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From the Grapevine Editor



Stephen F. Bigelow

This issue is filled with wonderful news and a sad bit of news for me personally. Margaret Kidd who along with her husband Fr Dave danced with the old Yellow Rockers passed away. Marie and I were privileged to know them not just as Square Dancers but as our spiritual leaders at St Catherine's and Nativity Episcopal Churches. They also led Marie and I to be actively involved in Marriage Encounter leading this activity for 5 years in North Florida and South Georgia. Another Angel on Earth has gone Home. I ask your prayers for Fr. Dave Kidd

Kindly pay attention to the deadlines for the Grapevine. I would like to receive news from each club every month. The May issue deadline is April 22, 2022.

God Bless You All

Dance Club News

The Moose Promenaders – Jacksonville, FL – Caller Bill Chesnut



Bill Chesnut continues to offer a fun and enjoyable selection of calls for our club. In addition to square dancing, we offer Advanced lessons, line dancing and recorded rounds between tips. We would love to have you join us on Thursday nights at 7:00 pm (or 6:15 for Advanced lessons). The more the merrier.

We celebrated March birthdays and anniversaries.



Happy Birthday to Les Dodd (3/20), Pat Herscha (3/17), Lillie Irizarry (3/30), Manuel Irizarry (3/30), Debbie Miller (3/31), Marilyn Scott (3/20).

Happy Anniversary to Pat & Tom Herscha (3/22)

Irish eyes were smiling at the St. Patrick's Day Dance on March 10.

JACKSONVILLE <u>Moose Promenaders</u> Mainstream & Plus Square Dancing and Occasional Line & Round Dancing

Advanced Square Dancing 6:15 – 7:00 PM Square Dance Lessons 7:00 - 8:00 PM Club Dance 8:00 – 9ish PM

> Moose Lodge 2020 5051 Collins Road Jacksonville, Florida Caller - Bill Chesnut

> > President Mary Giera

Banner Chair Hanna Watts



Guest caller, Gideon Sharkey, called a tip.



We welcomed some old friends.



Eric & Inez

Patti & Bob

Pat & Dale

New Delegate



Helen Williams is our newest delegate to NEFSARDA.

In Passing

Betty Smith, former member of the Seabreeze Singles and the Moose Promenaders, passed away on March 10, 2022.



Linda Knapp, a former member of the Moose Promenaders passed away February 28.



They will be missed.

Upcoming Events

April 14th

Anniversary Dance with Round Dancing by "the" Susan.

Jekyll Island Squares - Brunswick, GA - Caller Don Heins

The Jekyll Island Squares is dancing on Mondays in the Christian Life Center behind College Place UMC, 3890 Altama Ave, Brunswick, GA. If you're planning to attend the dance from out of town, please contact me prior to the dance in case there is a conflict with a church activity. Don Heins – (912) 269-7909. donheins@MSN.com

Grand Squares – Gainesville, FL - Callers Lon Ligon and Jim Duncan

The Grand Squares are still dancing on Tuesday nights at the First Christian Church at 3411 NW 83rd Street, Gainesville, Florida 32606 from 6:30-8:30. Entrance is to the right side of the front of the church, on the other side of a fenced playground. Parking is available on the side of the church. Callers are Lon Ligon and Jim Duncan on alternate weeks.

We respectfully ask all dancers to be fully vaccinated. Masks and hand sanitizer is provided by the club for anyone who wishes to use them, and we provide pre-packaged snacks at every dance.

We have welcomed two new members, Frank, and Donna Plunkett to our numbers. Frank and Donna received their Grand Squares Badges at a recent dance. Frank is an up-and-coming caller and has had some opportunities to practice his craft at our dances.

Susie Beachy had surgery on her left hand but has done well and is back dancing (although we're not allowed to touch her left hand yet!).

We welcome visitors to join us on Tuesdays. Just call or text Robin Frazer at (352) 317-1636 or email her at robin.frazer@yahoo.com to make sure we're dancing before showing up. She sends out a survey every Friday to members on her email list to see who's coming to make sure we have a full square. Emails confirming the dance goes out every Monday.

Robin Frazer



Donna and Frank Plunkett with Robin Frazer

Dixie Dancers - Lake City, FL - Caller Bill Chesnut

The Dixie Dancers were proud to host the Ellis Lindsey Memorial Dance and want to thank all the dancers, callers and cuers that were able to attend. A nice honorarium was raised for Lelia and family and special thanks to all that contributed.

