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"He sees all and gives a hoot"

HAPPY
YEAR
2000

FROM THE LOFT



This is the beginning. A whole new century is ours. We have not polluted it with mistakes. It is new and fresh. What will we do with it? There are some things I would like to see happen as we enter this new age.

Wouldn't it be great if we could get more of the world to see the example we

have in square dancing? Each one of us wants the person in the square dancing with us to be as good as we are. We will work and help one another to succeed. We smile and welcome each other into the square. We are thankful for those joining us as we could not succeed without them. We are not class conscious and we seek no gain from those joining us. We are truly a group that works with one another to see all succeed and have a good time. What an example we have to offer the world.

I would like to see the end of the all encompassing "tolerance" that has been thrust upon us to the extent that we are not allowed to have standards or even moral guidelines. There are certain actions that I do not desire to be around. In fact, I really don't even want to know that such things go on. Now why should I be exposed to them in the "name" of tolerance? Is it not better to have an opinion about right and wrong rather than to say there is no wrong?

I would like to see people have to suffer the consequences of their actions rather than blame it on the environment in which they were raised. People that perform criminal actions should be held accountable for their actions.

I would like to see that those who commit crimes lose their "rights". I do not think it is "right" that we pay people who have committed crimes so that they may prosper, or receive payments, while those who were the victim of that crime suffer a lifetime of anguish. It is time for those who do the crime to do the time. No fancy prisons. No fancy food. Punishment is what criminals deserve and punishment is what they should get.

I would like for all who abuse others to suffer that same abuse. Rape and child abuse would soon end if those doing such things were quickly and severely dealt with. Such crimes should be capital crimes as they are so

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SATURDAY & SPECIALS AT THE BARN

Dec	3,4&5	C1 Weekend Tim Scholl
Dec	11	Contra Dancing – Live Band 7:00 – 11:00
Dec	25	Merry Christmas There will be a Baile Latino Dance 6:00 PM to 1:00 AM
Dec	31	Y2K Party Get your tickets
Jan	1	YEAR 2000 Happy new Millennium

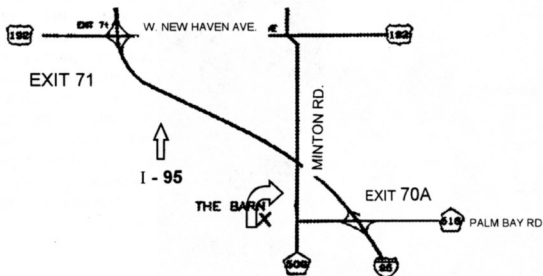
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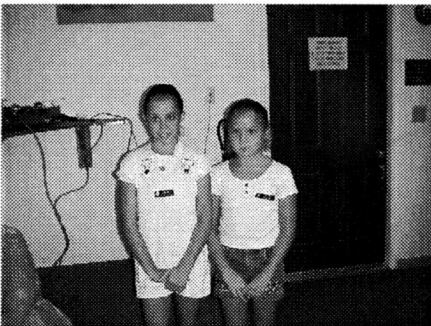
Practice continues on Saturday at 10:00 to 11:30 AM for the Youth Group. We have had fewer youth attending as trips have been taken for the many holidays during this time of the season.

I thank Jack and Zonie Taylor for filling in while Linda and I attended Linda's father's funeral and then tended to our daughter Kerri, who was hit by a hit and run driver on Wickman road.

We have been invited to perform at the Frog Leg Festival in Fellsmere on the 23rd of January. Some of the kids are not too keen about a frog leg dinner. I have always wondered how everyone eats chicken legs and have such an inversion about frogs or rabbits. In any case we will start longer practices after the Holidays to get ready for this performance.

Meghan Wolfgram continues to work on her calling lessons. We may have another one of the youth group start calling lessons in the very near future. We really want a commitment before we start the lessons as there is a lot of time and effort to give these lessons. Meghan has just gotten over her chicken pox and we welcome her back to the group.

Our plan is to take two squares to the Florida State Convention in May. We also plan for Meghan to do the calling at this function. Nearer the convention we would like for her to have the opportunity to call for your club to get experience for the convention. If that is a possibility at your club, please let us know. I know you will love her as she is very energetic and her timing is perfect.



The youth attending the Tuesday evening lessons are progressing good. They will be joining the Saturday morning group on the 22nd of January in the new millennium. There are currently 2 plus squares of youth in the Tuesday evening class.

SPACE TRACKERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB, ROCKLEDGE

In order to spread the gospel about the fun and camaraderie of square dancing, Opal Heath, Space Trackers longtime member, arranged for several Exhibition Dances, around Brevard County. The Exhibition Dancers performed at the Flea Markets in Frontenac and Melbourne, as well as the Cocoa Beach Country Club and the Fair at the Cocoa Expo.

Banner Raid Chairs Linda and Henry King have done a terrific job of organizing Banner Raids and getting a record number of members, involved. This fall they have raided the Orlando Singles, Dixie Squares in Daytona Beach and Kiss-a-mee Squares. The Space Trackers have had visits from the Orlando Singles, the Wagon Wheels, the Canaveral Squares and the Spindrifters.

