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New developments in the insurance program.

Denver Colorado Dancers do a demo for the Shriner's.

Would you like to be the Eastern Region VP? Read the job description here.

A sad goodbye to the general Chairman of the 47th NSDC

Upcoming dates for the webinar series "Beyond the Dance Floor"

Centennial Award for Tillie Tillman

Look forward to the next National Convention in Milwaukee Wisconsin June 26-29, 2024. You can also register for the 74th NSDC in Shreveport and the 75th NSDC in WACO. Use the registration forms on pages 13-14, 21 and 22 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 MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENTS



ELLERY AND KAREN GULBRAND

“In seed time learn, in harvest teach, in winter enjoy.” -William Blake-

Day by day, week to week, month to month and year to year life goes on in our respective, locations of God’s awesome creation. As we take into consideration the large area USDA embraces there are definite differences in the seasons. Our living in Wisconsin we have energetically moved from the browns, yellows, and golds of autumn to the beautiful white blanket of snow along with boots, sweaters, scarves, and heavier jackets.

Turning our minds to the “Fun Art” of square dancing, our information is that square dance classes and other square dance activities are on the rise. Living, dancing, and being part of the Wisconsin Square Dance activities, we hope dancers will attend the 2024 National Square Dance Convention® here in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 26-29, 2024. In addition to dancing, and attending educational sessions, we invite all dancers to attend the Annual USDA Board of Directors Meeting. Our hope for the New Year is to see our dance classes and dance floors continue to grow with dancers.

Please take note the USDA Founders Memorial Youth Scholarship deadline is quickly approaching. Youth square dancers who are pursuing higher education could benefit from this opportunity. This program is open to youth who are currently in their senior year of high school, or a first-year student in college. Encourage them to obtain the needed information from usda.org and apply soon because the deadline is February 1, 2024.

A big wholehearted “thank-you” to the USDA Executive Committee along with all square dancers keeping square dancing alive and growing.

We hope to see you on the square dance floor sometime, somewhere to “Square ‘Em Up”!

God’s blessings in 2024 and beyond!

Sincerely,

Ellery & Karen Gulbrand

USDA President

“Winter forms our character and brings out our best.” -Tom Allen-

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS



ART AND LILLY HARDIN

It's here! Ski season is here. We know only a few of the dancers reading this also ski, but those of you who do, understand the excitement. Sliding down a hill, bouncing and steering through the trees or over and around the moguls is as much or more fun than dancing. We love to ski! You can go all day; you are out in the sunshine or in the snow; and every run is different. Each run requires a group of skills and techniques, each time down the run is always just a little different than the last. Lilly tells her intermediate students its like dancing with the mountain. Yes she teaches skiing. We call it her hobby job. There's something about helping someone learn a new activity or improve their skills in a recreational sport that is very rewarding. They do pay her but after occasionally purchasing new equipment, travel and skiing in different places, the money is not there for anything else.

Like square dancing, with skiing you have to be prepared for what's coming ahead. Unlike square dancing, no one gives you the movements, you are the sole choreographer. If you are not happy with the outcome, go back to the top and try again. Like square dancing skiing requires lessons and practice. There are multiple levels of abilities and varying degrees of success within those levels. There are some days when we go all out pushing ourselves to do more difficult and challenging terrain. There are some days when we spend hours enjoying the scenery and just cruising. And there are times when the scenery gets in the way; after all trees don't move, and if you want to avoid them look for the spaces, you will most likely go where you are looking.

Dancing, unlike skiing has a social aspect. Some studies say that the social part of square and round dance clubs is just as important as the dancing part. Dancing is like no other activity in which we have participated. Square and round dance clubs care about their members. These clubs are places where everyone is treated like family and lasting friendships are quickly formed. Yes there are politics and yes the activity requires effort off the dance floor, but dancers are some of the best people around. We are glad to be able to participate and call you all friends.

