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Read the message from our new presidents.

Learn about National and International Square Dance Month and find out when to celebrate National Square Dance Day.

Find out what is going on in the Western Region and the Plains Region. Relive some adventures of our Central Region Vice Presidents.

Enjoy some special moments from the 72nd NSDC in Mobile with photos from our photographers Jim and Judy Taylor.

Read about Dianne Gum's induction into the "Blue Line" Club.

Get key facts about the Insurance Program.

Read about the Youth Program and consider an eligible youth for the Youth Scholarship Program.

See what's proposed for the Golden State Roundup.

See some photos of exhibitions and showcase of rounds at USA West.

Look forward to the next National Convention in Milwaukee Wisconsin June 26-29, 2024. You can also register for the 74th NSDC in Shreveport and the 75th NSDC in WACO. Use the registration forms on pages 19, 21 and 22 or go on-line to support these teams working hard to provide you a great experience.

Lastly, consider attending conventions or festivals around the country. Many of these for the remainder of 2023 and 2024 are listed on page 29

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENTS



ELLERY AND KAREN GULBRAND

As I put my pen to the paper and Karen puts her fingers to the keyboard for this report, we notice definite changes as we glance out of our window. The daylight hours are getting shorter, flowers put forth their late summer dress and the mornings have a “nip” in the air. A few delicate leaves have even changed color and are making their solo flight. Yes, we are now looking at summer 2023 in the rearview mirror.

This was an enjoyable summer for family and square dancing. A fun time was had by all at the Iowa State Square Dance Convention in Bettendorf, Iowa. We attended the National Square Dance Convention® in Mobile, Alabama where we were blessed with beautiful weather (along with some heavy rain), a great facility and safe travels. It was at this convention that Karen and I were elected USDA President. We humbly accept this position and look forward to working with dancers and the executive committee as we all seek to grow the square dance population. This summer saw us dancing with our club dances, area club dances, and traveling to fundraiser dances for the upcoming National Convention to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin June 26-29, 2024.

While our home in the Midwest looks forward to a beautiful fall and a wonderful winter, we hope the square dance floors and classes will be filled as we spread this great activity.

Our hope is to see many dancers over the upcoming months .

Sincerely and God’s Blessings!

Ellery & Karen Gulbrand

USDA President



A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS



ART AND LILLY HARDIN

Did you know that September is National Square Dance Month? Colorado celebrates Square Dance Month with a proclamation dance in the state capital and at other areas around the state. Our governor says he knows how to square dance, but we have never convinced him to join us.

Here is a little history about National and International Square Dance Month - Square dancing was first documented in the 16th century in England and was practiced in France and throughout Europe.

When settlers came to the new world, they brought the dance with them. In the early years of the country there was a mix of dance styles including between black and white people. Many Americans have a notion that square dancing is an activity for old white people. This is not completely true, early forms of square dancing have roots in African American slave communities.

The Western American square dance is likely the most widely known form of square dancing worldwide. This is possibly due to its connection with the 20th century image of the American Cowboy. Since that time, square dancing has undergone considerable development. Yet many countries and regions of the US maintain that square dancing is a folk dance.

Square dancing has been designated as the official state dance in 24 states. In early 1970 efforts were made for a Congressional resolution for September 1970 to be declared as the first National Square Dance Month. However, no evidence has been found that a decision was made. Some sources quote September as International Square Dance month, but I found no evidence that such a proclamation exists.

In any case many people and sources identify September as National Square Dance Month so if you get this issue before September ends, celebrate square dancing. Encourage your friends to try it and have fun. If you miss September, don't worry, November 29th is listed as National Square Dance Day.

See you on the Dance Floor
Art and Lilly Hardin



EVENTS IN THE WESTERN REGION

Nina Grigsby Western Region VP

WESTERN REGION REPORT

Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana,
Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming

Greetings to our USDA officers, committee members, and all our affiliates, associations, and clubs! I hope everyone had an amazing Summer. This Summer was filled with several exciting dancing events, festivals, and many other activities that I hope everyone had an opportunity to partake in one or two between vacations and traveling. USDA also presented several new webinars as part of their “Beyond the Dance Floor” series to increase awareness and enjoyment of square dancing that I am sure inspired you and your fellow dancers.