In the meantime, the new Fall Class is underway every Monday night at McLarty Recreation Center with enthusiastic new students, aided by faithful Square Angels to help them learn. It is amazing how quickly they learn under the careful teaching of Caller Whit Brown.

October saw a fabulous Halloween celebration in the form of a Monster Bash on October 23 with guest caller Ron Libby along with Phyllis Williams cuing Rounds. What outrageous costumes! Space Trackers really excel when it comes to dressing for the occasion!

On Sunday, November 7 the Space Trackers held their Annual Club Picnic at McLarty Recreation area. Family and friends met outdoors for good food, good friends, good dancing.

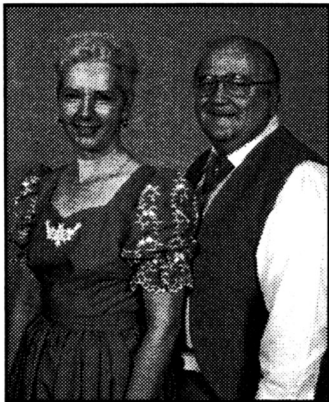
Space Trackers Annual Fall Fling on November 14 is an event to remember. This year the Space Trackers invited National Caller Tim Marriner to join Phyllis Williams to create an outstanding evening at the Travis Recreation Center in Cocoa.

The Annual Thanksgiving dance was held on November 20, with a delicious dinner followed by dancing with Club Caller Whit Brown and Rounds by Phyllis Williams. Turkey provided by the club and side dishes brought by members made for a fabulous feast.

Submitted by: Phyllis Tritsch

Give To Square Dancing (and Get A Tax Deduction)

Reprinted from May 1999



**Jerry & Del
Reed**

Did you know there is a way to make charitable contributions to square dancing AND get a tax write-off for it? The CALLERLAB Foundation for the Preservation and Promotion of Square Dancing is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to preserving the heritage of the square dance activity. The Foundation was established in 1990 by CALLERLAB, The International Association of Square Dance Callers, as a way to safeguard the history and to promote the growth of square dancing.

The Foundation is a legal entity through which money is raised to carry out the specified goals of the organization. It is registered with the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(C)(3) corporation, and donations to the Foundation are tax deductible.

The mission of the Foundation is to "preserve and promote square dancing through the preservation of the heritage of square dancing, the establishment and enhancement of a positive perception of square dancing, and education regarding the benefits of square dancing to the general public."

Goals of the foundation are to "develop and maintain a national advertising campaign to promote square dancing, develop and encourage educational programs directed toward the mission of the Foundation, and provide funding through grants and loans to support the mission of the Foundation. A major goal is to promote the wholesome nature of the activity.

The Foundation has already accomplished much in support of its goals, such as; (1) published and distributed almost one million brochures to promote square dancing, (2) produced and distributed over 4000 promotional

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video tapes containing TV public service announcements to be used in recruiting new dancers, (3) provided a grant to the New England Foundation for the preservation of square dancing, (4) provided square dancing educational materials to the Czech Republic, (5) funded an educational exchange between master dancer instructors in the Peoples Republic of China, and square dance leaders in the United States, and (6) in funding a variety of projects all aimed at promoting square dancing.

The Foundation has numerous future projects under consideration but funding is needed to make them a reality.

During the recent CALLERLAB convention in Dallas, Texas CALLERLAB members donated over \$10,000 to the Foundation by participating in a fund raising project featuring a special promotional recording of "God Bless The USA". This is a tremendous start in which all participants can be very proud.

Individuals, square dance clubs, dancer organizations, and caller associations may wish to consider making a tax deductible donation for this ongoing promotion and preservation of square dancing. Many businesses and corporations provide matching donations to help increase the value of your contribution. Checks may be made payable to the CALLERLAB Foundation.

A sample codicil for last will and testaments for those who would like to bequeath money to the Foundation has been developed and is effective in all 50 states and Canada.

To make a donation, receive the sample codicil, or receive additional information, contact the CALLERLAB Foundation, 829-3rd Avenue, S.E. Suite 285, Rochester, MN 55904. Phone: (507) 288-5121.

Bye for now and see ya in a square!!!

Extract reprinted from Northeast Square Dancer, October 1997.

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vile.

I would like to see an end to the many years, and in some cases decades, that pass from the time of a jury sentence to the final execution of justice. It is a farce that so many criminals go free on such trivial excuses. The victim suffered a quick and life lasting sentence to pain and suffering. Why should the criminal not suffer the same fate?

I would like to see the new century bring us a new national goal, maybe even a world goal that all mankind could be part of. A dream that all of us could be a part of. A space station on the moon or a journey to Mars would certainly be exciting.

