

# Florida Federation Of Square Dancers

## Agenda

Sunday May 27, 2001

State Convention Center, Hollingsworth Room

9:00 AM

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Invocation

Nan Habersberger

4. Roll Call

George & Shirley Knapp

5. Welcome to Guest

6. Minutes of February 2001 Meeting

George & Shirley Knapp

7. Treasurer's Report

Fred & Shirley Cornett

8. Correspondence: None

9. Presidents Time

10. Association Reports:

Northeast  
West Coast  
Central  
Northwest  
Southeast

Howard & Jettie Crowe  
Don & Ann Slocum  
Jim & Jan McConnaha  
Tony & Patti Gee  
Ray & Elsa Huddleston

11. Publication Reports

Grapevine  
West Coast Dancer  
Keepin' Posted  
Panhandle Press  
4 W's  
Bow & Swing

Charlie & Val Newsome  
Ed & Ginnie Henning  
Tom & Eivor Brown  
Gary Ping  
Garland & Carole McKenzie  
Bill Boyd

**Break**

**12. State Convention Reports**

**2001 Southeast  
2002 Northwest  
2003 West Coast  
2004 Central  
2005 Northeast**

**Fred & Carolyn Chatos  
Fred & Shirley Cornett  
Ken & Sue Brown  
Bruce & Colleen Morgan  
?????????**

**13. NEC National Report**

**Worley Carrier**

**14. Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame**

**Mary Butlak**

**15. Legacy Report**

**Cliff Allen**

**16. U. S. D. A.**

**Marie McClain**

**17. History Report**

**Jack Taylor**

**18. ASCAP**

**Dave Nihart**

**19 U. S. D. A. Insurance Report**

**Duke McCleskey**

**20. Old Business  
Official documents**

**21. New Business**

**Entertain a motion to adjourn**



MINUTES OF THE FLORIDA FEDERATION  
OF SQUARE & ROUND DANCERS  
MAY 27, 2001  
LAKELAND, FLORIDA

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Dee Dee Stovall. Guests were introduced: From the Northeast, Bud & Edith Taylor; from the West Coast, Joyce & Emory Johnson and Delores & Alvin Mahon; from the Northwest, Ron & Cupie Knowlton.

We had a moment of silent prayer in memory of Frank Trott from the Southeast Association.

The president addressed the issue of a green card caller in the Northeast Association who is a delegate to the Federation. He stated that he will look into the matter.

The president presented a plaque and a dozen roses to Frank & Nan Habersberger who are moving to Colorado. They were recognized for their many years of service to the Federation and to the square dance activity in Florida. A plaque was also presented to Chet Vetter who has submitted his resignation to the Federation. Chet has been a great supporter of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers. His activities for the organization are too numerous to mention, the latest of which is as manager of the Square Dance Hall of Fame at Strawberry Squares. Both Chet and the Habersbergers will be missed in the state.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS: See separate file "Association Reports."

PUBLICATION REPORTS: See separate file "Publications Reports."

STATE CONVENTION REPORTS: See separate file "Convention Reports."

If you have not been doing so, the President suggested that you read the editorials by Bill Boyd in the Bow and Swing. Bill has some good ideas for us and writes an inspirational article.

Worley Carrier reported that as of the end of April over 11,000 people were registered for the National Square Dance Convention in Anaheim next month. Worley would like to see a large Florida delegation there.

HALL OF FAME: A standing ovation was given to the Herberts and Taylors on their award. Mary added her appreciation to Chet Vetter by reading a write-up for Chet & Julia Vetter from May, 1987.

CHET & JULIA VETTER

The Vettors have been "trouble shooters" for the square dance movement in Florida for many years. In 1966 they were on a committee to help keep Bow & Swing going. A few years later Chet was appointed by the Federation to help solve some problems in the West Coast Association. It was solved and they are still using his plan. In 1972 he was



instrumental in healing a rift between some dancers and callers by establishing a Coordinating committee and thus helped to keep the State Convention intact. He also developed a program to smoothly bring the Northwest Square and Round Dance Association into the Federation activities.

Among Vetter's other credits are: serving as President of the Northeast Association; Chairman of the Federation; Delegate to LEGACY, serving on the Board of Directors and programming their panels at the National Convention from 1982 through 1987; taking the first Florida Showcase to Louisville in 1970 to promote Florida dancing; served as moderator and panelist in many of the 17 Nationals they attended and wrote numerous articles and a couple of chapters of the LEGACY Leadership Manual; co-creator of the Florida Square & Round Dance HALL of FAME and co-originator of the "Circle of Service

Chet & Julia are hard-working square dancers who give freely of themselves without thought of reward. Chet's philosophy is "I'm only giving back a small part of what I have received from square dancing".

LEGACY: No report.

U.S.D.A. REPORT: See separate file, "Committee Reports".

HISTORIAN REPORT: Jack thanked the delegates for cards, prayers and good thoughts during his surgery. It worked!! He is here!! See separate file "Committee Reports".

ASCAP REPORT: See separate file, "Committee Reports".

U.S.D.A. INSURANCE REPORT: Report is in separate file "Committee Reports."

TREASURER'S REPORT: Since the treasurer was heading up the 2002 Convention Kick-Off practice, his report was delayed until this time. Report is included in "Association Reports" file.

GUEST SPEAKER: Tom Perry spoke to the Federation about the Florida Dance Web. We've had a bad year in the state this year with people passing away, having heart attacks and such. We have a newsletter on the web site called **fdwflash**. If you want to sign up for it just click on it, it sends me an e-mail that says "put me on the list." So that if anyone in your area has a problem, I put it in the newsletter and it goes out to you. I've had a lot of good comments on this feature at this convention, so I know it is of value to dancers.

The Florida Dance Web now has a sister site called **squaredancing.org** for new dancers. The idea is to get the word out, and to provide a place for those dancers who are in class or have just finished class to go to get help in different things. The first page concerns what square dancing is about, there is a page about CALLERLAB, and a page about ethics and a page with links where you can obtain videos, and just about anything you might need to know if you are a new dancer. Check it out, there are some important pages.



In order to guide people to that page, we have made available through that domain free e-mails to anyone who wants one. Here is what happens: every time you send an e-mail out, there is a little message at the bottom that states "learn about square dancing at [squaredancing.org](http://squaredancing.org)" and that is a link. Whoever clicks on that it will take them to this web site and they then will be exposed to all that information. We welcome you to check this out.

COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Murl expressed his and Sally's appreciation for the award they received last night. He also stated that the West Coast is very devious in keeping this a secret. Murl also thanked the delegates for the many cards, e-mails, and prayers he received during his illness. They really helped. See his report in a separate file, "Committee Reports."

OLD BUSINESS: Document Changes. In Murl's absence in February, the Federation delegates approved the revised Federation documents with the knowledge that Murl would be coming in with some recommendations for clarification. He presented those recommended changes as follows.

Articles of Incorporation:

1. Article V., 6th paragraph "Each person appointed as Federation delegate will have one vote. (clarified as one vote for husband and one vote for wife. A single would have one vote). Permanent delegates would have one vote per couple or 1/2 vote per person.

remove the ( ) wording. change the last sentence to read "Permanent delegates would have 1/2 vote per person."

The revised Articles of Inc. need to be filed with the Dept. of State. There may be a special form for this. Fee will be charged. The last published fee was \$35.00.

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By-Laws:

In the following places we have used the term "voting delegates". The word voting can be removed as it has no meaning.

Article IV, Sec. 1, remove the word "voting"

Will now read "they will serve as the regular delegates"

Article IV, Sec. 2, 2nd line, "voting delegates", remove the word voting.

will now read "All Past Presidents of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers shall become permanent delegates, etc."

Article V, Voting, change Sec. 1, 2, and 3, to clarify and simplify without any change in meaning.

Section 1, Regular delegates will have one vote per person.

Section 2, Permanent delegates will have 1/2 vote per person.

Section 3, remove and change last two sentences. now reads--They will have two votes (clarified as one vote for each person). A single delegate would have one vote.

change to read--They will have one vote per person.

Murl made a motion we accept the changes to the Articles of Incorporation. Don Slocum seconded. Motion passed.

Fred Chatos seconded Murl's motion that changes to the By-laws be accepted. Motion passed.

Changes to the Constitution. Since we cannot approve changes to the Constitution without a 30 day notice, we will vote on this change in November.

Constitution:

Article X, Section 1, Dissolution—re-word to be more consistent with the Articles of Inc. and to simplify.

- a. To any recognized not-for-profit organization in any proportion deemed advisable.
- b. In no event shall the assets be distributed to any officer, delegate, or employee of the Corporation.

Original (a), removed, (b), the word charitable was removed and changed to (a), (c)is now (b), no change.

The President stated, "You have been notified today and these changes to the constitution will be voted on at the next meeting."



## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. All documents be stored on a floppy disc or CD and kept with the records of the Corporation with the Secretary.

2. All future suggested changes to the documents be submitted to a committee to review for correctness and compatibility before they come before the Board of Delegates.

This committee could be added to the list of Standing Committees.

This would:

1. Avoid some of the misplacement of items in the documents.
2. Correct and simplify wording to be consistent with the balance of the documents.
3. Review suggested changes as they may conflict with non-profit corporation statutes or other parts of the documents.

Murl made a motion that his recommendations be accepted. Item 2 of his recommendations would be added to the Standing Rules as Section XIV as an additional Standing Committee known as the Document Review Committee. Don Slocum seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Murl also received some suggested changes to the By-Laws from Frank Habersberger. He reviewed Frank's suggested changes and offered his comments which follow. It is up to the delegates to review and decide how they want to handle these changes.

## FRANK HABERSBERGER'S RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO BY-LAWS

Changes to Article VI, Election (current wording-regular type, Frank's suggested changes-**Bold type**, Murl's comments-CAPS)

Article VI, Section 1, The Board of Delegates shall choose from among themselves a governing body of officers, that shall be known as the Executive Board. delete this section. THIS SECTION SIMPLY MEANS THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL BE SELECTED FROM THE DELEGATES. NOT SURE HOW THIS WILL IMPACT THE FEDERATION IF DELETED. ALSO IF DELETED THE ARTICLES OF INC. MUST BE CHANGED AS THIS IS FILED WITH THE STATE AND HAS THE SAME WORDING, ARTICLE 5, SEC. 3.

**(proposed Article VI, Sec. 1, The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee prior to the Annual Meeting. The Committee shall present a slate of Officers at the Annual Meeting. The Nominee for Parliamentarian (presented by the Nominating Committee) must be approved by the Executive Board of the Nominee's respective Association, and such approval must be in writing. THE ABOVE IS THE SAME AS THE CURRENT ARTICLE VI, SEC. 2., THE FOLLOWING IS NEW**

**In the event that the designated Association submits two Candidates, it must provide the Chairman of the Nominating Committee with the names, Resume's and any additional**



**evidence of Service to their Association and to the Federation Based on its review of the resume's of each Candidate, the Nominating Committee shall select the one it has deemed best qualified for the position of Parliamentarian.** THIS PUTS INTO WRITING A PROCEDURE FOR THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WHEN MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE IS BEING CONSIDERED.

