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My apology to anyone I failed to recognize.

WHAT'S IN-

Walter Ness

Our latest 100 year old dancer to be recognized and honored with the USDA CENTENNIAL AWARD for his years of service. Presenting this award to Walter was a little different than our usual presentation due to COVID-19 guidelines. With a lot of effort on the part of many people, we were finally able to honor this gentleman that gave so much to something he loved. Read about this man and his history in square dancing.



Pictured here is Walter receiving his Award from masked presenter JoAnna Lieuallen. JoAnna willing agreed to present this award on behalf of USDA and we thank her for doing that.

Speaking of square dance history you must read the special article by Edythe Weber on the history of the Western Twirlers. This Joplin, MO club has been around for a long time and has seen a few changes along the way. They have had their share of ups and downs and they work their way through them and just keep on going. If you ever find yourself in Joplin, MO stop by and dance a tip or two. They love visitors.

The year 2020 has been a strange one to say the least. I had originally planned on doing a "highlights of the year", but unfortunately there did not seem to be any. Square dancing came to halt, round dancing is done via "zoom".

On a sad note we did loose a couple of former USDA Executive Committee members. Connie Houle and Shirley White. See page 10.

Year 2021 in here, the Coronavirus vaccine is here and just maybe dance halls across the country will be opening their doors and announcing the square dancing is here. I imagine there will be many refresher classes going on. Welcome 2021 and keep your fingers

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS



TONY and DIANA ROCK

Diana and I hope that each of you had a very thankful Thanksgiving Day. Though there are many things of 2020 that could keep us grumbling there is much to be thankful for. Most of us are still not participating in, in person dancing but fortunately we have the ability to dance online via Zoom. We may not be able to get together in person but some federations/associations are holding online meetings that allow us to continue making plans and stay in touch. Some clubs are even engaging in regular virtual meetings just to socialize so they don't drift apart. All of these may not be the same as it was but they certainly do help.

So where are we now in our square dance family activities? Yes, there are vaccines on the horizon but we don't want to get too anxious too soon. In spite of the fantastic vaccine news it appears that it will take a few months before we are all safe from spreading or contracting COVID 19 and can resume our long awaited normal lifestyle. Our advice to the square dance community is to think of others before yourself, be patient, and remain vigilant. Follow the guidelines of your local and state governments, wear masks, social distance, and wash your hands frequently. When it is safe to open up our dance halls once again, it may be worth the discussion to look at different ways to conduct our dances. For example, do we still want to handle sign in and snacks in the same fashion; what about wearing masks. We can't assume that every dancer has opted to receive the vaccine. For the most part, we as a dance community have done a great job in following the advice of the CDC and our state and local governments. Let's not blow it at the very end. Hang tight! We can do this together! The New Year is bound to be better than the last one!

We may not be in our dance halls, but none the less, USDA has been busy since the last issue of USDA NEWS. There has been quite a bit of interest in the new 501(c)3 Group Exemption Program and we have yet another proud dancer who has been honored by the USDA Centennial Award! Our Social Media committee has kicked off the USDA monthly webinar series, "Beyond the Dance Floor" with great success! Be sure to check out our website, usda.org, as it has been updated with a great new look. Many thanks go out to the USDA Executive Committee (EC) for the time and effort they've contributed to make sure our dancers stay active and connected.

On a very sad note, the last few months have dealt yet another blow to the USDA Executive Committee as we grieve the loss of two past EC members, Shirley White (served as USDA Eastern Region Vice President along with her husband Dick from 2007-2010) and Connie Houle (served on USDA EC along with her husband Len from 2004-2013 and as USDA President 2008-2010). Please look for the articles in their memory and be inspired by the lives they have led. These ladies will be greatly missed.

Until we write again, please take the time to enjoy the beauty around you and contemplate the many blessing the Lord has given to you.

Your USDA President,

Tony & Diana Rock

STAY SAFE - WEAR MASK - KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCES - GET VACCINATED



2020 - A MOST UNUSUAL YEAR!

2020! A year that will remain in the corner of my mind for the rest of my life and I would be willing to bet that you can say the same.

I remember it well. For me it was a delightful afternoon in March; Friday, March 13th to be exact, and I was getting my monthly Macular Degeneration injections, one in each eyeball. As the Dr. completed his procedure he turned to me and asked how I was preparing for this invasion of the new flu virus. The WHAT????? I had to admit that I had heard a little about some virus, but I was not prepared for an intellectual discussion with this man that was obviously well versed on the subject. As I left his office that afternoon I felt much better prepared to discuss the Corona Virus with anyone. I now understood the difference in a Corona Virus and a Corona beer. When I left my Dr.'s office that afternoon I had a much better understanding of "high risk patient" "quarantine" and "isolation".

