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**FREE****PHARMACY****DISCOUNT****WHAT'S INSIDE?**

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

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

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

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

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


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

**The Roving Camera**—Tina Wilkins

**Special Articles**—Joy Vaccari & Judy Taylor

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

Summer is upon us and that means that the annual USDA Board of Directors meeting is here!

We hope that we will be seeing many of you at the Kansas City Convention Center, Room 2215A, on Wednesday, June 27, at 1:00 PM. This is a great opportunity for all dancers to learn how USDA supports and promotes dancing and the square dance community, and for affiliate delegates to provide input into USDA programs and practices.

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

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

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

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

LPaul & Sally Schmidt

**A NOTE FROM THE  
EDITOR**



**Larry W. Dunkel**

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

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

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

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

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



## USDA at the 67th NSDC

**WEDNESDAY****1:00 PM****ROOM 2215A**

### USDA ANNUAL BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

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



### 67TH NSDC SEMINARS SPONSORED BY USDA

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

## USDA FRIDAY NIGHT AFTER-PARTY

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

**THIS IS THE PARTY OF PARTY'S & YOU HAVE A SPECIAL INVITATION.**

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

#### CHECK THIS LINE-UP OF SQUARE DANCE SUPER STARS



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

## EVENTS IN THE EASTERN REGION

Tony & Diana Rock, USDA Eastern Region VP

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Y-04 USDA Founders Memorial Youth Fund Scholarship Application**

**Y-05 Information on Competition in Youth Square Dancing**

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

For more information please contact the USDA Youth Advisor at: [usda.youth.advisor@usda.org](mailto:usda.youth.advisor@usda.org)

Tony & Diana Rock



**FUN FACT**

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





## EVENTS IN THE CENTRAL REGION

Tom & Tina Wilkins, USDA Central Region VP

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

See you across the square somewhere,  
Tom & Tina Wilkins



## THE ROVING CAMERA

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



63rd Annual Mississippi Square & Round Dance Association State



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



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



68<sup>th</sup> National Convention Preconvention activities & **Kick-Off Dance**



Kentuckiana Square Dance Associations *57<sup>th</sup> Derby City Festival*



## USDA USA TRAVELER PROGRAM

### REWARDS REWARDS REWARDS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Forms can be obtained by downloading from the internet at [www.usda.org](http://www.usda.org) or by contacting the Chairman.

Joy Vaccari

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Or email; [usda.travelers@usda.org](mailto:usda.travelers@usda.org)





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*Q: How do I receive a discount?*

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*Q: Can I use my membership when I travel away from home?*

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*Q: How do I replace a lost card?*

A: Visit <http://usda.EBCcard.com> and follow the instructions.

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A: You can visit our website at <http://usda.EBCcard.com> for more information.

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#### PERIOD OF COVERAGE:

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

#### OUR DANCE FACILITIES

##### LIABILITY INSURANCE:

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



**Pat Inglis**  
USDA National  
Insurance Coordinator



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

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

#### WHO IS COVERED?:

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

#### LIMITS OF COVERAGE:

\$10,000 Usual and Customary Accident Medical Expense, including Dental (\$10,000), Accidental Death Benefit (\$10,000), Accidental Dismemberment Benefit (loss of one hand, one foot, sight of one eye).

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#### OUR DANCE FACILITIES WHO IS COVERED:

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#### QUESTIONS OR CLAIMS? CONTACT:

Pat Inglis, USDA National Insurance Coordinator

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# USDA INSURANCE COORDINATORS NOTES

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

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

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

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

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

## FEATURE ARTICLE



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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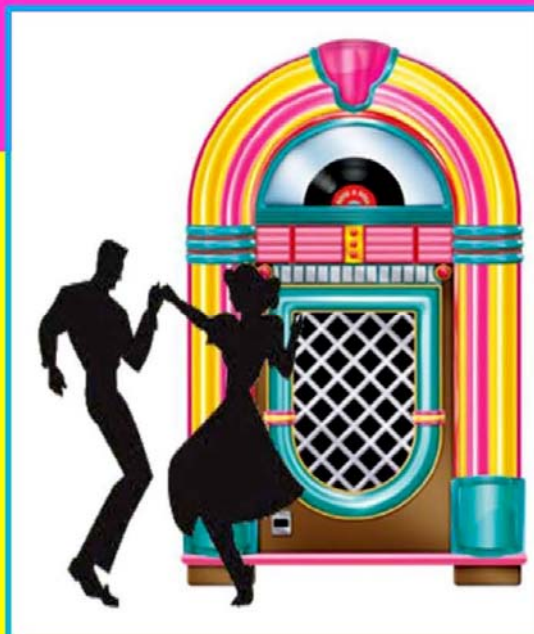
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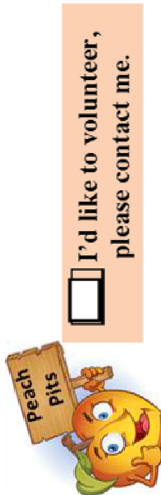




