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The Worlds Largest Square Dance Organization

United Square Dancers Of America

The First 25 Years

GROWTH - PROGRESS - SERVICE



USDA PROGRAMS

Dancers Insurance Program

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Accidental medical insurance for dancers and Liability insurance for your Club.

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LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE

USDA's long term health care insurance program not only gives square dancers a discount, it also helps promote square dancing.

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USDA PUBLICATIONS AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

USDA has produced quality club leadership and educational materials for use by dancers and leaders to promote and perpetuate the dance activity. Copies are available from USDA. Tri-fold Information Sheets are free, and Pamphlets and Booklets are free up to 10 copies. Above 10 copies, pamphlets cost \$.50 and Booklets cost \$1.00. You can also order or print copies from the web at www.usda.org. USDA materials are not copyrighted and duplication for club and organization use is permitted and encouraged.

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The USDA Credit Card Affinity Group Program with MBNA America Bank will terminate on July 31, 2006.

USDA thanks the many dancers who supported Square Dancing with the USDA Credit Card. Funds generated over nearly two decades have provided significant financial support for Youth, Handicapable, and Affiliate programs nationwide.

USDA is looking into other sources for a replacement Credit Card. We look forward to your continued support for a new USDA Credit Card that will identify you as a Square Dancer and benefit Square Dance Programs.



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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

Happy 25th Anniversary, United Square Dancers of America! As the old commercial says, "You've come a long way, Baby!" As we reflect back on the few years we have been associated with this fine organization, we are both amazed and proud of what has been accomplished; but we are even more proud to have been a part of it. We want to thank all of the past officers and committee chairmen of the executive committee that have devoted so much of their time and talent over the years. Without these fine folks, we would not be celebrating our 25th Anniversary.

For all of you that have taken time to join us in this special celebration we are so glad that you are here. All of the past officers and committee people, we are especially glad that you are here. We appreciate the invited guests being here. We hope that you will enjoy the meeting and celebration that we are having. If any of you have any questions about the United Square Dancers of America and its programs or if you just need general information, do not hesitate to ask any of us on the executive committee.

Let me invite and encourage you to join us Friday night in Ballroom A for our After Party. We are inviting the entire family of dancers to our After Party (Mama, Poppa, Grandma, Grandpa and the kids) for this special dance.

We hope that you enjoy the special handouts that are here at the meeting and we will have others at the after party. The time for the after party is from 10pm until midnight.

It has been our extreme pleasure to serve as your President of the United Square Dancers of America this year.

Charlie and Kitty Holley
President, United Square Dancers of America

USDA Affiliate Organizations

Eastern Region

Delaware

- The Federation of Delaware Valley Square & Round Dancers (*1982)

Maryland

- DELMARVA Square Dance Federation Inc. (1992)
- Mason Dixon Square Dancers Federation Inc. (1992)
- Washington Area S/D Co-op Assoc. (1997)

Massachusetts

- Worcester Area Square Dance Clubs (1985)

New Jersey

- Square Dance Council of New Jersey (1987)

New York

- Hudson Valley Council Inc. (1997)
- Capital District Square & Round Dance Association (2002)
- Rochester Area Fed. of Western Round & Square Dance Clubs (1984)

Pennsylvania

- Pennsylvania Square & Round Dance Federation (1985)

Rhode Island, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire & Vermont

- Eastern District Square & Round Dance Assoc. Inc. (1997)

Virginia

- Richmond Square & Round Dance Association Inc (1991)

Central Region

Alabama

- Alabama Square & Round Dance Association Inc (*1981)

Florida

- Florida Federation of Square Dancers (*1982)

Georgia

- Georgia State Square Dancers Association Inc. (1996)
- Metro Atlanta square Dancers Association (1987)

Indiana

- Indiana Dancers Association (2000)

Kentucky

- Lexington Metro Square Dance Council (1987)
- Kentuckiana Square Dance Council (2004)

Michigan

- Michigan Council of Square & Round Dance Clubs (1993)

Mississippi

- Mississippi Square & Round Dance Association Inc. (1995)

North Carolina

- Folk, Round & Square Dance Federation of North Carolina (1996)

Ohio

- Southwestern Ohio Square Dance Federation Inc. (1993)
- Toledo Area Western Dance Leaders Association Inc. (2003)
- Akron Area Square & Round Dance Federation (1999)
- East Central Ohio & West Virginia Federation (2005)

South Carolina

- South Carolina Square & Round Dance Federation (1985)

Tennessee

- Tennessee State Association of Square & Round Dance Clubs (1991)

West Virginia

- West Virginia Square & Round Dance Federation (1984)

