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LPaul & Sally Schmidt, Jim Maczko,  
Alitia Becker, Pat Inglis and the Judy Frickey  
family

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My apology to anyone I failed to recognize.

**THANK YOU—SINGLE SQUARE DANCERS USA**

United Square Dancers of America is the only National Dancer's Association organized by dancers for dancers and operated by dancers. We are the world's largest square dance organization in the world. I assume most of you are aware of the programs we provide or support and we continually expand our efforts to provide even more. We depend on donations and contributions to help fund these projects.

We recently received a letter from Velma Doyle, President of the Single Square Dancers USA. On Labor Day weekend the Single Square Dancers USA held their 50th and final Dance-A-Rama. Ms Doyle explained that the membership had agreed upon the dissolution of the organization, all remaining funds would be donated to a select group of dance organizations, including USDA.

In her letter Ms Doyle wrote, " We admire the work you do with Handicapable Dancers and also your practice of awarding outstanding youth dancers with your Founders' Memorial Youth Fund Scholarships."


A very generous check was enclosed with the request that this money be equally divided between these worthy causes.

We regret that Single Square Dancers had to dissolve, but what a wonderful way to start our new year. Thank you so much for helping us to continue these two very special programs.

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENTS



## MARK & BINA KREBSBACH

Greetings from North Dakota & Happy New Year to all!!

The ground is white.  
Christmas is past.  
The USDA Winter Meeting is near.  
2022 here so fast??

Here we are in the dead of Winter, my favorite time of the year. I love the feeling of breathing the fresh, crisp, cold air we have, it's good for whatever ails a person.

Darkness flees as the Almighty's sun creeps over the South Eastern horizon and casts forth light to this troubled world, we live in. "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that." (Dr. Martin Luther King 1963). Truth and love will overcome evil. It seems as though we have an endless supply of covid variants. If we respect the covid guidelines and respect others, I'm sure this will pass. Like a speed bump to slow down for, and cautiously get over.

At the close of another year, it is good to renew our faith and reflect on all the blessings the Lord has given to us. Among many other things, we are grateful to have the opportunity to serve as Presidents of this great organization. And we are also thankful for the USDA Executive Committee. I can assure you these people are a bunch of good-natured, hard-working folks who unselfishly sacrifice their time and efforts for the USDA that supports dancers all across the United States. Life and square dancing will go on.

We thank Sally & L.Paul Schmidt for setting up the 2022 Winter Executive Committee Meeting in San Diego, California. At this meeting we take a look at the USDA and how the USDA will be active at the national square dance convention held in Evansville, Indiana in June of 2022.

As we enter another year, may God be our guide and direct us, as his will, will be done. Share with me one prayer, that all people love one another and may peace reign everywhere.

As Ever Square Dancers,

Mark & Bina



**A NOTE FROM THE****EDITOR****WELCOME 2022****Larry W. Dunkel**

As usual the past year seemed to sneak by without much notice and the New Year seemed to have arrived much the same way. No big deal. I think the past couple of years of doing nothing has pretty much worn us down. Will we ever return to life as we knew it before the dreaded virus changed our whole lifestyle?

The last couple of months of the year are normally pretty full months with a lot of activity. Our family has several birthdays in November and December. Then of course Christmas cheer is all around, but this year seemed different. Our older adults have reached the point that we don't discuss age anymore and even the kids are reaching the age that they still want a birthday cake and presents as long as it is in the form of U S currency and then they go hang with their friends. I had a birthday at the end of November and someone mentioned that it was an "O" birthday. I agreed that it was, "OH dear, how did I get this old this fast." I surely skipped a few years along the way.