As we left the Dr.'s we discussed the situation and how we would handle things on our end. Since my food pantry usually ran 24% or less a stop by the food market seemed in order. Growing up on small farms in E. T. we never ran short of food in the 1960's, so many of the Bible stories were pretty vague to young teenage boys with plenty.. We grew our own food. For the first time in my life I walked into a supermarket to find bare shelves. The television stories were obviously true. There were no paper towels, toilet paper, napkins or any other type of product that came close to representing a paper product in any form or fashion. Neither were there any bananas, or other fruits, vegetables or anything else I would consider putting in my mouth. Remembering now that I did have a few cans of soup in the cupboard I felt I could make it through the summer, after all, this will pass quickly.

For the next 4-5 months no one came in or out of my house. I learned the meaning of quarantine back in March, remember? But then things begin to change. Things are going back to normal. Shorter store hours, limited occupancy, customers wear face mask. I have watched people come and go long enough so if I follow the guidelines I should be OK. What I found was no one was following any guidelines. I tried, but not hard enough. The stores were crowded, customers and employees alike were not wearing mask.

In the late afternoon on Nov..19th I was in my bed, sleeping comfortably when I heard my name being called by an unfamiliar voices. My granddaughter had tried to reach me, but I had not responded and she called 911. When I asked what was going on I was informed that I was very sick and they were taking me to the hospital. I had COVID-19. As many times that I had shuddered at the sound of that word, tonight I simply closed my eyes and said "OK".

After two days in ICU it was determined that it was not 'COVID', however it was diagnosed as Influenza Type B and was transferred to "Intermediate Management Unit" for two weeks. There I was allowed one daily visitor and only the same one each day. My son Chris (our USDA NEWS cover designer) stayed with me. I am now in "Extended Care" with NO visitors allowed.



Editor & Son working on USDA NEWS in hospital

When asked who could step in and edit this issue of USDA NEWS my only answer was "me" (with the help of Chris and many of the USDA Executive Committee members) we will get it done. If this edition does not meet your expectations, please consider the circumstances.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE PRAYERS AND GOOD WISHES.

I realize there are many others with much worse conditions than I and I send prayers to them and their families as they experience one of the most unusual years we have ever known.

UNTIL NEXT TIME.....Larry D

EVENTS IN THE CENTRAL REGION

Ed & Lynda Willis, USDA Central Region VP

Lynda and I have very little to report again this month, more bad news than good. We had a few deaths of square and non-square dance friends, but none really due to covid19. We had a local Wilmington caller pass away, a truly great lady from New England, Shirley White, a friend from Kiwanis and as most of you are aware, Connie Houle who along with her Husband Lenny were Chairpersons of the 64 NSDC in Springfield, MA. We had a very enjoyable time working with them at the convention. We made many new friends and really enjoyed serving. We do have lots of stories to tell about those days, ask us sometime.



EVENTS IN THE PLAINS REGION

Mark & Bina Krebsbach, USDA Plains Region VP

The Eastern sky becomes alive with God's beautiful blooming colors as I watch the sun peak over the South Eastern horizon here in the land of the North. It reminds me of Winter, my favorite time of the year. The sun now rises and offers its light and warmth to a frozen creation.

The changing seasons also remind me that there is one thing constant in life on this earth and that is change. Change is inevitable. Change is eternal. Some change is good, some change is not so good. To survive we learn to accept and live with both.

We have all experienced a major change this year with the COVID-19 and how it has affected life. Both Bina & I tested positive in November. We were fortunate both of us only experienced very mild cold symptoms for two or three days. Praise the Lord!

Our prayers go out to all the folks with COVID-19 and pray for its end.

Treat the earth and all that dwell thereon with respect. And look after the well being of mind and body.

God Bless

As ever square dancers

Mark & Bina

EVENTS IN THE WESTERN REGION

LPaul and Sally Schmidt, USDA Western Region VP

As with much of the country, there is very little dancing going on in the Western Region. Most of our states have restrictions on social gatherings as well as travel. As a result, we have not done any travel or dancing since spring, beyond a few sessions in our family room via Zoom. We have updated our contact list for the Western Region affiliates and sent e-mail communications promoting the USDA "Beyond the Dance Floor" webinar series. We were pleased to see a number of Western region organization leaders participating in the November webinar on the USDA 501(c)(3) Group Exemption Program. We have already heard of several clubs and local associations that are interesting in applying for the program.

