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**WHAT'S INSIDE?**

Square Dancing lost a good friend with the passing of Sam Margheim on March 17. See page 5.

We did it again! We presented our Centennial Award to dancer number 10. The Grand Squares of Gainesville, FL celebrated Henry Kelly's 100th birthday on March 6 and USDA Past President Jerry and Donna Robey were on hand to honor and recognize him with the USDA Award. The Robey's submitted our Feature Article for this issue and you will find it on page 13.

Page 15 is loaded with pictures of the USDA Group while attending our Winter Meeting in Portland, OR. If there is any truth to the old saying that you work better on a full stomach, then this was a very productive Winter Meeting.

Will USDA be at the convention in Kansas City? You bet your sweet bippy we will! Page 14 has a listing of what we are doing, where we are doing it and what time we are doing it. Check us out and come by and say hello. We would love to meet you and shake hands.

♪ Goin' to Kansas City, Kansas City here we come! ♪

**A special THANK YOU to the following for their contributions to this edition of USDA NEWS.**

**Feature Article: Jerry & Donna Robey**

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**PRESIDENTS****MESSAGE****LPaul & Sally Schmidt**

First of all, Happy Spring to everyone – hopefully all of you in cold weather zones are beginning to thaw out, and those of you in warmer climates are enjoying the sights and sounds of spring! Here in San Diego we haven't had much of a winter although we have finally seen some much-needed rain. Here's hoping that March winds will blow in April showers followed by beautiful May flowers!

We are happy to report that the USDA Executive Committee had a very successful and informative Winter Meeting held in the Portland (OR)/Vancouver (WA) area. We reviewed the status of all USDA programs and continued plans for USDA-sponsored activities that are held in conjunction with the National Square Dance Convention. Our Western Region Vice Presidents, Dale and Kathy Worthington, hosted a great meeting and organized some fun activities as well. Many of the Executive Committee members were able to visit historic Fort Vancouver, and some of us made our way over to Albany, Oregon, to drop in on the Oregon Mid-Winter Festival. The festival was well-attended, and it was particularly heart-warming to see many youth dancers in attendance. The Pacific Northwest has a strong youth square dancing movement.

We hope that many of you are making your plans to travel to Kansas City for the 67<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention. The annual USDA Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 27, at 1:00 PM in Room 2215A at the Kansas City Convention Center. This is a great opportunity for all dancers to learn how USDA supports and promotes dancing and the square dance community, and for affiliate delegates to provide input into USDA programs and practices.

It is our honor to serve as president of this outstanding organization that supports dancers at the club, regional, and state levels across the United States. Live Lively, Square Dance! We hope to see you soon in a square.

*LPaul & Sally  
Schmidt*



**A NOTE FROM THE  
EDITOR**



**Larry W. Dunkel**

Hardly seems possible, but the 2018 National Square Dance Convention is just around the corner. The week of June 24-30 will find some 3,000—4,000 dancers invading Kansas City, MO.

In 1959, Wilbert Harison had a number one hit song called, “I’m Going to Kansas City”. It was that fall that left my home in North Carolina and boarded a Greyhound bus for Kansas City. Seventeen years old and the first time away from home, at least by myself. I was going to Kansas City to attend a trade school that would prepare me for employment with the airlines. Housing was taken care of by the school and they had me in a boarding house with several other guys from the school that were about my age, but a little older. I turned 18 while I was there and my roommates decided they would take me to the other Kansas City to celebrate. Not sure what it was about Kansas, but both times we went there I would have a headache and dry mouth the next day. I was only there for six weeks and the thing that stands out was that when I got there the ground was covered in snow and it stayed that way the whole time I was there. Being from TN and NC I had not seen many snows, but the few that I had only stayed with us for a day or so and it was so pretty and white. When in Kansas City I quickly learned that snow was not pretty after it had been with us for more than a couple of days. Finally graduation day came and I got my job with a major airline where I spent the next 34 years. One of the first things I learned was that if you have time to spare, travel by air. That was in 1959/1960, but it still seems to be about the same in 2018, doesn't it?

I did not intend to get so personal, but as I started to write about Kansas City these memories kept coming to mind and I thought I would share them with you. This will be my first trip back since I left in 1959. I am looking forward to my return there and I hope to see you there also.

United Square Dancers of America, the world’s largest square dance organization, is very active in the National Square Dance Conventions. We start on Wednesday with our annual Board of Directors meeting and everyone is invited to attend. If you are not aware of who we are and what we do this will give you some insight. Meeting time is 1:00 pm in room 2215A.

We also sponsor several seminars each year. Two of the most popular are Insurance Coordinator, Pat Inglis classes on our Group Insurance and Scott and Brenda Deal’s class on Social Media. Both of these fill-up quickly so you might wasn't to get there early. The complete listing of classes with times and locations can be found on page14. We do suggest your checking our schedule with the ones posted at the convention. Past experience has taught us that things do get changed without notice.