NEW Years' Eve! A time to celebrate the riddance of a year of sorrow and uncertainty and to applaud the approaching of a new year with the promise of better things ahead. We make our list of resolutions with every intention of meeting each challenge head on, but knowing deep within that if we get through the month of January we will have done well. This year I skipped making resolutions and I don't recall hearing anyone talk about their resolutions. Is this another tradition that is going away? We seldom reflect on Christmas and the true story of why we celebrate this day. Kids no longer go out on Halloween and trick or treat. Now they just go asking for treats. I miss many of the "good old days", but I don't want to go back there again. Right now I am still looking for my "golden years" and the prime of my life.

Did you read the article on page 2 about the donation the Singles Square Dancers USA made to USDA for their support of the Handicapped Program and for the Founders Youth Scholarships? USDA appreciates the financial help received and would like to remind you that there are several ways you can contribute and your donations are tax exempt.

For a while it looked as if we had defeated the virus that had shut down square dancing for a couple of years, but we were just a little too optimistic. Some clubs eagerly scheduled dances and are now cancelling them due to the resurgence of the virus. No dances, no news to fill the pages of USDA NEWS unless you have a group of associates like our USDA Executive Committee. When I realized I might have a problem I sent a group email asking for help. Within minutes I was receiving messages offering their help and sending items to be used here. You heard past President Tony Rock praise the efforts of this committee and now the current President has done the same. In this issue, just one page before this one, Mark talks about the good-natured, hard-working folks of USDA and I want to add a BIG THANK YOU to this group that came through for me. I had been concerned that with fewer pages you would quickly read this and toss it aside. Pat Inglis had the solution for that. She sent me a Dancer's Crossword Puzzle by the late Judy Frickey. It is a lot of fun and we appreciate the family of Judy Frickey sharing that with us.

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

## EVENTS IN THE CENTRAL REGION

**Ed & Lynda Willis, USDA Central Region VP**

Square Dance Convention. It was a cold day for us, lows in the 30's. We had an overnight at Camp Creek State Park in West Virginia the halfway point to French Lick. Water hose froze over night, but easily thawed with a pan of hot water. We arrived at Patoka Lake Camp ground south of French Lick late afternoon Friday and headed into French Lick to set up our table. Shortly after starting we got the alarm of a low tire and ended up searching for a place to add air. Never found one, so we headed back to the lake. Saturday morning we were able to get some air and all was well. Set up our table before the Dance started. Two important things to mention: If you have never been to Patoka Lake State park we highly recommend you do so and two if you have never been to the Indiana State Convention you should do that Thursday November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Lynda, Jack (our cat) and I packed up the camper and headed to French Lick, Indiana for the Indiana also. Both are spectacular. The convention runs from Friday night until mid-day Sunday.

We are currently planning our trip to the USDA winter meeting in San Diego, CA. It will be a 22 day round trip by camper across the South in January. It is mostly planned and campgrounds booked, just need to double check everything. As I sit here typing this, Jack, our cat made famous by Lennie Houle is climbing up beside me seeking a head rub, first on my left side then on my right, so any errors in typing can be blamed on him.

Next conventions in our region are Florida on March 18-19 in Daytona, South Carolina in West Columbia April 29th and 30th, Ohio State Square Dance Convention May 6th and 7th in Aurora. We hope to see you there. OH, one other dance in the central region to remember is the 71st National Square Dance Convention down by the river in Evansville, IN June 22 – June 25.



French Lick, IN late Saturday Night still going strong!

Jack has now jumped up on my keyboard so I guess its time to stop typing.

Ed & Lynda Willis



## EVENTS IN THE WESTERN REGION

LPaul and Sally Schmidt, USDA Western Region

### WESTERN REGION REPORT

(Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana,  
Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming)

#### LPaul and Sally Schmidt, USDA Western Region VP

Hello, howdy, and aloha from USDA's Western Region. From the tropics and the desert to the mountains and frozen tundra, we are excited to see dancing coming back to life this winter around our region! We will be on the road again starting in January with trips to the Southern Arizona Square Dance Festival in Tucson and the Oregon Mid-Winter Festival in Albany. February should find us visiting a square dance club in Hawaii (since their state festival was postponed to next fall), and in March we will be attending the San Diego Square Dance Association's Fiesta de la Cuadrilla. We will proudly exhibit USDA leadership and education materials and be available to answer questions about USDA's programs that support dancers, clubs, and dance associations.

