared. We are eagerly crossing our t's and dotting our i's to ensure everything is geared up in June of 2023 for your enjoyment!

On that same note, you only get one shot as well! When this one is over and all your friends and fellow dancers are talking about the marvelous time they had, the exceptional callers and cuers they danced to, and incessantly relishing on how amazing their experience was – you won't have a second chance either! Our Party Gras is a once in a lifetime event! We promise you won't regret it! So, go on ahead and register now at www.72nsdc.com/register-now



Even though it's a year away, we are including our Pre-Convention Kick-Off Dance flyer in this issue so you can go ahead and SAVE THE DATE! This dance will be held in our beautiful Mobile Convention Center in the same dance hall that we will use as the Live Band Hall each night of our 72<sup>nd</sup> NSDC. So here is a chance to check it all out in-person before the main event! We have three phenomenal callers lined up for our Kick-Off Dance: Jack Pladdys, Scott Bennett, & Tony Oxendine! When these three combine forces, they are sure to provide an OUTSTANDING evening of square dancing, accompanied with some magnificent round dancing cued by Alabama's own Tim Eum. This one-night dance is ONLY \$50 PER PERSON and includes FREE ADMISSION to the 72nd National Square Dance Convention®!



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Nominees must have a minimum of 10 years statewide involvement in the Florida Square and Round Dance activity. Their contributions must encompass the entire state of Florida, not just 1 or 2 areas. This should require unselfish dedication of time and labor.

Being an area president, Federation president, Caller/Cuer Association president and/or State Convention chairman is not enough. The Hall of Fame is seeking individuals or couples whose efforts have affected the majority of the State of Florida.

Preparing a nominating resume will take some time and investigation to make it complete. Talk to other dancers, callers and/or cuers for dates, places and times the nominee was involved in statewide participation. Follow the who, what, when and where rule as you investigate and prepare the resume. The more information submitted, the better.

Once the resume is finished there are two ways in which to present the information to the Hall of Fame Committee. The resume may be submitted to the board of directors of any of the five area associations, Callers Association or Cuers Association. The area or association board of directors will review the resume and vote to reject or pass it on to the Hall of Fame Committee. The resume may also be sent to the Hall of Fame committee chairman. Resumes must be received by the Hall of Fame committee by November 1st of each year. It is suggested that any association not submit more than 2 resumes for consideration per year. The Hall of Fame Committee shall meet and review all resumes presented and vote by secret ballot to forward such resumes to the Selection Committee for the final vote.

All resumes should be submitted to the Hall of Fame Committee on or before December 1, 2021,

Ailene Picheco, 345 hula Circle, Merritt Island, FL 32952 321-652-0680 apicheco@att.net

http://floridasquaredance.com/halloffame/index.php



PURPOSE OF AWARD: To show appreciation to a Caller or Cuer who goes that EXTRA MILE, without personal gain, in giving freely of their time and talents to the Square or Round Dance activity.

CRITERIA FOR AWARD: Any Caller or Cuer who is a member of the Florida Callers Association or the Round Dance Council of Florida.

### PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION:

- 1.) The Florida Federation of Square Dancers Executive Board Members shall be the selection committee, with the current President as Chairman of same. New members coming on will replace the ones going off.
- 2.) Any dancer may submit the name of a Caller/Cuer (one nominee per submission) to the selection committee prior to the Federation Annual Meeting (October 15-November 20, 2021) or a date set by the current President to ensure availability for the Executive Board to review nominations prior to the presentation of award at the upcoming Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention.
- 3.) The selection committee will review the nominee(s) and arrive at a final decision.

### PROCEDURE FOR PRESENTING AWARD/AWARDS:

- 1.) The award(s) should be presented on Saturday evening at the upcoming Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention, by the current President of the Florida Federation.
- 2.) The award(s) presented shall be a framed document and an "Extra Mile Award Recipient" bar or dangle.

### For more info go to:

http://floridasquaredance.com/documents/ExtraMileAwards/extra-mile.php

### CALLERLAB VIEWPOINTS By Mike Seastrom



Let's restart with the Social Square Dance Curriculum Members of CALLERLAB and the American Callers Association have struggled to find common ground on an easier to learn program for non-dancers to enter our activity for many years now.

The CALLERLAB Basic Program is remarkably close to the Sets In Order Basic 50 Program that we used in the early years of square dancing in the 50's and the early '60s. There was a big explosion starting in the early 1960s of calls written by callers and dancers, and chaos followed. CALLERLAB was formed in the early 1970s and tackled that chaos.

CALLERLAB organized and standardized our programs. Over the years, Mainstream and Plus have become the primary programs that new dancers must learn to join our activity instead of the Basic Program as it was for so many years.

In 1985, many in CALLERLAB recognized this problem, and a major motion was voted on to make an easier entry program for new dancers. The split on the vote was almost even, but the motion to use an easier program was defeated by only a few votes.

Many callers were disappointed, and some of our leaders left CALLERLAB and formed the American Callers Association. The program they developed has less calls, but it is a combination of Basic, Mainstream, and Plus calls, and many have strongly felt there are still too many calls for new dancers to learn before they can join our clubs.

The Pandemic of 2020 has had the most severe impact on our activity since World War II. Nothing since that time has just stopped everything in its tracks. Many have made "lemonade out of lemons" by continuing our dancing and social connections through the wonder of the internet, but more than half of our dancers, callers, and leaders have not had a dancing connection since March of 2020.

Returning to dancing, as we knew it, will take time and some serious adjustment. To bring us back together and to be able to have new dancers join us again, we need to come together with an easier entry program and allow dancers to stay in that program for as long as they chose to. We will still have more involved programs for those who want them. We just need to open our doors to new dancers more than once a year with less calls, all the fun, so many of us enjoy, and no pressure to keep learning more calls and programs.

This is the time we need to come together more than any time I can remember.

I sincerely respect every caller that has ever had the courage and motivation to call and teach new dancers over the years. Every one of those callers has brought so much joy and fun into the lives of those they have trained and called for.

Many of those callers have brought that joy and fun at their personal expense of family time, occupational involvement, and their own health. So many of our callers have passed on, retired, or just burnt out, that we need to teach the art and joy of calling to a whole new generation.

CALLERLAB has provided a curriculum and an amazing Square Dance Knowledgebase (http://knowledge.callerlab.org) for new caller education, and there are many callers all over the world actively mentoring new callers.

