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*Special Thanks to the following for their contributions to this issue.
Sally Schmidt, Judy Taylor, Lilly Hardin, Tony & Diana Rock.
My apology to anyone I may have overlooked.*

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Well folks, it is almost that time again, June the 21st—24th the 72nd National Square Dance Convention. 24 will invade the city of Mobile, AL. Multitudes of beautiful ladies in their colorful dresses will parade the streets turning heads in all directions. Dancers from around the world will be arriving to dance, to attend classes, to make new friends and visit with friends previously made at past conventions. When your feet and legs give out take one of the tours the convention has arranged for us. Hope to see you there. Be there and bring a square!

This is my final issue of USDA NEWS and what a joy it has been to have had this opportunity. The “Notes from the Editor” is my way of saying so long and thanks for the memories. That starts on page 4 and continues on page 11.

I am not leaving here alone. Former USDA President and all round good guys, Tony and Diana Rock are also retiring. When they heard that I was leaving they said they did not want to be here if I wasn't so they resigned also. Well, maybe that was not exactly what they said, but, OK that was not even close but, I am pretty sure it was in the back of their minds. They are a super couple and their leaving is a great loss to USDA. Turn to page 10 and take a trip down memory lane with Tony and Diana.

Scott Ebright, mentioned in his Central Region VP report that he and his wife Sandy were the new kids on the block. Well, Scott, that was short lived. Before you leave Mobile you will no longer be the new kids. Two of the new kids coming on board are the new editors, Art and Lilly Hardin. I asked Lilly to send me some information I could use to help introduce them. She sent me enough to write a book about them. Let me tell you, these people have been around. I was most impressed with the information she sent and I think you will be too. I gave them a brief introduction, so they could tell you about the rest. These are not sit at home, do nothing kind of people. In the last issue I wrote about the kind of people USDA wanted. Active people that did all they knew to do and then asked what else they could do to help. I did not know it when I wrote that, but I do now. They are your new editors. See page 12.

With this being my final issue I want to give very special thanks to my son Chris for the outstanding cover designs he has given us for the past 7 years. Yes, you might say I am a little prejudiced but, His colorful eye-catching, and sometimes thought provoking covers have added a touch of class to our publication. Thank you Chris.

Pittman Printing, Liberty, MO., was the printer when I became the editor & I elected to stay with them. A family owned and operated company that cares. We don't see much of that anymore. I had proung by several different companies over the years and they print what I send them. You can imagine my surprise when I got my first call from Kenean saying she noticed page 8 was a little off center and would I like to correct that and sent her a new page. For the past 11 years, Pittman has printed more than 90 issues of USDA NEWS and I have yet to find a flaw in any of them.

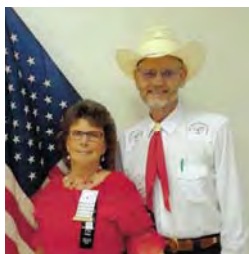
I felt honored to be the editor of USDA NEWS and am very proud of our publication. So, with a grateful heart I send thanks to Hank, Kenan and all of the printing crew, my son Chris, and to all of those contributing issuer after issue.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENTS



MARK & BINA KREBSBACH

ETERNAL TRUTHS OF SPRING

The season I love is truly the Spring
When the spirit of youth is in everything
To take in the Spring is good for the soul
It renews one's spirit and makes it whole
Through the earth the violets do peep
Upon the hill tops the crocus will keep
Across a field wild daisies are spread
With the morning dew each flower is fed
The air is filled with lilacs sweet smell
For we know that our Lord has made all so well
The songbirds return in a chorus do sing
Praise to our God for the beautiful Spring

Greetings from about as far north as you can get in this country. I guess that's why it is called "North" Dakota.

I love the four seasons the Lord gives us. They are so clearly obvious up here in the north. As this earth makes another rotation around the sun in this part of the northern hemisphere, it brings forth Spring, my favorite time of the year. The time of the year when the beauty of renewal abounds. The snow is fleeting away, the migratory birds return, and the earth puts forth the buds of nature. Likewise, we humans have a sense of renewal as the days lengthen with daylight, sunshine, and warmth. For square dancers, the arrival of Spring reinvigorates us as we demonstrate compassion in our interactions with other square dancers and folks in general.

The programs the USDA offers continue to give hope to the square dancing world as they search for what is needed to maintain and improve this pastime that is loved by so many. The seeds of hope the USDA plants continue to sprout through these programs.

Speaking of the USDA, the USDA Executive Committee had a productive and enjoyable winter meeting up here in Bismarck this past January. North Dakota's January weather offered a bit of a shock (NDCED --- North Dakota Climatic Effective Disorder) to some of our Southerly friends as they stepped off the plane and into a cooler, "cold" as one person put it, climate of 40 degrees above zero. But it seemed folks adjusted quickly by the time it came to leave, it was 7 degrees below zero. Then the comment was "it's not so bad!!" For your information on February 15, 1936, in Parshall, ND the thermometer dropped to 60 degrees below zero. Then only a few months later on July 6, 1936, in Steele, North Dakota the thermometer rose to 121 degrees above zero. WOW!!!

We are looking forward to seeing you at the National Square Dance Convention in Mobile, Alabama in June. Attending the Annual Board of Directors meeting as a delegate for your affiliation is a very important part of being an active square dancer.

By the way, would you be interested in being a member of the USDA Executive Committee?? A very rewarding and fun experience. If so, contact one of the members on the back cover.

A grateful heart is a healthy heart. Gratitude is good for the soul.

Live Lively Square Dance
As Ever Square Dancers

Mark & Bina



A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



LARRY DUNKEL



June, 2012 and I am on my way to Spokane, WA, where I will be introduced as the new editor of USDA NEWS, the official newsletter of the world's largest square dance association. A position I had dreamed of for a couple of days prior to being accepted. You can see my joy and excitement in the picture on the left.

I have truly enjoyed these past 11 years as your editor. Being a small part of USDA has been such a gratifying role. The USDA Executive Committee has been one of the best groups I have ever been associated with. Every one is a volunteer giving of their time and talents to help promote square and round dancing. They are a hard working group as well as a fun group and they know when to separate each. Being a part of USDA has afforded me the opportunity to travel and visit places I would not have done otherwise. For example, our winter meeting was set for Pittsburg a few years ago. Pittsburg was not on my list of places I need to visit before I pass on, but I was persuaded to attend this meeting and am so glad I did. It is a beautiful city with lots of history and I left there with a completely different opinion than I had going there. This past January the USDA winter meeting was in Bismarck, ND. I did not attend that meeting, but I did check the temperature while they were there and the high for the day was -2. The high for the day at my house in TN was 56. I am sure Bismarck is a beautiful city and I would love to visit sometime in the summer if I could determine what week summer would be there. Regardless of whether I visited these cities or not, USDA did provide the opportunity.

