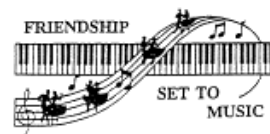

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Gently used square dance attire to be donated to the West Coast Association. These clothes will be sold on E-Bay with the proceeds being donated to the 2015 State Convention. Contact Rita Baxter at 863-326-1741 or lanceandrita@yahoo.com to make arrangements for delivery or pick up.

November 3, 2013 – “Give a Little Hope” Hope Children’s Home Benefit Dance – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Callers: Sam Dunn and Art Springer; Cuer: Mike Cox – Early Rounds 1:30 p.m. – Mainstream and Plus Square Dance 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.. Admission \$6 – donations welcome. For info: 813-810-5548 or flobyington@yahoo.com.

November 5, 2013 – Submission deadline for the December issue of Bow & Swing. For info: bowandswing@gmail.com.

November 17, 2013 – Florida Federation Fall Meeting – Hampton Inn Ocean Front, 1515 First Street North, Jacksonville, FL. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the Northeast Association’s Poinsettia Ball. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend the meeting. Elections and installation of officers will be held during the meeting. For info: jackbarb@juno.com.

From the Editor...



Jenny and I attended the 34th Annual Party-Rama in Sebring over the weekend. Randy Dougherty and Red Bates called and Joanne Helton cued. Approximately eight squares danced in two halls – Mainstream/Plus and Advance. Virginia’s Western Wear was our vendor. We were honored with a visit from Chuck Johnson of Winder, Georgia, who 35 years ago started the Single-Rama (now known as Party-Rama) in Orlando.

The Northwest Association Round-up was also held over the weekend. I haven’t had any reports on that weekend.

The next big weekend will be our Fall Fun Fest in Bartow November 8th – 9th. We will have a return visit from the Blues Brothers – Sam Dunn (Sebring) and Jack Pladdys (Ohio). The Griffins will be cueing. Advance ribbons are available for \$18 per person for the entire weekend. You can either mail your registration to Dick and Betty Stevens, Registrars, or purchase them from several people in the area to include Don and Ann Slocum, Lance and Rita Baxter, Mary Dow, and me. There may be others that I am not aware of. The dance levels for this weekend are Mainstream – Plus – Advance and Phase 2 – 4 Rounds.

The following weekend is the Northeast Association’s Poinsettia Ball in Jacksonville Beach with Jerry Biggerstaff calling and the Griffins cueing. At this weekend, their area callers and cuers do the Friday night dance and on Saturday night they have a guest caller and cuer. The ribbons are \$15 per person for the entire weekend. I have a few ribbons for this dance if you are planning to go. As part of this weekend, we will be having our Fall meeting of the Florida Federation. One of the agenda items is the election of officers for the new year. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings.

Health & Sympathy

The entries listed below are for callers, cuers, West Coast Association officers and representatives and other Florida associations and Federation officers and any others who are well known to the Florida square and round dance community. **Listings for others can be found on the website (www.dancergram.com – Health & Sympathy).**

Don't forget to go to www.dancergram.com for additional information on West Coast dancers and former dancers!

Roland Blanchette, caller in Lakeland, has been ill for the past three or four weeks. He thought he was battling a flu bug but he finally went to see a doctor. He was put on a 100% water pill and scheduled for tests last Thursday. The last message from him was that he has lost 14 pounds; all retained water. There is a possibility that he has congestive heart failure. He's supposed to receive the results of the tests sometime this week.

I just talked to **Martha Springer** and she said her injury is improving. She is still going to therapy and has 2 weeks to go. She has been using a cane to relieve the pressure on her knee because of the torn meniscus; however, the way she was walking with the cane caused swelling in the ankle so the therapy has helped relieve the swelling.

They told her to "stay off the leg" (hard to do) and continue therapy. I suggested that a walker might help while she is healing and she said she would try it since Art has one he is not using now. – Martha Bird

Gregory Richardson (son of **Joy Vaccari**) passed away at 10:00 AM on Monday, October 28th, in Panama City. Sympathy cards can be sent to Joy at 227 Hughes St. NE, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548.

Joy Vaccari is a former Federation President and an inductee of the Florida Square Dance Hall of Fame.

How do I get in touch with....??

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West Coast Association Changes

Over the next few months, several operational changes will be made with the West Coast Association. I asked the presidents to provide the following information. There will be more information as changes evolve.

Modus Operandi for 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 **As agreed by the Board on September 18, 2013**

Officers

There will continue to be the following officers, elected by the Board at the September meeting:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary

County Representatives

County representatives will continue to represent the dancers and clubs in their counties. Periodic status reports by county reps. are no longer required. Clubs should be encouraged to send a report to the "Dancer".

