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Inside this Issue

We say thank you and goodbye to Larry Dunkle, Tony and Diana Rock, all retiring after serving USDA for many years.

We meet the incoming Western Region Vice President Nina Grigsby.

Eastern Region is looking for a new Vice President. Take a look at the VP responsibilities as described in the USDA By Laws. Consider serving the world's largest square dance organization with this outstanding opportunity.

Three Centennial Awards are highlighted in this issue, don't miss the tribute to these square dancing legends.

We look forward to the next National Convention in Milwaukee Wisconsin June 26-29, 2024. You can also register for the 74th NSDC in Shreveport. Use the registration forms on pages 19 and 21 or go on line to support these teams working hard to provide you a great experience.

Lastly consider attending conventions or festivals around the country. Many of these for the remainder of 2023 and 2024 are listed on page 29.

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A MESSGE FROM OUR PRESIDENTS



MARK AND BINA KREBSBACH

SUMMERTIME SUMMERTIME MY FAVORITE TIME OF THE YEAR

Summer is here and time for fun

A chance to relax and bathe in the sun

Here in the country farming has begun

The soil is warmed by rays from the sun

Seeds have been planted all in a row

With blessings from nature new plants will grow

Prayers of good weather for needed relief

As faith is required with great belief

As we reflect back on the past 2 years of serving as Presidents of the USDA it truly has been a rewarding and humbling experience. We have been very blessed to serve on the Executive Committee of this worthy organization. It is with humble gratitude that we issue a heartfelt thank you to all the people who make up the USDA.

As we march square dancing and life forward, let us keep a positive outlook and not forget that how we see things makes all the difference in life. Too many times our eyes confine us, and we fail to focus correctly. For life is only 10% circumstance and 90% attitude!! (Norwegian Proverb)

There are many good people we have had the privilege of working with on the USDA Executive Committee. I find myself obliged to highlight one person whom Bina & I have come to know, respect, and to love over the last several years while serving on the Executive Committee of the USDA. He has inspired us with his attitude of looking at life through the eyes of his heart. Even though God has taken his eyesight, he has been blessed with the aptitude to see life with such clarity and focus ability. (Many times, our eyes restrict us from seeing with that ability.) He understands that nothing will affect one's life more than any other single ingredient than the mental attitude a person decides to live their lives by. Yes, knowing Tony and Diana Rock has truly been one of the "Highlights" of serving on the USDA Executive Committee.

When humility decays – liberty, freedom & prosperity decline.

God's Blessings, Your Humble Servants As ever square dancers Mark & Bina



A MESSGE FROM THE EDITORS



ART AND LILLY HARDIN

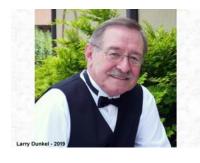
Thank you for allowing us to edit the USDA NEWS. We feel very privileged to serve the world's largest square dance organization. We live in the mountains of central Colorado. There are lots of activities like skiing, hiking and biking. There is always plenty to do, but square dancing has given us a place to belong, a way to meet new friends and a purpose for travel and exploration.

When we first retired, we were worried that we wouldn't have enough to do. After all you can only ski so many runs, and you can only hike or bike so many trails. Eventually you need purpose and variety in your day. Square Dancing has helped provide that for us, and we feel privileged to be able to give back.

As I write this note, there is new snow on the mountain tops and the sun is shining. The calendar says late spring, but the weather says winter is still near and can strike again at any time. Most of the tourists have gone on to other pursuits leaving the ski slopes less crowded. The hiking trails are still frozen, the bike trails caked with sand, and the grass on the golf courses are too soggy to support players. By the time most of you get this issue it will be late summer and here the lilacs will just be starting to bloom. The trails will finally be cleaned up and dried out and our area will be back in full tourist mode. Our outdoor activities will be plentiful, but we will still be dancing.

Thank you again for the opportunity.