Plains Region

Arkansas

- Arkansas State Square & Round Dance Federation Inc. (*1981)

Illinois

- State Council of Illinois Square & Round Dance Assoc. Inc. (1984)

Iowa

- Iowa State Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs (1988)

Kansas

- Heart of America Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs (1989)
- Kansas Square Dance Assoc. (1986)

Louisiana

- Louisiana Square Dance Assoc. (1985)

Minnesota

- Square Dance Federation of Minnesota Inc. (1986)

Missouri

- Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs (*1981)

Nebraska

- Nebraska Square & Round Dance Association (1983)

North Dakota

- North Dakota Square & Round Dance Clubs Inc. (*1982)

Wisconsin

- Square Dance Association of Wisconsin (2001)

Oklahoma

- North Central Dist. Of Oklahoma Square Dance Association (1996)
- Northeast Oklahoma Square Dance Association (1987)
- South Central Dist. Square Dance Federation (1994)

South Dakota

- South Dakota Folk, Square & Round Dance Association (2002)

Western Region

Alaska

- Alaska Square & Round Dance Federation (1993)

Arizona

- Dancing Squares of Southern Arizona (1985)
- Grand Canyon Square Dance Association (1989)
- Valley of the Sun Square & Round Dance Organization Inc. (1987)

California

- California Square Dance Council (*1981)

Colorado

- Colorado State Square Dance Association (*1981)

Idaho

- Idaho State Square Dance Association (1993)

Montana

- Missoula Area Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs (1997)
- Yellowstone Square Dance Council (1987)

New Mexico

- New Mexico Square & Round Dance Association (*1982)

Nevada

- Square & Round Dancers of Southern Nevada Inc. (1985)

Oregon

- Oregon Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs (1987)

(1984) Date of Affiliation
* Charter Member

USDA Presidents The First 25 Years

1981-82	Jim & Jan Maczko	(CA)
1982-83	Jim & Jan Maczko	(CA)
1983-84	Joe & Joy Vaccari	(FL)
1984-85	Joe & Joy Vaccari	(FL)
1985-86	Howard & Loraine Backus	(AR)
1986-87	Howard & Loraine Backus	(AR)
1987-88	Jim & Peggy Segraves	(AL)
1988-89	Jim & Peggy Segraves	(AL)
1989-90	Frank & Nan Habersberger	(FL)
1990-91	Frank & Nan Habersberger	(FL)
1991-92	Earle & Joy Hoyt	(IL)
1992-93	Earle & Joy Hoyt	(IL)
1993-94	Larry & Dixie Foraker	(MO)
1994-95	Larry & Dixie Foraker	(MO)
1995-96	Jim & Jody Temple	(KS)
1996-97	Jim & Jody Temple	(KS)
1997-98	Bill & Joan Flick	(PA)
1998-99	Bill & Joan Flick	(PA)
1999-00	Bill & Bobbie Shepard	(TN)
2000-01	Bill & Bobbie Shepard	(TN)
2001-02	Lyle & Jean Beck	(IA)
2002-03	Lyle & Jean Beck	(IA)
2003-04	Jim & Edythe Weber	(MO)
2004-05	Jim & Edythe Weber	(MO)
2005-06	Charlie & Kitty Holley	(AL)

USAD Elected Officers For The First 25 Years

VICE PRESIDENT - EASTERN REGION

1981-82	Vacant	
1982-84	Walter & Ruth Henderson	(PA)
1984-88	Orlo & Rita Roadley	(NY)
1988-91	Walter & Sally Baechle	(NY)
1991-97	John & Mary Lachenmeyer	(PA)
1994-97	Bill & Joan Flick	(PA)
1997-00	Larry & Penny Matchen	(PA)
2000-01	Dave & Betty Peak / Bill Flick	(PA)
2001-04	Bill Flick	(PA)
2004-06	Len & Connie Houle	(MA)

VICE PRESIDENT – PLAINS REGION

1981-83	Ed & Mary Barbee	(TX)
1983-85	Howard & Loraine Backus	(AR)
1985-88	Clyde & Pauline Hanabrink	(MO)
1988-91	Earle & Joy Hoyt	(IL)
1991-93	Larry & Dixie Foraker	(MO)
1993-95	Jim & Jody Temple	(KS)
1995-98	Mark & Rosalee Mortensen	(MO)
1998-01	Lyle & Jean Beck	(IA)
2001-04	Dan & Pat Liska	(MO)
2004-06	John & Alitia Becker	(LA)