The Western Region is honored to host the USDA Executive Committee Winter Meeting on January 21-22 in our beautiful hometown of San Diego, California. The Winter Meeting is an opportunity for Officers and Committee Chairs to come together to review USDA programs and services as well as plan for the Annual Meeting held each June in conjunction with the National Square Dance Convention. We spend two busy days in meetings but always find time to visit a local square dance club, sample local cuisine, and visit a tourist spot or two! This will be the first in-person Winter Meeting since 2019 and we are pleased that nearly all Executive Committee members are planning to attend.

We would like to continue to encourage dancers and dance leaders around the country to participate in the USDA *Beyond the Dance Floor* webinar series. These monthly online education sessions provide a valuable opportunity to learn about USDA programs and services and discuss topics of interest to the dance community. Check out the schedule and find links to the Zoom sessions on the USDA website at [www.usda.org](http://www.usda.org).

If there is anything we can do to further support local, regional, and state dance organizations throughout the Western Region, please feel free to contact us at :

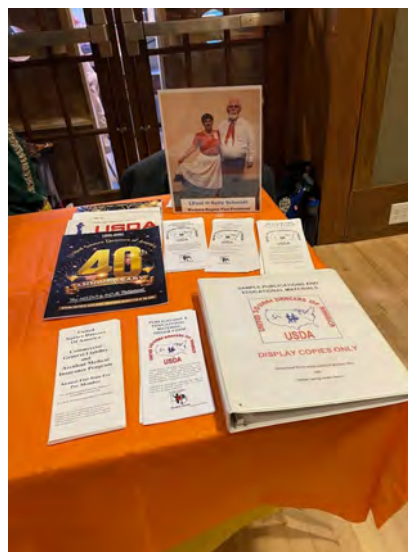
[WesternVP@usda.org](mailto:WesternVP@usda.org).

Live Lively, Square Dance!

LPaul & Sally Schmidt

Photos by the Western VP's, LPaul & Sally Schmidt showing the table they arranged with USDA information.

Picture at far right is USDA Executive Member, Patty Wilcox promoting the USA West Square Dance Convention in San Diego.



# YOUTH ADVISOR

**Dan Reedy**

Hello

Everyone

Don't know about you all out there, but I was so ready for 2021 to be over and done with, and excited that we are in 2022. A new year and a new start to dancing again. I have come to understand and appreciate this past year, and what my ancestors went through as Children, when they survived the great (ie ' infamous') Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918. That was a rollercoaster ride of a year, or as I have heard it called "a year that wasn't".

I tend to be that person who/whom sees the glass half full. Not in a Pollyanna, rose colored glasses way. But knowing that the future lies before new and unsoiled, and ready to continue our great adventure in life. So I am looking forward to 2022.

As the Youth Advisor for the USDA I want to remind everyone that the deadline for USDA's Founders Scholarship is fast approaching. Advise those Youth in your clubs that meet the eligibility requirements to get their applications submitted.

We had a very diverse and exceptional group of young adults apply last year. Hoping that we see applications of the same caliber this year. Thanks to all the Affiliates that have contributed to the Youth Scholarship fund. It is your donations and generosity that has allowed us to present these scholarships. Again Thank You for your support and your hard work.

Dan

From the editor: Be sure to read the article on page 2 regarding the contribution to USDA by the Single Square Dancers USA. It was requested that this donation be split between the Founders Scholarship and the Handicapable Program. Both of these programs are considered top priorities at USDA and they are also two of our more expensive programs. Again we say thank you very much.

We appreciate all donations. There are several ways you can contribute to USDA so that we can continue helping all of our dancers and remember that your donations to USDA are tax deductible.

