



# The Grapevine

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Next Meeting NEFSARDA April 16, 2023, at St Catherine’s Episcopal Church at 3:00 pm

Note: Everyone please verify the club information sheet on Pages 46-47 in this issue of the grapevine SFB

A pirate-themed poster for a dance event. At the top, a speech bubble says 'AHOY, MATEYS!' flanked by a pirate and a parrot. Below is a scroll with the event details: 'FIFTH SATURDAY DANCE', 'APRIL 29, 2023', 'TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH', '1415 MC DUFF AVE - JACKSONVILLE, FL', and '\$5.00 PER PERSON'. The bottom section lists 'CALLERS: BILL CHESNUT AND DON HEINS' with illustrations of two pirates, 'CUER: BARBARA BLACKFORD' with an illustration of a woman, and 'PIRATE ATTIRE IS WELCOME'. On the right, a parrot sits on a signpost with two signs: '1:30-2:00pm Pre-Rounds' and '2:00-4:30pm Regular Dancing'.

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## From the Grapevine Editor



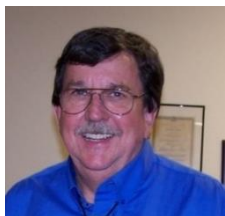
The month of April is upon us. It is also the start of the Easter Season that ends with the triumphant raising from the dead of our Lord Jesus Christ. It was during this season that I lost my Mother, Grandmother and Marie's mother so I am always very hesitant about this time of year. My family seems to pass away during the Easter Season, but I hope everyone has a triumphant Easter season.

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, 2023

God Bless You All  
Stephen F. Bigelow

### Dance Club News

#### The Moose Promenaders – Jacksonville – Caller Bill Chesnut



***On Thursday evenings we begin Advanced lessons start at 6:15; Mainstream dances start at 7pm and move to the plus about 8:15 pm. We would love to have you join us.***

Our April dance schedule is:

April 6 – Celebrate April birthdays and anniversaries – wear Moose Promenaders' colors – blue and white. The cake will be provided by Steve and Cathy Grant.

April 13 – All dancers should arrive to eat Hobo Stew by 6:15 PM. Bring a can of something to donate like a hobo would. Beckie Burkett will be preparing the main dish. French bread and butter will be provided. We'll dance at 7 PM. Feel free to dress the part of a hobo, railroader, or something similar.

April 16 (Sunday) – NEFSARDA Delegates' meeting. at 3:00 at St. Catherine's Episcopal Church on Shelby Ave. Details elsewhere in this issue.

April 20 – Stormy Weather Dance (it will probably rain)

April 27 – regular dance

April 29 (Saturday) – see flier about NEFSARDA's 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Pirate's Dance in the afternoon at Trinity Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, FL.

**JACKSONVILLE**  
**Moose Promenaders**  
Mainstream & Plus Square Dancing  
and  
Occasional Line and Round Dancing

6:15 PM Advanced Lessons  
Square Dance Lessons 7:00 - 8:15 PM  
Plus Level 8:15 - 9:30 PM

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

President  
Mary Giera

Banner Chair  
Hanna Watts

## Community Outreach at the Y



Mary Ellen Ludeking called a square dance at the Riverside YMCA in Jacksonville on March 8, 2023. The theme of the Shamrock square dance was "Find Your Wealth in Health." Mary Ellen & Bill are grateful to Cathy & Steve Grant, Manuel & Lillie Irizarry and Jim Moss for participating in the square dance as angels (leprechauns) and for all of their help. (See picture above.) The purpose of the dance was to introduce folks to square dancing. The participants enjoyed the dance and especially liked dancing to "The Irish Washer Woman" and the call, "Star Promenade".

### **Coastal Georgia Squares - Brunswick, GA - Caller Don Heins** **(formerly known as Jekyll Island Squares)**

Coastal Georgia Squares is dancing on Thursdays 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](mailto:donheins@MSN.com)

### **Grand Squares – Gainesville, FL –** **Caller Lon Ligon and Caller in Training, Frank Plunkett**

The Grand Squares is proud to announce the graduation of our most recent Square Dance Class. We graduated seven new dancers and had a great time celebrating their transition from class to new club members! We enjoyed welcoming visitors from NEFSARDA as well as other guests.

We will continue dancing every Tuesday Night at First Christian Church at 3411 NW 83rd Street, Gainesville from 6:30-8:30. Caller Lon Ligon and Caller in Training Frank Plunkett will continue to call

Mainstream, while beginning to teach PLUS. We welcome all dancers to our club - contact Robin Frazer at (352) 317-1636 or [robin.frazer@yahoo.com](mailto:robin.frazer@yahoo.com) for information.



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Graduates!

