I had the pleasure of attending USA West in Albuquerque, NM in July 2023. I was able to connect with many friends that came through and made a few more new friends. If I missed you, I hope to catch you as you pass through Tucson, AZ or perhaps at a regional festival. There are more upcoming special dances/activities and festivals for the year ahead planned by several of our Western region affiliates and clubs that I hope everyone will take an opportunity to attend during your many travels.

Details of these upcoming amazing events are posted on these affiliate websites:

[Alaska Square and Round Dance Federation](#)
[Square & Round Dance Association of Southern Arizona](#)
[California Council of Square Dancers](#)
[Colorado State Square Dance Association](#)
[Hawaii Square Dance Federation](#)
[Idaho State Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs, Inc](#)
[Yellowstone Square Dance Council](#)
[Las Vegas Square and Round Dancers](#)
[New Mexico Square and Round Dance Association](#)
[Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs](#)

Hope to see you soon and dance with you sooner!

Nina Grigsby



EVENTS IN THE PLAINS REGION

Mark and Bina Krebsbach, Plains Region VP

PLAINS REGION REPORT

Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wisconsin

My happiest time of the year is Fall, the Summer was good, but it went way too fast.
Happy Fall!!

Greetings from the Great Lake Sibley. For those of you in the USDA Plains Region, Bina and I are your newly elected Vice-Presidents from North Dakota. Our contact information is on the back of this issue. Any questions, concerns, or comments we would like to hear from you. We are planning to visit as many of the Plains Region states as we can. Please let us know your clubs/states festivals, or conventions, etc. and we will do our best to attend on behalf of the USDA. Hope to see you across the square sometime. It's not too early to start making plans to attend the 73rd National Square Dance Convention in June of 2024 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

God Bless

As ever square dancers,

Mark & Bina Krebsbach

PS: Norwegian proverb: Never let what you can not do interfere with what you can do.

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	Member ID:	EB22USDA1	www.usda.ebccard.com	
Powered by			Present This card to any participating pharmacy	
			At the time of service, you are responsible for payment of your prescription. Accepted at most pharmacies nationwide.	
			This card may not be used in combination with Medicare, Medicaid, or third party payer programs.	

EVENTS IN THE CENTRAL REGION

Scott and Sandy Ebright, Central Region VP

CENTRAL REGION REPORT

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio,
South Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia

As I write this, Sandy and I are right in the middle of the busiest time for state conventions in the Central Region. In August we attended state conventions in Tennessee, Michigan, and Alabama. September will take us to Kentucky and Georgia. That is five state conventions in the span of 7 weeks! The last Central Region state convention this year is Indiana's (03-05 Nov).

Next year starts off with Florida (19-20 Jan), Mississippi (01-02 Mar), South Carolina (26-27 Apr), and Ohio (09-11 May). Do not forget the National Square Dance Convention in June, then the August flurry of state conventions starts over again.

It is my hope that we all try to attend as many state conventions as possible. In doing so, we support each other and make more conventions possible. The Tennessee and Alabama conventions were great examples of how we support each other. Both conventions had skits for entertainment and it occurred to me that most of the "actors" were not from the home state! There were multiple states represented on stage; Awesome!

More importantly, it is a great way to enhance recruiting efforts. People notice us dancers at restaurants, hotels, etc, when we visit conventions. They pick up on our camaraderie and zest for life. They can tell how much fun we have! I cannot tell you how many non-dancers I have met at lunch or dinner and invited to just stop by the convention and watch the fun.

From a recruiting perspective there is a particular importance to these August and September conventions because these are just before the traditional class starts. As more clubs adopt the SSD format with its multiple starts per year, conventions will become a great impact as a recruiting tool ANY time of the year, instead of just August and September.