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Prices will increase May 1, 2019 to: \$75 for adults, \$37.50 for Youth born after June 29, 2001.  
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For badges		First Name	Last Name	Subtotals
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Program Book w/Daily Schedules (\$20.00 after 4/30/2019)				\$
Syllabus: <input type="checkbox"/> Rounds <input type="checkbox"/> Contra				\$
Syllabus on USB Drive <input type="checkbox"/> Rounds <input type="checkbox"/> Contra				\$
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Cookbook - "Georgia Cookin' On My Mind"				\$
Wednesday Special Event, "John Berry" Dinner & Show				\$
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Parking Pass, if NOT staying at Convention Hotels or RV Park, 4 days				\$
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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  
☐ A1 ☐ A2 ☐ C1 ☐ C2 Rounds: ☐ 2/3 ☐ 3/4 ☐ 5/6  
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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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Block Leader Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dance Leader Name to be programmed \*Go to [www.68nsdc.com](http://www.68nsdc.com) to update your profile\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Print legibly all names, address, city, state, zip code, country, and B/D of youth (age 5-17 by June 29, 2019 – discounted price) to ensure correct registration.
2. Correctly enter all amounts in the Subtotals, including registration fee for each dancer plus quantity and amounts for all other materials. Calculate the Total and include credit card information, check or money order payable in U.S. funds to the 68th National Square Dance Convention® and return it with the Registration Form. Do Not Send Cash. No Single Day Registrations.
3. A \$10.00 fee per registrant will be assessed for cancellation. No refunds after April 30, 2019.
4. Important! Daily schedules are only available with the purchase of a Program Book. Daily schedules will not be available separately at the Convention. Most dancers will want to purchase the Program Book.
5. **TOUR FORM AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:** Please complete the Tour Order Form and mail directly to: 68th National Square Dance Convention®, P.O. Box 1120, Flowery Branch, GA 30542 or email to [tours@68nsdc.com](mailto:tours@68nsdc.com). For Tour information and Order Form go to [www.68nsdc.com](http://www.68nsdc.com) and click "TOURS".
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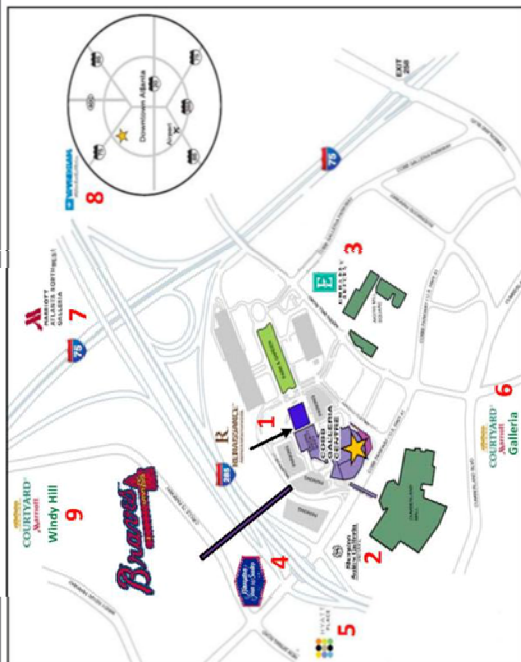
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1. The 68th NSDC Housing Committee is pleased to offer **website online access for housing reservations**. If you book your room online, check the box provided on front side of this form.
  2. If you **DO NOT** reserve your room online:
    - a. Complete 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.
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  4. All Block Housing requests staying in the same hotel are due by **January 1, 2019**, include the name and telephone number of Block Leader to [housing@68nsdc.com](mailto:housing@68nsdc.com).
  5. **Hotel Reservations:** Your reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card and a **\$3.50 non-refundable processing fee**. Your credit card will NOT be charged for the room in advance of arrival and an alternative form of payment may be presented at check in. Ensure expiration date is after July 2019.
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### Map of Hotels



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1*	Renaissance Waverly (Headquarters)		\$145	\$145		Connected
2	Sheraton Suites (Caller/Cuer) (Pet Friendly)			\$149	\$149	Skywalk
3	Embassy Suites			\$160	\$155	2 Blocks
4	Hampton Inn & Suites		\$149	\$149		2 Blocks
5*	Hyatt Place (Pet Friendly)			\$149	\$149	2 Blocks
6	Courtyard by Marriott, Atlanta Cumberland		\$144	\$144		0.4 mi
7	Marriott Atlanta Northwest at Galleria (Vendor)		\$143	\$143		1.1 mi
8*	Wyndham – Atlanta Galleria (Pet Friendly)			\$144	\$164	2.8 mi
9	Courtyard by Marriott – Windy Hill	No shuttle services available.	\$164	\$144		3.1 mi

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

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Thank you for your support!