Linda and I want to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, words of encouragement and concerns. Linda, as is natural, was deeply grieved with the loss of her father. The very day we arrived in Pensacola, Florida to bury her father, our daughter, Kerri, was hit by a hit and run driver. I did not tell Linda until we were on our way back to Melbourne as there was nothing we could do and I did not think she needed more hurt at that moment. We returned to Melbourne to learn that it was very fortunate that Kerri survived the hit and run. Her right leg is totally shattered with quite a bit of bone missing. Her left leg had five bad breaks in it. Her left shoulder was torn out of the socket and broke from the socket. Her pelvis is broken and her bladder was torn. She had numerous cuts and abrasions. On the 18th of December we learned that they will again operate on the right leg on the 21st December. The orthopedic surgeon has told us it will be at least two years before Kerri will be walking again. I am sure this will result in life changes not only for Kerri but Linda and me.

While this has been a real challenge for Linda and me, we have a young lady that dances with many clubs around Brevard who has been a real inspiration to us. That lady is Adriana Suykerbuyk. She has had more medical problems than most families have in a lifetime and she is always in such good spirits and always so positive. She is a joy to be around and makes our problems seem so small. We thank you and Franz, Adriana.

We have a new free 10 week class starting on January 18th. We have a few thousand flyers to pass out. We did pass out about 1500 at the Melbourne Parade of Lights from THE BARN float. We have had three squares call and "pre register" for the class. Please feel free to tell anyone that you would like to get into square dancing about these lessons. We have been offering these free lessons for a year now and Linda and I are thinking about taking a vacation after these classes and the conclusion of the State Convention.

Thank you all for your support this last year.

The Story of Hanukkah

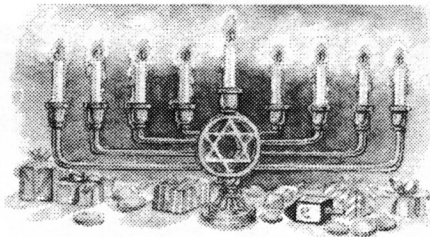
Both Jewish and non-Jewish families can commemorate this holiday, which celebrates a miracle that took place in one of the darkest hours in Jewish history.

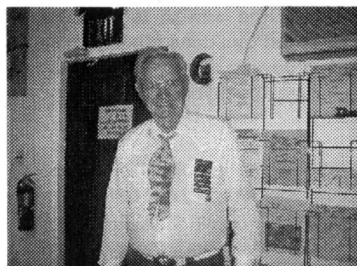
The word Hanukkah means "dedication" in Hebrew. And the miracle it dedicates occurred in 168 B.C., when Syrian soldiers came to Jerusalem and desecrated the Jewish temple. For three years, the Jews fought back, led by Judas Maccabaeus, one of the most famous heroes in Jewish history. Finally, the Jews emerged victorious, and drove the Syrians from Palestine.

When they were ready to rededicate the temple, they discovered, to their horror, that the perpetual lamp Used for the purification rite had only the tiniest bit of oil ... just enough to keep it burning for one day! Instead, the lamp burned for eight entire days, enough time to prepare more oil.

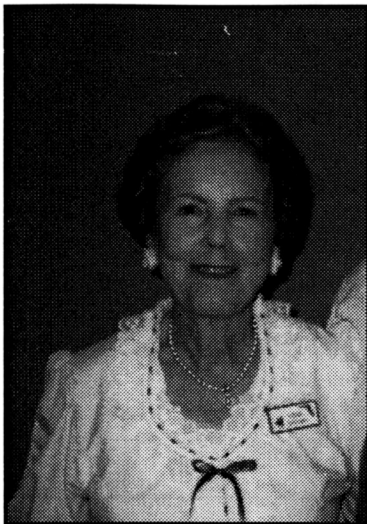
Hanukkah lasts for eight nights to honor this miracle. Each night another candle is lit on the menorah, a candelabra holding eight candles and the "shammash," the worker candle used to light all the others.

On the eighth night, a fully lighted menorah shines in the window a symbol of faith and hope for all to see.





PALM BAY PROMENADERS JANUARY NEWS



VONA BROWN

HAPPY NEW YEAR. to our friends near and afar. We hope that your holiday season was a happy & memorable one, Time is sure speeding by. Here we are entering a new millennium along with our hopes & dreams. We reflect on the past year, and strive to make this one even better.

The Promenaders didn't get the new slate of officers for 2000 in time to be listed in this issue, but look for it in the February edition. A special big thank you to our outgoing officers of 1999. **Don & Irene Stoderl** did an outstanding Job as President, and of course, Carl & Eileen Noren did a super job as Treasurer, and ably assisted by **Andy & Gerry Musante**.

Thanks to outgoing Banner Raid Chairmen, **Bill & Pat Ludwick**. They did their

usual terrific job, so I guess they are entitled to a year off.

Banner Raids have been very active here at the Promenaders during December,

Dec. 4 - Raided the Space Trackers.

Dec. 9 - Silver Squares to the Promenaders to Retrieve.

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This night we had in attendance - 11 plus Squares. Great!

Dec. 16 -- Barefoot Bay Twirlers to Promenaders to Retrieve

Jan. 2 - Silver Squares to Raid

Promenaders Special Dance for January 2000:

On Jan. 27th, we will again be Hosting another Inspirational Birthday Party

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for Stan Crowhurst's 97th **Birthday**. This will be a bang-up great party for a very special Gentleman. All Stan's friends are invited.

Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to **Otis & Linda Lutz** in the loss of Linda's father. Upon returning from the funeral of her father, they learned that their daughter had been seriously injured in a hit and run accident, which will require many months of therapy. We often ask and wonder why so much is heaped upon us at one time, but God seems to always give us the added strength to get us through these difficult times if we only trust in him. Otis & Linda, our thoughts and prayers and love are with you.

As the new Officers will soon be taking over, we need your opinions & input on the following:

Your ideas on Special Dances How to make them more fun etc.

It has been suggested that we wear long prairie skirts on Banner Raids. What do you think?

Pass your ideas on to our new President, D.J. Mitchell, or any of the Board members. This would be a tremendous help to D.J., as this is a hard job, so any input would be very helpful. She will need all our support

Wayne Guice's Round Dance lessons are held each Wednesday from 7:30-9:30 PM at 678 Wickham Rd. Melbourne, Phase III and Phase 111, A new Beginners class is scheduled to begin Jan. 12 - 5:45 PM at Trailer Haven. Sign up with Wayne now

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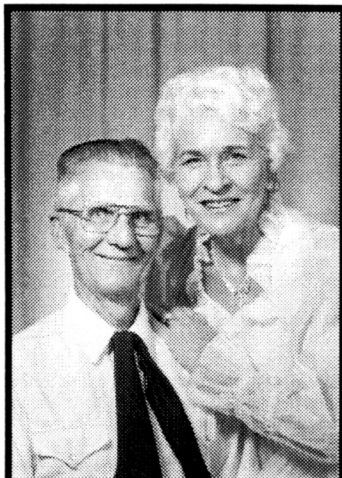
08 Jim & D. J. Mitchell

May the New Year be a Happy, Healthy one, with lots of Square & Round Dancing Fun! See you in a square!

VONA BROWN

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January Wagon Wheel Squares - St. Cloud



**BETTYLEE & BILL
TALMADGE**

The Wagon Wheel Square Dance Club has made a slight change in our programming. Beginning January 2000 and then in March, May and July, we will have a guest caller and guest cuer.

This would be an ideal time for your club to come raiding or retrieving – and also get to hear a caller or cuer you might never danced to before. In January on the 4th Friday, that is the 28th, we will have the bass singer from the quartet the Red Boot Boys" Mac McCall from Fairfax, Virginia.

If you have never danced to Mac, then we have a treat in store for you. He is a terrific caller – one that you can easily understand and you will love the way he puts the square dance together. Do let our Banner Raid Chairman, Phyllis and Bob Randall, know that your

club is coming to visit that evening. We welcome raids on any evening, your choice.

On rounds with Mac on the 28th will be Jim Runnels. He is a great showman and our dancers look forward to the variety of rounds that he presents for us. Jim drives all the way to and from Vero Beach to St. Cloud just to cue an evening of rounds for us. What a terrific guy.

Then because this is a new program for us, we are going to do just every other month till we get to the summer months. So, in march, on the 17th, we have the fabulous "Elvis" impersonator Ernie Rollen, from Middleburg, Florida. He ought to have a wild evening while calling this dance for us because this is St. Patrick's Day and everyone will be wearing green.

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Dancers wearing the same color always presents a big problem for a caller, especially one that doesn't know the dancers very well. He has to spend the entire evening trying to get everyone back to their right corner. Ernie often, while using his portable mic, will come out onto the floor and dance while he is calling the dance. Unique! And a lot of fun for the dancers, especially if they are not expecting this to happen.

If we haven't done so, so far, may we, the Square Dancers of the Wagon Wheel Squares wish to send best wishes to everyone. May the New Year bring you the best, and oodles of fun square dancing with your friends.

BettyLee and Bill Talmadge

Happy New Year from The Floorplay Dance Club of Brevard!

Our 1st dance of the year is Jan. 22 Saturday from 7-12 PM at Danceworld (The Barn) in W. Melbourne. **** (This is the 4th Sat.-not our usual last Sat.!) **** (Rest of the year is the last Sat. of the month) ****

Come out and dance to West Coast Swing, Two step and lots of other dances! \$6 donation at the door, non-smoking, no alcohol, door prizes, mixer dances and Great Music!

Special Guests: Ben Sanchez and Monica Beall-they are popular Instructors and Competitors from Orlando! They will teach a 1/2 hour of free cha cha lessons from 7-7:30 PM and do a spotlight dance during the evening. Don't miss them!

Starting Mondays for 6 weeks-Jan. 10-Feb. 7th, Laura & John will be teaching Beginner Two step (6:30-7:30 PM) and Beginner West Coast Swing (7:30-8:30) at the Palm Bay recreation center. Cost is \$30 per person for each 6 week class.

Starting Tuesdays for 6 weeks-Jan. 11-Feb. 8th, Laura & John will be teaching 2 continuation classes of Two step and West Coast. Times and cost are same as above.

For any questions on Floorplay, group or private lessons, or upcoming events, call Laura Beers at 407-727-2457 or email at Max10well@juno.com.