**proposed Article VI, Sec. 2 (previously Sec. 3)**

**At the Annual Meeting each year, the first item of Old Business shall be the Report of the Nominating Committee, which shall list the Nominees from each of the five Member Associations for the positions of: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian.** THIS PROPOSAL REMOVES "AND AFTER WHICH THERE WILL BE A CALL FOR NOMINATION FROM THE FLOOR FOR EACH OFFICE," ETC., THIS CHANGE WOULD APPEAR TO REMOVE THE ELECTION PROCESS AND MAKE THE POSITIONS APPOINTIVE.

**proposed Sec. 4 becomes Sec. 3**

**Section 3, The President will cause an election to be held for each office and the candidate receiving the majority of votes for the office will be elected.**

AS THE NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR HAVE BEEN REMOVED ABOVE THERE IN EFFECT WOULD BE NO ELECTION. WE COULD REMOVE OR REWORD THIS SECTION TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS, WHICH IS THE OLD SECTION 5.

Frank asked that when we do vote on changes that the Constitutional voting process be used. That is, a vote be taken of the delegates who have one vote per person. A separate vote should be taken of the permanent delegates who have 1/2 vote per person.

Joe Vaccari spoke to the delegation concerning the basic right of this organization to elect its officers. So, if we are going to do it by association, we are taking away the right of a delegate from another association to determine who will be the officers. If an association puts someone up for office and you choose, as a group, not to have that person, you have a right not to let them get on the board.

The president asked that we hold all discussion on the changes until the delegates get a copy of the proposal and reads and studies the recommendations so everyone will fully understand.

Don Slocum addressed the fact that Robert's Rules of Order states a president who starts a meeting should finish a meeting. President should not step down in the middle of a meeting.

Pee Wee Stewart spoke on the Northeast delegate situation. He stated that a green badge caller being a delegate is in violation of our constitution or by-laws. Murl stated that we should address what a caller or cuer is and put it in our documents.



Donna Hendricks took the mike and asked who and what are we discussing? The president explained that the delegate in question is Jack Herpy who is not a caller, but rather is in training. He does singing calls at charity events. He receives no money. The Caller's Association does not recognize him as a caller.

Fred Chatos stated that if associations check closely and be clear on their delegates before selecting them there should be no problems.

Carole McKinzie thanked Ken & Sue Brown #2 for putting up the Federation showcase. She and Garland were delayed getting to the Convention and asked for assistance from the Browns. All the Showcases look terrific.

NEW BUSINESS: The president announced appointment of the nominating committee: Chairman Howard & Jettie Crowe, from the Central Association Dewey & Donna Hendricks, and from the Southeast Association Fred & Carolyn Chatos.

The president stated he will form a committee to address changes to documents concerning definition of a caller.

Don Slocum made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Fred Chatos. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

George & Shirley Knapp  
Secretary



# WEST COAST SQUARE & ROUND DANCER'S ASSOCIATION

May 27, 2001

Our Red White & Blue dance, held in conjunction with the Federation's working week end, was very successful. Plans are complete for next year's dance and flyers are available.

We held our final membership dances in Sun City Center and Sebring. Both were well attended by dancers and well staffed by the Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association. Our vice-presidents have set up dances for next year. Our Fall Fun Fest dance committee has most everything lined up and the Red, White & Blue dance is set and we hope that everyone will take some flyers back to their areas for us.

Summer is here and the Snowbirds have flown the coop. Unfortunately that means many of our dances have closed for the season. We encourage all dancers still here to support the clubs still dancing even if it means a little more travel. Also this is a good time to visit distant clubs as we do our summer traveling. We attended the NorthWest Association dance in Tallahassee on May 5. It was a great dance. Many people missed this opportunity for fun & fellowship, as the attendance was low. Thank You, Tony & Pattie, for a fun time. We hope to promote dancing between the associations, as we talk up what a good time we are having seeing other parts of Fl. and attending good dances.

Our current membership is 976, down some from last year but we're contacting people who have not renewed. In March we sent out 383 reminder letters and the result was 231 renewals. We've had 5 classes of new dancers graduate and hope that these new dancers will join. The clubs and callers are very accommodating to the new dancers to try to keep them coming back.

Our 2003 Convention committee is getting very busy as Ken & Sue Brown will report later. We owe much to Ken & Sue as they have taken care of the Showcase of Ideas, here at this convention as well as at the National Convention.

We want to thank Fred & Carolyn Chatos and their committee for this Convention and are already looking forward to 2002 with the NorthWest and Fred & Shirley Cornett's crew. We know that we all need to help one another promote each other's convention and we feel that all officers should be given a supply of ribbons and registration forms to pass out to people they know are willing to promote the convention. Personally, we were asked by one of our county representatives (and a good worker for us) why he didn't get ribbons to sell, and we had to scrounge around to find more ribbons to sell ourselves.

On a sad note, we regrettably announce the passing of some dancers you may have known, Lou Vogel who had been very active with the West Coast Assoc. and the National Sq. Dance Campers, and Barbara Larsen who had been president of the Temple Twirlers.

Our nominating committee is having problems finding anyone willing to serve as an officer of our association for next year. We're well aware that this is not just our problem and it is not going to go away in the near future. Without an influx of new dancers it appears that this activity is going to have to do some scaling back to stay viable. We have been asking for any suggestions from anyone who may know of a way to draw in new blood.

We will see you in Jacksonville in November, if not before.

Respectfully Submitted, Don and Ann Slocum, Presidents



## Central Florida Square and Round Dancers' Association

May 27, 2001

Square Dancing in Central Florida, while it may not be taking off like the space shuttle, is not, I say not, crashing. The CFA membership has grown by 23% this year over last year. And as you know, we do not join by club, but each individual must pay their own dues. Classes are up and have some younger people in them. Clubs are holding their own and their attendance is up. To us, this indicates that we may have bottomed out and are now on the up cycle side.

Our Disaster Fund recently was called upon to assist a family of dancers whose home caught on fire. We were, along with members of their home club, able to give them enough money to allow them to get back into their home. This is what square dancing is all about - *Friendship Set To Music*.

Our Blood Bank Chairman, Will & Carol Barnhart, continue to monitor our blood bank supply for our members as needed. At the last report, we had 451 units available for their use.

Our last 5th Saturday Dance was held at the Groveland-Clermont Squares hall at Clerbrook Resort in Lake County and was quite a success, with over 20 squares attending. Our next dance will be held at the Whirl & Twirl Hall on June 30 with John Swindle calling and Phyllis Williams cueing. If you are not aware, Phyllis lost her husband, K.O., after a long illness. This will be one of her first appearances since her loss.

The Shamrock Swing for 2001 was held over the weekend of March 9 & 10, with better than 40 squares in attendance. For a first time weekend dance that we expected to lose money on, this was a huge success. We made money! Tim Marriner and Whit Brown called both plus and advance in two halls and Jimmy and Carol Griffin taught and cued all levels of rounds. We want to thank the other Area Associations for all of their help in publicizing and attending this event and making it such a success.

The Shamrock Swing for 2002 will be held on March 8 & 9 at St. John Vianny Catholic Church in Orlando, with Tony Oxendine & Whit Brown calling and Jimmy & Carol Griffin cueing. Good hotels and restaurants are nearby and we are looking forward to this great weekend with George & Shirley Knapp as Chairman.

Planning for and recruiting of committee people for the 2004 State Convention is proceeding on course. You will hear more on this from General Chairman Bruce & Colleen Morgan very shortly.

Jim & Jan McConnaha, CFA President



## North East Florida Square and Round Dance Association May 27, 2001

The North East dancers, callers, and cuers have been busy in the year 2001! There have been anniversary dances, plus graduations, not to mention three student dances to help our new students get more involved in our activity. They seemed to enjoy dancing with other clubs and new callers.

Several special charity dances were held, namely DREAMS COME TRUE, plus CITY RESCUE MISSION, SHRINERS CHILDREN FUND, and THE GEORGIA/FLORIDA BLOOD BANK DANCE. We here in the northeast have raised almost \$10,000 for these charities. The support for these benefits remain high. We wish *To Thank* the dancers, callers, and cuers, who donate their time and money to make these *good cause dances* successful. Our people in the northeast are a generous group plus a hard working, smiling, friendly bunch.

It is our privilege to announce that a chairman for the State Convention for the year 2005 from the northeast has been selected. Charlie and Val Newsome, PLEASE stand for a hearty round of applause! There are few that work so hard and do so much for square dancing, as this couple! We are proud to recognize you for your efforts and we know that you'll make the State Convention "one to remember." We salute you!!!

In our visits to all the clubs around the northeast we find our dancers active, smiling, and having fun. By-the-way, Jettie and I want to thank our board Phyllis and Jack Herpy, Martha and Joe Hardcastle, Linda and Lonnie Aldridge, June and Leroy Blalock, and Sherry and Manny Gonzales for all their cooperation and for the hundreds of miles they travel with us around the state! We encourage all to start and continue recruiting for new students for classes. Join us in more great efforts to retain those we have already taught. Retention of our current dancers must always be our goal! *What about giving* us ways and ideas you have tried and had success with, in *getting back* dancers that have dropped out. Start Today! The older we get, the more we realize-- after all is said and done, more is **said than done!**  
Respectfully Submitted, Howard and Jettie Crowe, Presidents

## Southeast Florida Square and Round Dance Association May 27, 2001

We have been concentrating these last three months on putting together a successful convention - but we did manage to squeeze in our monthly Southeast Association dances. Our March dance was in Stuart. Stuart is a little far for our Miami/Fort Lauderdale dancers to go so there was a light attendance.

We had a Sundae on Sunday dance in April. Normally we ask various clubs to provide refreshments for these monthly dances; however, this was the first time the Southeast association provided ice cream and toppings. We put out flyers in advance and the dance was well attended. We are also planning a pie dance in the future - with leftover pies being auctioned off.



We also did another first at our April dance. In order to try to increase attendance at our monthly dances we are selling raffle tickets for a crystal petticoat. The tickets are \$5 and the winner chooses the size and color of a 60 yard petticoat. The drawing will be held at our September dance. September is also our membership renewal dance.

As most of you know, we have a dance every month with a picnic in January. We also have board meetings almost every month alternating the location between West Palm Beach and Hollywood. It was decided at our April meeting that monthly board meetings are not necessary. Therefore, it was voted to amend the by-laws to hold board meetings on even months only and at a location easily accessible to board members from the north and south area. It is with sadness that we also expect to have to reduce the number of dances we have each year.