See you on the Dance Floor Art and Lilly Hardin



Larry Dunkel and Tony & Diana Rock are retiring from the USDA Executive Committee effective at the National Convention in Mobile, Alabama this June.

God's blessings and a big SQUARE DANCE THANK YOU to Larry, Tony and Diana.

Well done faithful servants!!



EVENTS IN THE WESTERN REGION L Paul & Sally Schmidt, Outgoing Western Region VP

WESTERN REGION REPORT

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

At the end of this year's USDA Annual Board of Directors meeting, held on June 21 in conjunction with the National Square Dance Convention® in Mobile, we will complete our third and final term as Western Region Vice President (for the second time around). We are very excited that a candidate has been nominated from the Square and Round Dance Association of Southern Arizona – Nina Grigsby. Nina has been a USDA delegate from her affiliate but will be joining the Executive Committee for the first time. She is enthusiastic about supporting and promoting square and round dancing throughout the Western United States. Following the end of the National Convention, Nina will take over the USDA Western Region VP email at WesternVP@usda.org.

We have enjoyed traveling and dancing our way through the Western United States over the past three years. Due to the pandemic along with some conflicting commitments, we were unable to get to a dance or festival with each of the Western Region affiliates, but truly appreciated the welcome we received at those events we did attend. We encourage you all to support the **USA**West Square Dance Convention, being held this year on Albuquerque, New Mexico, on July 26-29.

Live Lively, Square Dance!

LPaul & Sally Schmidt

USDA Western Region Vice President

EVENTS IN THE WESTERN REGION Nina Grigsby, Incoming Western Region VP

Greetings, I am so excited and honored to begin to serve as USDA Western Region Vice President. I look forward to aiding USDA and all our affiliates, associations, and clubs to continue to promote square dancing, not only throughout the Western United States, but also across the country. There are so many activities and resources that USDA has coordinated to aid in all our efforts to increase awareness and enjoyment of square dancing that I am sure will inspire you and your fellow dancers.

Among many of my goals this year, I will be connecting with all our Affiliates to formally introduce myself, gathering updates from you regarding your planned activities and festivals for the upcoming year, as well as sharing ideas and past experiences with "lessons learned" on what has worked, or not worked, with promoting square dancing, and our other dance forms, and attracting/retaining new dancers. I will also make every effort to travel to your dances and events this year as friendship is always best shared in person.

Hope to see you soon and dance with you sooner!

Nina Grigsby

EVENTS IN THE PLAINS REGION Ellery and Karen Gulbrand, Plains Region VP

PLAINS REGION REPORT

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

Realizing the Plains Region covers a very large gamut of weather, we can only relate to the upper Midwest and mainly Wisconsin. During late winter and early spring, we had "teeter-totter" weather with fast moving highs and lows. The weather, however, didn't have a big effect on dancing as classes began to grow and club dances were more highly attended. Special seasonal dances, anniversary dances and fund-raising dances are drawing a bigger attendance with a lot of exuberance. Hopefully this is a sign of the future! For us, spring and summer thus far have been wonderful.

As this article is being written we are looking forward to attending the 2023 National Square Dance Convention® in Mobile, Alabama. We hope many of you will be able to attend the USDA Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 21st at the convention site We also have our Wisconsin Square and Round Dance Convention on our schedule which will be held August 11-13 in Middleton, Wisconsin. We encourage all the Affiliates in the Plains Region to contact us with information regarding Festivals and Conventions in your state or region. With family and other commitments, we will attempt to attend as many as we are able to.

We would encourage all dancers to participate in the monthly webinars that USDA presents. Dancers can check out the USDA website for future topics.

May God send his blessings, keep everyone safe, and may our dance floors come alive with the feet of dancers both returning and new graduates.

