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If you are reading this before the convention, page 5 is a good place to start. All of the USDA events are listed there.

Page 14 is our Feature Article and the spotlight is on Bill Flick, the latest USD committee member to retire. Bill retired a year ago and we have no idea what he has done during this past year, but the Feature Article will fill you in on what he has done for the past 25 years.

Not familiar with the USDA TRAVELERS program? If you like to travel and you like to dance, Joy Vaccari will tell you why you need to get started. Isn't it nice to get rewarded for something you love to do? It's all on page 9.

September is "International Square Dance Month". Has your club or state association began planning ways to promote square dancing during September? Well, the dancers in Colorado did not wait for September to show off their stuff. Look at the picture and read the story on page 23 and let that be the spark needed to get your imagination going.

Remember the Colorado dancers are the ones that send those strange looking horses to dance at the National Convention each year. Talk about imagination and innovation, they've got it.

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

- The Roving Camera**—Tina Wilkins
- Special Articles**—Joy Vaccari & Judy Taylor
- Cover Design:** Chris Dunkel

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

Summer is upon us and that means that the annual USDA Board of Directors meeting is here! We hope that we will be seeing many of you at the Kansas City Convention Center, Room 2215A, on Wednesday, June 27, at 1:00 PM. 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.

We have had a busy spring attending conventions and festivals here in California. We were at the 57th California State Square Dance Convention in April, joining more than 700 dancers at the Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds. The convention featured square and round dancing at all levels along with educational sessions, exhibitions, fashion show, and much more. We put up a display featuring USDA education materials along with copies of USDA News and were pleased to see that many of the materials “disappeared” over the course of the weekend. We also attended California affiliate festivals in Bakersfield, La Mesa, and Lodi. Additionally, we traveled to Boise for the USA West Policy Board meeting and the kick-off dance for the 2019 USA West Convention. We are registered – are you?

This summer will find us on the road traveling to three major square dance conventions. First, of course, will be the National Square Dance Convention in Kansas City, MO. We will then travel on to the 20th Canadian National Square and Round Dance Convention being held from July 19-21 in London, Ontario, Canada. Finally, we will meander back west to Reno, Nevada, for the USA West Square Dance Convention, taking place from August 16-18 at the Circus Circus and Silver Legacy Hotels.

We are continuing to work on the USA Traveler program which encourages dancers to dance in all 50 states. When you reach 48 states, you receive a free ribbon to a National Square Dance Convention, and you can earn another free ribbon at 50 states! So far, we have danced in 32 states and hope to get our “36 States” bar following our summer travels. Information and program forms can be found at <http://www.usda.org/traveler.htm>.

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

Howdy, y'all and welcome to summer. Down here in the south I wasn't sure we were going to have summer this year. We had a nice warm winter, then it got cold as spring approached, but I think summer has now arrived in full force. I like summer though and the daylight time that lets me stay out later and enjoy what life has to offer; square dance conventions and vacations to the lakes or mountains. It just don't get no better than this.

I repeat myself every year at this time because this issue is the July—September edition that due to the mailing you may get before you go to the convention. So based on that we try to include some convention news. You will find on page 5 a listing of the USDA meetings and After Party, etc. On the other hand, you may not get your copy until after the convention and then you will see page 5 and be upset that you missed Pat Inglis meeting on understanding your club's insurance. If you do get your copy prior to the convention I hope that you will note that the USDA Board of Directors meeting will be in room 2215A at 1 pm on Wednesday. Everyone is invited. Page 5 also has the information about the USDA AFTER PARTY on Friday night in the Municipal Auditorium-Arena. Milene McCall has outdone herself this year in arranging a line-up of Square Dance Super Stars. You can start the After Party at 10:00 pm dancing to Jack Pladdys and Tony Oxendine, and end at 10:50 dancing with Mike Hogan, Bear Miller and Ashley Parker. And between the opening and the closing are 24 other top callers to entertain you. The schedule is on page 5 and you will be amazed at the fantastic job Milene has done to put this together. Thank you Milene.

I have been involved in square dancing for several years now and from the very beginning it seems that there was always discussions on how to promote square dancing. Doing demo's at the local shopping mall, or at a church, or the old folks home was always a popular spot. At one time I video taped dances in our area and had them played on the local community TV channel. The idea was that people would see our young people smiling, dancing and having fun. I gave that up after a few months realizing that we do not have any young dancers and the old folks in the video's were not appearing to have fun. So it was back to doing the same old things and getting the same old results. But check out page 23. Judy Taylor has submitted an article on one of the neatest ideas I have heard in a long time. They, the Colorado dancers, have a display of square dance items in the Denver International Airport. What a wonderful idea. It doesn't have to be an airport. There are numerous places that we could set up an exhibit such as this. Think about it. Form a committee. Get those displays out there for the public to see. Thank you Judy for sharing this information.