Bill Cassidy, our caller in training and his wife Debbie quite often host campers traveling through the area at their farm. Those guests are invited to dance with Dixie Dancers if they are there on a Tuesday. A number of these folks have gotten an "intro to square dancing" lesson. Hopefully when they get back home, they will look up a local club and join our activity.

The DD's had a great turnout at last month's state square and round dance convention. Bill Cassidy called a couple of tips over the weekend. Bill Chesnut was the vice caller chairman and was quite busy. Ann Hadsall was scheduled to cue but was sick and missed the weekend. Speedy recovery Ann!

We are fortunate to have a wood floor for dancing. Come out for squares and limited rounds any Tuesday starting about 6:45. We do encourage you to contact Bill Chesnut 352-256-8628 or Bob and Barbara Rosenthal at 386-365-7136 if you are coming out. We dance in a city owned building so they occasionally don't have the building available. Come out and enjoy all the fun every Tuesday night at Teen Town. It is located at 533 W. Desoto Street, Lake City.

Covid is still around so careful whatever you are doing. Shop, eat, dance, socialize, attend functions and go about life as you are comfortable doing. Just follow the current rules and suggestions and stay safe.

We look forward to welcoming you at the Dixie Dancers.

Clover Squares – Chiefland, FL - Caller Jim Duncan

Hi, Clover Squares has come up with a new dance schedule as of March 2022 we will be meeting every 1st, 3^{rd,} and 5th Wednesdays of the month from 3-5 at the First United Methodist Church in Chiefland, 707 North Main Street, Chiefland, FL in the Fellowship Hall. Jim Duncan is our caller. The only exception to this will be the month of May we will only meet on the 5/18 as our caller will be out of town. So come on out and join us, we have a good time. - Scoop Jesk, reporter

Joy Seas Squares – St. Augustine, FL - Caller Mike Akers

We were closed for a long time, but we are back. We will be starting classes and dancing March 1, 2022. We dance on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 PM. Mike Akers is our Caller, and we dance at Coquina Crossing. Please, if you intend to come, call me so I can be prepared and give you the pass code. Mary Burzo 904 501-1817. Please identify yourself when I answer the phone.

Seabreeze Singles – Jacksonville, FL - Caller Jim Cosman

The Seabreeze Club is pleased to announce that we are back in full "swing."



March was a fun and busy month. We began with our Mardi Gras celebration. Margaret Cahan and Margaret Cosman prepare to greet our square dance revelers.



Margaret Cosman & Margaret Cahan

Our club enjoyed a delicious ice cream social treat from NEFSARDA.





The Moose Club visited for a banner raid.



Our co-president, Wayne Ballasso, set the tone for our lively St. Patrick's Day dance.



April is sure to bring more great dancing and fun times. Our themed dances are:

- April 5 Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head Dance
- April 12 Easter Bonnet Dance
- April 19 Earth Day Dance
- April 26 Celebrating National Pretzel Day Dance

For additional information regarding these specific dances or general inquiries, please email Pam, <u>gabbygirlpam@gmail.com</u> Dance Review 7:00 to 7:30 PM, Club Dance 7:30 to 9:30 PM at Frances Padgett Arlington Senior Center, 1078 Rogero Road, Jacksonville. We're looking forward to you joining us soon.



Mandarin Marauders – Jacksonville, FL – Callers Ken and Shane Perez

Mandarin Marauders want to say a very special thank you to all the visitors, students, and members that attend our dances and especially were able to attend our St. Patrick's Day dance event. It was a great success because of all of you.

We want to give a shout out to our students who are doing a great job!

Students: 🗑 🟆 🕅 Marie Myers Marleen Davis Susan Ziegler

Cares and concerns:

We recently shared hugs, prayers, and tears with Sharon and Don King, who made a special visit to dance with us following the recent loss of their daughter. Caroline.

Congratulations to our *St. Patrick's Day door prize winner*---Chris Worthington

We will SPRING into APRIL with the following events:

April 4th-- Club Dance and Ice cream social sponsored by NEFSARDA to celebrate our success with the club visit campaign prior to COVID lockdown.

April 11th---Club Dance and new club officer election (Club president and Secretary)

April 18th-- Club dance

April 25th-- Attention: We will be dark •• (No Dance) due to Mandarin Senior Center's monthly meeting.

Come See us in a square on Monday nights, 7-9 PM for a night of dancing, fun, food, and fellowship at the Mandarin Senior Center.