WHERE TO SQUARE, ROUND A

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p><u>MELBOURNE</u></p> <p>C-1 Dixie Diamonds THE BARN 3820 Minton Road 2:30 - 4:30 PM Jerry Reed instructor 633-1306</p> <p>CAMPFIRE DANCERS Chapter 082 4th weekend (STARTS ON A FRIDAY EVENING)</p> <p>THE BARN Class 4:00 - 6:00 class Rounds 6:30 - 8:00 PM Phyllis Williams</p>	<p><u>BAREFOOT BAY</u> BAREFOOT BAY TWIRLERS 7:15-7:45 Early Rounds 8:00-10:00 Plus Dance Dale McClary, Caller Jim Runnels, Cuer Information 254-0150</p> <p><u>ROCKLEDGE</u> SPACE TRACKERS McLarty Rec. Center Barton Blvd. 7:30 - 10:00 Class Whit Brown, Caller Information 452-2679</p> <p><u>MELBOURNE</u></p> <p>YELLOW ROCKERS "THE BARN" 3820 Minton Road 6:00 - 8:00 PM class 8:00 - 10:00 Plus Dance Jerry Reed, Caller Vince Furtado, Cuer Information 722-1664</p> <p>LINE DANCING GPBSC 10 -11:30 AM Glenda Ortiz, Instructor Information 253-1564</p>	<p><u>MELBOURNE</u> SILVER SQUARES 1300 S. Airport Blvd. 7:30 - 10:00 Plus Jerry Reed, Caller John Swindle Caller Vince Furtado, Cuer Information 768-2217</p> <p>"THE BARN" Line Dancing 10:00 - 11:30 AM Glenda Ortiz Info 253-1564</p> <p>BARN DANCERS New classes 7:00-8:30 Class Otis Lutz, caller Information 722-1664</p> <p>BASIC DANCE 8:30 - 10:00 PM Caller: Otis Lutz 407-722-1664</p>	<p><u>MELBOURNE</u> "THE BARN" Line Dancing 1 Glenda Ortiz Information 253-1564</p> <p>MAINSTREAM 7:00 - 8:30 Otis Lutz Instructor</p> <p>MAINSTREAM 8:30 - 10:00 Otis Lutz Caller</p>

New square dance lessons start every 10 weeks on Tuesdays

AND LINE DANCE IN BREVARD

SDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<u>URNE</u> 0:00-11:30 -1564 <u>CLASS</u> uctor <u>DANCE</u>	<u>BAREFOOT BAY</u> BAREFOOT BAY SPINNERS Community Center 12:45 - 2:45 Mainstream Dale McClary, Caller Information 254-0150 <u>ROCKLEDGE</u> Canaveral Squares McLarty Rec. Center Barton Blvd. Round Dance Class 7:00 - 9:00 PM Vera Smith, Cuer <u>MELBOURNE</u> PALM BAY PROMENADERS "THE BARN" 3820 Minton Road 6:30 - 7:45 class 8:00 - 10:00 Plus Dance Dale McClary, Caller Wayne Guice, Cuer Information 722-1664	<u>ROCKLEDGE</u> CANAVERAL SQUARES McLarty Rec. Center 790 Barton Blvd. Plus Dance/Rounds Lessons 7 - 8:30 PM 8:00 - 10:00 Plus/Rounds Callers Skip Cleland, Jennifer harmonizing Vince Furtado, Cuer Information 635-8125 <u>MELBOURNE</u> "THE BARN" 3820 Minton Road A2 FUNSHOP/DANCE 7:30 - 9:30 PM Jerry Reed, Caller Information 633-1306 A1 Class 6 - 7:30 <u>ROCKLEDGE</u> COUNTRY WESTERN DANCING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL 3435 S FISKE BLVD. Line and Couples Dancing MC and Instructor Curt Wiysel Teach 7:30 to 9:00 PM Requests 9:00 to 11:30 PM Phone 631-5759	<u>ROCKLEDGE</u> SPACE TRACKERS McLarty Rec. Center Barton Blvd. 7:30 - 8:00 Rounds 8:00 - 10:30 Plus Whit Brown, Caller Phyllis Williams, Cuer (1st & 3rd Sat) Guest Caller 2nd & 4th Information 452-2679 <u>SATELLITE BEACH</u> ALLEMANDERS Satellite Beach Civic Center 8:00 - 10:30 Plus 1,2 & 3rd Saturdays John Saunders, Caller Vince Furtado, Cuer Information 676-5741 <u>MELBOURNE</u> SATURDAY NITE LIVE Special as set up by callers/cuers Call for Information 722-1664 See page 3 Last Saturday of the month is SWING NIGHT 7:00 to -

ay at 7:00 PM.

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Before heading back for more dancing, **take a ride around the harbor via water taxi**. Your "Letter of Marque" entitles you to get on and off to visit various attractions. One you won't want to miss is **Fells Point**, the original colonial port for the city. It's mixture of people, shops, restaurants and old homes is too good to miss.

Sounds nice doesn't it? That's just the beginning. We've planned special ceremonies, great dancing and tours galore.