Like dancing with skiing, the important thing is to get out there and keep moving. Ski, dance, run, walk; whatever you choose, get out and enjoy the outdoors or just keep moving.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
See you on the dance floor, where ever that may be.

EVENTS IN THE WESTERN REGION

Nina Grigsby Western Region VP

WESTERN REGION REPORT

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

Happy New Year to our USDA officers, committee members, and all our affiliates, associations, and clubs! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season connecting with family and friends and perhaps were also able to swing a moment or two on the dance floor.

There are more special dances/activities and festivals for the year ahead planned by several of our Western region affiliates and clubs that I hope everyone will take an opportunity to attend during your many travels.

Here are a few upcoming special dances and festivals that I am sure you will enjoy:

- January 12 – 13, 2024 – “Hummingbird Hoedown”, Sierra Vista United Methodist Church, Sierra Vista, AZ
- January 19 – 21, 2024 – “Tucson Square & Round Dance Festival”, Casino del Sol, Tucson, AZ
- February 23 – 24, 2024 – “Copper State Festival”, Crescent Run, Mesa, AZ
- March 15 – 17, 2024 – “Spring Fling”, Montezuma County Annex Bldg, Cortez, CO
- March 22 – 24, 2024 – “Fiesta de la Cuadrilla”, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA
- April 11 – 14, 2024 – “Strawberries Galore”, Santa Maria Fairpark, Santa Maria, CA
- April 19 – 21, 2024 – “Spring Fling”, Farthest North Square & Round Dance Center, Fairbanks, AK

Details of more amazing events are posted on these affiliate websites:

[Alaska Square and Round Dance Federation](#)
[Square & Round Dance Association of Southern Arizona](#)
[California Council of Square Dancers](#)
[Colorado State Square Dance Association](#)
[Hawaii Square Dance Federation](#)
[Idaho State Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs, Inc](#)
[Yellowstone Square Dance Council](#)
[Las Vegas Square and Round Dancers](#)
[New Mexico Square and Round Dance Association](#)
[Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs](#)

Hope to see you soon and dance with you sooner!

Nina Grigsby

EVENTS IN THE PLAINS REGION
Mark and Bina Krebsbach, Plains Region VP

PLAINS REGION REPORT

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

Greetings from Great Lake Sibley in North Dakota!! Where a few of us have chosen to make a stand, where life is so grand, with air that is clean (since the wildfires smoke left) and the country is green (at least wise in the Spring and Summer, right now it is white!) I think you get the drift (not the snow drift I see, but my intention).

Well anyway we love the Winter up here, my favorite time of the year! Just thought I'd point that out. Enough of that nonsense, let's talk square dance!! In our neck of the Great Plains (USDA Plains Region) this great American folk dance is alive and well!! With regular dances and festivals transpiring far and wide.

As for Bina and myself, we attended the Missouri Festival October 13, 14, & 15th. It was well attended with great dancing. When our new pick up gets in (ordered it 14 months ago) we plan to hit the road again for a couple of square dance driveabouts. (1) The USDA Winter Executive Committee Meeting in Florida January 19 & 20, and (2) hopefully March or April a trip through the Eastern Region to search for an entitled candidate for the Eastern Region USDA Vice President! If you may be interested, let us know.

Square Dancing greatly contributes to living a life of thought and action, as it nourishes the great human spirit with the mysterious balance of mind, body, and soul. Square Dancing does require a particular amount of thought and effort!! Our potential is enormously limited when we neglect our God given gifts of thought and effort as our abilities to think, to reason, to decide, to imagine, to dream and to be physically mobile, decline.

The 73rd national convention will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 26 – 29, 2024. The Annual Board of Directors Meeting will be on Wednesday, June 26th. Please make sure the USDA Secretary, Edythe Weber, has your delegates information.

Our deepest sympathy to two USDA Executive Committee's Members. Dan Reedy in the loss of his wife Donna Farney and Milene McCall in the loss of John Montano, her father.

God's blessings for a safe, healthy and active 2024.

