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THANK YOU!

Putting together this special edition has been a huge undertaking and I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the help received from most of the USDA Executive Committee.

To my son, Chris, who has moved our USDA NEWS to a higher level with his front cover designs.

And finally, I do have to mention one name that has been such a help to me since I started nine years ago. Bonnie Abramson, what would I do without you? You have been such a blessing and I can not thank you enough for all you do.

And to our readers, thank you, and I hope you enjoy. Now, let's dance!

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to this 40th Anniversary Special Edition. I sincerely hope that you will get a better understanding of who we are and what we do. As you flip through the pages of this issue, please remember that USDA has nothing to do with the Department of Agriculture or the Drug Administration. USDA is the UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA, the World's largest square dance association. The year was 1981, 40 years ago, when a group of square dancers gathered together to form this organization. It was created for square dancers by square dancers and is operated by a group of dedicated volunteer square dancers.

Our Executive Committee is made up of dedicated volunteers from all across the nation. Two of our members are charter members and very instrumental in forming this organization. I joined with them in 2012 and I am continually amazed at the dedication that my co-committee members have in giving of their time and talent to preserve and enhance the future of our favorite sport.

Beginning on page 5 you can read about the "Birth of the Organization." Throughout the issue you will read about our accomplishments over the past 40 years, the people involved, and what our goals are for the next 40 years. On pages 14 and 15 you will see the faces of our committee and where they are from. Contrary to the wide spread belief that square dancing takes place in a barn, you will find that our committee cleans up real well — for the most part, give or take one or two.

One of our favorite programs is the Founders' Memorial Youth Fund Scholarship to help assist our youth square dancers further their education. On the other end of the spectrum is our Centennial Award program that honors our dancers of 100 years of age. What a joy it is to sit and listen to these folks talk about their love of square dancing.

Education is a big part of USDA. We have loads of literature to assist your club in recruiting new dancers, how different offices in the club should be handled, and many, many more topics that you might find helpful, and the best part is that there is no charge for the items. We hope to see many of you at the 70th National Square Dance Convention® this year in Jackson, MS. USDA will offer several workshops and we invite you to come in and be a part of them. We also invite you to our Annual Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, June 23. There is no charge and you will get a firsthand look at what USDA does.

I think we are all excited about the opportunity to get back on the dance floor again. We encourage everyone to be safe, exercise good judgement and have a good time.

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



REMEMBERING 1981

What were you doing in 1981?

Don't Remember?

Well, don't feel too bad about it. I recently asked the USDA Executive Committee that same question and I only got one response. I won't call any names, but the reply I got was that they were working their farm in ND and were very active in the JC Program on a state level. This has no connection with 1981, but here is a couple that has gone from a 2 letter (JC) program at the state level to a 4 letter (USDA) program at the national level and very possibly could end up as the President of such an organization.

I had trouble remembering anything special about 1981 so I did a little research that I will share with you. I love researching things today. I sit my recliner with a fresh cup of coffee and ask "Siri", "Alexa" or "Google" what happened in 1981? I have answers before I can take good sip of that coffee. Here is what my friend Alexa told me.

1. Most of us remember that Ronald Regan took office as the President of the US that year.
2. We also remember that some dude took a shot at him, which was not a very neighborly thing to do.
3. Muhammad Ali talks man down from jumping off a ledge at a Los Angeles high rise apartment complex. Bet you didn't know that one!
4. The DeLorean automobile with gold wing doors and a stainless steel body was introduced in 1981.
5. Television brought us into the real world with some exciting new night time soap operas: Dynasty, Falcon Crest and Dallas.
6. Sandra Day O'Connor was nominated to the U.S. Supreme Court.
7. The longest baseball game in history was played between the Pawtucket Red Sox and the Rochester Red Wings. Initial game called at 4:07 am, but was finally completed several months later.



NOW, here is the exciting part. I have three USDA NEWS

copies to be given to the first person that can tell me



1. What was the date of the original game?
2. What team finally won the game and how many total innings were played?
3. What was the final score?

***Answer must be submitted by email to : ldwunkel@gmail.com OR text message to: 865 256 2538**

***Only one entry per person**

***Only one prize per person.**

Members of USDA Executive Committee and members of either ball team are not eligible.

I guess we have to admit that even with the computer search we still have not come up with anything very exciting happening in 1981. It is no wonder we can't remember what we were doing then.

NO, wait a minute! I just remembered something. The year 1981 was a very exciting year for square dancers. Why did I not think about that earlier? It out ranks all of the things mentioned above, but now I don't have room to tell you about it. Gosh darn, dad burnit! Sorry folks, but I can give you a hint.

Go to page 5 and discover why 1981 should be the most exciting year ever for square dancers, round dancers, contra dancers, and all forms of folk dancers.

PRESIDENTS**MESSAGE****Tony & Diana Rock**

We are so honored to be serving as President of the United Square Dancers of America (USDA) during this momentous 40th Anniversary celebration. Forty years ago in June 1981 this amazing organization was born and has been thriving ever since, even during the COVID pandemic. Larry Dunkel, *USDA NEWS* editor, along with many contributions from the USDA Executive Committee (USDA EC), have joined forces to create this 40th Anniversary issue to celebrate the last 40 years of USDA, an organization run by dancers for dancers. We hope you will enjoy a walk down memory lane as you peruse this USDA 40th Anniversary issue of the quarterly newsletter. We're sure you will want to keep this copy of the *USDA NEWS* with your special square dance memorabilia.

As our 2nd one-year term is now expiring, this is also our final opportunity to write The President's Message. Serving as your USDA President has by far been the greatest honor of our square dance experience. The USDA EC is an extremely dedicated and hard working committee. Just since we joined this group 8 years ago, we have seen the birth of the Centennial Award, revision of Youth Publications and expansion of the USDA Founders' Memorial Youth Scholarships, creation of the 501(c)(3) Group Exemption Program, and the establishment of the new USDA Associate Membership category. It is worth noting that the COVID pandemic didn't slow the USDA EC down; in fact, seemed to create even more energy! Out of the great need for dancers to remain connected and growing in our beloved activity during this year of isolation, our new "*Beyond the Dance Floor*" webinar series was created, as well as the first completely virtual Annual Board of Directors Meeting (June 2020), and possibly the first hybrid Annual Board of Directors Meeting (June 2021). Grass does not grow under the feet of your USDA EC! When we joined this team, we never believed all of this would be accomplished. Just imagine what the next eight years will bring to the United Square Dancers of America! We encourage you to join the USDA Team by becoming an active delegate for your USDA Affiliate. Don't miss out on the growth and excitement that is happening within the United Square Dancers of America!

Tony & Diana Rock
USDA President

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UNITED SQUARE DANCERS of AMERICA

Birth of the Organization

Early efforts to create a National Dancer Organization focused on soliciting individual dancers to become members of the National Dancers Organization by paying an annual dues of \$10.00 per dancer. The first of these efforts in the early 1970's was led by Cacti Pete, a dancer from California who attended each of the first fifty National Square Dance Conventions®. The second attempt to unite dancers on a National basis was initiated by Ms. Chris Evans of Cedar Falls, Iowa, during 1975-1978 when she attempted to form the American Square Dance Association/International by charging family membership fees of \$10.00 or \$5.00 for a single membership.

In November of 1978, after seeing little success with this approach to combine individual dancers into a National Dancers Organization, Mr. Norm Holloway (General Chairman of the 13th National Square Dance Convention® in Long Beach, CA - 1964) suggested to the California Square Dance Council that their Presidents, Jim and Jan Maczko, seek the interest of the various other State and major Regional Square Dance Associations, Councils, Federations, etc., into joining together to form a National Square Dancers Organization by amalgamating all of these Organizations into one National Dancers Association where each State would send representatives to an annual meeting.

The Showcase of Ideas held in 1979 during the National Square Dance Convention® in Milwaukee afforded Jim and Jan the opportunity to collect contact information for the various State and Regional Square Dance organizations from around the country. In late 1979 and early 1980, the Maczkos mailed a survey (USPS was the primary means of communications during that era) inquiring on the interest from these groups in collaborating in the effort to form what was initially envisioned as a National Square Dancers Association.

Early responses were positive – enough so that with the assistance of Bob and Janette Kemper, Presidents of the Tennessee State Association of Square and Round Dance Clubs – arrangements were made to hold an informational meeting during the 1980 National Square Dance Convention® in Memphis. This meeting was actually held within the confines of the Memphis Convention Center, site of the 29th NSDC, and was open to all. As the initiators of the fact-finding efforts – Jim and Jan Maczko were selected to chair this meeting where viewpoints of those in favor as well as those opposed to the creation of such a National Square Dancers Association were expressed.

Those voicing support could see the benefits of the Dancers having their own voice in the affairs of the square dance movement and to provide support for such efforts to designate square dancing as the National Folk Dance of the United States. Those expressing opposition to such a National Square Dancer Association felt that existing organizations such as LEGACY International and the National Square Dance Convention's® Executive Committee already provided a venue for Dancers to be heard. Among the most significant shortcomings of these other existing organizations was that they did not exclusively represent dancers, nor did they include dancers from every State.