You can be part of the excitement, but **YOU HAVE TO REGISTER. DO IT TODAY** so you're not left on the dock when we set sail **June 21- 24, 2000**.

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SQUARE DANCE

CLUBS

**FAMILY PICNIC
Sunday, March 19, 2000**

1:00 PM

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Bring a dish to pass**

PHYLLIS WILLIAMS



Looking back on December makes me appreciate and feel very thankful for my many round dancer and square dancer friends, for my K.O. and our beloved family, for my church family, for my neighbors up and down the street as well as out back, and also for Otis and Linda who have taken me into their Barn family and the activities of teaching/cueing/dancing on that superb parquet floor.

Yes, I am most thankful; and as I write this I look forward to the Y2K party on New Year's Eve with Mack McCall and his lovely wife Phyllis. I wish everyone a momentous and marvelous year 2000. I look forward to happy dancing with all of

you as the millennium rolls around.

Phyllis

Phyllis was our cuer at THE BARN for our Toys for Tots Dance. It was the first time I had seen K.O. out with her in quite awhile and we were glad he was able to come. Phyllis was the only cuer that came to this special dance and gave her time for this worthy cause. We thank her very much.

For the Toys for Tots Dance we had three callers – Dale McClary and his wife Carolyn, Jerry Reed and his wife Del, and Otis Lutz and his wife Linda.

Linda made a beautiful afghan for the raffle. We had many software packages and a great pair of binoculars as prizes to raise money for the Salvation Army. We had a few dancers who really contributed to the cause. I say few as we only had three squares who came to the fund raiser. There were a few dancers who knew they could not come for the dance and they did bring the toys and placed them under the Christmas Tree. Overall the turnout was terrible. I do not know how to improve on this special dance. This will be the last year that I will have the Toys for Tots Dance. It will be far cheaper, and raise more for the Salvation Army, if Linda and I simply make a donation. We do thank those who did come out for the dance.

BANNER RAID CONTACTS

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**JIM AND JANE
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Happy New Year to everyone! If you missed the great New Year's Eve dance here at the Barn you missed a fun evening. The dinner and dancing were great. Mac McCall was great on calling and Phyllis Williams was wonderful as always.

Thank you to all the wonderful people who helped make the evening so festive and memora-

ble. It was also so nice to see so many of our winter friends and friends from other clubs there.

We also had a great time at our Christmas Dinner/Dance on December 13. A big thank you to Phyllis Alcorn and her committee for making it such a fun and successful evening. Thanks also to the great cooks who brought wonderful covered dishes.

We didn't have any Raids or Retrievals for December since there were so many activities planned, but those should be picking up soon with our new Banner Chairperson, Candice Klein. A big thank you to Charlie Taylor for a wonderful two years. You did an outstanding job.

January Birthdays

Jan 4	Lou Darras
Jan 7	Sue Johnson
Jan 13	Conway Huie
Jan 13	John Smead
Jan 15	Ken Fuller

January Anniversaries

Jan 8	D. J. Mitchell
Jan 10	Steve and Neljane Rizzuto

See you in a square,

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WORD STUDY OF THE WORD

A MAN CALLED VERNON

As we enter the new millennium I had decided to revisit the topic of evolution again. However, my wife's father died right after Thanksgiving and I am now moved to write an article on his life and our hope. This was a good man whom I would have loved to present his eulogy and its wonderful message that is so needed in our present world.

Vernon Archer was born in 1915. He moved to Pleasant Grove, a small town in North West Florida near Pensacola. The house in which he was raised still stands just outside of the Pensacola Naval Air Station at which he worked all his life. He was known and respected as an honest and fair man. He was a deacon in the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. He was the father to two daughters and two sons.

Vernon's last words on this earth were "I am OK". He was ready to depart this world and enter into God's Kingdom. He was a God fearing man who constantly lived his life that he would be an example to others. He never spoke ill of another person and he did not listen to stories about others. He was content to let God use him to witness to others. He did so by the living of Godly principles and not through words. "I am OK".

Vernon was a fisherman. He taught his sons to fish and to throw a cast net. He also taught my son, Kenny, to use a cast net. Using a cast net is an art that must be practiced constantly if you desire to catch fish. One really important thing about cast net fishing is that it requires stealth. A noisy, boisterous person will never catch fish. Even the shadow you cast has a direct bearing on catching fish. When you throw a cast net you must throw it so that it unfurls into a perfect circle. The cast must also be a level cast so that the net strikes the water all at the same time. If one part strikes before the other, the fish will rush to the part that has not yet hit the water and they will escape the net. A life that is used to "be fishers of men" must also be a like the net.