Friday night we will host a “Mainstream After Party” with various top-notch callers and the Ghost Riders Band. . If you do not get enough dancing during the day and evening hours than join us in the Auditorium at 10:00 pm for another fun filled hour.

We will also have a display in the Showcase of Ideas. Stop buy and say hello and pickup some free literature.

Our Past Presidents, Jerry and Donna Robey, had the distinct honor of presenting a fellow dancer with his USDA Centennial Award on his 100th birthday. Henry Kelly is our 10th Centennial Award recipient and you can read about him in our Featured Article on page 13. If you know a dancer that is 100 years old we would like to recognize them, so please let us know.

*Until next time.....Larry D*



## EVENTS IN THE PLAINS REGION

Floyd and Judy Engelhardt, USDA Plains Region VP

This will be our last news from the plains region since our three years will be ending at the national convention in June. We have enjoyed the opportunities to visit, dance, and meet with the many affiliates in our region. We will continue with a few more before our time is up. Everyone has been very welcoming and open to information, and we certainly appreciate that.

Late in January, we attended the USDA winter meeting in Portland, Oregon, a suburb of Vancouver, Washington. As usual, the planners did a great job with facilities and current business of USDA was conducted. Some of us attended the Saturday night dance with the festival in Albany OR which was a great event.

From there, we drove to Mesa AZ where we are dancing for the rest of the winter. Our personal update in the USDA traveler program is now 15 states into the (unofficial) third time around. We all look forward to the national convention in Kansas City and we hope to see many of you there.

Respectfully submitted,  
Floyd and Judy Engelhardt, LeSueur MN

### IN SYMPATHY

October 10, 1939      Sam Margheim      March 17, 2018

Sam and wife Linda were the General Chairman of the 53rd National Square Dance Convention held in Denver in 2004. They continued to serve on the National Executive Committee since then.



*Sam and Linda Margheim*

Sam helped form the USDA West Square Dance Convention, and has served in many square dance capacities in Denver and Colorado State. Sam and Linda are still head of the 53rd Grant Committee. Jim and Judy Taylor will see that the Grant Fund remains viable for the Colorado Square Dance Community.

Cards may be sent to:  
Linda Margheim  
1575 Barres Street  
Strasburg, CO 80136

Tax deductible contributions may be made to the 53rd NSDC Grant Fund and sent to Linda (Treasurer) at the above address.

## EVENTS IN THE CENTRAL REGION

Tom & Tina Wilkins, USDA Central Region VP

We attended our first Winter Meeting in Vancouver, Washington January 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. Saturday evening, we drove Albany, OR for the Mid-Winter Festival. We had a great time meeting and dancing with a whole new group of over 1,000 dancers. We were amazed at the amount of youth dancers Attending. We had a “wardrobe malfunction” at the dance, and the talented and hospitable Mattie Johnson with Sew Charmed spent about half an hour hand sewing repairs. Thank you Mattie for saving our night!



On February 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, Over 600 dancers had a great time at the 64<sup>th</sup> Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention in Daytona Beach, Florida. Lewis and Linda Wasserman's The MAGIC of DANCE will ENCHANT you and the new venue at the Ocean Center was a great success. Dancers had a full weekend with all levels of Rounds, Squares through C-1 including Hot Hash, DBD, and dangle dance sessions, as



well as Lines, Competition Squares, and Musical Highlights each night. Its time to start preparing for the Annual USDA meeting in Kansas City, MO. We will be contacting each of you in the coming month to see which delegates will be attending the meeting! Hope you are all planning to attend the 67<sup>th</sup> National Convention June 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>!

**Please mark your calendars for the upcoming events in our region you won't want to miss:**

March 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mississippi Square and Round Dance Association  
**State Festival in Pearl, Mississippi.**

April 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual South Carolina Square and Round Dancers  
***These Boots Are Made for Dancing!*** in Columbia, South Carolina.

**May 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>** the 58<sup>th</sup> Ohio Dance Convention '***Get up and Dance***' 2018  
in Columbus, Ohio.

May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> the Kentuckiana Square Dance Associations **57<sup>th</sup> Derby City Festival** in Shepherdsville, Kentucky