Meetings of the Association

There will be two meetings per year, one in September and one in February. The September meeting will be the annual meeting and include election of officers for the next year, which begins on October 1. The president will be responsible for scheduling these meetings at locations and times they choose.

West Coast Association Sponsored Dances

The following dances will be sponsored:

2013-2014:

All dances as already scheduled and published.

Regional dances in 2013 – 2014:

The county reps. are responsible for staffing the dance, including the 50/50, collecting guest and member fees and making announcements.

2014-2015:

President's Ball in September 2015

Charity dance

Fall Fun Fest in November 2014

Regional dances in 2014 – 2015 as scheduled by the local county reps. or appointed local club personnel.

The county reps. are responsible for planning the 2014-2015 regional dances, including setting the date, hiring the MC, finding and contracting a hall and staffing the dance, including the 50/50, collecting guest and member fees and making announcements.

Regional dances are to continue to be free to members unless the Board changes the future membership arrangements.

Proceeds of the 50/50 and guest receipts are to be used to defray the MC fee and hall rental. If reasonable dance expenses exceed 50/50 and guest receipts, the county rep. may apply to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

The Vice President is to be consulted in advance so that there are no conflicts, a schedule can be published and to obtain insurance coverage. Refreshments are to be provided by local clubs. At least two officers will be represented at regional dances to assist, however the county reps are responsible for the operation of the regional dances.

If the county reps do not plan a regional dance in their locale, none will be held.

The VIP dance will not be held after August 2014.

Membership

The current membership sign – up system, badges and bars will continue through 2014 with the membership chairpersons and Treasurers handling the recordkeeping and distribution of badges and bars. County Reps are to help by selling renewals and new memberships in their areas.

West Coast Dancer

The West Coast Dancer will continue to be electronically posted under the West Coast website, quarterly, with monthly addendums as necessary for interim messaging.

Insurance

The Association will continue to facilitate insurance for the clubs that pay for it. Insurance chairpersons will continue to handle the collection of premiums and paperwork as needed.

All West Coast Association dances are to be insured under this program.

Publicity and promotion

A primary purpose of the Association is to promote square and round dancing in our area. Innovative ways to publicize and promote, which attract new dancers, are encouraged. Coordination with the Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association on promotion efforts is necessary and beneficial to both.

Don and Ann Slocum, Presidents

FASSRD Announces Officers for 2014-2015

The Florida Association of Single Square and Round Dancers (FASSRD) held their annual meeting on Sunday, October 27th, during their annual Party Rama weekend in Sebring. The officers are as follows:

President: TBD

Vice President: Jenny Green (West Coast)

Secretary: Margaret Cahan (Northeast)

Treasurer: Laney Stewart (Northeast)

A message will be sent to all the FASSRD members seeking a volunteer for the position of president. If no one volunteers, steps will be initiated to fold the Association.

Round Dance Council of Florida Announces officers for 2014-2015

The Round Dance Council of Florida announces the following officers for 2014 – 2015:

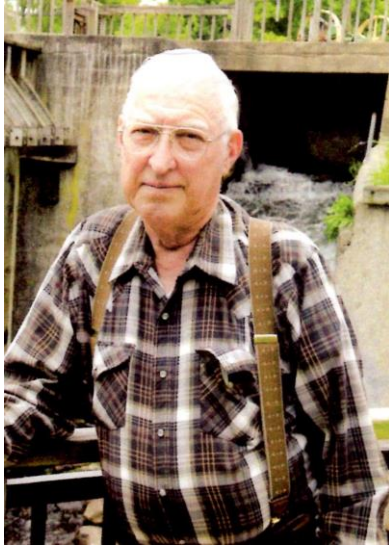
President: Tim Wilaby

Vice President: Bryan and Sharon Gerdes

Secretary: Susan Snider

Treasurer: Terri Wilaby

Innovative Surgery Helps Octogenarian Resume His Busy Life



Robert Barns, 80, is often considered the busiest man in his Buchanan neighborhood. He helps his elderly neighbors with their trash, gardening, and anything else that they need. Earlier this year, however, he was unable to lift or move much, let alone walk.

In February, Robert slipped on some ice as he was walking to his car after a day of helping renovate his granddaughter's home.

"I was done for the evening and was ready to go home. It was icy and I fell right on my back," said Robert. His son-in-law, who was inside, saw him fall and helped him up and into his car. Robert thought he would be alright and drove the several blocks to his home.

"I figured I had pulled a muscle," explained Robert. His pain became worse and, according to Robert, on a scale of one to 10, it was a 12. Unable to sleep in his own bed, he sat in his chair with a heating pad, which provided little relief.