ANSWERS TO  
PUZZLE ON  
PAGE 11



# USDA INSURANCE COORDINATORS NOTES

Greeting Everyone,

Can you believe this. It is already another year and our 'normal' is so very different from one year ago.

In case you haven't heard the rates have been released and they are higher for 2022. The rates for 2022 will be \$5.00 per member. The insurance coordinators have received information about this. Many of you have already entered your information in the portal and submitted your payments. THANK YOU!!

Just a reminder:

☐ 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.

So I need to fill some space here to keep it from being a half page article. What to fill it with or I just ramble along. Or I could put something hidden in this message so I would know if you have read this article. Like putting a surprise comment at the end of an email to make sure everyone has read the email. I did that a lot when I was president of a club. hope you are not bored with my conversation yet. Because now I will share a little bit about me. My husband and I met at a square dance. He is such a procrastinator that it took him one year to ask me out and another year to propose. But don't tell him I told you this because he says he is not a procrastinator. He says he just thinks things thru thoroughly. Try saying that 10 times.

I love receiving emails but not phone calls. So why is that. I probably am a little bit ADD and after a few minutes my mind starts to wander. But don't worry – I haven't received any lengthy phone calls where my mind was wandering away. So, keep the emails coming and the phone calls coming. That way I won't have to ramble on forever here.

I have requested to have the insurance tri-fold pamphlet reprinted as an error was discovered. As soon as I receive those (it might be 2 months) I will let everyone know. Then you can send me requests for copies of the new revised flyer. See, I did it again. Something at the end that you need to know.

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

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Sanders

USDA National Insurance Coordinator

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## PUZZLE CLUES

### ACROSS

1. The dance \_\_\_\_\_ at 8 p.m.
5. "\_\_\_\_\_ the Line"
9. Frequently Asked Questions (abbrev.)
10. notice; spot
11. "Circle to \_\_\_\_\_ Line"
12. "\_\_\_\_\_ a Shadow"
14. He's especially good on the \_\_\_\_\_ calls.
15. She's a beautiful round \_\_\_\_\_.
17. "Follow Your Neighbor \_\_\_\_\_ Spread"
18. tropical plant; source of poi
19. Did you go to any \_\_\_\_\_-parties?
25. We danced, then \_\_\_\_\_, then danced some more.
26. \_\_\_\_\_, Suzy, you went the wrong way (2 words).
31. Physical Education (abbrev.)
32. It was like \_\_\_\_\_ through a swamp.
33. \_\_\_\_\_ Foote's square dance videos
35. He calls both Mainstream and \_\_\_\_\_.
36. "Centers \_\_\_\_\_"
37. unwelcome e-mail; cyber junk
40. short form of "hello"
41. The Plus Program is made up of more than thirty \_\_\_\_\_.
43. Derrell is Derek's \_\_\_\_\_.
44. C2 is a very \_\_\_\_\_ level of square dancing.
46. "\_\_\_\_\_ the Clutch"
48. Dancing makes \_\_\_\_\_ happy!
49. That is as \_\_\_\_\_ (4 words).
52. "\_\_\_\_\_ Singles"
53. "Box the \_\_\_\_\_"
54. French coin
55. number of dances in a "tip"
56. wife of 62 ACROSS
59. cheer heard at a football game
60. Their club dances \_\_\_\_\_ alternate Fridays.
61. leftover; scrap
62. husband of 56 ACROSS
65. It \_\_\_\_\_ lots of energy to dance 8 tips of "hot hash."