See you across the square somewhere– Tom & Tina Wilkins



## EVENTS IN THE WESTERN REGION

**Dale & Kathy Worthington, USDA Western Region**

Kathy and I finalized the plans for the USDA Winter Meeting. We checked with the Hampton Inn to ensure the meeting and hospitality room was set up. We checked out different places around the Vancouver area that might be interested to the group to visit. Because most of the USDA members wanted to attend a square dance, we checked with every club in the Portland/Vancouver area that normally danced on that weekend. However, because this was the weekend for the Oregon Federation Mid-Winter Festival, every club had gone dark. We also checked to see if there was a caller available to put on our own dance, but they were all at the Mid-Winter Festival. LPaul was able to organize a group to go down to the Mid-Winter Festival in Albany, Oregon, while the remainder of the group went on a tour of Fort Vancouver, Washington. The next day Kathy and I drove down to Albany to attend the Oregon Federation Mid-Winter Meeting as the Oregon State Goodwill Ambassadors. Three days later we were on a plane going to Mazatlan, Mexico. Ten days into our 2-week vacation we got word that Kathy's 96 year old father was in the hospital. When we arrived home, there was an email from Misha asking about a scholarship to a attend caller class/school. I forwarded the email to LPaul and asked if he would handle it because Kathy and I were leaving for Lake Havasu City, Arizona. While in Lake Havasu City we attended a square dance and gave out information on the available USDA pamphlets and booklets.

Dale & Kathy Worthington

## EVENTS IN THE EASTERN REGION

**Tony & Diana Rock, USDA Eastern Region VP**

Greetings from our home in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania! Like many of you, we have experienced a wild weather winter here with many dances in the Eastern Region being canceled due to the inclement conditions. This is where the beauty of electronics comes in. We have been able to contact everyone on our delegate list via email. As usual we are encouraging the dance leaders, as well as dancers, to take advantage of USDA's wonderful publications. This quarter we have hi-lighted the special programs that USDA sponsors along with the materials that are available for the asking, free of charge. If you are a faithful reader of the USDA News you are aware of the Square Dance Insurance Program through the educational articles that Pat Inglis writes. But did you know that USDA also has a Prescription Drug Card Program that offers discount prescription benefits at no cost to the user with an average savings of up to 75%? If you know someone who may be interested, even if they are not a dancer, just let us know and we'll send out information to you.

The best part of our last three months was a trip to Vancouver, Washington for the USDA Winter Meeting, hosted by the new Vice Presidents Western Region, Dale and Kathy Worthington. Not only was the 1.5 days long meeting productive, the Worthingtons did an outstanding job preparing for our visit to the area. It is always a joy to work together with a group of dedicated and hardworking dancers.

It is a pleasure to serve the square dance community as USDA Vice Presidents of the Eastern Region and as the USDA Educations and Publications Coordinators. Please feel free to contact us regardless of what region you are in with your needs for educational materials. Check out the full list on our website:

[www.usda.org](http://www.usda.org)

Tony & Diana Rock

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Cost is **\$38/per person** which includes transportation and tour escort

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Post-Convention Tour **Sunday, July 1-Tuesday, July 3** Departs 10 am.

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THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE MANY TOURS BEING OFFERED.  
INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT—[WWW.6767NSDC.COM](http://WWW.6767NSDC.COM)

*Read about all the exciting plans for the 67th NSDC in the monthly  
National Squares Online e-Magazine.  
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#### PERIOD OF COVERAGE:

The insurance year is January 1 through December 31. Coverage becomes effective for individual clubs under the policy on the day the application and premium for insurance is received by the USDA Insurance Coordinator. There is no pro-rate provision. This is necessary due to the large administrative expense of maintaining different policy dates.

#### OUR DANCE FACILITIES

##### LIABILITY INSURANCE:

Limits of Protection: \$1,000,000 combined single limit of liability for bodily injury and property damage per occurrence (subject to a \$100 property damage deductible per claim) while participating in scheduled and sponsored dancing activities. \$100,000 limit for damage to premises rented to you.



**Pat Inglis**  
USDA National  
Insurance Coordinator



#### DANCER MEDICAL INSURANCE WHAT IS COVERED?:

Accidental bodily injury sustained by an insured person while participating in dancing activities sponsored and supervised by a recognized club or organization

#### WHO IS COVERED?:

Club members will be insured while participating in any regularly scheduled and sponsored dancing activity worldwide, including group travel (10 or more club members) in a vehicle commercially licensed for transportation of passengers and operated by a person holding a valid operators license for such vehicle, while being transported to or from a covered dancing activity.

#### LIMITS OF COVERAGE:

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#### OUR DANCE FACILITIES WHO IS COVERED:

The club and its members while participating in club or organization-sponsored and supervised dancing activities. Liability coverage applies in the United States, its territories or possessions, and Canada.

#### QUESTIONS OR CLAIMS? CONTACT:

Pat Inglis, USDA National Insurance Coordinator

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# USDA INSURANCE COORDINATORS NOTES

Were you surprised when you got your certificate for 2018? I know this was a big change for everyone since we have been use to the other certificate for so many years. And now I have changed the request for a certificate form! Thanks for being so adaptable - change is not easy for any of us but sometimes it is necessary to accomplish a particular goal - this one was to enable us to communicate our needs better to Markel. Although I have not seen how all these changes are working, I was told that this will speed up our enrollments for next year - when I know how I will share with you. As some of you have found with your enrollments this year, Markel will not put any additional wording on the certificates; when additional wording is needed a CG 20 26 will be issued which takes longer to obtain than a regular certificate. Sometimes a facility will accept a blanket endorsement so asked about that as it is easily obtained.