VICE PRESIDENT – CENTRAL REGION

1981-84	Jim & Peggy Segraves	(AL)
1984-86	George & Judy Garland	(NC)
1986-88	John & Dimple Williford	(AL)
1988-90	Corbet & Rena Pharos	(WV)
1990-93	G.P. & Eleanor Caughman	(SC)
1993-95	Bill & Dody Shepard	(TN)
1995-96	Bill Shepard	(TN)
1996-99	Jack & Zonie Taylor	(FL)
1999-02	Jim & Jill Larkin	(SC)
2002-05	Charlie & Kitty Holley	(AL)
2005-06	Bill & Bobbie Shepard	(TN)

VICE PRESIDENT - WESTERN REGION

1981-84	Claude & Polly Potter	(CO)
1984-86	Joni Fisher	(CA)
1986-87	Dick & Juanita Kitson	(CA)
1987-90	Bob & Betty Coates	(CA)
1990-93	Red & Reva Null	(CA)
1993-96	Gailard & Jo Ann Janes	(CO)
1996-97	Gilbert & Dee Leon	(AZ)
1997-99	Bob & Betty Coates	(CA)
1999-00	Betty Coates	(CA)
2000-03	Sam & Marianne Baines	(AZ)
2003-06	Michael & Kimberlee Streby	(CA)

SECRETARY

1981-83	Nate & Margaret Reynolds	(MD)
1983-85	Bob & Betty Coates	(CA)
1985-86	John & Dimple Williford	(AL)
1986-88	Earle & Joy Hoyt	(IL)
1988-89	Larry & Dixie Foraker	(MO)
1989-90	Red & Reva Null	(CA)
1990-93	Gailard & Jo Ann Janes	(CO)
1993-95	Dick & Lois Currie	(LA)
1995-98	Lyle & Jean Beck	(IA)
1998-01	Marilyn & Ron Schmit	(OR)
2001-03	Michael & Kimberlee Streby	(CA)
2003-06	Si & Marilyn Kittle	(WI)

TREASURER

1981-83	Joe Vaccari/Joy Richardson	(FL)
1983-85	Ed & Mary Barbee	(TX)
1985-89	Frank & Nan Habersberger	(FL)
1989-91	Larry & Dixie Foraker	(MO)
1991-93	Jim & Jody Temple	(KS)
1993-94	Bernie & Sue Auten	(NE)
1994-96	Gilbert & Dea Leon	(AZ)
1996-99	Elmer & Lottie Jackson	(TN)
1999-02	Dave & Shirley Nihart	(FL)
2002-03	Bob & Loretta Welch / Nihart	(MO)(FL)
2003-04	Dave & Shirley Nihart	(FL)
2004-06	Bill Flick	(PA)

USDA APPOINTED OFFICERS THE FIRST 25 YEARS

INFORMATION OFFICER

1981-82	Vacant	
1982-85	Jim & Jan Maczko	(CA)
1985-86	Jim Maczko	(CA)
1986-89	Jim & Kathy Maczko	(CA)
1989-98	Jim & Peggy Segraves	(AL)
1998-03	Jim & Edythe Weber	(MO)
2003-06	Lyle & Jean Beck	(IA)

HISTORIAN

1981-82	Vacant	
1982-86	Walter & Esther Stoltz	(FL)
1986-87	Claude & Polly Potter	(CO)
1987-96	Mary McClure	(CA)
1996-97	Gailard & Jo Ann Janes	(CO)
1997-01	Frank & Nan Habersberger	(FL)
2001-03	Ron & Marilyn Schmit	(OR)
2003-04	Bill & Bobbie Shepard	(TN)
2004-05	Patty Wilcox	(CA)
2005-06	Al & Portia Bruning	(IA)

PARLIAMENTARIAN

1981-82	Charles & Ebba Naddeo	(CA)
1982-83	Charles Naddeo	(CA)
1983-85	Charles & Peggy Naddeo	(CA)
1985-89	Charles Naddeo	(CA)
1988-89	Orlo & Rita Roadley	(NY)
1989-92	Clyde & Pauline Hanabrink	(MO)
1992-94	Bill & Joan Flick	(PA)
1994-06	Jim Maczko	(CA)

USDA APPOINTED COMMITTEES CHAIRMAN THE FIRST 25 YEARS

INSURANCE

1982-89	Charles & Peggy Naddeo	(CA)
1989-95	Howard & Loraine Backus	(AR)
1995-06	Loraine Backus	(AR)

EDUCATION

1984-89	Jim & Peggy Segraves	(AL)
1989-94	Joe & DeAnn Hutchinson	(OK)
1994-97	John & Janet Rothrock	(KS)
1997-98	Larry & Dixie Foraker	(MO)
1998-03	Jim & Edythe Weber	(MO)
2003-04	Bill & Mary Ellen Appel	(OK)
2004-06	Bill Appel	(OK)