Live Lively,
As ever Square Dancers
Mark & Bina

EVENTS IN THE CENTRAL REGION

Scott and Sandy Ebright, Central Region VP

CENTRAL REGION REPORT

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

As we leap out of 2023 and land squarely in 2024 we warmly recall all of the Central Region state conventions in the final months of 2023. At our last writing we had just left the Awesome Alabama convention and were headed to Krazy Kentucky, followed by Great Georgia and finally Incredible Indiana. The hospitality extended to us, and all the other attendees, at these conventions was amazing. In fact ALL of the state conventions displayed square dancing at its finest and people at their friendliest. I can never stress enough how important it is that we all try to attend these conventions, not just to support our chosen past time activity, but to make new friends.

And as for that landing SQUARE-ly in 2024 part. Please mark your calendar with the following Central Region state conventions; Florida (19-20 Jan), Mississippi (01-02 Mar), South Carolina (26-27 Apr), Ohio (09-11 May), and Tennessee (01-04 Aug). Of course we cannot forget the 73rd National Square Dance Convention, June 26-29, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

All of these upcoming conventions are TERRIFIC for new dancers. Please encourage your new dancers to attend the closest state and/or national convention. Then, challenge them to try at least one NEW state or national convention each year. I truly believe that experiencing the kindness of square dancers outside our immediate areas helps us all bond in a way that gives us a certain confidence in sharing the square dance experience with all those potential square dancers out there.

As always we want to remind everyone of the many programs offered by USDA. Go to the website and watch, or join, a webinar. Pick up a digital pamphlet to read. Encourage a young square dancer to apply for our scholarship program.

See y'all on the dance floor!

IHS,
Scott and Sandy Ebright
USDA Central Region Vice Presidents
CentralVP@usda.org



We are so sorry to hear about the death of Donna Farney, Dan Reedy's wife and our apparel chairman.

Donna Lynne Farney

June 14, 1968 – November 30, 2023

Donna Lynne Farney, 55, of Alma Arkansas, passed away Thursday, November 30, 2023 in Fort Smith. She was born June 14, 1968 at Pearl Harbor.

She was a retired aquatics director on the naval base.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Joyce (Allen) Mitchell; and her first husband, Randy Farney.

She is survived by her husband, Dan Reedy; two daughters, Jessica Farney of Chesapeake, VA, and Kelsey Richards of Greers Ferry AR; three sons, Andrew Farney of Fort Smith, Emmett Reedy of Tulsa OK, and Strom Reedy of Fort Smith; her father, William Mitchell of Van Buren; a sister, Kathy Mitchell of Lotus, CA; a brother, Bill Mitchell of Fort Smith; and six grandchildren, Zylar Richards, Zayen Richards, Zorian Richards, Julie Reedy, Natalie Reedy, and Silas Reedy.



We were also saddened to hear about the death of Milene McCall's father. Milene is our facilities, after party and social media chairman.

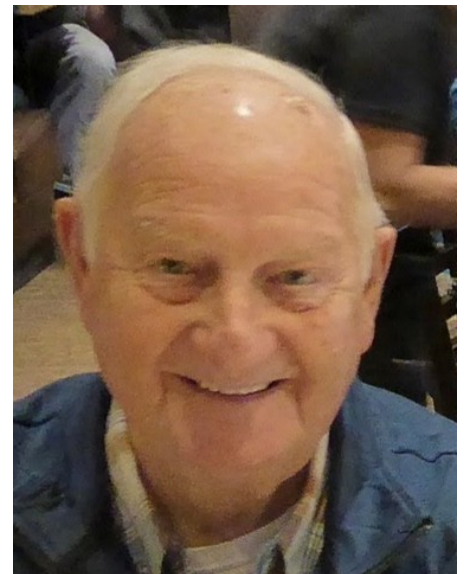
John D. Montano

May 17, 1935 ~ November 29, 2023 (age 88)

Mr. John Daniel Montano, age 88, of Campbellsburg, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, in Louisville. Born May 17, 1935, in Brooklyn, New York, he was the son of the late John B. and Rosaria (Marrone) Montano.