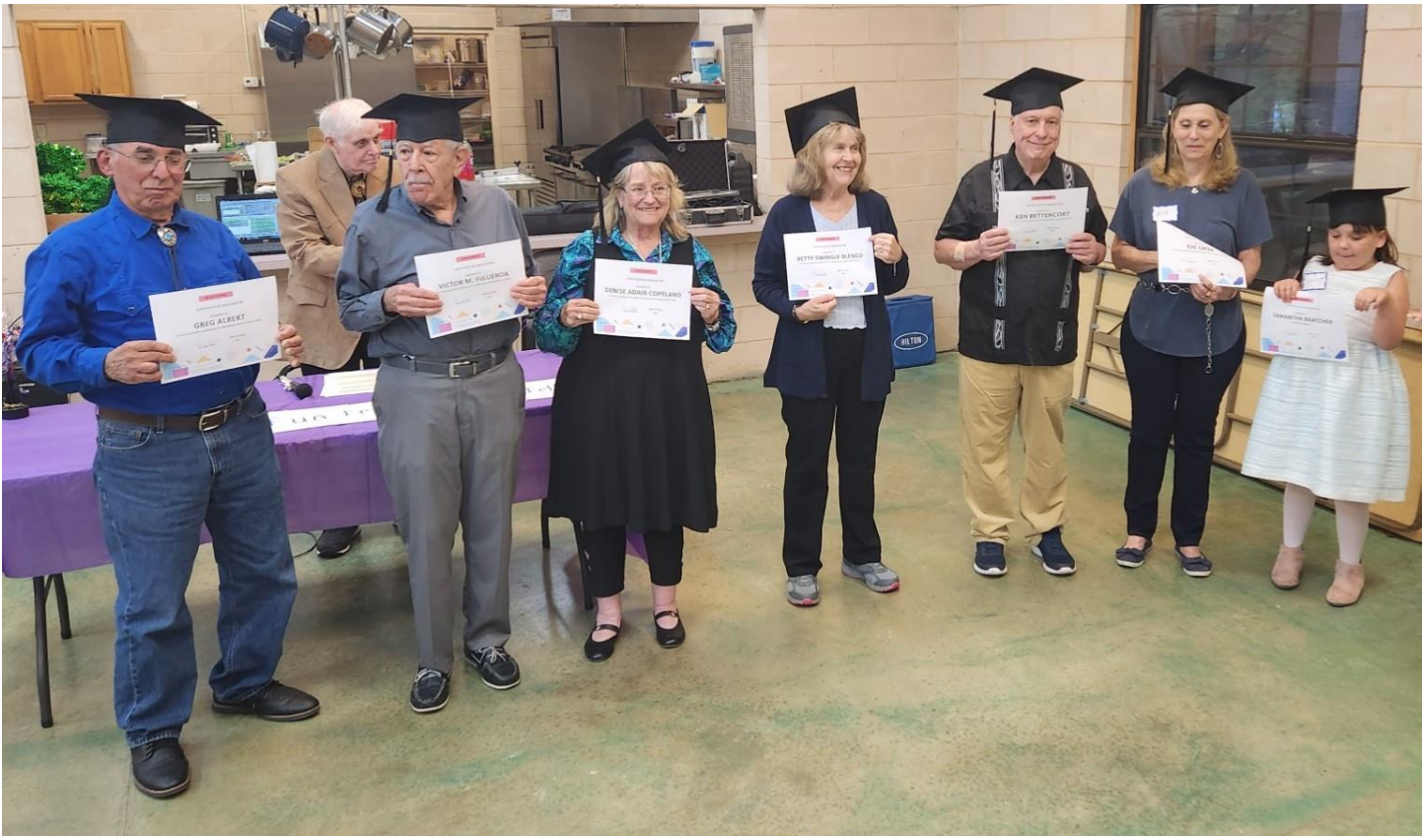
















Bertha Jackson displays Grand Squares graduation feast.

### **Dixie Dancers - Lake City, FL - Caller Bill Chesnut**

Dixie Dancers in Lake City

The good times continue to roll at the Dixie Dancers on Tuesday nights in Lake City. We look forward to you visiting some Tuesday evening. We have a wood floor for dancing, good sound in the hall and we dance to Bill Chesnut and some to Bill Cassidy.

Our class took a little "Spring Break" but will restart April 4.

The Mardi Gras dance we had on Fat Tuesday was great fun and very festive. That was followed up by a St. Patrick's wearing of the green dance in March. Seems there is always an occasion to celebrate so come on out.

We continue to have way too long of a "lame and injured" list. We wish a speedy recovery to all that are not at full speed. Our prayers for all that they can get back to full health.

We continue the format of having Bill Cassidy call an early tip and working with Bill Chesnut. Bill Cassidy is doing a fine job and we look forward to his tips. All dancers are welcome, and we know you will find a great time out here in the western part of NEFSARDA. If you know someone that lives in the Lake City area that you think would like to learn to dance have them, get in touch with us.

Come out to Lake City almost any Tuesday for squares and limited rounds 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.

We look forward to welcoming you at the Dixie Dancers.

## **Clover Squares – Chiefland, FL - Caller Jim Duncan**

Clover Squares had their St. Patty's Day dance on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, and all had a good time with their wearing of Green and the winner of our door prize a potted plant of clovers was none other than Gary Peterson. Irish eyes were smiling and Jim Duncan our caller was decked out in his Derby Green hat with matching suspenders and did a wonderful job We will meet on Wednesday April 5, and This time we will be wearing our Crazy Easter Bonnets. So come on out and join us we dance Basic and Mainstream with announced Plus Tips. - Scoop Jesk





## **High Springs Dance Club - High Springs, FL - Caller Bill Cassidy**

The High Springs Dance Club is continuing to bring students along in their adventure of learning to dance. We also try to alternate plus tips for our experienced dancers.

We celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a party by festively decorating the High Springs Civic Center, dancing to some Irish music, and wearing green. It was so much fun! Our President, Frank Plunkett even entertained us by dancing an Irish jig that he had learned as a child. Donna Plunkett really enhanced the evening by bringing hats, ties, and other green party items for everyone. She even had door prizes which she cleverly created herself! Lucky winners were Wendy Dick, Charlie Pergrossi, and Audrey Murray. What a treat! We took a group photo and our photographer, Deborah Cassidy, was able to get in the picture by making it a selfie.

The food and refreshments were great, though some of the cookies and cupcakes had turned a green color. Were they sitting around too long? Was it mold? Don't know but If you closed your eyes, ignored the green color, and just ate them, they were scrumptious!

The High Springs square dance club is conveniently located halfway between Gainesville and Lake City. We dance at the Civic Center off Highway 441 near Winn Dixie. The dance is every Thursday night from 7 to 9 pm with setup starting at 6:30 pm. The address is 19107 NW 240th Street, High Springs, FL. Contact Deborah Cassidy to confirm we are dancing. 352-262-0760.









High Springs dancers

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

Joy Seas have settled in well in our new home at the Riverview Club in St. Augustine Shores. We will be hosting a graduation ceremony for our modest group of beginners on Wednesday, April 12th.

We begin immediately the following week, April 19th, by welcoming a new crop of dancers to Entry Level Square Dancing from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

8:00 pm is the start of Social Square Dancing. Entry dancers can join in the first tip of the Social Square Dance to dance what they learned.

We are optimistic to not be dark this summer and that the 12-week SSD program will sustain us and help grow our numbers in times ahead.

Our goal is to promote square dancing without the annual 24-week Rush to Plus regimen. Square Dancing will be a fun event instead of a teaching grind. Our mission statement is "Dancing Without Lessons".

Again, we cannot thank our Angels enough.

Editorial Correction: Butch and Chris Worthington were inadvertently named as Butch and Chris Hutchinson in a previous edition of the Grapevine. This mistake was entirely the fault of incorrect reporting and no blame is due The Grapevine. "Mea culpa" my friends.

Michael Akers

<https://www.facebook.com/MikeAkersSquareDanceCaller/>

## **Seabreeze Singles Jacksonville Fl. Caller Mike Akers**

Seabreeze Singles Square Dance Club  
The Place To Find a Dance Partner Or Bring Your Own  
Frances Padgett Senior Center  
1078 Rogero Road



The Seabreeze Square Dance Club is excited to announce that Mike Akers, caller for the St. Augustine Joy Seas, will continue to call for us throughout the month of April. During the month of March, we welcomed a new season with our Spring Fling Dance, celebrated St. Patrick's Day, and donned our jerseys to participate in the "madness" of basketball. Pictured is a glimpse of our Irish Fun.



Additionally, we demonstrated the goodwill of square dancers by helping fill the pantry at the Arlington Senior Center.

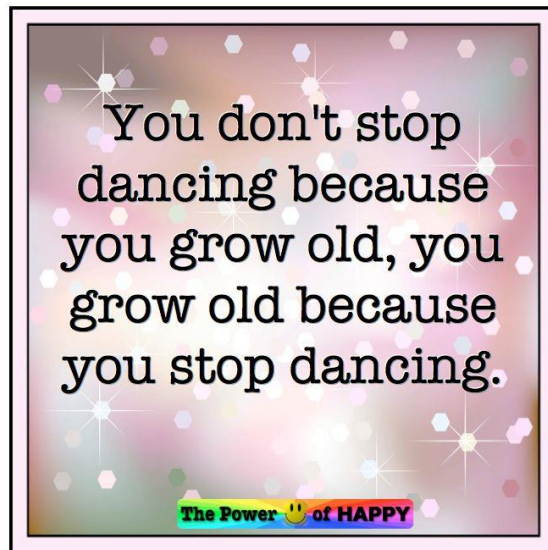


Our schedule for April is just as entertaining.

- April 4 Bunny Hop Easter Dance (with creative bonnets and caps)
- April 11 Ole Fashioned Square Dance
- April 18 Earth Day Celebration
- April 25 National Pretzel Day (a little early)



Our square dance club suffered a profound loss as our dear member, Margaret Cahan passed away this month. Also, we express condolences to member Wayne Ballasso on the passing of his father, Carl Ballasso. Should you have any questions regarding any aspect of the Seabreeze Club, please contact Pam at: [gabbygirlpam@gmail.com](mailto:gabbygirlpam@gmail.com)



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

It is with great sadness that Mandarin Marauders has lost our venue where we danced. We have been unsuccessful locating another venue and therefore have voted to move forward with dissolution of the club. Thank you to all who have supported our club with your presence throughout our history.