Probably the most rewarding benefit of being a part of USDA was meeting dancers from all across this great nation of ours, plus Canada, Japan and other places I had never heard of. (Japan has always impressed me that the number of dancers they bring to our National Convention will exceed some of our states.) Some I have met in person, such as Marilyn Schmit from OR (not my list). Marilyn is a former USDA Executive Committee member who was leaving USDA as I was coming in, but she has been a faithful supporter and promoter of USDA and our programs. Others I met through communication such as email, USPS, phone calls, etc., but I feel as if I know them. I have never met Randy and Lorraine Pratt from New Mexico, but they have been such an inspiration and help-mate over the years. Sally Baechle, another former USDA person that I have never met, but we have had a couple of wonderful phone conversations. There have been so many that I could not begin to mention them all, but they are embedded in my mind and heart.

I previously mentioned the USDA group as a whole, but there are a couple of people I want to mention as being such a help to me. First would be Jim Maczko. Chances are there would not be a USDA without Jim. He helped in getting this accomplished and is the only active charter member. For that reason and not age, I consider Jim as my father figure and the one I turn to for solid advice and information. Joy Richardson Vaccari, recently retired from USDA, was also a charter member of USDA and helped in organizing this fine organization. I am so glad Joy waited for me to get to know her before she retired. A wonderful lady and we miss her. You can see our picture on page 12 and I don't care what the caption at the bottom of the page says, she is not winning. That is an optical illusion.

Bonnie Abramson, what would I have done without you? Bonnie and I have spent many nights burning the midnight oil working on the USDA NEWS. Actually I was burning the midnight oil in TN while she was having dinner in CA. Regardless of the time difference she was a tremendous help and I appreciate you so much Bonnie.

Then in 2013 I met Tony Rock and his lovely wife Diana. I had gone a little early to the site of our Tuesday meeting and I met Tony and Diana coming toward me. We had never met and I want to introduce myself so I walked over and said "good morning, I am Larry Dunkel" and before I could say more Tony said, "Larry, good to see you." Tony is blind and he just said "good to see you." I'm sure I had a very confused look on my face as I turned to Diana and said, "He didn't meant that did he?" She shook her head and with the loveliest smile, said no", and I knew right then Tony and I would be friends. So, if you have read where I made a comment like Tony and I not seeing eye to eye on something or I don't understand why Tony can't see the problem here and thought I was being mean, I was but with his permission. While Tony has been blind forever I am in the process of losing my sight so that put us on equal ground. What I admire most is that Tony does not let his handicap interfere with life. His accomplishments are absolutely amazing. I am very envious of Tony, not because of his accomplishments but because everywhere he and Diana go, they hold hands. I did ask if I could do that and both told me NO! I would never have met Tony and Diana had it not been for USDA.

In closing I would like to thank each of you for allowing me the privilege of being your editor for the past 11 years. I don't recall ever doing anything that I have enjoyed more than this. While the picture on the right is not my favorite it does reflect the sadness I am experiencing at this time. Thank you Judy Taylor for not deleting this (as you should have) when you took the picture.

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EVENTS IN THE WESTERN REGION

LPaul & Sally Schmidt, Western Region VP

WESTERN REGION REPORT

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

Well, as we write this it looks like Groundhog Day was not a joke this year – winter continues here in San Diego (rain and snow!) and across the country. We hope better weather is ahead as we are looking forward to a variety of springtime travel.

The weekend of April 21-23 will find us in Yuba City in Northern California for the 62nd California State Square Dance Convention. This is the first California State Convention in four years so we are anticipating a great turn-out and a wonderful event. The second weekend in May we travel to Spokane, WA for the ^{USA}West Policy Board meeting and a visit to a potential site for the 2025 ^{USA}West Square Dance Convention. We will be in Lodi, CA over Memorial Day weekend for the Northern California Square Dancers Association Golden State Round-up. Then, in mid-June, we will hop in our RV to head east to the 72nd National Square Dance Convention® in Mobile, AL. Looking ahead, mark your calendars for the 20th ^{USA}West Square Dance Convention which will be held in Albuquerque, NM from July 26-29. Unfortunately, due to family commitments and event conflicts we are unable to attend and support the State Festivals in Utah, Montana, Idaho, and Washington this year.

Don't forget that USDA hosts its annual Board of Directors meeting in conjunction with the National Square Dance Convention®. This year's meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 21 at 1:00 PM at the Renaissance Riverview Hotel in Mobile. The annual meeting is YOUR opportunity to learn about USDA's many programs, services, and materials that support dancers and promote dancing across the country. Be sure to also visit our tables at the Showcase of Ideas to meet USDA officers and collect leadership and education materials to support your clubs and dancers back at home!

At the completion of our third term as Western Region Vice President in June 2023, we will be "termed out" of the position. USDA has received a nomination for a new Western Region VP, and we look forward to supporting them once they are elected and installed in June. We hope to continue our affiliation with this wonderful organization in appointed Executive Committee positions.

Live Lively, Square Dance!

LPaul & Sally Schmidt



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visit our website for details—www.usda.org (then Programs—Youth Dancer Information)

EVENTS IN THE PLAINS REGION

Ellery & Karen Gulbrand, USDA Plains Region VP

PLAINS REGION REPORT

(Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Wisconsin)

The Plains Region again finds itself ready to embark on the New Year and a new season of square dance. Our part of the Plains Region is usually on the quiet side as far as conventions and festivals during the season of “white” landscape and the holiday season. The exciting news is the information and registration blanks for upcoming 2023 Square Dance Conventions which greet us both at our mailbox and computer. Square Dance Conventions are on the positive side as we hear about new dancer classes in progress. Some classes on the larger size and some are smaller, but whatever size they are it is growth!

Our most exciting event at this point in 2023 was our journey to Bismarck, North Dakota for the USDA Winter Executive Board Meeting. The journey was awesome with temps COLD, warm hospitality, the flat landscape, and a sea of white, dotted with “islands” of farms! It was a great meeting, wonderful facilities, and a FUN dance! As we schedule our coming events, both family and square dance, we will attempt to visit different areas. If you have an event or know of a festival, please let us know.

Our hope is dancers have been taking advantage of the USDA Webinars. If there is a topic you would like to have included or any improvements, please let USDA know.

As the snow leaves our area, spring blooms into summer, square dancers will be finding the roads leading to festivals, dances and conventions. Please be safe, stay healthy, and have fun! We hope our dance floor will be full and the square dance population will continue to show growth with returning dancers and new dancers.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the USDA Board of Directors Meeting this June in Mobile, Alabama.