Sincerely and God's blessings, Ellery & Karen Gulbrand



EVENTS IN THE CENTAL REGION Scott and Sandy Ebright, Central Region VP

CENTERAL REGION REPORT

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

You know, some phrases that you hear just get stuck in your head for life. One such phrase I learned when I was in the US Army, 82nd Airborne, 40+ years ago. A guy in my squad named Chance was a country boy from North Carolina who joined the Airborne mostly because the home of the 82nd, Fort Bragg, NC, was the closest Army base to his home. Chance was a dedicated paratrooper, an awesome soldier, and great friend to me. Yes, Chance was his real name, not a nickname. His parents named him well. He would have easily lived up to a nickname of "Chance". Oh, the stories I could tell!

Chance had that good ol' boy laid-back demeanor and southern charm. He spoke with a slow drawl that made people want to pause and listen. Being a northern boy from Ohio I can tell you that, back in the day, us northerners often mistook those traits as slow-witted and lazy. Chance demolished that stereotype with his amazing intelligence, resourcefulness, hard-working effort, and devoted work ethic.

I bet by this point you are asking, "What is the phrase Chance used?"

I am glad you asked! Chance had a lot of "country wisdom" phrases. There were metaphors and similes galore! I am sure that even Dolly Parton would have been jealous of Chance's arsenal of words! He knew all the standards like those that spoke of liquids rolling off ducks or through geese. He had sayings that made big seem bigger, little seem smaller, and well... I think you get the point.

My favorite Chance-ism was and still is, "We are juggling feathers in a hurricane!" He used this phrase to describe how busy we always seemed to be keeping up with the myriad of tasks that the Army always wanted us to do.

Sandy and I have served as USDA Central Region Vice Presidents for almost 11 months. That phrase has popped in my head several times in the last year. There are 12 states in the Central Region and we have visited 9 of them.

Our visits are usually at the state conventions and other state meetings. While there, we try to educate folks on the benefits that USDA membership has for dancers and associations. Another goal of our visits is to encourage dancers to visit other state conventions. Every state convention that we have attended has been a outstanding fun.

Visiting may be the best way we can support each other while our struggling activity rebounds from some difficult years. Most recently, we attended Ohio's state convention. The attendance at Ohio was just 3 dancers short of 500! That is a fantastic showing and just a few more visitors would have made a big difference!

Here are some updates: Since I lived in North Carolina for a spell I count it as one of my homes. It saddens me to tell y'all that NC had to cancel their state convention this year. West Virginia has not had a state convention in several years. We are hoping that NC and WV will start up again next year. When these states start back up, I hope we can all support them. Florida is still having their convention in January but the venue has moved (a little closer to the beach).

Upcoming 2023 Central Region state conventions: Tennessee 03-05Aug, Michigan 17-19Aug, Alabama 25-26Aug, Kentucky 07-09Sep, Georgia 15-16Sep, Indiana 03-05Nov

It is our sincere hope that y'all will add a few of these feathers (conventions) to your juggling act. We plan to be at them, and many others. If we all pitch in, maybe we can keep the hurricane from blowing them away. You know, I have not seen Chance for almost 4 decades. I wish I could thank him for teaching me to juggle feathers!

IHS.

- Scott and Sandy Ebright USDA Central Region Vice Presidents

EVENTS IN THE EASTERN REGION Ed and Lynda Willis, Eastern Region VP

EASTERN REGION REPORT

(Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia)

We are looking for someone to run for the Eastern Region Vice President for the next term. Please let us know if you are interested or know someone who might be willing to serve.

This past year we were appointed to this position and have been searching for a full-time couple to take over, but have been unsuccessful. While we did attend some Eastern Region functions, we were limited due to outside circumstances. The last event we attended was the New England convention in Portland, ME the last week of April. Even though the weather was cold, rainy and very windy (great camping weather) it was an outstanding event. Dancers even danced in the indoor pool twice. It was great seeing people we had met when we worked for the 64th NSDC in Springfield. I will say this was our second New England convention, the first being at Mt Washington where the weather brought us snow. If you have never been to a New England convention, we highly recommend it despite the weather. Next year's convention will again be held in Portland in April.

