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68TH NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION—
Did you know that pre-registration has already gone over 3000? Check out page 22 to stay abreast of what is in store in Metro Atlanta this June.

Our VP's in each region have been extremely busy the past few months. See what they have been doing—P5-7.

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

**The Roving Camera—Judy Taylor, Frank Hunter,
Bina Krebsbach and Tawana Cheshier**

**Special Articles—LPaul Schmidt,Tawana Cheshier , Carolyn
Birdsong**

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

To one and all, near and far, - Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that we are sending 2018 on its way, and welcoming another year of fun and fellowship into the fold.

We have closed our 2018 on a bit of a quiet note as Sally's "curved" spine (scoliosis with disk degeneration) finally decided it no longer wanted to take on our "square" activity. She had two-part spinal surgery in late November, and is home recovering and anxious to get back to the dance floor in the new year. Prior to the surgery, we did enjoy attending a couple of California festivals including San Diego's own annual Fiesta de la Cuadrilla. And of course we are doing our best to keep on top of USDA business.

We would like to thank our Eastern Region Vice Presidents, Tony & Diana Rock, for making arrangements for us to visit the Pittsburgh, PA area for our 2019 Winter Executive Committee Meeting the last weekend in January. The Winter Meeting provides the Executive Committee with the opportunity to review the status of all USDA programs, and prepare for USDA-sponsored activities held in conjunction with the annual National Square Dance Convention. Of course they have also scheduled in some time for dancing and sight-seeing while we are all in the area. We are sending positive thoughts for San Diego-style winter weather for a few days, at least!

As we look at our square dances small and large, and talk with dancers around the state and country, we continue to reflect on how to maintain and grow this wonderful activity. We have so many individual dancers that want to show up and dance, whether it a quick stop at a weekly dance or a special travel to a festival or convention. We often hear – wow, "X & Y" put on a great dance, or "well, they really didn't advertise much." But who's dance is it? That's right, each dance is YOUR dance and OUR dance. We need to support with our attendance, with helping out the club or organization putting on the event, with a small donation here and there, and especially with promoting each and every dance we learn about. That way there will be dancers and dances for all of us to enjoy for years to come.

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

I hope everyone had as nice of a Christmas and Holiday Season as I did. Santa was very nice to me this year and he explained that I was not as naughty as I have been in the past. Like most everything else in my life I assume it must be age related. There was a time I had one inner voice speaking to me, but now I have two. My mind almost always assures me that I can do anything I want to, but when I try my body starts yelling, "what were you thinking?"

Well 2019 is here and most of YOU have already broken your resolutions for this year. Well that is not going to happen here at USDA. We have resolved to have one of our best and most productive years ever.

To get things rolling we ended 2018 with four new dancers added to our Centennial Award program. We expect this year will be much better as we recognize more 100 year old dancers. Be sure to let us know about anyone you know about any dancer in your club or area that might qualify for this honor. Getting the word out has been the most difficult part. When an award is presented we try to have the Vice Presidents of that region do the honors. Sometimes that is not feasible and we get another USDA member to do this. In all cases, they report back to me how much they enjoyed it and how pleased the recipient was for being honored and recognized in such a way. Although I had the privilege of helping in the design of this award program I had never been the one to present one until this past November. I got to experience this first hand and I am not sure who gets the most out of it. The person receiving the award or the one presenting it. It was a humbling, yet thrilling experience to talk and share stories with the person receiving this award. We do not want to overlook any eligible dancer so please help us spread the word that USDA thinks 100 year old dancers are special.

While we ended last year on a high with our Centennial dancers, there was also a down side to the years end. During the last quarter of the year we lost three key players in the square dance world. Marshall Flippo, Lee Kopman and Frank Lane have all moved on to greener pastures, but they left their mark with us. They will be remembered for years to come and they will also go down in the square dance history books of names that helped shape today's dance world.

Although he was not a caller, we did lose another dear friend of square dancing. Si Kittle passed away on Nov. 16, 2018. He, and his wife Marilyn, are former members of USDA, serving as Secretary and President. Our condolences to the family.



We want to welcome Ellery and Karen Gulbrand to the USDA team as our new secretary. They come to us with loads of experience and qualifications and were highly recommended by the Square Dance Association of Wisconsin. They have held many various positions of responsibility in club, area and state organization. Most notably is position of General Chairman for the 1995 Wisconsin Square and Round Dance Convention. They have also served as the Executive Secretary for this same group for the past 18 years and Karen is the current President of the Square Dance Association of Wisconsin. They are replacing Brenda Deal, (term limited) and we want to thank her for the time she served as secretary. Brenda is not leaving USDA, but joining husband Scott on Social Media.