Mandarin Marauders Rick and Kim Doucette









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Quartermores – Jacksonville, FL - Caller Bobby Keefe

The QuarterMores are dark the month of April

For more information contact Sandy Humble (904) 472-6636 <u>humble_J@bellsouth.net</u>.

Mixed Nuts – Advanced Club - Gainesville FL - Caller Bill Chesnut

Mixed Nuts Advanced Club Level meets on Mondays at Presbyterian Church on 32 Ave and 13 Street in Gainesville from 6 pm to 8 pm except for the Second Monday of the month they meet at 7pm to 9 pm. Our Caller is Bill Chesnut. - Scoop Jesk, reporter

Salty Bobbers – Steinhatchee, FL - Caller Charlie Pergrossi

Greetings everyone from the Gulf Coast! The Salty Bobbers have had a lot of fun this past month working with our new dancers. Not only are they getting more skillful in square dancing they have developed an insatiable appetite for learning line dancing during the breaks. April is a busy month outside of square dancing for our members. Almost half are pilots and every April there is a big air show in Lakeland which they work and attend leaving us short for squares.so everyone - heads up!! The Salty Bobbers have cancelled their dances for the first two weeks in April. Stay tuned though, we'll be right back in our squares on April 19th! Hope you can join us \odot





Note to Laugh At



Square Wheels- Camping Club - Caller Bill Chesnut

Square Wheels Camping Schedule 2022

Apr 22-23	Stephen Foster Cultural Center State Park 11016 Lillian Saunders Drivel Hwy 41, White Springs, Fl. 32096. Rate. normally \$20.00 but \$10.00 per night for seniors plus \$6.70 reservation fee. You must reserve thru Don MacGregor. Dance donation will be \$10.00 more per couple for weekend because of having to rent the hall.
May 20-21	Southern Oaks RV Resort, 14240 SE Hwy 441, Summerfield, FI. 3491 (352) 347-2550. Rally Rate \$34.00 (subject to change). Must make your own reservations at campground.
Jun 14-16	64th NSDCA International Camporee — Crossing Ridges to Covered Bridges, Rockville, Indiana
Jun 23-26	71st National Square Dance Convention — Evansville, Indiana
Aug 19-20	Starke/Gainesville NE KOA Holiday, 1475 south Walnut st (US 301), Fl. 32091.Must make your own reservation and mention square wheels to get rally rate . Rally rate Is \$40.50, and you must make your reservation before Aug F, 2022. After Aug 5 th sites will be released and you may not get In. One night deposit required and must cancel 48 hrs. before a \$10.00 cancellation fee.
Sept 16-17	Sunkissed Village RV Resort -14330 S. US Hwy 441, Summerfield, Fl. 34491. (352) 4804000. Next to Camping World. Rally rate \$37.00 Must make your own reservation at campground.
Oct 20-23	FANSDC 46th Annual State Camp-O-Ree — Southern Palms RV Resort, One Avocado Lane, Eustis FI 32726 (See Flyer)
Nov 4-5	NEFSARDA Fall Festival in Jacksonville Beach. Camping at Hanna Park or Mayport Naval Base (Pending)
Dec 2-3	Square Wheels/ Gypsy Square Christmas party. TBA

Rollaways – Jacksonville, FL - Caller Mark Fetzer & Cuer Susan Snider

Our club mascot, Marsu, is back from its world travels. Some of the badges and ribbons that were attached came from Texas, Michigan, Washington state and NW Canada. In March some of our other-state members visited (Mary and Dan Dean from Maryland) and our two young callers (Emily and Gideon) practiced their patter and singing calls that they would call at the State Convention.

Speaking of the Convention, 18

members from our club were in attendance and had a rollicking good time.



We dance from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at Sandalwood High School on Tuesday- 2750 John Prom Boulevard, Jacksonville. We love to have visitors. Emily Jones is our president.

NEFSARDA No Report

Florida Federation

The 67th convention is now over. It was a long two years in the making. Richard and Carol Duget did a great job. The attendance may have been down, but I can assure you that everyone who attended had a great time. Many dancers had not danced for two years, and many have not been out in public for a weekend of fun. It was so good to see friends that we have not seen. We did miss many of you but not to fear - we will be having a convention in 2023.

The Federation voted to have a 2023 convention. This week I emailed Duane Rogers and he stated that the callers also wanted to do a 2023 convention. The round dance council are waiting to check on the flooring before giving their opinion. Keith and Angie Olds are our convention chairmen. They have already started their journey. I have heard that we should be thinking about disco. Our venue is still up in the air, but Randy Poole and a committee will be touring a venue in Deland, FL.