We want to thank USDA for appointing us to this position. Because of USDA By-laws we are required to retire as we do not live in the region. We hope you support the new vice presidents as well as you have supported us. Hopefully we will be able to continue with USDA in another capacity in the coming years. Either way please stay in touch

Ed & Lynda Willis
Eastern Region Vice Presidents
ARTS Representatives
United Square Dancers of America

DUTIES OF REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS

- A. Perform duties assigned by the President, Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee;
- B. Maintain a current roster of Affiliates in their regions showing their voting rights, a list of their officers and delegates, with titles, names, addresses, and telephone numbers; sixty days before any meeting of the Board of Directors furnish a copy of this roster to the Secretary; maintain a current file on contacts made with Affiliates;
- C. Maintain a current roster of all non-affiliates in their regions showing non-affiliate's names, officer's titles, names, addresses, and telephone numbers; maintain a current file on contacts made with non-affiliates;

- D. Serve as coordinators between the USDA President and the Affiliate and Delegates in the regions they serve;
- E. Sixty days before the Annual Meeting elections, commence the nomination follow-up procedure specified in the Standing Rules to encourage Affiliates to submit nominations for USDA Officers;
- F. Be responsible for promoting USDA membership, purposes, programs, and accomplishments to Affiliates and to non-affiliates;
- G. Not be eligible to serve more than three consecutive terms.

USDA INSURANCE COORDINATORS NOTES Elizabeth Sanders

Greeting Everyone,

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the 72nd NSDC in Mobile, AL. It is going to be a great convention.

Now that the rush is over, I will be keeping limited hours between now and October 1. Saturday and Sunday's I am off; emails will be checked Monday thru Friday and phone calls will be answered if I am at home. If I do not answer, please leave a message and I will call you back as soon as I can.

I will not be available by phone from June 19 thru June 30 as I will be attending the 72nd NSDC in Mobile, AL. I will present two (2) educational sessions on "How to be an Insurance Coordinator". The sessions will be Thursday, June 22 at 9 am in Mobile Bay Ballroom 2 and Friday, June 23 at 1 pm in Grand Bay Ballroom 2. Please check the schedule to make sure there are no last minute changes to the location and time.

Did you know that USDA has a Youth Scholarship program? Did you know about the Centennial Award Program? For more information on both programs and many more that USDA offers check out our booth at the "Showcase of Ideas" exhibit at the 72nd NSDC.

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

Sincerely, Elizabeth Sanders USDA National Insurance Coordinator P O Box 417, Stephens, GA 30667 sqdanins@gmail.com or insurance@usda.org 706-759-3642



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THOSE LONELY SQUARE DANCERS

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Care and specialty

They have come a long long way

To sit by the dance

Hoping that someone would

Only give them a chance

They sit all alone
While watching every move
Anxious to share
All they can do

Just take them by the hand
And into the square
To show them there are people
Who truly do care

Those lonely square dancers
Are so precious you see
They touch the hearts
Of you and me

Because we are human, at one point or another in our lifetime, we will inevitably annoy or hurt someone. What is it that would hinder you from stepping forward and acting by escorting those lonely square dancers to the square? Be proactive, take up the challenge and offer your hand to those lonely square dancers and show them that there is much more to square dancing than simply going through the motions on the dance floor.

A Philosophy of a PDN (proactive, divergent Norwegian)

Mark Krebsbach 2023

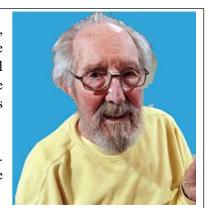
FEATURE ARTICLE

CENTENNIAL AWARD

PETER EVERY

Peter Every is a man of great integrity. He was born in London, England on March 25, 1923. During World War II, at age 20,he enlisted in the Air Force. After the war he returned to London he took a job and attended night school, earning a Mechanical Engineering Degree. During this time he married and started a family. Soon after he was offered a job in Canada where he brought his young family. After this project was shut down by the government, he sought work in the U.S

Peter had several job opportunities in several states, finally stetting roots in Michigan. While in Michigan he pursued his love of sailing and built his own sailboat. He competed in a number of sailboat races.