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

Mixed Nuts Advanced square dance club meets on Mondays at Grace Presbyterian Church in Gainesville 13 St. & 32 Ave. at 6 pm except for second Monday of the month when it's at 7pm. We try to do "A" Dancing so come on out and join us in the fun and exercise both mentally & physically. - Scoop Jesk

### **Salty Bobbers – Steinhatchee, FL - Caller Charlie Pergrossi**

March was a great month for the Salty Bobbers, and we've got lots planned for April. Ya'll come have some fun with us. We dance every Tuesday from 7 to 9 pm and we mix a few recorded rounds and line dances into our program every week. There's nearby campgrounds a plenty and some of the best seafood restaurants in Florida if you want to spend a few days exploring our seaside resort. Our new apprentice caller (Clara) called for us several times in March and she's getting better each time. I've enclosed a photo of Clara and our caller Charlie doing a duet singing call for us. Our snowbirds are heading north in April, but that just means more treats on the table for our core members (and guests 😊)! Best wishes during the Easter holidays and we hope you'll join us in a square with the Salty Bobbers!



## **Square Wheels- Camping Club - Caller Bill Chesnut**

Chapter 128, Square Wheels March 17 & 18, 2023 Campout Greetings,

We had a mostly great time at Red Oaks RV this Month, some little issues with the dance halls and camp sites, but everyone got in and we had halls for dancing. We had 16 rigs camping from the club. And 3+ squares for dancing. Jack and Bev Henry from chapter 143 joined with us, John & Bonnie from Michigan were already in the campground for vacation, and Ray & Barbara Stiver, who were members about 10 to 12 years ago, joined us for camping & then dancing on Sat evening. We had several visitors from the campground to watch on Friday, Bill got them all up for a tip, they all seemed to enjoy themselves. Ivan & Ann did not camp, but came

on Fri & Sat to cue the rounds. We were glad to have Bob & Barbara Rosenthal back as well. We met for a brown bag supper on Friday evening, and after the dance @ Boot's Hall, we had a campfire, thanks Gene, Ron & Linda. Saturday was whatever you wanted early on, then Bill had a workshop from 2-3:30. Most of us went to Sonny's for dinner, and then we were at Crane Hall for dancing. 50/50 was won by Angela & Tim on Friday, and Steve & Carol, on Saturday. We missed all who couldn't be there because of health or RV issues, wishing you the best for future camping.

Next month we will be @ Stephen Foster State Park in White Springs, we do have a campsite available if anyone does not have a site, please contact Ivan & Ann Hadsall @ 386-965-6139 for the info on the site and to pay them.

Mary Chesnut

**SQUARE WHEELS**  
**Chapter 128**  
**CAMPING SCHEDULE - 2023**  
 (Subject to change – Please verify – Revised 3/31/23)

- Jan 20-21 Florida State Convention – Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3150 E. New York Ave., DeLand, FL 32824  
 Camping at the fairgrounds – 90 Full-Service Sites. See Flyer for directions and details. Trail End Dance  
 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Feb 17-18 Eagle Roost RV Resort, 5465 Mill Store Road, Lake Park, GA 31636, (229) 559-5192 Rate is \$38.34  
 including all taxes. There is no cable tv, but 14-15 channels are available from Valdosta and  
 Tallahassee. Must make your own reservation, deposit required. Also they have cabins to rent.
- Mar 17-18 Red Oaks RV Resort – 5551 SW 18<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Bushnell, FL 33513, (352)793-7117 Rally rate - \$30.00  
 We will be dancing in the larger “Boots Hall”. You must call campground and pre-register with a  
 deposit.
- Apr 14-15 Stephen Foster Cultural Center State Park – 11016 Lillian Saunders Drive/ Hwy 41, White Springs, FL  
 32096. 800-326-3521. Rate normally \$20.00 but \$10.00 per night for seniors plus \$6.70 reservation  
 fee.
- May 19-20 Southern Oaks RV Resort – 14240 SE Hwy 441, Summerfield, FL 34491  
 (352) 347-2550. Rally Rate \$34.00 (subject to change). Must make your own reservations at  
 campground.
- Jun 21-24 72nd National Square Dance Convention – Mobile, Alabama. See [www.72nsdc.com/](http://www.72nsdc.com/) for details
- July 11-13 65th NSDCA International Camporee – Hoe Down Time in Tennessee, Lebanon, Tennessee  
 See nsdca.org, Camping/Dancing, Camporee for registration forms & additional dances.
- Aug. 18-19 Wekiva Falls RV Resort – 30700 Wekiva River Road, Sorrento, FL 32776. 352-383-8055  
[www.wekivafalls.com](http://www.wekivafalls.com). They accept PassPort America for up to 6 days. PPA rally rate will be updated  
 next year but will be approximately \$35/day. You must call campground and pre-register with a deposit.  
 Reservations must be made at least a week before to receive rally rate. If your RV is longer than 40 feet  
 please call Tim. Rental Cabins available.
- Sep 15-16 Southern Oaks RV Resort – 14240 SE Hwy 441, Summerfield, FL 34491  
 © (352) 347-2550. Rally Rate \$34.00 (subject to change). Must make your own reservations at  
 campground. Rod Barngrover calling
- Oct. 26-29 **FANSDC 47th Annual State Camp-O-Ree** – Southern Palms RV Resort, One Avocado Lane, Eustis, FL  
 32726. For more Information see Flyer
- Nov 3-4??? NEFSARDA Fall Festival in Jacksonville – Trinity Lutheran Church, 1415 McDuff Ave, Jacksonville. For  
 more Information see Flyer.
- Dec 1-2???? **SQUARE WHEELS CHRISTMAS PARTY** The Springs R.V. Resort - 2950 N. E. 52<sup>nd</sup> Ct, Silver Springs, FL  
 34488. 352-236-5250. Rally rate \$45.00 per night. Also, they will honor Passport America for 3 days. If  
 staying longer than 3 days, additional days will be at \$50.00 per night. Must call campground to make  
 your reservation. You may have to remind them of the rally rate and no deposit required per Garrett  
 Landreth. Any deposit will not be refunded.

