

DANCERgram

Square & Round Dance News for the West Coast of Florida

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"Square Dancing - Friendship set to music"

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Sunday, February 24, 2008 - **West Coast Association Membership Dance** - Woodmere Park Clubhouse, Venice - MC: Red Bates ([redbates@juno.com](mailto:redbates@juno.com) or 941-423-7143). **ANY CALLER OR CUER INTERESTED IN BEING ON THE PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT RED BATES (941-423-7143 or [redbates@juno.com](mailto:redbates@juno.com)) PRIOR TO THE DANCE TO BE ADDED TO THE PROGRAM. IF THERE IS A FULL PROGRAM OF CALLERS AND CUERS FOR THE AFTERNOON. THERE WILL NOT BE TIME FOR WALK-INS TO BE INCLUDED. IF THIS DANCE IS IN YOUR AREA, PLEASE CONSIDER CANCELING YOUR DANCE ON THIS DATE AND SHOWING YOUR (CALLER, CUER AND DANCERS) SUPPORT BY ATTENDING THIS DANCE.** For info: [brassy1012@aol.com](mailto:brassy1012@aol.com).

## **Words from the Editor**

With all the dances this weekend, you should have been able to find some place to go and I hope everyone had fun.

I understand there were about 15 squares at the Knothead Konvention. Information on the 2009 Konvention are below under Future Planning.

Unfortunately, Tim Crawford had to cancel his trip to Strawberry Square due to illness in his family so a last minute scramble got callers booked in his place and everything went smoothly,

I haven't received any reports yet on the Blue-Grey Dance.

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## **Words from one of our readers!**

It's always nice to hear comments from my readers.

Thanks for the kind words in your **Words from the Editor** section. Your newsletter is getting exposure that you may not realize. In January, five thousand two hundred and seven visitors came to the FDW. They came from thirty five identifiable countries. The most popular pages that they viewed were the "where to dance" pages and the individual club pages. Your newsletter was exposed to well over a thousand of these. I'll bet that somewhere in this world there are people who say "What a wonderful idea" and then begin to produce their own news letter in the image of yours.

Your newsletter is providing a great service and by being updated weekly, it is very timely for our visitors. Although I am retired now, I am still very much interested in the fate of the activity that has brought Dawn and I so much joy through the years. Keep up the good work

Tom Perry  
Webmaster - Florida Dance Web

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## **Health Update**

Judy Frye, Central Association President, fell off the bleachers at a recent dance and cracked her elbow and suffered other bruises. No other information is available at this time.

Hal Greenlee, a retired caller from Erie, PA, and a former member of Buttons & Bows of Lakeland, passed away on February 5th. Our sympathies to his wife Nancy.

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## **2008 Florida State Convention**

The 54th Florida State Convention is fast approaching and will be here before you know it! Ann and Don Slocum and their committee have been working on this convention for four years. West Coast Association is hosting this year and we need help from all of you -

- **Enroll early!** This not only gives us an idea of how many people to expect but it helps the budget.
- When you're traveling, **promote our convention!** It's not just the responsibility of the Committee to promote our convention. Callers, Cuers and dancers can help promote too, and don't wait until May to start promoting so everyone can say they already have other plans!
- **Volunteer to help at the convention.**
- **Encourage your new dancers to register.** There will be dancing for them too.

Did you know that the convention outfits are for everyone, not just the convention committee? They are simple to make or you may already have a six or eight gored skirt in one of the primary colors - green, yellow, red or blue. Purchase a "Celebrate in 2008" patch for \$3; make a collar to put the patch on; wear a white blouse, white crinoline and white shoes and the ladies are all set! Guys: white shirt, black slacks and shoes, collar to match your partner's skirt with the "Celebrate in 2008" patch and you're all set. Isn't that simple? If you have to buy the fabric, you can find it at Wal-Mart.

This outfit will now be our West Coast outfit for the next five years and will be worn at all of our West Coast Membership Dances.

Below are a couple of pictures of the outfits in all the colors.

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## **Friendship set to Music**

Have you ever asked your square dance friends, "How can we share the fun we have at a dance with our other friends?". Minnesota's answer is a cable TV show appropriately named "Friendship Set to Music." The all-volunteer, non-profit show began in 2004 and continues today; 80 hour-long shows have been produced.

This series is truly a not-for-profit effort to promote our all-American pasttime. Everyone involved with the show is a volunteer, including the callers, cuers, dancers, and staff. Tapes are distributed at no cost to cable stations that are willing to air them. Costs for the show are covered by donations from dancers, clubs, regions and the state's federation. The use of the LMCC TV Studio is also free to anyone living in their area who takes the classes and becomes certified to use the studio.

Currently each show has a special "theme" such as hats, patriotism, summer, gospel, rock and roll, trucking, Christmas, Halloween, etc. Clubs or regions volunteer to be on the show and to bring their callers and cuers to do a guest tune or two on a show. Square dancers from Iowa and Missouri with their callers made bus trips to the LMCC Studio to tape shows.

Square dancers come to the studio one Saturday morning a month to tape two shows. The shows are timeless, meaning there are no references made to the month

or year, thus stations can air them in any order at any time. The show's content is mostly square and round dancing with some interviews sprinkled between tips.