In the spirit of cooperative involvement, it was determined at the 1980 meeting in Memphis that there was a real need to create an Organizational Committee for the Formation of the National Square Dancers Association. This organizing committee consisted of not only those in favor of the creation of a National Square Dancers Organization but also those who opposed it. Jim and Jan Maczko were designated as the Chairs of this fifteen-member group. Ed and Mary Barbee – Past Presidents of the Texas Federation of Square Dancers – were chosen to serve as interim Secretaries of this organizing body. Other members of the Organizing Committee consisted of Regional Directors, including Frank and Helen Cavanaugh (New Jersey); Win and JoAnn Erlandson (Wisconsin); Norm and Sharon Frank (California); Dewey Glass (Alabama); Mike and Mary Gottulo (Nebraska); Freddie Kaltenthaler (Pennsylvania); Bob and Janette Kemper (Tennessee); Elmer and Jean Marose (Oklahoma); Bob and Ginger Prescott (Missouri); Joe Vaccari (Florida); Wayne and Marilyn Wells (Minnesota); Curtis and Jo Young (Texas); and, serving as advisors

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were Charles and Ebba Naddeo (California). Correspondence among this group continued via USPS. Tasks undertaken by the group continued to determine the interest from additional dance organizations from around the country to participate in the proposed National Dancer group. These efforts resulted in determining that sufficient interest did exist to create a National Square Dancers Association.

The next step was to generate the Governing Documents for this National Square Dancers Association. To accomplish this goal, a special meeting of the Organizing Committee was scheduled in early November 1980 in Oklahoma City during the Oklahoma State Square Dance Festival. This meeting was well attended with representatives from Florida (Joe Vaccari, Joy Richardson); Texas (Ed and Mary Barbee, Curtis and Jo Young, Ed and Angie McCreary, Russ and Roberta Barton); Oklahoma (Elmer and Jean Marose, and Howard Thornton); and California (Mac and Mary McClure, Jim and Jan Maczko).

Among the issues discussed during the Oklahoma City meeting was the name of this National Dancer organization. It was suggested that adopting the name National Square Dancers Association might be confused with the annual National Square Dance Convention® which was a well-established and separate entity. In addition, the organizational structure was determined to allow each participating group to send four delegates to represent their interests at the annual meetings of this National Square Dancers organization. It was determined that the National Square Dancers organization would be divided into four regions and each region would be serviced by a Regional Vice President. To ensure equality among the regions, thirteen states were assigned to each of the four regions:

- Eastern Region extending from Maine through Virginia and would include the District of Columbia
- Central Region stretching from West Virginia and would encompass Mississippi up to Michigan
- Plains Region covering Illinois through Texas
- Western Region stretching from Colorado to Hawaii

Proposed Governing Documents – Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules – were distributed (again via the USPS) to all points of contact that had been collected to that point in time with the intent to present these Governing Documents during an organizational meeting to be held during the 30th National Square Dance Convention® in Seattle, 1981.

Following more than a year of preparation, the *Organizing Committee for the Formation of a National Square Dancers Association* issued invitations to all known State and major Regional Square Dance Associations, Councils, Federations, etc., encouraging them to send four delegates to represent their interests at the formation meeting for this National Square Dancers organization. Early in 1981 the proposed Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules were reproduced and distributed to these organizations for their review. The documents allowed for the equal representation of affiliate member groups regardless of whether or not an organization is established along state lines or on a regional basis covering portions of one or more states.

In advance of this Organizational meeting, a gathering of the *Organizing Committee for the Formation of a National Square Dancers Association* was held on Wednesday, June 24, 1981, just preceding the Seattle NSDC. During this meeting the Regional Directors from Florida, California, Colorado, Minnesota, Texas, and Missouri reviewed the Governing Documents and finalized plans for the Organizational meeting to be held that Friday during the 30th National Square Dance Convention®.

During the Organizational Meeting held in the Westin Hotel in Seattle, Washington on Friday, June 26, 1981, approximately 140 dancer leaders gathered to discuss and finalize plans to either move forward with a National Dancers Organization or to abandon this effort all together. With the States of Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Washington, DC, each sending authorized delegates, it was readily determined that there was sufficient interest to move forward in the organizational process. Also in attendance were dancer leaders from ten (10) other states to observe the proceedings.

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The proposed Governing Documents were presented to the assembled delegates with each document read and reviewed word-by-word – a somewhat time-consuming effort, but those in attendance were sufficiently committed to the cause that no one seemed to mind. In the end, the Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules were adopted, and the name selected for this new organization – *United Square Dancers of America*.

An election of Officers was conducted with the following results:

- President – Jim and Jan Maczko – California
- Eastern Region Vice President – Vacant
- Central Region Vice President – Jim and Peggy Segraves – Alabama
- Plains Region Vice President – Ed and Mary Barbee - Texas
- Western Region Vice President – Claude and Polly Potter – Colorado
- Secretary – Margret Reynolds – Maryland
- Treasurer – Joe Vaccari – Florida

Among the decisions made during this initial meeting was the establishment of dues for the USDA at \$100 per year for a State organization granting them two voting delegates. These dues have never increased during the forty years of USDA's existence. Changes made later granted State Organizations four voting delegates, thereby allowing smaller and regional organizations to join with one, two or three votes as adjusted by the subsequent USDA Board of Directors.

Also at this organizing meeting in Seattle, three Resolutions were approved. The first involved creating the *United Square Dancers of America*, and directing the duly elected Officers to execute drafts of the Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules, and apply for a Charter of Incorporation under the laws of the United States. Another Resolution supported the efforts of the National Folk Dance Committee in their efforts to obtain recognition of Square Dancing as the National Folk Dance of the United States. The third resolution encouraged the Square Dancers of America in their endeavors to promote square dancing through presentation of an annual float in the Tournament of Roses Parade held New Year's Day in Pasadena, California. All-in-all this first meeting was very productive and established the groundwork for the *United Square Dancers of America* to represent the Dancers in dealings with the other National Organizations.

Following the initial formation meeting of the *United Square Dancers of America* these newly elected Officers held their first Executive Committee meeting on Saturday, June 27, 1981, at the Westin Hotel in Seattle, Washington. The members of the Executive Committee in attendance were Jim and Jan Maczko – Presidents (California); Nate and Margaret Reynolds – Secretary (Maryland); Joe Vaccari – Treasurer (Florida); Claude and Polly Potter – Western Region Vice Presidents (Colorado); Ed and Mary Barbee – Plains Region Vice Presidents (Texas) and Charles Naddeo – Parliamentarian (California). This group sought to encourage the various State and major Regional Square Dance Associations, Councils, Federations, etc. from around the country to join this new organization – created by dancers for dancers.

The first Winter Meeting of the *United Square Dancers of America* was hosted by USDA Treasurers Joe Vaccari and Joy Richardson in Fort Walton Beach, Florida on January 30, 1982, with all Executive Committee members in attendance. Everyone traveled to Florida totally at their own expense to formulate plans and programs for the future of *United Square Dancers of America*.

Among those programs discussed:

- National Square Dancers Insurance Program;
- Establish lines of communication and cooperation with existing National organizations on behalf of the Square Dancer;
- Develop a National program for the recognition of the Square Dancer Leader for their services to the

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movement;

- Provide assistance to those desiring to organize for the betterment of the Square Dance activity;
- Strive for the unification of Dancers
- Serve to promote Square Dancing in all its forms (Square, Round, Contra, Clog, Line, etc.) in all possible areas.

This first year cumulated with the *United Square Dancers of America's* first Annual Meeting being held in Detroit, Michigan on June 25, 1982, concurrently with the 31st National Square Dance Convention®. In preparation for this first Annual meeting, the Executive Committee met in their role as Membership Committee to review the various Applications for Affiliation and discuss possible resolutions for presentation to the Board of Directors. As a result of these Applications, the distinction of CHARTER MEMBER status was bestowed upon the following organizations which became USDA Affiliates between June 26, 1981 and June 25, 1982:

- Alabama Square and Round Dance Association
- Arkansas State Square Dance Federation
- California Square Dance Council, Inc.
- Colorado State Square Dance Association
- The Federation of Delaware Valley Square and Round Dancers
- Florida Federation of Square Dancers
- Lubbock Area Square and Round Dance Federation (Texas)
- Missouri Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs, Inc.
- New Mexico Square and Round Dance Association
- North Dakota Square and Round Dance Clubs, Inc.
- Panhandle Square and Round Dance Association (Texas)

The acceptance of these organizations as Charter Members established the *United Square Dancers of America* as the "World's Largest Square Dance Organization," as these groups represented more than 100,000 Dancers in 1982.

Among the most significant actions taken during this first Annual Meeting in Detroit, the USDA Board of Directors approved the establishment of an economical National Insurance Program for Square Dancers through those organizations affiliated with the *United Square Dancers of America*.

Consistent with the practice established during the USDA organizational meeting in 1981, a number of key resolutions were adopted during this first Annual Meeting. Those resolutions included a Resolution to establish a committee for the purpose of developing plans and programs for the creation of a Square Dancers Museum and Hall of Fame. A second Resolution encouraged cooperation and the exchange of representatives among the various National and International Square Dance Organizations – CALLERLAB, LEGACY, ROUNDALAB, USDA, NEC, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE SUPPLIERS, etc., allowing dancers, leaders, callers and round dance instructors to contribute to the establishment of the direction and advancement of Square Dancing in all its forms. A third Resolution encouraged all USDA affiliate member organizations to support the annual National Square Dance Conventions®.

