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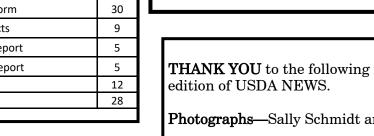
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**Special Articles**—Penny Green, Donna Cox, Cathy Langille

Cover Design: Chris Dunkel

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## WHAT'S INSIDE?

This is the issue that is for Jul-Sep, but we like to get it to you prior to the convention. It is going to the printer in plenty of time and the rest of it is up to the Postal Service.

This issue has some sad information for many of us. We have lost a couple of special people. Esther Chute our first Centennial Award recipient passed away at age 106 and was still active at the time of her death. Thanks to Cathy Langille for providing the information on Esther.

Frank Habersberger, another Centennial Award recipient passed away at age 104. Frank was also a member of USDA for 16 years. information Penny Green passed on on Frank.

"I Need an Allemande Left", an interesting article written by Donna Cox and published in the Denver Area Square & Round Dance Council Bulletin, editor Dianne Gum. Copied by permission and we send thanks to Donna.

Check out the ADS in this issue advertising upcoming conventions and festivals. Also, page 29 list the many conventions that have been reported to us.

Hope to see you in Atlanta. Happy Dancing!

**THANK YOU** to the following for their contributions to this

Photographs-Sally Schmidt and Judy Taylor

PRESIDENTS

MESSAGE



LPaul & Sally Schmidt

It is bittersweet to write this report as it will be our last as USDA president. At the Annual Meeting in June in Atlanta, we will close out our second term and turn over the reins to a new president. It has been a pleasure and an honor to lead this outstanding national square dance organization for the past two years. We have enjoyed traveling the county representing the United Square Dancers of America, working with our wonderful Executive Committee, and supporting dancers and dancing.

This past year we have had the opportunity to travel far and wide in pursuit of our favorite activity – square dancing. We have added six states to our USA Traveler Program, and are now working toward the last thirteen states needed to reach our goal of dancing in all 50 states. We are doing it not for the reward of a free ribbon to a National Square Dance Convention, but for the joy of meeting and dancing with new friends across the nation. This past February, we even added another country to the list of places we have danced when we joined the Wesley Seniors in Sydney, Australia for an afternoon of square dancing. They were a welcoming group people who were very pleased to have international visitors. They even allowed us a few minutes to talk about the history of square dancing in America, drawing from our learning as members of the California Heritage Dancers Exhibition Group.

We hope that many of you are have made plans to travel to Atlanta for the 68th National Square Dance Convention. The annual USDA Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 26, at 1:00 PM in Grand Ballroom 1 & 2 at the Renaissance Waverly Hotel. We hope that all USDA affiliate will be represented at the meeting – this is your opportunity to provide input into USDA programs and practices. The meeting is open to all dancers to learn how USDA supports and promotes dancing and the square dance community. Also, be sure to check out the USDA-sponsored education sessions listed in the program book, and come to our Friday night After Party in the Mainstream Hall with the Ghost Riders live band!

We would like to extend a special thanks to the USDA Executive Committee. This group of volunteers works hard to enact all of the USDA programs and activities, and support dancers and dance leaders at the club, regional, and state levels.

Live Lively, Square Dance! We hope to see you soon in a square.



LPaul & Sally Schmidt

## A NOTE FROM THE

## EDITOR



Larry W. Dunkel

We are just a couple of weeks away from our annual National Convention which will be held in Atlanta, GA this year. I just checked the National E-Mag and the pre-registration is almost 4,000. The estimated attendance is projected at 4300. Been a while since we have seen numbers like this. I highly suggest that you get your copies of the National E-Mag to keep informed on what is going on. You will find it under <u>www.68nsdc.com</u> and then click the link on the left side of the page. It is a monthly on-line magazine loaded with information. I lived in the Atlanta area for several years and it is a wonderful part of our country and rich with history and things to do and see, so be sure to check out some of the tours being offered.

USDA will have their annual Board of Directors meeting on the Wednesday, June 26. This is an open meeting for all dancers and we encourage you to come see what USDA is all about. We have many programs available to dancers and we invite you join us on Wednesday, June 26 at 1:00 pm in the RENAISSANCE WAVERLY HOTEL—GRAND BALLROOM 1 & 2. One of the highlights of this meeting is the presentation of two USDA Founders Memorial Youth Scholarships by our Youth Advisor, Dan Reedy.