This is our last report at presidents of the Southeast Association - although we hope it is not the last Federation meeting we attend. These meetings have been a learning experience for us, but they have also been a lot of fun, and we have always looked forward to them. And now we will even more so since we don't have to prepare a report!  
Respectfully submitted, Ray & Elsa Huddleston, SEA President

## **Northwest Florida Square and Round Dance Association**

### **May 27, 2001**

Good morning. I did actually suggest to Patti that she might like to give this report, but she wanted to go back to sleep because Fred & Shirley Cornett had us up at 7:00 this morning practicing the kick-off.

I realize that when Ray Huddleston said it was his last report to the Federation that it is also our last one, since it is only about half way through our year. Patti and I were talking about our year and said that, really, your first year is just a learning curve; everything is new and perhaps we may want to come back later and make use of the knowledge, but this year we are just still learning about it. I feel it would be extremely useful if we had a "president's forum" or something like that to find out what other associations do about various issues.

Since the last report, we've had one meeting in Tallahassee. During this meeting we raised several issues that had only been touched on before, one of which was "freebies", a concession to officers and past presidents, etc. Because our association is shrinking, we are getting to a stage at a big dance where freebies are beginning to hurt our total income. We decided to at least discuss reducing the number of freebies given in our association.

The other item is insurance. Basically the problem seems to be that no one understands the program. Tom Hancock does an incredible job of sorting it all out for us. I find it very difficult to explain to folks when they call me. If we had not had a dance that evening, I feel we would have still been sitting there discussing this issue.

It was decided to form a small committee to look into these two issues. Joe Vaccari agreed to chair the committee to consider these items for the general revision of our by-laws and standing rules. The first meeting was held and we did resolve the issue of "freebies". I would be most interested to find out how other associations handle "freebies" at their dances. Basically we

are going to recommend that we eliminate freebies at our dances with one exception. The Couple of the Year will get free admission at our dances during their year. Insurance has not been resolved completely.

The meeting was followed by a dance, but it was not well attended for the same reason the meeting was not well attended: it was in Tallahassee. We will have our next dance on July 28. Attraction is that we have a band for the square dance. We hope we will see you there.

We had a big dance at Panama City this month which was well attended.

Fred & Shirley have really got the State Convention for next year well along and I'm sure you will all enjoy it, as well as the kick-off this evening. We got up at 7:00 this morning to rehearse it, so you had very well better enjoy it.

Thank you very much, Tony Gee



## **THE GRAPEVINE**

**May 27, 2001**

We continue to publish approximately 350 copies each issue on a subscription basis. The deadline for our next issue is June 10th for a July 1 delivery date. We invite your contributions to our publication at anytime.

Since the subscription rates do not pay for the printing, we look for ads to help offset the cost. We are always in the market for new ads, so if you have something to sell...think about us!

When we took the job a little over 7 years ago we did not set out to make money. Good thing! Our goal was to promote Square Dancing...not only in our Association, but wherever our publication was received throughout the State and Nation. To do that we try to provide our readers with up-to-date, informative and interesting reading. We continue to include special articles of human interest, along with articles on all areas of square dancing. Recently, we have been concentrating on new graduates and the State Convention. We feel very strongly about the value of both...we need new dancers, and we also see the need to educate dancers, callers and cuers about their State Convention.

It appears that all five Associations will now be helping one another publish their dances. We are currently exchanging ads for our Fall Festival with the Fall Fun Fest, the Roundup, the Shamrock Swing and one of Southeast's dances. We also list those dances, along with any other we hear about, in our Calendar of Events. Dances where all proceeds go to a charity are advertised free of charge. We ask the other Associations to keep the information coming to us.

We feel that ideas exchanged with other editors or publications can only benefit your publication and its readers and currently enjoy an excellent exchange program. The only problem we have incurred is getting something out of Roundalab for our round dancers.

From letters and comments we've received, we believe we have achieved our goals, and will continue to keep the PROMOTION OF SQUARE DANCING as our primary goal for as long as we are Editors.

We invite your comments and contributions to our publication at any time.  
Respectfully submitted, Charlie & Val Newsome

## **West Coast Dancer**

**May 27, 2001**

Good Morning. I want to thank West Coast Association President, Ann Slocum, for giving my report on the status of the West Coast Dancer Magazine at the last Federation meeting. At that time the Dancer was just starting an adventurous move from Sarasota to Plant City.

The timing was supposed to be that it would arrive in Plant City several weeks before the scheduled printing on May 10th for the June/July issue. Well, the buyers of the Sarasota property and the Title Company put in one obstacle after another and delayed the lending Bank Survey and appraisal until just days before the closing, which was now to be May 11.

So, we decided to vacate a week before the closing and on the very day of moving the computer and household goods we discover the house had been broken into. And then at that very time the surveyors came. A call from the Real Estate Agent informed us that the Bank Appraisers had broken and entered through a window while we were on our way in a van to Plant



City. We said we were relieved that they were friendly intruders.

So, the Dancer was published partly in Sarasota and partly in Plant City and it hopes you cannot tell the difference. By the way, if any of you have an item you'd like to have printed in the Dancer, our new address and phone number is listed in the current issue. The email address remains the same.

Respectfully Submitted, Ed Henning

## **Keepin' Posted**

**May 2, 2001**

Thank you to Jim McConnaha for presenting our report at the last meeting for us.

Our publication continues to have a circulation of about 400 copies per issue with a norm of 44 pages. We have added some features like recipes, items of human interest, and we have picked up some items from other publications.

In the Club News section we have replaced the mastheads with club banners where we have been able to obtain them. Some things must have gone right for we have picked up input from four additional clubs.

We are currently in the process of changing the software.

Thank you every so much for the opportunity, and Happy Birthday, Eivor.

Tom Brown, Editor

## **PANHANDLE PRESS**

**May 27, 2001**

Shirley Cornett reporting. As most of you know, Gary Ping, our editor, is the "hauler" for Patti Ping, our caller. She depends on him a lot so he is in the Caller's meeting with her. Fred and I help Gary with our publication by doing the easy work of duplicating the issues. We just want to go on record as saying that we appreciate all the hard work that Gary does. We are now printing about 400 copies of the Panhandle Press. This past issue Gary did a wonderful job of gathering articles from other publications to inform the dancers of what is going on on a National basis. If you have anything you want included from your Association, just contact Gary and he will be happy to include it.

**4W's**

**May 27, 2001**

Our last put together was held on May 17 in Boynton Beach. It was hosted by the Castoffs. We thank Frank Bedell and the Castoffs for allowing us to use their facilities after a club that was to host this put together had to disband due to lack of participation. There were 67 dancers in attendance at this last put together. We continue to have a lack of paid advertisements due to many of our clubs closing for the summer.



ads (space permitting). Our next deadlines are July 13 for Sept., Oct. & Nov. issue and October 19 for the Dec., Jan. & Feb. issue.  
Submitted by, Garland & Carole McKenzie Editors

## **Bow and Swing**

### **May 27, 2001**

This report is oriented to the magazine and to the dance world. We work hard to make sure that Bow & Swing is mailed monthly by the 25th of each month for delivery to you by the first of each month. I mention this because several people have mentioned that your magazine has not been delivered until the middle of the month. This should not happen. Please report this to the post office.

The heart and soul of the magazine is the where to dance section listed in the back of the book. This directory is priced at \$15.00 per club per year with substantial discounts for clubs that dance more than once a week. The fee assures that if the club is not dancing - its listing will be discontinued. The fee is kept at a reasonable rate so approximately two visiting couples per year will pay for the listing. We at Bow & Swing strive to make this the most accurate and complete dance listing available for the entire state of Florida.

Do you want to register for a convention? Most conventions are listed along with applications or information about where to get the application.

Do you want information about state or local associations? Toward the front of each Bow & Swing there is a listing of state and regional associations with contact telephone numbers.

Do you want to know what other clubs are doing? Look at the newsletters in the magazine. This gives us ideas for events to be held at our clubs and in case you missed a dance you can find out what happened. Another reason for newsletters. In case your club is not listed in the Where To Dance section dancers can at least see your name.

Photographs, newsletters, editorials, and so much more, all help promote square and round dancing not only in Florida but across the nation.

Bow & Swing is a subscription magazine. It is also sent to several chambers of commerce, national square dance resorts and to clubs throughout the state. We also send magazines to clubs for graduating classes so you can put them in your new dancers' goody bag.

We request that you patronize our advertisers. And we request that you bring new dancers into our activity we call dancing.

William Boyd, Editor



# **47th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention**

## **May 27, 2001**

As of Wednesday night May 23, 2001, we are ready to go.

Ribbon sales are very slow. We have sold approx. 750 advance ribbons. This is about 250 less than needed to show a profit.

On Friday May 18, 2001, I had final walk thru with Brenda of the convention center staff. She gave verbal permission to enter the arena area on Thursday afternoon to mark the vendor area.

We have a full lineup of vendors. We had to go out of state to get a record vendor, but Perry's was willing to give us a try. One of the problems is that we are close to the National convention dates and some vendors are gearing up for the National.

The decorations committee is waiting to do their thing. As you can see the dance halls are alt fully decorated and look very nice. The Fashion Show is ready for presentation. It looks like it will be a big hit also.

The planning of the convention was the easy part. Carrying out the plan is the hard part. Some of my ideas were well accepted and some of them were not. I had a couple of sub-chairmen who did not do their part for whatever reason but we were able to do the job. We have had our problems and I am letting you find them to see if they are visible. I don't believe you will see what went wrong if there is anything.

The verdict is out on the additional round dance hall. I will have to wait until the convention is over and I can discuss it with the Round Dance Council to determine if it was worth the extra work. The same is true of the Clogging hall.

Additions will be added to the report with more current observations and comments.

Fred and Carolyn Chatos  
General Chairman  
47th State Square and Round Dance Convention

### ***Fred's Additional Comments***

## **2001 Convention Report**

The dancers came through. We had 750 advance registrations on May 5. As of close last night the paid attendance was 1182. I will tell you that I was worried.

The planned things happened pretty much as I wanted. Some problems, but nothing we could not live with.

The hall assignments had to be changed but with the Phase 2/3 Rounds we did not know what size hall we needed. The new Round Dance hall was well received. I received many compliments on it.

I would make other recommendations on hall usage. There were a couple of halls with very low attendance.

I feel the program last night and on Friday went very well. Tonight's program will be much shorter but just as moving, I know.



The vendors were pleased with the convention. I saw many people shopping so I guess the women liked it.

I will have a formal report to present after we wrap this all up. Now we have to accumulate and pay the bills and see exactly where we are.

Fred and Carolyn Chatos  
47th Fl. State Sq. and Rnd. Dance Conv.