We also welcome Dan Reedy as our Youth Advisor, replacing Bonnie Abramson who departed due to other obligations time requirements. Bonnie served as the Youth Advisor for several years and did an outstanding job. We will miss her and we wish her well in her future endeavors. Dan is a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel and has been actively involved in square dance since 2000 and has held many positions in the Missouri Federation. Welcome Dan.

WELCOME 2019

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

EVENTS IN THE CENTRAL REGION

Tom & Tina Wilkins, USDA Central Region VP

Being from Alabama, Fall is for SEC Football! But we were able to mix in some great dancing opportunities as well.

September 14th-15th we had an amazing weekend in Somerset at the **Kentucky Federation of Square Dancer's 2018 Square Dance Hoedown**. Friday night we were treated to the General Butler Bash callers Jack Pladdys, Wed Dyer, Tom Davis, and Mark Patterson. Saturday afternoon we spent the day dancing hot hash and high energy to a great line up including Travis Cook and Kristy Williams. Vicky Emberson and the convention committee (pictured) put together a fun filled and entertaining weekend.



September 21st- 22nd we attended the 47th Annual **Georgia Convention Lets Sail Away** in Athens. One of the most unique aspects of this convention was the gang of "kids" running around with caller Steve Holzhausen dancing in elevators, in hallways, on the patio, on the curb, and anywhere else he could fit them. It was an amazing site to see these young people having so much fun square dancing.



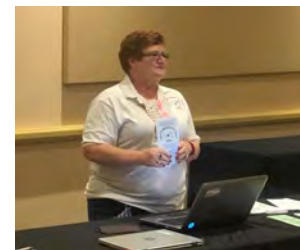
November 3rd-4th we attended the 29th Indiana Square and Round Dance Convention Back to the Fifties at the beautiful French Lick Resort.



This was another amazing dancing opportunity for us.



Tom Miller was the featured caller for Friday nights Presidents Ball. Our own Milene McCall presented an awesome education session "What is the USDA" on Saturday.



We were also able to attend an education session by the 71st National Square Dance Convention® Bid Committee and hear about all the exciting things they are planning for the 2022 NSDC in Evansville, Indiana. We wish them luck with their bid. We have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the USDA family these past 2 years. It has led us to many great dancing opportunities and we have made many new friends on the journey.

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EVENTS IN THE WESTERN REGION

Dale & Kathy Worthington, USDA Western Region VP

September started off at full speed. The first week in September we drove down to Napa, California for 3 days. There we attended the local square dance club where we distributed USDA information and publication order forms. We were, and the information, very well received and had a fun time. We continued down to San Francisco for 4 days, but were unable to find a club that was dancing in the area during this time.

On September 23rd, we started our road trip. First stop was in Salem, Oregon to attend the Fall Meeting of the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs. During the meeting the subject of the USDA Youth Scholarship Fund and the USDA Handicapable Fund was brought up. A motion was made and passed to donate \$50.00 to each of these programs. From there it was on to Detroit, Michigan to participate in the promotion of our son, Scott, to the rank of Master Chief in the US Coast Guard. After a short visit it was back on the road again heading to Gainesville, Florida for a visit with family members. Tried to dance with the Gainesville square dance club but they were not dancing during our visit. Next stop was Fort Worth, Texas for a week. Then it was off to home.

On the 26th & 27th of October our club put on the 18th Annual Seaside Sashay Square Dance Festival in Seaside, Oregon. The USDA Publication Display was very well received and picked through.

In November we attended R Square D Club dance in Kelso, Washington. I was able to talk to the Club President about the USDA and its publications. I was able to get the Washington Federation President's name and email address. Our intention is to contact her and provide the USDA Publication thumb-drive to her. It is further hoped that we will be able to get approval to contact of the Washington councils/clubs to provide them with a USDA Publication thumb-drive.

Dale & Kathy Worthington

EVENTS IN THE PLAINS REGION

Mark & Bina Krebsbach, USDA Plains Region VP

Mark & I hope you had a very Blessed Happy Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for, our wonderful family of 37, our good health, our friends, and our wonderful life!!