CALLERLAB is again providing positive leadership and guidance to preserve and build both square dancing and our calling ranks. The CALLERLAB Board of Governors now endorses the use of Social Square Dancing (formally called Sustainable Square Dancing) as a way of getting current dancers back on the floor, having fun, and enjoying the social connections that are so important in life.

Social Square Dancing is a simpler yet fast-paced approach for bringing new and existing dancers into our square dance community. It provides the prospect of having a well thought out plan in place for multiple starts in a year.

Originally put together by Jerry Story and the Social Square Dance Committee, this system has the capability to bring the fun of our dance to more people in a shorter period.

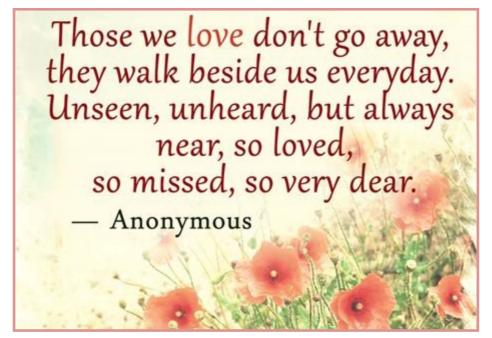
There is an abundance of information for callers to teach this system and a large base of choreography that can be used by new and experienced callers alike. This information can be found on the CALLERLAB Square Dance Knowledge base listed above.

When there are multiple starts every year, any dancer that falls behind or has to take a break, due to the many diversions life can toss our way; it's very easy to join again and get back to friends, fun, and music.

My hope is that all square dance leadership can join for the good of the activity and move us forward. Let's work as a team to re-energize square dancing again as we emerge from this global crisis.

This is such a great opportunity! I can't wait to dance, teach, and call again!

Reprint from American Square Dance - November 2020



# CLUB NEWS Orange Blossom Squares

The **Orange Blossom Squares** are back to dancing in The Villages FL. We are dancing on Sunday evenings at La Hacienda Recreation Center beginning at 6:45P to 8:45P. Our club is using local callers and cuers. Social distancing when not dancing is required as well as the use of masks at all times. No food or beverages are allowed at this time, however, you are welcome to bring your own water. Looking forward to seeing all our friends again! Yellow Rocks!

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### November 2020

A few of us were brave enough to attend a Board meeting on Saturday, October 17th at Jack & Barbara Hoffman's home. This is the first meeting since February 15th as the one planned for March was put on hold because it was the start of the Covid-19 situation. We now felt there needed to be some tentative plans for a "just-in-case" moment when things might open up. The church where we dance is still not allowing any extra-curricular activities, only what would involve the church. They know we are still interested in dancing there and said they would contact us whenever.

Jim & Jan McConnaha could not attend our meeting because they are still in "lock down" where they are living. Only allowed to go to doctors. Sad to say Jim has resigned as the Space Trackers Caller Coordinator, a position he has held since the very beginning some 35+ years. His shoes will be hard to fill but Bill Reid has volunteered to try. Jim and Jan will, of course, still attend all club doings. They say once a square dancer always a

square dancer.

I had a short blurb from Whit Brown bemoaning that he hasn't called a dance since March and he said, and I quote, "I hope when and IF square dancing starts up again I will be able to call." I find that hard to believe as talented as he is-----he'll pick up right where he left off.

Ailene Picheco just seems to never stop. She is working on the DAR directory in spare time and is now busy helping her church collect clothes, toiletries and non-perishable food items for the Veterans. She is also involved with her Accordion Club and heavily involved with her church which needs renovating so she and other members are busy getting estimates from contractors. Ailene really misses square dancing and has often gone to Jacksonville to Bill Chesnut's club. That's a long way from Merritt Island. And she still has time to compose our Space Tracker monthly calendar and put together and publish the CFA Keepin' Posted Magazine. Whew!!!

The Hoffman's heard from Dennis & Nancy Taylor (they moved to Massachusetts). They live in an assisted facility and just recently they have been allowed to have visitors but must be outside and social distancing. They had some unexpected excitement; there was a fire in the unit next to them. The fire didn't affect them personally but there was a lot of water damage to their unit. The complex personal took their clothes be cleaned and the smoke odor removed. All carpet and flooring is being replaced and a lot of the wall board needs fixing. Dennis said they estimate it will be about 2-3 months before they can return to their own unit. They are living in another complex in the same facility. Lots of their items need to be replaced because of water damage.

November Birthday's

- 16 Mary Gibson
- 18 Evelyn Reimer
- 18 Jack Hoffman
- 23 Ailene Picheco
- 25 Bill Reid

November Anniversary 6 Richard & Carol Douget



We have been having lots of fun and laughter at our past couple of dances, it is so good to see everyone and to be back dancing again. Although we are a small group we are a fun group.

Welcome to Ms. Mary Ann Kuchar who came and danced with us last week. Also would like to welcome Nori Mendoza who



came out to see what square dancing is all about and she is interested in taking lessons.

You should be getting an email from eventbrite this, is an application I am using so I can keep track of how many dancers are attending the dance. If you plan on coming to the dance I ask that you please use the link that is provided in the email from eventbrite and reserve your ticket. I am limited to 25 people and that includes me as the caller. If you have any questions please feel free to call or email me.

Darrell Cevasco



Whirl & Twirl dance December 18, 2013

### **Round Dancing**

Just want to give everyone an update on our dancing adventures in Melbourne. We are dancing every Sunday evening at the Melbourne Ballroom, 2545 W New Haven Ave, Melbourne, FL 32904. We start at 6:00 pm with a Phase 3 or 4 level dance lesson which lasts about 45 minutes to an hour. When that is done, we take a short break and then from 7:00 to 9:00 pm we dance all Rhythms (Phase III, IV, and very soft V) dances. We have a request list for everyone to suggest what they would like to do for the evening and try very hard to work those in to the program during this dance time. We would love to have you come and join us. It is a large ballroom floor so you do not have to let us know in advance that you will be there. Just show up and have lots of fun! NOTE: We are still required to wear masks at this stage.

We are also going to start a set of <u>beginner Rumba Lessons</u>. Please let anyone you know who might be interested. These lessons will begin on Sunday afternoons at 3:30 pm and last for about an hour. No previous experience necessary as we will start from the beginning of the Rumba steps and keep progressing each Sunday. Let us know if you have any questions.

Earle & Carol Collins 407-509-1151 Earle 407-376-4079 Carol





#### NOTICE - PLEASE CHECK WITH CLUBS BEFORE VISITING. I DO NOT HAVE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION.