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Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a dance leader please Check all that apply:

MS ☐ Plus ☐ Adv. ☐ Challenge ☐ Cuer 2 ☐ 3/4 ☐ 5/6 ☐ Contra ☐ Clogging ☐ C/W Lines ☐

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

(Internal Use Only) Accepted By \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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Statement Mailing Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

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(Internal Use Only) Accepted By \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## **SPECIAL REPORT**

### **Square Dance History Display at DIA!**

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

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

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

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

**Submitted by Judy Taylor**







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## CONVENTION SCHEDULE

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### 2018

- Jul 05-08 **Alaska State Square & Round Dance Convention**  
Hoskins Building,  
State Fairgrounds, Palmer  
Dwayne Cejka 907 355-8967  
email: drcejka@yahoo.com
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Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center  
6808 S 107th E. Ave  
71st St. exit, Hwy 169  
Tulsa, OK 74133  
Info: roundalab@roundalab.org
- Jul 26-28 **16th U S Handicapable Convention**  
Omni Hotel  
Jacksonville, FL  
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reyates.deland@gtmail.com
- Aug 2-4 **44th TN State Square & Round Dance Convention**  
W L Mills Conference Center  
234 Historic Nature Trail  
Gatlinburg, TN  
www.tnsquaredance.org
- Aug 10-12 **59th Wisconsin Square & Round Dance Convention**  
Marshfield Senior High School  
1401 E Becker Rd  
Marshfield, WI 54402  
www.wisquaredanceconvention.org  
Info: 715 574-3246
- Aug 17-18 **29th Annual NC State Convention**  
Hilton North Raleigh  
3415 Wake Forrest Rd  
Raleigh, NC 27609  
www.ncstateconvention.com  
|
- Aug 23-25 **40 Alabama Square & Round Dance Convention**  
Oxford Civic Center|  
401 McCullars Lane  
Oxford, AL 36203  
Jim Purvis 251 653-5442  
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- Aug 30-Sep 02 **48th Single Square Dancers USA Dance-A-Rama**  
The Westin Indianapolis  
241 W. Washington Stree  
|Indianapolis, IN 46204  
www.ssdusa.org  
Email: dar2018@ssdusa.org
- Sep 07-09 **39th New Mexico Round Dance Festival**  
Albuquerque Square Dance Center  
4909 Hawkins, St NE  
Albuquerque, NM  
Info: Dee Williams  
deemwilliams@cableone.net
- Sep13-15 **10th Anniversary Ky. Federation of Square Dancing**  
2018 Square Dance Hoedown  
The Center for Rural Development  
2292 South Hwy. 27  
Somerset, Ky. 42501  
email: marilyn@traviscook.com
- Sep 21-22 **48th Annual Nebraska State Square and Round Dance Weekend**  
Adams County Fairgrounds  
Hasting, NE  
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email: tidymancl@bwtelcom.net
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Roscoe Johnson 229 377-9635  
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Cowan Civic Center  
500 Elm St.  
Lebanon, MO  
Info: 636 394-0998  
[www.Festival.SquareDanceMissouri.com](http://www.Festival.SquareDanceMissouri.com)

Nov 2-4 **29th Indiana Square & Round Dance Convention**  
French Lick Springs Resort  
8670 West State Rd 56  
French Lick, IN 47432  
[www.insquaredanceconvention.com](http://www.insquaredanceconvention.com)  
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**Below are the next three  
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**2019—June 26-29 Atlanta, GA**

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**2021—June 23-26, Jackson. MS**

### 2019

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Ocean Center  
101 N Atlantic Ave  
Daytona Beach, FL 32118  
[www.floridasquaredance.com/convention/](http://www.floridasquaredance.com/convention/)

Mar 14-16 **60th Washington Area Square Dancers Cooperative Association's Festival**  
Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel  
Alexandria, VA  
[www.wascaclubs.com](http://www.wascaclubs.com)

Mar 22-23 **21st Annual Grand Canyon Square Dance Association Festival**  
Palm Ridge Recreation Center  
13800 W. Deer Valley Rd.  
Sun City West, AZ  
Info: 602 222-9339 Maggie Russell Navarro  
[www.azsquaredance.com](http://www.azsquaredance.com)  
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May 16-18 **31st Virginia State Convention**  
Founders Inn  
5641 Indian River Rd.  
Virginia Beach, VA

Aug 01-03 **45th Tennessee State Square & Round Dance Convention**  
M. L. Mills Conference Center  
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