Last year at the USDA Board of Directors meeting in Cincinnati, Bill Flick decided it was time to retire from his many years of service in United Square Dancers of America. Our Feature Article in this issue is to honor and thank Bill for his dedication to square dancing. On page 14 you can read about Bill and what he has accomplished over the past several years. This will be our first Board meeting without Bill and it just won't be the same.

Until next time.....Larry D

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

Thursday	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
Saturday	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

Friday June 29th 10:00 pm Municipal Auditorium-Arena

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CHECK THIS LINE-UP OF SQUARE DANCE SUPER STARS



- 10:00 Jack Pladdys, Tony Oxendine
- 10:05 Jerry Story, Curt Braffet, Noah Siegmann
- 10:10 Hunter Keller, Joe Saltel
- 10:15 Patty Greene, Shauna Kaaria
- 10:20 Ken Bower, Gary Schmake
- 10:25 Ken Burke, Tom Davis, Wayne Weston
- 10:30 Bobby Poyner, Bob Poyner
- 10:35 Scott Bennett, Vernon Jones, Greg Jones, Brad Caldwell
- 10:40 Jon Jones & Deborah Carroll-Jones
- 10:45 Paul Cote, Ted Lizotte
- 10:50 Dee Dee Dougherty, Mike Seastrom

EVENTS IN THE EASTERN REGION

Tony & Diana Rock, USDA Eastern Region VP

As we write this article, we are preparing for our trip to the 67th National Convention in Kansas City. We are hoping for a large showing of Eastern Region delegates at our Annual Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday. Since we can't travel much throughout the school year, we are looking forward to seeing many of you at this time.

Besides preparing all of the USDA publications for our showcase and presenting a workshop on "A Toolbox for Club Leadership" in Kansas City, we are very excited to be hosting the USDA Executive Committee here in Pittsburgh for the mid-winter meeting this coming January. As you know we love Pittsburgh and are thrilled to show it off!

You may remember, we communicate to our Eastern Region Affiliates through a quarterly email newsletter. The summer's newsletter focused on the USDA Youth program. Below is some information regarding our youth that we hope will be useful to you.

School may be out for the summer, but many high school seniors and college freshmen are now actively searching for money to help pay for those ever rising college expenses. As your Eastern Region VP we want you to be aware of the fantastic USDA Youth Program that, among other things, offers annual college scholarships to youth dancers. The *USDA FOUNDERS MEMORIAL YOUTH FUND* provides needed resources to award at least one scholarship to a youth dancer each year. The awards are based on merit to a student who has a record of volunteer service in square dancing and has outstanding leadership potential and communications skills.

Speaking of the National Convention, USDA sponsors a dance in the Youth Hall every year along with a small gift and snacks for the youth in attendance. The winner(s) of the *USDA FOUNDERS MEMORIAL YOUTH FUND* are also announced at the convention during the annual USDA Board of Directors Meeting.

USDA has several free publications which are focused on youth dancers. A summary of each is listed below:

Y-02 Take a Youthful Step to the Future: A step-by-step guide to establishing and maintaining a youth square dance group. Recommended for leaders

Y-04 USDA Founders Memorial Youth Fund Scholarship Application

Y-05 Information on Competition in Youth Square Dancing

Y-06 Affiliate Nomination Form for Founders Memorial Youth Fund Scholarship

For more information please contact the USDA Youth Advisor at: usda.youth.advisor@usda.org

Tony & Diana Rock



FUN FACT

When the American Revolution happened, many Americans shunned anything pertaining to Britain, so they began adopting things from the French. Many square dancing terms that are still used today have origins in France, like "promenade", "allemande", and "do-si-do" (a play on "dos-à-dos" meaning "back-to-back").



EVENTS IN THE CENTRAL REGION

Tom & Tina Wilkins, USDA Central Region VP

We have been enjoying a lot of great dancing this quarter. On March 9th-10th almost 100 dancers attended the 63rd Annual Mississippi Square and Round Dance Association *State Festival* in Pearl, Mississippi. The featured caller was Darryl McMillan and featured cuer was Pauline Angress.

We were unable to attend the MS Convention because we were at Preconvention activities for the **68th National Convention** including the Kick-Off Dance on March 10th at the beautiful Cobb Galleria Convention Center in Atlanta. Callers Tony Oxendine, Patty Greene and Jack Pladdys, and Cuer Tim Eum provided an outstanding evening of dancing for everyone. This National Convention is so well organized and well run you won't be disappointed!

April 26th-28th we attended the 43rd Annual South Carolina Square and Round Dancers' *These Boots Are Made for Dancing!* in Columbia, South Carolina. There were almost 300 dancers in attendance. This was a change for South Carolina in both time and location. The new venue, the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, was exceptional in the downtown area with a large variety of outstanding restaurants within walking distance. Most importantly, Greg Jones, Danny Thomas, and Tony Simmons kept the High Energy hall rocking.