Peter wanted to learn to downhill ski, so he bought a book and taught himself.

Peter started square dancing with his wife in the 1980s. They were a popular couple in several clubs in southeast for several years. Peter saved one club facing a closing by donating enough to keep them afloat. After the passing of his wife, he brought happiness by partnering with number of other women.

He was an idea man at work and full of innovations. He was awarded a patent for one of the first Anti-lock brake systems.

Peter was honored on March 21, 2023, with a birthday party at his home square dance club, the Star Twirlers of Michigan, where he received a Centenarian award from the U.S.D.A. His daughter, "Jacqueline, was in attendance also.

Submitted by George Ferguson and Sandy McIntire



FEATURE ARTICLE

CENTENNIAL AWARD

DR. BURLYN (MIKE) MICHEL

Dr. Michel was born in Indiana on March 7, 2023. While serving in the Army in South Dakota he met his wife Florence (Mary) Schalkle at a dance. They married in 1946. In 1958 they moved to Athens, GA where Mike was a professor in the Botany Dept (in 2001 the name was changed to Plant Biology). He retired from UGA in 1988.



Mary and Mike enjoyed ballroom dancing during their courtship and continued dancing through their 70-year marriage. Mary passed in 2016 at the age of 93. Their family includes three children, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mary and Mike graduated June 22, 1973 from a square dancing class hosted by the Oconee Whirlers Square Dance Club in Watkinsville, GA. Next, they learned round dancing and clogging. Mike was a round dance cuer until March 2020.

Mary and Mike served as presidents of the Northeast Georgia Federation of Square Dancers, president of Classic City Squares and Happy Squares (both clubs in Athens, GA).

In addition to his square dancing and cueing rounds at dances, he was active with the local boy scout troop. He also converted his basement to a dance studio where he taught round dancing. When he would be on a scout camping trip a fellow cuer would teach his class for him. This cuer recalls that when someone would forget and open the basement door the alarm system would go off. He would have to call Mike's alarm company and give them the password which was "soybeans". This was Mike's area of research at UGA.

The Centennial Award was presented to Mike on March 26 at a special Classic City Squares dance. Elizabeth and Eddie Sanders, USDA Insurance Coordinators, were scheduled to present the certificate and lapel pin but due to Elizabeth being sick the caller for the dance, Sam Rowan, presented the certificate and lapel pin. Sam and Mike have been friends since the square dance class in 1973. Sam was only 16 when he graduated and is still quare dancing as well as being a caller and a cuer for Sun City Squares, Bluffton, SC.



Article submitted by Elizabeth Sanders

FEATURE ARTICLE

CENTENNIAL AWARD

WILLIAM DUANE RADCLIFFE

William Duane Radcliffe (Billy boy, W.D., Arizona Bill) was born May 20, 1923, the 6th and forever, baby of the family. He had 2 older sisters and 3 brothers, all living on a homestead in South Dakota.

He served in the Navy from Oct 1942 – March 1946. The Navy was good to him. In spite of it being war-time, Bill volunteered for several interesting duties, and because of his amiability and talents he was accepted into a Navy Choir and spent 3 months singing for the weekly "Meet Your Navy" radio show.



Out of the Navy Bill took a job as a temporary substitute in the Railway Mail Service, based in Portland, Oregon. A job that lasted nearly 40 years! On the RPO – Railway Post Office – they worked inside a train car fitted with mail sorting boxes and bags and bags for sorted mail. Up to 6 people worked in the car, depending on the route.