For additional information please contact one of the following:

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| Mary Chesnut<br>352-475-2550, cell (352) 214-5880<br><a href="mailto:marvnut4@gmail.com">marvnut4@gmail.com</a> | Tim Hill 352-205-0596<br>Angela Brown 352-408-5721<br><a href="mailto:doramata62@yahoo.com">doramata62@yahoo.com</a> |
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You can also dance to Bill on Tuesday nights, with the Dixie Dancers in Lake City or  
 Thursdays nights with Moose Promenaders in Jacksonville.



New Club



**Black Creek Square Dance Club  
Every Friday**

7:00 pm – 9:30 pm Dance

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*@ Middleburg Civic Association*

*2102 Palmetto Street*

*Middleburg, FL 32068*  
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**Callers:**

**Ken ‘Silver Fox’ Perez & Shane ‘Little Bear’ Perez**

**April 2023 Schedule:**

**7<sup>th</sup>: Class/Dance**

**14<sup>th</sup>: Class/Dance**

**15<sup>th</sup>: Spring Festival & Car Show Exhibition from 1:00-3:00 pm\*\***

**21<sup>st</sup>: DARK**

**28<sup>th</sup>: Beginner’s Western Hoedown- see flyer for more info.**

**\*\*DANGLE DANCE!!**

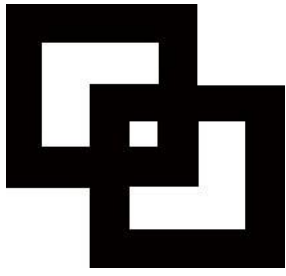
***Let’s Show off Square Dancing in the public eye by  
dressing up, drawing attention and being the eye talk  
of the town!***

**Contact:**

**Ken ‘Silver Fox’ Perez: 904-263-6861**

**Susie Perez: 386-438-9224**





Black Creek

# Beginner's Western Hoedown



With Callers:

**Ken 'Silver Fox' Perez & Shane 'Little Bear' Perez**

**April 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00 – 9:30 pm**

*Middleburg Civic Association  
2102 Palmetto Street  
Middleburg, FL 32068*



***All Dance levels welcome... Beginner's too!***

***Grab your HAT and BOOTS and come join us for our club's baby dance!***



***We will be serving Hotdogs, Chips,  
other refreshments***



***and***

## **Ramblings from beautiful downtown Melrose**

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

Here is to hoping the April Showers will show up. Lots of dry yards in the Melrose area and the lakes could use a little more water. Plus, they bring those May flowers.

I received a few comments about my last article about dress and the lack of square dance clothes. Whether you agreed or disagreed, I am just happy to know someone reads my words of wit. It also brought a couple of questions to me from other areas in the state and I decided to add them in this month.

Who is the callers biggest advocate and probably the most critical? Who is that person that is there for your caller or cuer all the time? I left home a couple weeks back headed to a dance and about halfway there realized I had not put my calling equipment in the car. Luckily Ms. Nut was home and willing to meet me and bring the equipment. That made it possible for the dance to happen and on time. My thanks go to my best supporter and critic. Calling is truly a team sport and I appreciate all that Mary does for me, the clubs I call for and for our activity.

I have been asked a few times over the years and again recently: Should clubs charge callers to dance at a club dance? I think the answer is way too complex. I expect to pay at any dance that I go to if I am there to dance. I am always grateful if a club doesn't charge but that is not expected. If a caller is a club member of their dance club, they should pay. The enjoyment should be worth the cost. Going back a few years ago, Robert Padgett was a member of the Moose Promenaders. If Robert was there to dance, he paid the admission charge. When he brought the Clay Allemanders to visit, there was no charge. My long answer is clubs do what you need to do, and callers always expect to be charged. And I still miss Robert.

At a dance a few weeks ago I heard a caller use "Dixie style to a wave", followed by "left swing thru". The motion for the dancer in the middle is a little over 360-degree turn. The flow would be so much smoother if the caller had used a "centers trade" before the "left swing thru". Next time maybe a little on Bobby Keefe's pet peeves: centers zoom and the call combination of star thru, veer left.

I received word over the weekend that Bow and Swing is shutting down. Susan Elaine has worked hard on the magazine, but it is just no longer viable due to postage costs, production costs and reduced subscribers. It makes the Grapevine the best source of information on dancing in Northeast Florida. I will miss Bow and Swing.

Stay safe, enjoy dancing, look for new dancers and visit the clubs whenever you can. We will be watching for you in a square.