On **May 4th-5th** we attended the 58th Ohio Dance Convention *'Get up and Dance' 2018* in Columbus, Ohio. This was our first time at this convention, but we were warmly welcomed by both familiar and new dance friends. There were about 300 dancers in attendance and this was one of the few conventions we have attended where there seemed to be more round dancers than square dancers.

May 18th & 19th the Kentuckiana Square Dance Associations *57th Derby City Festival* in Shepherdsville, Kentucky. About 130 dancers enjoyed dancing in the Paroquet Springs Conference Centre to featured callers Tony Oxendine and Ken Bower.

We have just returned from a fabulous weekend of dancing in the Plains Region to some amazing callers at the Texas State Convention in Tyler, Texas. We enjoyed seeing Vice Presidents Floyd and Judy Engelhardt proudly representing the USDA with informative display.

We are now preparing to attend the 67th National Convention in Kansas City. We are especially excited about the outstanding USDA After Party Milene McCall has prepared! We have attended to the Annual USDA meeting several times in the past as Delegates, but this will be our first time as Officers. We have thoroughly enjoyed our first year serving with the USDA! It has been a wonderful and memorable experience.

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

July 27th-29th the 47th Annual WV Dance Convention *Masquerade Ball* in Buckhannon, WV.

August 2nd-4th, the 44th Annual TN Square & Round Dance Convention *Dancing Galore and So Much More* in Gatlinburg, TN

August 17th-18th the 56th Michigan Square and Round Dance Convention *Dance in the Middle of the Mitt* Lansing, MI

August 17th-18th the 29th Annual NC State Convention *Patriotic Promenade* in Raleigh, NC.

August 23rd-25th the 40th AL Square and Round Dance Convention *Every Dance is a Holiday* in Oxford, AL

September 21st-22nd the 47th Annual Georgia Convention *Lets Sail Away* in Athens, GA

See you across the square somewhere,
Tom & Tina Wilkins



THE ROVING CAMERA

Photos courtesy of Tom & Tina Wilkins, VP Central Region. Read their article on page 7.



63rd Annual Mississippi Square & Round Dance Association State



43rd Annual South Carolina Square & Round Dancers' **These Boots Are Made for Dancing!**



58th Ohio Dance Convention *Get up and Dance' 2018*



68th National Convention Preconvention activities & **Kick-Off Dance**



Kentuckiana Square Dance Associations *57th Derby City Festival*

USDA USA TRAVELER PROGRAM

REWARDS REWARDS REWARDS

One Program for Square Dancers that offers you a reward is the USDA USA Traveler Program. There are currently 192 Square Dancers actively participating in this Program. Would you like to receive a paid Registration to a National Convention? You can earn this reward by Dancing in 48 or 50 States and you can even do it a second time around and earn double the rewards.

Square Dancer Bill Shepard from Tennessee was the first to envision and initiate the Program in 2002 with the concurrence of USDA. The current Chairman is Joy Vaccari from Florida. Since the inception of the USDA USA Traveler Program dancers have enjoyed participating from across the nation as well as from other countries like Germany and Canada.

The purpose of the program has always been to “promote visitation between dancers in all 50 States”. The goal is to attend a club dance, a state or National convention, or a local festival in all forty eight and /or fifty states. No duplications are permitted and the records are kept by the Chairman.

A badge and bars are awarded as follows: Badge and 12 state red bar after 12 states, a white bar added after 24 states, a blue bar is added after 36 states, a silver bar after 48 states, and a gold bar after 50 states. Dancers must complete fifty states before going on to the second time around.

After dancing in 48 states and again after dancing in 50 states dancers will receive reimbursement for a National Square Dance Convention. Couples need to fill out only one form but records for singles will be kept individually.

Comments about this Program have been positive from dancers, callers and cuers. Some dancers have even gone on to complete a third time around with no reward offered because they have enjoyed it so much. Comments include “we are strong advocates of this program”, “what a great program!”, and “thank you USDA for this program”. Callers, and clubs have often set up a dance so dancers could receive credit for dancing in a state as some clubs go dark for certain seasons of the year. Dancers with campers headed to Portland for a National Convention wagon trained across the country and held a dance in each state they went through on the way. The National Convention held in Springfield , MA offered a bus tour so dancers could complete the Northeastern states in one fell swoop.

The forms are two sided (actually a trifold) and one side describes the requirements and the other has slots for dancers to report the dates and places where they have danced. A signature is needed from the Club, Caller, or Secretary or sponsor of the dance.

Forms can be obtained by downloading from the internet at www.usda.org or by contacting the Chairman.