# WHERE TO DANCE IN CENTRAL FLORIDA



### CASSELBERRY – HOEDOWNERS

Casselberry Recreation Center
200 N Triplet Lake Drive
2:00 - 3:00 Class
3:00-4:30 Mainstream / Plus Dance
Line and round dancing between tips
Caller: Rod Barngrover
Cuer: Earle Collins

Phone: 407-339-2359 (Julia Parker) Email:

hoedowners@centurylink.net

Webpage: www.hoedowners.net http://www.squaredancesites.com/ casselberry\_hoedowners/



#### DAYTONA BEACH – YELLOW ROCK SQUARES

ARC Bldg, 100 Jimmy Huger Circle Off Jimmy Ann Drive and 5th Street (call to verify schedule)

2:30-4:30

We need Angels. We are a Handicapable club which loves to have all dancers join us for fun.

Caller: Rick Yates Cuer: Marilyn Yates Phone: 386-734-2110 Email: reyates.deland@gmail.com

# MELBOURNE - Dancin' Diamonds

Wickham Park Community Center 2815 Leisure Way (Entrance off Wickham Road north of

Parkway Drive)
(Closed mid-May to mid-September)

1:30-2:00 Workshop

2:00-4:00 Mainstream/Plus Dance

Caller: Phone:

Email:

#### OKLAWAHA -ROUND DANCE

L & R Studio
13151 SE 120th Street
2:00-4:00 Phase III, IV & V Dance
Cuers: Lloyd & Ruth McKenrick
Phone: 352-288-4973
Email: dancewithlloydandruth@centurylink.net
Private lessons by appointment.

# **ROCKLEDGE - ROUND DANCE**

Hope United Church of Christ 2555 S Fiske Blvd 6:00-7:30 Round Dance Teach 7:30-9:00 Round Dance Cuer: Earle & Carol Collins Phone: 407-354-0229 Email: Collins.cbd@gmail.com

#### THE VILLAGES – ORANGE BLOSSOM SQUARES

La Hacienda Recreation Center 1200 Avenida Central 7:00-9:00 Plus Dance w/ Rounds Callers: Local and National Guests Cuers: Loretta Hanhurst / Lloyd & Ruth McKenrick Phone: 352-633-1098

Banner Raids: 317.403.9302 Email:

> sue.brown2256@gmail.com Website:

www.orangeblossomsquares.org



#### CASSELBERRY -WHIRL & TWIRL

Lake Howell Square
1241 State Rd 436, Suite 171
7:30 Beginners Round Dance
Cuer: Earle & Carol Collins
Phone: (407) 375-5351
Email: collinscbd@gmail.com
Website: www.whirlandtwirl.org

#### OCALA – The OCALA TWIRLERS

Ocala West United Methodist
Church Stanford Hall
9330 SW 105th Street, off SR 200
12:45-2:00 Plus Workshop (Class
starting in Oct)
2:00-2:15 Early Rounds
2:00-4:15 Plus Dance w/Rounds
Caller: Whit Brown
Cuer: Bev Landwehr
Phone: 352-237-6416 or
352-854-9378
Email: twarren6@cfl.rr.com

Website: www.squaredancesites.com/ oak run twirlers

#### OKLAWAHA – STERN WHEELERS

Lake Weir Chamber of Commerce 13125 East Hwy 25 2:00-4:00 Advance Dance Caller: Bob Stern Phone: 352-323-1295

Email: rpstern@aol.com

#### ST CLOUD - HEEL & TOE

Annex Bldg Senior Center 702 Indiana Ave

#### (Call to confirm)

7:00–9:00 Alternating MS & Plus Caller: Bill Boyd Phone: 407-931-1688 Email: BillBoydCaller@gmail.com Website:

www.floridasquaredance.com/ heelandtoe



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Private lessons by appointment.

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# ORMOND BEACH - GRANADA SQUARES DENIM AND LACE

Ormond Beach Senior Center 351 Andrews Street 6:00 Workshop/Lessons 7:00-9:00 pm Mainstream and Plus with Lines and Rounds Caller: Rod Barngrover Pamela Kelley 386-671-6223 Website:

www.granadasquaresdenimandlace .com

Email:

denimandlacedanceclub@yahoo.com

### ROCKLEDGE – Dix-C Diamonds

C-1 Workshop/Dance Hope United Church of Christ 2555 S Fiske Blvd

#### Call to confirm

6:30 – 8:30 C-1 Workshop/Dance Caller: Jerry Reed 321-633-1306

Website: www.JReedSDC.com Email: JReedSDC@aol.com





# CASSELBERRY - WHIRL & TWIRL

Lake Howell Square
1241 State Rd 436, Suite 171
7:15—8:00 Plus Workshop
8:00-10:00 Mainstream w/Lines
Caller: Whit Brown
Phone: 407-375-5351
Email: whirlandtwirl@gmail.com
Website: www.whirlandtwirl.org

#### MELBOURNE – DIXIE DIAMONDS

Eau Gallie Civic Center 1550 Highland Ave 6:30 – 8:30 A1 – A2 Dance Caller: Jerry Reed Website: www.JReedSDC.com Email: JReedSDC@aol.com

#### OCALA -

#### The New Circle Squares On Top of the World

10070 SW 94th Street
1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month
5:30 –6:30 Beginner Class
6:30-8:30 Club Dance
Caller: Rod Barngrover
Phone: 386-275-6342
Contact: Dotty Huston
Phone: 353-502-6789

dh4042@icloud.com defenddot@aol.com

#### OKLAWAHA – PILOT SQUARES

Lake Weir Chamber of Commerce 13125 East Hwy 25 2:00-4:00 Advance Dance Caller: Ron Libby Phone: 352-409-1369 Email: ronlibby@aol.com

#### SUMMERFIELD -FUN SEEKERS

Hope Lutheran Church
Lake Weir Campus
10945 Sunset Harbor Road
2:00-4:00 Plus level w/workshop
Rounds: Level II, IV
Dress Casual or
Square Dance Attire!!
Caller: Don Hanhurst
Cuer: Loretta Hanhurst
Phone: 352-245-8855
Email: donh1022@yahoo.com





# ANTHONY – CELEBRITY SQUARES

Anthony United Methodist Church 2396 NE 97th Street (8 miles north of Ocala) Activities building behind church Large Recycle Shop on Premises

(September thru May)
7:00-9:00 Plus Dance
Caller: Rod Barngrover
Banner: 352-817-6961
Email: Cyrinfla@gmail.com
Website:
www.ocalasquaredance.com