Bill & Mary Chesnut

## **Florida Callers Association President's Report**

No Report

## **NEFSARDA's 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Afternoon Dance Schedule**

The plans for the 2023 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Dances are announced.

April 29, 2023, Pirates Dance (flyer above)

July 29, 2023, American Pie (bring a pie to share)

Sept 30, 2023, American Harvest

Dec 30, 2023, up for discussion if we have it. The Theme would be Christmas in Dixie

Stephen F Bigelow M.Ed.

Vice President NEFSARDA

### **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](mailto:squaredancejax@gmail.com) Or [grapevine@sfbigelow.com](mailto:grapevine@sfbigelow.com)

John Allen – Moose Promenaders

Ralph Beekman – Dixie Dancers

Bobby Keefe – Caller

George King – Dixie Dancers

Rick Lord – Dixie Dancers/Salty Bobbers

Barbara Rosenthal – Dixie Dancers



Margaret Cahan

Margaret Elaine Altwater Cahan Jacksonville - Margaret Elaine Altwater Cahan was born on January 6, 1941, and died on March 12, 2023.

Margret was the third child of Rae Edison Altwater and Caroline Evans Altwater. Her siblings were: Faye Mobley, Rae (Pat) Altwater Jr, and Shirley Altwater.

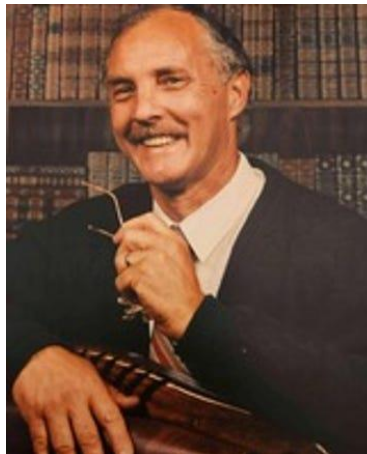
Margaret married William John Cahan in 1959. They were the proud parents of five children: Bill (Annie) Cahan Jr, Scott (Jenny) Cahan, Danny (Carol), Stacie (Kelly) Butts, and Stephanie (Jeff) Royal. She had eleven grandchildren: Brittany, Katie, Shawn, Emily, Kendall, Chloe, Alyssa, Hayley, Nicholas, Grace, and Matthew. She had six great-grandchildren: Noah, Savannah, Caroline, Evelyn, Adam, and John.

Margret graduated from Robert E. Lee High School at the age of 17. She was an executive secretary and later entered Civil Service working at the IRS, the US Attorney's Office, and the US Postal Service. In 1993, she became the Postmaster to Horseshoe Beach, FL. In 1996, she returned to Jacksonville to work at the Central Forwarding Service and retired in 2006.

Margaret was very active in the churches she attended, including Holiday Hill Church, Cedar Hill Baptist, and Fort Caroline Christian Church where she regularly sang in the choir, attended Sunday School, and participated in church activities. She served as church secretary at several churches and was on the financial team at Cedar Hills Baptist.

She was an active square dancer with Seabreeze Singles Dance Club. She was secretary and club reporter for years. She traveled with the club to many cities and states to dance.

Services will be held on March 19th at 3 p.m. at Fort Caroline Christian Church located at 7535 FT Caroline Rd. Jacksonville, FL 32277



Bill Cahan

William John Cahan was born on April 15, 1940 in Boston, MA. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1958 and married Margaret Altwater in 1959. He was the father of five children: William Cahan, Jr (Annie), Scott Cahan (Jenny), Danny Cahan (Carol), Stacie Butts (Kelly) and Stephanie Royal (Jeff). He had eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Bill was a quiet, gentle and good man. He believed in God and was not afraid to die and go to Heaven. He completed four years of college and was an artist, painting many beautiful pictures and commercial signs; a fireman, salesman, and gardener. He was a good father and husband.

Services will be held on December 9th at 3 p.m. at Fort Caroline Christian Church located at 7535 FT Caroline Rd. Jacksonville, FL 32277.



Eleanor Smith

Obit: "Eleanor Hubbard Smith went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday, November 11, 2022, after surrendering to complications from long-term health issues. Although she lived for a time in Savannah, Georgia as a child, and in Tennessee for one semester of college, she lived the rest of her 93 years in Jacksonville, Florida, her birthplace. After graduating from Robert E. Lee High School in 1947 and briefly attending Carson Newman College, she married her childhood sweetheart William "Lawton" Smith, who passed away in 2017. Their lives together were centered on church attendance and active service in teaching and other lay ministry capacities, as well as joyful recreation (camping and **square dancing**) with their many friends. Eleanor was known as a generous and tirelessly giving person who also considered herself a prayer warrior on behalf of anyone she knew and loved. She used her musical gifts until her late 80s, playing piano for church services and other events. She was a founding member of Murray Hill Baptist Church and most recently attended Westside Baptist Church in the last few years. She was a caring mother, a supportive wife, a loving grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her greatest joy was her grandson Adam and she was elated that he made her a great-grandmother in 2020 when Noah was born. Eleanor is survived by her son, Mark (Portia); daughter, Laura; grandson, Adam (Holly); and great-grandson, Noah. The family extends heartfelt thanks to all those who have loved and cared for Eleanor and Lawton over the years. Her family would also like to thank the caring staff at Brookdale Avondale and Westminster Woods on Julington Creek, for providing such wonderful care for Eleanor in the last few months and during her final weeks. She will be buried at the Jacksonville National Cemetery with her husband Lawton in a private service. A celebration of her life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at Westside Baptist Church/Teacher Chapel, 7775 Herlong Road in Jacksonville. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her honor to Wycliffe Bible Translators ([www.wycliffe.org](http://www.wycliffe.org)), which she supported for decades, or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society ([www.nationalmssociety.org](http://www.nationalmssociety.org)). Arrangements entrusted to the care of Blackburn-Curry Funeral and Cremation, 380 N. Lowder Street, Macclenny, Florida 32063."

