

DANCERgram

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... for the latest news in the square and round dance community.

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West Coast Association

West Coast Association President's Message



The dance season has finished in southwest Florida, and all the snowbirds have flown the coop! We were saddened by the loss of Caller Dave Magee who passed away about four weeks before the end of the season. Kudos to Judy and Dwayne Barnhill, Darrin Henry, Ralph Peacock, Jean Wydra, and Susan Wolford for pulling together and keeping the majority of Dave's classes and dances going until the end of the season.

I was unable to make it to the state convention but everyone I have talked to that was there was pleased about the outcome and glad they went. If you haven't heard already, there will be a convention in 2023. We were going to skip 2023, but over the convention weekend, it was decided not to do that. Keith and Angie Olds are the chairpersons of the convention and they have selected Bring Your Date to the 68. A committee is looking for a new location because Daytona is not working out for us. As soon as a decision is made about that, they will decide on the dates. Watch future issues of the DANCERgram and the Florida Email Tree messages for additional information.

All of our conventions need volunteers, and I know the 68th won't be any different. Some of the things that need to be done are handled before the convention and other things need to be done at the convention. Some of the tasks at the convention only take a little bit of your time and are easy to do,

like greeters who stand at the entrances, hand out the program books, and answer questions. We also need someone to manage the schedule and ensure there are greeters at the entrance doors for every shift. You choose when you can take a break from your dancing to do this. They also need help with the dangle dances. If you're coming to the convention but will not be dancing we could use your help too. If you can help us out in any way, please contact Keith and Angie Olds at 321-693-1039 – keitholds@att.net.

It usually takes two to three years to put on a convention; we're already behind. We can't purchase shirts, convention buttons, or print anything with the logo because we don't know the location or dates. So we need all hands on deck! Please help.

The first annual Association dance weekend is July 29-30 in Tallahassee, Florida. The NWFSRDA 48th Annual Round-up is going to the Capitol! The callers will be Darryl Lipscomb and Elmer Sheffield and Susan Snider will be the cuer. Check out the flyer at <http://floridasquaredance.com/northwest/roundup.html>.

I hope to see you at a dance soon!

Penny Green
President

Message from Marlene Sharrer:

Hello dancers and dance leaders.

Thank you sincerely for all your thoughts and prayers and cards of sympathy for the death of my sister, April Davis of Georgia.

We just returned from her funeral/memorial. Everyone who knew her or knew of her, loved her and her kindness. April had the biggest and warmest heart.

April's family will never forget your sincerity.

Live,

Scotty, Marlene and Sara Sharrer

Cruise with Jack and Ilene Lewis

Hi, cruisers,

Due to COVID and the horrible situation in Ukraine, we have decided not to sail to the Baltic in August.

Seth and I have been diligently working to find a great cruise that will be a good value, have a good itinerary, keep everyone safe, and be fun for all. We believe we have found such a cruise. We are in the process of securing dance space and have secured cabins for our group. We are going to cruise the Eastern Caribbean on the Celebrity Infinity, leaving from Ft. Lauderdale, roundtrip, on August 20, 2022. The ports are very interesting and the deal we have secured is really great!!! Here is the itinerary:

Saturday, August 20	Ft. Lauderdale
Sunday, August 21	Key West
Monday, August 22	Bimini, Bahamas
Tuesday, August 23	At Sea
Wednesday, August 24	Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos Islands
Thursday, August 25	Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic
Friday, August 26	At Sea
Saturday, August 27	Ft. Lauderdale

Here are the prices:

Inside	\$539 per person*
Oceanview	\$719 per person*
Balcony	\$894 per person*
*plus taxes of \$169.98 per person	


Here comes the great part....

The deal comes with free gratuities, a free drink package, and free wifi.
This amounts to several hundreds of dollars in savings.