Sincerely and God’s blessings,
Ellery & Karen Gulbrand

EVENTS IN THE CENTRAL REGION

Scott & Sandy Ebright, Central Region VP

CENTRAL REGION REPORT

(Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia)

Y'all will likely never find a better group of square dancers than USDA officers. That is not a statement about their dancing skills, rather it refers to their hard work and dedication. Being the new kids on the USDA block Sandy and I still are impressed at every turn. In the middle of a North Dakota winter we all met to try to solve the world problems. Well, at least for the square dance world. This group braved the cold so they could help every member square dancer!

The Central Region of USDA has 12 states. Our travels so far this past year have taken us to conventions in 7 of these states (Tennessee, North Carolina, Alabama, Kentucky, Georgia, Indiana, and Florida). In every case, the attendance showed improvement over the COVID years. We hope to see this growth continue. We are still making efforts to visit the other 5 states (Mississippi, Ohio, West Virginia, Michigan, and South Carolina) ASAP.

Speaking of growth, we would like to mention that there are a ton of resources on the USDA website. Every pamphlet you see on the USDA table at conventions is available online for you to print, or just read in electronic format. There are also webinars that offer live educational opportunities! The past webinars are there as well. We hope y'all will take the time to explore the topics of interest on the USDA website. Scott & Sandy Ebright

IHS,
Scott & Sandy Ebright

USDA INSURANCE COORDINATORS NOTES

Elizabeth Sanders

Greeting Everyone,

Have you registered for the 72nd NSDC to be held in Mobile, AL, June 21 – 24, 2023. If not then it's not too late. There will be two sessions for insurance this year. Thursday, June 22 (9am, Mobile Bay Ballroom 2) and Friday, June 23 (1pm, Grand Bay Ballroom 2). Plan to attend but be sure to check the listings at the convention to make sure there has not been a change in time or location.

There are several important issues that need to be addressed. The first is the insurance portal. There is one time during the year when you can delete a facility and/or a name from the roster and that is the **ONLY** time that you can delete names and facilities. That time is when you are registering your club for the first time each year. After you have paid for your club, you cannot delete any names or facilities. That includes any members that passed during the year, left your club for another club or who just stopped dancing.

The next issue is accidents. In the past we have told the clubs that when a dancer arrives at the dance they are covered once they leave their car. But that has changed. According to the insurance company now, the dancer must be in the facility where the dance is occurring.

What do you do if you need a replacement certificate or a certificate for a new facility. If you need one for a new facility you should go into the portal and add the facility. Send an email to let me know that you need a copy of the new certificate. If you have lost your certificates, email me and I will send the certificates to you again. It's that simple.

I will be keeping limited hours between now and October 1. Saturday and Sunday's I am off; emails will be checked Monday thru Saturday. You may call me at 706-759-3642 (it is not a FAX) but remember I am in the Eastern Time Zone. No calls after 9pm Eastern Time. I promise I won't call the Pacific Time Zone people at 9am Eastern when it is 6am Pacific Time. Likewise those in the Pacific and Mountain Time Zone be aware of what time you are calling me.

There will be dates in June when I will not be available by phone while traveling and attending the 72nd NSDC. Those dates are June 18 thru 30.

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

Sincerely,

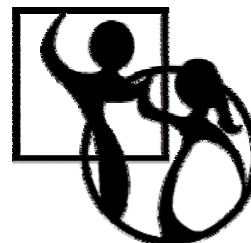
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United Square Dancers of America at the 72nd NSDC

Are you traveling to Mobile, AL for the 72nd National Square Dance Convention®?
If so, why not join us for some of the following USDA-sponsored activities?

USDA ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, June 21 – 1:00 PM

Registration & Light Refreshments 12:00 – 1:00 PM
Renaissance Riverview Hotel – Bon Secour Ballroom

ALL DANCERS WELCOME!

Learn about how USDA supports dancers and promotes
dancing across the country.



USDA-SPONSORED SQUARE DANCE AFTER PARTY With the Ghost Riders Live Band!

Friday, June 23 – 10:00 PM

Mainstream / Live Band Hall

USDA-SPONSORED/SUPPORTED EDUCATION SESSIONS

How to Be an Insurance Coordinator (Elizabeth Sanders)

Thursday, June 22 – 9:00 AM – Mobile Bay Ballroom 2

Friday, June 23 – 1:00 PM – Grand Bay Ballroom 2

Toolkit for Club Leaders (Tony & Diana Rock)

Thursday, June 22 – 10:15 AM – Mobile Bay Ballroom 3

Friday, June 23 – 2:15 PM – Mobile Bay Ballroom 3

USDA 501(c)(3) Group Exemption Program (Jim Maczko & Pat Inglis)

Thursday, June 22 – 1:15 PM – Grand Bay Ballroom 2

Friday, June 23 – 3:30 PM – Grand Bay Ballroom 2

Organization Roundtable (Mark & Bina Krebsbach)

Friday, June 23 – 12:00 PM – Bon Secour Ballroom

USDA joins other organizations to share what we do to support dancers & dancing.



Live Lively-



Square Dance!

Please stop by the USDA booth at the Showcase of Ideas to see our
display and pick up some of our free Educational Publications

DANCING IN HAWAII

Submitted by Lilly Hardin

The 54th Aloha Square Dance Festival was held December 1-3, 2022, at the Queen Kapiolani Hotel and the Ala Wai country club. The festival, typically held the first week in February was canceled in 2021 and delayed in 2022 due to COVID. The festival included three nights of dancing plus all day Saturday. This was the first opportunity for local Honolulu area dancers to dance as their venue in Pearl City was closed from March of 2020 until January of 2023.

Over 70 dancers flew in from all over the US and Japan to participate in the event. Buddy Weaver facilitated the event providing hotel accommodations, site seeing and a Sunset Dinner cruise for participants registered for the 2022 Hawaiian Dream Trip. Participants could also register for the Aloha Festival Dance events only.

The Paradise Shufflers, Square Wheelers and Hayseeds as well as Hawaii Roundabouts Honolulu's square and round dance clubs were wonderful hosts providing refreshments and a warm welcome to all. Callers included Buddy Weaver, Ken Bower, Gary Shoemake, Jerry Gilbreath, Lanny Weakland, and Dan Preedy. Dan and Allison Drumheller provided rounds between tips and round dancing workshops on Saturday. Local Hawaii caller Shorty Long pitched in to call a few tips and ensure everyone had a great time.

The next Aloha Square Dance Festival is scheduled for November 30-December 3, 2023.