CREDIT CARD

1984-06	Joe & Joy Vaccari	(FL)
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PUBLICATIONS (USDA News Editor)

1984-89	Clyde & Pauline Hanebrink	(MO)
1989-94	Jim & Peggy Segraves	(AL)
1994-95	Jim & Peggy Segraves & Jim & Edythe Weber	(AL) (MO)
1995-03	Jim & Edythe Weber	(MO)
2003-05	Bill Huntington & Merri Anne Huber	(OR) (OR)
2005-06	Jim & Edythe Weber	(MO)

AFTER PARTY

1984-97	Bob & Betty Coates	(CA)
1997-00	Bill & Bobbie Shepard	(TN)
2000-03	Duke & Doris McCleskey	(FL)
2003-05	Charlie & Kitty Holley	(AL)
2005-06	Bill & Bobbie Shepard	(TN)

USDA APPOINTED COMMITTEES CHAIRMAN

THE FIRST 25 YEARS

(CONTINUED)

HANDICAPABLE DANCERS

1984-96	Mac & Chieko MacKenzie &	(FL)
	Frank & Nancy Cherry	(FL)
1996-00	Mac & Chieko MacKenzie	(FL)
2000-02	Larry & Penny Matchen	(PA)
2002-04	Al & Portia Bruning	(IA)
2004-05	Si & Marilyn Kittle	(WI)
2005-06	Al & Portia Bruning	(IA)

COSTUMES AND DRESS

1984-85	Loraine Backus &	(AR)
	Judy Garland	(NC)
1985-88	Loraine Backus	(AR)
1988-92	Howard & Loraine Backus	(AR)

DRESS & JACKET

1992-94	Don & Karleen Suhrbier	(IL)
1994-95	Howard & Loraine Backus	(AR)
1995-97	Loraine Backus	(AR)
1997-99	Bill & Bobbie Shepard	(TN)
1999-03	Duke & Doris McCleskey	(FL)
2003-04	Dan & Pat Liska	(MO)
2004-06	Jim & Edythe Weber	(MO)

SHOWCASE OF IDEAS

1984-88	Joe & Joy Vaccari	(FL)
1988-95	Joe & Deann Hutchinson	(OK)
1995-99	John & Janet Rothrock	(KS)
1999-01	Frank & Nan Habersberger	(FL)
2001-03	Marilyn & Ron Schmit	(OR)
2003-06	Michael & Kimberlee Streby	(CA)

WAYS & MEANS

1982-87	Mac & Mary McClure	(CA)
1987-88	Open	
1988-95	Walt & Sally Baechle	(NY)
1995-96	Sally Baechle	(NY)
1996-97	Bob & Betty Coates	(CA)
1997-99	Bill & Bobbie Shepard	(TN)
1999-03	Duke & Doris McCleskey	(FL)
2003-04	Bill Flick	(PA)
2004-06	Len & Connie Houle	(PA)

NATIONAL FOLK DANCE

1984-85	Mac & Mary McClure	(CA)
1985-89	Frank & Nan Habersberger	(FL)
1989-91	Ron & Cupadine Knowlton	(FL)
1991-99	Duke & Doris McCleskey	(FL)
1999-01	Jack & Zonie Taylor	(FL)
2001-05	Mark & Bessie Grumbine	(AR)
2005-06	Regional Vice Presidents	

MUSEUM

1982-87	George & Judy Garland	(NC)
1987-89	Joe & Joy Vaccari	(FL)
1989-91	Orlo & Rita Hoadley	(NY)
1991-92	Clyde & Pauline Hanebrink	(MO)
1992-94	Juan & Betty Salcedo	(CA)

LONG DISTANCE PHONE

1991-93	Jim & Kathy Maczko	(CA)
1993-94	Jim Maczko	(CA)

YOUTH ADVISOR

1991-92	Jim & Kathy Maczko	(CA)
1992-97	Debra Mills	(CA)
	Janelle Haskins	(KS)
1997-99	Debra Mills &	(CA)
	Janelle Haskins	(KS)
1999-00	Debra Mills	(CA)
2000-01	Debra Mills &	(CA)
	John & Alitia Becker	(LA)
2001-06	John & Alitia Becker	(LA)

BMI/ASCAP

1991-97	Jim & Peggy Segraves	(AL)
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COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP

1982-83	Joe Vaccari	(FL)
1983-96	Joe & Joy Vaccari	(FL)

NEC LIAISON

1988-97	Jim & Peggy Segraves	(AL)
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USDA APPOINTED COMMITTEES CHAIRMAN THE FIRST 25 YEARS (CONTINUED)