One of our most recent new programs is our Centennial Award to recognize dancers that have reached the age of 100 and are still active in their clubs. This program was launched in 2014 after receiving an inquiry about what USDA does for these dancers. At that time we did not know of any dancer meeting that criteria, but we began to research and found that more and more people are living longer now than ever before. So we created this program to honor our 100 year old dancer and the lady that received our first award and was responsible for creating the idea to have such a program just passed away at the age of 106. We have devoted the Feature Article in this issue to this remarkable lady and you can read about her on page 11.

Then on May 3 we lost another dear friend of USDA, Frank Habersberger. Frank and his wife Nan were on the USDA Executive committee for 16 years serving in many different areas. Nan passed away during that time, but Frank continued to stay with us and blessed us with his efforts. Frank was also presented the USDA Centennial Award in April 2016. Read more about Frank on page 22.

September is the International Square Dance month. Does your state association, region or just your club have anything planned to help put square dancing before the general public and bring attention to what we do and love? We would be interested in hearing some exciting stories of what you did during square dance month. Send the information to the editor so we can recognize you in a future USDA NEWS.

Following Square Dance Month we have Square Dance Day. This is an annual event on November 29th. The problem I have with the date for this year is that it is also Black Friday. Black Friday can zap you of any energy you might have and leave you moaning and groaning and wondering why we still try to fight the crowds and go through this self inflicted pain. And now your partner is wanting to go square dancing or even worse, to participate in a exhibition at the city park. Well, I think I have a solution that might help you get through the day and still go dancing later. It is called "on-line" shopping. No hustle, bustle, shoving and pushing for you this year. No sir, you get your laptop or tablet, a fresh cup of coffee and sit back in your recliner and start typing. Now if you are a USDA fan and an Amazon customer (hopefully a Smile Amazon customer with USDA listed as your charitable 503c3 organization) this can be a red letter day for us both.

## **EVENTS IN THE EASTERN REGION**

## Tony & Diana Rock, USDA Eastern Region VP

Greetings from our home in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania! This quarter we were honored to represent USDA at the annual CALLERLAB Convention in Richmond, VA April 14-17, 2019. We definitely gained a new perspective and developed a great appreciation for the callers who make our dance activity possible.

We have enjoyed our tenure as Vice Presidents, Easter Region and plan to continue our involvement with the USDA Executive Committee. We'd like to thank all of the Executive Committee and all of the Affiliate Delegates from our region for their support. We have enjoyed the may long conversations with individual Affiliate Board members as we share our experiences about the hobby that we all love so much.

We continue to house all of the USDA educational materials and will ship requested documents free of charge to both individual dancers and clubs. Please feel free to contact us regardless of what region you are in with your needs for educational materials. Check out the full list on our website: <a href="http://www.usda.org">www.usda.org</a>

Tony & Diana Rock USDA Eastern Region Vice Presidents USDA Education and Publications

## **EVENTS IN THE PLAINS REGION**

Mark & Bina Krebsbach, USDA Plains Region VP

## SUMMER TIME SUMMER TIME

## FUN FUN SUMMER TIME

Summer has finally emerged in good ole North Dakota. We are once again at our lake cabin on Sibley Lake in South Central North Dakota where the boats and the wave runners play.

Since returning back to North Dakota from our winter home in Arizona we have danced and represented the USDA in Bismarck, Minot & Grand Forks, North Dakota and also in Castle Rock, Colorado.

Well we are gearing up for some Summer time fun square dancing travel time.

June 14 & 15 will find us at the Minnesota State Convention in St. Cloud than onto the national square dance convention in Atlanta Georgia. The remaining summer is busy dancing and enjoying the lake life.

The key to a healthy life is taking care of the four major aspects of human growth and development: physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual. Actively square dancing covers all of these basis, keep dancing.

See you in Atlanta

God Bless

Mark & Bina



## **SPECIAL INVITATION**

Just for you. Please join us for the ANNUAL USDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019 1:00 PM

## RENAISSANCE WAVERLY HOTEL-GRANDBALLROOM 1 & 2 One of the highlights of this meeting will be the presentation of the USDA FOUNDERS MEMORIAL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS by our Youth Advisor Dan Reedy.