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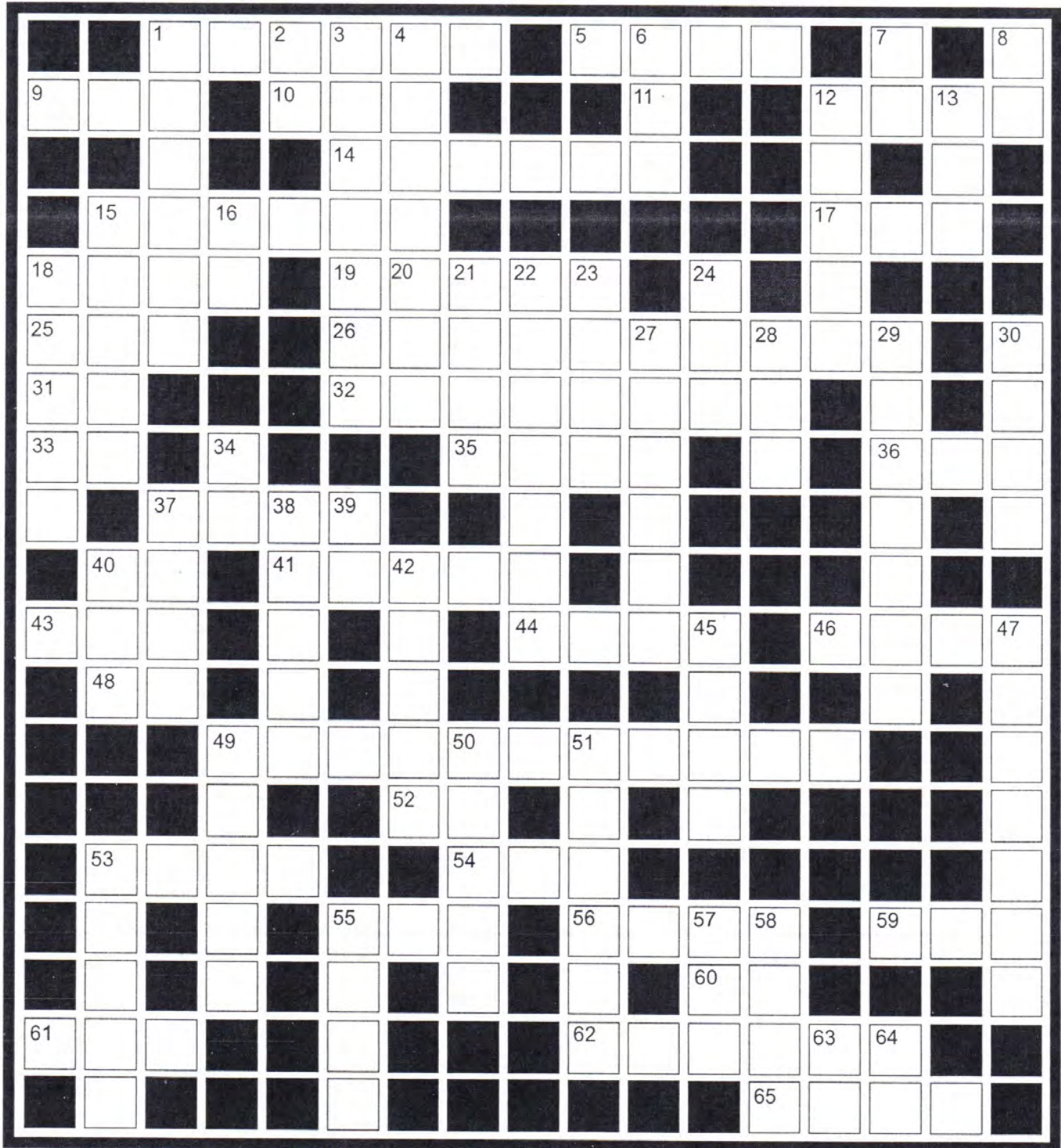
1. There are 8 people in a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Do \_\_\_\_\_ I say, not as I do.
3. You go through Part A, and then it all \_\_\_\_\_.
4. It was a very \_\_\_\_\_ goodbye.
6. He has a good \_\_\_\_\_ for music.
7. Pennsylvania (abbrev.)
8. We give everyone a yellow-rock \_\_\_\_\_ the end of each tip.
12. "Spin \_\_\_\_\_ Through"
13. When I don't get to dance, I feel \_\_\_\_\_.
15. They met at a dance, \_\_\_\_\_ 3 years, then got married.
16. opposite of "yes"
18. We \_\_\_\_\_ that round dance so we could practice it at home.
21. French for "too much"
22. All around the world, dances are called in \_\_\_\_\_.
23. brand of spaghetti sauce
24. Dancing is a \_\_\_\_\_ of fun.
27. His popularity as a caller is \_\_\_\_\_.
28. exclamation of disgust
29. Dudes 'n' Darlins daddy
30. part of A.D.
34. opposite of "down"
37. Couple #4 is a "\_\_\_\_\_."
38. person who leads round dances (2 words)
39. opposite of "pa"
40. \_\_\_\_\_ and cheese quiche
42. If your square breaks down, form \_\_\_\_\_.
45. "step forward, turn a quarter in, right \_\_\_\_\_ pull by"
47. "\_\_\_\_\_ Ocean" (2 words)
49. "\_\_\_\_\_ the Wave"
50. author of fables
51. "Slip the \_\_\_\_\_"
53. "Spin Chain & Exchange the \_\_\_\_\_"
55. "\_\_\_\_\_ Through"
57. means "and not"
58. Tie it in a \_\_\_\_\_.
63. opposite of "hi"
64. "Do Sa \_\_\_\_\_"