Needless to say, I am still receiving 2018 enrollments, submitting some and holding some for additional information. Once a club has submitted their information to you, please send to me ASAP so that these club members will be insured as quickly as possible. This applies for additional enrollments, too. Do not hold these, send ASAP after you receive. Once a dancer has paid for insurance they should be covered promptly - this is your responsibility.

If you have clubs who have started lessons get with them to submit their class roster so their students are covered while they are taking lessons. If classes started in September some of those students will be graduating and hopefully joining a club. Remind your clubs that when students graduate and join a club that an enrollment fee must be paid for their new member.

I want to remind you that there must be dancing at your event to obtain a certificate. Markel has reinforced the original concept of our insurance which was to cover dancing activities only. Please keep this concept in mind when your clubs request a certificate of insurance for an event.

There will be an insurance seminar in Kansas City, MO in June at the 67<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. The topic this year is "Do You Really Understand Club & Dancer Insurance?" I hope you can fit the session into your schedule on Saturday. I am hoping for some audience participation especially from our Insurance Chairmen.

Call or send me an e-mail if you have any questions about insurance.

Pat Inglis  
USDA Insurance Coordinator  
P. O. Box 22, Tucker, GA 30085-0022  
Phone 404/498-6148, FAX 404/298-6149  
E-mail [usda.insurance@usda.org](mailto:usda.insurance@usda.org)





## FEATURE ARTICLE

### Centennial Award Recipient Henry Kelly 100 Years Old and Still Going Strong



Henry Kelly was born on March 6, 1918 in Starke, Florida where he farmed for 80 years. He is predeceased by his wife Bernice, who died on June 1, 2007, and two children Carolyn and Henry Vincent Kelly. He continues to enjoy living near his other three children, Linda Woods of Starke, FL, Johnny Kelly of Gainesville, FL, and Brenda Roux of Alachua, FL. Henry continues to drive his own car and lives alone in his home in Gainesville, Florida.

Henry began dancing at the age of 90 where he took lessons from Lonnie Ligon, club caller for the Grand Squares of Gainesville, FL. His dance partner was a good friend and neighbor, Shirley Scribner, who is now deceased. Although Henry does not dance as often as when he danced with Shirley, he is still able to hold his own on the square dance floor.

In addition to farming, Henry worked for 30 years in the University of Florida maintenance department. The last five years prior to his retirement were spent as the maintenance foreman at Shands Hospital in Gainesville.

The Grand Squares of Gainesville celebrated Henry's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, on his actual 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Club President, Susie Moon, recalls that Henry was dancing and an active member of the club when she began dancing in 2010. Family members and friends were present to help Henry celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Jerry and Donna Robey, past Presidents of the United Square Dancers of America, were in attendance to present Henry with his well-deserved framed Centennial Award Certificate and lapel pin.

To add to the festivities, all in attendance enjoyed the special birthday cake, baked by Mignon Craig, and many treats provided by club members. All were thrilled when Henry took to the floor and enjoyed a tip with the other dancers. This will be a special night for all to remember being at Henry Kelly's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party square dance at the Grand Squares in Gainesville, Florida.

Jerry and Donna Robey, USDA Past Presidents.



## USDA at the 67th NSDC

**WEDNESDAY**

**1:00 PM**

**ROOM 2215A**

### USDA ANNUAL BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

Meeting is open to all dancers and an excellent time to learn what  
your United Square Dancers of America is all about.



## 67TH NSDC SEMINARS SPONSORED BY USDA

<b>Thursday</b>	10:00—11:00	New Dancer Recruitment Promotion & Financial Starting a New Club	Jim Maczko, Jim Taylor Jim Weber LPaul & Sally Schmidt	Room 2211  Room 2209
	10:00—11:00	New Dancer Recruitment Promotion & Financial	Jim Maczko, Jim Taylor Jim Weber	Room 2211
	1:30—2:30	Social Media	Scott & Brenda Deal	Room 2211
	3:00—4:00	Club Leadership	Ton & Diana Rock	Room 2211
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00—11:00	New Dancer Recruitment Promotion & Financial	Jim Maczko, Jim Taylor Jim Weber	Room 2211
	10:00—11:00	Do You Really Understand Club & Dance Insurance	Pat Inglis	Room 2210

## USDA FRIDAY NIGHT AFTER-PARTY

This is the PARTY of PARTY'S you have a special  
invitation.

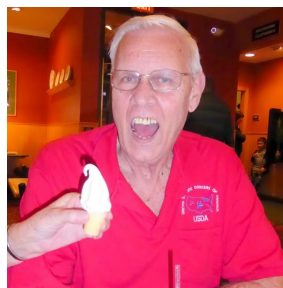
This party features the **Ghost Riders Band** and a line-up  
of some of the world's top callers.