Public-access cable TV stations serve the local subscribers, either by playing what viewers request or by airing what the local folks create. Most stations (but not all) eagerly accept good, clean entertaining programs. Many have enthusiastic station managers (like our Jim Lundberg) who will be more than willing to help an individual or club make shows for the local station to air. The big advantage to making your own show is that the local viewers will often recognize their neighbors or friends on the show.

Two phone numbers are flashed on the screen during the show; one is a viewer response line dedicated to "Friendship Set to Music"; the other is the State Federation phone number. Many viewers call to say "We love the show. Keep it coming." Others have called and requested dances for beginners; one viewer called to dedicate a new pole barn before it was filled with hay; one wanted to host a 40th birthday party for the spouse; one wanted a dance to be part of the son's graduation party, etc. Many want to attend a "live" dance which we accommodated by sending them complimentary passes to a local dance.

Over the past three years, hundreds of viewers have called to learn which clubs are near them so they can return to square dancing or to learn where they can join square dancing classes. The show also has a website: [www.friendshipsettomusic.com](http://www.friendshipsettomusic.com), which gets hundreds of hits every month. A local bank teller innocently commented recently, "Square dancing is big in this town. It's on TV everyday and I see the signs by the school for the local dances."

Because this TV show is aired on cable, many viewers often find it only when flipping channels. Thus it is important that the show air at least weekly -- some channels play it several times a week, some daily. Most stations appreciate receiving a "series" show where they know that each month they get two new shows to air. Many stations then give the show a "series" spot, which means that the show will air regularly in that time slot, making it much easier for viewers to know when to watch. "Prime-time" slots (between 7 and 10 p.m.) yield the most viewer-response calls.

"Friendship Set to Music" shares the best kept secret in this nation: square dance and round dancing offers "fun, fitness, and friendship." Viewers can "see" all the fun and fitness and "hear" all the great music and stories. Even if they don't join, many love the show and consider all the dancers on it their new friends.

Excerpt from USDA NEWS Volume XVIII, Issue 3 July-Sept., 2007  
by Dee Scott, Minnesota square dancer  
Submitted by Mike and Mary Strub, Plains Region Vice Presidents

There were two visitors from Minnesota at Hampton Promenaders recently and they left me two DVD's of their shows. Each of the shows spotlights a different square dance club in Minnesota. One of them is "A Tribute to Johnny Cash" and the other is "Country Music". There is a picture on the label of the dancers on that particular DVD. When the dancers travel, they are given a supply of DVDs to give out when they visit clubs.

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1st Baby Boomer Gets Social Security

I know, I know - what's this got to do with square dancing? And I know just about everyone in square dancing is already receiving Social Security and has been for several years. Well, I haven't started receiving Social Security yet and I keep saying there probably won't be any left by the time I'm old enough to start drawing it; but I thought this was interesting so I wanted to share it. It was in the *Lakeland Ledger* on Wednesday, February 13th.

The Associated Press VERO BEACH The nation's first baby boomer received her first Social Security retirement benefit Tuesday, marking another milestone for the post-World War II generation.

Kathleen Casey-Kirschling, 62, was born one second after midnight on Jan. 1, 1946. The retired teacher who lives in Earleville, Md., and Vero Beach applied for her benefits online, and received her payment by direct deposit.

Federal officials at a Vero Beach event to debut a public service announcement lauded Casey-Kirschling's decision to receive her benefits by direct deposit.

A video featuring Casey-Kirschling was scheduled to appear on the Social Security website later Tuesday.

"Kathy is a trendsetter for her generation," said Jim Courtney, Social Security's deputy commissioner for communications.

Over the next two decades, nearly 80 million baby boomers - about 10,000 per day - will become eligible for Social Security.

If no changes are made, the Social Security trust fund is proposed to deplete its reserves in 2041 and will begin paying out more in benefits than it collects in payroll taxes in 2017.

So what I would like to know is how did they keep track of the very first baby-boomer born in 1946, when back then they didn't have computers and Social Security cards weren't issued until you started working?

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## Polk Senior Games

The Polk Senior Games are fast approaching! Square dancing is fairly new to the Polk County Senior Games, but I just read an article in the *Lakeland Ledger* about how the Senior Games came to Polk County that I thought was interesting.

**BARTOW** Officials aren't needed at the Hudnall family games.

This family plays well together. In fact, for more than 15 years, the Hudnall family has made sure others play well together too.

They are founders of the Polk Senior Games, which start Feb. 23 across Polk County.

All the fun started in 1991 when Nancye Thornberry went to Syracuse to watch her brother, Lloyd Hudnall, compete in the National Senior Games.

Not only did she get goosebumps from watching her brother perform on a national stage, but she got an idea.

Why not bring the games to Polk County?

"How many retirees do we have here?" she asked herself.

"It's just really kind of inspiring to see all these old guys jumping, running and all this business," said Thornberry, 77.

She got then-City Commissioner Larry Libertore, on board and met with all of the county's parks and recreation directors to assist her.

A nonprofit corporation was formed. Then Thornberry got her entire family involved.