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by Judy Frickey







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**If you are interested please contact Presidents Mark – 701-320-9079 or Bina – 701-320-5182.  
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## UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA

### *SUPPORT FOR SOCIAL SQUARE DANCING*

*Whereas: It is well recognized within the Square Dance activity that it is essential that every effort be made to expand and grow our recreation to include all;*

*Whereas: Currently there is a focus to open Square Dancing to a greater number of people – this is being done through the implementation a new entry program into the activity known as Social Square Dancing (SSD);*

*Whereas: SSD is a new marketing strategy and a new platform to re-establish and rebuild Square Dancing from a new starting point – program of teaching and re-teaching;*

*Whereas; Another goal of Social Square Dancing also is to re-build Square Dancing on a sustainable footing;*

*Whereas; SSD is seen as an alternative entry program to generate more rapid "intakes" of new dancers through multiple opportunities per year (more than one set of lessons per year).*

*Whereas; Social Square Dancing is seen as a destination point for dancers rather than a plateau level on the escalator to other dance programs; and*

*Whereas; The United Square Dancers of America recognizes the benefits of collaboration of all dance organizations when initiating new, worthwhile efforts,*

*Therefore: Be it resolved that the UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA encourages its Affiliates, Associates, and their member organizations, to support implementation of the Social Square Dancing program.*

Adopted by Majority Vote of  
UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA  
Board of Directors during their  
Annual Meeting Twenty-Third (23rd)  
day of June 2021 at Jackson, Mississippi.

Resolution No.41









- Instructions for Registration and RV Camping** (front left side of the form)
- Print legibly, all names and complete addresses plus birth date of youth (age 5-17 on June 23, 2022 discounted price) to ensure correct registration.
  - Enter all amounts in Subtotals including registration fee for each dancer plus quantity and amount for all other materials and taxes. Calculate the Total and include credit card information, check, or money order payable to U.S. funds to the 71st National Square Dance Convention and return it with the Registration Form. **Do Not Send Cash.** No Single Day Registrations.
  - IMPORTANT!** Daily schedules are only available with the purchase of a Program Book. Daily schedule will not be available separately as the Convention.
  - Also dancers will want to purchase the Program Book.
  - Credit card info you will be **RV Camping** on your registration form and enclose the required fees (4-night minimum base fee plus additional days). 50 Amp with water and sewer are available on first-come, first-served basis. Free sewage dump station. If you plan to camp together, you must arrive together. For more information contact RV Vice-Chairman, Larry and Paula McCherry [larrymccherry@71nsdc.com](mailto:larrymccherry@71nsdc.com).
  - There is **NO BUS PASS** because parking is free at the convention center.
  - Tour form and payments** are to be mailed directly to: **71st NSDC Tours, 5509 Timberlake Court, Evansville, IN 47710.** For any questions email [71nsdc@71nsdc.com](mailto:71nsdc@71nsdc.com). For Tour information and order form go to [www.71nsdc.com](http://www.71nsdc.com) and click "Tours."
  - A \$10 fee per registration will be assessed for cancellation. No refunds after April 30, 2022.
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**Instructions for Housing** (front right side of form)