## THE ROVING CAMERA



### USDA 2018 WINTER MEETING IN PORTLAND, OR

After two long days of meeting Mr. Robey celebrates the closing with an ice cream.



Mr. Maczko, well he will celebrate with a short nap.





**“BACK TO THE BEGINNING”**  
**40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOLO DANCE CENTER**  
**SOLO STARS**  
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JUNE 1st & 2nd, 2018

Lolo Dance Center – 9955 Highway 12 W, Lolo, MT

**Caller: ANDY ALLEMAO from Chula Vista, CA**



**Cuer: Larry & Susan Sperry from Billings, MT**

**FRIDAY**

Pre-Rounds 7:00 - 7:30 pm

Mainstream Dance 7:30 - 9:30 pm

\$7.00 for the dance

**SATURDAY**

Round Workshop (teach) 10:00 am - 12:00 \$6.00

Lunch 12:00 - 1:30 pm \$6.00

Plus Dance 1:30 - 3:30 pm \$6.00

**SATURDAY NIGHT**

***It's a Ruby Anniversary-Wear your red outfits if you wish***

Potluck Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Pre-Rounds 7:00 - 7:30 pm

Mainstream Dance (with Plus tip) 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Dinner & Dance \$12.00 (Dance only \$7.00)

**TOTAL PACKAGE \$30.00**

Come and stay at the Lolo Dance Center & RV Park (limited full hook-ups)

Website: <http://www.lolocampndance.com>

E-mail: [sqrdance@bresnan.net](mailto:sqrdance@bresnan.net) or 406-273-0141

For dance info contact: Dee Casey 406-529-8633





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# 2018 SQUARE DANCE HOEDOWN

The Center for Rural Development 2292 South Hwy 27, Somerset, KY 42501

**Trail End Dance**  
September 13th, 2018  
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**Convention**  
September 14th, 2018  
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10:00am - 11:00pm

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## Instructions for Registration (left side)

1. Print legibly all names, address, city, state, zip code, country, and DOB of youth (age 5-17 by 6/30/2018 - 1/2 price) to ensure correct registration.
2. Correctly enter all amounts in the Subtotals including registration fee for each dancer plus quantity and amounts for all other materials and tours.
3. Important! Daily schedules are only available with the purchase of a Program Book. Daily schedules will not be available separately at the Convention. Most dancers will want to purchase the Program Book.
4. Correctly calculate the Total and include credit card information (with signature), check or money order payable in U.S. funds to the 67th National Square Dance Convention\* and return it with the Registration Form. **Do Not Send Cash. No Single Day Registrations Sold.**
5. **RV Camping.** Indicate RV Camping on your Registration Form, and enclose the required fees (four-night minimum) to cover the nights that you intend to stay. Please check appropriate boxes. RV camp sites will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. There are 30 amp & 30 amp electrical service with water, Free Dump station available to registered guests. To camp together, you must stay in same camp area and you must send in camping profile together. For more info, contact RV Vice Chairman, Gene & Mary Miller, phone: 816-517-8547.
6. **Bus Service for 67th NSDC registered campers only.** bus passes may be purchased when submitting your camping profile. **Camping Reservation Deadline 01/01/18**
7. Tour forms and payments are to be mailed directly to: 67th National Square Dance Convention\*, PO Box 767, Liberty, MO 64069-0767. For Tour information and form go to [www.67nsdc.com](http://www.67nsdc.com) and click tours. Include completed Tour Form with this Registration Form.
8. A \$10.00 fee per registrant will be assessed for cancellation. No refunds after April 30, 2018.