Joy Vaccari

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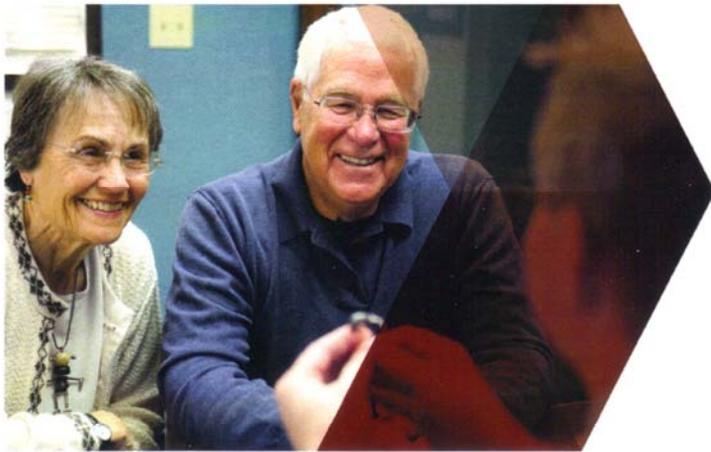
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OUR DANCE FACILITIES WHO IS COVERED:

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Pat Inglis, USDA National Insurance Coordinator

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USDA INSURANCE COORDINATORS NOTES

Little did I know when I met with Markel during the summer of 2017 what was coming for us with 2018 enrollments. I want to thank you all for the wonderful way you have accepted the changes that came to you with the new format for your insurance certificate. The new format was a surprise to me so I know it must have been for you, too. However here we are at the end of May and moving along smoothly. There haven't been many changes in insurance chairmen so I am hoping you are all handling the changes as well as it appears. Please call me with any questions you have at any time.

Some things haven't changed – 100% of club members must be enrolled with our insurance either in their club or another club and the club roster with statement has to be submitted; students in beginning classes continue to be covered for insurance for nine months at no cost to the club when a student roster is submitted; additional enrollments should be submitted ASAP so that the dancers are covered for insurance ASAP; do not use abbreviations; and complete all spaces on all forms submitted.

I am still receiving new enrollments and requests for certificates. Markel is processing requests for a certificate once a week and new enrollments once a month for the remainder of 2018. When we begin our enrollments for 2019 the enrollments will be processed more often.

During the year, I get all sorts of questions regarding our insurance coverage. The insurance seminar at the convention will be "Questions & Answers about Our Insurance" even though it might appear entitled by another name in the program book. Two seminars will be held, one each day on Friday and Saturday. The following are some of the questions with answers that I will share at the seminar:

- 1) What forms are required for initial enrollment? **Yearly federation dues must be paid to USDA, a completed enrollment form and a roster with 100% of club members listed, a check made payable to USDA for present enrollment fee times number of members.**
- 2) What forms are required to cover 'Lessons'? **Class roster of name of students enrolled in the class with a beginning and ending date for the class.**
- 3) What forms are required to cover Group Travel? **Notification of event form has bottom section to be completed and submitted to USDA Insurance Coordinator before travel date begin - a list of names of travelers would be wise although the form does not request this.**
- 4) What forms are required to cover 'Exhibitions'? **That depends on what the facility requires; if the facility does not required a certificate of insurance then the club can submit a notification of event form indicating where the exhibition is taking place; however, the club needs to remember that there is no liability coverage for the club if a certificate of insurance is not issued.**
- 5) What forms are required for incidents? **The club must complete the club accident report and submit it ASAP to their insurance chairman; the insurance chairman will submit to USDA Insurance Coordinator who will send a claim form to insurance chairman with instructions for the injured dancer.**
- 6) What else is really important to know to stay in compliance and correctly submit for valid claims? **It is important that the club always have 100% of their members enrolled in the insurance program; clubs are very lax about this procedure. Any time a dancer joins the club after the initial enrollment has been completed a fee must be paid for that member. If the club does not keep 100% of its members enrolled the club is considered as in non-compliance and could lose their insurance coverage. If a member of a club is injured and has not paid an enrollment fee then that dancer will not be covered in case of an accident. All clubs should have a supply of "club accident forms" at their dances and should always complete this form when an incident happens regardless of how small or insignificant the injury or incident may be at that time. The details are fresh in everyone's mind at that point and might not be several days or even weeks later when what may have seemed nothing important results in a major claim.**

FEATURE ARTICLE



BILL FLICK was among the first group of USDA people I met when I arrived for my first meeting in June 2012. Although this was not my first National Convention, it was the first one where I was there for more than just dancing. I think Bill picked up on that and during that three day stay he often told me where to go. I'm sorry, that did not sound right after I saw it on paper. Let me just say that he was very gracious in suggesting things that I might like to see or do and told me where to find it and what time I should be there. I have often heard that you probably won't remember something someone said, but you will remember how they made you feel. Bill Flick helped me relax and get more out of that convention and the USDA meetings than I would have done on my own. Bill made a good impression on me.