There is a lot of discussion about what to do to get experienced dancers back, and new dancers into lessons, once the coronavirus restrictions begin to lift. One option being explored and promoted to revitalize square dancing is the Social Square Dance or Sustainable Square Dancing (SSD) program. This is a program of 50 calls that can be taught in about 12 weeks. It is intended to attract new dancers and get them dancing successfully and, most of all, having fun. The program could also serve as a way to reintroduce experienced dancers who have been "off the floor" for many months. Per a CALLERLAB press release, "The CALLERLAB Board of Governors endorses the use of SSD as one approach for getting current dancers back on the floor having a fun and enjoyable time, as well as being a fast paced approach for bringing new people into our Square Dance community. This would include the prospect of having a well thought out plan in place for multiple lesson starts, thus providing a path to re-energize Square Dancing as we emerge from the Covid-19 crisis.

The CALLERLAB press release is available at: <http://www.callerlab.org/Portals/1/Press%20Release%20-%20SSD%20COVID-19%20JULY%202020%20.pdf>.

The program description and lesson plans for callers and dance leaders can be found at <http://www.callerlab.org/Portals/1/Press%20Release%20-%20SSD%20COVID-19%20JULY%202020%20.pdf>.

As the new year begins, and we look at 2020 through the rear-view mirror, we will be contacting all of our regional affiliates to find out their plans for resuming square dancing in their areas, and to begin scheduling our travels for 202

COMMENTS FROM OUR YOUTH ADVISOR

Due to the on going issues around the country concerning the COVID 19 flu; opportunities for dancing have been greatly diminished. The involvement of Youth dancers in club activities and dances has also been dramatically impacted. With the launch of the new USDA webinars, it is hoped that clubs will extend and encourage our youthful dancers to participate in these as well. Their input could spark interest in many different areas as we expand and develop this program. Additionally it would be a great building and informational platform for them to understand what goes behind the scene and off the dance floor.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the scholarship deadline in January 30th. There is plenty of time to encourage and support any High School Senior or College Freshman to apply. The application and Affiliate nomination forms are available on line. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me, or any USDA Officer.

I look forward with the hopes that the upcoming year sees a renewed interest and a vibrant return of dancing.

USDA INSURANCE COORDINATORS

USDA INSURANCE COORDINATORS NOTES

Greeting Everyone,

By the time you receive your Jan-Mar issue of the USDA News, we will be in another year. The holidays will be behind us and hopefully we will be looking at starting back to dancing.

In my last article I reported that we had not received the 2021 rate from RPS Bollinger. We have now received that information. The rates for 2021 will be the same as the rates for 2020. The insurance coordinators have received information about this.

The insurance portal had encountered several problems (it must have been infected with some kind of virus) but as of today it is working again. You can now enter your information for 2021 in the portal.

I am including below information that I had in the Jul-Aug edition and the Oct-Dec edition (with updates). It's all good information that needs to be repeated.

Questions referring to the pandemic:

- **Mainstream Classes:** The insurance company will allow for a break in the nine (9) month coverage for students. You must keep a record of the start date, temporary stop date, date you start again and date you graduate the students. If you choose to begin the class from the beginning when we do go back to dancing, then you will treat it as a new class. You will need to submit the names again.
- **The COVID-19 is a virus and is not covered by our Accidental Benefit portion of the insurance policy.** Our policy covers accidents, not the flu or any other viruses. There is liability coverage for the club.
- **Rates and Deadlines for 2021:** The ideal deadline (for the insurance coordinators) is to have all your clubs' rosters and facility information in the insurance portal by December 31, 2020. You should have your fees for insurance submitted to me by January 20, 2021.

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

Sincerely,
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More Insurance Notes on the Following Page



USDA INSURANCE



USDA Insurance Information

1. Will our insurance cover dancers who have contracted the COVID-19 virus?

No. Our insurance is for medical benefits associated with an accident at any regularly scheduled and sponsored activity. The USDA insurance has never covered any type of virus.

2. If our state has said no public gatherings will our insurance cover our dances?

No. If your state says no public gatherings and your club meets then the law has been broken and there is no coverage.

If your state is opened up for public gatherings and allowing groups to gather and the clubs are following CDC guidelines, then your club would be covered.