Mr. Montano graduated high school in New York and served in the United States Navy from 1952-1964 as a Photographers Mate Class A, and the United States Army from 1974-1995 where he retired as a member of the military police with the 125th Army Reserve. He also served for twenty years as a New York City Police Officer.

His surviving family include a daughter and son-in-law: Milene and Chuck McCall of Campbellsburg, KY; a brother and sister-in-law, a sister, a step son, two grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and his wife, Stephanie.



USDA INSURANCE COORDINATORS NOTES

Elizabeth Sanders

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 2024. The rates for 2024 will be \$5.50 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!! And a big THANK YOU to those coordinators who have used the NEW Summary Sheet. It has made it so much quicker for me.

So I need to fill some space here to keep it from being a half page article. What to fill it with or should 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.

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 haven't requested to have the insurance tri-fold pamphlet reprinted for 2024 yet. Have you checked the website lately? You need to as I am updating forms often. And I will be making more changes to the Summary Sheet form. 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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Denver Square Dancers Demo For Shriners

By Judy Taylor

On October 9th, five Denver area couples did an exhibition/demo for Shriners---they were Johnny Harris and Normalee Lee, Jim and Judy Taylor, Lenora and David Starr, Myra and Phil Tscheschke, Bob and Ruth Ann Sholler. Bob Riggs, an accredited caller teacher, did the calling, and Allyn Riggs cued a round dance. The Shriners were invited to learn a few calls, and many were happy to do it! Bob is so good at making it fun for everyone in a non-threatening way; he started out with teaching them a few of the basics, and before they knew it, square dancing took on a new image---no more hokey music, nor “chicken-in-the-straw” memories of yesteryear! However, everyone remembered how much fun square dancing was in grade school, and they realized it could still be fun for them now.

The demo couples did a full tip after the Shriners learned a few things, and Allyn cued her own choreographed “West Texas Waltz” for four of the couples. Bob chooses to do the sequence this way, so participants don’t get reluctant to try it. And it surely didn’t seem to bother them, as most got up and continued on with their “lesson” after the demo! Hopefully, we will see a few new dancers taking classes; at least those present might have a different image of square dance.

Learn to Square Dance for all the right reasons...

- To Relieve Stress
- To Make New Friends
- To Exercise the Body

- To Be a Part of a Group
- To Enjoy Good Music
- To Keep the Mind Sharp

The Eastern Region needs a new Vice President!

We are looking for a person or a couple that lives in Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, or Virginia to fill the Eastern Region Vice President position. The official job description is below. The job generally includes representing the USDA at events in your area, providing quarterly updates, for the newsletter, preparing semi annual reports and attending two meetings each year. Meetings are held at the National Square Dance Convention in June and in January at another location that moves around the country. Most Vice presidents serve a two year term. Consider joining this fun and influential group.

Contact Ellery and Karen Gulbrand if interested.

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;

We've lost another dance leader ... Those of you who planned, worked &/or attended the 47th National Square Dance Convention held in Charlotte, NC will remember the name of our General Chairman, **Rans Eugene (Gene) Triplett (Connie)**. We are sad to inform you of Gene's passing on Sept. 18th. Following is his obituary as printed by the Funeral Home . "It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of **Rans Eugene Triplett** of Matthews, NC, who passed away on Sept. 18, 2023, at the age of 84, leaving to mourn family & friends.

He was predeceased in death by his parents, Emmet Triplett & Violet Triplett; and his brothers, James Triplett & Roger Triplett.

He is survived by his wife, Connie Triplett; his sons, Rans Triplett & Chris Triplett, & his siblings, Lois Hunt, Donald Triplett (Gatha), Darrell Triplett & Bo Triplett (Sue).

During the ceremony Rev. Neal Lickliter made many references to Gene's ability to "take charge & lead", not only in his personal life, but also our square dance activity. May we remember him with fond memories & his mantra of "It is easier to ask forgiveness than to ask for permission." May he rest in peace.