## **National Square and Round Dance Convention**

2023  
June 21-24

72<sup>nd</sup> National Square dance Convention, Mobile AL. <https://www.72nsdc.com/>

September 16 - 23, 2023

**CRUZEN FOR BOB 7**  
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**ITINERARY:**

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| Saturday  | Baltimore, Maryland        | 5:00 departs    |
| Sunday    | Fun Day at Sea             | Lets dance      |
| Monday    | Halifax, Nova Scotia       | 7:00 – 4:00 PM  |
| Tuesday   | Saint Johns, New Brunswick | 10:00 – 6:00 PM |
| Wednesday | Portland, Maine            | 8:00 – 5:00 PM  |
| Thursday  | Boston, Massachusetts      | 7:00 – 5:00 PM  |
| Friday    | Fun Day at Sea             | Lets Dance      |
| Saturday  | Arrive Baltimore 10:00 AM  |                 |

Interior Cabin \$2,271.06 per couple

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We are very excited to offer this square dance cruise to New England/Canada with Bill & Mary Chesnut. We chose this cruise because the itinerary offered two more ports of call in New England. As time gets closer we will be checking on Flights and motels.

Our final payment will be due 6/18/2023, so we have plenty of time to save up for this cruise. If you have an early savers offer you may want to use it now as the down payment was \$50.00 per person and \$100.00 on board credit. Check to see what promotions are available. Prices subject to change at any time.

We look forward to another wonderful cruise together

**Contact information:**

**mjanescott@bellsouth.net or scottymjane@gmail.com**

**904-264-9392**

**billchesnut4@gmail.com or marynut4@gmail.com**

**Bill- 352-256-8628**

**Mary 352-475-2550**



# Days of Yore in 2024



**January 19-20, 2024**  
Volusia County Fairgrounds  
3150 E. New York Ave.  
Deland, FL 32724  
(I4 and FL Hwy. 44)

**Mainstream, Plus, A2**  
Phases 2, 3, 4, & 5  
Plus more

**Thursday Night**  
Trail End Dance  
Townsend Pavilion

## Registration:

Check dances or the website below for a form

Make checks payable to: 69<sup>th</sup> FSDC  
Mail to: Linda Reid | 1062 Old Millpond Rd.  
Melbourne, FL 32940 | Reid20@bellsouth.net



**ALL AT ONE LOCATION**  
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## Merchandise & Raffle:

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| Yellow Polo w/Blue logo on the front            | \$25.00 |
| Yellow T-Shirt w/Blue logo on the front & back  | \$16.00 |
| Convention Button                               | \$ 1.00 |
| Raffle Tickets for \$500 prepaid Visa Gift Card |         |
| 1 ticket  | \$ 1.00 |
| 10 tickets                                      | \$ 5.00 |
| 25 tickets                                      | \$10.00 |

**Host Hotel:** Courtyard by Marriott  
308 N. Woodland Blvd.  
Deland, FL 32720  
386-507-2930  
Ask for the Square Dance rate

## \*~\*~\* Dinner & Show \*~\*~\*

Keep an eye on the Convention website for more information.

Friday, January 19, 2024, 4:15p-6:30p  
in the Townsend Pavilion.

Dinner & Show price: \$40 per person

Deadline to purchase: Friday, January 5, 2024

## Camping at the Fairgrounds:

\$40/day - Full Hookup  
\$20/day - Dry Camping

**NO CAMPING REFUNDS** after Dec 1, 2023  
**NO PUBLIC FACILITIES**

Make your reservation with  
Johnny Brown, Camping Chairman  
321-444-5595 | jbgumpyJB@yahoo.com

For more information click on the convention link at  
[www.dancergram.com](http://www.dancergram.com)



*Days of Yore in 2024*  
**69<sup>TH</sup> FLORIDA STATE SQUARE &  
ROUND DANCE CONVENTION  
BENEFIT DANCE**

**SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023**

**Squares:**  
**Rod Barngrover,**  
**Caller Chairman**

**Rounds:**  
**Sandy Sturgis,**  
**Asst Cuer Chairman**

**Strawberry Square**  
**4401 Promenade Blvd**  
**Plant City, FL 33563**

**ADMISSION: DONATION AT THE DOOR**

**Early Rounds 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**  
**Mainstream & Plus with Rounds 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

**Ribbons and Merchandise will be available to purchase**

**A Silent Auction will also be held for gift baskets donated by fellow dancers.**

**Questions?**  
**Jenny Green | 863-287-5724 | [jgreen102286@gmail.com](mailto:jgreen102286@gmail.com)**  
**Sponsored by the Florida Federation of Square Dancers**



# Gift Baskets Needed for Silent Auction



You can donate a basket as an association, club, or individual.