We very happily welcomed the 37th member of our family on Nov. 29, 2018. Our granddaughter, Kaitlyn and her husband, Phillip Vetter had our 4th great-grandchild. A healthy baby boy, Theo Brian Vetter, weighing 8 lbs., 10 oz., 20"long. They have a son, Liam 4 and a daughter, Edyn 2 almost 3. They have a very busy house!! We only have 2 grandchildren that have children, so our family will continue to grow a lot as we have 15 grandchildren who haven't started a family.

Since our last article we have done a bit of traveling visiting our assigned states. In September & October we were able to represent the USDA at dances in 9 of our assigned states. We presented a centennial award in Arkansas (see photo here and story on page) and were to present one in Oklahoma, but had to cancel that one due to being home for a funeral.

In January, 2019 we plan to visit dances in Texas, Oklahoma, Wisconsin & Illinois which will complete visiting all 13 states.

We look forward to visiting some of the states again in the spring for Festivals, etc. Please send us the information of any festivities, when and where they will be. Thank you to those of you who have sent us your schedule. We will be in contact with you to let you know when we will be able to be there.

God's Blessings

Mark & Bina Krebsbach

Photo: Mark & Bina pictured with some of the North Dakota dancers.



EVENTS IN THE EASTERN REGION

Tony & Diana Rock, USDA Eastern Region VP

Hello again from the USDA Eastern Region. We hope that each of you had a very happy holiday season with your families and friends. We are continuing to reach out and communicate with our regional affiliates through email each quarter and educate them on various important topics addressed in the United Square Dancers of America (USDA) literature. This quarter we shared the importance of club incorporation and establishing club bylaws. Don't just keep this information under your hat, please feel free to share it with your regional organizations and clubs. These materials are available for the asking, free of charge.

In the current day, club incorporation is a very important consideration as it offers a protection to both the club and its officers. USDA offers three publications that will explain the process and benefits of club incorporation.

IS-010 Club Incorporation

IS-011 Incorporation of Square Dance Clubs

P-010 Club Incorporation

As part of club incorporation every club needs to establish a set of bylaws. How does your club go about writing bylaws and what is important to include in such a document? USDA is here to help with the following publication:

IS-012 Bylaws for Square Dance Clubs

More information is available on the USDA website and /or by contacting us directly. Check out the full USDA Publication list on the USDA website: www.usda.org

As Eastern Region Vice Presidents, we are very excited to be hosting the Mid-Winter USDA Executive Committee meeting in January 2019. The meeting will be right in our home town of Pittsburgh, PA. Squeezed around the work of the Executive Committee that weekend, we plan to introduce everyone to uniquely Pittsburgh cuisine, history, and naturally dancing! We have worked with our Western Pennsylvania Square and Round Dance Federation to plan a special dance to welcome the USDA Executive Committee to our beloved city. Watch for a follow up article in the next edition of the USDA News!

Tony & Diana Rock

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Milene and Pat watch
as Tony
makes balloon animals.



USDA INSURANCE COORDINATORS NOTES

So much has happened since I wrote the last article for USDA News that it's difficult to know where to begin. Much of the information that I gave you has changed. Good news is that the rate has not changed and will remain at \$4.75 for 2019! I can only apologize for this delay as I did not know what was happening. As you may remember when we were getting ready for 2018 enrollments we had some changes to our procedures. First they moved our insurance group to another agent who made several changes where we went from one person handling our services to a group doing the work. That change was successful; however, Markel determined that it was taking too many man-hours to get our work completed with their new system. So in July another plan was hatched where Markel would outsource our business to an organization that would better service our needs. I was only asked what was the latest date for this setup to be completed and operational. I said November 1st. Well, that did not happen partly due to Hurricane Michael who rendered the developers of our program based in Florida without power. Our new management group **RPS Bollinger Sports & Leisure** will be wonderful to us in the long run. It's just been a difficult start.

Before you read this article, you will have heard from me about the new system and it will be generating new certificates for all our clubs. You will not receive a new USDA # - the USDA# from 2018 will remain the same. Please use these numbers on everything you submit to me. Next year it should be a breeze getting your enrollments completed and certificates back to you; this year will have some bumps in the road but I along with Bollinger will get you what you need. This system is actually set up so that clubs can do their own enrollments if they wish, the insurance chairman can handle the enrollments and if neither wants to or is unable to enter the information then Bollinger will do it.