Last year, June 2017, at the USDA Board of Directors meeting in Cincinnati, Mr. Flick retired from USDA. He was presented a "Resolution of Recognition" for him and his late wife Joan. From 1992 until June of 2017 Bill has served in almost every possible position in his local area, regional and state associations and also on the National level.

Since I had only know Bill since 2012 I quickly realized it would be a short article if I had to rely on my knowledge of Bill's accomplishments, so I solicited help from my fellow USDA committee members. One of the first things I found out about him was that he was a very dedicated to his wife, his square dancing and his church. He enjoyed doing needlepoint and did kneeling pillows for his church. He was not one to do a job halfway and say "that's good enough." Whatever Bill's position, he gave it his all. He had a "passion" to see that it was done right which probably explains why he was trusted with so many different areas of responsibility.

To recap some of his achievements that I am aware of would include his travel and dancing in all 50 states as well as Seville, Spain. I am not sure how he found time to do that much traveling when you consider the things he was involved in. On the local level he was a member of the Club Sashay, the oldest club in the Delaware Valley, and he probably help most every position they had. He held many offices in the regional area including Vice-President of the Pen-Del District and was the General Chairman of the 28th Delaware Valley Convention. At the state level he has been President of the PA Square and Round Dance Federation and has chaired two state conventions, including Pennsylvania's first state convention in 1994. He has attended all of the PA State Conventions and has severed on many convention committees. He received the National Circle Service Award and the state's Keystone Service Award for his contributions to square dancing.

Bill and his wife became involved in USDA in 1992 serving as Parliamentarian, President for two years, and Vice President of the Eastern Region for three years. After the passing of his wife, Bill continued to serve as Eastern VP for another three years, Treasurer for six years, Parliamentarian for another four years as well as chairing four other committees. In June 2016 he was honored with four medals representing his 20 plus year of service in the United Square Dancers of America.

Bill Flick was a small man in stature, but he left some big shoes to fill. The USDA Annual Board of Directors meeting in Kansas City this year will be the first USDA meeting that I have attended without Bill being there. From me and the rest of the USDA Executive Committee, "We will miss you Bill."

Written by the editor with special thanks to Jim Maczko and other USDA members for information provided.

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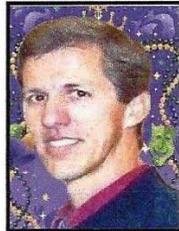
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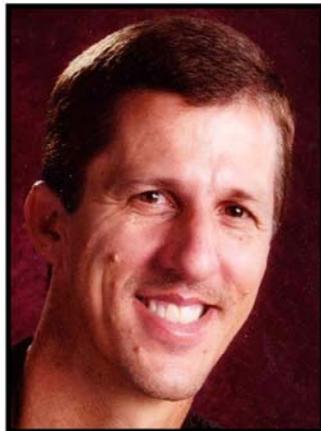
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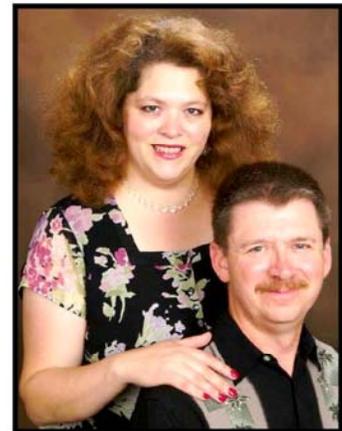
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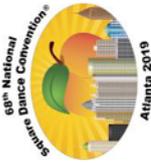
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I'd like to volunteer, please contact me.



For Convention Use Only
 Registration # _____
 Date Received _____
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Please identify at which Dance Program you intend to spend most of your dance time:
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 Are you participating in the **Education Leadership Certification Program**? Yes No
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HOUSING
Select your hotel online at: www.68nsdc.com select "Housing" Tab for a direct secure link to the Hotel Booking Module.
Selected Hotel Online? YES NO

If **NOT** Selected Online, Complete the Entire Housing portion of this form below:
 Housing Required? YES NO Please Circle Room Nights Needed:

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 Hotel Preference (hotel codes on back): 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ Choice _____
 Please check the appropriate box: One Bed (1-2 people) 2 Beds (2-4 people)
 Wheelchair Accessible Room Special Needs Room:
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 Same Hotel as: _____

For Assignment in Block Housing – Requests are due by Jan 1, 2019.
Block Housing (10-25 rooms) E-Mail: _____
Block Leader Name: _____ Phone: _____
Group Name: _____

To guarantee your room reservations, you must provide a credit card number and pay a **\$3.50 processing fee**. Payment for the room will be charged at check in.
 Visa Master Card Discover Card American Express
 Name on Card: _____
 Credit Card No.: _____
 Expiration Date: _____ (Ensure expiration date is after July 2019) Security Code: _____

Dance Leader Name to be programmed *Go to www.68nsdc.com to update your profile*
 Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Convention Badges Required for entrance to all convention activities; Dressy Casual attire allowed until 6:00 pm. PROPER DANCE ATTIRE is Required after 6:00 pm for all Dancers.