All USDA Affiliates need to have their allowed number of delegates at this meeting. Although this is an open meeting available to all dancers, only the delegates have voting rights. This is your organization and your votes and input are most important. Please make every effort to attend. Check -in begins at 12:30pm.

NOTE-The USDA Executive Committee has revised the format of the meeting which may allow for a shorter meeting time.

USDA will be sponsoring several education sessions again. Please refer to you schedule/ program book for times and locations.

> DON'T MISS OUR FRIDAY NIGHT AFTER PARTY in the Mainstream Hall featuring the Ghost Riders Band



## **ARE YOU DANCING UNINSURED?** REAL FACTS ABOUT THE SQUARE DANCE INSURANCE PROGRAM

## THE BASICS:

Every square dance organization needs General Liability and Accidental 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.

## 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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Coverage provided 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.



## OUR DANCE FACILITIES 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.

QUESTIONS OR CLAIMS? CONTACT: Pat Inglis, USDA National Insurance Coordinator Box 22 Tucker GA 300085-0022— PH: 404 298 6148 / FX: 404 298 6149 / Email: usda insurance@usda org

## usda insurance coordinators notes

I never expected to be writing another article for USDA News but here I am! Due to some health concerns Pam Kidwell is not able to accept the position as USDA National Insurance Coordinator. I have agreed to continue for a few months and train a new person. Elizabeth Sanders has agreed to accept the position but first she has to complete her job with the 68th National Convention here in GA. We are fortunate that Elizabeth is willing to become part of the USDA executive committee. I have known and worked with her for several years and know she will be most competent in this position.

The insurance portal continues to receive much action. I don't hear much from the chairmen so think that you must be pleased with how well it is working. Some updates are being implemented and I hope be giving them a trial run soon. Some insurance chairmen who haven't tried the portal need to give it a try so they will be able to use it when enrollment time begins in the fall for 2020.

We are into the summer months and many clubs do not dance during this time. But for the clubs that do – if you need to make a last minute change to a dance location, a new certificate can be obtained very quickly. If you are running a class, remember to submit a class roster on paper ASAP after class begins. If new dancers join your club, submit your enrollments through the portal. If there is an accident, submit the club accident report to me so that a claim form can be sent to the injured dancer quickly.

Bollinger who is now handling our program for Markel will be advising us in early September if there will be a rate increase. A decision about the transition from 2019 to 2020 has not been decided; however, it will be easier than 2019 because your information is already in the system and only has to be reviewed and additions or deletions made. The updated system will allow you to fix errors instead of requesting them to be done. You have all been most generous with suggestions on improvements – some could be made and some could not due to the cost but I hope you will be pleased with the effort put forth at this time.

One thing more about your clubs' rosters. When you enroll a dancer that dancer's name should main on the roster until the next enrollment period. A dancer's name should not be deleted from the roster – if the dancer dies, then put deceased after the person's last name. If the dancer drops his/her membership in the club just put resigned after his/her last name on the roster. It is important that the names on a submitted roster remain there for the entire year.

As always, call or send me an email if you need help with the portal or have a question about your insurance

Pat Inglis USDA National Insurance Chairman P.O. Box 22, Tucker, GA 30085-0022 Phone 404/298-6148 FAX 404/298-6149 E-mail usda.insurance@usda.org







USDA is probably best known for our Insurance Program for dancers, but are you familiar with the following? Additional information on each of these programs and any required forms can be found on our web site <u>www.usda.org</u> -or- by contacting the program chairman.

## **USDA TRAVELER PROGRAM**

Do you like to travel? Do you like to attend square dances wherever you go? Then look into the USA Traveler Program! The purpose of the USA traveler program is to promote visitation between dancers in all 50 states by encouraging dancers to visit club dances, festivals, state conventions, or national conventions across state lines and around the United States. The goal - to dance at an event in each of the 50 United States!