Bill and his first wife divorced and he meet a new person, got married and that is when they discovered square dancing. They found a group of dancers that enjoyed traveling and they along wit caller Gene Noble and his wife, traveled and danced in Germany, Japan, Guatemala and Australia. Bill said square dancing is called in English everywhere, so they were able to dance anywhere they went, but is was strange not to be able to talk with their fellow dancers. Wherever they were they square danced and was very active in their club.

On May 20th the Star Promenaders and the Charlie Brown Squares joined to host a 100th birthday party in honor of Arizona Bill. Bill had said many times that he was going to live to age 103 and he wanted the USDA Centennial Award. Unfortunately Bill fell short, passing away just a few days after dancing at the Oregon Mid-Winter Festival. At the request of his family and to his total involvement in square dancing, USDA did present the Centennial Award posthumously to, Bill's daughter, Shirley McNamee and his granddaughter Jenny.

Marilyn Schmit, a former member of the USDA Executive committee and long time Oregon Federation delegate to the Annual Meeting, made the presentation in front of approximately 85 family members and friends. His family was most appreciative of our giving this award. Shirley talked about how much square dancing had meanmt to her father. Shirley, USDA appreciates all your Dad contributed to square dancing.



Submitted by Marilyn Schmit

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Jive Two Step
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<u>Tentative Schedule</u>

THURSDAY:

Trail-In Dance 8:00-11:00pm

2 Square Dance Halls

1 Dedicated Round Dance Hall

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

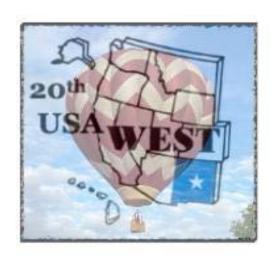
10:00am - 11:00pm 6 Halls of Dancing

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Tentative Schedule

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10:00am-5:00 7:30-10:00

Squares in 3 ballrooms:

SSD / Mainstream, Plus, Advanced/C1, ~

10:00am-5:00 7:30-10:00

Variety Hall in 4th ballroom

After Party 10:00-11:00 Salon A-E Ballroom

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In Memory

Miriam Brown Oct. 6, 2929 to April 22, 2023

Miriam Roberta Brown, age 93, of Lutz, Florida entered into rest on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Miriam was born on October 6, 2029 in Oak Ridge, Pennsylvania.

A loving mother and homemaker, Miriam moved from Erie, PA in1975 to Florida with her family. She lived in Spring Hill, then Lutz. She was a member of the Temple Twirlers Square Dance Club for 20 years, beginning in 2002. During her membership she had the honor of receiving a medal signifying that she square danced in all 50 states over a period of two years.

Miriam, and second husband Tom James, were Handicapable Dancer Committee chairmen for United Square Dancers of America from 2008 to 2011. Tom past away in 2011 and Mariam kept the position one more year before retiring.

Miriam was preceded in death by her first husband, James Brown, her parents, siblings and second husband, Tom James. She leaves behind her children, Sue Cachon, Jane Hackenberg, Jill Cameron, and Julie Brucker, as well as nine grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, all of whom will remember her lovingly.

Miriam was laid to rest at Florida National Cemetery on May 5.

On their 5 state drive about, Mark & Bina stopped in Jerome, Idaho and danced with the Buttons N Bows Square dance club in the Mountain View Barn. Pictured with Mark & Bina is one very good caller, Raeburn Ormond. The grand beautiful old barn created a classic old-time environment for square dance.

It was a "Century" of fun.



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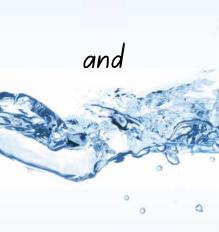


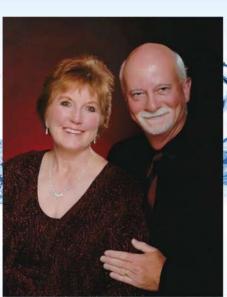
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	Dance Convention
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See ad p 14	www.squaredance-michigan.com

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