BADGES			SOUND		
1984-85	Frank & Nan Habersberger	(FL)	2003-06	Pat & Ave' Herndon	(CA)
1985-87	Ed & Mary Barbee	(TX)			
1987-06	Joe & Joy Vaccari	(FL)			
FACILITIES			LONG TERM CARE		
			2004-06	Bill Appel	(OK)
1988-90	Earle & Joy Hoyt	(IL)			
1990-92	Bob & Betty Coates	(CA)			
1992-00	Walt & Sally Baechle	(NY)			
2000-02	Sally Baechle	(NY)	1994-06	Jim Weber	(MO)
2002-06	Pat & Ave' Herndon	(CA)			
PRESCRIPTION DRUG CARD			USDA ARTS REPRESENTATIVES		
			2003-06	Lyle & Jean Beck	(IA)
2002-04	Bill & Bobbie Shepard	(TN)		Michael & Kimberlee Streby	(CA)
2004-06	Bill Appel	(OK)		Charlie & Kitty Holey	(AL)
				Jim & Edythe Weber	(MO)
USA TRAVELER					
2003-04	Bill & Bobbie Shepard	(TN)			
2004-06	Joe & Joy Vaccari	(FL)			

USDA's Web Site www.usda.org

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ARTSDance

USDA'S Square Dancer Credit Card Program 1989 - 2006

The current USDA Credit Card Program will terminate on July 31, 2006. (See news release 2006-02 for details). A brief history of the program follows.

The USDA Board of Directors approved an affinity credit card program in June 1988. The program was initiated in 1989 with all proceeds being returned to USDA Affiliates. The Board of Directors, at the June 1996 Annual Meeting, revised the distribution plan - one half to Affiliates, one quarter each to the Youth and Handicapable Dancer programs.

Funds generated over nearly two decades have provided significant financial support for Youth, Handicapable, and Affiliate Programs nationwide.

The Youth program promotes the introduction of youthful dancers and youth organizations to the square dance activity. Education and training materials are developed and distributed to promote youth square dancing and leadership. A Youth Scholarship program was established with a scholarship awarded annually. Youth after parties are sponsored by USDA at National Conventions. These and other youth programs are currently administered by the USDA Youth Advisors, John & Alitia Becker, Email - usda.youth.advisor@usda.org

The Handicapable Committee is working to further the interaction of handicapable dancer groups throughout the nation, and to achieve interest and recognition of the handicapable dancer as an integral part of the square dance activity. Financial assistance has been on-going to the US Handicapable Association to help with their Convention (East) and to the West Handicapable Convention group. Funds are provided to handicapable clubs to help pay for National Convention registration fees. This program is currently administered by Al & Portia Bruning – Email – usda.handicapable.dancers@usda.org

Affiliates: Affiliates have shared three (3) large distributions of funds to use within their State/Association to promote square dancing including recruiting, publicity, seminars, education, and other expenses.

Additional funds from the Credit Card Program are being held in escrow, pending release by the USDA Board of Directors, as need arises.

The USDA Credit Card Program has provided many tens of thousands of dollars over the years to support these important programs. Its demise is due to the very low enrollments of dancers even with extensive in-house and bank promotion.

USDA is looking into other sources for a replacement Credit Card. The full support of affiliates and dancers will be needed to convince a bank to enter into an agreement for another Square Dancer Credit Card.

Joe & Joy Vaccari
Credit Card Program Chairman

ARE YOU DANCING UNINSURED

Every square dance organization needs General Liability and Accident Medical Expense coverage while conducting and sponsoring dance activities. As closely as safety rules are followed, accidents can and will happen. This insurance program, especially designed for USDA dance groups, provides Accident Medical insurance, which helps protect club members from financial loss due to a covered accidental bodily injury, and Liability insurance, which protects the club and its members and association officials from financial loss due to unforeseen incidents which may develop into litigation against members and dance organizations.

LIABILITY INSURANCE

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

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

ACCIDENT AND MEDICAL INSURANCE

Limits of coverage: \$10,000 Usual and Customary Accident Medical Expense, including Dental \$10,000, Accidental Death Benefit \$10,000, Accidental Dismemberment Benefit (loss of both hands, both feet, sight of both eyes, or any combination thereof), \$5,000 Accidental Dismemberment Benefit (loss of one hand, one foot, sight of one eye).

Note: Coverage is excess to any other valid and collectible medical insurance covering the same accident. Coverage provided for covered medical expenses incurred within 52 weeks of the accident up to \$10,000 for all eligible expenses as stated in the Policy.