My challenge to everyone is to attend at least 5 state or national conventions every year. Help square dancing by BEING THERE. Make it a phenomenon that news reporters want to talk about! Show a level of friendship and fun that make non-dancers want to become dancers.

If you decide to take my challenge, make sure you download the USDA Traveler form, use it to track your states and earn a little extra reward for your efforts!

IHS,
Scott and Sandy Ebright
USDA Central Region Vice Presidents
CentralVP@usda.org

Scott and Sandy at the Alabama State Convention



Pictures from the *Party Gras 2023*

72nd NSDC



CONGRATULATIONS GO TO THE DENVER BULLETIN EDITOR

Submitted by Judy Taylor

Dianne Gum, Colorado's Denver Area Square and Round Dance Council Bulletin Editor since 1994, was inducted into the National Square Dance Convention's "Blue Line Club" last June at the 72nd NSDC in Mobile, Alabama.

The Blue Line Club honors Editors who have served 20 years or more of editing a square dance publication. Dianne has actually edited the Bulletin for one year short of 30 years! Editors also qualify for this exclusive club by publicizing the next annual National Square Dance Convention in their publication for at least three different issues. Her award was accepted by Judy Taylor at the Mobile Convention, as Dianne was unable to attend. She had attended faithfully in the past, enjoying dancing, and especially socializing and re-acquainting herself with her national friends.

Thank you, Dianne, for all the hard work in meeting deadlines, accepting, re-arranging and re-writing the many changes that come the way of a dedicated Editor!



USDA INSURANCE COORDINATORS NOTES

Elizabeth Sanders

Greetings Everyone,

Did you miss the insurance session at the 72nd NSDC? Not a problem, I will be hosting a Webinar on Saturday, November 11, 2023. The login information for the webinar will be posted on the USDA website (usda.org).

Let's address some problems that have occurred this year.

1. Handwritten Checks – Please make sure that all the numbers are legible. Apparently, my bank has a problem determining some “4’s” from “9’s” based on the way some people write them. The closed part of the “4” sometimes looks like a square “9”. Not a big deal except when the bank takes \$90 from your account instead of \$40. Some “2’s” look like “7’s”. If you have trouble with penmanship consider on-line banking and have the bank send me a check.
2. Insurance portal – There is one time during the year when you can delete a facility or a name from the roster and that is the ONLY time that you can delete names and facilities. That time is when you are registering your club for the upcoming year and you are on the portal for the upcoming year. For the 2024 roster you can delete any name that you know will not be a member or anyone that is not sure if they will be dancing in 2024. After you have paid for your club, you cannot delete any names or facilities. That includes any members that passed during the year, left your club for another club or who just stopped dancing.
3. Accidents – The new rule for 2022 is a dancer is not covered by the USDA insurance before they enter the facility or after they have left the facility. Parking lot accidents are not insured. Tripping over a broken piece of concert in the parking lot should be handled by the facility.
4. New or Replacement Certificates – You can go into the portal and add new facilities at any time during the year. However, you will have to send me an email letting me know that you need a new certificate. If you have misplaced your certificate DO NOT go into the portal and enter the information again. Send me an email letting me know that you need a replacement certificate.
5. 2024 Rate – No, I don't have the rate yet. Hopefully by the time of the November USDA Webinar I will know the new rate for 2024. What you can do now is get your clubs to update their rosters and facilities ON PAPER – not in the portal. As soon as the insurance company releases the 2024 portal, I will let you know. I expect that to be in November. At that time, I will also be sending all the insurance coordinators new instructions for 2024.