Some things will not be changing for this year such as any new club must still be submitted to me the same as in the past with complete paperwork. Bollinger will have to enter all new clubs into the system. Afterwards the club or chairman can add members and request certificates from the link. Certificates will still go to the insurance chairman but not until I have receive payment for the club for their renewal. Insurance chairmen will still distribute certificate to their associations or clubs. Additional members can be added to the club roster by using the link but you will need to remember to send money into me for those additions. Club accident report and event notification forms will still be sent to me.

When in doubt call or send an email and I will, as always, be happy to assist you. Please remember you are not to contact Bollinger; all contact goes through me on any issues. I do believe that once we get use to these new procedures we will be pleased with this decision made by Markel.

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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

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: Dan Reedy—email: 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

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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.

Additional information and ordering forms and instructions can be found under publications at www.usda.org

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FEATURE ARTICLE**CENTENNIAL AWARD-DR. WILLIAM HOWICK**

I was thrilled to find out that we had a Centennial Award to be presented in my hometown of Knoxville, TN. I have been very involved in the this program, but have never had the opportunity to present the award and I was excited to be able to do this.

I had not met Dr. Howick so when I arrived I looked around the room and could not find a 100 year old man. When dealing with people in that age group you sometimes expect the worse and I was beginning to wonder why he was not here. I finally ask someone if they knew when he would arrive and was told that he was sitting over at the table and they pointed me in the right direction. I had looked at that that table and I did not see anyone of that age. This was the youngest 100 year old man I have ever met.

Dr. Howick was born in Paris, Canada, a long time ago. He served in the Canadian Armed Forces. He later moved to the US and it became his new home. He received his Doctorate and then taught at Triveka Nazarene College in Nashville, TN, Cape Girardeau University in Missouri, and later at Memphis State University in Memphis, TN. At one point he served as a Commissioner and later as Mayor of Lakeland, TN.



The West Tennessee area became home for William and he became involved in square dancing. If you have followed me to this point you have already figured out that involved meant more than just going to a dance one a week. It became a passion with him and his involvement was total involvement. He supported all of the local square dance functions and was a frequent visitor at all of the clubs in the area. He served as Vice President then President of the Greater Memphis Square & Round Dance Association.

After presenting our awards to him I got to sit and chat with him for a few minutes. He loves to talk about square dancing and was quite eager to tell me about the time the National Convention was held in Memphis. He was very involved with that and would love to see it come there again. Well it may be a while before the Nationals get back to Memphis, but it will be pretty close by this year in Atlanta and then in a couple more years in Jackson. MS. In fact, a couple of our TN dancers, Dan & Glynda Twork are the General Chariman of the 70th NSDC in 2021. Don't be surprised if you see Dr. William Howick listed somewhere in the list of names of the people making it happen.



(Article by Larry Dunkel with the help of Bob & Mary Ann Moates)

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FEATURE ARTICLE

CENTENNIAL AWARD—GORDON SPANGLER

Some people are just a pleasure to see coming through the door. They put a smile on your face.

That is the case for one couple dancing with the Swinging Chicks Square Dance club in Chickasha, Oklahoma. They have been dancing with our club since 1968, and have served in numerous club offices since that time.

Let me tell you a little about Gordon and Pauline Spangler. Gordon was born March 27, 1918 and is 100 years old. He was born in Pocasset, OK and he had 2 brothers and 1 sister. He attended Arcadia grade school, riding 12 miles on horseback to attend, and then graduated from Minco High School. After graduating from high school, Gordon joined the OK Nation Guard 45th Division. When finished with boot camp in 1940, he came home on leave, married Pauline and then re-joined his division in Sicily, Italy where he followed General George Patton. He also served in the Korean War. When he retired from the military, he had 40 years and 2 months of service.



Gordon has also operated a filling station, worked as a fireman for the railroad, and even worked for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for several years.

The couple has had an active longhorn cattle operation for many, many years, and Gordon even baled his own hay until just a couple of years ago.

Gordon and Pauline have 2 daughters, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and have been married for 78 years! Pauline will be 98 in September, and before retiring, she worked for the Grady Memorial Hospital heading up the Medical Records Department.

Square dancing has been such an important part of their lives, that until recently, they even had a winter home along the Rio Grande River in Harlingen, Texas where you can square dance daily at the Lakewood retirement community.