"Fortunately, I had really good help," she said.

Sixteen years and 15 Polk Senior Games later, Thornberry and all seven brothers and sisters are still involved in the games.

"This is very special to me," Thornberry said.

Five of her six children have been involved and some of her grandchildren as well. Daughter Deena is the only paid employee of the Polk Senior Games.

Even Deena's three children, Nick Wilbur, Nancye Blair and Matt Wilbur, who are not old enough to compete, get involved.

Last year, Julie Palas, Thornberry's daughter from West Virginia, competed in her first senior games. This year, Deena's sister Linda and her husband, Wally Bradley, will be coming down from Graceville to compete for the first time. Each is signed up for 11 events.

Deena's older sister Lisa Palas is not only a volunteer and competitor, but wrote the senior games' theme song, which she will sing publicly for the first time at the opening ceremonies.

Deena's brother, Gus Palas will emcee the opening ceremonies and Senior Smarts contest. He also provides sound equipment for the games and runs the Web site.

His wife, Lisa Lynne, is a Senior Smarts Volunteer.

"It's a fun thing for us." Deena said.

Even though Deena's father Rudy, is blind, he will compete this year in the fishing event.

He is one of 30 who have competed in every Polk Senior Games and are still competing.

On Friday, Deena's office in the Polk County Leisure Services building in Bartow was crowded as volunteers handled mail on the final day of registration.

Deena's uncle Virgil and aunt Myrt were there helping -- all the way from Indianapolis. They have missed just two games.

The only drawback is that competitors don't always come back.

"That's the hardest thing is watching people go." Deena said.

The family's name will long be associated with the games. They named an award after Lloyd, who was known as Stretch. The Stretch award is for people who go the extra mile in the games -- like achieving milestones or setting records.

"Lloyd loved friendly competition," Nancye said.

So does the rest of the Hudnall family.

"We're happiest when others win," Nancye said. "There's nothing like that thrill for us."



## Looking for ribbons to a festival?

I am carrying ribbons to the following dances if you want to purchase any:

- March - Shamrock Swing, Orlando
- March - Fuzzy Navel, Jekyll Island, Georgia
- May (Memorial Day Weekend) - Florida State Convention, Lakeland
- September (Labor Day Weekend) - 2008 Single Square Dancers USA Dance-A-Rama, Nashville, TN

NOTE: If you see any flyers with my name, email address and phone number stamped on them, I have the ribbons (or will be receiving them shortly) to sell. I always have the ribbons with me.



NOTE: Yellow highlighting is a change from last week's email.



## THIS WEEK'S DANCES

**Monday - Riverwoods Plantation** - Broadway, Estero - ER 7:00 p.m. plus/rounds - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Red Bates, cuer: Dick Chase. For info: [redbates@juno.com](mailto:redbates@juno.com) or 941-828-0481.

**Harmony Hoedowners** - Sebring Country Estates Civic Association, 3240 Grand Prix Drive Square, Sebring - 1st & 3rd Adv. dance Dec. - March 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.; DBD/Adv W/S & dnc. Jan. - March 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.; 2nd & 4th - MS/Plus/Rnds - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Dec. through March plus W/S 6:30 - 7:30 starts Dec. 9 - square dance attire optional - caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Linda Catey. For info: [Sam Dunn 863-382-6792](tel:863-382-6792) or [samdunn@samdunn.net](mailto:samdunn@samdunn.net) or <http://www.samdunn.net/>.

**Hampton Promenaders** - Hamptons Community 1094 US 92 W, Auburndale - ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: **Paul Place**, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: [jyhoobler@aol.com](mailto:jyhoobler@aol.com).

**Sun-N-Fun** - Sun 'N' Fun RV Park, 7125 Fruitville Rd., Sarasota - ER 7:00 p.m., plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Burl Lally, cuer: **Bill Webb**. For info: 941-343-9720 or [midgewebb@cs.com](mailto:midgewebb@cs.com).

**Twilight Twirlers** - Bonita Springs Community Building, Reynolds & Old 41, Bonita Springs - workshop 6:30 p.m., mainstream 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - caller: Howard Cole, cuer: TBA. For info: [hwcole@att.net](mailto:hwcole@att.net).

**Temple Twirlers** - Barksdale Rec Center, 1801 N. Lincoln, Tampa - ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: **Van Coble**, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com)

**Tuesday - Betmar Bells & Beaus** - Betmar Clubhouse #3, Hwy. 54, Zephyrhills - A1 - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., A2 Tip 9:00 p.m. - caller: Marty Van Wart. For info: Russ Bunker at 813-780-8036.

**Trailer Estates** - Trailer Estates MHP (Large Hall), 1903 - 69th Avenue W., Bradenton - mainstream/plus - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - caller: Burl Lally For info: [emuffin184@aol.com](mailto:emuffin184@aol.com) or 941-758-2304.