A badge and a bar will be awarded to participants after they have visited at least 12 states. The goal is to dance in all 50 states and any participant who visits 48 or 50 states will also be awarded paid admission to the next National Square Dance Convention. Also see page 12

Program Chairman: Joy Vaccari—email: usda.travelers@usda.org -or- javajoy2@cox.net

## **USDA CENTENNIAL AWARD PROGRAM**

Are you aware that we have dancers 100 years old that are still active in their dance clubs? Very few of us reach that age, but USDA recognizes and honors those that do with a "Centennial Award". They will receive a framed certificate of "Recognition and Appreciation" signed by the president and the Regional Vice President of USDA, a about them in the USDA NEWS. "USDA Centennial Award" lapel pin and a special "Feature Article"

*Program Chairman: Larry Dunkel—email: usdanews@usda.org* 

## USDA YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Each year the United Square Dancers of America – the national dancers' organization – awards a merit-based scholarship to a student who has shown their dedication to the promotion and perpetuation of the total square dance movement, including square dance, round dance, contra and clogging. If you know of a youth dancer who is a high school senior or college freshman that would like to apply for the scholarship, the application form can be downloaded from the USDA website, http://USDA.org/trifold/ISy0403.pdf.

Donations are needed to continue making this \$1,000 scholarship available. You can make a donation in memory of a fellow dancer, in honor of a special occasion, or simply because you support youth square dancing. USDA is a 501(c) (3) Public Charities, which qualify for tax deduction status.

Youth Advisor: Dan Reedy—email: usda.youth.advisor.@usda.org

## **USDA HANDICAPABLE PROGRAM**

The USDA Handicapable program is monetary in nature, consisting of allocating monies toward the registration fee for eligible Handicapable dancers to attend the National Square Dance Convention. The only requirement is that they must be a Handicapable dancer and a member of a Handicapable club. Any Handicapable club in the United States may apply for these funds. In order to apply for funds, a club contact person must complete the application form and send it to the USDA Handicapable Committee chairperson.



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## FEATURE ARTICLE



## Esther Elizabeth Chute 1913—2019

Sept 7, 2013. It was a beautiful fall day in East TN and the autumn colors seemed to be extra brilliant this year. I was sitting at my desk putting the final touches on USDA NEWS and preparing it to send to the printer first thing in the morning when suddenly I got an email forwarded from our USDA President Mike Matsko. The email was from Cathy Langille, Publicity and Paul, her husband, President of the Square & Round Dance Federation of Nova Scotia , informing us that they had a lady in their club that had just celebrated her 100th birthday. They wanted to know if USDA did anything to recognize this still active square dancer.

Well the answer to her question was a simple "no". We had no idea that there were dancers 100 years old. The more I thought about it the more Intrigued I became. 100 years old and still dancing. For the next several days, Google and I spent a lot of time

researching that age group until I was convinced that in the next few years we will see many 100 year old dancers on the floor.

USDA has two official meetings a year with one being in January. At the 2014 winter meeting I told of the email from Cathy and the research I had done and felt that USDA should do something special to recognize these people. The vote was unanimous to come up with a program to honor our 100 year old dancers.

So now the wheels were in motion to formulate a program for our most senior dancers. At the summer meeting in June 2014 the new "Centennial Program" was introduced and approved by the Executive Committee. The most difficult part of qualifying for this award was to reach the age of 100 and still be active in your club.

Esther Chute was our Feature Article for the first issue of 2014. A very intesting article about a lady that was widowed at the age of 45 and how she overcame the difficulties of life. I could fill a page with the activities Esther was involved in. There isn't much that she cannot do or has not been involved in. When asked about turning 100 year old Esthere said she did not notice much difference. A little arthritis slowed her doewn some, but did not stop her. She said she always kept busy and that she had lived a clean life. She never smoked or drank and she is so grateful that square dancing was one of the ways she kept busy. At that time Esther had danced for 52 years.

From time to time Cathy would drop me an email to give me an update on Esther. One of my favorites was in April, 2014 she had to renew her drivers license. She is now 101 and she renewed for 5 years. Esther is good to drive until she is 106.

Last June, just before our summer meeting, I heard from Cathy telling me about Esther's 106 birthday party. It was, of course, a square dance party and then she went with family to eat. Cathy said she is still as alert as ever, has no difficulty getting around and does not use any assistance such as, a walker, cane, etc..

Then on May 24, 2019, I got the email that I knew I would someday get. Esther has gone on to a better place. If you would like to read the obituary you may do so at: <u>http://www.whitefamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/134158</u>. Space does not permit our copying it here, but it is a remarkable read on a remarkable lady.

Here is my latest email from Cathy telling of the funeral.