All of these accomplishments being achieved in just one short year of existence is a tribute to those who work so diligently on behalf of the Square Dancers to provide a representative body such as the

UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA!

(Written and contributed by Patty Wilcox and Jim Maczko)



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LEARNING WITH USDA at the 70TH NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION®

The United Square Dancers of America will be sponsoring several educational sessions at the National Convention. All dancers are welcome to participate in these informative seminars!

DATE	TIME	ROOM	TOPIC	PRESENTER
Thursday June 24	9:00 AM	208	Questions and Answers About Your USDA Insurance	Elizabeth Sanders
	10:30 AM	208	Social Media – Share the Excitement!	Milene McCall
	12:15 PM	208	Engaging Youth!	Dan Reedy
Friday June 25	10:00 AM	208	Engaging Youth!	Dan Reedy
	10:00 AM	210	Questions and Answers About Your USDA Insurance	Elizabeth Sanders
	2:15 PM	208	Social Media – Share the Excitement!	Milene McCall
Saturday June 26	12:15 PM	208	USDA's New 501(c)(3) Group Exemption Program	Jim Maczko & Pat Inglis

Do you have questions about the **USDA Dancer Insurance Program**? USDA Insurance Coordinator **Elizabeth Sanders** will have answers for you during her insurance seminar! This session will be offered twice, once on Thursday at 9:00 AM in Room 208, and repeated on Friday at 10:00 AM in Room 210.

Social Media can be a great way to promote your dances, classes, and other activities. **Milene McCall**, Co-Social Media Director for USDA, will have lots of tips and tricks to help you “share the excitement”! Join her Social Media session on Thursday at 10:30 AM or on Friday, June 25 at 2:15 PM, with both sessions scheduled for Room 208.

How do we reach out to involve more youth in our favorite pastime? USDA Youth Director **Dan Reedy** will share some strategies for **Engaging Youth** during a panel which will be presented on Thursday at 12:15 PM and again on Friday at 10:00 AM in Room 208

Did you know that USDA has a new program to provide affiliate organizations, as well as clubs and associations within those affiliates, with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status? Learn about the **USDA 501(c)(3) Group Exemption Program** from program administrators **Jim Maczko** and **Pat Inglis**. This seminar will be offered on Saturday at 12:15 PM in Room 208.





USDA Founders Memorial Youth Fund Scholarship 21 Years of Honorees



Brittany McCarty
Ganesville, NY
2012 Award Winner

Brianna Stidham
Buckeye, AZ
2015 Award Winner



Tiffany Bennett
Wilmington, NC
2013 Award Winner



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This Year's
Winner???**

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Michelle Nuttal
Boise, ID
2014 Award Winner



Alyssa Sawyer
Vancouver, WA
2010 Award Winner



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**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
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Lisa Jones
Raleigh, NC
2011 Award Winner



Nicholas Harp
Puxico, MO
2011 Award Winner



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USDA Founders Memorial Youth Fund Scholarship 21 Years of Honorees



Justine Brown
Artol, ID
2009 Award Winner



Paul Connelly
Lower Waterford, VT
2004 Award Winner



Ashley Parker
Manteca, CA
2007 Award Winner
*She's Calling here
at Nationals!*



William Sundwall
Cross Timbers, MO
2003 Award Winner

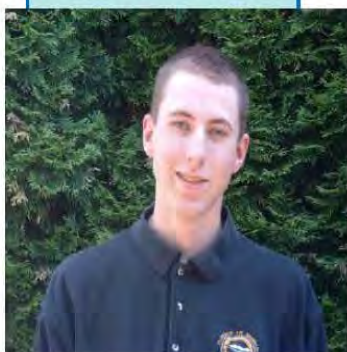


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Katrena Langhurst
King City, NC
2000 Award Winner



Andrew Turpin
Lincoln, AR
2005 Award Winner

Kobuk Kastella
Vancouver, WA
2006 Award Winner



*Where Are They Now?
Let Us Know!*

Amanda Roberts
Tigard, OR
2008 Award Winner



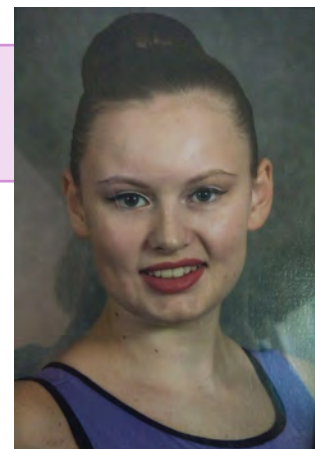
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Wake Forest, NC
2001 Award Winner



Robert Sales
Escondido, CA
2002 Award Winner

USDA Founders Memorial Youth Fund Scholarship 21 Years of Honorees

Marina White
Bear, DE
2018 - Award Winner



Kathryn Lawson
Roanoke, VA
2017 - \$1000 Award Winner



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And Fabulous!
1981-2021

Julia Buchheit
Silverton, OR
2019 - \$1000 Award Winner
2020 - \$500 Award Winner



*Support our youth !
Donate to the Founders'
Memorial Youth Fund
Scholarship program so we
can continue to reward
these youth.*



Yasenia Maurer
2019 - \$500 Award Winner



Petrina Buchheit
Silverton, OR
2020 - \$1000 Award Winner

**Watch for news on this year's
Scholarship Winners. And
don't forget to tell youth in your
area about the Scholarship.**

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Presidents



LPaul & Sally Schmidt - CA
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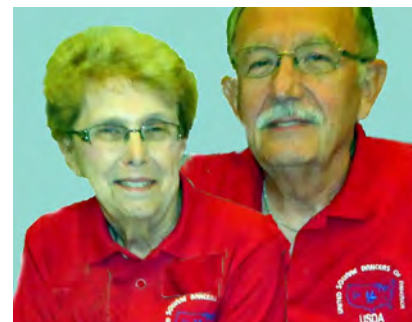
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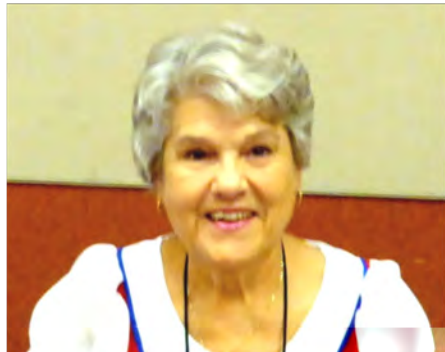
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VP Central Region & USDA Apparel



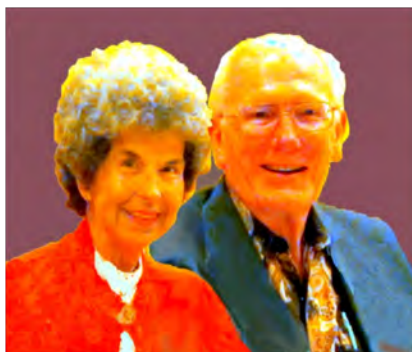
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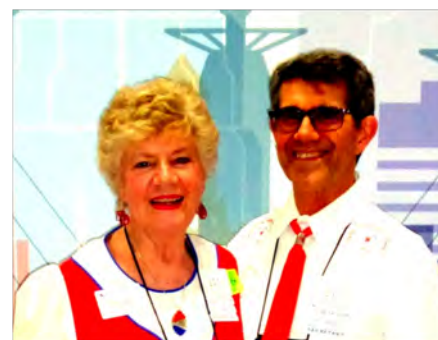
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Group Renewals 501(c)(3)



Jim Maczko & Patty Wilcox - CA
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USDA 501(c)(3) Applications



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Photographer - Archives



Eddie & Elizabeth Sanders - GA
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Dan Reedy - AR
Youth Advisor

MORE OF YOUR CURRENT USDA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Larry Dunkel –TN
USDA NEWS Editor
Centennial Award



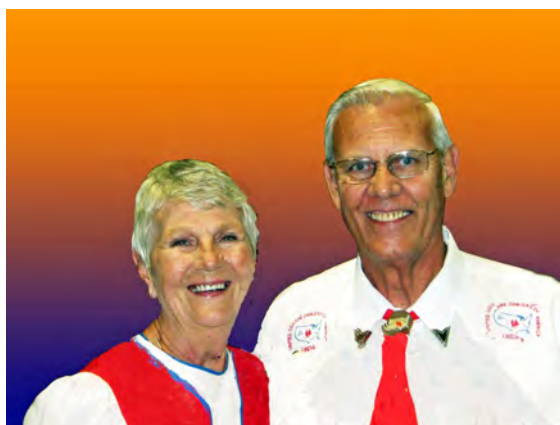
Alitia Becker - LA
Handicapable



Milene McCall - KY
Facilities - Social Media
After Party



Edythe Weber - MO
Showcase of Ideas
Historian



Jerry & Donna Robey - FL / IL
USDA USA Traveler Program



Bonnie Abramson - CA
Social Media

**Our First USDA President
1981-1983**
Jim & Jan Maczko - CA



Joy Vaccari - FL
Badges - Prescription Card

**Joy Vaccari & Jim Maczko
are the only remaining
charter members**

**Our Current USDA President
2019 - 2021**
Tony & Diana Rock



History of the USDA Insurance Program

Insuring Our Facilities & Keeping Our Dancers Safe

How it Started: The subject of the *United Square Dancers of America* offering an economical Square Dance insurance program was proposed by Charles Naddeo, USDA Parliamentarian from California, during the first Winter Meeting of the USDA Executive Committee held in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, on January 30, 1982. A similar program had been in place in California for several years, offered through the California Square Dance Council. Based on a proposal presented by R.F. Lyons Co., the program would provide general liability protection and accidental medial expense benefits for square dance organizations. The plan offered general liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 for bodily injury and property damage. The premium initially suggested for this coverage was \$1.25 per dancer, a rate far cheaper than most clubs would be able to afford if purchasing liability insurance on their own. The added benefit for both the local dancer association and USDA was that each organization would retain \$0.05 to cover administrative

fees, and clubs, as well as providing including the registration of dancers printed certificates to participants.