**Ding-a-Lings** - Rice Creek RV Resort, 10714 Hwy. 301 S., Riverview - mainstream/plus/rounds - caller/cuer: Allen Snell. For info: [chrounds@capital.net](mailto:chrounds@capital.net) or 813-677-9179

**R&R Gators** - Alligator RV Park, 6400 Taylor Rd., Punta Gorda - plus/rounds - 10:00 a.m. - noon - caller: Dave Magee, cuer: Russ Collier. For info: 941-575-0960

**Maple Leaf Squares** - Maple Leaf Golf & Country Club, 2100 Kings Hwy. (I-75 exit 170, go SW 1-1/2 mi., Queensway Bldg.), Port Charlotte - plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. caller: Dave Magee, cuer: Ken Klumpp. For info: [phonemoves@juno.com](mailto:phonemoves@juno.com).

**Woodmere Park** - 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (off Jacaranda Blvd.), Venice - A2 Dance/Workshop - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - caller: Red Bates. For info: [redbates@juno.com](mailto:redbates@juno.com) or 941-828-0481.

**Suncoast Squares** - Metro Center, 3170 3rd Ave. N., St. Pete - Mainstream and plus workshop 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. - Caller: Mike Cox. For info contact [suncoastsquares@yahoo.com](mailto:suncoastsquares@yahoo.com).

**Wednesday - Betmar Bells & Beaus** - Betmar Clubhouse #2, Hwy. 54, Zephyrhills - mainstream/plus/rounds - 7:00 - 9:30 - caller: **Walter Lougee**, cuer: Ella Bettencourt. For info: Russ Bunker at 813-780-8036.

**Bayonet Point Enrichment Center** - 12417 Clock Tower Parkway, Hudson - mainstream/rounds (Ph. 1, 2 & 3) - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - \$5 per person - casual dress - caller/cuer: Paul Andrews. For info: 727-856-7185.

**Riverside Rec Center** - Riverside Rec Center, Riverside Drive, Ft. Myers - A2 - 2:45 - 4:45 p.m. - C1 - 2:00 p.m. - caller: Red Bates. For info: 941-828-0481 or [redbates@juno.com](mailto:redbates@juno.com)

**Palmetto Palms** - Summerlin Blvd., Palmetto - ER 7:00 p.m. plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Red Bates, cuer: Dick Chase. For info: 941-828-0481 or [redbates@juno.com](mailto:redbates@juno.com).

**Grande Squares** - Camp Inn Resort Rec Hall, 10404 Hwy. 27, Frostproof - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - square dance attire optional - mainstream/plus/rounds - plus workshop precedes dance at 7:00 p.m. - caller: Sam Dunn, cuer: Phyllis Hathaway. For info: [samdunn@samdunn.net](mailto:samdunn@samdunn.net) or 863-382-6792.

**Strawberry Square Club** - Strawberry Club, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - mainstream/easy plus - tickets \$6 per person - caller: **Gordon Cumming**. For info: <http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry>.

**Timber Pines Twirlers** - Timber Pines Lodge, Spring Hill - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - plus/rounds - first time guests are always welcome but please contact the club president at [priddler@earthlink.net](mailto:priddler@earthlink.net) for directions and community gate access - caller: Roland Blanchette, cuer: Judy Doanes.

**Strawberry Square C1** - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - caller: Art Springer. For info: <http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry>

**Strawberry Square C2** - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. - caller: Art Springer. For info: <http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry>.

**Port Charlotte Cultural Center** - Cultural Center of Charlotte County, Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Pt. Charlotte - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. mainstream/plus/rounds - caller: Art Miller; cuer: Jennie Martin. For info: 941-380-5336, [mdow@cyberstreet.com](mailto:mdow@cyberstreet.com), or 863-494-2749.

**Thursday - Shufflin' Square** - Lake Ashton Golf Club, Thompson Nursery Road, Lake Wales - mainstream/plus - square dance attire optional - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Paul Place. For info: [cakitts@hotmail.com](mailto:cakitts@hotmail.com)

**Glen Haven Dancers** - Glenhaven RVP, Chancy Road, Zephyrhills - plus/rounds 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller/cuer: George Varney. For info: George Varney 813-782-0885 or Jackie Geisler at 813-782-9818.

**King's Point Swingers** - Kings Point Health Room (main Clubhouse), Rt. 674 (east of I-75), Sun City Center - ER 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. , plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller/cuer: Mike Cox. For info: 813-649-0754 or [hlhtfh@yahoo.com](mailto:hlhtfh@yahoo.com).

**Snobirds** - Citrus RV Park, E. Terry to first street west of I-75. North to gate. Tell guard you are going to the square dance. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. caller: Howard Code, cuer: TBA. For info: [hwcole@att.net](mailto:hwcole@att.net).

**Pine Ridge Promenaders** - Sunshine RV Resort, Rt. 70 (1000 yds. east of US 27), Lake Placid - mainstream/plus 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - Valentine's cookies - caller: **Art Miller**. For info: [danshrm@htn.net](mailto:danshrm@htn.net).

**Charlotte Promenaders** - Pt. Charlotte Cultural Center, 2280 Aaron Street, Pt. Charlotte - ER 7:00 p.m. - plus/rounds 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. - finger food - caller: **Scotty Sharrer**, cuer: **Charlie Hearn**. For info: [sgdbird@aol.com](mailto:sgdbird@aol.com) or 941-423-7228.