If you would like to join us on this cruise in August, please contact our travel agent, Seth, at 786-20-4912 and book the trip. If you were signed up for the Baltic cruise and canceled because you were afraid to travel to Europe, now you can re-join us. If you know anyone else who may be interested, please tell them about it and have them contact Seth as well.

Thank you for your continued support. We're looking forward to another great cruise with a fantastic group!

Jack



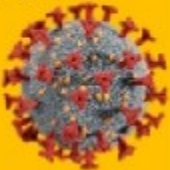
Current Covid Protocols:
At this time, Feb. 24, 2022

The 71st NSDC will not require proof of Covid-19 Vaccination.

Masks are not required and are optional for guests in the Old National Events Plaza.

All Evansville/Vanderburgh County hotels are mask optional.

If the Government or Evansville City Covid protocols change, notice will be posted.



NEWS

For Immediate Release

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Get tickets for Felix and Fingers as registration continues to grow

Just 141 seats are left for the June 22 Felix and Fingers Dueling Piano show at the Bally's Evansville Riverfront Event Center. The audience may suggest the

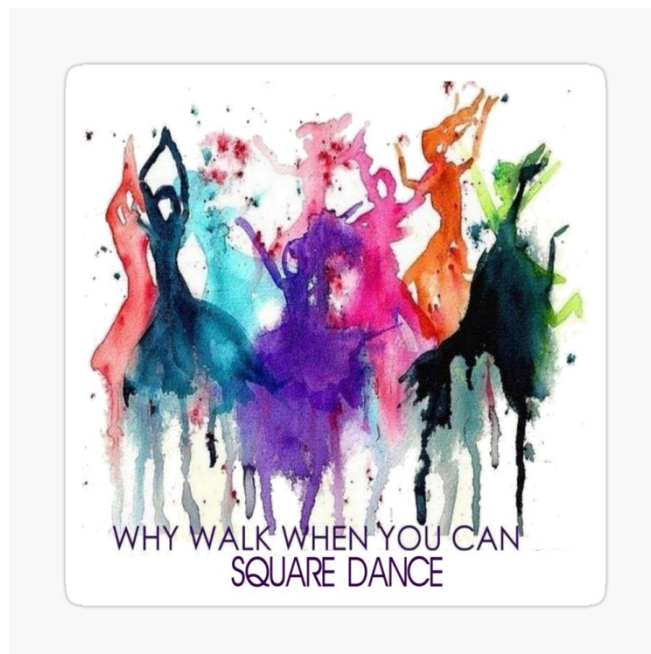
music played. Submit a music request by email at fmbosemiller@gmail.com. The cost is \$50 per person for dinner and the show, or \$25 for each. Register at 71nsdc.org and get your seats before they are gone!

Registrations keep growing with over 1,400 people, and more are signing up every day. There's still time for you to join us Down By the River and see what all the fuss is about.

As of now, the 71st National Square Dance Convention® is not requiring proof of vaccination against COVID-19 or wearing of masks. The situation is dependent upon the status of Covid in June.

If you want to learn more about the Convention from General Chairman John Cook and Marty Northrup listen to Marty's Podcast at buzzsprout.com/474541 and select "Evansville or Bust:" The first six minutes are hard to understand, but Cook fixes his audio equipment and the rest goes smoothly. Information about the convention can also be found on our website 71nsdc.org.

Check out Trail Thru and Trail End Dances to the 71st NSDC at our website 71nsdc.org and in the *National Squares Online* which lists Trail Thru dance flyers for free.

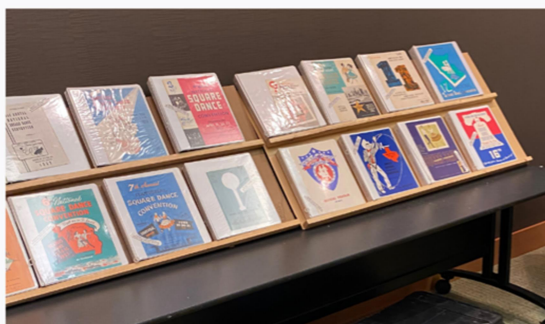




Archives Room: Dance Down Memory Lane

Stop by the Archives Room at 71st National Square Dance Convention® to peruse square dance history, all in one spot.