Under the proposal, medical and liability insurance

must be purchased as one unit. It would be the responsibility of State Associations/Federations to collect premiums and provide a list of club members to USDA. While it is not mandatory for every Association/Federation within USDA to participate, 100% membership is required for every club within a participating Association/Federation to qualify for insurance coverage.



Approval and Implementation: This Insurance Program was approved by the USDA Board of Directors during the first Annual Meeting of the USDA in Detroit, Michigan, held concurrently with the 31st National Square Dance Convention®. USDA initiated this program under the direction of Charles Naddeo as the first USDA Insurance Coordinator. The program began on September 1, 1982, with a policy period commencing on January 1, 1983.

During this first year – 1983 – there was significant interest in the USDA Insurance Program, not only from USDA Affiliates, but also from non-members. As a result, a non-affiliate rate ranging from \$0.25 to \$0.75 per dancer higher than the Affiliate rate was established.

Competition Generates Better Rates: As interest in the USDA Insurance Program increased, competition developed among insurance providers leading to a new proposal presented to the USDA Board of Directors during the 1983 USDA Annual Meeting held in Louisville, Kentucky. The winning proposal afforded an insurance premium rate of only \$1.00 per dancer while allowing USDA and its affiliates to share a \$.15 administrative fee benefit.

The Program Grows: By 1987 the Insurance Program had grown to cover more than 53,000 dancers. With this growth it was determined by the USDA Executive Committee that an audit of the Insurance Program books be performed by a CPA. Also in 1987 the USDA Insurance Program entered a new era under the leadership of Howard and Loraine Backus from Arkansas.

Changes Afloat: Beginning in 1988 the Insurance Premium saw a significant increase in rates when the initial program managers, R.F. Lyons Co., discontinued offering this coverage. A change was made to the Rhulen Agency. By this time, the number of dancers covered had grown to 79,420 dancers from 34 States. With this growth in the program, it was necessary that the Insurance Coordinators purchase a computer, copier and fax machine with a dedicated phone line to facilitate their ever-increasing work load. Fortunately, these expenses were paid through the premiums collected by USDA for the Insurance Program.



Markel Services—Our Longtime Partner: In 1990, the Rhulen Agency became a subsidiary of Markel Services, Inc. Fortunately for USDA, Markel continued to manage the program in the same manner that Rhulen had in the previous years.

While the USDA Affiliates continued to represent the vast majority of those groups participating in the Program, the number of non-affiliates had grown to represent nearly 20% of those obtaining insurance through USDA.

.Our Dancer Population Grows, Then Declines:

By the end of 1991, a total of 92,932 dancers were insured through the USDA Insurance Program representing 46 States. By 1993 these numbers grew to 95,502 dancers in 48 states. Unfortunately, as we've seen our overall number of dancers declining, so have the number of insured dancers. As of the USDA's Executive Committee meeting in June of 2020, only 24,467 dancers were insured, however membership records continue to be received by the Insurance Director throughout the year.

Through the years the Insurance Premium has increased as we have seen all prices go up. Inflation, higher premium payouts in the insurance industry in general, and the overall economy have played a significant part in these increases. However, through it all USDA has been able to provide dancers and dancer organizations with very affordable insurance coverage for all concerned.

It's a BIG Job: Among the responsibilities of the USDA Insurance Chairman is to inform dancers anywhere of the benefits of the USDA Insurance Program – resulting in significant travel for the USDA Insurance Chairman. Fortunately for USDA, we have enjoyed the benefits of very dedicated Board Members who have chaired our insurance program. In 2007, Pat Inglis from Georgia took over from a retiring Lorraine Backus as Insurance Coordinator. In 2019 Pat Inglis retired and Elizabeth Sanders from Georgia became our current National Insurance Coordinator.

Even with the improvement in technology, it is still a BIG job for the Insurance Coordinator. Our number of insured dancers began to decline due mostly to dancers growing older and younger people not being interested in square dancing. Markel decided that a different division of their company should handle the insurance enrollment of our square dancers – someone who does insurance for camps. We were assigned to R. P. Bollinger who then designed an insurance portal for USDA to use to enroll our dancers; a system which can be handled by each club, if they choose or by a state chairman who could handle several clubs or by the national insurance coordinator for those clubs who were not able to access the system and for some who still want to use USPS mail service! The insurance portal has definitely brought our service for USDA insurance to a more efficient and productive level.

Our number of insured dancers has continued to drop with approximately 11,500 dancers insured so far in 2021. Of course, COVID-19 had a large influence on the number of dancers enrolled for 2020 and 2021. However, USDA will continue to offer insurance to clubs and their members indefinitely and at the lowest possible cost.

QUESTIONS OR CLAIMS? CONTACT:

Elizabeth Sanders, USDA National Insurance Coordinator
P.O. Box 417, Stephens, GA 30667 / PH: 706-759-3642
Email: usda.insurance@usda.org

USDA ELECTED OFFICERS – THE FIRST 40 YEARS

USDA PRESIDENTS

1981-1983 Jim & Jan Maczko (CA)	2001-2003 Lyle & Jean Beck (IA)
1983-1985 Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL)	2003-2005 Jim & Edythe Weber (MO)
1985-1987 Howard & Loraine Backus (AR)	2005-2006 Charlie & Kitty Holley (AL)
1987-1989 Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL)	2006-2008 Si & Marilyn Kittle (WI)
1989-1991 Frank & Nan Habersberger (FL)	2008-2010 Len & Connie Houle (MA)
1991-1993 Earle & Joy Hoyt (IL)	2010-2012 John & Alitia Becker (LA)
1993-1995 Larry & Dixie Foraker (MO)	2012-2013 Jim Maczko & Patty Wilcox (CA)
1995-1997 Jim & Jody Temple (KS)	2013-2015 Mike & Pat Matsko (PA)
1997-1999 Bill & Joan Flick (PA)	2015-2016 Jerry & Donna Robey (IL)
1999-2001 Bill & Bobbie Shepard (TN)	2016-2019 LPaul & Sally Schmidt (CA)
	2019-2021 Tony & Diana Rock (PA)

VICE PRESIDENTS

EASTERN REGION

1981-1982 Vacant
 1982-1984 Walter & Ruth Henderson (PA)
 1984-1988 Orlo & Rita Roadley (NY)
 1988-1991 Walter & Sally Baechle (NY)
 1991-1993 John & Mary Lachenmeyer (PA)
 1994-1997 Bill & Joan Flick (PA)
 1997-2000 Larry & Penny Matchen (PA)
 2000-2001 Dave & Betty Peak / Bill Flick (PA)
 2001-2004 Bill Flick (PA)
 2004-2007 Len & Connie Houle (MA)
 2007-2010 Dick & Shirley White (NH)
 2010-2013 Mike & Pat Matsko (PA)
 2013-2015 Richard Delgado (NJ)
 2015-2016 Lisa Berault (RI)
 2016-2019 Tony & Diana Rock (PA)
 2019-2020 Mike & Pat Matsko (PA)
 2019-2021 Gilbert & Sharon Leon (VA)

PLAINS REGION

1981-1983 Ed & Mary Barbee (TX)
 1983-1985 Howard & Loraine Backus (AR)
 1985-1988 Clyde & Pauline Hanabrink (MO)
 1988-1991 Earle & Joy Hoyt (IL)
 1991-1993 Larry & Dixie Foraker (MO)
 1993-1995 Jim & Jody Temple (KS)
 1995-1998 Mark & Rosalee Mortensen (MO)
 1998-2001 Lyle & Jean Beck (IA)
 2001-2004 Dan & Pat Liska (MO)
 2004-2006 John & Alitia Becker (LA)
 2006-2009 Mike & Mary Strub (WI)
 2009-2012 Si & Marilyn Kittle (WI)
 2012-2015 Jim & Edythe Weber (MO)
 2015-2018 Floyd & Judy Englehardt (MN)
 2018-2021 Mark & Bina Krebsbach (ND)