Please bring your baskets to Strawberry Square  
Saturday, May 20, 2023, by 7:30 P.M.  
For the 69<sup>th</sup> Florida State Convention Benefit Dance

Please include a list of the items that are in the basket.

~~ Must be new, unopened items ~~ Can be any theme ~~

All proceeds benefit the 69<sup>th</sup> Florida State Convention

Questions or would like to donate  
Email Jenny Green at [jagreen535@gmail.com](mailto:jagreen535@gmail.com)

# **HIGH SPRINGS DANCE CLUB**



**Thursday Nights (call to verify)  
7:00-9:00 pm**

***Featuring:  
Modern Square Dance &  
Choreographed Ballroom Dance***

**High Springs Civic Center  
330 NW Santa Fe Blvd (on Highway 441)  
High Springs, FL**

**More Information: 352-262-0760**



**Caller: Bill Cassidy**

**Experienced & New Dancers Welcome!**

**Dress - casual**

# Swinging Squares 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

# *Blue & White Ball*

## April 15, 2023

Grand Square Hall  
1105 Bob Little Road  
Panama City, FL 32404

Sandy Sturgis

Darryl McMillan



Cuer

Caller

\$12 per person

### **Schedule**

#### **Saturday Morning:**

10 am– 11 am – Rounds Workshop

11 am – Noon - Advanced

#### **Saturday Afternoon Dance:**

1 pm – 1:30 pm - Early Rounds

1:30 pm– 4 pm – Squares & Rounds

For Information: Kathie 850-896-5798 or Anne 850-387-3101

This is the current list that I have for all clubs in the Northeast area. If your information is wrong or changes, please let an officer of your club let me know. If you would like your club added, please send me your club information

Stephen F Bigelow M.Ed.  
[grapevine@sfbigelow.com](mailto:grapevine@sfbigelow.com)  
904-612-1081

## **Monday Clubs**

### **Mandarin Marauders Disbanded**

#### Mixed Nuts

6:00 – 8:00 PM at Grace Presbyterian Church at 3146 NW 13th Street, Gainesville except for the Second Monday of the month when they meet 7:00 – 9:00 PM. This is a club for Advanced dancers.  
Caller Bill Chesnut

## **Tuesday Clubs**

#### Rollaways

7:00 – 9:00 PM at Sandalwood High School 2750 John Prom Boulevard, Jacksonville  
Caller Mark Fetzer  
Cuer Susan Snyder  
President Emily Jones  
Banner Chairman Virginia Bomhold (904) 521-2754

#### Seabreeze Singles

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.  
Caller Jim Cosman  
Presidents Pam Newman (904) 716-7115  
Banner Chairman Vickie BeLue (904) 707-8188

#### Salty Bobbers

7:00- 9:00 PM at Community Center, 612 SW 812th Street, Steinhatchee.  
Caller Charlie Pergrossi  
Club Contact Jeanette Geer (352) 507-9425  
Banner Chairman Doug Moore (512) 605-7773

#### Dixie Dancers

7:00 - 9:30 PM at Teen Town, 533 NW DeSoto Street, Gainesville.  
Caller Bill Chesnut  
President and Banner Chairman Bob and Barbara Rosenthal (386) 466-2984

#### Grand Squares

6:30 to 8:30 PM at First Christian Church, 3411 NW 83rd Street, Gainesville, FL  
Callers Lon Ligon

Club Contact Robin Frazer (352) 317-1636

## Wednesday Clubs

Clover Squares- 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month from 3-5 at the First United Methodist Church in Chiefland, 707 North Main Street, Chiefland, FL

Caller Jim Duncan

Club Contact Gerry Jesk (352) 949-4446

### Joy Seas

7 to 9 PM. Riverview Club in St. Augustine Shores 790 Christine Dr St Augustine FL 32086

Call before you go to verify they are dancing Call Mary Burzo 904 501-1817.

Mike Akers Caller

### Quartermores Closed

## Thursday Club

### Moose Promenaders

Advanced dancing 6:15 - 7:00 PM; Club dance 7:00 to 9ish PM at Moose Lodge, 5051 Collins Road, Jacksonville.

Caller Bill Chesnut

President Mary Giera 904-262-9907

Banner Chairman Hanna Watts (904) 387-6287

### Coastal Georgia Squares

7:00 to 9:00 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. Except for 3<sup>rd</sup> thursday

Don Heins – (912) 269-7909. [donheins@MSN.com](mailto:donheins@MSN.com)

High Springs square dance club is conveniently located halfway between Gainesville and Lake City. We dance at the Civic Center off Highway 441 near Winn Dixie. The dance is every Thursday night from 7 to 9 pm with setup starting at 6:30 pm. The address is 19107 NW 240th Street, High Springs, FL. **Contact Deborah Cassidy to confirm we are dancing. 352-262-0760.**

There are no Friday or Saturday Clubs in our area.