#### MELBOURNE – PALM BAY PROMENADERS

American Legion Post # 81 2909 S Harbor City Blvd 7:30 Early Rounds 8:00-10.00 Plus Dance w/Rounds Caller:

> Cuer: Scott Vallee Email: llandsv@gmail.com

### DANCING IS MOVING TO THE MUSIC WITHOUT STEPPING ON ANYONE'S TOES, PRETTY MUCH THE SAME AS LIFE

ROBERT BRAULT

# MERRITT ISLAND – SPACE TRACKERS

Merritt Island Presbyterian Church
155 Cone Road
(1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Thursdays)
6:45-8:00 Square Dance Class
8:00–10:00 Mainstream/Plus
Squares w/Rounds
Caller: Whit Brown
Cuer: Earle & Carol Collins
Phone: 321-255-4738
Email: reid20@bellsouth.net

Banner Raids: 321-452-3941 Website: www.spacetrackers.com

#### FT PIERCE -TREASURE COAST SQUARES

: River Walk Center 600 North Indian River Drive 6:30 Early Rounds 7:00-9:00 Plus/Mainstream Rounds between tips Caller: Mike Doughty Phone: 772-631-2184 Email:

mikedoughty55@yahoo.com

On the 8th DAY GOD Created CALLERS



#### BARBERVILLE – WRANGLER COUNTRY SQUARES

Pioneer Art Settlement, 1776 Lightfoot Lane 6:00-7:30 Beginner class 7:30-9:30 MS/Plus with Lines and Rounds

Caller: Rod Barngrover Phone: 386-275-6342 or 386-749-4767 Email:

rbarngrovercaller@gmail.com

### CASSELBERRY - WHIRL & TWIRL

Lake Howell Square 1241 State Rd 436, Suite 171 7:30 Early Rounds 8:00-10:00 Plus Dance w/Rounds Caller: Whit Brown Cuer: Earle Collins

Phone: 407-375-5351
Email: whirlandtwirl@gmail.com

Website: www.whirlandtwirl.org



#### GENEVA - ROUND DANCE

Little Red Schoolhouse
101 E Main St
(Corner of First & Main Street,
Entrance on Main)
8:00-10:00 Phase II, III and IV
Cuer: Mike Hollenbeck
(cues pre-recorded by the cuer)
Email: Mike or Linde
mikelinde@brighthouse.com
NOTE: All proceeds are donated to
the Rural Heritage Center.

#### OKLAWAHA -MASK A RAIDERS

Lake Weir Chamber of Commerce 13125 East Hwy 25 2:00-4:00 Plus Dance w/Rounds Caller: Bob Stern Cuer: Loretta Hanhurst Phone: 352-323-1295 Email: rpstern@aol.com

#### OCOEE – GARDEN PATCH SQUARES

Vignetti Rec Center, 1910 Adair St 7:00-8:15 Class or Workshop 8:15-9:45 Plus Dance Caller: Bill Boyd Phone: 407-889-8558 or 407-886-7151

Banner Raids: RoyAnne Martin Phone: 407-282-8341



# Saturday

#### GENEVA - ROUND DANCE

Little Red Schoolhouse 101 E Main St (Corner of First & Main Street, Entrance on Main)

#### (First Saturday of each month)

7:30-8:00 Phases IV & V
8:00-10:00 Phase II, III and IV
Cuer: Mike Hollenbeck
(cues are recorded)
Email: Mike or Linde
mikelinde@brighthouse.com
NOTE: All proceeds are donated to
the Rural Heritage Center.

# PORT ORANGE – SPINDRIFTERS

Port Orange Adult Center 4790 Ridgewood Ave (Call to confirm) 7:00-9:00 Plus Dance Caller: Darrell Cevasco Contact: 980-581-1795 Email:

spindriftersfuntimesquares @gmail.com

A very Canadian Joke!

Dave & Nadine are at the airport in Phoenix, awaiting their flight.

They are dressed in heavy boots, parka, scarf, mittens, all ready to head home to the Canadian winter.

An old American couple standing nearby in shorts are intrigued by their manner of dress.

The wife says to her husband, "Look at that couple. I wonder where they're from?"

He replies, "How would I know?"
She counters, "You could go and ask them."

He says, "I don't really care. You want to know, you go ask them."

She decides to do just that, walks over to the couple and asks,

"Excuse me, I've noticed the way you're dressed and I wonder where you're from?"

Dave replies, "Saskatoon, Saskatchewan."

The woman returns to her husband who asks, "So, where are they from?" She replies, "I don't know. They don't speak English."

Square Dance is an International Language...

No matter where in the World you Dance the calls are the same.

# **USA National Square Dance Convention**

70th NSDC	June 23-26, 2021	Jackson, MS
71st NSDC	June 22-25, 2022	Evansville, IN
72nd NSDC	June 21-24, 2023	Mobile, AL
73rd NSDC	June 26-29, 2024	Milwaukee, WI

http://www.nsdcnec.com/index.php/nsdc-conventions

# Intl Association of LGBT SD Clubs

July 2-4, 2021 Houston, TX

#### US Handicapable Square Dance Convention

July 19-21, 2021 Gatlinburg TN

# Tennessee State Convention

August 5-7, 2021 Gatlinburg TN

# Planning Ah



#### 2021

June 23-26 - MISSISSIPPI - 70th National Square Dance Convention, Jackson, Mississippi www.70nsdc.org register70@yahoo.com 921-412-8140

**July 19-21** - **TENNESSEE** - 17th US Handicapable Square Dance Association Convention, The Edgewater Hotel at the Aquarium and Conference Center, 402 River Road, Gatlinburg, Tennessee, 800-277-0362 - Rick Yates 386-734-2110 - note the dates are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

**September 3-5** - IOWA - The **50th & Final** Dance-a-Rama Festival of Single Square Dancers at the Holiday Inn Airport in Des Moines, Iowa. For further information contact the dance's chairman, Susan Lee, at rflxsue@aol.com or call 515-244-3247

#### 2022

**March 18-19 - FLORIDA** - 67th Florida Square and Round Dance Convention, Daytona Beach Ocean Center, 101 N Atlantic Ave, Daytona Beach, FL 32118, 410-952-7408, cldcpa@yahoo.com

June 22-25 - INDIANA - 71st National Square Dance Convention, Evansville, Indiana, www.71nsdc.org register70@yahoo.com 765-662-2553

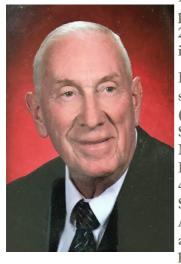
#### 2023

**June 21-24 - ALABAMA** - 72nd National Square Dance Convention, Mobile, Alabama www.72nsdc.org register70@yahoo.com 205-908-1058 registration@72nsdc.com - register online at www.72nsdc.com



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#### Dancers Who Have Returned Home



Robert F. Lockwood, 82 of Ocala, FL passed away on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at Advent Hospital after a brief illness.