Several days later he went to his family physician in Buchanan who diagnosed Robert with a broken back and several broken ribs. His doctor referred him to the Interventional Radiology Clinic at Lakeland HealthCare in St. Joseph [Michigan].

A CAT scan revealed that Robert had a compression fracture in his lower spin. Because of the fracture, a disc had collapsed.

According to Joel VanderLugt, MD, Interventional Radiologist at Lakeland HealthCare, "Compression fractures in the spine can cause pain in the middle or lower back, lack of mobility, and – if left untreated – a curving of the spine that causes a loss of height."

Dr. VanderLugt performed a balloon kyphoplasty on Robert at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph. During a kyphoplasty, the doctor uses real-time imaging to guide a hollow needle into the collapsed vertebra. A device similar to a balloon is inserted into the vertebra and can restore some of the height loss. Special bone cement is used to fill the vertebral cavity, preserving the improved vertebral body shape and height.

"The whole thing lasted less than an hour," said Robert. "My pain went from a 12 to a two. I couldn't believe the difference. The procedure itself was miraculous. Everyone at Lakeland was wonderful. They were concerned about my comfort and talked to me as a person, not a number."

After his kyphoplasty, Robert was able to sleep in his own bed. Four days later he was able to walk a lot easier. Today, Robert is pain-free.

"I cannot thank the staff at Lakeland Health Care enough," said Robert. "They were able to give me my life back through the surgery. I am amazed at how quickly I've recovered. It's as if my fall never happened."

Reprint from Fall 2013 *HealthCurrents*

Editor's Note: Bob, as we call him, is a retired caller who was a frequent guest caller at Strawberry Square. He also called at Bahrs Mobile Home Park in Zephyrhills where he also lived. He and his wife, Shirley, now live in Buchanan, Michigan. Bob taught me how to dance but he doesn't like me to remind him how long ago that was!

Thank You

Hi Fellow West Coast Dance Association Members:

The Suncoast Squares Board wants to thank all the West Coast Club Members who attended and who made the West Coast Dance on Sunday, October 20, 2013 so successful.

We had seven (7) squares on the floor at one time, with a few extra dancers in the wings.

We also want to thank Michael Cox, our caller and cuer for this event.

It had been approximately 7 years since Pinellas County hosted a West Coast Dance. So, the Suncoast Squares was honored and pleased to be able to hold the dance at our club.

We appreciate and want to acknowledge all the compliments we received from the attending members.

You are all invited to attend any of our Sunday dances, usually held on the 2nd Sunday of the month, with exception for holidays and special Sundays like Mother's Day. Then, an alternate Sunday is chosen.

See You In A Square

Roger, President & the Suncoast Squares Board
For additional information, please contact Roger at 727-599-1440

Your Rovin' Corners

By Jim and Betsy Pead

In our last article we complained that the 62nd NSDC did not go a good job of running the International Hospitality room.

There is an old saying: Don't complain, you'll get the job. We will be working in Little Rock at the International Hospitality room. The chair of the 63rd saw our article and gave us a job! Hope you will all drop by the International Hospitality room in Little Rock and see if we are doing any better!

We promised to tell you about square dancing in Beijing. We visited there in March and April of this year and had a wonderful time. We danced with about ten different clubs, some more than once. At every club we were treated like royalty! We were brought in, seated in a position of honor, offered tea or warm water, offered the chance to call (sorry!) given gifts and invited to dance. Wow! We have been welcomed in various clubs, but never like this!

Mrs. Yan Hongbin was the first to welcome us. She and caller Qin Cesen along with two dancers who spoke English came to visit us at our apartment and we had a really informative chat. One of our concerns was whether the dancers in Beijing are organized to build square dancing together or if each club is "going it alone". The answer was confusing, but we finally figured it out that there is no sort of interactive group – yes, each club is basically going it alone.

When we spent a year in Beijing in 2000-2001, there were 2-3 clubs. We danced mostly with two clubs, the "Gold Friends" and "Long Marchers." Now there are a dozen clubs, large and small and growing.

Naturally we wanted to visit our old friends and dance with them, but Mrs. Hongbin wanted us to dance with her club ARK. She and her calling partner formed the club about three years ago and have worked very hard to build up the numbers and teach all programs of square dancing. We brought square dance gifts for each of the clubs we visited.

The first big dance was a specially organized dance by ARK, which also included a number of dancers from at least two other clubs. ARK had about 30 dancers, and the other clubs had about 20 or more. ARK has about 5-6 sessions a week, from beginner to Advanced. They were beautifully costumed, and danced in a wonderfully graceful manner. They started the session with a special song which they sang together while doing a dance that used square dance material, choreographed in a special "Chinese" way. We have asked Mrs. Hongbin to bring members of her club to Little Rock and do exhibitions. I am sure if they come, they will absolutely charm American dancers.