National Western Stock & Rodeo

Submitted by Judy Taylor



In January, The Denver area square dancers were excited to do four different demos at the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo. There were three squares of dancers on each of the four days; twelve clubs from the Denver area entertained the on-lookers. Extra dancers roamed the crowd to take names for up-coming classes. Mike Olivieri (far right of picture) did the calling on this day (1-9-23); callers on the other three days were: Bob Gaunt, Todd Albright and Molly Baines.

Square dancing is such a crowd-pleaser in this western venue; our favorite activity is picking up interest in the Colorado area! We encourage other areas to find places to do demos, to keep dancing in the public eye.

FEATURE ARTICLE

As we sit here in front of the computer contemplating what to write, many wonderful people and fond memories flood our thoughts. This June 2023 we will celebrate our 10 year anniversary as members of the United Square Dancers of America Executive Committee (USDA EC). Mike and Pat Matsko and Len and Connie Houle invited us onto the USDA EC as Chairman of Education and Publications, a position we held from 2013-2019. We quickly discovered that this group of dancers were some of the most dedicated and hardworking people we had ever met, not to mention they are extremely helpful, caring and friendly.

As a result of our affiliation with the USDA we have met so many dancers throughout the entire country, more than we can begin to count. Most of these folks we would see only once a year, however they seemed like lifelong friends every time we would gather together. What did we have in common? We all loved to square dance and worked together to further the activity in any way that we could. 18 years ago we searched for a way to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary and decided to learn something new like square dancing. Why not? We never imagined the depth of the relationships that would be formed.

We have served in many positions on the EC over the years, however the two years as President of USDA were by far the most challenging yet rewarding as they just happened to fall during the years of the COVID pandemic 2019-2021. The USDA EC, whom we already thought was amazing, stepped up even more to attend our first ever ZOOM meetings as we finalized the many details of the new USDA 501(C) 3 program. When the pandemic shutdown happened, the EC stepped into action once again to plan the first USDA Annual Board of Directors Meeting on line instead of in person. Following many USDA EC ZOOM conference calls, all of the normally scheduled June meetings went off via the internet without any major difficulties.

Also during our term as USDA President, the Executive Committee sadly lost 3 prior USDA EC members (Shirley White, Connie Houle, and Bill Flick) and 1 then current long time member (Jim Weber). Even though we had met Shirley years earlier, we didn't really have the opportunity to serve on the USDA EC with her and didn't know her well. However, this was not the case with Connie, Bill, and Jim. Losing each of them was not only a difficult time for the USDA EC as a whole, but was personally trying for us as we considered each one a dear friend. We were extremely honored and humbled to represent USDA when we were asked to speak at Bill Flick's funeral service. We feel we have become better individuals as a result of our rich relationships with each of these dear square dancers. Yes, wonderful friends we would not have known had it not been for our involvement with the USDA EC. We could go on forever sharing all of the many ways that we were blessed working with such an outstanding group of people and we have thoroughly enjoyed every moment of friendship as we worked together to enhance our square dance activity.

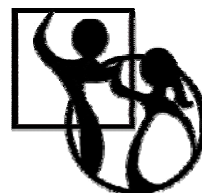
After all of these memories and many more that we did not have time or space to write in this article, we are announcing our retirement from the United Square Dancers of America Executive Committee. It is definitely with mixed emotions that we leave the committee, but with hope in our hearts that those we have met and worked with so closely over the last 10 years will remain forever friends. After all, isn't that what square dancing is all about?

Friendship set to music.

It is our prayer that our Lord and Savior will bless all of you as you "Live Lively, Square Dance!"



In His love and service,
Tony & Diana Rock



(Continued from page 4)

Since this is my final edition as editor of USDA NEWS I wanted to address a few concerns. I have heard comments that some have thought that I would sometimes fall asleep during a meeting. That is simply not true, although I do have a medical condition that could make it appear that way. I have been diagnosed with Sleep Apnea which in medical terms simply means, "I am bored to death. Is he never going to shut up?"

Some have asked why I ride a scooter around the convention halls. I offer three reasons for that and you can select the one you feel most fitting:

A - He's old

B - He's lazy

C - He's smarter than I am

.For the past 11 years you have tolerated my editorials and other writings and I am eternally grateful for that. My apologies to the English teachers and scholars that heard nail scratching on the blackboard whenever they read one of my writings.

I have saved my masterpiece for this final edition. Since our President, Mark Krebsbach begins his Presidents Report with a poem I thought I would follow suite and I will end my article that way. When someone wants to know how I am doing I respond with the following'

I BELIEVE MY GOLDED YEARS ARE HERE

*I'm losing my hair and my eyesight as well,
my hearing is fading fast as I am sure you can tell.*

*My thyroid acts up from time to time.
Not sure what it does, but I take my medicine, one pill at a time.*

*I get those seasonal allergies twice a year.
I take more pills to get my head all clear.*

*Sleep Apnea is what I got, the doctor said,
so she ordered me a C-PAP to sit by my bed.*

*Yes I get that occasional crick-in the neck
but I am older than dirt so what the heck.*

*Charley Horse and Arthur Ritus come to see me most every day
but they are easily managed with a tube of Ben Gay.*

*Charlie and Arthur are pretty good guys
Then here comes E.D. like the devil in disguise.*

*I turned down the TV, then sat on the bed.
I wanted to hear every word he said.*

*Don't spend your money on that little blue pill.
Won't do you no good, you're over the hill.*

*Had my left hip replaced around 2010
but it will wear out and I will have to do it again.*

*My ankles and legs were swelling late at night.
So my veins were rerouted, now my blood flows right.*

*Believe it or not my knees seem OK.
At least they get me thru the day.*

*That about does it except for my big toe.
I had a little accident many years ago.
Now my friends (?) call me nine-toes, they think it's a gas.
I sure hope I'm around when they fall on their grass.*

*I am extremely careful if I have to climb a ladder.
Seems all I got left is my heart and my gallbladder.*

MEET YOUR NEW EDITORS ART & LILLY HARDIN



Effective with the next issue, July-September USDA NEWS will have Art and Lilly Hardin as the editors. They have been married for 38 years and live in Silverthorne, Colorado, located 70 miles due west of Denver.

You have heard me comment on what kind of club we would have if everyone in it was like me. If everyone was like Art and Lilly we would see a boom in square dancing that would remind us of the 50's. They started square dancing in 2014 and have never looked back. They are not the one night a week dancers or the couple of weekends out of the month. They are committed, but why wouldn't they be? What else can you do in Denver*? Oh, of course, you could ski. I had not gotten to that yet but, Lilly is a certified professional ski instructor.