We will be having a benefit dance at Strawberry Square on May 21, 2022, at 7:00 pm. This will be part

of our working weekend. We have the hall for the entire weekend. I am still working on the hotel for the weekend. I will get out an email to all when arrangements are complete.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Strawberry Square on May 21 & 22.

Terry Wetherby & Ed Drexel Presidents

Florida Callers Association

I told it through the Grapevine: Ramblings from beautiful downtown Melrose.

The winds of March have blown the month by in a hurry. There were lots of activities and dances in March. And now the April showers will be showing up.

Last month we hosted a Memorial dance for Ellis Lindsey. Quite a group of friends showed up to offer condolences, stories and gifts to Leila and family. Teen Town in Lake City had not seen that many folks in quite a while. 6 callers and 1 retired one were present as well as 2 cuers. Mike Doughty and his bride drove up from south Florida and Bob and Flo Ormsbee came up from Dade City. Gary Murphy and Bernie even broke away from retirement to come help with the celebration of Ellis's life. Thanks to all who came out and special thanks to the Dixie Dancers for their help. The other big event in March was the Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention. We had a great time in Daytona with 20 callers and 15 cuers present. Local callers there were Lon Ligon, Mark Fetzer and me. We also had guest appearances from two up and coming callers, Emily Jones and Gideon Sharkey. Cuers from our area were Susan Snider and Ann Hadsall. Ann got sick and was unable to attend. We missed her.

It is great to see some of the clubs getting back into banner stealing and retrieving. Visitations help our activity and make the dances more fun for all. See when your club is going off and join in on the fun. We also encourage you to be on the lookout for future dancers. Most clubs are planning fall classes for these new dancers so round up a couple or two and get them involved.

The month will end with a 5th Saturday Square and Round Dance April 30th. We would love to see your smiling faces as Don Heins, Susan Snider and I kick into spring together. Come join us. We will be watching for you in a square.

Bill & Mary Chesnut

Cares and Concerns

We have several dancers in our community who are not well. Their situations are sometimes temporary and sometimes serious. We ask that you keep these dancers in your thoughts and prayers, plus we hope for speedy recoveries for all. Please notify us about all dancers who should be on this list by contacting us on squaredancejax@gmail.com Or grapevine@sfbigelow.com

<u>Susie Beachy</u> – Grand Squares <u>Ralph Beekman</u> – Dixie Dancers <u>Bobby Keefe</u> – Caller <u>Sherry MacGregor</u> – Moose Promenaders <u>Shyanne Perez</u> (infant daughter of Shane & Susie) – future Mandarin Marauders <u>Joyce Wolfert</u> – Moose Promenaders Farewells In memoriam



Linda Sue Jones Knapp, born April 5, 1948 in Tulsa, Oklahoma to Dave and Helen Jones, passed away on Friday, February, 28, 2022 from complications of ovarian cancer.

Linda has always been a very sensitive, but strong woman. She was very intelligent and driven by her passion for helping others in their greatest time of need, graduating from Northeastern State University with a nursing degree and becoming an Army nurse during the Vietnam War. At a time when many Americans were trying to get out of the draft. She thought it unfair that men were called to service but not women and joined in order to do her part for her country and help her fellow Americans. After the war, she continued her service in the Army Reserve, retiring at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. She worked as a civilian pediatric and psychiatric nurse until she was called to being a full time mother.

There were a few things that defined Linda. The greatest ones were her family and religious beliefs. As a daughter she tried her best to ensure her parents were proud of her. As a sister, she was devoted to loving and protecting her younger brother. She worked tirelessly as a mother, ensuring her children had the best care and opportunities in life. She absolutely adored her grandchildren and enjoyed watching them grow and develop, often contemplating their futures. Religiously, she had been a Christian her entire life. She was introduced to the Quaker faith from her second husband, and immediately took to it. It spoke to her deep seeded beliefs of peace, harmony, equality and community. Her love for Jesus was always present with every interaction she had with family, friends and strangers alike. She believed deep into her core of an afterlife and seeing her loved ones again in heaven.

At the end, she passed comfortably, surrounded by her loved ones. She is preceded by her father, mother, and many aunts and uncles. She is survived by her husband, Daniel Gordon Knapp; brother, David Lee Jones (Linda); her children, Ron Micheal Durkee Knapp (Mechelle), Kristoffer Daniel Knapp (Monica), Misty Helen Rodriguez (Frank), and Bradley Dave Knapp (Ashley); and her grandchildren: Gregory Francisco Rodriguez, Lincoln Kristoffer Knapp, and Kennedy Ann Knapp."