Submitted by:
Carroll & Virginia Frick
Editors, Carolina Caller



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Reg Form 07/02/23

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
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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 <u>CONVENTION BADGES</u>		Subtotals
<div>No. of past NSDC's prior to 73rd</div>	1. Adult _____	\$ _____
	2. Adult _____	\$ _____
	3. Adult/Youth _____ ** DOB ____/____/____	\$ _____
	4. Adult/Youth _____ ** DOB ____/____/____	\$ _____
	5. Adult/Youth _____ ** DOB ____/____/____	\$ _____

Magnet for Badge (pins provided free) # _____ @ \$ 2.00 \$ _____
Program Book & Daily Schedules (\$25 after 4/30/2024) # _____ @ \$20.00 \$ _____
Round Dance Syllabus - ☐ **USB Drive** or ☐ **Printed copy** (Must be purchased by 4/30/2024) # _____ @ \$15.00 \$ _____
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Wednesday Eve. Entertainment - "Wisconsin Singers" # _____ @ \$25.00 \$ _____
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Total \$ _____

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Name on Card: _____
Card Type (Visa, Mastercard, AmEx, Discover): _____
Card Number: _____
Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Dressy casual attire allowed until 6pm.
Proper dance attire is requested after 6pm for all dancers.
73rd NSDC Convention badge required for entrance to all convention activities.

INFORMATION FOR COMPLETING FORM

- You can complete this form and pay online at www.73nsdc.com.**
- Please PRINT legibly to ensure accuracy of information.
- If you have already PRE-REGISTERED** using our short form, please complete this form also. 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. (Note \$3.00 CC payment convenience fee.)
- Registration fees: Adult \$65; Youth ages 5-17 by 6/26/2024 - \$32.50 Under 5 Free.
- Prices will increase May 1, 2024** - Adult: \$80 - Youth ages 5-17: \$40.
- Persons 3-5 circle Adult or Youth. ****Only need birthday of Youth.**
- Registrations are non-transferable.**
- No One-, Two-, or Three-Day Registrations.**
- A \$10.00 fee per registrant will be imposed for cancellations or changes before April 30, 2024. **No refunds after April 30, 2024.**
- Registrations received after April 30, 2024, will receive e-mail confirmation.
- If sending by mail include credit card information, check, or money order **payable in U.S. funds to 73rd NSDC** with this form. Do not send cash.
- If registering by email, omit payment information on form** You will receive an invoice by email. (Note \$3.00 CC payment convenience fee.)

TOURS can be purchased on separate brochure or online at 73nsdc.com/tours

DANCERS - PLEASE HELP US PLAN! Check all that apply.
___ SSD ___ Mainstream ___ Plus ___ Advanced ___ Challenge ___ Hex ___
___ Contra ___ Lines ___ Rounds ___ Handicapable ___ Solo ___ Veteran

PROGRAMMED CALLERS & DANCE LEADERS

You must update your profile online by 12/31/23 at sdconvention.com

Name _____ Type: _____
Name _____ Type: _____
Name _____ Type: _____

HOTEL & CAMPING INFORMATION ON REVERSE

☐ Check box if you will manage your own accommodations.

Name: _____

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

1	Conv Hotel - Hilton Milwaukee City Center – Single/Double Triple + \$20 – Quad + \$40 Parking fee - \$5 per day (in & out) for Hilton guests.	\$169+tx
2	Leader Hotel - Hyatt Regency Milwaukee – Single/Double Triple + \$20 – Quad + \$40 No discounted parking	\$169+tx

This form must be received, and rooms must be booked by May 20, 2024, to guarantee 73rd NSDC pricing. **See instructions below.**

Room nights needed: (4 Night Minimum)

☐ S 6/22 ☐ S 6/23 ☐ M 6/24 ☐ T 6/25 ☐ W 6/26 ☐ T 6/27 ☐ F 6/28 ☐ S 6/29 ☐ S 6/30

Additional arrive early? _____ or stay late nights? _____ Total nights requested _____

Room request: _____ Single _____ Double _____ Queen _____ King _____
_____ King Suite (Hilton only + \$75) _____ Handicap 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.