Since becoming square dancers in 2014 they have attended every Colorado State Square Dance Festival and they are on the planning committees for the 2023 and the 2024 festivals. One could assume that they enjoy conventions and festivals as they have served four times as USDA Delegates from Colorado. They are on the promotions committee for the 72nd National Convention in June (Mobile, AL) and they are the chairmen of the program committee for the 74th National Convention in 2025 (Shreveport, LA).

That is their National involvement,. Here are a few things they are doing locally. The have served two terms as the President of their home club, the Timberline Toppers in Frisco, CO. Currently they are serving a three year term as the director for the Denver Area Round and Square Dance Council. They have previously served as council representatives, vice president and as president of the Colorado State Square Dance Association.

And most importantly, they do have experience as editors.

While I could continue to fill this page with information about the Hardins, I will stop and let them finish telling you about their hiking, biking, skiing and running ½ marathons.

**No letters please. The above reference to Denver is my humorous way of introducing Lilly's credential's as a skier. Denver is a beautiful city with lots of things to do and see.*

Written by out-going editor, Larry Dunkel with information provided by the Hardens.





They say the heart of any city is its downtown and ours is beating loudly these days. The twelfth busiest port in the country, Mobile is the social, economic and creative hub of the entire Gulf Coast - our colorful downtown has drawn people for centuries. Many large businesses are headquartered in downtown Mobile right next to quaint, locally owned art galleries, shops, restaurants and bars. On any given weekday, you'll encounter businesspeople, artists, construction workers, shop owners, students, families and tourists making their way along our flower-lined streets.

In the evenings and on the weekends, we shake things up a bit, with festivals, open-air markets, live concerts, and other special events (street pole vaulting, anyone?), giving folks a reason to come downtown and linger for a few hours or even a few days. In downtown Mobile, brunch is a sport, shopping an art and socializing a must.

Mobile is home to America's Original Mardi Gras and each year, it hosts the oldest organized Carnival celebration in the United States, right in the heart of downtown. The festival began to be celebrated in the first decade of the 18th century, during the city's French colonial period. Mobile also formed the first formally organized mystic society, also known as a krewe, in 1830. Since then, downtown has become the hub of cultural, social, and celebratory events.

The Downtown Mobile Alliance is an excellent source of information for everything to know, see and do in downtown Mobile and are incredible stewards of the downtown experience for visitors and locals alike.

[CLICK HERE](#) for Visit Mobile's Website

59th Michigan Square & Round Dance Convention



August 17 to August 19, 2023

Thursday – Trail End Dance 7:30pm – 10:30pm

Friday – Dancing 1pm – 11pm

Saturday – Dancing 10am – 10pm

Ray & Ilidia Wiles – General Chairmen

3425 Berry Drive, Carleton, MI 48117

misd2rw@gmail.com

734-637-8819 or 419-340-6603

Squares & Rounds with Contras, Hex, Traditional Squares & Lines

Featured Caller

Tony Oxendine

Charlotte, NC



Featured Cuer

Jerry Buckmaster

Oak Creek, WI



WOOD FLOORS in all dance halls

For more info & ONLINE REGISTRATION go to:

www.squaredance-michigan.com

Radisson Plaza Hotel & Suites, 100 W Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

269-343-3333

COME DANCE WITH ME IN '23!!



48th Tennessee Square and Round Dance Convention

***LIVE
BAND!**

August 3, 4 & 5, 2023
W.L. Mills
Conference Center
234 Historic Nature Trail
Gatlinburg, TN 37738

**WOOD
FLOORS!**

SQUARES

SSD/Club 50	Plus
Mainstream	DBD
Advanced	Hex
Challenge	Singing Calls
Progressive	Hot Hash

ROUNDS

Phases II-VI
Waltz Rumba
Foxtrot Cha
Mambo Bolero
Jive Two Step
W Coast Swing

Tentative Schedule

THURSDAY:

Trail-In Dance 8:00-11:00pm
2 Square Dance Halls
1 Dedicated Round Dance Hall

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

10:00am – 11:00pm
6 Halls of Dancing
*Live Band: Evening Hours

Fashion Show
Singles Dance
Sewing Clinic
After Party
Vendors
Intro to Contra

www.TNSquareDance.org

Facebook: TN
Square and
Round Dance
Convention

WELCOME TO TENNESSEE (THE VOLUNTEER STATE) &
The 65th International Square Dance Camporee

Hoedown Time In Lebanon, Tennessee 2023

James E. Ward Ag Ctr, 945 E Baddour Pkwy, Lebanon, TN 37087

July 11, 12, 13, 2023



Round Dancing



**7 Days
 Of Dancing,
 Fellowship,
 Games, Crafts,
 & More**



Square Dancing

Plenty of 30 & 50 Amp Sites without sewers. (Pre-Reg Honey Wagon service available.)
 Many Local Hotels Available for non-campers

The Official Trail In Dance is "Red Nose" Themed on Monday, July 10th 7 to 9:00 pm



**Corralling "Stuffed Animal
 For Emergency" Drive**

Book Exchange



SWAP YOUR BOOKS



**Chuckwagon
 (Potluck) Monday**

Military Appreciation



**SPECIALS
 INCLUDE:**

TRAIL IN DANCE Hosted by Wilson County Grand Squares and Crossfire Campers 198 at
 The James E Ward AG Center Sunday July 9, 2023 7 to 9:30 pm Pre-Rounds 6:30 pm \$8/p

A Night at the Grand Ole Opry Friday, July 14, 2023, Time TBA. Tickets are \$75/person & must be
 purchased in advance by contacting Ron Imus (574)370-9169

TRAIL OUT & Aloha Rock-A-Hula Dance Hosted by The Barnlofters & Crossfire Campers 198 at
 421 Highland View Dr—Hermitage, TN Saturday—July 15, 2023 Pre-Rounds 6:30—Squares 7-9 \$8/p

Why not Explore & Enjoy...Fiddlers' Grove Historical Village, Museums, Trolley Tours, Antique Shops,
 Train & Show Boat Adventures, short drive to Nashville., Lots of History to discover

Hosted by:
Crossfire Campers 198
 For More Info:
NSDCA.ORG

Registration form link

Contact: Ozzie & Ruth Osborn
 65thNSDSCAmporee@gmail.com
 (518)859-0734
 Facebook: 65th NSDCA Camporee



www.wybatap.com/NSDCA_2023_convention_application.pdf

Weekend Program Schedule

(unless stated):

Thursday:

7 - 7:30 pm Pre-Rounds
7:30 - 9:30 pm Plus Squares
& Rounds

Friday & Saturday:

10 - 11:30 am Round Dance
Workshop
2 - 3:30 pm Square Dance
Workshop
7 - 7:30 pm Pre-Rounds
7:30 - 9:30 pm Mainstream
Dance



*Weekend Dance Packages:

\$40 per person

Workshops:

\$7 per person

Night Dances:

\$12 per person

(Unless stated)

Dance/Schedule Questions:

Call Butch (208) 503-0551

OR

Tim (406) 218-8677



Camping Reservations
Only
(406) 273-0141

Square & Round
Dancing in Lolo, MT



2023

Summer
Dance
Schedule



Solo Stars' Mountain Mixer
June 2 - 3
Caller/Cuer:
Adam Christman (WA)
See flyer for details

*June 15 - 17:
Ed Holyoak (WA) - Caller
John & Joy Rich (WA) - Cuer

*June 22 - 24:
Steve Sullivan (ID) - Caller
Larry & Susan Sperry (MT)-Cuer

*June 29 - July 1:
Gary Baker (WA) - Caller
Butch Suttley (MT) - Caller
John & Joy Rich (WA) - Cuer

Notes:

*July 6 - 8:
David Hinds (MT) - Caller
Chuck & Sand Weiss (AZ) - Cuer

*July 13 - 15:
Jay Henderson (ID) - Caller
Chuck & Sand Weiss (AZ) - Cuer

Mainstream Week July 18 - 22
Jerry Junk (NE) - Caller
Chuck & Sand Weiss (AZ) - Cuer

July 18: 7 pm - Rounds
7:30pm - MS & Rounds

July 19-22: 10 am - Round Wrkshp
2 pm - Mainstream Wrkshp
7 pm - Rounds, 7:30pm - MS Dance

****Package (\$65 pp all wrkshp & dances)**
Wrkshp (\$7 pp per session)
Evening (\$12 pp per dance)

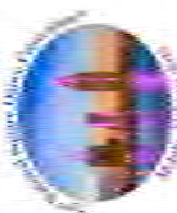
*July 27 - 29:
Bill Henke (SD) - Caller
Chuck & Sand Weiss (AZ) - Cuer

*August 3 - 5:
Lynn Strobel (MT) - Caller
Larry & Susan Sperry (MT)-
Cuer

****LOLO STOMP - Plus****
Jerry Junk (NE) - Caller
Lynn Strobel (MT) - Caller
Larry & Susan Sperry (MT)-
Cuer

Aug 10 - 12:
10 am - Round Wrkshp
2 pm - Plus Wrkshp
7 pm - Rounds
7:30 pm - Plus Dance

****Package (\$50 pp all wrkshp & dances)**
Workshops (\$7 pp per session)
Evening (\$12 pp per dance)



72nd National Square Dance Convention®

Party Gras 2023

June 21, 22, 23, 24, 2023 in Mobile, Alabama

Y'all Come Dance & Play on Mobile Bay

Register online at www.72nsdc.com

For Convention Use Only

Registration # _____
Date Received _____
Payment Processed _____
Check# or Paid _____

Version 12/1/2021

RETURN
COMPLETED FORM
TO:

72nd NSDC

P.O. Box 613

Leeds, AL 35094

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____
City: _____
Phone: _____ Phone 2: _____
Email: _____
*E-mail address will only be shared with the NEC. ☐ Check if you do not want your email shared.

First Name & Last Name for CONVENTION BADGES

# of	1 Adult	2 Adult	3 Adult/Youth	4 Adult/Youth	5 Adult/Youth	Subtotals
post	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NSDCs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
prior to	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
72nd	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Solo # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 1st NSDC # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Military/Veteran # _____			

Magnet for badge (price provided free)

Program Book & Daily Schedules (\$20 after 4/30/23) # _____ @ \$20.00 \$ _____

Round Dance Syllabus ☐ USB \$10 ☐ Printed \$10 ☐ Both \$15 # _____ @ \$15.00 \$ _____

Sew & Save Book ☐ USB \$10 ☐ Printed \$10 ☐ Both \$15 # _____ @ \$15.00 \$ _____

Hearing Assistance Device Rental (\$20 refund upon return) # _____ @ \$40.00 \$ _____

Wednesday Night Special Event "Three on A String" (Bluegrass Comedy)

☐ Dinner & Show \$50 per person # _____ @ \$50.00 \$ _____

☐ Show Only \$25 per person # _____ @ \$25.00 \$ _____

RV Camping From back side of form (4 night minimum) # _____ nights @ \$40.00 \$ _____

Total Due \$ _____

PAYMENT FOR TOTAL DUE (US Funds)

☐ Check Enclosed ☐ Cash - Receipt # _____ ☐ Credit Card:

Name on Card: _____

Card Type (Visa, Mastercard, AmEx) _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Security Code: _____

HOTEL & CAMPING INFORMATION ON REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM

Convention Hotels and Campgrounds must be reserved through 72nd NSDC Registration & Housing for 72nd NSDC rates. ☐ Check box if you will manage your own accommodations.

INFORMATION FOR COMPLETING FORM

- You can complete this form and pay online at www.72nsdc.com.
- Please PRINT legibly to ensure accuracy of information.
- If you have already PRE-REGISTERED using our short form, please enter names in the appropriate space for each badge and enter \$0 (zero) in subtotal by each name already registered to avoid duplicate charge.
- If not Pre-Registered, enter registration fee for each dancer plus quantity and correctly calculated amounts in the subtotal lines, then calculate and enter the total due.
- Registration fees: Adult \$65 Youth ages 6-17 by 6/24/23 \$32.50. Under 5 Free.
- Prices will increase May 1, 2023, to Adult \$80 - Youth ages 6-17 \$40.
- Persons 3-5 circle Adult or Youth. Only need birthday if Youth.
- Badges will include (if you choose) Solo, 1st NSDC and Military Service. To indicate which badge, put the corresponding number (1-5) in the blank. Example: Retired Military Veteran # 1.2.
- Registrations are non-transferable.
- No Single Day Registrations.
- A \$10.00 fee per registrant will be imposed for cancellations or changes.
- Registrations received after April 30, 2023, will receive e-mail confirmation only.
- If sending by mail include credit card information, check, or money order payable in U.S. Funds to 72nd NSDC with this form. Do not send cash.
- If paying by credit card, you can email this form to registration@72nsdc.com.

TOURS can be purchased on separate brochure or online at www.72nsdc.com/tours

PROGRAMMED CALLERS & DANCE LEADERS

You must update your profile online by 12/31/22 at <https://sdconvention.com>

Name _____ Type: _____

Name _____ Type: _____

Name _____ Type: _____

Dressy casual attire allowed until 6pm. Proper dance attire is required after 6pm for all dancers. 72nd NSDC Convention badge required for entrance to all convention activities.