As always, you can call or email me with questions you may have.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Sanders
USDA National Insurance Coordinator
P O Box 417, Stephens, GA 30667
sqdanins@gmail.com or insurance@usda.org
706-759-3642



Youth Report

Dan Reedy

The National Convention in Mobile, Alabama was an exciting and fun filled time. The Youth Hall was run once again by Katie Raleigh . As in Indiana last year, she made the Youth Hall a great success. At the Convention there was a group of teenage girls that represented the city as young ambassadors. They each designed a beautiful, richly colored antebellum costume. These youth ladies spent an afternoon at the hall learning to square dance while in their attire. Watching them dance with their loop skirts and flowing gowns was almost like stepping into the past and watching what dancing was like a century and half ago. More importantly, the girls wanted to come back and learn more, and they brought their boyfriends along as well. This is just one more way to get youth involved; show them how much fun it can be.

In closing, I want to remind all that we have a \$2500.00 scholarship to award. So any High School Senior or College Freshman can apply. You don't have to wait until the last minute to apply either. So you don't have to wait for acceptance letters, we can send the funds to the appropriate institution after its award. So please encourage those who are eligible to apply.

As always, god bless you all, and we will see you in a square, somewhere.

Dan Reedy
USDA Youth Advisor



UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA

FOUNDERS MEMORIAL YOUTH FUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



A program of the United Square
Dancers of America, Inc.



Upsilon Sigma Delta
Youth Square Dancer of America

Greek Letters to be worn
only by Youth Dancers

Developed by the Youth Advisory Committee
and funded through donations to USDA
Founders Memorial Youth Fund

www.usda.org

PURPOSE

The United Square Dancers of America – the national dancers' organization – awards merit-based scholarships to students who have shown their dedication to the promotion and perpetuation of the total square dance movement, including square dance, round dance, contra and clogging, and are members of an affiliated club.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

The United Square Dancers of America Founders Memorial Youth Fund expects to award one or more Foundation Scholarships on the basis of merit to high school seniors or college freshmen who are active square, round, contra or clog dancers, and

- Have a record of volunteer service in square dancing, and/or school, sporting or other social organizations such as church, 4-H, FFA, scouting or similar groups.
- Have outstanding leadership potential and communication skills.

CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

Each nominee must:

- Be an active square, round, contra or clogging dancer who is a member of an affiliated club.
- Be a high school senior or college freshman planning to continue their education.
- Submit a Nomination Form signed by the President of the applicant's USDA affiliate organization and;
- Be committed to the promotion and perpetuation of the total square dance movement.

NOMINATION DEADLINE

The complete nomination package must be received by February 1.

SELECTION PROCEDURES

A committee will review all nominations and selects the recipient(s) on the basis of

- Extent and quality of service to square, round, contra or clog dancing
- Leadership record for all activities.
- Demonstrated dedication to the promotion and perpetuation of the total square dance movement.
- Future leadership potential, communication skills, and the likelihood of “making a difference” in square dancing.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

The following items are required for each nominee:

- Completed application.
- Signed nomination form from USDA Affiliate Organization President (download form from USDA website)
- Three letters of recommendation – One from your local square dance club of which you are a member, plus two more which can come from representatives of square dance clubs, schools, church, social clubs or long time acquaintances.
- Applicant’s essay of approximately 500 words on the subject *“The impact square dancing has had on my life.”*
- If additional space is required additional pages can be attached.

SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

The recipient will be announced in June each year at the Annual USDA Board of Directors meeting held in conjunction with the National Square Dance Convention®.

SUPPORT THE SCHOLARSHIP

If you would like to support the scholarship program, please download a scholarship donation form from www.usda.org.

Your Completed Application Packet Must Include:

- (1) Completed application.
- (2) Signed nomination form from USDA Affiliate Organization President (download form from website)
- (3) Three letters of recommendation – One from your local affiliated dance club of which you are a member, plus two more which can come from representatives of square dance clubs, schools, church, social clubs or long time acquaintances.
- (4) Applicant’s essay of approximately 500 words on the subject ***“The impact square dancing has had on my life.”***

Questions?