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

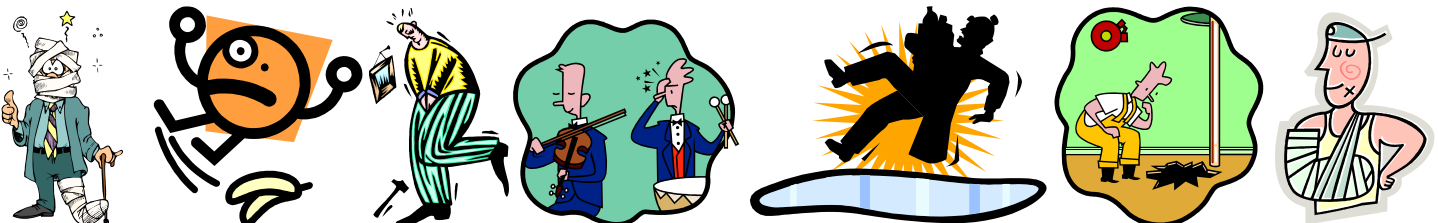
What is covered: Accidental bodily injury sustained by an insured person while participating in dancing activities sponsored and supervised by a recognized club or organization.

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

Square Dancers
Insurance Program
is endorsed by
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ACCIDENTS CAN AND DO OCCUR



UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF GROWTH - PROGRESS - SERVICE

The June 21, 2006 Annual Meeting of the United Square Dancers of America, Inc. (USDA) in San Antonio, Texas will mark the completion of twenty-five years of growth, progress and service for The National Dancer organization. This year, under the leadership of Presidents Charlie and Kitty Holley of Alabama, as has been the case during each of the preceding twenty-five years, the USDA has accepted new affiliate members. On this occasion, the Alamo Square Dance Association of Texas chose to join the USDA completing twenty-five consecutive years of new dancer organizations seeking affiliation with the United Square Dancers of America.

With the addition of Alamo Square Dance Association, there are currently 58 state, regional, and area dancer associations that are now full affiliates of the United Square Dancers of America. It should be noted that not all states have statewide square dance organizations. To accommodate this situation, USDA accepts affiliation from major regional and area square dance groups as well as state associations. Each of the affiliates is afforded equal voting rights. Beginning with eleven charter member affiliates in 1981 USDA has accepted new affiliates each year since. USDA is divided into four regions - West, Plains, Central, and East.

Held each year in the city hosting the National Square Dance Convention® these Annual Meetings are open for all to participate. The 55th National Square Dance Convention® in San Antonio, Texas will be the setting for this year's Annual Meeting of the United Square Dancers of America.

As part of these Annual Meetings, USDA conducts its business including reports from the officers and the various operating committees. The USDA Officers - President – Charlie and Kitty Holley, AL, and each of the four Vice Presidents - Western Region - Michael and Kimberlee Streby, CA; Plains Region - John and Alitia Becker, LA; Central Region - Bill and Bobbie Shepard, TN; and Eastern Region - Len and Connie Houle, MA; Secretary - Si and Marilyn Kittle, WI; and Treasurer - Bill Flick, PA will report as to the status of USDA within their areas of responsibility.

As part of each USDA Annual Meeting all of the other National Organizations - CALLERLAB; National Square Dance Convention® Executive Committee; ROUNDALAB; USA^{WEST} Square Dance Convention Policy Board and the Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square Dance (ARTS) are afforded an opportunity to address the USDA Board of Directors and present their organization's position on the various issues which face the Square Dance movement.

In addition, all of the various committees report on the progress of the past year and the potential for the future:

- Badges - Joy Vaccari
- Budget Committee Chairman - Bill Flick - Treasurer
- Credit Card Program - Joe and Joy Vaccari
- Education – Bill Appel
- Handicapable Dancers - Al and Portia Bruning
- Historian - Al and Portia Bruning
- Long Term Care Program – Bill Appel
- Immediate Past President - Jim and Edythe Weber

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 Insurance Coordinator - Loraine Backus
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In conjunction with the annual National Square Dance Convention®, United Square Dancers of America participates in the Convention's Showcase of Ideas with eight full tables of educational, promotional and informational materials furnished FREE to all dancers - members and non-members alike.

Over the course of the twenty-five years of Annual Meetings, virtually each meeting has seen the initiation of a new program to benefit the Square Dance activity. This twenty-fifth Annual Meeting will be no exception.