Mrs. Hongbin came to Texas in 2006 and attended a caller school before the convention. Although she speaks limited English, she learned to call and went back to Beijing and proceeded to form ARK. There symbol is an ARK. She wanted to name the club after something large which would encompass all levels of dancing. We have also invited her to come to the caller school before the 2014 convention. This caller school is sponsored by GSI and Tony Oxendine and it is free! Perhaps there will student callers from several Chinese clubs.

The last club we visited as Joyous Pas, led by Mrs. Katherine Wu. We met Mrs. Wu when we were in Beijing before and were told that she has been involved in various folk dances for years. She once came to a special dance we sponsored in Beijing and led the group in some intricate and lovely moves. Not exactly square dance but very nice.

Joyous Pas greeted us enthusiastically and we enjoyed dancing with them. Again we talked about the need for the clubs to work together to develop callers and to grow. Again, this seemed like a new idea to them, but a good idea. Again, they were thirsty for Square Dance music and ideas. Again, we were taken to dinner (this is something every club insisted on) at a lovely restaurant.

A word about dining in Beijing. We have been accustomed to having Chinese food in the U.S. for years. In fact there seems to be a sort of U.S. Chinese menu – very similar wherever you go. In Beijing, all the food is, by definition, “Chinese.” This includes McDonalds, Outback Steakhouse, Pizza Hut, various German restaurants and on and on. Beijing is awash in restaurants. We were treated to Korean, Italian, Mongolian, and several others. Many restaurants have live fish on display in tanks. You can pick your own fish, have it prepared and served along with the rest of the dishes you have chosen from a picture menu (almost all restaurants have such menus).

We danced with the Gold Friends and got to work with some of their beginner dancers. They took us for original “Peking Duck” with all the trimmings. The Long Marches had a meal catered where they danced. Very good traditional Chinese food. Of course, seeing our friends at the Long Marches and Gold Friends was special. Perhaps some of them will manage to visit at the 63rd.

Many of the clubs had us picked up by automobile and brought us home after the dance. When we were in Beijing before, it was overrun with bicycles. In the years since, the automobile has taken over. We saw cars from every corner of the globe, including many that are manufactured right in China.

Mrs. Wu and some dancers from Joyous Pas will be in Little Rock, and at the caller school preceding it. Mrs. Yan Hongbin has expressed interest in bringing callers to the caller school.

We look forward to seeing you in “Small Rock” as one of our Chinese correspondents termed it.

Our next topic will be more on the National Convention and the joys of starting a new club.

Reprint from *American Square Dance* – November 2013

Your Source...

I carry ribbons and flyers for the following dances:

October 25 – 26, 2013 – **34th Annual Party-Rama** – Sebring

November 3 – **Hope Children's Home Benefit Dance** – Strawberry Square, Plant City

November 8 – 9, 2013 – **West Coast Association's Fall Fun Fest** – Bartow (Lakeland)

November 15 – 16, 2013 – **Northeast Association's Poinsettia Ball** – Jacksonville

January 30 – February 2, 2014 – **Florida Winter Festival** – Lakeland

March 21 – 22, 2014 – **Central Association's 14th Annual Shamrock Swing** – The Villages

What's Happening This Week?

Week of October 28, 2013

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

Monday (October 28) – *King's Point* – King's Point Main Clubhouse, Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City – A2 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Mike Cox. For info: Mike Cox 813-649-0754 or George 813-642-0900.

Temple Twirlers Birthday/Anniversary Dance - Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 2707 W. Waters Avenue (northeast corner of Habana Avenue), Tampa – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Allen Snell**, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. Dancers please use the entrance marked "Gage Hall" on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. For info: bbkjl@verizon.net.

Tuesday (October 29) – *Suncoast Squares* – King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – Early Rounds 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Mainstream 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. – Plus 9:00 – 10:00 p.m. Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox. A GLBT Club – all are welcome (including the straight community) – casual attire. For info: www.suncoastsquares.com or 727-599-1440 or ritter@ij.net.

Wednesday (October 30) – *Strawberry Square C-2 Dance & Workshop* - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller/Instructor: Ross Howell – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. C-3A Star Tip at the end. Fragrance free – hearing assist device available! For info: LeeAnn Houser at 516-780-3150 / leesny@aol.com or Wayne and Cherylene Sorrells at 770-825-6513.

Strawberry Square C-1 Dance & Intro to C-2 - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller/Instructor: Ross Howell – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Fragrance

free – hearing assist device available! For info: LeeAnn Houser at 516-780-3150 / leesny@aol.com or Wayne and Cherylene Sorrells at 770-825-6513.