Name: _____

More information available at www.2nude.com/accommodations**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

Code	Hotel	Rate
1	Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel Headquarters	\$162
2	Battle House Renaissance Hotel & Spa Pet Friendly	\$162
3	Hampton Inn & Suites *One night Deposit charged in advance	\$129*
4	Holiday Inn Dance Leaders Only	\$130

Indicate choice of hotel preference by specifying code number: #1 #2 #3
 Assignments will be made in order of registration form received & according to availability.
 Hotels assigned on first come basis. This form must be received, and rooms must be booked by April 1, 2023, to guarantee 72nd NSDC pricing.

Room nights needed: (4 Night Minimum)

☐ S 6/17 ☐ S 6/18 ☐ M 6/19 ☐ T 6/20 ☐ W 6/21 ☐ T 6/22 ☐ F 6/23 ☐ S 6/24 ☐ S 6/25
 # Additional arrive early? _____ or stay late nights? _____ Total nights requested _____

Room request:

☐ Double ☐ Queen ☐ King ☐ Standard ☐ Suite (*upcharge) ☐ Handicapable Accessible

SHARED ROOMS - only one person per room should complete a hotel reservation request.

Please list all room occupants here: _____

Housing Committee does not find or assign roommates.

BLOCK HOUSING (10-25 rooms) requests must be received by January 2, 2023. Everyone that is part of a Block Housing Group must fill in Block Name and Block Leader Name.

Block Name _____

Block Leader Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

No airport shuttle services provided by hotels; arranged shuttle information can be found online at www.2nude.com/accommodations.

Your hotel reservation must be guaranteed with credit card.

Hotel confirmations will be sent via email or mail. If you do not receive your confirmation by May 1, 2023, please email registration@2nude.com. The balance for your room will be charged at the hotel upon check in. An alternative form of payment may be presented at check in. Your confirmed hotel may assess a one-night tax penalty fee for cancellations received less than 72 hours of arrival, including early departure. No self or online registration available, all convention hotels must be booked through Housing Chairman.

CREDIT CARD FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS

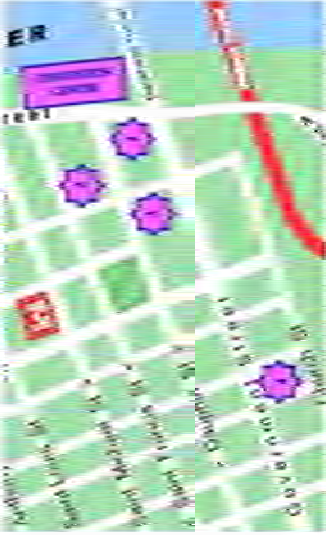
☐ Use same credit card on front side or ☐ Use different credit card below:

Name on Card: _____

Card Type (Visa, Mastercard, AmEx) _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ (*after July 2023) Security Code: _____

MAP OF HOTELS**RV & CAMPING ACCOMMODATIONS**

Campground	Distance	Rate
Meaher State Park Campground	8 miles / 12-minute drive	\$40

Each site is paved, roughly 65' in length, and has 20, 30 and 50-amp electrical connections as well as water and sewer hookups. Assignments will be made in order of registration form received & according to availability. Sites assigned on first come basis. This form must be received, and sites must be booked by April 1, 2023, to guarantee 72nd NSDC pricing.

Site nights needed: (4 Night Minimum)

☐ S 6/17 ☐ S 6/18 ☐ M 6/19 ☐ T 6/20 ☐ W 6/21 ☐ T 6/22 ☐ F 6/23 ☐ S 6/24 ☐ S 6/25
 # Additional arrive early? _____ or stay late nights? _____ Total nights requested _____

GROUP CAMPING requests must be received by January 2, 2023. Everyone that is part of the Group must fill in Group Name and Group Leader Name.

Group Name _____

Group Leader Name _____

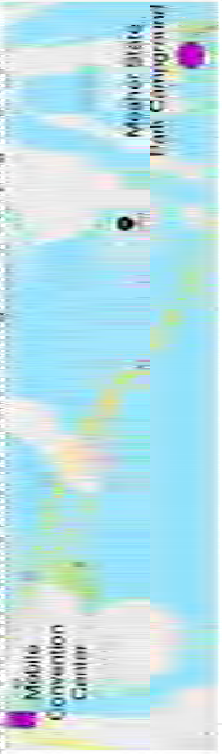
Email _____

Phone _____

No Bus Passes Available. Parking Available at Convention Center \$5 per day (in/out).

Your camping reservation must be paid in advance with this form (on front side).

Your confirmed campground may assess a one night tax penalty fee for cancellations received less than 72 hours of arrival, including early departure. No self or online registration available, all site reservations must be booked through RV & Camping Chairman.





Pre-Registration
73rd National Square Dance Convention®
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
June 26, 27, 28, & 29, 2024

IF REGISTERING BY MAIL:

73rd National Square Dance Convention®
 2405 Royal Court, Waukesha, WI 53188
registration@73nsdc.com

Primary Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Partner's Last Name (if different): _____ First Name: _____

Email Address: (if different) _____

Youth Names & DOB: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Country: _____ Email: _____

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

Phone: () _____ Alt Number () _____

Pre-Registration Prices (US currency only) \$50.00 each x ____ = \$ _____ **until 2/25/2023**

Youth born after June 26, 2006 \$25.00 each x ____ = \$ _____ **until 2/25/2023**

Cash Received \$ _____ Check # _____ (**Pay to 73NSDC**) **Total Due:** \$ _____

Credit Card Type: _____ Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: ____/____ Security Code: _____ Name of Cardholder: _____

Statement Mailing Address (if different): _____

Authorized Card Signature: _____

\$10.00 cancellation fee per registration. No refunds after April 30, 2024. **This form and registration rate is void after February 25, 2023.** Registration Long Forms will be mailed in November 2022 for selection of hotel and additional items. Early registration gives you free admittance to the Pre-Convention Kick Off Dance on February 25, 2023. Convention badges are required for entrance to all convention activities. Square Dance attire is requested for the evening dance.