He was born on November 13, 1937, the son of Earl F. Lockwood and Julia E. (Hartrick) Schmidt. Bob was a native of Stamford, CT for 40 years. And moved to Milford, CT where he resided for 26 years. He is predeceased by his wife of almost 43 years, Sandra M. (Blattner) Lockwood, Son-in-Law Clayton Grey, and Grandson Andrew Grey. Bob's surviving relatives are his sister Frances Docimo, sister-in-law Linda Rounding, children Patricia

Clark (Bryan), Kelli Hosheit (Doug), Robert Lockwood (Liz), Maria Houser (Scott), grandchildren Bradley Rosa, Stephanie Grey, Robert Lockwood, Emily Grey, Abigail Clark, Ryan Lockwood, Alexandra Houser, and two great-grandchildren.

Bob was a graduate of Stamford High School & Wright Technical School. He was a very Artistic. In School he pursued Mechanical Drafting as well as Engineering courses. He was a mechanical Product Designer for Electrolux for many years as well as in the Army Reserves in his early adult life.



After working two jobs while his young family was growing, he still found time for his faith. He was an active member of Union Memorial Church in Stamford for 40 years where he was a Youth Group Advisor for approximately 20 years mentoring with Faith Formation for many youth in the community. Bob was also an active member at First Congregational UCC Church in Ocala where he was loved by all in his church family.

Starting in 1972, he and his wife became foster parents for the State of CT and Catholic Family Charities and continued for over 20 years raising over 30 children. Bob loved sports. He was a wonderful coach dedicating his evenings after a full day of work to his youngest daughter whether it be going to her games or helping her win her World Frisbee Championship. In the second half of his life, he enjoyed square dancing with his wife and continued after her passing where he has many cherished friends. He also enjoyed Country Line Dancing which he and his wife taught. Bob had a sense of humor and was always a positive, kind, and non-judgemental person. He will be missed by all.



Wilbert (Sonny) McCartney passed away on September 26, 2020. Sonny was born on May 20, 1941 in Pennsylvania.

He worked in maintenance and construction until he moved to Florida in 1976. He then worked for Indian River Community College from 1984 until he retired in 2008.

He got the square dance bug after he and his wife, Cathy, took square dance lessons in 1983/1984.

After graduation, Sonny told Cathy that dancing was too hard. He wanted to be a caller, so in December of 1984, he began his calling career by attending Caller's School. He practiced every day after work until he was able to call and teach,

teaching all ages from 5 to 90.

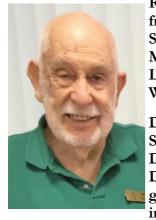
Sonny called for many clubs across the state, but always named his clubs the "Sun-Cats." He was a fixture in the Florida Square Dance community for many years, had one of the largest square dance record collections in Florida, and even had a Sun-Cat Exhibition Team that performed at several National Square

#### **Dance Conventions.**

After Cathy's death, he married Judy Marble on February 19, 2015. Following his love for square dancing and calling, he and Judy along with a group of friends, started the Florida RoadRunners, Chapter 193, of the National Square Dance Campers.

Sonny never met a stranger, was always willing to help, and is now probably calling to the "Sun-Cat" Angels.





Richard D. Taylor (Dick), 87, passed away from Melanoma at his Titusville home on Sunday, June 7, 2020. With him were his wife, Maureen, and his children, Julia Johnston, of Leesburg, VA and Michael Taylor of Woodford, VA.

Dick was born in Boston, MA. After High School in Selinsgrove, PA, he joined the Navy. Discharged in 1955 as a Sonarman 2nd Class, Dick moved to Arlington, VA, where he graduated from American University, Majoring in Engineering Psychology. After a varied

career in the Aerospace Industry, Dick retired in December, 1990.

With time on his hands, Dick took the opportunity to fill it with a variety of interesting and fulfilling jobs. At one point he "acted" good guy/bad guy roles in investigation and arrest scenarios at the FBI training academy in Quantico, VA.

Dick had begun teaching a CPR course back in '81 and his interest led him to pursue more training to become an EMT-Cardiac instructor. By this time he was living in Stafford Co., VA, where for the next 14 years he worked with the Stafford County Rescue Squad, eventually



becoming Chief and then County Commissioner.

In the late 90's Dick went to work for Carnival Cruise Lines as an Embarkation Rep. He got free cruises and bigg tips. He also made many friends among the employees and repeat passengers.

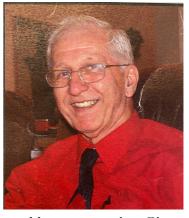
Dick learned to Square Dance when the Great Outdoors in Titusville started a club. He took lessons with the Space Trackers, eventually joining both clubs and Canaveral Squares, dancing several times a week until health reasons forced him to give it up.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Virginia for relatives and friends when the time is right.



William "Bill" Earl Reid, 77, of Melbourne, FL, passed away on November 28, 2020 at UF Shands Hospital, Gainesville FL.

Bill was born in McAndrew, KY, to William H. and Gusta Farley Reid, Jr. on November 25, 1943. His family moved to Fort Pierce, FL in 1956. Bill went to Dan McCarty High School and graduated in 1963. After graduation Bill served in the U.S. Army for three years which included an eighteen month tour in Germany. After being



honorably discharged from the Army he returned home to work at Piper Aircraft in Vero Beach, FL for two years and Grumman Aerospace Corporation for two years. He then hired on with AT&T where he spent the next 33 plus years of his

working career.

During his career with the telephone company he witnessed many advances in technology and all of the name changes: Bellsouth to -Southern Bell and back to AT&T at the time of his retirement.



Bill married Linda Anderson on October 22, 1967; they were blessed to have 53 years together. They moved to Brevard County in 2005 in order to be near their granddaughter.