## Instructions for Housing (right side)

1. The 67th NSDC Housing Committee is partnering with Kansas City Convention & Visitors Bureau to provide website access for housing reservations. Complete the housing portion on the right side of the front of this form. This form must be received by April 1, 2018 to receive the 67th NSDC contracted room rates. If you request housing at hotel codes 1-3, you must stay a minimum of four (4) nights, including Wednesday through Saturday, June 27-30, 2018.
  2. Only one person per room should complete a hotel reservation request on the front of this form. Please list all room occupants. (The Housing Committee does not find or assign roommates.)
  3. Shared Rooms or Same Hotel Requests can be made through the online site or registrations must be in the same envelope and mailed to arrive together.
  4. All Block Housing requests staying in same hotel are due by January 1, 2018 submitted with name and telephone number of leader to Jim & Elythe Weber, Registration & Housing Chairman at [registration@67nsdc.com](mailto:registration@67nsdc.com)
  5. Indicate three (3) choices of housing preference, by specifying hotel code number. Be sure to indicate 1 or 2 beds as well as preferences. Hotels will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis according to availability.
  6. **Hotel Reservations:** Your reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card. Your credit card will not be charged for the room in advance of arrival, an alternative form of payment may be presented at check-in.
  7. **Hotel Confirmations:** You will receive a hotel confirmation via email or mail. If you do not receive your confirmation by March 1, 2018, please contact the 67th NSDC Housing Committee by: (a) email: [registration@67nsdc.com](mailto:registration@67nsdc.com); (b) phone: 816-781-3398; (c) mail Registration to 67NSDC, PO Box 767, Liberty, MO 64069-0767 through April 1, 2018.
  8. **Hotel Changes:** After receiving Hotel Confirmation, if you need to change your Hotel reservation you must contact the 67 Housing Committee by using the information provided above in #7. The policies vary for each hotel.
  9. **Hotel Cancellations:** Your confirmed hotel will assess a one-night room/tax charge for cancellations received less than 72 hours prior to arrival.
  10. **Hotel Early Departure:** An early departure fee may be charged unless the hotel is notified at check-in or before of a change in the planned length of stay.
- The "Show-Me Board Team" of the 67th National Square Dance Convention\* is committed to making our convention fun and enjoyable for you! Call or E-mail us if you have a concern or suggestion.  
Call (816) 781-3398 or email [registration@67nsdc.com](mailto:registration@67nsdc.com)

## Map of Hotels



Code	Hotel Parking Fees Apply at hotels 1, 2 & 3 Require 4 Night Minimum Stay Wed. - Sat Hotels 1 has Underground walkway to convention center	1 or 2 Beds 1-2 People	2 Beds 3 People	2 Beds 4 People	Distance
1	Marriott Downtown (Headquarters)	\$145	\$160	\$175	2 Blocks
2	Crowne Plaza / Callier Over	\$154	\$164	\$174	1 Block
3	Hotel Phillips	\$169	\$169	\$169	3 Blocks

## CAMP GROUNDS

Bus service available for campers only (Wednesday through Saturday of Convention)

**Camping Reservation Deadline 01/01/18**

To Camp Together You Must Stay In Same Camp Area.

1	Camp Area C	\$45	(Water & Electric w/50 amps)
2	Camp Area E & F	\$35	(Electric 30 amps with water available)





**Pre-Registration**  
**68<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®**  
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**June 26 – 29, 2019**

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Please complete the form below and send it along with your check or credit card info to:

**68<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®**  
 P.O. Box 441, Dillard GA 35037  
 Email: [registration@68nsdc.org](mailto:registration@68nsdc.org) Website: <http://www.68nsdc.org>  
 Registration Information: (828) 349-0905

**Please Print Clearly**

Primary Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: (His) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Partner's (if different) \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: (Her) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount Paid (US Currency Only) \$50.00 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Youth born after June 26, 2001 \$25.00 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**\$10 cancellation fee per registration. No refund after April 30, 2019**  
 Payment (circle one): ☐ Check ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ Discover  
 Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**69<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® 4511**  
 Bittersweet Lane  
 Lansing, MI 48917  
 Email: [reg2020@comcast.net](mailto:reg2020@comcast.net)

Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Internal use only)

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

**Thank you for your support!**

Primary Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Partner's (if different): \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mobile: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Amount paid (U.S. currency only)  
 \$50.00 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 If born after June 17, 2002 \$25.00 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**\$10 cancellation fee per registration - No refunds after April 30, 2020**  
 This form and registration rate is void after February 9, 2019

Credit card (circle one): MC VISA # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Statement Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ (if different) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are a dance leader please check all that apply:**

☐ MS ☐ Plus ☐ Adv. ☐ Challenge ☐ Cues 2 ☐ 3 / 4 ☐ 5 / 6 Contra ☐ Logging ☐ C/W lines

*Convention Badge required for entrance to all convention activities. Dressy casual attire allowed until 6:00 p.m.  
 Proper square dance attire required after 6:00 p.m. for all dancer*

(Internal Use Only) Accepted By \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Revised 7-16-2016



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70<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®  
 5252 McIngvale  
 Hernando, MS 38632  
 Email: [register70@yahoo.com](mailto:register70@yahoo.com) • Phone 901-412-8140

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Primary Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Partner's (if different): \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount paid (U.S. currency only) \$50.00 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 If born after June 23, 2003 \$25.00 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Credit card (circle one): MC VISA Discover # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Statement Mailing Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are a dance leader, please circle all that apply: MS Plus Adv. Challenge Cuer 2 3/4 5/6 Contra Clogging C/W Lines**

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(Internal Use Only) Accepted By _____ Date: _____
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**Review the Conventions Web-Site.** Most conventions will have a web-site to keep you fully informed of the activities planned and the schedule of events planned. For example, this year's National Convention in Kansas City has everything you need to know just by going to [www.67nsdc.com](http://www.67nsdc.com). Use it plan your activities while there. There are so many things to do other than dance and shop. There are many seminars, classes, workshops that are available to you with much information to learn and take back to your home club. The Showcase of Ideas is an excellent way to find ways to help promote square dancing and to see what others are doing. USDA will be there with several tables of literature that we provide for you. Please come by and take some and say hello to us. For the most part we are friendly folks. One of the best pieces of advice I was given at my first convention was “don't try to do it all”. I pass that along to you. So dance, shop, attend classes, dance some more and occasionally take a break and do something else. I do suggest that you stay away from Kansas. A trip there will leave you with a headache and dry mouth. For clarification of that read the Editors Notes on page 4.