CENTRAL REGION

1981-1984 Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL)
 1984-1986 George & Judy Garland (NC)
 1986-1988 John & Dimple Williford (AL)
 1988-1990 Corbet & Rena Pharos (WV)
 1990-1993 G.P. & Eleanor Caughman (SC)
 1993-1995 Bill & Dody Shepard (TN)
 1995-1996 Bill Shepard (TN)
 1996-1999 Jack & Zonie Taylor (FL)
 1999-2002 Jim & Jill Larkin (SC)
 2002-2005 Charlie & Kitty Holley (AL)
 2005-2008 Bill & Bobbie Shepard (TN)
 2008-2010 Charlie & Kitty Holley (AL)
 2010-2011 Bill & Dot Shepard (TN)
 2011-2014 Jerry & Donna Robey (FL)
 2014-2016 Ed & Lynda Willis (NC)
 2016-2019 Tom & Tina Wilkins (AL)
 2019-2021 Ed & Lynda Willis (NC)

WESTERN REGION

1981-1984 Claude & Polly Potter (CO)
 1984-1986 Joni Fisher (CA)
 1986-1987 Dick & Juanita Kitson (CA)
 1987-1990 Bob & Betty Coates (CA)
 1990-1993 Red & Reva Null (CA)
 1993-1996 Gailard & Jo Ann Janes (CO)
 1996-1997 Gilbert & Dee Leon (AZ)
 1997-1999 Bob & Betty Coates (CA)
 1999-2000 Betty Coates (CA)
 2000-2003 Sam & Marianne Baines (AZ)
 2003-2006 Michael & Kimberlee Streby (CA)
 2006-2009 Jim & Kay Rogers (OR)
 2009-2012 Marilyn Schmit (OR)
 2012-2014 Gilbert & Sharon Leon (CA)
 2014-2017 LPaul & Sally Schmidt (CA)
 2017-2020 Dale & Kathy Worthington (OR)
 2020-2021 LPaul & Sally Schmidt (CA)

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USDA ELECTED OFFICERS FOR THE PAST 40 YEARS

SECRETARY

1981-1983 Nate & Margaret Reynolds (MD)
 1983-1985 Bob & Betty Coates (CA)
 1985-1986 John & Dimple Williford (AL)
 1986-1988 Earle & Joy Hoyt (IL)
 1988-1989 Larry & Dixie Foraker (MO)
 1989-1990 Red & Reva Null (CA)
 1990-1993 Gailard & Jo Ann Janes (CO)
 1993-1995 Dick & Lois Currie (LA)
 1995-1998 Lyle & Jean Beck (IA)
 1998-2001 Marilyn & Ron Schmit (OR)
 2001-2003 Michael & Kimberlee Streby (CA)
 2003-2006 Si & Marilyn Kittle (WI)
 2006-2008 Ray & Monica Landry (LA)
 2008-2010 Gilbert & Sharon Leon (CA)
 2010-2012 Jim & Edythe Weber (MO)
 2012-2015 Milene McCall (KY)
 2015-2016 Scott & Brenda Deal (WI)
 2016-2021 Ellery & Karen Gulbrand (WI)

TREASURER

1981-1983 Joe Vaccari / Joy Richardson (FL)
 1983-1985 Ed & Mary Barbee (TX)
 1985-1989 Frank & Nan Habersberger (FL)
 1989-1991 Larry & Dixie Foraker (MO)
 1991-1993 Jim & Jody Temple (KS)
 1993-1994 Bernie & Sue Auten (NE)
 1994-1996 Gilbert & Dea Leon (AZ)
 1996-1999 Elmer & Lottie Jackson (TN)
 1999-2002 Dave & Shirley Nihart (FL)
 2002-2003 Bob & Loretta Welch (MO) / Nihart {FL}
 2003-2004 Dave & Shirley Nihart (FL)
 2004-2007 Bill Flick (PA)
 2007-2010 Jim & Edythe Weber (MO)
 2010-2012 Bill Flick (PA)
 2012-2019 Jim & Judy Taylor (CO)
 2019-2021 Pat Inglis (GA)

USDA APPOINTED OFFICERS FOR THE PAST 40 YEARS

PARLIAMENTARIAN

1981-1982 Charles & Ebba Naddeo (CA)
 1982-1983 Charles Naddeo (CA)
 1983-1985 Charles & Peggy Naddeo (CA)
 1985-1989 Charles Naddeo (CA)
 1988-1989 Orlo & Rita Roadley (NY)
 1989-1992 Clyde & Pauline Hanabrink (MO)
 1992-1994 Bill & Joan Flick (PA)
 1994-2012 Jim Maczko & Patty Wilcox (CA)
 2012-2013 Bill Flick (PA)
 2013-2021 Jim Maczko & Patty Wilcox (CA)

SOCIAL MEDIA

2018-2020 Scott & Brenda Deal (WI)
 2020-2021 Bonnie Abramson (CA) &
 Milene McCall (KY)

GROUP 501 (C)(3)

2013-2020 Jim Maczko & Patty Wilcox (CA)
 2020-2021 Pat Inglis (GA)

USDA APPOINTED OFFICERS - THE FIRST 40 YEARS

EDITOR—USDA NEWS

1984-1989 Clyde & Pauline Hanebrink (MO)
 1989-1994 Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL)
 1994-1995 Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL) &
 Jim & Edythe Weber (MO)
 1995-2003 Jim & Edythe Weber (MO)
 2003-2005 Bill Huntington (OR) &
 Merri Anne Huber (OR)
 2005-2012 Jim & Edythe Weber (MO)
 2012-2016 Larry Dunkel (TN)

INFORMATION OFFICER

1981-1982 Vacant
 1982-1985 Jim & Jan Maczko (CA)
 1985-1986 Jim Maczko (CA)
 1986-1989 Jim & Kathy Maczko (CA)
 1989-1998 Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL)
 1998-2003 Jim & Edythe Weber (MO)
 2003-2009 Lyle & Jean Beck (IA)
 2009-2010 Mike & Pat Matsko (PA)
 2010-2012 Len & Connie Houle (MA)
 2012-2021 LPaul & Sally Schmidt (CA)

HISTORIAN

1981-1982 Vacant
 1982-1986 Walter & Esther Stoltz (FL)
 1986-1987 Claude & Polly Potter (CO)
 1987-1996 Mary McClure (CA)
 1996-1997 Gailard & Jo Ann Janes (CO)
 1997-2001 Frank & Nan Habersberger (FL)
 2001-2003 Ron & Marilyn Schmit (OR)
 2003-2004 Bill & Bobbie Shepard (TN)
 2004-2005 Patty Wilcox (CA)
 2005-2008 Al & Portia Bruning (IA)
 2008-2009 Vacant
 2009-2011 John & Alitia Becker (LA)
 2011-2013 Gilbert & Sharon Leon (CA)
 2013-2016 Vacant
 2016-2021 Jim & Judy Taylor (CO)

DRESS & JACKET (APPREL)

1984-1985 Lorraine Backus (AR) &
 Judy Garland (NC)
 1985-1988 Lorraine Backus (AR)
 1988-1992 Howard & Lorraine Backus (AR)
 1992-1994 Don & Karleen Suhrbier (IL)
 1994-1995 Howard & Lorraine Backus (AR)
 1995-1997 Lorraine Backus (AR)
 1997-1999 Bill & Bobbie Shepard (TN)
 1999-2003 Duke & Doris McCleskey (FL)
 2003-2004 Dan & Pat Liska (MO)
 2004-2015 Jim & Edythe Weber (MO)
 2015-2021 Ed & Linda Willis (NC)

MUSEUM

1982-1987 George & Judy Garland (NC)
 1987-1989 Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL)
 1989-1991 Orlo & Rita Hoadley (NY)
 1991-1992 Clyde & Pauline Hanebrink (MO)
 1992-1994 Juan & Betty Salcedo (CA)

NATIONAL FOLK DANCE

1984-85 Mac & Mary McClure (CA)
 1985-89 Frank & Nan Habersberger (FL)
 1989-91 Ron & Cupadine Knowlton (FL)
 1991-99 Duke & Doris McCleskey (FL)
 1999-01 Jack & Zonie Taylor (FL)
 2001-05 Mark & Bessie Grumbine (AR)
 2005-16 Regional Vice Presidents

USDA APPOINTED OFFICERS – THE FIRST 40 YEARS

CREDIT CARD

1984-08 Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL)

2008 Program Discontinued

EDUCATION & PUBLICATIONS

1984-1989 Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL)

1989-1994 Joe & DeAnn Hutchinson (OK)

1994-1997 John & Janet Rothrock (KS)

1997-1998 Larry & Dixie Foraker (MO)

1998-2003 Jim & Edythe Weber (MO)

2003-2004 Bill & Mary Ellen Appel (OK)

2004-2006 Bill Appel (OK)

2006-2007 Jim & Edythe Weber (MO)

2007-2013 Len & Connie Houle (MA)

2013-2019 Tony & Diana Rock (PA)

2020-2021 Dale & Kathy Worthington (OR)

FACILITIES

1988-1990 Earle & Joy Hoyt (IL)

1990-1992 Bob & Betty Coates (CA)

1992-2000 Walt & Sally Baechle (NY)

2000-2002 Sally Baechle (NY)

2002-2009 Pat & Ave' Herndon (CA)