3. If someone sues?

When a dancer sues the club and/or club officers, that dancer will have to complete a claim. The claim will be submitted to the insurance company. The insurance company will then be in charge of the claim. NO LONGER will the club have any involvement with the lawsuit. The insurance company and their team of lawyers will handle it.

4. Are visitors insured?

Yes and No. If the visitor is a member of another club which is a member of the USDA Insurance program the answer is Yes. If the visitor is not a member of any club or is a member of a club that does not participate in the USDA Insurance program the answer is No. The club should still complete an accident form and keep it on file.

5. Are Students covered by our insurance?

Students are covered for nine months of instruction. After nine (9) months they are no longer insured. When they join the club the insurance fee must be submitted to your insurance chairperson. The rate is not prorated. If they join in December then they still pay the full amount.

NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 virus the insurance company will acknowledge that there is a break in the 9-month instruction period. The total combined number of weeks of instruction should not exceed 9 months.

6. Accident Claims:

Please have accident forms at all dances. Complete the form for all accidents and submit to your insurance chairperson. Complete the accident form on all dancers whether they are a member of your club or not.

7. Insurance Portal:

Each affiliate must decide how they want the club's information entered in the insurance portal. (1) The clubs can enter all information and submit the enrollment fee plus the club's roster to the affiliate insurance coordinator. OR (2) The clubs can send all enrollment forms plus enrollment fee (this is the same way it was done before the insurance portal) to the affiliate insurance coordinator, then the insurance coordinator would enter all information for all the clubs in the insurance portal.

FEATURE ARTICLE

WALTER NESS—CENTENNIAL AWARD

COVID-19 seemed bound and determined that we would not honor Walter for his 100 years of life. USDA, on the other hand was just as determined that he would be recognized. With the help of his daughter Karen, friends, family, square dancers and several USDA Executive Committee Members, Walter finally got his award. Walter is the 17th 100 year old to receive this award.

Walter celebrated his 100th birthday on November 24 and a special celebration was planned and he would receive this award. Due to some COVID-19 guidelines that had to be postponed. Then there was a problem with finding someone (usually a USDA representative) available to make this presentation. Finally USDA Presidents, Tony and Diana Rock called an old friend who said she would be delighted to do this. JoAnna Lieuallen, 2nd VP of the Northern New Jersey Square Dance Association helped us out and we appreciated her doing that.

Square Dancing started for Walter when a long time neighbor and avid square dancer, Peg Richards, asked Walter and his wife Jane to try Square Dancing. They knew they enjoyed dancing, the polka, waltz, 2 step and many more. With little persuasion, Walter and Jane give it a try. They got hooked and continued Square Dancing for 20+ years.

Walter and Jane started their basic level class with Somerset Hills Square Dance Club. After graduating basic level, they moved on to advanced level with Valley Squares. They remained with Valley Squares for many years. Walter also served as President of the Valley Squares for many years. After Valley Squares folded they moved to J & M Squares, a higher level club.

Should you ever find yourself with Walter and the conversation begins to drag, just ask him if he ever square danced. Don't ask unless you have time to listen. He would love to tell you all about it. Topping his list would be: **The people.** Everyone was so nice and all loved to dance. They met and became friends with so many square dancers.

***The Raids:** Square Dance Couples would raid another club's dance. Again many friends were made at the raids and this gave you an opportunity to dance with them. After the dance they went out for Pizza and Beer with members of the various clubs. They enjoyed the fun of going into a restaurant in their colorful Square Dance attire.

After Jane passed away in 2003 Walter periodically went to various dances. Almost 10 years later Walter was attending a performance and the MPAC when Cathy, one of his old square dance friends recognized him. She lost her husband several years earlier. Today, Cathy and Walter met for lunch every so often.



With Friends at Convention



Walter Ness with wife Jane

THANK YOU WALTER NESS FOR SHARING YOUR 100 YEARS SQUARE DANCING

In Memorium ...



Connie Houle

Constance A. "Connie" (Jacquel) Houle, 76, of Westfield, was Called Safely Home on Thursday, November 19, 2020. She passed into Eternal Life at home surrounded by her loving family.

Connie was born in King City, CA on March 14, 1944, a beloved daughter of the late Serge E. and Jeanne A. (Laramie) Jacquel. She was

raised in the Aldenville section of Chicopee, graduated from Precious Blood High School in Holyoke and lived in Chicopee until moving to Westfield in 2003. She worked as a Home Health Aide for Home Staff Health Services and was also a cook at Kirby Junior High School.