E-mail: usda.youth.advisor@usda.org

Email or Mail* Completed Application to:
USDA Founders Memorial Youth Fund
Scholarship

USDA Youth Advisor*

(*If mailing application please contact Youth Advisor for mailing address)

Visit the USDA website, www.usda.org/Youth.php to download:

- USDA Scholarship Application Form
- USDA Affiliate Nomination Form
- USDA Scholarship Donation Form



**USDA FOUNDERS MEMORIAL
YOUTH FUND
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**
www.usda.org/youth.htm



Applicant's Name: _____ Grade in School: _____

Permanent Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone (inc. Area Code): (.) _____

E-mail Address: _____

High School: _____ College: _____

USDA Affiliate: _____

How Long Have You Been Dancing: _____ Dance Club(s): _____

(Additional pages may be attached for any of the information requested below. Include local, regional, state, or national positions)

Square, Round, Clogging, or Contra Dance Related Recognitions, Committee Positions, and/or Offices

Position:	Date:	Organization:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Honors and Awards (inc. School, Social Clubs, Church, 4-H, Scouts or any other organization)

Position:	Date:	Organization
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Officers and Positions (inc. School, Social Clubs, Church, 4-H, Scouts or any other volunteer organization)

Position:	Date:	Organization
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Northern California Square Dancers Association 71st Annual

GOLDEN STATE ROUND UP

May 24, 25, 26, 2024

Lodi Grape
Festival Fairgrounds
413 E. Lockeford St
Lodi, California

FEATURED STAFF



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TEXAS



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OREGON



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FRIDAY NIGHT NEWER DANCER
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SATURDAY NIGHT AFTER PARTY
and ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SUNDAY NIGHT DANCE PARTY

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More Pictures from the *Party Gras 2023* 72nd NSDC





73rd National Square Dance Convention®

June 26-29, 2024

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Milwaukee**



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74TH National Square Dance Convention[®]



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Louisiana

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Texas

TIM TYL

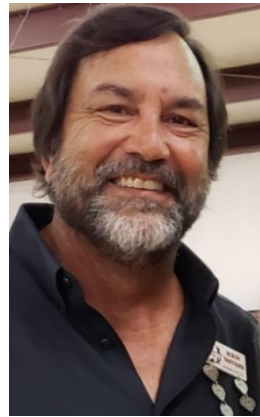


-----ROUND DANCE CUERS-----



**MARTIN
PHILYAW**

Louisiana



**KEN
VANTIGER**

Louisiana

Saturday, March 16, 2024 // 7:00 – 10:00

SHREVEPORT CONVENTION CENTER

400 CADDO STREET - SHREVEPORT, LA

FREE DANCE WITH REGISTRATION OF 2025 74TH NATIONAL SQUARE CONVENTION[®]

National Executive Committee (NEC) News



The 72nd National Square Dance Convention® (NSDC) in Mobile AL was a great success! The dancers and Dance Leaders had a lot of fun. During the Closing Ceremony, *the NEC awarded the 75th National Square Dance Convention® to Waco Texas in June 2026.* Gary & Claudia Lester are the General Chairman and will do a wonderful job.

The NEC officers for 2023-2024 are Louis & Angie McClure, Presidents, John & Dimple Williford, Vice Presidents, Linda Toth, Treasurer, and Cindy & Carl Boone, Secretary.

We encourage you to register for the 73rd National Square Dance Convention® in beautiful Milwaukee Wisconsin! *For a Great Time, in a Great City, on a Great Lake, come to Milwaukee Wisconsin June 26-29, 2024!* Team Milwaukee will begin the monthly distribution of the National E-Magazine in August, the magazine will provide key information on all the exciting activities planned. If you do not receive the E-Magazine, please register at www.nsdcnec.com.

In 2025 we invite you to the 74th National Convention in Shreveport Louisiana. The 74th NSDC will hold their **Pre-Convention March 19-22, 2024**, with the Kick-off Dance to be held Saturday evening, March 22nd. The Pre-Convention and Kick-off Dance are FREE to all registered for the 74th NSDC.

Is your organization interested in bidding for a future National Convention? Please contact the NEC President for additional information at L-Amcclure@charter.net.