## **2002 STATE SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION REPORT**

May 27, 2001

Tonight is the night! Our final practice is history.

We sold some ribbons last night and will continue selling this evening. Please buy yours NOW and encourage all your fellow dancers to do the same. No financial risk to you - we offer a "money back guarantee."

In reviewing the publicity plan for 2002 we have picked up a couple of somewhat negative comments regarding the Convention. The first is that some folks do not seem to be aware that we have really great callers working at the Convention. Not only do we have really good regional callers, but we also have good national and international callers. This information needs to be disseminated statewide to counter the belief that the State Convention does not have good callers.

The second negative comment is that club officers and callers do not encourage their club members to come to the Convention. Just announcing the Convention, the place and dates is not enough! Our plan is to slant our advertising toward naming our callers and to try to get all of the Florida callers to be pro convention throughout the year. This applies not only at their home clubs but also when they are calling at special dances, etc. We need all square and round dance leaders to encourage dancers, old and new, to attend the Convention throughout the year. We need to sell our product at every opportunity - not just a month or two before the Convention.

We will print a Program Book for 2002 and will be pleased to accept ads from associations, clubs, callers, individuals, special dances, etc. Prices are \$60 for a full page, \$35 for one-half page and \$25 for one-fourth page. Please get your ad order in soon. See us for a contract form.

Association Presidents - don't forget to pick up your 48th State Convention badges to sell. They are only \$1 and we would like to see them worn all over the state during the next year.

We have registration forms for the associations and the publications. Please remember to pick them up from us tonight.

Thanks to all of you for your support in the past and for even more for the support we know you will give us over the next year. We are hosting the 48th State Convention but for this convention to be a success, we need the support of everyone in this room.

Fred & Shirley Cornett, General Chairman  
48th State Square & Round Dance Convention



## **2003 FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION**

May 27, 2001

We wish to thank, Southeast, our hosts!

We continue to observe, and learn from all of the material we have received, draw from the experience of those who have presented previous conventions, and plan for the future; 2003.

We have called upon several of the sewing committee members from the '97 Nationals for a new look in the Sew 'n Save room; we have plans to incorporate ideas viewed at the Baltimore National Convention Fashion Show for our own version in 2003; and during this year's convention we are, with the help of many volunteers, observing and recording the room usage for the dance halls to be placed on a spread sheet for final scheduling.

Our current thrust is toward the Kick-Off during the 2002 Florida State Convention, when we plan to delight and entertain the spectators while we unfold our plans as to what lies ahead for the attendees of 2003.

We have been forced to accept several detours on the road to the 49th Florida State Convention; but repairs (in this case replacements) have been made and we are on a course of recovery. A fantastic committee of dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers has made the difference.

Several things are evident in all the knowledge we have gleaned; we need new dancers, we need new blood, and we need to step out of the closet and introduce this well kept secret, our favorite activity, to the world outside. Thus; we wish to call upon Tom Perry to present an idea which we hope to Introduce at the 2003 State Convention.

Ken and Sue Brown, General Chairman  
49th Fl. State Sq. and Rnd. Dance Conv.

## **50th State Square Dance Convention**

May 27, 2001

The Convention is moving along. We have acquired a few new Committee chairpersons. We now have the Sew-n-Save and Security positions filled. We are still in need of a few key positions.

We have held a couple of good fund raisers over the past few months. We had the concession stand at the Shamrock Swing. We didn't make a lot of money at this but the best part is we didn't lose any money. The best thing so far was the silent auction that was also held at the Shamrock Swing. This was 100% profit as every item that we auctioned was donated. We are planning on doing these 2 items at next year's Shamrock Swing also. We had a lot of fun and it really wasn't too much work. If you would like to help us out please let Colleen or I know. We will be sure to keep your names close to our heart. We are always looking for people that are willing to help. We also have an on-going fund raiser that I can't tell you about because it is just open to CFA members at the present time. When we get into the final year before our convention



it will open up to all square dancers and I hope that you all will support the 50th Convention as we have supported yours.

We are now in the scheduling stage of our next fund raiser. This will be the Camping Weekend at River Forest Campground October 12th & 13th. Randy & Carol Poole are in charge of this one. It should be a great weekend. If anybody would like to join us please pick up a flyer on the flyer table and let Randy & Carol Poole know. They will be glad to reserve you a spot as long as you give them your money. There will be a Casino night Saturday night. If you remember the Casino night we had for the National in 1996 then you won't want to miss this one (I know the Convention was in 1997 but the Casio night was in 1996). We have all the same games and we will have all kinds of prizes that you can win. We will serve breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings for a nominal fee. There will also be a pot-luck dinner on Saturday night before the big dance. Skip Cleland and Bev Landwehr will bless us with their calling and cueing for the evening. All this to raise funds for the 50th FLORIDA STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION. Please join us for this fun filled weekend.

The 47th State Convention is just about over. The board of the 50th State Convention wants to thank the Southeast Association for putting on a great Convention. But the main thing is that tonight at the kickoff there will only be 2 more years until that fateful night in 2003 when we will be on the floor here at The Lakeland Center Arena inviting all dancers to return the next year and help us celebrate 50 years of Convention fun here in Florida. Skip & Jennifer Cleland, our caller chairpersons and kick-off chairpersons, have been working on the details of the kick-off and I am sure that it will be great.

The board of the 50th FLORIDA STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION met with Brenda Townson, our Event Coordinator, on Friday morning and signed the contract for Memorial Day Weekend in 2003. This was also a get-to-know-you meeting.

Colleen has also been working on the Convention outfit. We will have patterns available soon for the Central Association Dancers. This Convention outfit will be nothing like any other. Since this is the 50th we want everything to be special.

That is about all right now. Just remember, since this is the 50th FLORIDA STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION we want to have the largest attendance of any. We also want to get everyone in the state involved. So when we get around to asking for your participation please agree to help. Remember these are everyone's conventions and just because it is being put on by the dancers of a particular Association it is "ALL DANCERS" responsibility to make sure that they are the best that they can be. Keep all your dancing friends in mind and see if you can get them to attend each and every State Convention. We will need everyone that we can get.

Bruce & Colleen Morgan, General Chairman  
50th Fl. State Sq. and Rnd. Dance Conv.

## 2005 SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION

May 27, 2001

Having just been named Chairmen, we don't have too much to report.

With the cooperation and dedication of the dancers in the Northeast we do believe we will be bringing you a FUN Convention in 2005.

Our first move was to get an Advisor and an Assistant. We have already accomplished that.... Dave & Shirley Nihart will be our Advisors... and Bud & Anita Taylor will be Assistant Chairmen. After that, we thought money was the next thing to concentrate on so we also already have a Treasurer.... Bob & Rose Walker. We are happy to have them all working with us.

We have already... or will before we leave... touched base with the Convention Center. And, yes we will be talking with many of you past and future Chairmen -- We've got lots to learn.

I guess we should start by learning to say NO! Does anyone know where we can get lessons on saying NO to future jobs??

Charlie & Val Newsome, Chairmen  
51st Fl. State Sq. and Rnd. Dance Conv.

**Added Note:** Since this report was written, we've had several other dancers volunteer to help. Some are still thinking of what they'd like to do. But Jack & Kathy McKinney have accepted the position of Publicity/Ads, and John & Mary Burzo will serve as Camping/Security Chairman.



## **U.S.D.A. REPORT**

I like to read the newspaper--sometimes! Let's see what this one says. Oh, my, political shenanigans, murder, robbery! The news in here is bad. But here is a paper that I really enjoy reading. It's the U.S.D.A. News.

Here's an article on Duke and Doris McCleskey about their induction into the Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame.

There are items about what is happening in other areas of the country.

Here's two pages telling what U.S.D.A. is all about.

There is a lot of information about the National Convention in Anaheim.

There is a page included that lists all the educational materials that are available for you and your organization. This newspaper is only \$5.00 per year for six issues. This is a great little newspaper.

The U.S.D.A. is now 20 years old. It was started in 1981 at the National Convention in Seattle.

We thank you, Paul and I, along with Ray and Elsa Huddleston, for the privilege of being your delegates. We will meet in Anaheim on June 27th.

Thank You,  
Paul & Marie McClain

## **HALL OF FAME REPORT**

May 27, 2001

Last evening, May 26, the Hall of Fame Committee was pleased to present Murl & Sally Herbert and Jack & Zonie Taylor as inductees into the Florida Square & Round Dance Hall of Fame. This was a well deserved honor. Plaques will be placed in Strawberry Squares for public viewing.

In addition, we wish to thank John & Linda Saunders for their many years of service to our committee as they rotate off. We are honored that two new couples have joined the Hall of Fame Committee: Ken & Joanne Helton and Bill & Mary Chesnut. We look forward to working with them in the coming years.

We appreciate Tom & Ethel Smith of Strawberry Squares for becoming the managers of the Hall of Fame displays.

We hope you will visit the hall soon.

Mary Butlak

## **COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

The treasury has a balance of \$12,548.78.

Reports were given from each General Chairman.

New officers of the committee are: Chairman, Michael Doughty; Vice Chairman, Fred Cornett; Treasurer, Sharon Roberts; Secretary (3 year term), Jim & Jan McConnaha.

The voting delegates are Chairmen of the 46th Convention (2000) through 50th (2004).

Murl Herbert

## **USDA INSURANCE FINANCIAL REPORT**

**As of May 11, 2001**

Special Note: As Class members complete their instruction and graduate into the Club, these new members must be enrolled on the Club Insurance Roster (if the Club is enrolled in the USDA Insurance Program) and the \$2.50 fee must be remitted, in order for the Club Insurance Program to remain active.

Duke and Doris McCleskey  
FFSD Insurance Chairmen



## **Florida Federation History Report**

### **May 27, 2001**

Not too much to report this period. Zonie is still working on albums and keeping the publication archives updated.

We still request all pictures submitted to us have the 5 w's on the back, (who, when, why, when and what). It really helps to identify the people because we often have disagreements on the person in the picture.

Remember people, we can only make the Convention Book as nice as the material we receive. Zonie does a lot of copying and cutting out articles but she needs to have much more material, pictures, letter heads, buttons and anything dealing with the convention that will be appreciated in years to come. We see people looking at previous books and remarking on how they remember what is in the picture.

Again, thanks to the area publications and Bow & Swing, we are still building up a nice archive.

Jack and Zonie Taylor  
Florida Federation Historians

## **ASCAP- BMI REPORT**

### **May 27, 2001**

ASCAP has informed us that the fee for the year 2001 will be increased to \$.062 per attendee and one half the vendors. The minimum fee per event is \$70.00. BMI rates are the same as stated in our February report.