Connie was an accomplished Square and Round Dancer. Along with her husband, Lenny, they dedicated their social lives to square dance activities throughout the country where they've received numerous awards and recognitions. Among the highlights were serving as the 1996-98 President of ED-SARDA, 1995 VP of the SDFNE, 1998 Induction into the Square Dance Hall of Fame, and 1998-2020 Secretary of NE Co-op. They served as President of the United Square Dancers of America (USDA) in 2008-2009. In 2013 they joined the Board of Directors for the National Executive Committee, and served as General Chairmen of the National Square Dance Convention in Springfield, MA in 2015. In 2014 they received the Pinnacle Award for outstanding leadership, professionalism and dedication to Square and Round dance activity, presented by NE Callers School.

She also enjoyed camping, cruising, traveling, and most especially spending time playing cards with her family and friends. Connie leaves her beloved husband and best friend, Leonard A. Houle. They were married on November 28, 1963 at Sainte Rose de Lima Church in Chicopee and were blessed with over 56 years of happiness together. She also leaves her four loving children, Thomas L. Houle of Chicopee, Timothy A. Houle of Belmont, MA, Karen M. Boisjolie of Chicopee and Jennifer L. Hale of Westfield; her three cherished grandchildren; her cherished great-grandson, and several other family members and close friends.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her two brothers-in-law, Gerald "Jerry" Houle and his wife, Marlene, and Roger "Raymond" Houle; and her sister-in-law, Lorraine Bouchard and her hus-

band, Louis. Her family requests that memorial donations be made in her memory to the Square Dance Foundation of New England, c/o Lisa Breault, 1397 Mendon Road, No. 8, Woonsocket, RI 02895 (please reference memorial donations in memory of Connie Houle).

Shirley White



Shirley R. White, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and eternally cheerful spirit, passed away on October 26, 2020 in Peterborough, after a mercifully brief bout with pancreatic cancer. She was 89 years young.

The daughter of Henry C. and Edith W. (Sayre) Herbert, Shirley and her brothers, James and Harold, lived in Bloomfield, NJ. After graduat-

ing from Fairleigh Dickinson University, she worked at Tung Sol and Celanese Corporations.

She met her husband, Richard S. "Dick" White, on a blind date. They married in 1954, bought a modest home in Bloomfield, and raised two children, Linda Griffith, now of Swanzey, NH, and Ken, of Richmond, CA.

A devout member of Watchung Presbyterian Church, Shirley served in multiple capacities, including her beloved bell choir. She was a tireless Girl Scout and Cub Scout leader. Shirley enjoyed vacationing on Lake Winnepesaukee, gardening, and sewing.

Shirley and Dick square danced in all 50 states, performed in the nationally televised 1986 Liberty Weekend, headed the Northern New Jersey Square Dance Association, attended 22 National Conventions, received the 2013 Yankee Clipper award, and helped organize the 2015 National Square Dance Convention. Together with her husband, Dick, they served as Eastern Region Vice Presidents for the United Square Dancers of America (USDA).

In 1994, they "retired" to Jaffrey, to be closer to their granddaughter, Meghan (Griffith) Ferrari, now of Canton, NC. Membership in Union Congregational Church of Peterborough inevitably included more leadership roles. The pair moved to RiverMead in Peterborough in 2013, where they made many friends.



Dancing Fun in 2021 in the "City with Soul"

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70th NSDC IS STILL ON!

Plan to get together with friends in the City with Soul

Dec. 14, 2020—There's light at the end of the tunnel with the first vaccines for COVID-19 being shipped to states across the country, so as of now the 70th National Square Dance Convention® is still on.

Reunite with friends and fellow dancers and remember how good it feels to dance again. Some of the best callers and cuers from around the country will be attending, so if you are a bit rusty, it should all come back to you soon.

If you are a caller or cuer, remember to register and update your caller and cuer profile by Jan. 15 if you want to be scheduled. Log on to sdconvention.com and follow the instructions.

For dancers, remember to register for housing by Saturday, May 15, 2021 to take advantage of discounted room rates. You must register for the convention before registering for housing. To register for housing online, go to 70nsdc.com and click on housing: hotels, camping and travel on the left side of the site. After May 15, rooms will not be discounted and may not be available depending on hotel occupancy.