Bill had a variety of interests and hobbies including: bowling, fishing, reading, magic, as well as square and round dancing. He also enjoyed many types of music, movies and live theater (especially if his granddaughter was in the production). Bill had numerous accomplishments. He was a Past Master of Vero Beach Masonic Lodge #250. Assistant Scout Leader of Troup 479, St Lucie County, Certified Scuba Diver, and worked with other telecommunication retirees on the Talking Book Program refurbishing machines for the blind. He served on the Audio Video Team of First Baptist Church in Cocoa, FL; he was a delegate on the Florida Federation of Square and Round Dancers, Vice President of the Central Florida Square Dance Association, and President of Space Trackers Square Dance Club.

Bill loved the Lord, his country, his family and friends. His gentle smile and friendly personality drew people of all ages to him. He will be missed by his family and anyone considering him a friend. Bill is survived by his wife Linda Reid, Melbourne, son Ryan C. (Diana) Reid, Cocoa, daughter Sheila E. Reid, Melbourne, granddaughter Shannon A. Reid, Cocoa, sister Carol (Alan) Rhodes, Ft. Pierce, sister-in-law Leta (Lee) Jenkins, Ft Pierce, nieces Taylor Jenkins, Ft. Pierce, Sherry (Aaron) Ledlow Gulf Hammock, nephews Gary (Cheri) Rhodes, Ft. Pierce, Henry Rhodes, Ft Pierce, and other loving relatives.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to First Baptist Church, 750 Brevard Avenue, Cocoa, FL 32922, UF Foundation (Lung Transplant Research-008263) PO Box 1000243, Gainesville, FL 32604-9901 or to a charity of your choice.

Oklahoma City - **Shirley Mae Knapp** peacefully passed away at home surrounded by her loving family on February 8, 2021. Shirley was born May 7, 1937 in McLoud, Oklahoma to Ernest Vern and Minnie Lady (Jackson) Wilson.

Shirley was a retired civil service stenographer. Shirley and her husband

George traveled in their motor home to all 49 states and they enjoyed square dancing. They were married 51 wonderful years. Together, they were members of the Federation of Square Dancers and Bounders of American Internationals. Shirley also enjoyed bowling and Swedish weaving as well.

She is preceded in death by her parents, son-inlaw Edward Cox, brothers Leon and Archie, stepdaughters Cheryl Kent and Karen Killingsworth and step son Ronald Knapp.



Shirley is survived by her husband George R. Knapp, their children Guindol Basinger and wife Mary of Eufaula, OK, Steven Basinger and wife Sandy of Eufaula and Kelly Basinger Cox of McLoud, OK, sister Marjorie Morgan and husband Dwight, step daughters Deborah Cooke and husband Don, Linda Leffler, Kathy Prever and husband Mitch, 28 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.



Colonel Joseph J. Louder, USMC ret, was born and raised in Altoona, PA. He was a graduate of Altoona (PA) High School and Pepperdine University. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1949.

He served as a Platoon Sergeant with the 5th Marines in Korea where he was awarded the Navy Cross, a Bronze Star with Combat 'V', the Purple Heart, and received the Korean

Order of Wharang Medal while engaged in operations against

the Chinese Communist Forces.

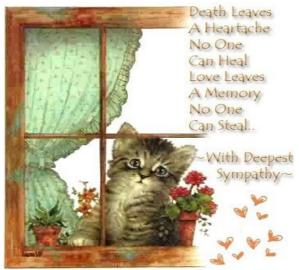
Following the Korean War, Staff Sergeant Louder was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. He served in multiple locations and assignments in his 32 year career to

include Gunner Warrant Officer, recruit company commander and Commanding General's Aide at Parris Island, 1st Tank Battalion Commander followed by 1st Motor Transport Battalion Commander with the 1st Marine Division in Vietnam, and Director, 1st Marine Corps District in Garden City, NY. He attended the US Army Armor School Advanced Course and the US Army War College in Carlisle, PA.

His other personal decorations also include: the Legion of Merit with Combat 'V', the Army Soldier's Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unit Commendation, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal w/ three stars, Vietnam Service Metal w/ one star, Vietnamese Honor Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Korean Presidential Unit Commendation, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with palm, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Upon retiring from the Marine Corps as a Colonel in 1981, Joseph led the JROTC at Apopka High School and resided in Longwood, FL. While teaching there, he was selected as "Teacher of the Year". He retired from teaching in 1993. He also served as a square dance choreographer and caller for dance clubs around the greater Orlando area.

Joseph was married to the former Teresa Maria Douglas for 65 years before her passing in 2014. He leaves 5 children (Debra, John, Robert, Donna, and Michael), 10 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren.



"Grief never ends ... But it changes.

It's s passage, not a place to stay.

Grief is not a sign of weakness, nor a lack of faith ...

It is the price of love."

- Author Unknown -

To All My Dear Friends,

Since I do not have a phone number for you I am writing to let you know that my wonderful husband, Smitty, died on January 24, 2021. We were married on 6/15/52 so we had a nice long wonderful life together for which I am very grateful.

He wanted his Navy picture in his obituary as you can see and that is about the way he looked when I met him on a "blind" date in Nov. 1949.

As many of you know that after graduating from R.P.I. he joined I.B.M. and we moved many times until we moved to 50 Yawl Dr., Cocoa Beach, FL. where he worked at Kennedy Space Center and helped send a "man to the moon".

Bonnie and her daughter, Heather were here for the last 2 weeks of his life which was wonderful as well as helpful. Bonnie is still here with me and doing all the paper work plus just being a companion but she has to go back to CA. the end of March but hopefully she will be back soon.

God Bless to all my friends and neighbors as well as my family.

Love to all,

Jean Smíth

George Myrle Smith, "Smitty", ascended to heaven on January 24, 2021 surrounded by his loving wife of 68 years, Jean (Faville), daughter, Bonnie (Carson) and granddaughter, Heather (Grieves). George was born in Mount Vernon, NY on August 27,1928. Upon graduating from



high school in 1946, George enlisted in the US Navy where he served as an Aviation Electronics Technician until he was honorably discharged in 1949. He then attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York and graduated with a Bachelors of Mechanical Engineering in 1953. George married the love of his life, Jean on June 15, 1952 in Albany, NY and he continued to finish college while she worked as a school teacher. After graduating, he obtained his first engineering position with IBM's Federal Systems Division where he remained employed until 1985. George and his family lived in many places before settling in Cocoa Beach in 1965 where he worked as the manager in charge of the launch operations for all manned Apollo, Skylab and ASTP missions. He remained active with IBM and McDonnell Douglas as an Aerospace Management Consultant until he retired. George was an active member of the Florida Sports Fishing Association where he helped organize annual youth Fishing Camps along with other sport fishing tournaments. He also delivered for Meals-on-Wheels for over 5 years. George enjoyed square dancing with his wife and participated in National Conventions as well as dancing in the annual Disney World Christmas Parade. He was a member of the American Legion. Veterans Affairs and Riverside Presbyterian Church in Cocoa Beach. He is survived by his wife, Jean. son, Kenneth Smith of Houston, TX, daughter Bonnie Carson of Palm Desert, CA, four grandchildren, and sister Betty Lee Harris of Albuquerque. NM. Services at this time have been postponed however condolences can be made to the family at www.NeptuneSociety.com.