**Citrus Squares** - First United Methodist Church, 21501 W. Highway 40, Dunnellon - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - caller: Ellis Lindsey. For info: [lalecl@aol.com](mailto:lalecl@aol.com).

**Promenade Squares** - Senior Center, 7625 59th St. N., Pinellas Park - ER 7:30 p.m. mainstream squares 8:00 - 9:45 p.m., caller: Dick DeMerritt; cuers: Jimmy & /or Carol Griffin. For info: [peto1936@yahoo.com](mailto:peto1936@yahoo.com).

**Huggables** - Land O Lakes Community Center, 5401 Land O Lakes Blvd., casual dress - 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - Caller/Cuer: Allen Snell. For info: [settarose@aol.com](mailto:settarose@aol.com).

**Friday - Hitch 'n Go 082** - Floridian RV Resort, St. Cloud - caller: Charlie Pergrossi: For info: [jelohart@hotmail.com](mailto:jelohart@hotmail.com)

**Rainbow Squares** - Rainbow RVP, Lane Road, Zephyrhills - mainstream/plus/rounds - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. caller: **Marty Van Wart**, cuer: Ella Bettencourt. For info: 813-780-7012 or 813-782-0885.

**Curliques** - Corkscrew Woodlands Hall (just west of I-75/Corkscrew Rd. exit), Estero, park on south side of Corkscrew Rd., follow signs to hall. - plus workshop 6:30 p.m. plus dance 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. caller: Howard Cole; rounds on tape. For info: [hwcole@att.net](mailto:hwcole@att.net).

**Strawberry Square A2** - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - tickets \$6 per person - caller: **Mike Jacobs**, cuer: **Pat Hagen**. For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry).

**Woodmere Park C1 Dance/Workshop** - 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (off Jacaranda Blvd.), Venice - 10:00 - 12 noon - caller: Red Bates. For info: [redbates@juno.com](mailto:redbates@juno.com) or 941-828-0481.

**Spinning Wheels** - Barksdale Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Ave., Tampa - ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Mike Cox, cuer: Charlie Lovelace: For info: [helenm720@aol.com](mailto:helenm720@aol.com) or [jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jbarnes73@tampabay.rr.com).

**Flutter Wheelers** - Bayonet Point Enrichment Center, 12417 Clock Tower Parkway, Bayonet Point, Hudson - ER 6:30 p.m., plus/rounds 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - AS tip at 9:00 - relaxed attire June to October - caller: Bob Bourassa, cuer: John Ayers. For info: Bob Bourassa 352-796-8254 or [bobbourassa@bellsouth.net](mailto:bobbourassa@bellsouth.net).

**Snell's Bo's and Bell's** - Largo Community Center - 65th - 4th Street NW, Largo - casual dress - callers: Allen Snell. Contact [settarose@aol.com](mailto:settarose@aol.com)

**Sun City Center Square Dance Club Sadie Hawkins Dance** - Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City Center - dancers are invited to wear their "best old clothes" - to help satisfy the dancers' appetites club members will supply apple desserts (oh boy apple pie) and the club will furnish the beverage - apple juice - ER 7:00 - plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Van Coble, cuer: Mary Wiewiora. For info: [lmicklatch@aol.com](mailto:lmicklatch@aol.com) or 813-633-3986 or 813-633-1297.

**Saturday - Strawberry Square C-1 Weekend** - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - lunch included - caller: Mike Jacobs (NJ) 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday - 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry)

**Bay Area Twirlers (BATS)** - Brandon Rec Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon, ER 7:00 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Clyde Stocker, cuer: Jimmy and/or Carol Griffin. For info: [jbrookover@regencycenters.com](mailto:jbrookover@regencycenters.com)

**Hitch 'n Go 082** - Floridian RV Resort, St. Cloud - caller: Charlie Pergrossi: For info: [jelohart@hotmail.com](mailto:jelohart@hotmail.com)

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**Buttons & Bows of Venice** - Woodmere Park, 1951 Woodmere Park Blvd. (off Jacaranda Blvd.), Venice - ER 7:00 p.m., plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - **Scotty Scharrer**, cuer: **Charlie Hearn**. For info: 941-473-2449 or 941-484-9823.

**Palace Promenaders Pie & Ice Cream** - Square Dance Hall, 1647 NE Floridian Circle (off 17 N.), Arcadia - plus/rounds 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - caller: Art Miller, cuer: Jennie Martin. For info: 863-494-2749.

**Strawberry Square Ph 5 Rounds Workshop & Dance** - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - Phase 5 Rounds -10:30 - 12:30 p.m. - cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry)

**Sunday - West Coast Membership Dance** - Woodmere Park Clubhouse, 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice - ER 1:30 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - West Coast Members FREE, guests \$4 each - MC Red Bates and local callers and cuers. For info: [brassy1012@aol.com](mailto:brassy1012@aol.com).