For more information about the convention, go to the Contact Us page on the 70th NSDC website and send Convention Committee members an email.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED AND WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE CONVENTION

can be found in the free monthly E-MAGAZINE. The following address will give you the information on how to subscribe for all future issues as well as how to find past issues

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70th National Square Dance Convention®

June 23, 24, 25, & 26, 2021, Jackson MS

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please contact me.

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Registration # _____

Date Received _____

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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
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Registrations are non-transferable.

Youth born after June 26, 2003 \$30.00

A \$10.00 fee per Registrant will be imposed for cancellations or changes.

Prices will increase May 1, 2021 to \$75 for adults, \$37.50 for Youth born after June 26, 2003.

Registrations received after April 30, 2021 will receive e-mail confirmation only.

Mail-in Registrations must be sent by June 5, 2021 or email by June 12, 2021.

Please mark which dance program you will be attending the most:
Squares: ☐ Basic ☐ M ☐ P ☐ DBD ☐ Hex ☐ A1 ☐ A2 ☐ C1 ☐ C2
☐ Hi Energy ☐ Low Energy
Rounds: ☐ 2 ☐ 3/4 ☐ 5/6
Other: ☐ Clogging ☐ Contra ☐ C/W Lines ☐ Handicapable
☐ Will you be participating in the Education Leadership Certification Program?

HOUSING

Select your hotel online at: www.70nsdc.com select "Housing" Tab for a direct secure link to the Hotel Booking Module after March 1, 2020

I have selected my Hotel On-line. ☐ YES ☐ NO

I need Housing Reservations for the dates and selected Hotel below:

Please Circle Room Nights Needed:

Sa	S	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	S
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27

3 Hotel Preference required (hotel codes on back): 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____
Please check the appropriate box: ☐ One Bed (1-2 people) ☐ 2 Beds (2-4 people)
☐ Wheelchair Accessible Room ☐ Special Needs Room: _____

Shared Rooms or Same Hotel, registrations must be mailed together in the same envelope.

Same Hotel as: _____

Block Housing Requests are due by Jan 2, 2021.

Block Housing (10-25 rooms) E-Mail: _____

Block Leader Name: _____ Phone: _____

Group Name: _____

To guarantee your room reservations, you must provide a credit card number and pay a \$3.50 processing fee. Deposit may be charged in advance, balance for your room will be charged by hotel at check in.

☐ Check Enclosed # _____ ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover

Name on Card: _____

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Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____ (Ensure expiration date is after July 2021)

Dance Leader Name to be programmed *Go to www.70nsdc.com to update your profile

Name: _____ ☐ Caller ☐ Cuer ☐ Contra ☐ Clogging ☐ C/W Lines

Name: _____ ☐ Caller ☐ Cuer ☐ Contra ☐ Clogging ☐ C/W Lines

Convention badges required for entrance to all convention activities; Dressy Casual attire allowed until 6:00pm. PROPER DANCE ATTIRE is required after 6:00pm for all dancers.

Registration: Mary Ann Walker E-mail: regchair@70nsdc.com

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of Past
Conventions
Prior to 2021

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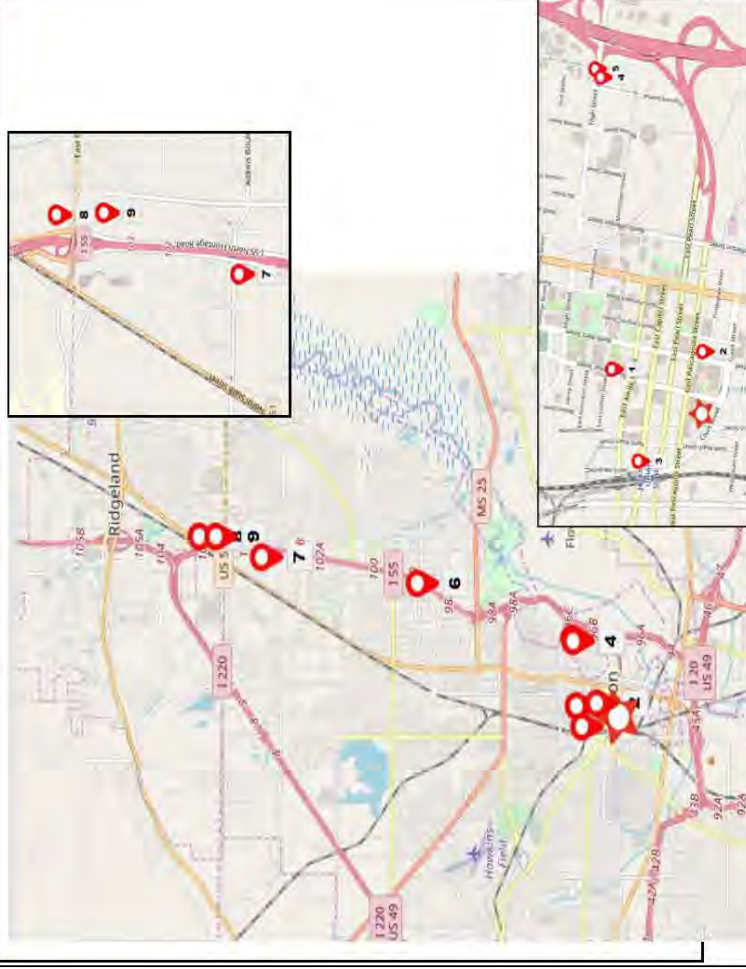
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Beyond the Dance Floor