These programs have all been initiated to benefit USDA and its affiliate members:

USDA's Twenty-Fifth Anniversary – San Antonio - 2006
 USDA "Add-A-Buck" Program to Benefit ARTS – Portland - 2005
 Long Care Term Care Insurance – Denver - 2004
 Support Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square-Dance – Oklahoma City - 2003
 USA Traveler Program - St. Paul - 2002
 Prescription Drug Plan - Anaheim - 2001
 Youth Memorial Scholarship Fund - Baltimore - 2000
 Square Dance Internet Provider Service - Indianapolis - 1999
 National Organization Round Table - Charlotte - 1998
 Expanded Educational Materials - Orlando - 1997
 USDA Website - San Antonio - 1996
 Founders Memorial Youth Fund - Birmingham - 1995
 Conduct Dancer Survey on Dance Levels - Portland - 1994
 USDA NEWS Annual Subscriptions - St. Louis - 1993
 Youth Advisory Committee - Cincinnati - 1992
 Support National Handicapable Convention - Salt Lake City - 1991
 Long Distance Telephone Program - Memphis - 1990
 USDA NEWS - Oklahoma City - 1989
 Credit Card Program - Anaheim - 1988
 Code of Ethics - Code of Conduct - Houston - 1987
 USDA National Folk Dance Committee - Indianapolis - 1986
 NSDC After Party - Birmingham - 1985

Handicapable Dancer Committee - Baltimore - 1984
Educational Documents - Louisville - 1983
National Square Dancer Insurance Program - Detroit - 1982
Establish United Square Dancers of America, Inc. - Seattle - 1981

Another significant event, which occurs during each Annual meeting, is the election and installation of new Officers for the ensuing year. This year's Annual Meeting will be no exception.

Officer positions to be elected during the 2006 Annual Meeting in San Antonio to lead USDA for the 2006-2007 year will be:

President
Eastern Region Vice President
Central Region Vice President
Plains Region Vice President
Western Region Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Under the stewardship of these very qualified leaders, the United Square Dancers of America is looking forward to yet another year of continued GROWTH, PROGRESS AND SERVICE.

While there has been continual progress and growth of this National Dancer organization, the one thing that has not changed from the very beginning is the amount of the dues paid by the affiliate. In 1981 a dues schedule was established which allows a state organization to affiliate with USDA for \$100 per year - this dues schedule has never changed - and there is no anticipated change planned in the near future. Most organizations affiliating with USDA have, in fact, had their dues re-paid through participation in the various revenue sharing programs developed over the years.

All of these things have contributed to establish United Square Dancers of America as the Largest Square Dance Organization in the World.

The Official USDA Outfit

Wearing The Outfit Shows Your Support To USDA

The United Square Dancers of America want you to be recognized as an affiliate of USDA by wearing the official outfit of USDA. The outfit is not singularly worn by the Executive Committee, but can be made and worn by any dancer wishing to display their pride and support of USDA.

OFFICIAL APPAREL DESCRIPTION

COLORS: Royal Blue, White and Red (logos red, white and blue). Logos are obtained through USDA Dress Chairman. You must supply four (4) white dress panels to imprint. Use any eight (8) gore skirt pattern, twenty-one (21) inch gore lengths.

BODICE: White bodice insert, white sleeves with white eyelet trim on sleeves. Red bodice with blue cording on bottom of bodice and between white and red around neck. Blue cording around neck and between white and red on bodice.

SKIRT: Eight (8) white gores. Alternate panels w/four (4) logos. Do not place logo in center of back or front. Alternate red and blue cording between gores, placing the blue cording on the left side of the logo panel (as panel faces you). Ruffle: Blue, leaving white material underneath ruffle. Adjust skirt length at waist. (Pre-cut panels are 25 inches.) Drop ruffle if necessary to lengthen. Zipper: Red - using white top thread on skirt part.

ACCESSORIES: Complete dress with white petticoat, white pettipants, and red shoes.

MEN: White shirt with one logo embroidered in center back. You can furnish shirt at the same time the four (4) dress panels are printed. Royal blue pants, white belt and shoes, topped off with red tie.



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HOW TO HAVE DRESS AND SHIRT LOGOS EMBROIDERED

1. Men will purchase their own shirt to send to Grand Travel. The logo will be embroidered in the center of the back yoke.
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3. The cost would be \$7.50 per logo. So one shirt and one set of skirt panels would be \$37.50, plus postage.
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5. Grand Travel will send a bill directly to you.
6. If possible, turn around time will be no longer than two weeks. If there is a problem, someone
7. from Grand Travel will contact you to let you know.
8. Grand Travel can put the USDA logo on the square dance towel. The cost would be \$7.00. The white towel would be supplied by Grand Travel.

Contact information for Grand Travel – Jerry or Kathryn Weber, PO Box 151, Holdenville, OK 74848, (UPS address is 7749 Highway 270, Holdenville, OK 74848). Phone is (405) 379-3872. E-mail is sales@squareshop.com or visit their website at www.squareshop.com.