Gordon and Pauline still try to attend all of our Chickasha dances, and they always put a smile on our faces when they come through the door. Because of poor hearing, they no longer get out on the dance floor, but their hearts are still in it. We are proud to have them as members of our club. Not many people can say they have square danced for 50 years. Not many people can say they have been married 78 years.

Note from the editor:

Thank you Tawana Cheshier for being the behind the scenes person that did all the work to make this happen. Our Plains Region VP's were scheduled to present this award to Gordon, but just a couple of days before they got word of a death and funeral that required them to return to Nebraska. When I told Tawanna of our situation she went to work. Wanda Oliver, co-president of the Oklahoma Square Dance Federation was present to pin the Lapel Pin on Gordon.



George Plumer, with KOOL 105.5 radio made a public announcement for us and the Washitia Valley Weekly publication did an article about the celebration. Gordon also has a section of Highway 19 named after him.

USDA has marked their calendar to return to OK in two years to present Pauline with her Centennial Awards.



FEATURE ARTICLE
CENTENNIAL AWARD-DOROTHY PUMPHREY

Dorothy Pumphrey was born September 29, 1918 in Little Rock, Arkansas and she still lives there today.

She grew up during WWII and would ballroom dance every night at the VSO. In December of 1944 she married, but was widowed after 10 years of marriage. She has one daughter.

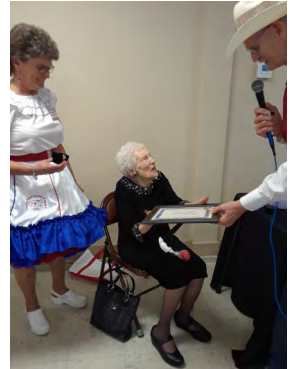
She retired from the Post Office Inspection Service Department in 1980. She belonged to Senior Life Quest and the Y and started square dancing at that time. She was treasurer of the American Legion Auxiliary and held offices in her square dance club. She was presented a lifetime honorary membership with the Maverick Mixer's Square Dance Club in Little Rock in 2014.

Dorothy is a very special person and has introduced many people to the joys of square dancing. She is nice to everyone and always has a smile.

On Sept. 29, 2018, exactly 100 years after her birth, USDA Vice Presidents of the Plains Region, Mark and Bina Krebsbach went to Little Rock and presented Dorothy with our Centennial Award to recognize and honor her for her 100 years. She received our Certificate of Appreciation, a Lapel Pin showing that she is a 100 year old member of USDA Centennial Program.

Thank you Dorothy for all you have done!

(Submitted by Carolyn Birdsong)



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EVENTS IN THE CENTRAL REGION

Because we will be bidding in June to host the 72nd NSDC in Alabama, **this will be our last term serving as Vice-Presidents of the Central Region. We have until June to find a replacement,** so if you are interested in joining this wonderful organization please email us for more information at usda.central.region.vp@usda.org.

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

February 22nd-23rd the 65th Florida Square and Round Dance Convention *Start Your Engines* in Daytona.

March 8th-9th the 64th Annual **Mississippi State Festival** in Pearl.

May 3rd-5th the 59th Ohio State Convention *Dance to the Moon and Back* in Aurora.

May 16th-18th the Kentuckiana Square Dance Associations 56th Annual Derby City Festival *Lets Dance Around the World* in Shepherdsville.

May 31st-June 1st the 44th Annual South Carolina Square and Round Dance Convention *Palmetto Promenade* in Columbia.

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with lots of wonderful dancing.

See you across the square somewhere,
 Tom & Tina Wilkins

USDA USA Traveler Program

The USDA USA Traveler program was initiated in 2002. There are always about 180-200 dancers participating at any given time. **This program is probably the only one that gives out rewards.** After dancing in 48 States and then again in 50 dancers receive a paid admission to a National Square Dance Convention. The dancers may elect to do the program a second time around. Some of our dancers have opted for a third time around with no reward. This program is well received by the Dancers, Callers, Cuers and Clubs. Clubs and callers have often gone beyond the call of duty by setting a special dance for participants in areas where clubs may go dark. We have a few International dancers participating in the program. We like to give out the badges at our Annual Meeting in June but Badges and Bars can be mailed any time during the year as well. The main goal of the program is to encourage visitation and make new friendships as you dance across the USA. There is no set time limit to complete the program, do it at your own pace. Frequent comments are "we had so much fun", "what a wonderful program", and "Thank you to USDA for this fun program". Square Dance Campers actually formed a "Wagon Train" and danced across the country on the way to the Portland, Oregon Convention. The Convention in New England offered a bus tour with dances in all the New England States which turned out to be an extremely popular tour and many dancers started their journey.