**Strawberry Square C-1 Weekend** - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - lunch included - caller: Mike Jacobs (NJ) 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday - 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry)

**Hitch 'n Go 082** - Floridian RV Resort, St. Cloud - caller: Charlie Pergrossi: For info: [jelohart@hotmail.com](mailto:jelohart@hotmail.com)

**Happy Promenaders** - Hitching Post RV Park Rec Hall (Rt. 41/Tamiami Trail East and Barefoot Williams Road), Naples - ER 7:00 - mainstream/plus/rounds 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Don Smith, cuer: Mike Alexander. For info: 239-793-8769 or [playwalt@comcast.net](mailto:playwalt@comcast.net).

**Strawberry Square Phase 3 - 5 Rounds Dance** - Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry).

**Strawberry Square Phase 4 Rounds** - Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry).

**Cloverleaf Leprechauns** - Cloverleaf Farms Heather House, 900 N. Broad St., Rt. 41 N., Brooksville - ER 1:30 - 2:00 p.m., plus/rounds 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - caller: **Paul Place**, cuer: Judy Doanes. For info: [jah46544@aol.com](mailto:jah46544@aol.com) or 352-796-6714 or 352-797-5557.

**B&S Flutter Wheelers** - Bayonet Point Enrichment Center, 12417 Clock Tower Parkway, Bayonet Point, Hudson - A2 workshop 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. - A2 Dance - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - relaxed attire - caller: Bob Bourassa. For info: 352-796-8254 or [bobbourassa@bellsouth.net](mailto:bobbourassa@bellsouth.net).

**King of Kings Church** - 10337 U.S. 19, Port Richey - casual dress - 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. Tips are alternated. Caller/Cuer: Allen Snell. For info: 727-809-3429 or 727-809-0323 or [settarose@aol.com](mailto:settarose@aol.com).

**Orange Blossom Squares** - The Villages La Hacienda Center, The Villages - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: **Ron Libby**, cuer: Joanne Helton. For info: [sharonandron579@localnet.com](mailto:sharonandron579@localnet.com)

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CLASSES:

Please provide start date, start and ending time, level (beginner, mainstream, plus, etc.) exact address (with city) where class and/or workshop will be held, instructor's name, contact name, email address and phone number.

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## FUTURE PLANNING:

*Please include dates, exact address of location where dances are held (including city), themes, level(s), if rounds are included, times, callers and cuers (exact names - not 'guest callers'), attire, contact information (include email and phone number). IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES TO YOUR SCHEDULE DURING THE YEAR, I.E. CANCELLATIONS, CHANGE OF CALLERS OR CUERS, CHANGE OF DANCE LOCATION, PLEASE NOTIFY ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THE WORD CAN BE PASSED TO AS MANY DANCERS AS POSSIBLE.*

*PLEASE ENSURE THE INFORMATION IN THE WEST COAST DANCER IS CURRENT AND ACCURATE.*

February 25, 2008 - **Square Dancing at the Polk Senior Games** - Lake Ashton Golf Club, Thompson Nursery Road, Lake Wales - 1:30 - 2:00 p.m. - FREE dance 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. - callers: Paul Place and Keith Stevens. For info: [keithuns@yahoo.com](mailto:keithuns@yahoo.com) or 863-326-9774.

February 28, 2008 - **Pine Ridge Promenaders Hobo Stew Night** - Sunshine RV Park Clubhouse, south of the City of Lake Placid, 1000 yards east of US 27 on SR 70 - caller: Clyde Stocker. For info: [danshrm@htn.net](mailto:danshrm@htn.net).

February 29, 2008 - **Deadline for West Coast Dancer Submissions.** For info: [evhenning@mindspring.com](mailto:evhenning@mindspring.com).

February 29, 2008 - **ARTS Dance America Benefit Dances** - Join Hands Across America. See web site for dance locations [arts-dance.org/Dance America Dances.htm](http://arts-dance.org/Dance America Dances.htm).

February 29, 2008 - **Dance America** - Join **Canaveral Squares** and **Tony Oxendine** for this history making event! Woody Simpson Community Center, 1590 Schoolhouse Street, Merritt Island, FL - 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - \$5/person donation - all proceeds will be donated to ARTS - Dance) - with everyone across America dancing together for this

special event, and by donating the proceeds to Arts - Dance, we will promote our dance activity and aid in the preservation and perpetuation of our most loved pastime. For info: Ailene Picheco at [apicheco@juno.com](mailto:apicheco@juno.com) or 321-652-0680 or Jerry Reed at [jreedsc@aol.com](mailto:jreedsc@aol.com) or 321-633-1306 or <http://www.canaveralsquares.com/> or <http://www.arts-dance.org/>.

March 1, 2008 - **Sun City Square Dance Club Square Dance Clothing Sale** - Community Hall, Room 3 - watch for details

March 2, 2008 - **Suncoast Callers & Cuers Association Beginner Ball** - Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. For info: [kfs2@iname.com](mailto:kfs2@iname.com) or <http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry>.

March 2, 2008 - **Orange Blossom Squares** - The Villages, Lady Lake - plus - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Red Bates.

March 4, 2008 - **Ding-A-Lings** - Rice Creek RV Resort, Riverview - Allen Snell & The Good Times Band - square dance to a live band - \$10/couple. For directions or questions: Char Rounds 813-677-9179 or [charounds@capital.net](mailto:charounds@capital.net).