Dancing — We all miss dancing! The great news is, as a community we've been adapting to "the new normal". It's been wonderful to see callers and cuers set up virtual dance events. Online groups have been set up to discuss returning to dancing and what precautions need to be taken. IAGSDC even transitioned their International Convention into a "home edition" with virtual dancing and live online activities. Happily, in some areas of the country, clubs are cautiously and carefully beginning to dance again, but there is still more to do.

In October 2020 the **United Square Dancers of America** — USDA — your National dancers' organization, introduced our monthly series of web-based programs via *Zoom* to support clubs on the business and marketing end of our activity. The programs will be used to introduce more dancers across the country to who/what USDA is, the programs and services we provide, and a way to keep square and round dancing in the forefront of people's thoughts even if they aren't able to get together on the dance floor.

Beyond The Dance Floor – It takes a lot of effort and organizational skills to keep our favorite activity alive and USDA is here to help. From bylaws to event planning, club officer duties, promotion, communications, newsletters, youth and handicapped programs – this series is designed to help groups across the country build and grow your clubs.

Workshops are scheduled to last 90-minutes to allow plenty of time for questions & answers, plus we will welcome input from participants. Our first workshop launches on Saturday, October 10th and our complete schedule is listed on the subsequent pages.

Watch your email or checkout our website and Facebook pages for links to the **FREE** workshops.



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Beyond the Dance Floor

PROPOSED WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

All Programs will begin at 2:00 p.m. Eastern; 1:00 p.m. Central; 12:00 noon Mountain; 11:00 a.m. Pacific; 8:00 a.m. Hawaii; 90-minute duration

Program #4 — Saturday, January 16, 2021

Title: USDA's Educational Materials

Faculty: Tony & Diana Rock, USDA President; Dale & Kathy Worthington, USDA Leadership Education Chairmen



Program #5 — Saturday, February 13, 2021

Title: Promoting Square Dancing During the Most Challenging of Times

Program #6 — Saturday, March 13, 2021

Title: Do You Hear What I Hear? Using Newsletters and Other Forms of Social Media to Get The Word Out

Faculty: Larry Dunkel, Editor, USDA News; Milene McCall and Bonnie Abramson, USDA Social Media Directors; USDA Webmaster

Program #7 — Saturday, April 10, 2021

Title: National Convention – Here We Come! Showcasing USDA's Involvement on the National Stage

Faculty: Tony & Diana Rock, USDA Presidents; Gilbert & Sharon Leon, Eastern Region VP; Ed & Lynda Willis, Central Region VP; Mark & Bina Krebsbach, Plains Region VP; LPaul & Sally Schmidt, Western Region VP

Program #8 — Saturday, May 15, 2021

Title: USDA's Handicapable Program

Faculty: Alicia Becker, Handicapable Program Chair

Program #9 — Saturday, June 12, 2021

Title: USDA's Specialty Programs and Honors

Faculty: Joy Vaccari, Prescription Card/Hearing Aid; Larry Dunkel, Centennial Award; Jerry & Donna Robey, USDA Traveler's Program; Jim & Judy Taylor, Amazon Smile