Dave and Shirley Nihart

## Federation document changes May 2001

### Articles of Inc.

1. Article V., 6th paragraph "Each person appointed as Federation delegate will have one vote. (clarified as one vote for husband and one vote for wife. A single would have one vote). Permanent delegates would have one vote per couple or 1/2 vote per person.

remove the ( ) wording. change the last sentence to read "Permanent delegates would have 1/2 vote per person."

The revised Articles of Inc. need to be filed with the Dept. of State. There may be a special form for this. Fee will be charged. The last published fee was \$35.00.

Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, Fl. 32314  
Ph. 850 487-6052

### By-Laws

In the following places we have used the term "voting delegates". The word voting can be removed as it has no meaning.

Article IV, Sec. 1, remove the word "voting"

Will now read "they will serve as the regular delegates"

Article IV, Sec. 2, 2nd line, "voting delegates", remove the word voting.

will now read "All Past Presidents of the Florida Federation of Square Dancers shall become permanent delegates, etc."

Article V, Voting, change Sec. 1, 2, and 3, to clarify and simplify without any change in meaning.

Section 1, Regular delegates will have one vote per person.

Section 2, Permanent delegates will have 1/2 vote per person.

Section 3, remove and change last two sentences. now reads--They will have two votes (clarified as one vote for each person). A single delegate would have one vote.

change to read--They will have one vote per person.



Constitution:

Article X, Section 1, Dissolution--reword to be more consistent with the Articles of Inc. and to simplify.

- a. To any recognized not-for-profit organization in any proportion deemed advisable.
- b. In no event shall the assets be distributed to any officer, delegate, or employee of the Corporation.

Original (a), removed, (b), the word charitable was removed and changed to (a), (c) is now (b), no change.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. All documents be stored on a floppy disc or CD and kept with the records of the Corporation with the Secretary.
2. All future suggested changes to the documents be submitted to a committee to review for correctness and compatibility before they come before the Board of Delegates. This committee could be added to the list of Standing Committees.  
This would :
  1. Avoid some of the misplacement of items in the documents.
  2. Correct and simplify wording to be consistent with the balance of the documents.
  3. Review suggested changes as they may conflict with non-profit corporation statutes or other parts of the documents.

Florida Square & Round Dance

HALL OF FAME

Strawberry Square

Plant City, Florida

CHET & JULIA VETTER

May 23, 1987

The Vettters have been "trouble shooters" for the square dance movement in Florida for many years. In 1966 they were on a committee to help keep Bow & Swing going. A few years later Chet was appointed by the Federation to help solve some problems in the West Coast Association. It was solved and they are still using his plan. In 1972 he was instrumental in healing a rift between some dancers and callers by establishing a Co-ordinating committee and thus helped to keep the State Convention intact. He also developed a program to smoothly bring the Northwest Square and Round Dance Association into the Federation activities.

Among Vetter's other credits are: serving as President of the Northeast Association; Chairman of the Federation; Delegate to LEGACY, serving on the Board of Directors and programing their panels at the National Convention from 1982 through 1987; taking the first Florida Showcase to Louisville in 1970 to promote Florida dancing; served as moderator and panelist in many of the 17 Nationals they attended and wrote numerous articles and a couple of chapters of the LEGACY Leadership Manual; co-ceator of the Florida Square & Round Dance HALL of FAME and co-originator of the "Circle of Service Award". *And has maintained it ever since*

Chet & Julia are hard-working square dancers who give freely of themselves without thought of reward. Chet's philosophy is "I'm only giving back a small part of what I have received from square ancing".





**WEST COAST  
SQUARE & ROUND  
DANCERS' ASSOCIATION**

**West Coast Square & Round Dancers' Association Report  
May 27, 2001**

Our Red White & Blue dance, held in conjunction with the Federation's working week end, was very successful. Plans are complete for next years dance and flyers are available.

We held our final membership dances in Sun City Center and Sebring. Both were well attended by dancers and well staffed by the Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association. Our vice-presidents have set up dances for next year and are under contract. Our Fall Fun Fest dance committee has most everything lined up and the Red, White & Blue dance is set and we hope that everyone would take some flyers back to their areas for us.

Summer is here and the Snowbirds have flown the coop. Unfortunately that means many of our dances have closed for the season. We encourage all dancers still here to support the clubs still dancing even if it means a little more travel. Also this is a good time to visit distant clubs as we do our summer traveling. We attended the NorthWest Association dance in Tallahassee on May 5<sup>th</sup>. It was a great dance. Many people missed this opportunity for fun & fellowship, as the attendance was low. Thank You Tony & Pattie for a fun time. We hope to promote some dancing between the associations, as we talk up what a good time we are having seeing other parts of Fl. and attending good dances.

Our current membership is 976, down some from last year but we are still contacting people who have not renewed. In March we sent out 383 reminder letters and the result was 231 renewals. We have had 5 classes of new dancers graduate and hope that these new dancers will be joining. The clubs and callers have been very accommodating to the new dancers to try to keep them coming back

Our 2003 Convention committee is getting very busy as Ken & Sue Brown will report later. We owe much to Ken & Sue as they have taken care of the Showcase of Ideas, here at this convention as well as at the National Convention.

We want to thank Fred & Carolyn Chatos and their committee for this Convention and are already looking forward to 2002 with the NorthWest and Fred & Shirley Cornett's crew. We know that we all need to help one another promote each other's convention and we feel that all officers should be given a supply of ribbons and registration forms and they should pass them out to their people whom they know would be willing to promote the convention. Personally, we were asked by one of our county representatives (and a good worker for us) why he didn't get ribbons to sell, and we had to scrounge around to find more ribbons to sell ourselves.

On a sad note, we regrettably have to announce the passing of some of our dancers that some of you may have known, Lou Vogel who had been very active with the West Coast Assoc. and the National Sq. Dance Campers, and Barbara Larsen who had been president of the Temple Twirlers.

Our nominating committee is having problems finding anyone that would be willing to serve as an officer of our association for the next year. We are well aware that this is not just our problem and it is not going to go away in the near future. Without an influx of new dancers it appears that this activity is going to have to do some scaling back to stay viable. We have been asking for any suggestions from anyone who may know of a way to draw in new blood.

We will see in Jacksonville in November, if not before.

Respectfully submitted, Don & Ann Slocum, presidents



**CENTRAL FLORIDA SQUARE & ROUND DANCERS ASSOCIATION**  
**REPORT TO THE**  
**FLORIDA FEDERATION OF SQUARE DANCERS**  
**MAY 27, 2001**

Square Dancing in Central Florida, while it may not be taking off like the space shuttle, is not, I say not, crashing. The CFA membership has grown by 23% this year over last year. And as you know, we do not join by club, but each individual must pay their own dues. Classes are up and have some younger people in them. Clubs are holding their own and their attendance is up. To us, this indicates that we may have bottomed out and are now on the up cycle side.

Our Disaster Fund recently was called upon to assist a family of dancers that had their home catch on fire. We were, along with members of their home club, able to give them enough money to allow them to get back into their home. This is what square dancing is all about – *Friendship Set To Music*.

Our Blood Bank, under Chairman Will & Carol Barnhart, continues to serve our members with blood for them when needed. At the last report, we had 451 units available for their use.

Our last 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dance was held at the Groveland-Clermont Squares hall at Clerbrook Resort in Lake County and was quite a success, with over 20 squares attending. Our next dance will be held at the Whirl & Twirl Hall on June 30 with John Swindle calling and Phyllis Williams cueing. If you are not aware, Phyllis lost her husband K O after a long illness. This will be one of her first appearances since her loss.

The Shamrock Swing for 2001 was held over the weekend of March 9 & 10, with better than 40 squares in attendance. For a first time weekend dance that we expected to lose money on, this was a huge success. We made money! Tim Marriner and Whit Brown called both plus and advance in two halls and Jimmy and Carol Griffin taught and cued all levels of rounds. We want to thank the other Area Associations for all of their help in publicizing and attending this event and making it such a success.

The Shamrock Swing for 2002 will be held on March 8 & 9 at St. John Vianny Catholic Church in Orlando, with Tony Oxendine & Whit Brown calling and Jimmy & Carol Griffin cueing. Good hotels and restaurants are nearby and we are looking forward to this great weekend with George & Shirley Knapp as Chairman.

Planning for and recruiting of committee people for the 2004 State Convention is proceeding on course. You will hear more on this from General Chairman Bruce & Colleen Morgan very shortly.

Jim & Jan McConnaha  
CFA President



NORTH EAST FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE  
ASSOCIATION

Report to the Federation Meeting May 27, 2001

The northeast dancers, callers, and cuers have been busy in the year 2001! There have been anniversary dances, plus graduations, not to mention three student dances to help our new students get more involved in our activity. They seemed to enjoy dancing with other clubs and new callers.

Several special charity dances were held, namely DREAMS COME TRUE, plus CITY RESCUE MISSION, SHRINERS CHILDREN FUND, and THE GEORGIA/FLORIDA BLOOD BANK DANCE. We here in the northeast have raised almost \$10,000 for these charities. The support for these benefits remain high. We wish *To Thank* the dancers, callers, and cuers, who donate their time and money to make these *good cause dances* successful. Our people in the northeast are a generous group plus a hard working, smiling, friendly bunch.

It is our privilege to announce that a chairman for the State Convention for the year 2005 from the northeast has been selected. Charlie and Val Newsome ~~~ PLEASE stand for a hearty round of applause! There are few that work so hard and does so much for square dancing, as this couple! We are proud to recognize you for your efforts and we know that you'll make the State Convention "one to remember." We Salute you!!!

In our visits to all the clubs around the northeast we find our dancers active, smiling, and having fun. By-the-way Jettie and I want to thank our board Phyllis and Jack Herpy, Martha and Joe Hardcastle, Linda and Lonnie Aldridge, June and Leroy Blalock, and Sherry and Manny Gonzales for all their cooperation and for the hundreds of miles they travel with us around the state! We encourage all to start and continue to recruiting for new students for classes. Join us in more great efforts to retain those we have already taught. Retention of our current dancers must always be our goal! *What about giving us* ways and ideas you have tried and had success with, in *getting back* dancers that have dropped out. Start Today!

*The older we get, the more we realize--after all is said and done, **more is said than done!***

Respectfully Submitted: Howard and Jettie Crowe



**Southeast Florida Square and Round Dance Assn.**  
**May 27, 2001**

We have been concentrating these last three months on putting together a successful convention - but we did manage to squeeze in our monthly Southeast Association dances. Our March dance was in Stuart. Stuart is a little far for our Miami/Fort Lauderdale dancers to go so it had a light attendance.

We had a Sundae on Sunday dance in April. Normally we ask various clubs to provide refreshments for these monthly dances; however, this was the first time the Southeast association provided ice cream and toppings. We put out flyers in advance and the dance was well attended. We are also planning a pie dance in the future - with leftover pies being auctioned off.