March 7, 2008 - **Spinning Wheels Celebrate Art & Martha Springer's 47th Anniversary of Calling** - Barksdale Center, 1801 N. Lincoln, Tampa. For info: [von.barnes@verizon.net](mailto:von.barnes@verizon.net) or [helenm720@aol.com](mailto:helenm720@aol.com).

March 7 & 8, 2008 - **Central Association's 8th Annual Shamrock Swing** - First Presbyterian Church of Maitland, 341 N. Orlando Ave., Maitland (Orlando) - callers: Tim Marriner & Whit Brown; cuers: Jimmy & Carol Griffin - mainstream & Plus - Finnegan's Place reopens - \$16 pp in advance; \$18 pp at the door; \$12 pp all day. Saturday; \$10 pp Friday or Saturday evening only. For info: [apicheco@uwbrevard.org](mailto:apicheco@uwbrevard.org). I have ribbons to sell. SUGGESTED HOTEL: LaQuinta, 626 Lee Road, Orlando, FL - 407-645-5600 - \$66 + tax/night (ask for Central FL Association rate).

March 7 - 9, 2008 - **Sounds of Sebring A2 Classic** - Kenilworth Lodge, Sebring - callers: Ron Libby & Johnny Preston - additional C1 star tips - A/C Halls - hardwood dance floors - after party with concert - complete package per person - double occupancy - lodge: \$17-, villa: \$185, efficiency: \$195 - full package includes: 2 nights lodging, 4 meals (2 hot meals, 2 full continental breakfasts) - deposit \$50 - balance due 2/8/08. For info: 352-259-3188 or [ronlibby@aol.com](mailto:ronlibby@aol.com).

March 8 & 9, 2008 - **Florida Federation Working Weekend** - LaQuinta Inn, 626 Lee Road, Orlando - 9:00 a.m. each day - held during the day of weekend of the Shamrock Swing so we can attend the dances in the evening.

March 8, 2008 - **Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) Biker Bash** - caller: Keith Rippito, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [jbrookover@regencycenters.com](mailto:jbrookover@regencycenters.com).

March 9, 2008 - **Orange Blossom Squares** - The Savannah Center at The Villages, Lady Lake - a "double header" - Ron Libby and Johnny Preston from California - advance tickers are \$10; \$12 at the door. For info: Bob & Jennie Courter 352-752-1009 or [courjl4720@thevillages.net](mailto:courjl4720@thevillages.net).

March 9, 2008 - **Beginners Ball for New Round Dancers** - Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Cuers: Charlie & Leona Lovelace - experienced dancers also welcome. For info: Charlie Lovelace at [luvrds@earthlink.net](mailto:luvrds@earthlink.net) or [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry).

March 11, 2008 - **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland St. Patrick's Day Dance** - Magnolia Building, 702 E. Orange St., Lakeland - ER 7:30 p.m., mainstream/plus/rounds 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - caller: Keith Rippetto, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [bevanlee@aol.com](mailto:bevanlee@aol.com).

March 13, 2008 - **Pine Ridge Promenaders St. Patrick's Day Dance** - Sunshine RV Park Clubhouse, south of the City of Lake Placid, 1000 yards east of US 27 on SR 70 caller: Sam Dunn. For info: [danshrm@htn.net](mailto:danshrm@htn.net)

March 13 - 15, 2008 - **WASCA's 49th Square and Round Dance Festival** , Dancing Thru the Enchanted Garden State - Alexandria, VA. Callers: Mike Callahan, Tom Miller, Tim Marriner, Dave Walker, Mike Sikorsky, Jim Lee & Tim Crawford. Cuers: Carol & Allen Lillefield, Ralph & Joan Collipi, and Wayne & Barbara Blackford. For info: <http://www.wascaclubs.com/pages/wasca-spring-festivals/upcoming-festival.php>

March 14, 2008 - **Strawberry Square A2 Dance w/Rounds** - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - caller: Lee Kopman (NY) - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry)

March 14 & 15, 2008 - **17th Annual Fuzzy Navel** - Oceanside Inn & Suites, Jekyll Island, GA - hosted by Florida Association of Single Square & Round Dancers (FASSRD) - all dancers welcome single, married, solo, couples - Caller: Sam Dunn (Sebring); cuer: Lisa Wall (Jacksonville). For info: [apicheco@uwbrevard.org](mailto:apicheco@uwbrevard.org) or me at [sqdnfan@aol.com](mailto:sqdnfan@aol.com) or 863-967-5004.

March 15, 2008 - **Strawberry Square Plus Dance w/Rounds** - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - caller: Lee Kopman (NY) - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry)

March 15, 2008 - **Palace Promenaders St. Patrick's Dance** - Arcadia. For info: Jennie Martin 863-494-2749.

March 16, 2008 - **West Coast Association Membership Dance** - Agri-Civic Center, Sebring - MC: Mike Doughty. **ANY CALLER OR CUER INTERESTED IN BEING ON THE PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT MIKE DOUGHTY( ) PRIOR TO THE DANCE TO BE ADDED TO THE PROGRAM. IF THERE IS A FULL PROGRAM OF CALLERS**

**AND CUERS FOR THE AFTERNOON. THERE WILL NOT BE TIME FOR WALK-INS TO BE INCLUDED. IF THIS DANCE IS IN YOUR AREA, PLEASE CONSIDER CANCELING YOUR DANCE ON THIS DATE AND SHOWING YOUR (CALLERS, CUERS AND DANCERS) SUPPORT BY ATTENDING THIS DANCE.** . For info: [brassy1012@aol.com](mailto:brassy1012@aol.com).