**Make a Packing List.** Make a list of what you will need at the convention. Check the weather forecast and pack appropriate clothing. Be sure that you have listed all the items needed to make your dance outfit complete. Don't forget the hotel papers, convention papers, etc.. Cameras, computer tablets, laptops, cell phones and chargers.

**The Night Before You Leave.** Everything should be in good shape at this point. You have followed the tips offered here and you are ready to go dance the weekend away. But for tonight let's make sure all of the electronic devices are charged and the chargers are packed. Pack your bag and follow the packing list that you have been recording items on. Pack everything except for the items that you need tomorrow morning and you are ready to go. Enjoy.





## USDA PROGRAMS and PRODUCTS



USDA is probably best known for our Insurance Program for dancers, but are you familiar with the following?

Additional information on each of these programs and any required forms can be found on our web site

[www.usda.org](http://www.usda.org) -or- by contacting the program chairman.

### USDA TRAVELER PROGRAM

Do you like to travel? Do you like to attend square dances wherever you go? Then look into the USA Traveler Program! The purpose of the USA traveler program is to promote visitation between dancers in all 50 states by encouraging dancers to visit club dances, festivals, state conventions, or national conventions across state lines and around the United States. The goal – to dance at an event in each of the 50 United States!

A badge and a bar will be awarded to participants after they have visited at least 12 states. The goal is to dance in all 50 states and any participant who visits 48 or 50 states will also be awarded paid admission to the next National Square Dance Convention.

*Program Chairman: Joy Vaccari—email: [usda.travelers@usda.org](mailto:usda.travelers@usda.org) -or- [javajoy2@cox.net](mailto:javajoy2@cox.net)*

### USDA CENTENNIAL AWARD PROGRAM

Are you aware that we have dancers 100 years old that are still active in their dance clubs? Very few of us reach that age, but USDA recognizes and honors those that do with a “Centennial Award”. They will receive a framed certificate of “Recognition and Appreciation” signed by the president and the Regional Vice President of USDA, a “USDA Centennial Award” lapel pin and a special “Feature Article” about them in the USDA NEWS.

*Program Chairman: Larry Dunkel—email: [usdanews@usda.org](mailto:usdanews@usda.org)*

### USDA YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Each year the United Square Dancers of America – the national dancers’ organization – awards a merit-based scholarship to a student who has shown their dedication to the promotion and perpetuation of the total square dance movement, including square dance, round dance, contra and clogging. If you know of a youth dancer who is a high school senior or college freshman that would like to apply for the scholarship, the application form can be downloaded from the USDA website, <http://USDA.org/trifold/ISy0403.pdf>.

Donations are needed to continue making this \$1,000 scholarship available. You can make a donation in memory of a fellow dancer, in honor of a special occasion, or simply because you support youth square dancing. USDA is a 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which qualify for tax deduction status.

*Youth Advisor: Bonnie Abramson—email: [usda.youth.advisor.@usda.org](mailto:usda.youth.advisor.@usda.org)*

### USDA HANDICAPABLE PROGRAM

The USDA Handicapable program is monetary in nature, consisting of allocating monies toward the registration fee for eligible Handicapable dancers to attend the National Square Dance Convention. The only requirement is that they must be a Handicapable dancer and a member of a Handicapable club. Any Handicapable club in the United States may apply for these funds. In order to apply for funds, a club contact person must complete the application form and send it to the USDA Handicapable Committee chairperson.

*Program Chairman: Alitia Becker—email: [usda.handicapable.dancers@usda.org](mailto:usda.handicapable.dancers@usda.org)*

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## USDA PUBLICATIONS & EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

USDA has produced club leadership and educational materials for use by dancers and leaders to promote and perpetuate the dance activity. We offer a large variety of titles on club recruiting, officer responsibility, the Dancers Code of Ethics & Conduct, and much more. Most of these are Information Sheets and one sheet trifolds printed on both sides of the page. All of the Information Sheets can be downloaded for printing as either MS WORD or as a PDF copy.

In addition to the Information Sheets, we have several Pamphlets (5 1/2 X 8 1/2) and Booklets (8 1/2 X 11) available. Individuals may order up to a maximum of 10 copies of each Tri-fold Information Sheet and up to a maximum of 2 copies of each Pamphlet or Booklet at no charge. Additional copies of Pamphlets are \$.50 each and Booklets are \$1.00 each. Please make check payable to USDA. USDA materials are not copyrighted and duplication for club and organization use is permitted and encouraged.