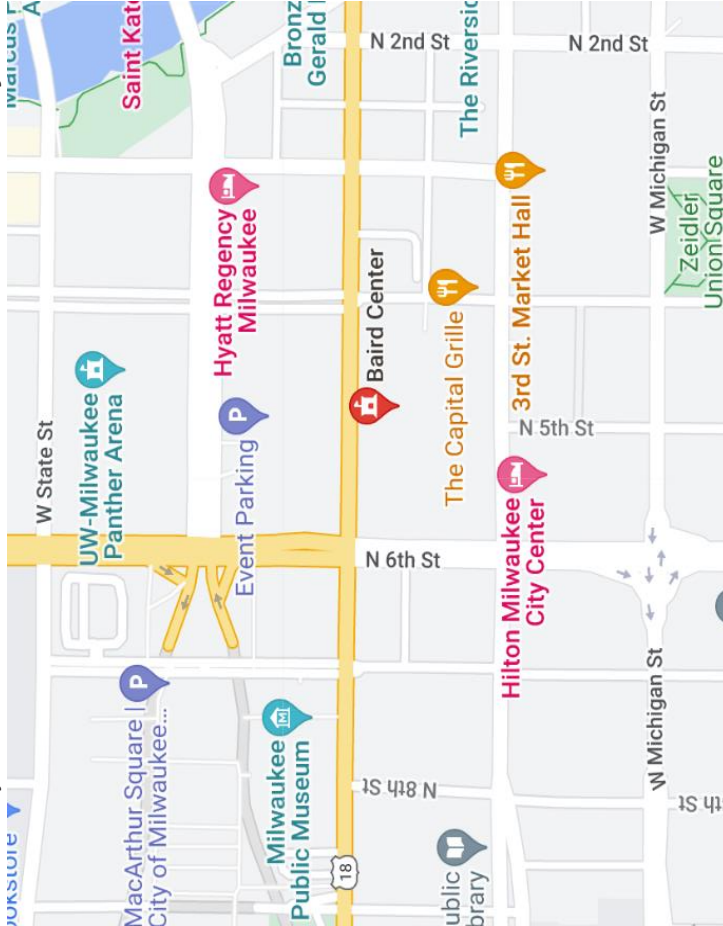
BLOCK HOUSING: Group blocks on hold must be booked by individuals no later than September 15, 2023. After that date, rooms in the block that are not reserved will be released to the general attendee pool. If you are registering as part of a group or block, please complete the following:

Block Name _____
Block Leader Name _____ Phone _____
Email _____

No airport shuttle services provided. There are a variety of cab and shuttle services available at the airport. Uber and Lyft services are also available for the short ride to downtown.
Register and submit your hotel room choice early (on the form or online) to have the best chance of having your selection available, and no later than May 20, 2024. A web link and phone number to the hotel reservation system will be sent to attendees **in the order of convention registration**. The hotel will provide your confirmation number as you provide your credit card number to choose & hold your room. You **must be registered** for the convention to receive the convention contracted rate. No self or online registration is available for the contracted rate except through the web link and phone number which will be provided by convention Housing Vice-Chairman: housing@73nsdc.com. Convention registrations will be verified.

More information available at www.73nsdc.com

Hilton & Hyatt hotels are both connected to the Baird Center via **skywalk**.



RV & CAMPING ACCOMMODATIONS

The 73rd NSDC will not be holding or making camping space reservations. Below is a list of area campgrounds. There will be no shuttle service to or from campgrounds.