- Online access for housing reservations are available after March 1, 2021. If you book your room online, check the box provided on the front side of this form; otherwise complete the entire housing portion. **This form must be received, and rooms must be booked by May 15, 2022 to guarantee the 71st NSDC pricing.**

- Hotels will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis according to availability.
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\* Shuttle provided by hotel

**Cutoff date for housing: May 15, 2022**







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Check if you do not want your email shared. Email addresses to be shared only with the NEC for upcoming convention information

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Registration Prices (U.S. currency only) \$50.00 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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*\$10 cancellation fee per registration. No refunds after April 30, 2023. This form and registration rate are void after April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Registration Long Forms will be mailed April 2022 for selection of hotel and additional items. Early registration gives you free admittance to the Pre-Convention Kick Off Dance on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. 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.*





## 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:**

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Or visit our Facebook page and join our Facebook group

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# THE RULE OF 7

With everything that has happened to our world the last two years...  
It is time to (1) Re- Charge, (2) Re-organize, (3) Re-Invent.....What does that mean??

Square Dancing is the solution for the problems of today

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How the calls are in English all over the world?

How everyone is invited to join no matter how young or old or status in life?

How our Forefathers originated “our” square dancing after long days of toil and struggling?

How friendly the dancers are?

How you can visit a club and immediately participate?

How invigorating it is?

Have you told them how much FUN it is?

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Alitia Becker, LSDA President



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## ***A BRAND NEW MARKETING WEB SITE PROMOTING SQUARE, ROUND, AND CONTRA DANCING***

*High Definition Video Clip of Each Dance Form  
with professional voice-overs*

- ✱ Detailed Descriptions of Each Dance Form
- ✱ Find a Caller, Find a Cuer, and Find a Club sections
- ✱ High Definition Pictures

This site was created by ARTS-Dance to be a tool for promoting Square Dancing, Round Dancing, and Contra Dancing. Rather than trying to describe each activity on a flyer posted on a bulletin board, you can direct the potential dancer to this site to **show them**. They can watch video, read detailed descriptions and then find a leader or club in their area using either the resources page of the web site, or the contact info you have provided on your advertising

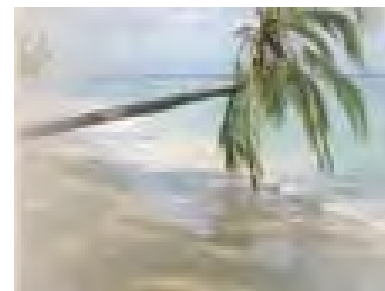
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 <http://www.you2candance.com>

*To learn more about using this web site as part of a nation-wide marketing plan go to the Facebook page (You 2 Can Dance.com) or the ARTS-Dance web site (arts-dance.org). It doesn't cost you a thing and is there for you to use to help promote our dance forms.*



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# Handicapable Program

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### United Square Dancers of America

The Largest Square Dance Organization in the World  
With ...Heart!!



**USDA's Handicapable Involvement**



- Mostly Monetary Support
- Reimbursement of Registration
- National Square Dance Convention
- Support USHandicapable Conventions


To make a contribution to the USDA Handicapable Program Please contact the USDA Handicapable Dancers Committee Chair




### Reasons for Forming a Handicapable Square Dance Group

- Very rewarding for Them and YOU.
- Great Out-Reach for Church
- Activity for Direct Support Groups

## FUN! LOVE! FUN!



### What You Need To Set Up A Handicapable Club



- Knowledge of Square Dancing
- Participants
- Helpers
- Venue
- Music: CD's ...Records ...Players
- [usda.org](http://usda.org): Publications - IS-021 & IS-022
- Patience ... Love ...!!