We also did another first at our April dance. In order to try to increase attendance at our monthly dances we are selling raffle tickets for a crystal petticoat. The tickets are \$5 and the winner chooses the size and color of a 60 yard petticoat. The drawing will be held at our September dance. September is also our membership renewal dance.

As most of you know, we have a dance every month with a picnic in January. We also have board meetings almost every month alternating the location between West Palm Beach and Hollywood. It was decided at our April meeting that monthly board meetings are not necessary. Therefore, it was voted to amend the bi-laws to hold board meetings on even months only and at a location easily accessible to board members from the north and south area. It is with sadness that we also expect to have to reduce the number of dances we have each year.

This is our last report at presidents of the Southeast Association - although we hope it is not the last Federation meeting we attend. These meetings have been a learning experience for us - but they have also been a lot of fun, and we have always looked forward to them - and now we will even more so since we don't have to prepare a report!

Respectfully submitted,

Ray & Elsa Huddleston  
SEA President

PRES.RPT



SUGESTED CHANGES TO BY-LAWS  
BY  
FRANK HABERSBERGER

Changes to Article VI, Election (current wording-regular type, suggested changes-**Bold type**, my comments-CAPS)

Article VI, Section 1, The Board of Delegates shall choose from among themselves a governing body of officers, that shall be known as the Executive Board. **delete this section**, THIS SECTION SIMPLY MEANS THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL BE SELECTED FROM THE DELEGATES. NOT SURE HOW THIS WILL IMPACT THE FEDERATION IF DELETED. ALSO IF DELETED THE ARTICLES OF INC. MUST BE CHANGED AS THIS IS FILED WITH THE STATE AND HAS THE SAME WORDING, ARTICLE 5, SEC. 3.

**(proposed Article VI, Sec. 1,**

**The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee prior to the Annual Meeting. The Committee shall present a slate of Officers at the Annual Meeting. The Nominee for Parliamentarian (presented by the Nominating Committee) must be approved by the Executive Board of the Nominee's respective Association, and such approval must be in writing. THE ABOVE IS THE SAME AS THE CURRENT ARTICLE VI, SEC. 2., THE FOLLOWING IS NEW.**

**In the event that the designated Association submits two Candidates, it must provide the Chairman of the Nominating Committee with the names, Resume's and any additional evidence of Service to their Association and to the Federation. Based on its review of the resume's of each Candidate, the Nominating Committee shall select the one it has deemed best qualified for the position of Parliamentarian. THIS PUTS INTO WRITING A PROCEDURE FOR THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WHEN MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE IS BEING CONSIDERED.**

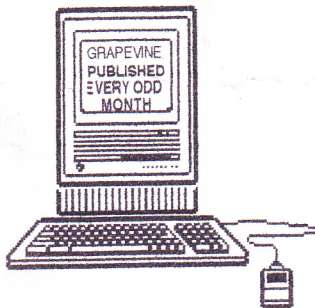
**proposed Article VI, Sec. 2(**previously Sec. 3)

**At the Annual Meeting each year, the first item of Old Business shall be the Report of the Nominating Committee, which shall list the Nominees from each of the five Member Associations for the positions of: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian. THIS PROPOSAL REMOVES "AND AFTER WHICH THERE WILL BE A CALL FOR NOMINATION FROM THE FLOOR FOR EACH OFFICE," ETC., THIS CHANGE WOULD APPEAR TO REMOVE THE ELECTION PROCESS AND MAKE THE POSITIONS APPOINTIVE.**

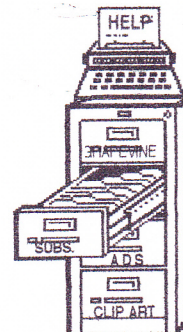
**proposed Sec. 4 becomes Sec. 3**

**Section 3, The President will cause an election to be held for each office and the candidate receiving the majority of votes for the office will be elected.**  
AS THE NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR HAVE BEEN REMOVED ABOVE, THERE IN EFFECT WOULD BE NO ELECTION. WE COULD REMOVE OR REWORD THIS SECTION TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS, WHICH IS THE OLD SECTION 5.





**THE GRAPEVINE**  
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**THE GRAPEVINE**  
**FLORIDA FEDERATION REPORT**  
May 27, 2001

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We continue to publish approximately 350 copies each issue on a subscription basis. The deadline for our next issue is June 10th for a July 1 delivery date. We invite your contributions to our publication at anytime.

Since the subscription rates do not pay for the printing, we look for ads to help offset the cost. We are always in the market for new ads, so if you have something to sell...think about us!

When we took the job a little over 7 years ago we did not set out to make money. Good thing!! Our goal was to promote Square Dancing...not only in our Association, but wherever our publication was received throughout the State and Nation. To do that we try to provide our readers with up-to-date, informative and interesting reading. We continue to include special articles of human interest, along with articles on all areas of square dancing. Recently, we have been concentrating on new graduates and the State Convention. We feel very strongly about the value of both...we need new dancers, and we also see the need to educate dancers, callers and cuers about their State Convention.

It appears that all five Associations will now be helping one another publish their dances. We are currently exchanging ads for our Fall Festival with the Fall Fun Fest, the Roundup, the Shamrock Swing and one of Southeast's dances. We also list those dances, along with any other we hear about, in our Calendar of Events. Dances where all proceeds go to a charity are advertised free of charge. We ask the other Associations to keep the information coming to us.

We feel that ideas exchanged with other editors or publications can only benefit your publication and its readers and currently enjoy an excellent exchange program. The only problem we have incurred is getting something out of Roundalab for our round dancers.

From letters and comments we've received, we believe we have achieved our goals, and will continue to keep the PROMOTION OF SQUARE DANCING as our primary goal for as long as we are Editors.

We invite your comments and contributions to our publication at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie & Val Newsome

## KEEPIN' POSTED

Thank you to Jim McConnaha for presenting our report at the last meeting for us.

Our publication continues to have a circulation of about 400 copies per issue with a norm of 44 pages. We have added some features like recipes, items of human interest, and we have picked up some items from other publications.

In the Club News section we have replaced the mastheads with club banners where we have been able to obtain them. Some things must have gone right for we have picked up input from four additional clubs.

We are currently in the process of changing the software.

Thank you every so much for the opportunity, and Happy Birthday, Eivor.

Tom Brown, Editor

## PANHANDLE PRESS

Shirley Cornett reporting. As most of you know, Gary Ping, our editor, is the "hauler" for Patti Ping, our caller. She depends on him a lot so he is in the Caller's meeting with her. Fred and I help Gary with our publication by doing the easy work of duplicating the issues. We just want to go on record as saying that we appreciate all the hard work that Gary does. We are now printing about 400 copies of the Panhandle Press. This past issue Gary did a wonderful job of gathering articles from other publications to inform the dancers of what is going on on a National basis. If you have anything you want included from your Association, just contact Gary and he will be happy to include it.



May 27, 2001

WC Federation

Good Morning

I want to thank West Coast Association President, Ann Slocum, for giving my report on the status of the West Coast Dancer Magazine at the last Federation meeting. At that time the Dancer was just starting an adventurous move from Sarasota to Plant City.

The timing was supposed to be that it would arrive in Plant City several weeks before the scheduled printing on May 10th for the June/ July issue. Well, the buyers of the Sarasota property and the Title Company put in one obstacle after another and delayed the lending Bank Survey and appraisal until just days before the closing, which was now to be May 11.

So, we decided to vacate a week before the closing and on the very day of moving the computer and household goods we discover the house had been broken into. And then at that very time the surveyors came. A call from the Real Estate Agent informed us that the Bank Appraisers had broken and entered through a window while we were on our way in a van to Plant City. We said we were relieved that they were friendly intruders.

So, the Dancer was published partly in Sarasota and partly in Plant City and it hopes you cannot tell the difference. By the way, if any of you have an item you'd like to have printed in the Dancer, our new address and phone number is listed in the current issue. The email address remains the same.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Henning

4W's REPORT  
MAY 27, 2001

Our last put together was held on May 17 in Boynton Beach. It was hosted by the Castoffs. We thank Frank Bedell and the Castoffs for allowing us to use their facilities after a club that was to host this put together had to disband due to lack of participation. There were 67 dancers in attendance at this last put together. We continue to have a lack of paid advertisements due to many of our clubs closing for the summer.

In keeping with the suggestion of the Publication Committee, we did place the Northeast's Ad for the Dee Dee Dougherty dance in this issue. We will place other Association ads (space permitting). Our next deadlines are July 13 for Sept., Oct. & Nov. issue and October 19 for the Dec., Jan. & Feb. issue.

Submitted by,  
Garland & Carole McKenzie  
Editors



Thank you Bruce

# From February Bow & Swing

## Bow & Swing ~~Editorial Comment~~

~~Happy Valentines Day. We at Bow & Swing wish that you and yours all share this special time and create a memorable occasion with old and new friends on a dance floor.~~ Report

This month's editorial is oriented to the magazine and to the dance world. We work hard to make sure that Bow & Swing is mailed monthly by the 25th of each month for delivery to you by the first of each month. I mention this because several people have mentioned that your magazine has not been delivered until the middle of the month. This should not happen. Please report this to the post office.

*The heart and soul of the magazine is the where to dance section listed in the back of the book. This directory is priced at \$15.00 per club per year with substantial discounts for clubs that dance more than once a week. The fee assures that if the club is not dancing – its listing will be discontinued. The fee is kept at a reasonable rate so approximately two visiting couples per year will pay for the listing. We at Bow & Swing strive to make this the most accurate and complete dance listing available for the entire state of Florida.*

Do you want to register for a convention? Most conventions are listed along with applications or information about where to get the application.

Do you want information about state or local associations? Toward the front of each Bow & Swing there is a listing of state and regional associations with contact telephone numbers.

Do you want to know what other clubs are doing? Look at the newsletters in the magazine. This gives us ideas for events to be held at our clubs and in case you missed a dance you can find out what happened. Another reason for newsletters. In case your club is not listed in the where to dance section, dancers can at least see your name.

Photographs, newsletters, editorials, and so much more, all help promote square and round dancing not only in Florida but across the nation.

Bow & Swing is a subscription magazine. It is also sent to several chambers of commerce, national square dance resorts and to clubs throughout the state. We also send magazines to clubs for graduating classes so you can put them in your new dancers' goody bag.

We request that you patronize our advertisers. And we request that you bring new dancers into our activity we call dancing.

**William Boyd, Editor**



*This Editorial Comment is included to explain the importance of your Where To Dance listing. Please feel free to call (407) 886-7151 if you have any questions.*

*Sincerely,  
Bill Boyd*



# **Southeast Florida Square and Round Dance Assn.**

## **47<sup>th</sup> Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention**

May 27, 2001

As of Wednesday night May 23, 2001, we are ready to go.