March 16, 2008 - **Strawberry Square All Day C-1 w/C-2 Star Tips** - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - caller: Lee Kopman (NY) - lunch included - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. For info: [www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry)

March 17, 2008 - **Temple Twirlers St. Patrick's Day Dance** - caller: Van Coble, cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: [mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mlewis87@tampabay.rr.com).

March 17, 2008 - **Strawberry Square Beginner Class Graduation Party** - Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - 6:30 p.m. - instructor/caller: Roland Blanchette. For info: <http://www.floridadanceweb.com/>

March 21, 2008 - **Palace Promenaders Easter Dance** - Arcadia. For info: Jennie Martin 863-494-1749.

March 21 - 23 - **#018 Sunshine Pioneers Square Dance/Camping Group** - Spanish Main, Thonotosassa - caller: **Ted Hughes**, cuer: **Patricia Fuller-Gardner**. For info: [callen@ij.net](mailto:callen@ij.net).

March 22, 2008 - **Hamptons' Student Dance** - Hamptons Community Clubhouse, 1094 Hwy. 92 W., Auburndale - only the square dance calls the new dancers have learned up to this point - club members and angels invited - 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. - \$3 per person - callers: Danny Miller and Sam Dunn. For info: Danny 863-665-3164 or Sam 863-382-6792.

March 26, 2008 - **West Coast Folding and Business Meeting** - Barksdale Center, 1801 N. Lincoln Ave., Tampa - everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. For info: [brassy1012@yahoo.com](mailto:brassy1012@yahoo.com)

March 28 - 30, 2008 - **Hitch 'n Go Chapter 082** - Olde Mill Stream, Umatilla - caller: Charlie Pergrossi. For info: [jelohart@hotmail.com](mailto:jelohart@hotmail.com).

March 28 - 29, 2008 - **55th Alabama Jubilee** - Fultondale, AL For info: 205-841-5675 or [lydiazcozad@charter.net](mailto:lydiazcozad@charter.net).

March 29, 30, 2008 - **Spring Weekend of Rounds** - Stardust Dance Center, 1405 S. Collins Street, Plant City - presented by the Round Dance Council of Florida - round dance leaders: Don & Linda Hichman (Gastonia, North Carolina) - Phase 3 & \$+ weekend of dancing and clinics - \$60/couple for the weekend - continental breakfast provided both mornings - Round Dance Council Meeting Saturday afternoon 4:30 - 5:30

p.m. for Council Members - host hotel: Red Rose Inn & Suites, 2011 N. Wheeler Street, Plant City. For info: John & Lisa Wall, 904-241-0384 or [ljwall@comcast.net](mailto:ljwall@comcast.net)

October 10 - 11, 2008 - **Daytona Beach Ball** - Schnebly Recreation Center, 1101 North Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach - caller: Tony Oxendine, cuers: Jimmy & Carol Griffin - sponsored by Grand Square Inc. For info: [ladybirdDB@cfl.rr.com](mailto:ladybirdDB@cfl.rr.com).

December 31, 2008 - **Strawberry Square A Hawaiian New Year's Eve** - 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City - hot buffet dinner - coffee and snacks all evening - plus squares and an A-1 tip with rounds - caller: Paul Place, cuer: Charlie Lovelace - reservations must be received no later than December 15, 2008 - NO EXCEPTIONS - \$30 per person or \$25 per person if received by April 30, 2008. For info: 813-752-0491.

January 22 - 24, 2009 - **Florida Winter Festival** - The Lakeland Center, Lakeland - callers: Jerry Story, Jerry Haag, John Saunders, Tony Oxendine, Tim Crawford, Dee Dee Dougherty and Bill Harrison; cuers: Jimmy & Carol Griffin, Bil & Martha Buck, Jerry and Barbara Pierce - sponsored by Grand Square Inc. For info: [johnnysa@aol.com](mailto:johnnysa@aol.com)

February 13 - 14, 2009 - **49th Annual Knothead Konvention** - Eau Gallie Civic Center, 1551 Highland Avenue, Melbourne - caller: Nasser Shukayr, cuer: Anne & Earl Helm. For info: [flaknothead@bellsouth.net](mailto:flaknothead@bellsouth.net).

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<http://www.usda.org/> (United Square Dancers of America)

<http://www.samdunn.net/> (Caller Sam Dunn's personal website)

[www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry](http://www.floridadanceweb.com/strawberry) (Strawberry Square)

<http://www.nsddirectory.com/> (National Square Dance Directory - information & contacts for clubs in the U.S., Canada and around the world)

<http://www.aronssquaredanceshopandpatterns.com/> (Aron's Square Dance & Western Wear Shop)

<http://www.calyco.com/> (CaLyCo Crossing - a full line square dance shop)

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