Cultural Center Squares – Centennial Hall, 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte, FL. Callers: Art Miller; Cuers: Jennie Martin and Russ Collier. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. alternating tips. For info: Mary 941-380-5336 or Jennie 863-494-2749.

Thursday (October 31) – Snell's Bo's and Bells (Dunedin) – Dr. William E. Hale Senior Activity Center, 330 Douglas Avenue, Dunedin – Workshop 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Squares (mix of Mainstream, Plus, and Rounds) - 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. - \$6 per person – caller: Allen Snell. For info: settarose1@verizon.net or 727-809-3429 or 727-862-4842 or jsantoro6@verizon.net.

Suncoast Squares A2 Dance and Workshop – King of Peace MCC Church, 3150 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Caller: Mike Cox. A GLBT Club – all are welcome (including the straight community) – casual attire. For info: www.suncoastsquares.com or 727-599-1440 or ritter@ij.net.

Jacaranda Trace – 3600 William Penn Way, Third floor in Auditorium, Venice – A2 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. For info: Mike Cox 813-649-0754 or Alice 941-408-2627.

Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Mainstream Easy Plus Dance Workshop – Florida Presbyterian Homes at Lake Hunter, McArthur Center, 811 Lakeside Avenue, Lakeland – Caller: Roland Blanchette - \$5 per person – casual attire. We will be meeting every week (except holidays) until the new class starts in December. Everyone is welcome; you do not have to be a graduate of our class. For info: sgdncfan@aol.com or 863-874-4522.

Lake Kennedy Squares – NO DANCE For info: 239-574-0575.

Promenade Squares Halloween Dance – Senior Center, 7625 - 59th St. N., Pinellas Park – Plus lessons 6:00 p.m., ER 7:15 - 7:45 p.m. Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:45 - 9:30 p.m. - caller: Dick Demerit, cuers: Jimmy Griffin. For info: 215-826-0086 or mblackburn13@tampabay.rr.com.

Friday (November 1) – Strawberry Square First A-2 Dance of the Season – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – A2 Workshop: 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., A-2 Dance: 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Keith Stevens. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com; 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please contact: Wayne Sorrells 770-490-1670; Art & Ruth Kinsley 603-721-2206, or Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

Strawberry Square First Friday C-2 Dance and Workshop of the Season – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Caller: Keith Stevens. For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com; 813-752-0491. If you are unable to reach the Dance Center, please contact: Wayne Sorrells 770-490-1670; Art & Ruth Kinsley 603-721-2206, or Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

Snell's Bo's and Bells (Largo) – Largo Community Center, 400 Alternate Keene Road (just north of E. Bay Drive between Keene/Starkey Road and Highland Avenue), Largo – Early Rounds 7:00 p.m., Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:45 p.m. – Caller: Allen Snell - \$6 per person. For info: settarose1@verizon.net or 727-862-4842 or 727-809-3429 or jsantoro06@verizon.net.

Sun City Swingers - Sun City Center Community Hall, 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd., Sun City – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: **Ron Reardon**, Cues: Pat Hagen. Square dance attire preferred. Air-conditioned hall, wood floor, and

lighted, paved off-street parking. For info: Dick and Mary Schultz 813-633-8718 rsch462636@aol.com or Bob and Beverly Barringer 813-633-3651.

Saturday (November 2) – Bay Area Twirlers (BATS) - Sadie Street Rec Center, 502 Sadie Street, Brandon – Early Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Squares (alternating Mainstream and Plus) 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Caller: Dan Wilkerson, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. For info: millerralphie@yahoo.com or star1nut@verizon.net.

Strawberry Square - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Early Rounds 7:00 p.m., Plus with Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – come in costume – prizes will be awarded for best costume – Caller/Cuer: Mike Cox. For info: 813-752-0491 or www.strawberrysquaredancing.com. If you can't reach the dance center, call Wayne Sorrells 770-490-1670; Mary Lee Van Valkenburg 813-707-1702; Linda Lynn 813-659-9040; Cherylene Sorrells 770-825-6513.

Palace Promenaders Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia – Caller: Art Miller; Cuer: Jennie Martin and Russ Collier– Squares and Rounds 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. For info: Jennie 863-494-2749 or Mary 941-380-5336. Please park in back of the building. For info: Jennie Martin 863-494-2749 or Mary Dow 941-380-5336.