A noisy person will not catch fish. The fish will hear him and flee. We all know people that are loud and tell a good story. They will always tell you what you should do but their lives are like a boisterous person using a cast net. They will not be able to catch fish. Vernon was a very quiet person that could approach the fish. His life was such that his life did not cast a shadow that would scare the "fish" away. Our lives can reflect the light or it can cast a shadow. Telling everyone you meet how righteous you are will certainly cast a shadow that will result in your net being empty. I used to watch

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Vernon fish with a cast net. He was ever so quite. He would make sure the sun was in his face so he did not cast a shadow and would bend over his 6 foot frame to make as little for the fish to see as possible. Ever so slowly he would approach the fish. His movements reminded me of a heron approaching its target. Vernon would then unfurl a near perfect circle as the net would spread out on the water. All weights of the net hitting together so that the net would sink together to ensnare the maximum number of fish. It was like watching a ballet with all aspects of the cast being in perfect harmony.

The retrieval of the net was no less important than the approach and cast of the net. No haste was used here. A steady and slow pull on the rope would be used to retrieve the net. The long rope would be coiled across his shoulder and ever so gently his hand would finally be placed on the center of the net and the net be retrieved. As the net was finally brought up out of the water the fish would be placed in is creel. Vernon was a real expert at fishing. He also taught others how to fish. My son, Kenny, was taught to cast net as were Vernon's two sons, Maruice and Ellis. His life was a good life and we are all certain that God said to him, "Well done my good and faithful servant, enter ye into the Kingdom of Heaven. You have been faithful over a few things and I will make you master over many."

Vernon had suffered for over 10 years with leukemia. He never complained through the many blood transfusions and the chemotherapy that he underwent for those many years. His wife, Lucille, suffered a major stroke over two years ago and Vernon dedicated his life to caring for her every need during the last years of his life. Lucille could not talk and Vernon got really good at understanding what she was trying to tell him. This in itself was a wonderful testimony to Vernon's life as a servant to others.

Vernon's life was a full and exciting life. He raised four children and was a grandfather 9 times. He and Lucille traveled extensively after Vernon retired from working at the Pensacola Naval Air Station in Pensacola.

Linda and I will miss Vernon. He will be sorely missed by his children living in Pensacola and his loss will be especially acute to his wife of 65 years.

In the world in which we live it is wonderful to know there are lives still being lived where God is glorified and a witness for His teachings is so wonderfully exemplified. Those who knew Vernon are fortunate to have know such a man of God.

We will miss you Vernon and know someday that we will all be united again in God's Kingdom.

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Please help us keep this information correct. When you change officers, or have a change for the summer, please call us with the information. We will gladly make the changes.

BAREFOOT BAY SPINNERS

Today has been a very good day – we had our meeting and then our dancing. We had seven squares. More snowbirds returned.

Nov. 8th is the Twirlers & Spinners Welcome Home dance. Nov. 11th we will be dancing in Building D&E from 12 – 3 because of the holiday.

Our Christmas party is Dec. 16th. This is the only time we will be dancing in the month of Dec. Dec. 5th is our annual Toys for Tots Dance. Admission is an unwrapped toy for children from toddler to teenager.

Our Halloween Party had lots of costumes. Yours truly won a prize for the funniest costume. I was a scuba diver – fins and all.

Our new officers:

Pres. Roy Korebreath
VP. Hardi & Bobbi Bollinger
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Sec. Emily Bedell

Have a nice Holiday – Spinners Sec. - Emily M. Bedall

The following New Dancers Bill of Rights was developed by the CALLERLAB Education Committee and adopted by the general membership at the 1988 CALLERLAB Convention in Reno.

NEW DANCERS BILL OF RIGHTS

A new square dancer has the right:

1. To a class experience that is both educationally and socially enjoyable.
2. To patient and dignified treatment by the class instructor(s) and sponsors.
3. To gain experience dancing to other callers and, if possible, with dancers from other classes, prior to graduation.
4. To receive advice and assistance in acquiring appropriate clothing for square dancing.
5. To instruction and practice using the approved definitions, timing and styling for each listed call. (Basic, Mainstream, Etc.)
6. To information about the history and heritage of our present square dance program.

As stated above, this "Bill of Rights" was approved by our entire membership. We encourage ALL callers and square dancers alike to help put the FUN and FRIENDLINESS back into Square Dancing!

Happy Dancing! Keep 'em smiling! Remember, Friendship is Square Dancing's Greatest Reward.

Bill's and Otis's Most Excellent Adventure

There were MANY that said Bill and I would only last two days.

We were at the summit of Springer Mountain and we could look a long ways down. This was our second day. The wind on the mountain was something else. It was as if old man winter was walking to and fro hurling gusts with first his left hand, then right and thnn both hands. The tent would shake and you were sure if you were not in it, it would certainly blow off the mountain. Then there would be a quiet period and the sequence would start all over again. The amazing thing to me was the regularity of the pattern to the wind. I am sure you could set your watch by it.

The first shelter was only 2 tenths of a mile away and Bill and I decided to go there for breakfast as there was water nearby and there was a table to sit at while we ate. It would be the first (and last) place we had to sit since we started our journey. We got up on our second day and had oatmeal and coffee for breakfast. It was the best oatmeal and coffee either of us has ever had. I was the cook on the trip. Bill carried the "stove" and water purifier system. We met another hiker there who was finishing his hike. He said the shelter was full of mice (which is why Bill and I stayed on Springer mountain). They would crawl all over you while you tried to sleep. We had a nice chat with Jim and he told us our backpacks were way to heavy. They should not be over 25 pounds and ours were over 50! We had bug spray that we didn't need (to cold for bugs) and lots of trail mix (very heavy). Both of these items were soon out of our packs and on the shelter floor. We did get Jim to take some. Our food sack alone (each or them) weighed more than Jim's total backpack weighed! We had way too much stuff. When I go again I will have a 25 pound backpack.