The Archives Room is one of the must-see stops at the 71st NSDC. A time capsule of square dancing across the decades, the Archives Room will feature a one-of-a-kind Callers' Autograph Quilt; previous NSDC program books, placed in binders and arranged on wooden shelves for easy perusal; a collection of NSDC belt buckles; and a display of previous NSDC badges. Be sure to stop by!



71NSDC Archives Room
June 23 - 25, 2022
DoubleTree Evansville Valley Room
2022nationals.wixsite.com/home



JOIN US DOWN BY THE RIVER



71ST NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION®
EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

Tuesday Night Trails End Dance

Tony Oxandine



Jet Roberts



Jack Pladdys



Ted Libotta



June 21, 2022
8-10pm

Old National Events Plaza - Ballroom A
714 Locust Street • Evansville, IN 47708

\$10.00 per person

UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA

SUPPORT FOR SOCIAL SQUARE DANCING

- Whereas: It is well recognized within the Square Dancing activity that it is essential that every effort be made to expand and grow our recreation to include all;
- Whereas: Currently there is a focus to open Square Dancing to a greater number of people – this is being done through the implementation of a new entry program into the activity known as Social Square Dancing (SSD);
- Whereas: SSD is a new marketing strategy and a new platform to re-establish and rebuild Square Dancing from a new starting point – program of teaching and re-teaching;
- Whereas: Another goal of Social Square Dancing also is to re-build Square Dancing on a sustainable footing;
- Whereas: SSD is seen as an alternative entry program to generate more rapid “intakes” of new dancers through multiple opportunities per year (more than one set of lessons per year).
- Whereas: Social Square Dancing is seen as a destination point for dancers rather than a plateau level on the escalator to other dance programs; and
- Whereas: The United Square Dancers of America recognizes the benefits of collaboration of all dance organizations when initiating new, worthwhile efforts,
- Whereas: Be it resolved that the UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA encourages its Affiliates, Associates, and their member organizations, to support implementation of the Social Square Dancing program

Adopted by Majority Vote of
UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA
Board of Directors during their
Annual Meeting Twenty-Third (23rd)
Day of June 2021 at Jackson, Mississippi.
Resolution No. 41

THE RULE OF 7

With everything that has happened to our world the last two years...
It is time to (1) Re-charge, (2) Re-organize, (3) Re-Invent.....What does that mean??

Square Dancing is the solution for the problems of today

The Loneliness, the Sadness, The Inactive Life, The Weight Gain

Our Solution is to use

THE RULE OF 7

According to all marketing...*A customer must see a commercial 7 times, before considering buying.*

I know you have talked to all your friends about becoming square dancers. But, have you told them how Henry Ford was such a big part of promoting square dancing?

How during the war square dancing was so important to our troops in foreign lands?

How the calls are in English all over the world?

How everyone is invited to join no matter how young or old or status in life?

How our Forefathers originated “our” square dancing after long days of toil and struggling?

How friendly the dancers are?

How you can visit a club and immediately participate?

How invigorating it is?

Have you told them how much FUN it is?

Have you used “THE RULE OF 7”?

Don’t take my word for it....

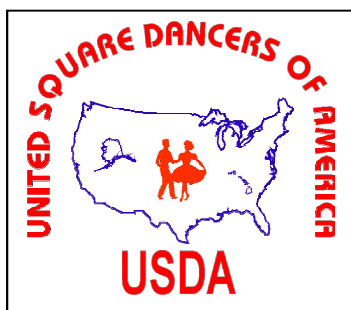
“Ask Google”. ... “Ask Wikipedia” “Ask a Salesman”

THE RULE OF 7

Try it....You’ll like it!

Alitia Becker, LSDA President

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