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 they can also support USDA:





Pre-Registration
74th National Square Dance Convention[®]
Shreveport, Louisiana
June 25, 26, 27, & 28, 2025

REGISTRATION NUMBER

REGISTER ONLINE at www.74thnsdc.com

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Primary Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Partner's (if different): _____ First Name: _____

Youth Names & DOB: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Country: _____ Email: _____

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

Phone: (____) _____ Alt Number (____) _____

Registration Prices (*U.S. currency only*) \$55.00 each x _____ = \$ _____

Youth born after June 25, 2007 \$27.50 each x _____ = \$ _____

Add \$3 for Credit Card Processing Fee = \$ _____

Cash Received \$ _____ Check# _____ (Pay to 74th NSDC) **Total Due: \$** _____

Credit Card Type _____ Card # _____

Expiration Date: ____/____/____ Security Code _____ Name of Cardholder: _____

Statement Mailing Address (if different) _____

Authorized Card Signature: _____

IF REGISTERING BY MAIL: General Chairman: Ted & Tonia Hofmeister 501-912-3015
 74th National Square Dance Convention[®] 1126 Lawrence Lane, Benton, AR 72019

HELP US PLAN! Please CIRCLE all that apply

Dancers: Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Challenge, Contra, Lines, Rounds, Clogging, Handicapable, SOLO

Leaders: Squares, Contra, Lines, Rounds, Clogging, Education Presenter: Topic _____

Arrive Early or Stay Late? # Days _____ Camp, Stay at Convention Hotel, or Other Accommodations?

Group name: _____ Do you need Block rooms, Meeting Room, Storage Space?

Tour, Education, Program or other suggestions? _____

\$10 cancellation fee per registration. No refunds after April 30, 2025. This form & registration rate are void after March 16th, 2024. Registration Long Forms will be mailed March 2024 for selection of hotel & additional items. 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.

Early registration gives you free admittance to the Pre-Convention Kick Off Dance on March 16th, 2024.

WHO MAY WE THANK FOR YOUR REGISTRATION? _____

Internal Use Only) Accepted by _____ Date _____

Registration Location _____ **RECEIPT NUMBER** _____

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)



A Salute To The Military

63rd Ohio Dance Convention May 5 & 6, 2023



Last Name / Veteran Y or N		First Name / Military Branch	Child's First Name	() Age
Last Name / Veteran Y or N		First Name / Military Branch	Child's First Name	() Age
Street Address		() Area Code	Phone Number	
City	State	Zip Code	Email Address	

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Friday, Round Dance Clinic with Pat & Joe Hilton
Both Sessions \$35.00 per person \$
Single Session \$20.00 per person \$

Saturday, Dinner & Show
\$50.00 per person \$

Details Forthcoming

SPECIAL SELF GUIDED TOURS

National Veterans Memorial
General Admission \$17.00 per person
Senior Admission \$15.00 per person

Motts Military Museum
General Admission \$10.00 per person
Senior/Veteran w/ID \$8.00 per person
Student Admission \$5.00

Purchase Tickets At The Door

ADDITIONAL ATTRACTIONS FORTHCOMING

REGISTRATION FEES (per person)

Friday & Saturday Adult

before 3/17/23 # x \$40.00 = \$
after 3/17/23 # x \$50.00 = \$

Friday Adult Only # x \$30.00 = \$

Saturday Adult Only # x \$30.00 = \$

Youth Under Age 18 # x \$20.00 = \$

Family Rate w/more than 2 children

Adults pay the appropriate Adult Rate & for 2
Youth Rates. Additional # of free Youth

Thursday May 4, 2023 Trail End:

Adult # x \$10.00 = \$
Youth 18 yrs - 16 yrs # x \$5.00 = \$
Youth 15 yrs & Younger # FREE

Include Special Event Total \$

Non Dancing Guest # FREE

Please register at the registration
desk & wear name tag at all times

TOTAL: \$

No Registration Refunds After April 1, 2023

LEVEL OF DANCE INTEREST

(check all that apply)

Squares	Rounds
<input type="checkbox"/> Mainstream	<input type="checkbox"/> II & III
<input type="checkbox"/> Plus	<input type="checkbox"/> IV - VI
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	
<input type="checkbox"/> Challenge	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Hall
<input type="checkbox"/> Intro to Advance	<input type="checkbox"/> CW Lines
<input type="checkbox"/> DBD	

DANCE FEDERATION/COUNCIL

(please check one)

☐ Cleveland ☐ Akron
☐ Miami Valley ☐ Central
☐ Cincinnati ☐ Toledo
Other (or state) _____

Check here if you want to be scheduled as a:

☐ Caller ☐ Cues
☐ CW Line Leader

Your Registration Fee will be Refunded at
the end of the Convention upon completion
of scheduled times.

Ribbons Required At All Times!

Please cut along this line. Keep lower portion for information. Return top portion, completed, with payment to registration chairman.

Location: Crowne Plaza Columbus North, 6500 Doubletree Ave., Columbus, OH 43229

King Room or 2 Double Bed Room rates are \$102 + tax per night
Room rate cut off date is April 20, 2023 for the convention price

When making your room reservations, state that you are with the
63rd Ohio Dance Convention. Call 614-885-1885 to make reservation.

Camping is not permitted at the hotel.

Mail Registration to:

Linda Warren, 1322 Steeple Chase Dr. Mansfield, Ohio 44906
63rdohiodanceconvregistrar@gmail.com 419-632-0488

Make Checks payable to:

Ohio Square & Round Dance Association

On-line Registration: ohiodanceconvention.com

Trail End Dances at The Crowne Plaza Columbus North

Adults \$10.00 18yrs - 16yrs \$5.00 15yrs & under Free
Plus Hall, Rounds Hall, & Mainstream Hall
Dance in all 3 halls for the price of one!

General Chair: Terri & Jeff Ross 740-815-6116
63rdohiodanceconvgenchair@gmail.com

Vice-Chair: Dave & Sharon Anderson 614-891-9258
63rdohiodanceconvvicechair@gmail.com

Appropriate Dance Attire Requested

Your photo may be taken and posted on social media

62nd California State Square Dance Convention



Ray Brendzy
Canada



Michael Kellogg
California

**Yuba-Sutter
Fairgrounds
Yuba City, CA**



Steve Edlund
Canada



Darryl Lipscomb
Oklahoma



**MaryAnn Callahan
& Craig Cowan**
California



**Sharon & Casey
Parker**
California

April 21—23, 2023

**Mainstream/SSD
Plus - Advanced
Challenge
Rounds PH 2-5
Trail End Dance
After Party
Caller Clinic
Silent Auction
Opportunity Quilt
Drawing
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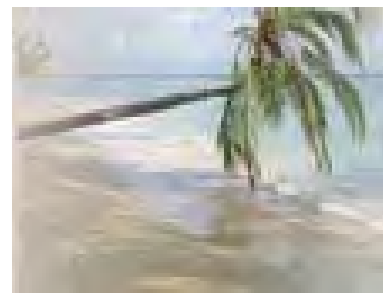
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