2009-2010 Debra Stewart (AL)

2010-2021 Milene McCall (KY)

USDA ARTS REPRESENTATIVES

2003-2006 Lyle & Jean Beck (IA)

Michael & Kimberlee Streby (CA)

Charlie & Kitty Holley (AL) &

2006-2021 Jim & Edythe Weber (MO)

USDA/USA TRAVELER

2003-2004 Bill & Bobbie Shepard (TN)

2004-2011 Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL)

2011-2016 Joy Vaccari (FL)

2017-2021 Jerry & Donna Robey (IL)

PRESCRIPTION DRUG CARD

2002-2004 Bill & Bobbie Shepard (TN)

2004-2006 Bill Appel (OK)

2006-2007 Michael & Kimberlee Streby (CA)

2007-2016 Bill Flick (PA)

2017-2021 Joy Vaccari (FL)

INSURANCE

1982-1989 Charles & Peggy Naddeo (CA)

1989-1995 Howard & Loraine Backus (AR)

1995-2007 Loraine Backus (AR)

2007-2016 Pat Inglis (GA)

2017-2021 Eddie & Elisabeth Sanders (GA)

BADGES

1985 Frank & Nan Habersberger (FL)

1985-1987 Ed & Mary Barbee (TX)

1987-2011 Joe & Joy Vaccari (FL)

CENTENNIAL AWARD

2014-2021 Larry Dunkel (TN)

WEB MASTER

1994-2020 Jim Weber (MO)

2020-2021 Dan & Jean Wheeler (MO)

SOUND

2003-2009 Pat & Ave' Herndon (CA)

2009-2011 Si & Marilyn Kittle (WI)

2011-2020 Jim & Edythe Weber (MO)

2020-2021 LPaul & Sally Schmidt (CA)

NEC LIAISON

1988-1997 Jim & Peggy Segraves (AL)

1997-2021 USDA President

IN REMEMBRANCE

of our fellow Executive Committee members that have left us for a better place. No, we were not ready or prepared for their departure, but that decision was not ours. As a tear rolled down our cheek we reluctantly said goodbye and with a smile on our face we rejoiced in the memories of the good days. Deep in our heart we felt the warmth that comes with peace and we knew we would always remember.



Bill Flick

Bill and his wife Joan, joined USDA Executive Committee in 1992 and he stayed until 2017. He was presented a “Resolution of Recognition” at the 2017 Board of Directors meeting. Bill held many various positions with USDA and also on the local, regional, state and National level. Whatever Bill’s position, he gave it his all. “That’s good enough” was not in his vocabulary.



Jim Rogers

Jim’s wife Kay once said that it was their involvement in an activity they loved so much that enhanced their 56 year marriage. They were the USDA VP for the Western Region from 2006—2009. They were the Insurance Chairs for the Oregon Federation for several years. They served as the Chairs for three USA WEST Square Dance Conventions. Oregon Square Dancers lost one of their long time advocates with the sudden passing of Jim Rogers.



Connie (Lenny) Houle

Connie and Lenny also had 56 years of a happy marriage that they credit to square dancing. Many years ago they dedicated their social life to square dance activities throughout the country where they have received numerous awards and recognitions. USDA Presidents in 2008—2009 prior to joining the Board of Directors for the National Executive Committee, then serving as General Chairmen of the National Square Dance Convention in 2015 in Springfield, MA. In 2014 they received the Pinnacle Award for outstanding leadership, professionalism and their dedication to Square and Round dancing.



Shirley (Dick) White

Shirley and her husband Dick, served three terms as the USDA Eastern District Vice Presidents. They have attended 22 National Square Dance Conventions and they were active participants in the campaign that has brought the National Convention to New England for 2015. They have danced in all 50 states and preformed in the nationally televised 1986 Liberty Weekend. In 2013 they received the Yankee Clipper Award. Even with all of that Shirley still found time for her church, the bell choir, gardening, sewing and vacationing on Lake Winnepesaukee.



Jim Weber

Do we need to say more? Jim Weber and his wife Edythe have been dedicated members of the USDA Executive Committee since June 1994. During these 26 years Jim committed himself to the furtherance of not only USDA, but to Square Dancing as a whole. They have served in many positions including President and VP for the Plains Region. He was our webmaster and he ushered us into the computer age. When help was needed, Jim was there.

As busy as he was in many dance programs he still had time for a life outside of dancing. He was a devoted husband, a loving father, was active in community events and he loved fishing and hunting. Jim was also a Navy veteran. He left a tremendous void in our dance world.

USDA USA TRAVELER PROGRAM

The purpose of the program is 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 50 states. No duplications are permitted and records are kept by the Program Chairman. Participants working on the first time around will receive a Badge and bars as follows:

- 12 States – Red Bar
- 24 States – White Bar
- 36 States – Blue Bar
- 48 States – Silver Bar
- 50 States – Gold Bar



Dancers must complete the first fifty states before going on to their SECOND TIME AROUND.

Participants who visit 48 states are awarded a free admission to a National Square Dance Convention®. After visiting 50 states participants are also awarded a free admission to a National Square Dance Convention®. Participants traveling as a couple only need to fill out one form. There will be times when couples will need to submit two forms, for example, when one half the couple finishes before the other.

2020 was a tough year for square dancing due to the Covid 19 Corona Virus pandemic. As a result, there has been little or no activity on dance floors across America and very little traveling. As a result, the USA Traveler Program came to a screeching halt. However, some clubs have resumed dancing, and as the vaccine becomes available to all, we are confident that square dancing will once again be available throughout the United States. The USA Traveler program is alive and well - we expect dancers traveling to and from the Convention in Jackson, MS, will be able to add new states in their quest to dance in all 50 states.

Forms can be obtained by either downloading one from the USDA website, www.usda.org, or by contacting the Program Chairmen Jerry & Donna Robey at: usda.usa.traveler@usda.org.

EDUCATION AND PUBLICATIONS

What Does USDA Have to Offer You?



The United Square Dancers of America is an umbrella of information for dancers and dance leaders. We offer:

- ♦ A quarterly newsletter
- ♦ 36 different tri-folds
- ♦ 5 pamphlets and 6 booklets

All on a wide range of topics of interest to dancers and dance leaders. Within these documents you will see a variety of subjects including the special programs USDA offers, the nuts and bolts of running a club and how to keep square dancing fun. You will also find information for specific groups of dancers such as new dancers, youth, and those with special needs. So why not relax with us under our umbrella and discover what information is available for you. You can find us in the Showcase of Ideas for each National Square and Round Dance Convention as well as on our website, www.usda.org



The United Square Dancers of America's Social Media Committee



Proudly Presents Our Webinar Series

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.

The **United Square Dancers of America** — USDA — your National dancers' organization, is proud to present a 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 complete schedule is listed on the subsequent pages.

Watch your email, our website and Facebook for links to the actual, **FREE** workshops.



For more information or to check on scheduling updates, please contact us at:

USDA Online Education: Bonnie Abramson, Chair — OnlineEducation@usda.org

Or visit our Facebook page and join our Facebook group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/314405916617> (United Square Dancers of America—USDA)



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Beyond the Dance Floor

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE* *subject to change*

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

Saturday, July 10, 2021 — SPECIAL TIME—ONE HOUR EARLIER

Title: Social Square Dancing—SSD. What Is It and How Does It Work?

Faculty: Bear Miller, member CALLERLAB Board of Directors, and Deborah Carroll-Jones, International Square Dance Caller

Program Description: After months and months of not dancing, how can we best bring back and revitalize our beloved activity? CALLERLAB is promoting the Social Square Dance—SSD movement across the country, and recently approved SSD as an official CALLERLAB program. What is it and how does it work? Bear Miller will describe the program, the reason now is the time to implement it in your area, as well as teaching notes, FAQs and other resource materials available on the CALLERLAB website. Deborah Carroll-Jones and her husband, Jon Jones, have successfully utilized the SSD program in their club in Texas for the past five years. She will share their experiences and how it might work for your club.



Saturday, August 14, 2021

Title: Social Connections—The Key to Club Success

Faculty: Mike Seastrom, Chair, CALLERLAB Social Connections Committee

Program Description: The one thing that creates the biggest long-term benefit for those of us dancing, leading, and/or calling is the social connections that we make each time we walk in the hall. They can be brief or last a lifetime. Social connections and the friendships are things we can create, exponentially build on, and enhance if we, as dancers and leaders, really apply ourselves. We can learn how to connect our new dancers to our club members, smooth over tough times that might come up so everyone wins, and include those that might be shy and reserved so they become part of our group and want to come back week after week. Social Connections are a big part of club success. Join us for this webinar to help your club succeed.



Saturday, September 11, 2021 - Title: TBA

Saturday, October 9, 2021

Title: USDA's Insurance Program

Faculty: Elizabeth Sanders, USDA Insurance Director

Program Description: Questions and answers about the USDA Insurance Program. What's New?