We attended Esther's funeral...first time for us 2 churches were required to accommodate the mourners.. Fortunately, in Berwick, the Anglican and United Churches are next door to each other and thanks to video feed, everyone could participate in the service. The reception was held in the Anglican Church hall where Esther danced for many years with Berwick Belles and Beaus. What a turnout!

There were people from government and all the organizations she associated in attendance as well as numerous family members from several generations, all who had not known life without her. No short cuts for Esther—she would have been pleased.

It's staggering to think of the world changes in her 106 years, some for the good and other events no so good; but Esther just marched along with the times, steady in her faith and values.

## USDA USA TRAVELER PROGRAM

## A FINE TIME TO START

Are you going to the National Square Dance Convention in Atlanta, GA this year? It would be a fine time to start your journey into the USDA USA Traveler Program. As you travel to a National there are many opportunities to dance with clubs in other States. After completing 12 States you will receive a Traveler Badge and 12 State Bar. Then you can go on to complete 48 and 50 States. You will be on your way!

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 is 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.

Watch for some changes to the Program. Nothing major, but we will keep the Dancers informed.

Joy Vaccari

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## I Need an Allemande Left

## By Donna Cox

Copied (with permission) from the Denver Area Square & Round Dance Council Bulletin—June 2019

While packing a few personal items inadvertently left behind by my boss (and dear friend) who was a recent victim of the lay-offs spurred by our economic times, strangely my thoughts turned to the healing power of square dancing.

I stood in that now-empty office and fought back tears of sadness for several coworkers with whom I would probably lose contact. I thought of so many other companies in so many other states also making "tough decisions" effecting hundreds of thousands of people across our nation, all of whom need Yellow Rocks (hugs) for sure.

Everyone needs a Yellow Rock on occasion. Although I love Yellow Rocks, what I needed at that moment was an Allemande Left (or two or three) in the worst way. I need to whoop and holler and just let-er-rip with a big Allenmande Left, knowing that the security of home was just a short promenade away.

I love the crescendo to Allemande Left in a good patter call. You can feel the excitement in the buildup, just teasing you over and over until, BAM! There it is. ALLEMANDE LEFT! Allemande Left means you are going home. Home possition is where everything is proper and fitting, where there are no friends departing in tears, no family members suffering with illness, no bills to pay. Home, in your square, with friends, is where everything is just right.

I wish I could keep little instant, add-water-and-stir Allemande Lefts in my pocket to use whenever I have the need. A recent TV commercial depicted a lady buying laughs, contented sighs, and such, in the form of little tokens from a store. I don't even remember the product they were trying to advertise. In my opinion those laughs and contented sighs pale in comparison to Yellow Rocks and Allemande Lefts. Just think about a TV commercial where someone is buying Do Sa Dos, Yellow Rocks and Allemande Lefts. Unquestionably, the viewer would know the product is square dancing with its magic power of love.

Square dancing is more than an extracurricular activity for me—it is my release. Second only to prayer, it is my chance to shake out all the bad emotions and fill up on loving friendships that can sustain you through life's problems.

So when you need a "pick me up that won't let you down", remember the magic of Allemande Lefts and be the first to square up.

February 2009 Charlotte, NC









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- Q. Is my information kept private?
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## - 22nd Annual GCSDA Square & Round Dance Festival -

## Friday Evening Plus Hall GARY SHOEMAKE

7:00pm - 7:30pm Pre-Rounds - **Ronnie Fontaine** 7:30pm - 7:45pm 1st Tip Mainstream - **Gary & Lee** 7:45pm - 9:45pm Plus with Rounds - **Gary & Ronnie** 9:45pm - Last Tip Mainstream - **Gary & Lee** 

## Saturday Daytime Plus Hall

10:00am - 11:30am Workshop & Dance - Gary Shoemake

11:30am — LUNCH BREAK — 1:30pm

1:30pm - 4:00pm Workshop Rounds - Ronnie Fontaine

4:00pm — DINNER BREAK — 6:30pm

## Saturday Evening Plus Hall

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On-Site Registration	- \$30.00
Individual Events: On site only	
Friday Evening Dance	- \$10.00
Saturday Evening Dance	- \$15.00
Saturday All Day & Saturday Night	- \$20.00

Pre-Registration Form (\$25.00 ea. – Postmarked before March 11, 2020)