### Handilab Call List - Basic



1. Bow (Partner, Corner)	7. Promenade (Couples, Single File, 1/2, Full)	14. Ladies Chain (Two, Four)
2. Circle (Left, Right)	8. Allemande Left	15. Roll Promenade
3. Forward Up And Back	9. Right and Left Grand	16. Right and Left Thru
4. Stars (Right, Left, Boys, Girls)	10. Swing	17. California Twirl
5. StarPromende	11. Allemande Right	18. Ladies Roll Away
6. Do-Sa-Do	12. Pass Thru	19. Ladies In, Men Sashay
	13. Courtesy Turn	



### Handilab Call List - Advanced



20. Star Thru	29. Walk Around The Corner	38. Right Hand Ocean Wave
21. Weave The Ring	30. See Saw	39. Alamo Style Wave
22. U Turn Back The Line	31. Square Thru (2, 3, 4 Hands)	40. Pass The Ocean
23. Chain Down The Line	32. Dive Thru	41. Swing Thru
24. Do Paso	33. Wheel Around Thar	42. Boys Run
25. Lead Right	34. Allemande	43. Wheel and Deal
26. Grand Square Line	35. Shoot The Star	44. Flutter Wheel
27. Circle To A Line	36. Slip The Clutch	
28. Bend The Line	37. Box The Gnat	



### What Dancers Gain



- Balance
- Listening skills
- Fractions
- Concentration
- Right Hand, Left Hand
- Team Work
- Friendships
- Satisfaction of Accomplishment
- Confidence



### How Can I Support Handicapable Dancers?



- To make a contribution to the USDA Handicapable Program Please contact the USDA Handicapable Dancers Committee Chair - attn: Alitia Becker - [usda.handicapable.dancers@usda.org](mailto:usda.handicapable.dancers@usda.org)
- Make a donation to a local Handicapable dance group in your area

## CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Send the USDA NEWS Editor your State Association/Federation

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

**2022**

Mar 18-19 **67th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention**  
Daytona Beach Ocean Center  
101 N Atlantic Ave  
Daytona Beach, FL 32118

Apr 08-10 **62<sup>nd</sup> California State Square Dance Convention**  
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds  
Yuba City, CA  
Katie Pearce & Bonnie Abramson,  
Co-General Chairmen

Jun 3-4 **Kansas State Square Dance Convention**  
Tony's Pizza Events Center  
800 The Midway  
Salina, KS 6740  
Info: Tammy Gough -Phone: 316 371-3991  
btsgough@cox.net  
[www.kansassquaredance.com](http://www.kansassquaredance.com)

### THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR YOU

Now that we are beginning to dance again let us help you advertise your conventions We will list your state association/ federation conventions here at no charge.



**2022**

Aug 4-6 **47th Tennessee State Square & Round Dance Convention**  
W. L. Mills Conference Center  
234 Historic Nature Trail  
Gatlinburg, TN 37738  
[www.TNSquareDance.org](http://www.TNSquareDance.org)  
Facebook: TN Square & Round Dance Convention

Aug 17-21 **19th USA West Square Dance Convention**  
Handlery Hotel  
San Diego, CA  
[www.california.usawest.net](http://www.california.usawest.net)  
LPaul and Sally Schmidt  
[generalchair@california.usawest.net](mailto:generalchair@california.usawest.net)  
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Aug 26-27 **42nd Alabama Square & Round Dance Convention**  
Oxford Civic Center  
Oxford, AL  
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Web: [insquaredanceconvention.com](http://insquaredanceconvention.com)  
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### FUTURE NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

2022—June 22-25 Evansville, IN  
2023—June 21-24—Mobile, AL  
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