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Shufflin’ Squares Advanced Dance – Lake Ashton Health & Fitness Center (HFC), 6052 Pebble Beach Boulevard, Winter Haven – 2:00 p.m. – Caller: Keith Stevens. New and inexperienced advanced dancers are welcome. It will be a workshop and teach. Dress is casual. We dance by computer generated squares. For info: Keith Stevens 863-326-9774 or keithuns@yahoo.com

Orange Blossom Squares - La Hacienda Center, The Villages – Plus/Rounds 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Ron Libby, Cuer: Irene Knapp-Smith. For info: Ed Gargiula at 352-753-8094.

Monday (November 4) – King’s Point – King’s Point Main Clubhouse, Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City – A2 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Mike Cox. For info: Mike Cox 813-649-0754 or George 813-642-0900.

Temple Twirlers - Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 2707 W. Waters Avenue (northeast corner of Habana Avenue), Tampa – ER 7:00 p.m., Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Caller: Ron Reardon, Cuer: Charlie Lovelace. Dancers please use the entrance marked “Gage Hall” on the Habana Avenue side under the covered driveway. For info: bbkjl@verizon.net.

West Coast Classes and Workshops

National Caller and Cuer Colleges

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

Please keep in mind that this information needs to be communicated out to new dancers! It's not a secret!

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Round Dance Workshop – Kings Point, Main Club House, Studio Room, 1902 Clubhouse Road, Sun City Center – Advanced Rounds 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Cuer: Mike Cox. For info: 813-649-0754.

October 23, 2013 - **Strawberry Square Intro to C-2 Workshop** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller/Instructor: Ross Howell – 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Fragrance free – hearing assist device available! For info: www.strawberrysquaredancing.com or 813-752-0491.

October 24, 2013 – **Strawberry Square Phase 2 Round Dance Class** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. – Cuer/Instructor: Jack and Nell Jenkins - \$6 per person per class. Fragrance free – hearing assist device available! For info: Jack and Nell Jenkins at 828-508-3690 / jskidancer01@aol.com or Linda Carnegie at 518-312-5546.

October 24, 2013 – **Strawberry Square Phase 4 Round Dance Workshop** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Cuers/Instructors: Jack and Nell Jenkins – 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Fragrance free – hearing assist device available! For info: Jack and Nell Jenkins at 828-508-3690 / jskidancer01@aol.com or Linda Carnegie at 518-312-5546.

October 24, 2013 - **Strawberry Square Phase 3 Round Dance Workshop** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Cuer/Instructor: Linda Carnegie and Cary Shea – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Fragrance free – hearing assist device available! For info: Jack and Nell Jenkins at 828-508-3690 / jskidancer01@aol.com or Linda Carnegie at 518-312-5546.

November 1, 2013 – **Strawberry Square C-2 Teaching Workshop** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller/Instructor: Keith Stevens – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. C-1 dancers wishing to learn C-2 should plan to attend this workshop. Casual attire. Fee: \$5 per person per session. Fragrance free – hearing assist device available! For info: LeeAnn Houser at 516-780-3150 / leesny@aol.com or Wayne and Cherylene Sorrells at 770-825-6513.

RE-SCHEDULED TO NOVEMBER 1, 2013 - January 5, 2014 – **Strawberry Square C-3A Teaching Workshop** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller/Instructor: Keith Stevens – 12:45 – 2:45 p.m. Fragrance free – hearing assist device available! For info: LeeAnn Houser at 516-780-3150 / leesny@aol.com or Wayne and Cherylene Sorrells at 770-825-6513.

November 4, 2013 - Lakeport Beginners Square Dance Class – Lakeport Community Association, 1239 Red Barn Road, Moore Haven (Glades County), FL 33471 – 7 pm to 9 pm – All other weekly sessions will be held on Tuesdays, same time and location. Classes open to new enrollees thru November 19. - Learn by definition - \$5 per person per session – Caller/Instructor: Mike Gormley. For info: 419-376-0557 or mike@mike-gormley.com.

November 4, 2013 – Beginner Round Dance Classes – Lake Ashton Health & Fitness Center, south entrance off 653 South – Phase I & II waltz and two-step. Cuer/Instructor: Carl Rod assisted by Penny Green. 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. - \$5 per person per session. For info: Carl 863-293-9369; Penny 863-224-3393.

November 4, 2013 – Phase II & III Rounds Workshop – Lake Ashton Health & Fitness Center, south entrance off 653 South – all rhythms. Cuer/Instructor: Carl Rod assisted by Penny Green. 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. - \$5 per person per session. For info: Carl 863-293-9369; Penny 863-224-3393.

November 9, 2013 – Strawberry Square Round Dance Phase 4 Figure Clinic – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Cuers/Instructors: TBA . The emphasis will be on smooth execution of Waltz and Foxtrot Phase 4 figures. ! For info: Jack and Nell Jenkins at 828-508-3690 / jskidancer01@aol.com or Linda Carnegie at 518-312-5546.