Knapp, Linda Sue - born Apr 5, 1948 She was a members of: Rollaways and Moose Promenaders



Betty Smith

Betty Bellew Smith on March 10, 2022, at 3:30 PM left this world to a better and safer place with her mother Thelma Brown and one brother John D, Bellew, may they rest in peace.

Surviving Betty is her other son John Smith; brother Wayne Bellew; Daughter in laws Leslye D. Smith and Kendra M Smith; and her grand-daughters Elisabeth Smith, Katelyn Grooms, and Kourtney Grooms.

With this obituary I wish my mother Godspeed and apologize for all the family friends and others that are not mentioned. I love you mom thanks for the memories, time, and devotion. God bless.

A visitation will be held for Betty at Carolina Memorial Funeral home on Monday, March 14, 2022, at 11:00AM with a chapel memorial service to follow at 1:00PM. A burial will follow at Carolina Memorial Gardens. 7113 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston, South Carolina 29406.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at <u>www.carolinamemorial.com</u> for the Smith family.

Smith, Betty² Bellew - born Dec 3, 1945 (dec'd 10 Mar 2022) In 2020 she moved to Summerville, SC.

2016-2018 – Seabreeze Singles Banner Chairman 2015-2016 – NEFSARDA Treasurer (w/Suzanne Tower) 2013 – NEFSARDA Treasurer (w/Lorvale "Smitty" Smith) 2007-2009 – NEFSARDA delegate from Moose Promenaders 2006-2010 - Seabreeze Singles Banner Chairman 2005 – NEFSARD Delegate from Moose Promenaders Learned to dance in 2002 at Seabreeze Singles. She was a member of: First Coast Rounds Fun n' Frolic Moose Promenaders Seabreeze Singles



Fr David and Margaret Kidd

Margaret Bache Kidd died peacefully at the age of 83 on March 25, 2022, in the company of her husband, Reverend Paul David ("Dave") Kidd. Margaret was born January 17, 1939, in Trenton, New Jersey, and adopted as an infant by William Hyatt Bache and Marie Louise (Marilou) Clark Bache. The family settled in Florida, where Margaret grew up. She graduated from Gainesville High School in Gainesville, Florida. In 1960 she earned her B.S. in Education from Florida State University and went on to earn her Master's in Early Childhood Education from the University of North Florida in 1984. She taught in the public schools of North Florida for 22 years. Margaret married Dave Kidd on April 17, 1960, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Gainesville, Florida. Margaret was very active in the Episcopal Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK). joining the DOK in 1972 at St. Mark's, Palatka, Florida. She served as Treasurer and then President for the Diocese of Florida Assembly and was Registrar for Province 4 of the DOK from 2002-2014. At the time of her death, she was President of The Blessed Mary, Mother of God DOK Chapter at St. Joseph's, Newberry, Florida. Margaret attended the first Cursillo (#1) in the Diocese of Florida, worked many teams and served as Rector for Cursillo #25. She also worked on teams in the Atlanta Cursillo Community. She attended Happening #9 in the Diocese of Florida when her daughter, Karen, was Rector. Margaret and Father Dave were a presenting clergy couple for Episcopal Marriage Encounter for 30 years, serving on Regional and National Boards. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, Robin Kidd (Bob Vuckovic) and Karen Adams (Steve) three grandsons, two brothers, and five nieces and nephews. Services will be held at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, Newberry, Florida on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 10:30am. Flowers are welcome, as are gifts to St. Joseph's or Haven Hospice.

Fr. David and Margaret were members of the Yellow Rockers

National Square and Round Dance Conventions

<u>2022</u> June 22-25

<u>71st National Square Dance Convention</u>, Evansville, Indiana, <u>http://www.sodbustermail.com/12all/index.php?action=social&c=42998cf32d552343bc8e4604</u> <u>16382dca.379</u>

2023 72nd National Square dance Convention, Mobile Al. <u>https://www.72nsdc.com/</u>

June 21-24

Flyers are below

If cats worked in shops . . .





Spring Fling 5th Saturday Night Dance

Don Heins and Bill Chesnut calling Susan Snider on Rounds

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> Trinity Lutheran Church 1415 McDuff Ave Jacksonville, FL 32205



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