Ribbon sales are very slow. We have sold approx. 750 advance ribbons. This is about 250 less than needed to show a profit. The total paid attendance for the 2001 convention is \_\_\_\_\_ .

On Friday May 18, 2001 I had final walk thru with Brenda of the convention center staff. She gave verbal permission to enter the arena area on Thurs afternoon to mark the vendor area.

We have a full lineup of vendors. We had to go out of state to get a record vendor, but Perry's was willing to give us a try. One of the problems is that we are close to the National convention dates and some vendors are gearing up for the National.

The decorations committee is waiting to do their thing. As you can see the dance halls are all fully decorated and look very nice. The Fashion Show is ready for presentation. It looks like it will be a big hit also.

The planing of the convention was the easy part. Carrying out the plan is the hard part. Some of my ideas were well accepted and some of them were not. I had a couple of sub-chairmen who did not do their part for whatever reason but we were able to do the job. We have had our problems and I am letting you find them to see if they are visible. I don't believe you will see what went wrong is there is anything.

The verdict is out on the additional round dance hall. I will have to wait until the convention is over and I can discusse it with the Round Dance Council to determine if it was worth the extra work. The same is true of the Clogging hall.

Had written additions will be added to the report with more current observations and comments.

Fred and Carolyn Chatos  
General Chairman 47<sup>th</sup> State Square and Round Dance Convention

*Mayatt 3*



## 2001 Convention Report

The DANCERS came thru. We HAD 750 ADVANCE registration on MAY 5, AS OF CLOSE LAST Night PAID ATTENDANCE WAS 1182. I WILL Tell you that I WAS WORRIED,

The PLANNED things happened pretty much AS I WANTED. Some problems but nothing we could NOT live with.

The HALL assignments had to be changed but with the Phase 1/3 ROUNDS we DID NOT know what SIZE of HALL we needed. The New ROUND DANCE HALL WAS well received. I received many complements on it.

I would make other recommendations on HALL usage. There were a couple of HALLS with very low attendance.

The program last night AND on FRIDAY I feel went very good. Tonights program will be much shorter but I know just AS moving.

The Vendors I understand were pleased with the convention. I saw many people shopping so I guess the women liked it.



I will have a formal report to present after we wrap this all up.

Now we have to accumulate and pay the bills and see exactly where we are. ~~For~~



## 2002 STATE SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION REPORT

Florida Federation of Square Dancers  
May 27, 2001

Tonight is the night! We are doing <sup>o</sup> our final practice as <sup>is history</sup> ~~this report is being presented.~~

We sold some ribbons last night and will continue selling this evening. Please buy yours NOW and encourage all your fellow dancers to do the same. No financial risk to you – we offer a "money back guarantee."

In reviewing the publicity plan for 2002 we have picked up a couple of somewhat negative comments regarding the Convention. The first is that some folks do not seem to be aware that we have really great callers working at the Convention. Not only do we have really good regional callers, but we also have good national and international callers. This information needs to be disseminated statewide to counter the belief that the State Convention does not have good callers.

The second negative comment is that <sup>SOME</sup> club officers and callers do not encourage their club members to come to the Convention. <sup>^</sup> Just announcing the Convention, the place and dates is not enough! Our plan is to slant our advertising toward naming our callers and to try to get all of the Florida callers to be pro convention throughout the year. This applies not only at their home clubs but also when they are calling at special dances, etc. We need all square and round dance leaders to encourage dancers, old and new, to attend the Convention throughout the year. We need to sell our product at every opportunity – not just a month or two before the Convention.

We will print a Program Book for 2002 and will be pleased to accept ads from associations, clubs, callers, individuals, special dances, etc. Prices are \$60 for a full page, \$35 for one-half page and \$25 for one-fourth page. Please get your ad order in soon. See us for a contract form.

Association Presidents – don't forget to pick up your 48<sup>th</sup> State Convention badges to sell. They are only \$1 and we would like to see them worn all over the state during the next year.

We have registration forms for the associations and the publications. Please remember to pick them up from us tonight.

Thanks to all of you for your support in the past and for even more for the support we know you will give us over the next year. We are hosting the 48<sup>th</sup> State Convention but for this convention to be a success, we need the support of everyone in this room.

Fred & Shirley Cornett, General Chairman  
48<sup>th</sup> State Square & Round Dance Convention

*MAY 27, 2001*  
Date: ~~February 24, 2001~~

Submitted to: The Florida Federation of Square and Round Dancers

Submitted by: Ken and Sue Brown, General Chairman 2003 Florida State Convention

Subject: 2003 Florida State Convention Report

We wish to thank, Southeast, our hosts!

We continue to observe, and learn from all of the material we have received, draw from the experience of those who have presented previous conventions, and plan for the future; 2003.

We have called upon several of the sewing committee members from the '97 Nationals for a new look in the Sew 'n Save room; we have plans to incorporate ideas viewed at the Baltimore National Convention Fashion Show for our own version in 2003; and during this year's convention we are, with the help of many volunteers, observing and recording the room usage for the dance halls to be placed on a spread sheet for final scheduling.

Our current thrust is toward the Kick-Off during the 2002 Florida State Convention, when we plan to delight and entertain the spectators while we unfold our plans as to what lies ahead for the attendees of 2003.

We have been forced to accept several detours on the road to the 49th Florida State Convention; but, repairs (in this case replacements) have been made and we are on a course of recovery. A fantastic committee of dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers has made the difference.

Several things are evident in all the knowledge we have gleaned; we need new dancers, we need new blood, and we need to step out of the closet and introduce this well kept secret, our favorite activity, to the world outside. Thus; we wish to call upon Tom Perry to present an idea which we hope to introduce at the 2003 State Convention.



Bruce & Colleen Morgan  
GENERAL CHAIRMAN

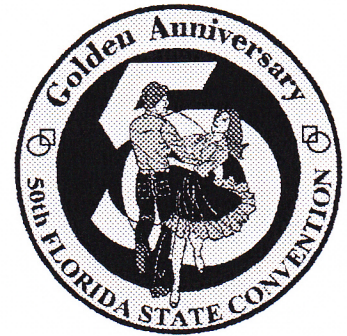
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CONVENTION SECRETARY

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CONVENTION TREASURER

# 50th FLORIDA STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION

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**May 28, 29, 30, 2004**



## May 27, 2001 Florida Federation Board Meeting Report

The Convention is moving along. We have acquired a few new committee chairpersons. We now have the Sew-n-Save and Security positions filled. We are still in need of a few key positions.

We have held a couple of good fund raisers over the past few months. We had the consession stand at the Shamrock Swing. We didn't make a lot of money at this but the best part is we didn't lose any money. The best thing so far was the silent auction that was also held at the Shamrock swing. This was 100% profit as every item that we auctioned off was donated free of charge. We are planning on doing these 2 items at next year's Shamrock Swing also. We had a lot of fun and it really wasn't too much work. If you would like to help us out please let Colleen or I know. We will be sure to keep you names close to our heart. We are always looking for people that are willing to help. We also have an on-going fund raiser that I can't tell you about because it is just open to CFA members at the present time. When we get into the final year before our convention it will open up to all square dancers and I hope that you all will support the 50<sup>th</sup> Convention as we have supported yours. We are now in the scheduling stage of our next fund raiser. This will be the camping weekend at River Forest Campground October 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. Randy & Carol Poole are in charge of this one. It should be a great weekend. If anybody would like to join us please pick up a flyer on the flyer table and let Randy & Carol Poole know. They will be glad to reserve you a spot as long as you give them your money. There will be a Casino night Saturday night. If you remember the Casino night we had for the National in 1996 then you won't want to miss this one ( I know the convention was in 1997 but the Casion night was in 1996 ). We have all the same games and we will have all kinds of prizes that you can win. We will serve breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings for a nominal fee. There will also be a pot-luck dinner on Saturday night before the big dance. Skip Cleland and Bev Landwehr will bless us with their calling and cueing for the evening. All this to raise funds for the 50th FLORIDA STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION. Please join us for this fun filled weekend.

The 47<sup>th</sup> State Convention is just about over. The board of the 50<sup>th</sup> State Convention wants to thank the Southeast Association for putting on a great convention. But the main thing is that the tonight at the kickoff there will only be 2 more years until that ~~ful~~ful night in 2003 when we will be on the floor here at The Lakeland Center Arena inviting all the dancers to return the next year and help us celebrate 50 years of Convention fun here in Florida. Skip & Jennifer Cleland, our caller chairpersons and kick-off chairpersons, have been working on the details of the kick-off and I am sure that it will be great.



The board of the 50th FLORIDA STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION met with Brenda Townson, our Event Coordinator, on Friday morning and signed the contract for Memorial Day Weekend in 2003. This was also a get-to-know-you meeting.

Colleen has also been working on the Conventtion Outfit. We will have patterns available soon for the Central Association Dancers. This Convention outfit will be nothing like any other. Since this is the 50<sup>th</sup> we want everything to be special.

That is about all right now. Just remember, since this is the 50th FLORIDA STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION we want to have the largest attendance of any. We also want to get everyone in the state involved. So when we get around to asking for your particiaption please agree to help. Remember these are everyone's conventions and just because it is being put on by the dancers of a particular Association it is "ALL DANCERS" responsibiliity to make sure that they are the best that they can be. Keep all your dancing friends in mind and see if you can get them to attend each and every State Convention. We will need everyone that we can get.

Bruce & Colleen Morgan  
General Chairman



**2005 FLORIDA STATE SQUARE &  
ROUND DANCE CONVENTION REPORT**

Having just been named Chairmen, we don't have too much to report.

With the cooperation and dedication of the dancers in the Northeast we do believe we will be bringing you a FUN Convention in 2005.

Our first move was to get an Advisor and an Assistant. We have already accomplished that....Dave & Shirley Nihart will be our Advisors...and Bud & Anita Taylor will be Assistant Chairmen. After that, we thought money was the next thing to concentrate on.....so we also already have a Treasurer....Bob & Rose Walker. We are happy to have them all working with us.

We have already...or will before we leave...touch base with the Convention Center. And, yes we will be talking with many of you past and future Chairmen -- We've got lots to learn.

I guess we should start by learning to say NO!. Does anyone know where we can get lessons on saying NO to future jobs??

Respectfully submitted,

*Charlie & Val*

Charlie & Val Newsome  
Chairmen

*\* Since this report was written we've had several other dancers volunteer to help. Some are still thinking of what they'd like to do. But, Jack & Kathy McKinney have accepted the position of Publicity / Ads; and John & Mary Burzo will serve as Camping / Security Chairmen.*

## U.S.D.A. REPORT

I like to read the newspaper—sometimes! Let's see what this one says. Oh, my, political shenanigans, murder, robbery! The news in her is bad. But here is a paper that I really enjoy reading. It's the U.S.D.A. News.