CENTENNIAL AWARD PROGRAM

In June 2012 I was offered and accepted the position of Editor of **USDA NEWS**. As I think most new editors would do, I wanted to add my touch to an already fine publication, but I had no idea what that would be. In late September we were on our way from Knoxville, TN, to Orlando, FL, when we decided to stop in Macon, GA and spend the night. Since we were newly enrolled in USDA's USA Travelers Program and had never danced in Georgia, I got out my laptop and started searching for a dance in Macon. I have found the "WheretheDance.com" website to be one of the most reliable sources for finding a dance and they were right on that night as well as we were only a few miles from a local dance. At this dance we met Red, a mid-nineties dancer who never sat out a tip. I found out from his fellow dancers that he square dances two or three times a week and if not square dancing you might find him on a ballroom dance floor nearby. That's when it hit me that I needed to do some stories about our senior dancers. I have always loved old folks and hope to be one someday, so for the next several issues I wrote stories about dancers in their late eighties or nineties.

In the Fall of 2013 I got an email asking what USDA did for dancers who are 100 years old and STILL DANCING? I wrote back and told her we no current program, but I also thought that was about to change. At the USDA Winter Meeting in January of 2014 I made a presentation to the Executive Committee explaining that, due to better diets, improved lifestyles, etc., people are living longer and are more productive in their older years. Approval was given to develop a program to present to the USDA Board at our Annual Meeting in June. It was unanimously approved by the USDA Board, that the world's largest square dance organization should recognize and honor these special people.

We have intentionally kept the qualifying rules pretty basic and simple. First of all, and the hardest of the rules, is to attain the age of 100. Many have tried and many have failed. Secondly, they need to be active in their club. This does not necessarily mean they have to dance every tip, but they do participate in the operation of the club in some way, and they need to have at least five years of membership in their club. That's it! Once the dancer qualifies they need to obtain a nomination form through our website: www.usda.org, then select Programs, then select the Centennial Award. Completed forms should then be mailed to the address shown on the form. We will take over at that point. Club or family members can also nominate a dancer for the award.

Upon receipt of the application we will start the process of presenting the award. Our preferred method is to be able to present this at the annual USDA Board Meeting just prior to the opening of the National Square Dance Convention®, but we know this is not always possible. Unless the recipient happens to be in the convention city, it is most unlikely that they could physically travel across country to receive their award, but if they can, USDA will happily pay their convention registration fee. If unable to attend the convention, USDA will make arrangements to present the awards at a dance near them and hopefully presented by a member of the USDA Executive Committee (Regional VP if possible) or someone who knows the lucky recipient. The recipient will be given a framed recognition certificate honoring them and the service they have provided during their lifetime. Then we give them a lapel pin signifying they are a Centennial Award Winner. Finally, they will be subject of a "Featured Article" page in **USDA NEWS**.

Since it's inception in 2014, we have honored 19 dancers with this award. Our biggest challenge seems to be in locating potential honorees, so if you know of anyone that would qualify for this award please tell them about it and how to submit their application form, or complete the application for them and help USDA surprise them with the honor!

On the following pages we've shared a bit of information about the individuals who have been honored with Centennial Awards. You can also find more detailed information in the Showcase of Ideas display.



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Esther Chute - April 2014 - Nova Scotia

Esther is the lady that started the ball rolling and inspired USDA to establish a program to recognize and honor senior dancers that had reached the age of 100, were still dancing and contributing to their dance club. In April 2014, at the age of 101, Esther renewed her driver's license, not for one year but for 5 years! Esther passed away at the age of 106 and was still active and driving until shortly before her death.

Bernice Gruchalla - June 2014 - Oregon

Bernice and her husband George built their lives around their children and grandchildren, St. Vincent's Church, travel, and square and round dancing. They held the Presidency of the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs in 1973-1974. George passed away in 2004 at the age of 94. Bernice now Winters in Mesa, AZ, and resides in Salem during the Spring and Summer. Dancing is a big part of her Mesa community and she continues to dance whenever she can.



Genevieve Churchill - June 2014 - Oregon

Genevieve was President of the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs in 1991-1992, and served as President of the Evergreen Council in the Square and Folk Dance Federation of Washington. She and her daughter Cory Martin worked on the Hospitality Committee for the National Square Dance Convention^(R) in Portland in 2005. She has been to 38 National Conventions and is a past Goodwill Ambassador to the square dance festival in Penticton, British Columbia, Canada.

Elmer Mohney - August 2014 - Pennsylvania

At the age of 52 it's not easy to try new things or make life changes, but that is exactly what Elmer and his wife Mary did in 1965. Their son Tom became a caller and Mom and Dad often traveled with him on his calling engagements resulting in their visiting hundreds of clubs and meeting thousands of people. Elmer and Mary were married 55 years before her passing in 1996. Elmer was fortunate to find another dance partner and between 1996 and 2011, Elmer danced with ten clubs on a regular basis, attended nine federation dances and went to eleven state conventions.



Dottie Chambers - October 2014 - California

Dottie received a very special surprise when USDA Past President Jim Maczko & Patty Wilcox, along with USDA Western VP LPaul & Sally Schmidt, presented her with the USDA Centennial Award. She was aware she was attending a special dance to celebrate her 100th birthday, but did not know about the Centennial Award Presentation. What made it even more special was the fact that the presenters from USDA were all long time friends and that everything happened on her actual birthday. How's that for a special 100th birthday party?

Frank Habersberger - April 2016 - Colorado

Frank and wife Nan started square dancing in the 1950's and through their lifetime belonged to square dance clubs in New York, New Jersey, Florida and Colorado. Frank and Nan were past members of USDA's Executive Committee, holding various positions of responsibility, including that of President. Square dancing has always been a big part of his life, and at age 100 he still rates square dancing as one of his favorite things in life.



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Agnes McLean - January 2017 - California

Agnes learned to square dance when she was only six years old. Her father was the local fiddler and square dance caller for many years. Agnes made beautiful quilts, teddy bears and clowns, worked crossword puzzles, watched "Days of Our Lives" and Kansas City Royals baseball - You better not call or visit her while either of these were on TV! She was known for her spunk, wit and happy disposition, and will always be remembered as an amazing and grand lady.

Dell Uptegrove - August 2017 - Oregon

Dell, a veteran of World War II, has been square dancing about 66 years. Dell and his wife Sylvia danced for many years, and when she passed away Dell continued to square dance. He also volunteers at a local medical center every Wednesday. Marilyn Schmit, former USDA VP, presented the Centennial Award to Dell at a large dance that Dell almost didn't attend. Marilyn reported, "today I made a 100 year old man cry. He had a tear in each eye. So precious! A really sweet guy."



Bob Brown - September 2017 - California

Bob Brown was the only child of William and Mary Brown. Following his high school graduation he spent the next 30 years traveling the world compliments of the U S Navy. Bob still remains active both on and off the dance floor, dancing weekly with the Promenades Square Dance Club. He has outlived two square dancing wives. A comment was made that they were all enthusiastic dancers who supported many clubs, association dances and benefit activities.

Henry Kelly - March 2018 - Florida

What were you doing at age 90? Henry was taking square dance lessons at the Grand Squares of Gainesville, FL. On March 6, 2018, his club celebrated his 100th birthday and USDA was there to honor him with a Centennial Award certificate and lapel pin. Henry thrilled the crowd when he squared up and danced a tip with the other dancers. Henry is a widower, lives alone near his three children in Florida, and he is still driving.



Althea Zimmerman - September 2019 - Wisconsin

Althea married the love of her life in 1941 and lived in Virginia throughout the war. After the war she and her husband returned to Wisconsin where they were introduced to square dancing. They attended the 28th National Convention in Milwaukee and while there they volunteered to work in Lost & Found. The first question they got was from a lady who had lost her husband and wanted to know if they knew where he was. Louise's advice for long life was to keep a good attitude, eat a well balanced diet and SQUARE DANCE!

Gordon Spangler - October 2018 - Oklahoma

Gordon and his wife Pauline have been dancing with the Swinging Chicks Square Dance Club in Chickasha, OK, since 1968. Gordon graduated from high school, joined the OK National Guard, came home after boot camp and married Pauline, then rejoined his division in Sicily, Italy. He retired from the military after 40 years and two months of service. They were married for 78 years and danced for fifty years.



Dorothy Pumphey - September 2018 - Arkansas

Dorothy was born on September 29, 1918, and grew up during World War II. As a young woman she would ballroom dance every night at the VSO. Dorothy started square dancing in 1980 and has introduced many people to the joy of our activity. Dorothy was nice to everyone, always smiling and a pleasure to be around. In 2014 the Maverick Mixer's Square Dance Club in Little Rock, AR, presented her with an Honorary Lifetime Membership.

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Dr. William Howick - October 2018 - Tennessee

William was born in Paris, Canada, but later moved to the US after he served his time in the Canadian Armed Forces. He received his Doctorate degree and taught at the college level. The West Tennessee area (Memphis) became home and where he became involved in square dancing. It became a passion and he supported all local area clubs and functions, plus served as President of the Greater Memphis Square Dance Association. He loves to talk about the National Convention held in Memphis in 1990.

Charlie Duncan - November 2019 - Georgia

Charlie was born on May 7, 1919, in Cherokee County, NC, the seventh of nine children. Charlie had been married 39 years when his first wife passed away. He remarried and in 1982 he and his new wife started square dance lessons, then round dance classes. At the presentation of the USDA Centennial Award guest callers Steve Kopman and Buddy Trundle both commented that Charlie could easily pass for age 70. Oh yeah, Charlie drove himself to the dance, held in Atlanta, GA., a challenge for anyone.