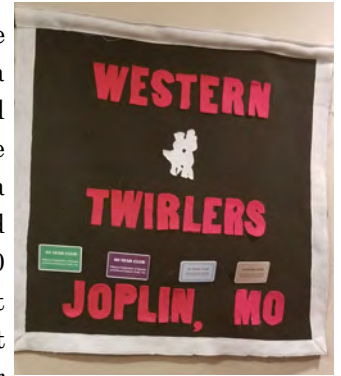


HISTORY OF THE WESTERN TWIRLERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Western Twirlers Square Dance Club was established in 1948 in Joplin Missouri. The club belonged to the Tri State Square Dancing Association & Northeast Oklahoma Square Dance Association before Missouri Federation was established in 1959. The club danced at several locations in Joplin before building the Joplin Square Dance Center in the early 80's for all the area clubs to dance at. In 1982 they formed a Board to help work on finding property and raising necessary funds. They purchased land December 6, 1983 for \$2,700. In 1985 construction started. The cost was \$30,000.00 for 100 Ft X 50 Ft. building. Due to the tremendous support of this area, a lot of past



dancers volunteered their time to help build this building. A lot of benefits were also held, particularly the memory board. For a small fee, dancers could have their names engraved into it. This board is behind the caller stand in great appreciation of our past. A Grand Opening dance was held on August 8, 1986, with area callers for an afternoon dance and Virgil Gemeinhart, from Springfield, for the main evening dance. The building was built with a concrete floor with tile to dance on. In 1997 a new wood floor was added with a cost of \$25,000. This building can hold 12 squares on the floor comfortably, along with a Caller Stage, full kitchen, large bathrooms, and tables for socializing.



Past Club callers have been Floyd Sill, who called 25 plus years retiring in 1987. Van Greenwood then became Club Caller from 1988 thru 2010. Van called for more than 60 plus years in the four-state area. He and Elfrieda remained members until Van's passing in 2018. Van & Elfrieda always set at the 1st table to greet everyone. Van & Elfrieda, in later years, were members of the Center's Board and Elfrieda still remains, and is still dancing with us today. Also original Board members and present Presidents of the Board are Wayne & Doris Donham. They have danced since 1978. Sadly we lost Wayne in the past year. Wayne & Doris have maintained and cleaned every inch of this building. Wayne will always be there to sweep the floor during the last tip. Van Greenwood's voice will always be heard in this building by us present members.

Western Twirlers has been thru many changes and challenges thru these years. They have changed from dancing every Saturday night to 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday's, then to 1st & 3rd Saturdays. In 2011 we changed to once a month.

On November 9-10, 1963 the 3rd Annual Missouri Federation Festival was held in Joplin at the famous Connor Hotel (built in 1906 with a grand staircase made of marble) at 4th & Main, and Saturday's evening dance was held at R & S Stadium at 3rd & Virginia. Club caller was Floyd Sill, State Presidents were Ray & Georganna McCulley. This was also the 1st year for the souvenir program books. The dance had live music and included round dancing. In 1967 Western Twirlers Presidents were Conrad & Joyce Butler, club dues to Missouri Federation was \$1.00. In 1968 the State Festival was held again in Joplin at the Memorial Hall. In 1970 John & Karen Eubanks became Secretary of Southwest District Square Dance Association. In 1971 they became Vice President of Southwest District. John Eubanks became a caller about the same time and became Western Twirlers Club caller in 2019. In 1982 Southwest District had 44 clubs. In 1983 Club dues were \$ 3.00, Show-Me Doin's magazine was \$5.00. Missouri ranked 6th in the world in Square Dance Clubs. In 1984 the State Festival had 1,260 registered dancers, making that year the biggest Festival so far. In 1995 membership in Missouri consisted of 132 clubs and the State Festival had 900 dancers. Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan signed a bill to make Square Dancing the Official American Folk Dance of Missouri. (Currently 31 states have designated Square Dancing as their State Folk Dance.) In 1998, the State Festival was held in Joplin at the High School with the theme "Bee at State in '98". State Presidents were Mark & Rosalee Mortensen of Richland. Also the state license plate bill was passed, but the Governor vetoed the bill. (However the State License plate bill did pass in 1999.) The 1998 Festival's Saturday

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This club and building has hosted many benefit dances, too many to count. Many thanks to those who have passed that started this club, building, and who have been members. Thank you to the original board members of Jerry & Scarlet Upton, Bill & Mary Watson, Cecil & Betty Clevenger, and Wayne & Doris Donham, the Tri State Square Dance Association (that no longer exists) Northeast Oklahoma Square Dance Association, Southwest District, and Missouri Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs. Thru these 72 years we have gone from a very large club to a small size club. We are still there to socialize with each other, past and future dances. Now in 2020 we have Covid-19 giving us even bigger challenges, since we have not been able to dance in three months.

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70nsdc.com

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