Here's an article on Duke and Doris McCleskey about their induction into the Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame.

There are items about what is happening in other areas of the country.

Here's two pages elling what U.S.D.A. is all about.

There is a lot of information about the National Convention in Anaheim.

There is a page included that lists all the educational materials that are available for you and your organization. This newspaper is only \$5.00 per year for six issues. This is a great little newspaper.

The U.S.D.A. is now 20 years old. It was started in 1981 at the National Convention in Seattle.

We thank you, Paul and I, along with Ray and Elsa Huddleston, for the privilege of being your delegates. We will meet in Anaheim on June 27th.

Thank You,  
Paul & Marie McClain

## HALL OF FAME REPORT

Last evening, May 26, the Hall of Fame Committee was pleased to present Murl & Sally Herbert and Jack & Zonie Taylor as inductees into the Florida Square & Round Dance Hall of Fame. This was a well deserved honor. Plaques will be placed in Strawberry Squares for public viewing.

In addition, we wish to thank John & Linda Saunders for their many years of service to our committee as they rotate off. We are honored that two new couples have joined the Hall of Fame Committee: Ken & Joanne Helton and Bill & Mary Chesnut. We look forward to working with them in the coming years.

We appreciate Tom & Ethel Smith of Strawberry Squares for becoming the managers of the Hall of Fame displays.

We hope you will visit the hall soon.

Mary Butlak

## COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The treasury has a balance of \$12,548.78.

Reports were given from each General Chairman.

New officers of the committee are: Chairman, Michael Doughty; Vice Chairman, Fred Cornett; Treasurer, Sharon Roberts; Secretary (3 year term), Jim & Jan McConnaha.

The voting delegates are Chairmen of the 46th Convention (2000) through 50th (2004).

Murl Herbert

*may 26 . 1994*



CLUB	Assoc	2001	
Canaveral Squares	CE	29	McLarty Rec Center
Casselberry Hoedowners	CE	44	Casselberry Senior Center
Celebrity Squares	CE	18	Anthony UMC
Dixie Squares	CE	40	City Island Rec Center
Fellowship Squares	CE	40	Port Orange UMC
Flagler Ocean Waves	CE	73	Wickline Center
Fun Lovin' Squares	CE	20	Sandrift Recreation Center
Friendly Squares	CE	37	North Clubhouse Rolling Green
Garden Patch Squares	CE	35	Vignetti Recreational Center
Granada Squares	CE	77	Ormond Beach Senior Center
Groveland-Clermont Squares	CE	74	Clerbrook RV Center
Happy Hoedowners	CE	50	Casselberry Senior Center
Holiday Squares	CE	44	Holiday Activity Center
Honey Bees	CE	0	
Kiss-A-Me Squares	CE	33	Kissimmee Community House
Klassy Kats	CE	0	
Merry-G-Rounds	CE	0	
Millennium Squares	CE	16	Sanford Senior Center
Mirror Images	CE	22	Fran Carlton Community Center
Orange Blossom Garden Squares	CE	226	Villages La Hacienda Center
Orlando Singles	CE	57	VFW Post 2093
Palm Bay Promenaders	CE	40	Trailor Haven Mobile Home Pk
Partners In Progress	CE	0	
Pearly Shells Round Dance Club	CE	26	SICA Hall
Pirates	CE	40	Fran Carlton Community Center
Royal Squares	CE	54	Royal Highlands Great Hall
Salt & Pepper Shakers	CE	0	
Slip Pivot Round Dancers	CE	0	
St. Cloud Motivators	CE	14	St. Cloud Communiyty Center
Sunshine Promenaders	CE	76	Fruitland Park Community Cent
Space Trackers	CE	179	McLarty Rec Center
Spin Drifters	CE	46	Coronado Civic enter
Starlight Promenaders	CE	71	DeBary Community Center
Steppin Out	CE	0	
Sunni's Rounds	CE	0	
Swinging Bears	CE	0	
Swinging Eights	CE	0	
The Barn Dancers	CE	34	The Barn Minton Road
Wagon Wheels	CE	146	St. Cloud Commmunity Center
Yellow Rockers	CE	17	The Barn Minton Road
Orange Blossom Cloggers	CE	0	
Busy Boots Cloggers	CE	0	
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Ancient City Cloggers	FC	10	Sally Walton Dance Studio
Big River Cloggers	FC	15	Lake Huntington Club House
Buccaneer Dancers	FC	0	
Cross Country Cloggers	FC	0	
Fernandina Beach CVloggers	FC	14	Fernandina Beach Rec Center
Florida Clogging Council	FC	177	Central Florida Fairgrounds

Florida Sunshine Cloggers	FC	12	Wesley UMC
Foot Loose Cloggers	FC	16	Melrose Elementary School
Gator Country Cloggers	FC	0	
Klassi Taps	FC	17	Hercy Hall St.Johns CathChurchl
Poney Express Cloggers	FC	16	Orange Blossom Hall
Sea Turtle Tappers	FC	21	Pioneer Park
Surf Country Cloggers	FC	0	
		277	
Angel Squares	NE	0	
Classic Plus	NE	0	
Dixie Dancers	NE	52	Teentown Rec Center
First Coast Rounds	NE	2	Ft. Carolina School
Fun & Frolics	NE	38	Edith Brown Ford Center
Grand Squares	NE	60	
Happy-2-Be	NE	0	
Joy Seas	NE	28	The Beach Club
Mainstream Squares	NE	17	Peace Presby Church
Mandrin Marrauders	NE	51	Italian American Club
Mavericks	NE	0	
Moose Promenaders	NE	53	Moose Lodge 2020 Hall
NESARDA	NE	0	
Plus Fox	NE	46	Jax Heights Elementary Sch
River City Squares	NE	0	
River Ramblers Squares	NE	50	Putnam County Shrine Club
Seabreeze Singles	NE	29	Peace Presby Church
Silver Fox Squares	NE	45	Jax Heights Elementary Sch
Sweet Art Squares	NE	0	
Swinging Saints	NE	0	
Teddy Bear Squares	NE	31	Peace Presby Church
The Rollaways	NE	98	Sandalwood High School
Touch Of Class	NE	0	
Vagabond	NE	18	St.Lukes Episcopal Church
Village Squares	NE	0	
Yellow Rockers Plus	NE	46	Trinity Luthern Church
		685	
Bayou Shufflers	NW	4	Pasarda Hall
Belles & Beaux	NW	0	
C-Fowls	NW	2	First Presby Church
Canoe Squares	NW	22	Hobbs Middle School
Capitol Rounds	NW	0	Tallahassee Senior Center
Capitol Squares	NW	15	Tallahassee Senior Center
Chautauqua Squares	NW	12	Walton Middle School
Chipola Grand Squares	NW	0	
Chipola Country Dance	NW	0	
County Line Dancers	NW	22	Kate Smith School
Country Squares	NW	0	
Dancing Dolphins	NW	10	PASARDA Hall
Emerald Coasters	NW	13	PASARDA Hall
Flying Squares	NW	0	
Holmes Valley Squares	NW	0	



Merry Mates Round Dance	NW	24	Tallahassee Senior Center
Northwest FSARDA Assoc	NW	155	DeFuniak Spring Community Ce
Pensacola Special Steppers	NW	48	Bayview Community Center
Pensacola Twirlers	NW	14	Felix Mira Senior Center
Playground Area Sq&Rd Assoc	NW	0	
Quincy Curlee-Q's	NW	19	Centinary UMC
Roundels	NW	8	Pasarda
Sandpipers	NW	0	Pasarda
Seaside Squares&Rounds	NW	6	Ragon Hall
Seminole Star Stompers	NW	0	
Swingin' Saints	NW	20	Gadsden Street UMC
Swinging Squares	NW	20	Grand Square Hall
Tallahassee Twirlers	NW	21	Tallahassee Senior Center
Three River Twirlers	NW	6	Chattahoochee Rec Center
Wakulla Squares	NW	0	
Whirlways Square Dance Club	NW	17	Tallahassee Senior Center
Sunshine Cloggers	NW	0	
		458	
Al-A-Mand Leftovers	SE	0	
Castoff Squares	SE	37	Boynton Beach Civic Centrer
Miami Ocean Waves	SE	21	Dance Unlimited Kendall
Sandy Shoe Steppers	SE	0	
Southeast SRDA (Assoc)	SE	147	Various Locations
Top Cats Square Dance Club	SE	0	
Southeast Callers Assoc & Wives	SE	33	Various
Suncats Squares	SE	58	Stuart Recreational Center
Road Runners Square Dance Club	SE	12	Lantana Recreation Center
Sailfish Squares	SE	38	Women's Club of Stuart
Westernaires	SE	18	Village Community Center
		372	
Bay Area Twirlers	WC	53	Sadie Recreation Center
Beverly Hillbillies Squares	WC	0	
Button & Bows	WC	67	Mulberry Center
C-Gulls of Ft. Meyers	WC	38	Rotino Senior Community Cen
Colony Cone Strutters	WC	0	
Greenbriar Twirlers	WC	26	Greenbrier Club House
Hampton Promenaders	WC	75	Hampton Club House
Inverness Squares	WC	0	
Kriss Kross Squares	WC	0	
Left Allamanders	WC	58	Largo Community Center
OK Squares	WC	0	
Promenade Squares	WC	34	Danceland Plant City
Rainbow Ramblers Squares	WC	0	
Riverland Cloggers	WC	27	Dunnellon Middle School Cafe
Spinning Wheels	WC	72	Dave Barksdale Center
Suncoast Cloggers	WC	27	Crystal River Community Cente
Suncoast Challengers	WC	0	
Temple Twirlers	WC	94	Cordelia Bittunt Community Cer
Twilight Twirlers	WC	0	
		571	

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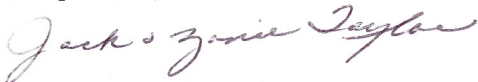
Not too much to report this period. Zonie is still working on albums and keeping the publication archives updated.

We still request all pictures submitted to us have the 5 w's on the back, (who, when, why, when and what). It really helps to identify the people because we often have disagreements on the person in the picture.

Remember people we can only make the Convention Book as nice as the material we receive. Zonie does a lot of copying and cutting out articles but she needs to have much more material, pictures, letter heads, buttons and anything dealing with the convention they will be appreciated in years to come. We see people looking at previous books and remarking on how they remember what is in the picture.

Again thanks to the area publications and Bow & Swing we are still building up a nice archive.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jack and Zonie Taylor,  
Florida Federation Historians

ASCAP - BMI REPORT

ASCAP has informed us that the fee for the year 2001 will be increased to \$.062 per attendee and one half the vendors. The minimum fee per event is \$70.00. BMI rates are the same as stated in our February report.

Respectfully,

Dave and Shirley Nihart