MEN'S BLUE PANTS

One location we have found to purchase the blue pants is The Promenade Shop in West Columbia, SC. You can purchase the blue pants, called Carolina Royal, sizes up to 42 waist for \$54.95. Larger sizes of 44 waist and up are \$59.95. These pants are not hemmed to length. They can do credit card purchases over the phone, or will tell you how much the cost is with postage and you can mail them a check and then they will send you the pants. The Promenade Shop address is 680 Cherokee Lane, West Columbia, SC 29169. Their telephone is (803) 794-6671



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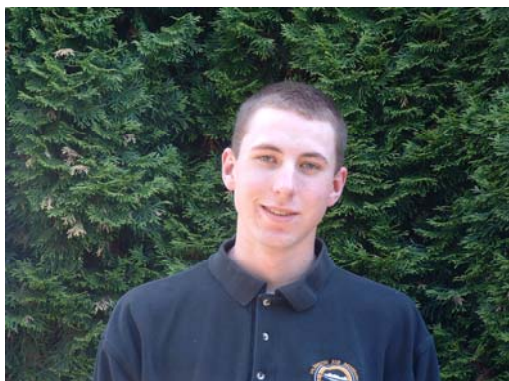
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Application signed by USDA Affiliate Organization President.

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Deadline..... On or before February 1, 2007

John and Alitia Becker

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USDA HANDICAPABLE DANCER PROGRAM

The USDA Handicapable program is monetary in nature. The primary purpose of the program is to allocate monies generated by USDA's Credit Card program toward the registration fees of eligible Handicapable dancers who attend the National Square Dance Convention. The only requirement to be eligible for the registration fee reimbursement program is to be a Handicapable dancer in a Handicapable club. Any Handicapable club in the United States may apply for these funds. Currently, the Committee is seeking applications for the National Square Dance Convention to be held in Charlotte, North Carolina June 27-30, 2007.



Handicapable Dancers

In 2003, the program was expanded to benefit the National Handicapable Square Dance Conventions. In 2003, \$750 was donated to the first United States Handicapable West convention held in Los Vegas, Nevada. In 2004, the same amount was donated to the 9th National Handicapable Convention held in St. Petersburg, Florida. In 2006, another \$750 was donated to the 10th National Handicapable Convention which will be held July 27 – 29 in Baton Rouge, LA.

The Handicapable Committee is interested in reaching as many Handicapable dancers as possible. If you are aware of a Handicapable square dance club in your area, please e-mail the name and address of the contact person to usda.handicapable.dancers@usda.org. With your help, the program can and will benefit even more Handicapable dancers.

Additional Information can be obtain from the USDA Web Site www.usda.org .







2005 –2006 USDA Executive Committee



USDA HONORS COUPLE WITH FIRST HONORARY MEMBERSHIP **Jim and Peggy Segraves**



Pictured left to Right– Peggy Segraves, Lyle Beck, Jim Segraves, Jim Maczko

RESOLUTION of RECOGNITION UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA

- Whereas: The United Square Dancers of America over the years has benefited from significant contributions by individual dancers;
- Whereas: These individuals, on behalf of Square Dancers everywhere, have given unselfishly of their time, their energy and have even made considerable financial donations to the United Square Dancers of America;
- Whereas: Jim and Peggy Segraves have magnanimously given to the Square Dance Community through their Charter Membership on the USDA Executive Committee, serving continuously from its inception in 1981 through the present time;
- Whereas: Jim and Peggy Segraves involvement in USDA began in 1981 when they were elected to serve as the first Central Region Vice President (1981-1984); elected to the position of President (1987-1989); served in the capacities of Directors of Information (1989-1998); Education Chairman (1984-1988); Editors of USDA NEWS (1989-1994); actively worked with BMI and ASCAP to develop an alternative approach to music licensing for Square Dance Clubs; worked diligently to develop and distribute educational and informative materials under the auspices of the United Square Dancers of America, and advanced untold funds to the benefit of USDA;
- Whereas: During their tenure as Presidents of USDA (1987-1989), Jim and Peggy initiated efforts for a quarterly publication; had the foresight to appoint Howard and Loraine Backus to the position of Director of Insurance; and guided USDA's efforts to establish a working relationship with the various other National Square Dance Organizations;
- Whereas: Jim and Peggy Segraves have served continually on the USDA Founders Memorial Youth Fund which is responsible for the awarding of the annual USDA Youth Scholarship Fund;
- Whereas: Be it resolved that the United Square Dancers of America, in accordance with Bylaw Section I-C -Classification of Members, by majority vote of their Board of Directors, hereby bestow the title of the first HONORARY MEMBERS upon Jim and Peggy Segraves - Huntsville, Alabama.

Adopted by Majority Vote
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