November 12, 2013 – Strawberry Square A-2 Workshop and Review - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller/Instructor: Keith Stevens – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Casual attire - \$5 per person per session. Fragrance free – hearing assist device available! For info: Ruth and Art Kinsley at 603-512-7240 / akinsley@juno.com or Wayne and Cherylene Sorrells at 770-825-6513.

December 2, 2013 – Strawberry Square Beginner Square Dance Lessons - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. First class free to new dancers. Fee: \$5 per person per session. Casual clothes and comfortable shoes recommended. Fragrance free – hearing assist device available! For info: Barb Hancock at 419-633-0610 or Wayne and Cherylene Sorrells at 770-825-6513 / atcds1025@bellsouth.net.

December 2, 2013 – Strawberry Square Plus Square Dance Lessons - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette – 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. First class free to new dancers. This class is for those who have completed Mainstream class and those wanting to brush up on their dancing skills. Fee: \$5 per person per session. Casual clothes and comfortable shoes recommended. Fragrance free – hearing assist

device available! For info Barb Hancock at 419-633-0610 or Wayne and Cherylene Sorrells at 770-825-6513 / atcds1025@bellsouth.net.

December 5, 2013 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Beginners Class** – Presbyterian Homes at Lake Hunter, 811 Lakeview Street, Lakeland – time TBA. Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette. Casual attire. First class free - \$5 per person per session thereafter. For info: sgdncfan@aol.com or 863-874-4522.

December 5, 2013 – **Buttons & Bows of Lakeland Plus Workshop** – Presbyterian Homes at Lake Hunter, 811 Lakeview Street, Lakeland – time TBA. Caller/Instructor: Roland Blanchette. Casual attire. First class free - \$5 per person per session thereafter. For info: sgdncfan@aol.com or 863-874-4522.

December 15, 2013 – **Strawberry Square Beginners Round Dance Workshop** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Fee: \$6 per person per session. Cuer/Instructor: Linda Carnegie and Cary Shea. Casual clothes and comfortable shoes recommended. Fragrance free – hearing assist device available! For info: Jack and Nell Jenkins at 828-508-3690 / jskidancer01@aol.com or Linda Carnegie at 518-312-5546.

January 6, 2014 – **Moore Haven Beginners Square Dance Class** – Moore Haven Sportsman Village Condo Association, 1159 Daniels Road, S.E., Moore Haven – 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. – learn by definition - \$5 per person per session – Caller/Instructor: Mike Gormley. For info: 419-376-0557 or mike@mike-gormley.com.

January 6, 2014 – **Moore Haven Plus Workshop** – Moore Haven Sportsman Village Condo Association, 1159 Daniels road, S.E., Moore Haven – 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. – learn by definition - \$5 per person per session – Caller/Instructor: Mike Gormley. For info: 419-376-0557 or mike@mike-gormley.com.

January 6, 2014 – **Strawberry Square A-1 Class/Workshop** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller/Instructor: Marty Van Wart – 12:00 n – 2:00 p.m. Casual attire - \$5 per person per session - fragrance free – hearing assist device available! For info: Ruth and Art Kinsley at 603-512-7240 / akinsley@juno.com or Wayne and Cherylene Sorrells at 770-825-6513.

January 6, 2014 – **Strawberry Square A-2 Class/Workshop** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller/Instructor: Marty Van Wart – 12:00 n – 2:00 p.m. Fragrance free – hearing assist device available! For info: Ruth and Art Kinsley at 603-512-7240 / akinsley@juno.com or Wayne and Cherylene Sorrells at 770-825-6513.

January 7, 2014 – **Strawberry Square DBD Plus Workshop** - Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller/Instructor: Keith Stevens – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Perfect your skills at Plus dancing. This workshop is for Plus dancers with at least two (2) years of dancing experience that want a little more challenge added to their dancing enjoyment or want to move to another level of dance. Dancers at the Advanced level would also find this workshop more challenging and helpful for dancing at the Advanced level. Dancers will be evaluated after first two workshops. Fee: \$5 per person per session. Fragrance free – hearing

assist device available! For info: Wayne and Cherylene Sorrells at 770-825-6513 / atcds1025@bellsouth.net.

January 8, 2014 – **Crystal Lake Squares Plus Workshop** – Crystal Lake Village, 237 Maxwell Drive, Wauchula (2 miles north of Wauchula on U.S. Hwy. 17 – every Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. – possible pre-January start (call for info) – learn by definition - \$4 per person per session. Caller/Instructor: Mike Gormley. For info: 419-376-0557 or mike@mike-gormley.com.