Louise Hale - April 2020 - Kentucky

Louise and her husband Ray started square dancing in 1949 in Louisville, KY. Ray had a talent for music so it was no surprise when he decided to start calling. Ray became a full time caller in 1955 and formed his first club, the Guys and Gals. For the next 30 years Louise and Ray traveled the globe from Hawaii to Germany, Switzerland, much of Europe and the US. Louise outlived two husbands and has still continued to square dance. It is in her blood and the thing that has kept her going. She said it is the reason for her longevity and good health. Her wish is to square dance until the "last tip".

Eddie Hoge - September 2020 - Oklahoma

Eddie was born July 18, 1920, in Lowell, MT. Just prior to World War II Eddie joined the Civil Service and spent time in Anchorage, AK, and Brazil. While in Brazil she met Bill, a handsome member of the Air Force, and married him in September of 1946. Eddie and Bill took their first dance lessons in 1947. Bill passed away in 2009, but Eddie still continues to dance and wear her colorful dresses and petticoats. Eddie's life has been anything but dull - if you have not seen it, you must read the feature article in the Fall 2020 issue of *USDA NEWS* (see our website.) Eddie has danced on the Great Wall in China, flown over Serengeti in a hot air balloon, swum in the Arctic and the Antarctic oceans, and the list goes on. Eddie does not like being the center of attention, but to the many dancers in the Northeast Oklahoma area, she is a very special person and deserves all the attention we can give her.



Walter Ness - December 2020 - New Jersey

Walter and his wife Jane first attended a square dance after a neighbor persuaded them to give it a try - they did and were hooked. They made many friends over the years by visiting other clubs. A favorite activity was going for pizza after a dance wearing their colorful square dance attire. Walter loves to talk about square dancing and topping his list are the people where everyone is so nice and they all love to square dance.

Fred Martin - March 2021 - Virginia

Fred has the distinction of being the first caller to receive our Centennial Award. He has been dancing, calling squares and contra, and cueing rounds for many years in the Virginia and North Carolina areas. He has called in Germany and Austria, and has attended about 40 National Conventions. Fred told us his real job was with DuPont. When he had to work the 4-8 pm shift he would pay a co-worker \$40 to trade shifts with him so he could go call a dance for \$20. That's what it all about folks!



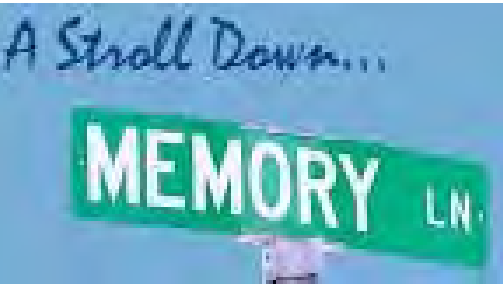


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Join us for a wonderful evening of dancing with our **MC Mike Hogan, The Ghost Riders Band** and some of our great dance leaders planning to attend:

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FORTY YEARS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR USDA



1. *Establish United Square Dancers of America, Inc.* - Seattle - 1981
2. *National Square Dancer Insurance Program* - Detroit - 1982
3. *Educational Documents* - Louisville - 1983
4. *Handicapable Dancer Committee* - Baltimore - 1984
5. *NSDC After Party* - Birmingham - 1985
6. *USDA National Folk Dance Committee* - Indianapolis - 1986
7. *Code of Ethics & Code of Conduct* - Houston - 1987
8. *Credit Card Program* - Anaheim - 1988
9. *USDA NEWS* - Oklahoma City - 1989
10. *Long Distance Telephone Program* - Memphis - 1990
11. *Support National Handicapable Convention* - Salt Lake City - 1991
12. *Youth Advisory Committee* - Cincinnati - 1992
13. *USDA NEWS Annual Subscriptions* - St. Louis - 1993
14. *Conduct Dancer Survey on Dance Levels* - Portland - 1994
15. *Founders Memorial Youth Fund* - Birmingham - 1995
16. *USDA Website* - San Antonio - 1996
17. *Expanded Educational Materials* - Orlando - 1997
18. *National Organization Round Table* - Charlotte - 1998
19. *Square Dance Internet Provider Service* - Indianapolis - 1999
20. *Youth Memorial Scholarship Fund* - Baltimore - 2000
21. *Prescription Drug Plan* - Anaheim - 2001
22. *USA Traveler Program* - St. Paul - 2002
23. *Support Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square Dance* - Oklahoma City - 2003
24. *Long Care Term Care Insurance* - Denver - 2004
25. *USDA "Add-A-Buck" Program to Benefit ARTS* - Portland - 2005
26. *USDA's Twenty-Fifth Anniversary* - San Antonio - 2006
27. *Acknowledgment of Electronic Age - All Insurance Forms on Website* - Charlotte - 2007
28. *Youth Program's use of Upsilon Sigma Delta Greek Letters* - Wichita, Kansas - 2008
29. *USDA Resolves to Support Square Dance Competition* - Long Beach - 2009
30. *Establishment of USDA Facebook Page* - Louisville, Kentucky - 2010
31. *USDA Designated as a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization by the IRS* - Detroit - 2011
32. *Authorization of IRS 501 (c)(3) Non-Profit Group Exemption Program* - Spokane - 2012
33. *Modernizing & Updating of All USDA Educational Materials* - 2013
34. *First Live Music USDA - NSDC After Party* - Oklahoma City - 2013
35. *Initiation of Centennial Awards Program* - Little Rock - 2014
36. *Establishment of Live Lively - Square Dance Slogos* - Springfield, Massachusetts - 2015
37. *USDA Social Media Committee Established* - Des Moines - 2016
38. *USDA Supports the Emergency Call for Medical Aid (ECMA)* - Des Moines - 2016
39. *First USDA Service Awards Presented to Executive Committee Members* - Des Moines - 2016
40. *First USDA Youth Pizza Party with Gift Card Give-Aways* - Kansas City - 2018
41. *IRS Approval of the United Square Dancers of America as a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Group Administrator* - 2019
42. *Implementation of the USDA's 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Group Exemption Program* - 2020
43. *Initiation of USDA's online Beyond the Dance Floor Webinars* - 2020
44. *Annual Meeting Successfully Held Electronically via Zoom* - 2020
45. *First Hybrid (In Person & Electronic) Board of Directors Meeting* - 2021



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Eastern Region

Delaware

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

Maryland

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

New Jersey

- Square Dance Council of New Jersey (1987)

New York

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

Pennsylvania

- Pennsylvania Square & Round Dance Fed (1985)

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

- Eastern District Square & Round Dance Association (1997)

Virginia

- Richmond Square & Round Dance Association (1991)

Central Region

Alabama

- Alabama Square & Round Dance Assoc (*1981)

Florida

- Florida Federation of Square Dancers (*1982)

Georgia

- Georgia State Square Dancers Assoc (1996)
- Metro Atlanta square Dancers Association(1987)
- Northeast Georgia Federation (2015)

Indiana

- Indiana Dancers Association (2000)

Kentucky

- Kentucky Federation of Square & Round Dancing

Mississippi

- Mississippi Square & Round Dance Association (1995)

North Carolina

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

Ohio

- Southwestern Ohio Square Dance Federation, Inc. (1993)
- Toledo Area Western Dance Leaders Association (2003)
- Akron Area Square & Round Dance Federation (1999)
- Central Ohio Corporation of Square Dance Clubs (2015)

South Carolina

- South Carolina Square & Round Dance Federation (1985)

Tennessee

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

West Virginia

- West Virginia Square & Round Dance Federation (1984)

Plains Region

Arkansas

- Arkansas State Square & Round Dance Fed (*1981)

Illinois

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

Iowa

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

Minnesota

- Square Dance Federation of Minnesota, Inc. (1986)
- Square Dance Minnesota, Inc. (2015)

Missouri

- Missouri Federation of Square 'N Round Dance Clubs (*1981)
- Heart of America Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs (1989)

Nebraska

- Nebraska Square & Round Dance Association (1983)

North Dakota

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

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Plains Region ... cont.

Wisconsin

- Square Dance Association of Wisconsin (2001)

Oklahoma

- Oklahoma Square Dance Association (2010)
- Northeast Oklahoma Square Dance Association (1987)

Louisiana

- Louisiana Square Dance Association (1985)

Kansas

- Fit and Fun Square Dance Association (2013)
- Kansas Square Dance Association (1986)



NOTE: * BY THE DATE INDICATES CHARTER MEMBER

Western Region

Alaska

- Alaska Square & Round Dance Federation (1993)

Arizona

- Squares & Round Dance Association of Southern Arizona (1985)
- Grand Canyon Square Dance Association (1989)

California

- California Council of Square Dancers, Inc. (*1981)

Colorado

- Colorado State Square Dance Association (*1981)

Hawaii

- Hawaii Square Dance Federation (2015)

Idaho

- Idaho State Square Dance Association (1993)

Montana

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

New Mexico

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

Nevada

- Las Vegas Square & Round Dancers (1985)

Oregon

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

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