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## Tips for Preparing for and getting the most out of a Convention

Whether this is your first convention or your tenth, here are some thoughts that could make it a little more enjoyable. The better prepared you are the smoother it will go.

**Make a Budget.** Conventions are a great value for your dollar, but the little things add up. There will be expenses for Registration, food, transportation, hotel and of course you will want spending money in the vendor's area. Be sure you can afford to go before you register. If you have to cancel after registering there is usually some penalty with your refund and after a certain date there may be no refund at all.

**Time Available to Go.** Be sure that your schedule will allow you to go. Check with your spouse or your dance partner to be sure that there is not a conflict in scheduling and that you both know of the others plans for those dates. One man signed him and his wife up for the convention and found out several weeks later that was her high school reunion and she had registered and paid for that several weeks before. Oops! If you have a job be sure you can get the needed days off.

**Pre-Register.** As soon as it certain that you have the finances and the time needed to attend the convention than you should pre-register. Pre-registration is almost always cheaper. The closer it gets to the convention date the higher the price goes. Pre-registering can save you time upon check-in and getting your badge, program book and other material you may have ordered. Many conventions have a pre-convention dance that is free for those that have pre-registered by a certain date. You will find registration forms for the next four years of National Conventions in USDA.

**Transportation.** There are many factors involved in your decision on how to get there. If the convention is close enough you may want to consider driving or carpooling with other dancers from your area. If driving is not feasible for you then you need to decide on other means of getting there, such as, planes, trains or the Greyhound. Pre-planning and booking your travel arrangements in advance will often provide you with considerable savings. These type of savings do come with many rules and regulations so check with the provider for the details.

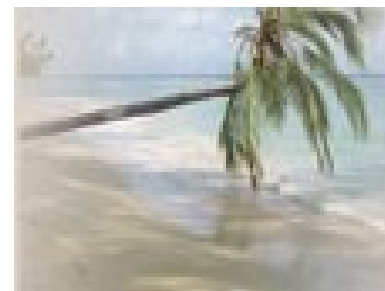
**Hotels.** You gotta have a place to stay while you are there and that can be a challenge when dealing with a city you know nothing about. The convention housing people will help you with that. Simply mark your registration indicating that you want housing and they will take care of it. Problem solved. The hotel designated as the "convention headquarters" will most likely be the closest to the convention center and often times the convention center is a part of the hotel. There will usually be one or two other major hotels near the convention and these eliminate the need for transportation while you are there. The old saying that you get what you pay for is not necessarily true with convention hotels. If you are looking for budget, then move a little further away from the convention center, perhaps 2-3 blocks and you will find quality hotels with free breakfast, free parking and free wifi. Again, if you are not familiar with the area do some research by checking google and reading reviews by others on certain hotels. The reviews will tell you if other guest have felt insecure in that particular area or have other concerns about going outside the hotel.

**Food.** What are your options for food? The convention web-sites will normally tell you about the availability of food at the convention, but what about the other times that you do not want a \$12 hot dog (with chips). Are you within walking distance of other food options? Does your hotel have a restaurant?

**Vendors.** Conventions are a great time to save money on that new outfit that you have been wanting. Many vendors are present and many sales will be offered during the convention. Before you get to the convention make a list of what you need or want to buy. Don't rely on memory while shopping and end up with some items that you already have.

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June 27 - 30, 2018 - Kansas City, MO





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# CONVENTION SCHEDULE

**Send the USDA NEWS Editor your State Association/Federation**

**Convention dates and they will be listed here at no charge.**

## 2018

Apr 13-14 **55th Iowa Square & Round Dance Convention**  
Quad-Cities Isle of Capri Convention Center  
2021 State St.  
Bettendorf, IA52804

Apr 20-22 **California State Square Dance Convention**  
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds  
442 Franklin Ave  
Yuba City, CA 95991  
<http://castate2018.org/index.html>

Apr 27-28 **43rd South Carolina State Convention**  
Columbia Metropolitan Convention Ctr  
1101 Lincoln St  
Columbia, SC 29201  
Info: Email—[d.goley@yahoo.com](mailto:d.goley@yahoo.com)  
Ken & Darlene Padgett 843 334-8357

May 04-05 **58th Ohio Square Dance Convention**  
Crowne Plaza Hotel North  
6500 Doubletree Ave  
Columbus, OH 43229  
[www.58ohdc2018.com](http://www.58ohdc2018.com)

May 5, **60th Dance-O-Rama Rochester Area Federation**  
Perinton Rec Center  
1350 Turk Hill Rd.  
Fairport, NY

May 17-19 **30th Virginia State Convention**  
Crowne Plaza Hampton Marina Hotel  
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