#### Jacqueline Diefendorf Stafford

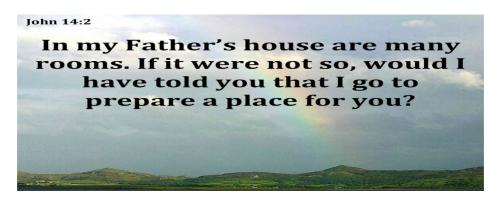
Port Orange - Jacqueline DIefendorf Stafford September 23, 1929 to March 15, 2021 went home to be with our Lord Monday evening peacefully at home.

She joined her beloved husband Glenn E. Stafford in heaven, along with their son Brian G Stafford. She is survived by her daughter, Kathy A Stafford, Grandchildren: Kristyn & Jeff

Tingler, Nathanael & Emiley Mitchell, Dwayne Jr & Amanda Whittenton, Carrie & Mike Baker, Jason & Nicole Stafford, Alex Stafford & Brian's wife Amanda. Great Grandchildren: Tyler, Kaitlin, Christian, Janvi, Jordin & Faith Barbour, Jaxon & Rylan Mitchell, Grayson Whittenton, Navaeh Baker, Liam & Finley Stafford. Also survived by, sister in law Janet Stafford, niece Ellen & Paul Nelson, nephews Mikel & Toni, Jim & Pam Sitterly, and their families, proceeded in heaven by sister Constance & brother in law Melvin Sitterly & brother in law Gordon Stafford.

Jacquie was born and resided in upstate New York until moving to Florida with her family in 1968. She was a registered nurse at Halifax ER caring for people for many years. A co-president of Dixie Squares, member of GE Wives club & bridge group, volunteer at the Secret Attic thrift shop and founding member of Covenant United Methodist Church.

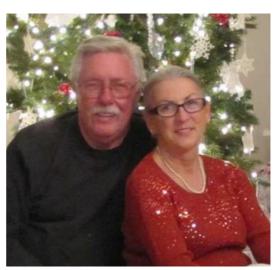
She loved her family and friends deeply, and although she is greatly loved and missed, she is now happily in the arms of our Lord.



Friends, it is with a heavy heart, my sweetheart, lover, and friend, has taken his final Journey. He is now in the arms of Jesus and our loved ones. Do not feel sad, rejoice for I know where he is today. Life will go on, and he is already greatly missed. His passing is a shock and was truly not expected. As of now, I do not know the cause. In the weeks ahead, I am sure all that will be revealed. Keep me in your hearts and prayers while I make this new journey in my life. John and I have been together since I was 15 and have been married 57 years.

Gail Hurt Swindle





**John Allen Swindle,** 80 of Rockledge, Florida passed away Friday, March 19, 2021

at home. John was born November 16, 1940 in Russellville, Arkansas to Lewis (Tubby) W. Swindle and Sarah Louise Aiton Swindle. John was preceded in death by his mother and father, Sarah and "Tubby", and one son Barry A. Swindle. John and his wife Gail moved to Florida after retirement in 1997.

John is survived by his wife Gail, granddaughter Morgan Swindle of Kennesaw, Georgia and great granddaughter Vallory also of Kennesaw,

niece Carole Swindle Lundeen (spouse Eric Lundeen, great nephew Chase) of Bolder, CO, nephew Robert N. Swindle (Leah Swindle), great nephews Grayson and Maxwell of Shawnee, Kansas, Wendy Hurt of Jacksonville, FL, Beth Accord, of Sylvester, GA, and Kelly Garcia of Cincinnati, OH. Many cousins; Monica Aiton of Gainesville, FL; Steve Aiton of South Carolina; Charles Grubbs of Valrico, FL.

John graduated from Tullahoma High School, Tennessee in 1958 and attended Tennessee Technical University. John joined the United States Air Force and served four years. He was stationed at Tuner AFB in Albany, GA where he met his wife, Gail. John and Gail married in 1964 and moved back to Tennessee where he worked with The Arnold Engineering Center. In



1965 they moved back to Georgia where John worked for Lockheed. He left Lockheed and went back to school. Later accepting a position with Georgia Power.

After moving back to Georgia, John began his square dance calling career in 1968. As a team, they hosted, sponsored, and called at a vast number of very successful square dance events. Many of these events included some of the best known national square dance callers. They traveled far and wide across this great country bringing the joy of their favorite activity to thousands of dancers. John had called square dances for 52 years

John retired from Georgia Power where he worked as a draftsman in the Electrical Engendering Dept. in Atlanta. John also worked for CALLERLAB, The International Association of Square Callers when the Home Office was in Cocoa, Florida. John and Gail were an integral part of the CALLERLAB Home Office in Cocoa, FL for over 10 years. They were recognized numerous times by the CALLERLAB leadership, dancers, callers, and dance leaders for their untiring work, friendly attitude, true professionalism, and dedication to the activity.

John served on the CALLERLAB Board of Governors and devoted many hours to help ensure the activity and organization provided the best possible dance experience to all dancers. In 2018 he received his CALLERLAB "Half-Century" award, recognizing 50 years as a caller.

John and Gail are members of Faith Baptist Church in Rockledge. John was a member of CALLERLAB and served as President of the Florida Callers Association. He had been a member of the Atlanta Callers Association, serving as President, as well as the Georgia State Callers Association.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the CALLERLAB Foundation. CALLERLAB.org and Email: info@callerlab.org

A Celebration of Life is planned Friday, June 4th at Faith Baptist Church, Rockledge, Florida. Visitation will at 1PM and services will begin at 2PM.

Other Dancers From Central
Who Have Passed

**George Leese** passed away this year. He had been dancing with the Granada Squares on Tuesdays. There was a service for family only.

#### Germaine Fontaine passed in October 2020.

Germaine and Emile (Neil) Fontaine started dancing in 1981 with the Sun Dancers in Titusville. Their son Tom was 14 at the time, and he started dancing also. They were also members of the Titusville Twirl-Aways.