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73rd NSDC
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Wauwatosa, WI 53213

For Convention Use Only
Registration # _____
Date Received _____
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Check# or Ref # _____

Reg Form 01/01/23

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Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____
Phone: _____ Phone 2: _____
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*E-mail address will only be shared with the NEC ☐ Check if you do not want your email shared.

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1. Adult	_____	\$ _____
2. Adult	_____	\$ _____
3. Adult/Youth	** DOB ____/____/____	\$ _____
4. Adult/Youth	** DOB ____/____/____	\$ _____
5. Adult/Youth	** DOB ____/____/____	\$ _____
No. of past NSDC's prior to 73rd		

Magnet for Badge (pins provided free) # _____ @ \$ 2.00 \$ _____
Program Book & Daily Schedules (\$25 after 4/30/2024) # _____ @ \$20.00 \$ _____
Round Dance Syllabus - ☐ **USB Drive** or ☐ **Printed copy** (Must be purchased by 4/30/2024) # _____ @ \$15.00 \$ _____
☐ **Printed copy & USB** (Must be purchased by 4/30/24) # _____ @ \$20.00 \$ _____
☐ **Printed copy & USB** (Must be purchased by 4/30/24) # _____ @ \$30.00 \$ _____
Sew & Save Book - ☐ **USB Drive** or ☐ **Digital Download** # _____ @ \$15.00 \$ _____
Cookbook # _____ @ \$15.00 \$ _____
Hearing Assistance Device # _____ @ \$15.00 \$ _____
Wednesday Night Entertainment - "Wisconsin Singers" # _____ @ \$25.00 \$ _____
RV Camping From back side of form - Deposit Only # _____ @ \$75.00 \$ _____
Bus Pass (Campers Only - Cost to be billed separately) # _____ Price TBD \$ _____
Convenience Fee for Credit Card Processing @ \$ 3.00 \$ _____
Total Due \$ _____

PAYMENT (Complete if paying in person or by postal mail (US Funds))

☐ Check Enclosed ☐ Cash (In Person) - Receipt # _____ ☐ Credit Card
Name on Card: _____
Card Type (Visa, Mastercard, AmEx, Discover): _____
Card Number: _____
Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Dressy casual attire allowed until 6pm. Proper dance attire is requested after 6pm for all dancers.
73rd NSDC Convention badge required for entrance to all convention activities.
Shoes must be worn at all times.

INFORMATION FOR COMPLETING FORM

- You can complete this form and pay online at www.73nsdc.com.**
- Please PRINT legibly to ensure accuracy of information.
- If you have already PRE-REGISTERED** using our short form, please enter names in the appropriate space for each badge and enter **\$0 (zero)** in subtotal by each name already registered to avoid duplicate charge.
- If not pre-registered, enter registration fee for each dancer plus quantity and correctly calculated amounts in the subtotal lines, then calculate and enter the total due.
- Registration fees: Adult \$65; Youth ages 5-17 by 6/26/2024 - \$32.50 Under 5 Free.
- Prices will increase May 1, 2024** - Adult: \$80 - Youth ages 5-17: \$40. Persons 3-5 circle Adult or Youth. ****Only need birthday of Youth.**
- Registrations are non-transferable.**
- No One-, Two-, or Three-Day Registrations.**
- A \$10.00 fee per registrant will be imposed for cancellations or changes before April 30, 2024. **No refunds after April 30, 2024.**
- Registrations received after April 30, 2024, will receive e-mail confirmation.
- If sending by mail include credit card information, check, or money order **payable in U.S. funds to 73rd NSDC** with this form. Do not send cash.
- If registering by email, omit payment information on form** You will receive an invoice by email. (Note \$3.00 CC payment convenience fee.)