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## LEE HAILEY

7:45pm - 9:45pm Mainstream & Line Dancing - Lee Hailey 9:45pm - Last Tip in the Plus Hall

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11:30am — LUNCH BREAK — 1:30pm

1:30pm - 4:00pm Fun Dance - Gary & Lee

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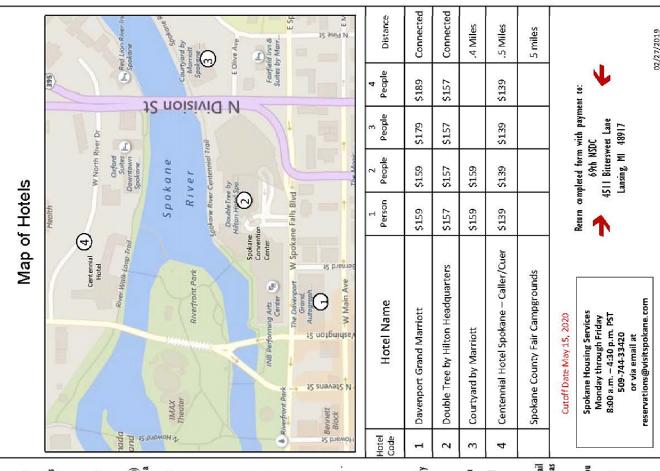
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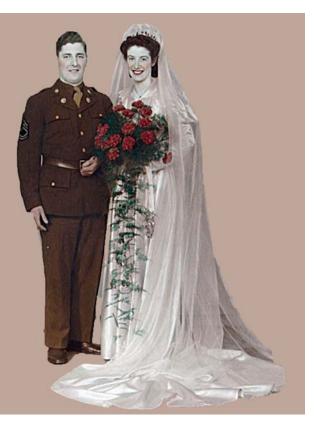
Hope to see you in Atlanta. If you come to the meeting on Wednesday come by and say hello. I would love to shake your hand and say thank you for reading this far. Come by our Showcase of Ideas and pickup some literature to take home with you.

Until next time.....Lavy  $\mathcal{D}$ 

## Saying Goodbye to a Dear Friend. RIP

On May 3rd, we received word that Frank Habersberger had passed away at the age of 104. USDA presented him with our Centennial Award in April of 2016. USDA Treasurer Jim and Judy Taylor made the presentation on behalf of USDA and they said he was so appreciative of the award and he loved to talk about his time with USDA.

Portions of the information here was received from Penny Green, editor of Dancergram. One of the things she told me was that "Frank has asked that his memorial also cover his life with his loving wife, Nan, as he fervently believes that everything he has accomplished was due to her encouragement and faith in his ability to accomplish whatever task that came his way." It seems that most everything I have heard about him was not just Frank, but Frank and Nan. That alone tells us a lot of the man and his character. I did not know him personally, but I feel as if we have been close friends for a long time.



Frank and Nan became a part of USDA in 1985 and served as our treasurer for the next four years. After that they

were our President from 1989 until 1991. Frank and Nan were elected President in 1989 and one of the first things they proposed was to give up on Congress declaring "perpetuity" and to move to the individual states for their approval. They appointed Duke and Doris McLesky as the new committee chairmen. For the next five years they worked hard and collected 33 of the state's approval giving them the majority needed to proclaim Square Dancing as the Official Folk Dance of North America. After Nan passed away Frank continued with USDA serving in many different areas. Frank had a total of 16 years with USDA.

The following link is for Frank's obituary which describes his life and a very interesting read. There is also a Tribute Movie of his life connected with the obituary. But, the highlight of this obituary is his son Donald's two cents worth. Donald gives us an inside look at this life with this man. A very touching and personal perspective.

https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/denver-co/francis-habersberger-8272270



USDA Treasurer Jim and Judy Taylor presenting Frank with his USDA Centennial Award in April 2016. WOOD FLOORS

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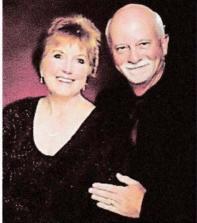
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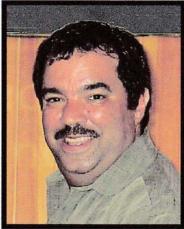


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## **CONVENTION SCHEDULE**

## Send the USDA NEWS Editor your State Association/Federation

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

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