WI State Fair RV Park 6 miles from Baird Center	https://wistatefair.com/wstfp/rv-park/ (Full & partial hookups)
Jellystone Park Caledonia 18 miles from Baird Center	https://www.jellystone-caledonia.com/ (Includes a waterpark)
Cliffside County Campground 22 miles from Baird Center	https://www.racinecounty.com/departments/public-works-and-development-services/parks-department/camping/cliffside-campground (No full hookups.)
Country View Campground 29 miles from Baird Center	https://countryviewcampground.wordpress.com/ (Full & partial hookups.)
Jefferson County Fair Park 50 miles from Baird Center	https://www.jcfairpark.com (Full & partial hookups.)
Reserve America Online campground reservations	https://www.reserveamerica.com/



73rd National Square Dance Convention®

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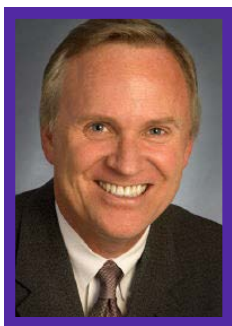
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Jack Pladdys



Scott Bennett

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 - ☐ Three Day (after 4/20/24) \$70
 - ☐ Three Day youth under 18 \$35
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Register online at
SquareDanceNevada.org

Callers Clinic Friday Morning

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Hotel, Room Block
& RV info at
SquareDanceNevada.org

Featured Cuers



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Support Cuers



MaryAnn Callahan
& Craig Cowan



Erin Byars

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Friday, May 31
7 - 7:30 pm ~ Pre-Rounds
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June 21-22
Caller: Kathy Beans, UT / Cuer: Chuck Weiss, AZ

Friday, June 21
1 - 2:30 pm ~ Round Dance Wrkshp
6:30 - 7:30 pm ~ Plus Squares
7:30 - 8 pm ~ Pre-Rounds
8 - 9:30 pm ~ Mainstream Dance
Saturday, June 22
1 - 2:30 pm ~ Square Dance Wrkshp
6:30 - 7:30 pm ~ Plus Squares
7:30 - 8 pm ~ Pre-Rounds
8 - 9:30 pm ~ Mainstream Dance

July 12-13
Caller/Cuer: Craig Abercrombie, OR

Friday, July 12
1 - 2:30 pm ~ Intro to Plus
6:30 - 7:30 pm ~ Plus Squares
7:30 - 8 pm ~ Pre-Rounds
8 - 9:30 pm ~ Mainstream Dance
Saturday, July 13
1 - 2:30 pm ~ Square Dance Wrkshp
6:30 - 7:30 pm ~ Plus Squares
7:30 - 8 pm ~ Pre-Rounds
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July 17-20

Caller: Jerry Junck, NE / Cuer: Mike McNees, UT

Wednesday, July 17
7 - 8:30 pm ~
Party Intro to Square Dancing
Thursday, July 18 - Sat, July 20
1 - 2:30 pm ~ Square Dance Wrkshp
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July 26 - 27

Caller: Bill Henke, SD / Cuer: Chuck Weiss, AZ

Friday, July 26
1 - 2:30 pm ~ Round Dance Wrkshp
6:30 - 7:30 pm ~ Plus Squares
7:30 - 8 pm ~ Pre-Rounds
8 - 9:30 pm ~ Mainstream Dance
Saturday, July 27
1 - 2:30 pm ~ Square Dance Wrkshp
6:30 - 7:30 pm ~ Plus Squares
7:30 - 8 pm ~ Pre-Rounds
8 - 9:30 pm ~ Mainstream Dance

Aug 2 - 3

Caller: Lynn Strobel, MT / Cuer: Larry Sperry, MT

Friday, Aug 2
1 - 2:30 pm ~ Round Dance Wrkshp
6:30 - 7:30 pm ~ Plus Squares
7:30 - 8 pm ~ Pre-Rounds
8 - 9:30 pm ~ Mainstream Dance
Saturday, Aug 3
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8 - 9:30 pm ~ Mainstream Dance