They danced in many halls and visited all clubs until 2005 when Neil's health declined. Neil passed away in 2008.

She is survived by her son, Tom Fontaine, who was also a square and round dancer and cuer.



Carol Munt Ocala FL





Dorothy Adams Palm Bay FL



**Joan Galloway Fryman** passed peacefully on Oct 10, 2020.

Earlier in the year, Joan moved to Miami to be with her daughter. She was a member of Space Trackers, Canaveral Squares and loved to dance. She went to all the clubs and dances.

This picture is from one of the Senior Games she participated in at Polk County. Even when she could not dance any more, she visited the club for special dinner dances.



**Robert Elmer Warner**, Rockledge., Florida, passed away on January 12, 2021.

He was born January 22, 1957 and grew up on a farm in Pennsylvania and had an interesting career.

He and his wife, Linda, were members of the Space Trackers on Merritt Island.



#### Lamar Duke McCleskey Jr

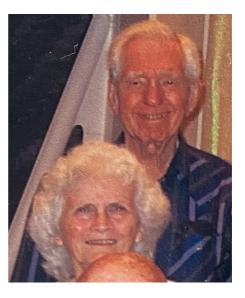
He and his wife, Doris, were active members of the Space Trackers Square Dance Club in Central Florida.

They moved to Clemson, South Carolina several years ago to be near family.

#### Lucy Brown

Jim and Lucy Brown danced with the Dixie Diamonds in Melbourne for many years.

Jim passed away a couple years ago and Lucy moved to Ohio to be near her family. She recently passed away.







#### Keepin Posted, May 1989

#### CREATING AN IDEAL CLUB ATMOSPHERE \*

HAVE DANCE FACILITY OPEN AND SET UP 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO DANCE.

CLUB BANNER AND ATTRACTIVE BULLETIN BOARD SET UP PRIOR TO DANCE.

CLUB OFFICERS GREET MEMBERS & VISITORS AT THE DOOR AS THEY ARRIVE.

CLUB OFFICERS AND MEMBERS SET AN EXAMPLE OF THE "IDEAL" AS TO DRESS, PROMPTNESS, BADGE, ENTHUSIASM AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE SQUARE DANCE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

RECOGNIZE SPECIAL EFFORTS OF INDIVIDUAL CLUB MEMBERS.

RECOGNIZE VISITING DANCERS, AREA AND STATE OFFICERS.

CLUB MEMBERS DANCE WITH CALLER'S TAW, SINGLES, NEW MEMBERS AND WITH AS MANY GUESTS AS POSSIBLE.

CLUB MEMBERS MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT TO DANCE AND CONVERSE WITH NEW MEMBERS.

CLUB ACTIVITIES AND FUNCTIONS INVOLVE ALL CLUB MEMBERS.

CLUB ACTIVITIES ARE MADE TO BE FUN AND NOT WORK.

PUBLICIZE CLUB, AREA AND STATE FUNCTIONS AND DANCE ACTIVITIES.

ASSURE CLUB SUPPORT OF ALL CLUB, AREA AND STATE ASSOCIATION FUNCTIONS.

CLUB IS RESPONSIVE TO NEEDS OF DANCERS, CALLER AND OFFICERS.

AVOID SECRECY IN ANY CLUB FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY. AVOID CLIQUES.

CONDUCT LEADERSHIP SESSIONS FOR CLUB MEMBERS PERIODICALLY.

SPONSOR A SPECIAL CLUB PARTY OR ACTIVITY PERIODICALLY.

SPONSOR VISITATIONS, CHARITY WORK, PROMOTIONS, EXHIBITIONS, ETC.

COORDINATE CLUB ACTIVITIES AND GIMMICKS WITH CLUB CALLER.

MAKE EVERY DANCE A "SPECIAL" DANCE AND A "HAPPY MEMORY" FOR THE DANCERS.

CLUB OFFICERS BID FAREWELL AND OFFER THANKS TO ATTENDING MEMBERS AT THE CLOSE OF THE DANCE.

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CFA is an organization that works for the betterment of the entire square dance community.

Those dancers who have a desire to see the activity continue should have a say in the business of what we do.

(e.g. "Ask not what the CFA and square dancing can do for you, but what you can do for the activity.")

Clubs should not be working alone, when we can work together as an organization.

Found this in a folder on my computer. (obviously written for a Male caller, apologies Ladies)

#### WANTED A SQUARE DANCE CALLER

A square dance caller must be intelligent, handsome, a man of vision and ambition, after dinner speaker, night owl, work all day and call all night, and appear fresh the next day. Know who, how, and why and where; and have a ready smile, an open purse, look his best when he never felt worse. Must be able to entertain dancers, wives and sweethearts without becoming too amorous, inhale dust and smog, drive through fog and snow, and work all summer without perspiring or acquiring B.O. Must be a man's man, and a lady's man, a model husband and fatherly father, of good behavior, a plutocrat, a Democrat, Republican, New Dealer, Old Dealer, and a fast dealer; a technician, electrician, politician, mathematician, mechanic, a saint, a sinner, winner and diner. Must be a promotion expert; be a good manager and correspondent, attend all dances, tournaments, funerals, parties, visit dancers in the hospitals and jails, contact all new prospects and in spare time look for new dancers and do missionary work; must eat and drink and work like H, go night and day and think it's swell. Must have unlimited endurance, gift of gab, be fast with a yes and slow with a no. Must have a car, a dozen new outfits, hundreds of records, an attractive home, belong to all clubs, pay all expenses at home and on the road, plus saving for future ulcer treatments. Price chiseling and debts will be deducted from fee, plus three percent excise tax, one percent old age pension and three percent lost sales tax. Must be able to read upside down, be an expert driver, talker, liar, dancer, story teller, pitch player, poker hound, golf player, diplomat, financier, capitalist, philanthropist, an authority on palmistry, chemistry, physiology, psychology, dogs, cars, horses, brunettes, blondes, redheads and the Kinsey Report. On the other hand he must remember that he's not just a goodwill ambassador, but must stick to business and be a good caller. Oh yes - must be a self-starter, but nonetheless, do what he's told!



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To be Determined
Thursday, March 17, 2022

Early Rounds 7:00 - 7:30 Squares and Rounds 7:30 - 9:30

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We are still negotiating with Daytona hotels.

Remember that March is snow-bird season, so be sure to make those reservations early.

For Up-to-Date Information and Registration, go to: www.FloridaSquareDance.com/Convention