January 8, 2014 – **Crystal Lake Squares Mainstream Square Dance Workshop** – Crystal Lake Village, 237 Maxwell Drive, Wauchula (2 miles north of Wauchula on U.S. Hwy. 17 – every Wednesday, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. – possible pre-January start (call for info) – learn by definition - \$4 per person per session. Caller/Instructor: Mike Gormley. For info: 419-376-0557 or mike@mike-gormley.com.

January 8, 2014 – **Crystal Lake Squares Beginners Square Dance Class** – Crystal Lake Village, 237 Maxwell Drive, Wauchula (2 miles north of Wauchula on U.S. Hwy. 17 – every Wednesday, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. – learn by definition - \$4 per person per session. Caller/Instructor: Mike Gormley. For info: 419-376-0557 or mike@mike-gormley.com.

January 9, 2014 – **Strawberry Square Intro to C-1** – Strawberry Square Dance Center, 4401 Promenade Boulevard, Plant City – Caller/Instructor: Marty Van Wart – 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Casual attire - \$5 per person per sessions - fragrance free – hearing assist device available! For info: LeeAnn Houser at 516-780-3150 / leesny@aol.com or Wayne and Cherylene Sorrells at 770-825-6513.

August 14 – 17, 2014 – **Norcal Callers School** – Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 W. Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA – Instructors: Ken Ritucci (Callerlab Accredited Callercoach), Scott Byars, and Harlan Kerr. Whether you presently calling or desire to be a caller, this school will help you with your calling career. Plenty of microphone time; professional assessment of your skills; full Callerlab curriculum; and understand what it takes to be a caller. Space is limited – register today - \$37/student. For application and more information, contact Ken Ritucci 413-734-0591 or kenritucci@aol.com.

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Websites

<http://floridasquaredance.com/>

https://www.facebook.com/#!/home.php?sk=group_149454955123658&ap=1 (Florida Federation's Facebook page)

Publications

www.flwestcoastdancer.com (West Coast Dancer)

<http://newsquaremusic.com/sioindex.html> (Sets in Order)

Associations/Organizations

www.flwestcoastdancer.com (West Coast Dancer)

<http://floridasquaredance.com/westcoast/index.html> (West Coast Assn.)

<http://www.floridasquaredance.com/rdc/> (Round Dance Council of Florida)

<http://www.you2candance.com> (square dance marketing)

<http://sccafl.com>. (Suncoast Callers and Cuers Association)

<http://www.flCallersassoc.org/> (Florida Callers Association)

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

www.iagsdc.org (International Assn. of Gay Square Dance Clubs)

<http://www.floridasquaredance.com/fassrd/index/html> (Florida Singles)

<http://www.Callerlab.org> (CALLERLAB)

<http://www.americanCallers.com> (American Callers Assn.)

<http://www.roundalab.org/> (ROUNDALAB)

<http://ssdusa.org> (Single Square Dancers USA[®])

<http://www.nsdca.org> (National Square Dance Campers)

<http://www.arts-dance.org> (Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square Dance [ARTS])

<http://www.61stnsdc.com> 60th National Square Dance Convention – Spokane, WA

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

Vendors

<http://virginiaswesternwear.com/> (Virginia's Western Wear & Square Dance Shop, Mascotte, FL)

<http://www.jlvinyl.com/SQUARE---ROUND-DANCING.html> (vinyl decals)

www.travelinghoedowners.com (Square Dance DVDs – Both Instructional and Dance)

www.swskirts.com (Jan Southwest Style Skirts & Pat's Tees)

www.suzieqcreations.com (Suzie Q Creations)

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

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

<http://www.tictactoes.com/> (Tic Tac Toes - shoe vendor)

www.sheplers.com (Sheplers - the world's largest western stores and catalog)

www.PerfectPetticoats.com (Perfect Petticoats)

<http://www.grandsquare07.com> (Grande Square.com – square dance clothes and accessories)

Square Dance Halls

www.Strawberrysquaredancing.com (Strawberry Square)

Callers/Cuers

<http://www.mike-gormley.com> (Mike Gormley)

<http://www.samdunn.net/> (Sam Dunn)

<http://www.floridasquaredance.com/icspin/> (Jimmy and Carol Griffin)

www.keithstevens.com (Keith Stevens)

Clubs

www.sailfishsquares.org

http://www.mike-gormley.com/square_dance/Crystal%20Lake%20Squares.htm (Crystal Lake Squares)

Miscellaneous

<http://www.dosado.com/cgi-bin/lib/shop-wrapper.pl?page=rdpubs&shop=dosado&cart=3901977.2052>[http://www.squaredance\(rounddancepublications\)radionetwork.com](http://www.squaredance(rounddancepublications)radionetwork.com) (square dance radio network)

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