Forms are available online at www.usda.org, at many State Festivals, or from the program chairman. Joy Vaccari, 227 Hughes st NE, Ft Walton Beach, FL 32548. Email javajoy2@cox.net. Phone 850-243-9484.

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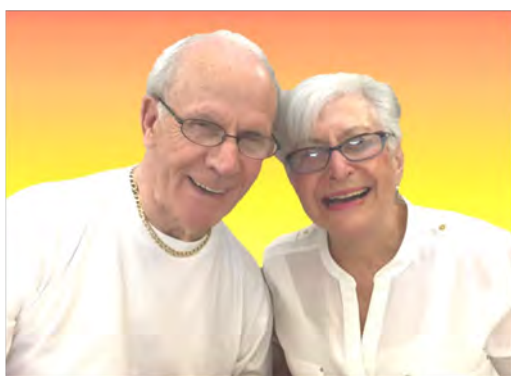
In the past three months we have lost three icons in the square dance world. We send our condolences to their families as we pay tribute to them here and ask the question , **"Whose Gonna Fill Their Shoes?"** Jerry Story has this recording on "youtube" [Click here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?) or copy & paste the following: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>



Marshall Doyle Flippo. Probably one of the best known callers in the world. Most of us simply knew him as "Flippo". Just a one word name, kind of like Cher, but not as pretty.

We could fill this magazine on just these three guys, but I am going to refer you to a blog written and shared by LARADA HORNER-MILLER which includes the Memorial Service for Flippo. There is also a reference to a video recording on youtube by Paul Cote.

Flippo was with us for a long time and I would venture to say that he has seen it all and done most of it. A founding father of CallerLab and has probably won every award given. **WHOSE GONNA FILL HIS SHOES?**



Lee Kopman, pictured with his wife Lilith, on Dec. 25, 2017

Lee Kopman—King of Modern Square Dancing Dies at the age of 85.

Dana Schirmer, executive director of the International Association of Square Dance Callers, said Kopman was "one of the geniuses of square dancing and choreography. It was kind of awe-inspiring. There was nothing that held him back. He knows how to challenge everybody with just the simplest calls."

Lee was featured in the last issue of USDA NEWS, shortly after learning that he had bladder cancer. The article was a reprint of an email from Lee' son Steve recalling memories of growing up in the Kopman home. Even as early as age five, Steve was helping his dad arrange checkers, write and name new calls.

In fifty plus years, Lee contributed more than 500 calls and it would be a rare occasion that you would find a square dance without a Lee Kopman call.

He gave so much, yet ask for nothing in return. Again I ask, **Whose is Gonna Fill His Shoes?**



Frank Drury Lane (94) was born in Atchison, KS on June 2, 1924.

He became a professional square dance caller in 1953 and married Barbara DuBois in 1955, a marriage that lasted 63 years. Together they traveled to all 50 states and 6 foreign countries pursuing that career. In 1967 they moved to Estes Park, CO In 1967 where they built a house and spent the rest of their lives. They built a square dance hall, called The Dance Ranch, there which they operated for 32 years. Previously they operated a square dance hall in the Big Thompson Canyon

He was a founding member of CALLERLAB, the International Association of Professional Callers, and received the Milestone Award, the highest award given by that association. He was also a Gold Card member of CALLERLAB and served on several executive committees. **Whose Gonna Fill His Shoes?**

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Were you at the SDSDA Fiesta the first weekend in November? If so, did you have a good time? If not, why not? It's a great facility (where else can you dance a whole weekend on beautiful hardwood floors). The callers and cuers were great. The nearly 200 people who attended had a great time. Who's dance is it? Yes, it's an SDSDA annual event. But really, it's YOUR dance!

Did you attend the 2018 California State Square Dance Convention? If so, did you have a good time? I did! If not, why not? Was it too far away? Were there callers or cuers that you didn't really know? How can you get to know these "out of town" callers if you don't go dance to them? Who's dance it is? Yes, it's a California Square Dance Council event. But really, it's YOUR dance!

Are you registered for the 2019 California State Square Dance Convention? If yes, fantastic – I look forward to seeing you there! If not, why not? It's right in your own backyard – just a two hour drive away, with a reasonable registration price, reasonably-priced hotels nearby, and RV parking right on site. There is a great mix of local and out-of-state callers and cuers. Who's dance it is? Yes, it's a California Square Dance Council event. But really, it's YOUR dance!