TOURS can be purchased on separate brochure or online at 73nsdc.com/tours

DANCERS - PLEASE HELP US PLAN! Check all that apply.
____ SSD ____ Mainstream ____ Plus ____ Advanced ____ Challenge ____ Contra
____ Lines ____ Rounds ____ Handicapable ____ Solo

PROGRAMMED CALLERS & DANCE LEADERS

You must update your profile online by 12/31/23 at sdconvention.com

Name _____ Type: _____
Name _____ Type: _____
Name _____ Type: _____

HOTEL & CAMPING INFORMATION ON REVERSE

Convention Hotels and Campgrounds must be reserved through 73rd NSDC Registration & Housing for 73rd NSDC rates.

☐ Check box if you will manage your own accommodations.

Name: _____

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

1	Conv Hotel - Hilton Milwaukee City Center – Single/Double Triple + \$20 – Quad + \$40 Parking fee - \$5 per day (in & out) for Hilton guests.	\$169+tx
2	Leader Hotel - Hyatt Regency Milwaukee – Single/Double Triple + \$20 – Quad + \$40	\$169+tx

Indicate choice of hotel preference by specifying code number: #1 ____ #2 ____
Assignments will be made in order of registration form received & according to availability. Hotels assigned on first come basis. This form must be received and rooms must be booked by May 20, 2024 to guarantee 73rd NSDC pricing.

Room nights needed: (4 Night Minimum)
☐ S 6/22 ☐ S 6/23 ☐ M 6/24 ☐ T 6/25 ☐ W 6/26 ☐ T 6/27 ☐ F 6/28 ☐ S 6/29 ☐ S 6/30
Additional arrive early? _____ or stay late nights? _____ Total nights requested _____
Room request: ____ Single ____ Double ____ Queen ____ King
____ King Suite (Hilton only + \$75)) ____ Handicap Accessible

SHARED ROOMS - only one person per room should complete a hotel reservation request. Please list all room occupants here:

Housing Committee does not find or assign roommates.

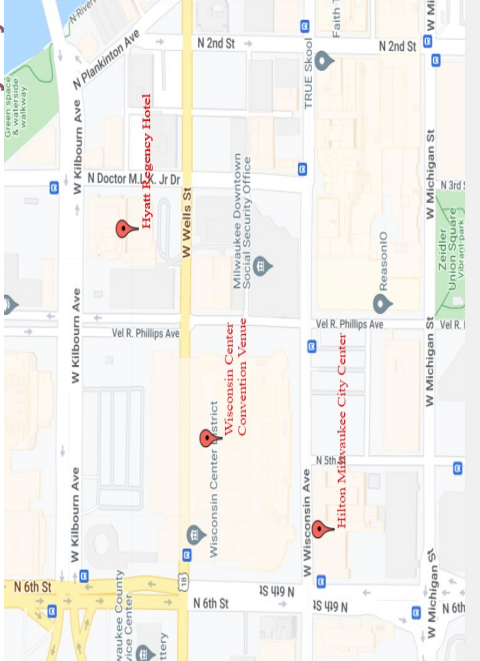
BLOCK HOUSING: Group requests must be received by January 2, 2024. Everyone that is part of a Block Housing Group must fill in Block Name and Block Leader Name.

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MAP OF HOTELS - connected to Conv Center by Skywalks



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REGISTRATION NUMBER

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SOLO Leaders: Squares, Contra, Lines, Rounds, Clogging, Education Presenter: Topic _____

Arrive Early or Stay Late? # Days _____ Camp, Stay at Convention Hotel, or Other Accommodations?

Group name: _____ Do you need Block rooms, Meeting Room, Storage Space?

Tour, Education, Program or other suggestions? _____

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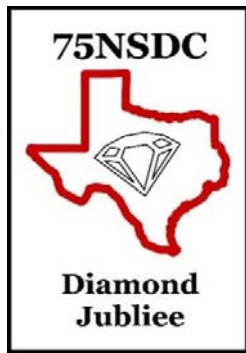
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Roy Hestand 870-329-1141

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2024

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Days of Yore in 2024**
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May 31 , June 1 **Kansas State Square Dance
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Kansas Wesleyan University
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