Looking at the mountains from the top of Springer Mountain. Beautiful!

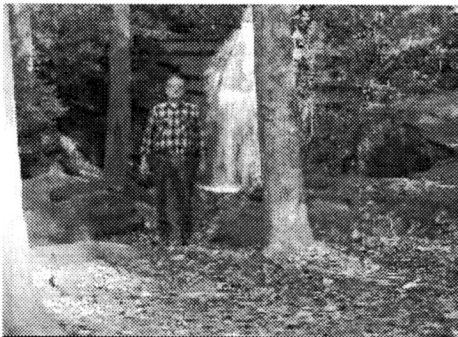
Well, off we went down the mountain. I am not sure which is harder, going down or up. I guess up as we were soon out of breath. Going down was really hard on the legs and toes. We had good shoes and two pair of socks on but the toes would still take a beating going down the trail. I still have one that is black! We went down and up. I was in the lead and Bill said, "Otis, I've been thinking, Where is the car?" I thought "Bill

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is going to tell me a joke". So I said, "I don't know, you tell me". Bill said "no, how did we get here"? I said "your son brought us. You remember the 'road' we came up don't you?" Well he said he didn't and I became a lot worried! So I told Bill exactly how we got where we were and where his van was. This is only our third day on the trail and I am really worried about Bill. We met a lot of day hikers on the trail around Springer Mountain and Bill and I were the oldest folks out there. We were also the ones in the worst shape to be doing what we were doing. We kept forging ahead and Bill asked me what year it was. I am plenty worried now and glad that I have the cell phone along. I was sure hoping that it would work in these mountains.

Along about 3:30 we came to a blue trail. A blue trail takes you to a shelter or water or to a neat camping area. This trail went down the mountain to a waterfall. It was absolutely beautiful. I went down to see how far it was off the trail and then went back up and got Bill. The falls were about 2 tenth of a mile off the AT.



Otis at the waterfall on the Appellation Trail.

We set up camp and had a great meal and some delicious coffee. I can not imagine that a meal will ever taste that good again. Bill and I said we had beat the expectations that others had for us. This was our third night on the trail. I was very worried about Bill and decided that

if he was not OK in the morning we were going to get picked up – if my cell phone would work. I was able to call Linda and tell her what we were doing, where we were and had her call Pat. I also left messages at Bill's son, Russ', house so he would know where we were and where we planned to be the next day.

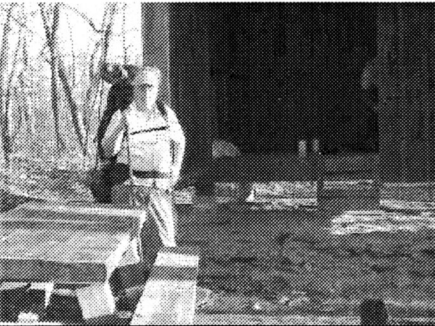
As Bill and I walked we could not help but notice how clean the trail was. Not a wrapper or any trace that hikers had traveled the trail. As we camped and fixed our meals we even took the grounds from the coffee

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bags with us. As we crossed the US Forestry Roads, we would see all the beer bottles and trash left by people who came in their autos to camp or ride their dirt bikes. We remarked to each other that they had a easy way to get their trash out and chose not to, while we had to carry every item on our backs. Made us wonder what people think about.

We hiked on to Cooper's Gap and set up camp on the 4th night. It was a beautiful day as our whole trip was really blessed with perfect weather. We could not imagine trying this in the summer as we were hot climbing the mountains in the cool of the fall. Trying to do this when the temperatures are in the 90's would have not been enjoyable at all. We were blessed with cool weather and the trip was really great. The climbs were a lot steeper than we could have imagined and going down the mountains was as hard as going up. We were a lot more out of shape than we thought and the going was very slow. We both think we quit a little early and should have just rested a day or two. We had way too many supplies and way too much excess clothes and supplies with us. When we go again we will carry half of what we carried on our first trip.



Bill Ludwick at the shelter near Springer Mountain.

What did we learn or gain from the trip? We learned that we don't need TV or radios. We learned that a bowl of oatmeal is a wonderful feast. We saw what a beautiful world God has given us and what a really unbelievable sight the night sky is when the sky is black and you can see the limitless number of stars (which are really galaxies) that you can see. We experienced quiet. No automobiles

or planes to enter the quiet of the forest. We learned that people can occupy the earth without polluting it with trash. We met people that were friendly. We met hikers that were finishing their hiking of the AT and told us what a wonderful view of life they now had. Bill and I came back better friends than when we left, and we had already known each other for 30 years.

Bill and I want to do this again.