As I travel around the San Diego area, the state, and the country I keep hearing that we are losing square dancers. But we also hear that some classes are doing really well. Where will our current and future dancers go to dance, if we don't ALL support our local, regional, and state events? If you can't attend for scheduling or financial reasons, consider making a donation to keep the events going. Then, when you are able to attend you will have a place to go dance with tens or hundreds or maybe even thousands of other folks who share your joy for this wonderful activity!

It's YOUR dance. Wherever you live, wherever you travel, it's your dance! Please support all our dances and our dancers – north and south, east and west!

Please – I'd love to hear YOUR ideas too! Contact me at lpaulandsally@gmail.com.

LPaul Schmidt

Southern Area Vice President
California Square Dance Council

Note: This article was written for a local dancer publication in the San Diego, CA area. However, we think it could apply nearly anywhere across our states, regions, and country.



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Adult/Child:	DOB	/	/	\$
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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
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Please identify at which Dance Program you intend to spend most of your dance time:
Squares: ☐ New dancer ☐ M ☐ P ☐ DBD ☐ Hex ☐ HI Energy ☐ Low Energy
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Are you participating in the Education Leadership Certification Program? ☐ Yes ☐ No
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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)
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Shared Rooms or Same Hotel, registrations must be mailed together in the same envelope.
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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.

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Dance Leader Name to be programmed *Go to www.68nsdc.com to update your profile*

Name: _____

Name: _____

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Return completed form with payment to:
68NSDC, P.O. Box 441, Dillard GA 30537



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.**
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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".
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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 the front 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.
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Code	Hotel Name	Standard King	Standard /Queen 2 beds	Suite King	Distance
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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)		\$144	\$164	2.8 mi
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Name on card: _____ Signature: _____

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HAVE YOU HEARD? AT the end of October the Pre-Registrations have now exceeded the 3000 mark . First time it has done this since the 2012 Convention in Spokane.

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2019 ROUND-UP RESERVATION FORM

Name _____ Cell Phone _____

Address _____ Home Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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ARE YOU A VETERAN?	YES	NO

PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE BLANKS:

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Houston, Texas 77082	

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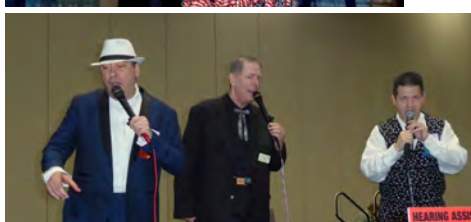
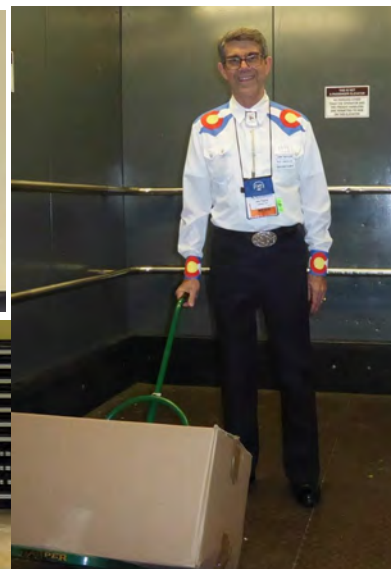


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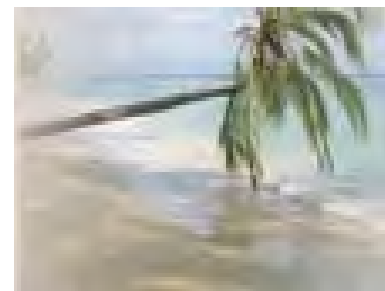
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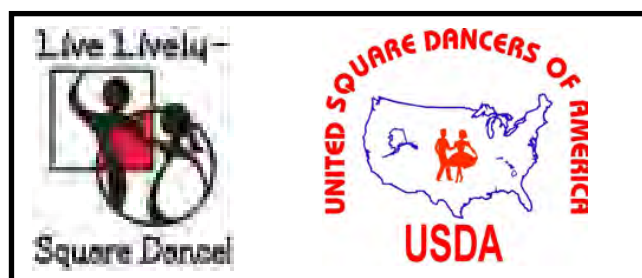
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