Return completed form with payment to:
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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Country: _____ Email: _____ Cell: _____
 Phone: _____

Registrations are non-transferable.
 Youth born after June 29, 2001 \$30.00
 Children 5 and under (born after June 29, 2014) FREE
 A \$10.00 fee per Registrant will be imposed for cancellations or changes.
 Prices will increase May 1, 2019 to: \$75 for adults, \$37.50 for Youth born after June 29, 2001.
 Registrations received after April 30, 2019 will receive e-mail confirmation only.

For badges	First Name	Last Name	Subtotals
Adult:	_____	_____	\$ _____
Adult/Child:	_____	_____	\$ _____
Adult/Child:	_____	_____	\$ _____
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Program Book w/Daily Schedules (\$20.00 after 4/30/2019)	# _____	@ \$15.00	\$ _____
Syllabus: <input type="checkbox"/> Rounds <input type="checkbox"/> Contra	# _____	@ \$10.00	\$ _____
Syllabus on USB Drive <input type="checkbox"/> Rounds <input type="checkbox"/> Contra	# _____	@ \$10.00	\$ _____
Both Syllabus and USB Drive <input type="checkbox"/> Rounds <input type="checkbox"/> Contra	# _____	@ \$16.00	\$ _____
Cookbook – “Georgia Cookin’ On My Mind”	# _____	@ \$12.00	\$ _____
Wednesday Special Event, “John Berry” Dinner & Show	# _____	@ \$49.00	\$ _____
Wednesday Special Event, “John Berry” Show ONLY	# _____	@ \$25.00	\$ _____
Parking Pass, if NOT staying at Convention Hotels or RV Park, 4 days	# _____	@ \$25.00	\$ _____
Magnet for Badge, pins are provided Free of charge	# _____	@ \$2.00	\$ _____
RV Camping (4-night minimum) ALL campers MUST register. You will receive a profile form when your payment is received. <i>To camp together, arrive together.</i>	# _____	@ \$35.00	\$ _____

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 (U.S. Funds) Total Due: \$ _____
 **TOURS – Please complete separate Tours Order Form and submit payment.

Check Enclosed # _____ Visa MasterCard Discover American Express
 Name on Card: _____
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 Expiration Date: _____ (Ensure expiration date is after July 2019) Security Code: _____
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Map of Hotels



- Instructions for Registration (left front side of form)**
1. Print legibly all names, address, city, state, zip code, country, and B/D of youth (age 5-17 by June 29, 2019 – discounted 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. Calculate the Total and include credit card information, check or money order payable in U.S. funds to the 68th National Square Dance Convention® and return it with the Registration Form. **Do Not Send Cash. No Single Day Registrations.**
 3. A \$10.00 fee per registrant will be assessed for cancellation. **No refunds after April 30, 2019.**
 4. **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.
 5. **TOUR FORM AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:** Please complete the **Tour Order Form** and mail directly to: 68th National Square Dance Convention®, P.O. Box 1120, Flowery Branch, GA 30542 or email to tours@68nsdc.com. For Tour information and Order Form go to www.68nsdc.com and click "TOURS".
 6. **Airport Shuttle Services can be booked online. Visit our website www.68nsdc.com and click "TRANSPORTATION".**

CAMPGROUNDS: No Bus Service available from Campgrounds.
FREE Parking Pass for Cobb Galleria Centre

30/50 amp. Electrical service w/water. Dump station onsite. **\$35 night** (9 mi. from Galleria 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. RV camp sites will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. All sites have 30 & 50-amp electrical service with water. Free Onsite dump station. **If you plan to camp together, you must arrive together.** For more information, contact RV Vice-Chairman, Ralph & Viv Taylor, email to rv-camping@68nsdc.com. **No dry camping permitted at convention center or convention hotels.**

Instructions for Housing (right front side of form)

1. The 68th NSDC Housing Committee is pleased to offer **website online access for housing reservations**. If you book your room online, check the box provided on front side of this form.
 2. If you **DO NOT** reserve your room online:
 - a. Complete the entire housing portion on the right side of this form. This form must be received by April 1, 2019 to receive the 68th NSDC contracted room rates.
 - b. 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.)
 - c. Indicate three (3) choices of hotel preference by specifying hotel code number. Also, be sure to indicate 1 or 2 beds. Hotels will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis according to availability.
 3. Shared Room or Same Hotel Requests can be made through the online site **OR** forward registrations together in the same envelope.
 4. All Block Housing requests staying in the same hotel are due by **January 1, 2019**, include the name and telephone number of Block Leader to housing@68nsdc.com.
 5. **Hotel Reservations: Your reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card and a \$3.50 non-refundable processing fee.** Your credit card will NOT be charged for the room in advance of arrival and an alternative form of payment may be presented at check in. Ensure expiration date is after July 2019.
 6. **Hotel Confirmations:** You will receive a hotel confirmation from the 68NSDC via email or mail. A Hotel confirmation will be sent after July 1, 2018. If you do not receive your confirmation within 21 days, please contact the Housing Committee by email at housing@68nsdc.com.
 7. **Hotel Changes:** After receiving Hotel Confirmation, if you need to modify your hotel reservation you must contact the 68th NSDC Housing Committee, housing@68nsdc.com.
 8. **Hotel Cancellations:** Your confirmed hotel will assess a one-night room/tax charge for cancellations received less than 72 hours prior to arrival.
 9. **Hotel Early Departure:** An early departure fee may be charged unless the 68th NSDC Housing Committee housing@68nsdc.com is notified less than 72 hours prior to a change in the planned stay.
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Code	Hotel Name	Standard King	Standard /Queen 2 beds	Suite King	Distance
1*	Renaissance Waverly (Headquarters)	\$145	\$145		Connected
2	Sheraton Suites (Caller/Cue) (Pet Friendly)		\$149	\$149	Skywalk
3	Embassy Suites		\$160	\$155	2 Blocks
4	Hampton Inn & Suites	\$149	\$149		2 Blocks
5*	Hyatt Place (Pet Friendly)		\$149	\$149	2 Blocks
6	Courtyard by Marriott, Atlanta Cumberland	\$144	\$144		0.4 mi
7	Marriott Atlanta Northwest at Galleria (Vendor)	\$143	\$143		1.1 mi
8*	Wyndham – Atlanta Galleria (Pet Friendly) Courtyard by Marriott – Windy Hill		\$144	\$164	2.8 mi
9		\$164	\$144		3.1 mi

NO BUS PASS AVAILABLE. All hotels, except #9 Courtyard by Marriott – Windy Hill, offer **Free Hotel** shuttle service to the Galleria Centre.

FREE PARKING at Hotels and Galleria Centre for attendees **staying at a Convention hotel listed above or at the RV Park.** **All others can purchase a Parking Pass for a one-time \$25.00 fee or pay a daily fee at the gate.** Weekly Parking Pass can be purchased at Registration Desk or preorder on front of this form.



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Thank you for your support!

Primary Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Partner's (if different): _____ First Name: _____

Youth: _____ DOB: _____ Youth: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

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Country: _____ Email: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Mobile: (_____) _____

Amount paid (U.S. currency only) \$50.00 each x _____ = \$ _____

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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 Cuer 2 3 / 4 5 / 6 Contra Clogging C/W Lines

Proper square dance attire required after 6:00 p.m. for all dancers.

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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 _____ = \$ _____

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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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SPECIAL REPORT

Square Dance History Display at DIA!

Colorado is again in the spotlight! The temporary art exhibit organizers at Denver International Airport contacted our Colorado State Square Dance Association to see if we were interested in supplying items for a display. They were looking for exhibits of “Colorado State Symbols”, and since Square Dance is the Colorado State Folk Dance they thought we should be included.

The State Historian, Senda Griswold, was contacted, and with the Colorado State Reps, they started collecting many items of interest. On loan were hundreds of pictures, multiple dresses and outfits, numerous historic books, ribbons and badges, proclamation documents, plaques; all were very special depictions of the symbolic importance of square dance fun.

Unfortunately, the three cases allotted would not hold all this stuff, and it was whittled down to about one-eighth the amount. Fortunately, the Hill’s 60th anniversary frame, in which they are wearing the 2004 Square Dance outfit, was included! Other display cases were of John Denver, the Colorado State song (“Where the Columbines Grow”), the Butterfly Pavilion, and a few others.

The exhibit is beautifully organized, and if you want to see for yourself, go to the Web site on Facebook: <https://images.flydenver.com/Art-at-DIA/Temporary-Exhibits/Colorado-State-Symbols/i-9krf5H4/A> or go to DIA! The exhibit will run from May through August 1st, 2018. Last minute news: We have been invited to hold a square dance Demo on August 1st @ 11am – we will try to get squares from each of our clubs across the state of Colorado!

Submitted by Judy Taylor





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 -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 -or- 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

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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

USDA HANDICAPABLE PROGRAM

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Program Chairman: Alitia Becker—email: 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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Chairman: Tony & Diana Rock email: usda.education.publications@usda.org

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check it out at

 <http://www.you2candance.com>

To learn more about using this web site as part of a nation-wide marketing plan go to the Facebook page (You 2 Can Dance.com) or the ARTS-Dance web site (arts-dance.org). It doesn't cost you a thing and is there for you to use to help promote our dance forms.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Send the USDA NEWS Editor your State Association/Federation

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

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<p>Jul 05-08</p> <p>Alaska State Square & Round Dance Convention Hoskins Building, State Fairgrounds, Palmer Dwayne Cejka 907 355-8967 email: drcejka@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Aug 30- Sep 02</p>	<p>48th Single Square Dancers USA Dance-A-Rama The Westin Indianapolis 241 W. Washington Stree Indianapolis, IN 46204 www.ssdua.org Email: dar2018@ssdua.org</p>
<p>Jul 6-10</p> <p>42 Annual ROUNDALAB Convention Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center 6808 S 107th E. Ave 71st St. exit, Hwy 169 Tulsa, OK 74133 Info: roundalab@roundalab.org</p>	<p>Sep 07-09</p>	<p>39th New Mexico Round Dance Festival Albuquerque Square Dance Center 4909 Hawkins, St NE Albuquerque, NM Info: Dee Williams deemwilliams@cableone.net</p>
<p>Jul 26-28</p> <p>16th U S Handicapable Convention Omni Hotel Jacksonville, FL Info: Rick Yates 386 734-2110 reyates.deland@gtmail.com</p>		
<p>Aug 2-4</p> <p>44th TN State Square & Round Dance Convention W L Mills Conference Center 234 Historic Nature Trail Gatlinburg, TN www.tnsquaredance.org</p>	<p>Sep13-15</p>	<p>10th Anniversary Ky. Federation of Square Dancing 2018 Square Dance Hoedown The Center for Rural Development 2292 South Hwy. 27 Somerset, Ky. 42501 email: marilyn@traviscook.com</p>
<p>Aug 10-12</p> <p>59th Wisconsin Square & Round Dance Convention Marshfield Senior High School 1401 E Becker Rd Marshfield, WI 54402 www.wisquaredanceconvention.org Info: 715 574-3246</p>	<p>Sep 21-22</p>	<p>48th Annual Nebraska State Square and Round Dance Weekend Adams County Fairgrounds Hasting, NE Info: Larry Tidyman 308 340-3362 email: tidymancl@bwtelcom.net</p>
<p>Aug 17-18</p> <p>29th Annual NC State Convention Hilton North Raleigh 3415 Wake Forrest Rd Raleigh, NC 27609 www.ncstateconvention.com </p>	<p>Sep 21-22</p>	<p>47th Georgia State Convention The Classic Center 130 Foundry St. Athens, GA 30601 Roscoe Johnson 229 377-9635 www.gssda.org</p>
<p>Aug 23-25</p> <p>40 Alabama Square & Round Dance Convention Oxford Civic Center 401 McCullars Lane Oxford, AL 36203 Jim Purvis 251 653-5442 Tina Wilkins 706 518-6197</p>		



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 Cowan Civic Center
 500 Elm St.
 Lebanon, MO
 Info: 636 394-0998
www.Festival.SquareDanceMissouri.com

Nov 2-4 **29th Indiana Square & Round Dance Convention**
 French Lick Springs Resort
 8670 West State Rd 56
 French Lick, IN 47432
www.insquaredanceconvention.com
 See AD page 17

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Feb 22-23 **65th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention**
 Ocean Center
 101 N Atlantic Ave
 Daytona Beach, FL 32118
www.floridasquaredance.com/convention/

Mar 14-16 **60th Washington Area Square Dancers Cooperative Association's Festival**
 Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel
 Alexandria, VA
www.wascaclubs.com

Mar 22-23 **21st Annual Grand Canyon Square Dance Association Festival**
 Palm Ridge Recreation Center
 13800 W. Deer Valley Rd.
 Sun City West, AZ
 Info: 602 222-9339 Maggie Russell Navarro
www.azsquaredance.com
 See Ad Page 15-16

May 16-18 **31st Virginia State Convention**
 Founders Inn
 5641 Indian River Rd.
 Virginia Beach, VA

Aug 01-03 **45th Tennessee State Square & Round Dance Convention**
 M. L. Mills Conference Center
 234 Historic Nature Trail
 Gatlinburg, TN
www.tnsquaredance.org/convention

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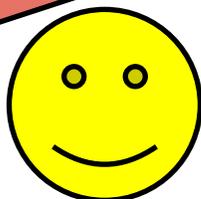
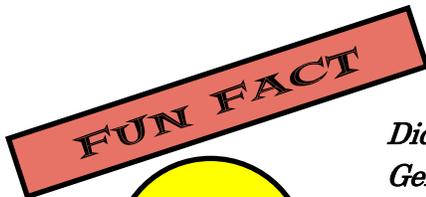
FUTURE NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

2019—June 26-29 Atlanta, GA

2020—June 17-20, Spokane, WA*

*Note-This a one-time date change to avoid conflict with Hoopfest

2021—June 23-26, Jackson. MS



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