Lolo Stomp: Aug 8 - 10

Callers: Jerry Junck, NE & Lynn Strobel, MT

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Thursday, Aug 8
7:00 pm ~ Pre-Rounds
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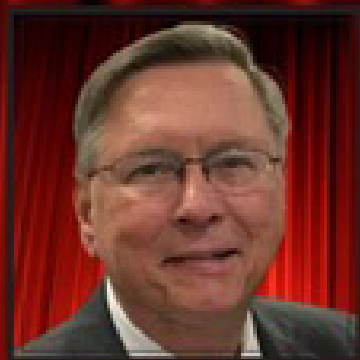
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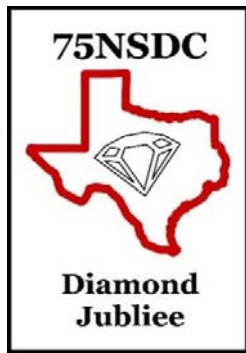
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Beyond the Dance Floor

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

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.

“MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FUTURE DATES:”

Saturday, January 20, 2024 – CALLERLAB'S Marketing Manual: New Updates & Insights – Mike Hogan

*Saturday, February 17, 2024 – The ARTS-Dance Foundation: How ARTS Promotes Square Dancing through Live Lively-Square Dance! – Faculty TBA

Saturday, March 9, 2024 - The Wonderful World of USDA – The Benefits, The Programs, The Resources – Sally Schmidt

*This program is tentative; waiting for confirmation from faculty”



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Californian Tillie Tillman Receives USDA Centennial Award

USDA was honored to present a Centennial Award to 103-year-old Tillie Tillman from the San Jose, California area, on July 23, 2023. Bonnie Abramson, from the USDA Executive Committee, traveled to Tillie's club, the Rockin' Jokers, to present the award. Tillie was escorted to the dance by his daughter, Laurie Andrade. Tillie danced with the club until recently; he still regularly visits the club and welcomes dancers at the door.

Tillie was born in Morgan Hill, California, on October 4, 1919, and moved to San Jose when he was about one. He was the youngest of three children; his two much older sisters were both grown and married while Tillie was still at home. As a child, Tillie enjoyed fishing, hiking, and camping. He was also very interested in electronics and short-wave radio and spent his free time building radios and transmitters from scratch. In 1942, Tillie joined the Navy. He was stationed at the Ferry Building in San Francisco where his job was to check that the radio and radar were working correctly on ships that were in the Bay Area for repairs.

In 1942, after serving only about six months in the Navy, Tillie married his wife Ruth. They were married for 65 years, until Ruth passed away in 2008. Tillie and Ruth had six children – five girls and one boy. The family enjoyed going camping and backpacking together. After his time in the Navy, Tillie went to work at Jennings Radio making vacuum capacitors, before being hired than a year later to work as an electrician with the Ames Research Center in Mountain View. He worked there for 28 years before retiring in 1974.

Tillie and Ruth joined the GT Club (Good Times or Get Together) at the First Methodist Church in San Jose in 1947. The club was started by the minister and his wife, Joyce and Ester Farr. They had no caller, no cuer, and used 78 RPM records. They memorized calls and learned figures such as Grand Square. Members who belonged to other clubs brought back dance patterns to the group. Since – in those days – there were some older ladies in the church who did not approve of dancing in the church, the minister called what they were doing “Folk Games” and the ladies never checked it out!

In 1983, Tillie and Ruth went through a beginner's class at Circle Eights Square Dance Club in Santa Clara, CA. They danced with Circle Eights until the club folded in 1989. They then joined the Rafter Rockers. Tillie served as treasurer for three years. Tillie and Ruth continued dancing with them until they joined with the Jokers to become the Rockin' Jokers. Sometime in the late 1980s or early 1990s, Tillie and Ruth took a round dance class and joined the Rainbow Rounds. In 2009 they joined the Katydids, and served a year as the Membership Chairman.

In 2007, the CPSD (Committee to Promote Square Dancing) was formed and Tillie started dancing as an angel. He managed the first eight years without missing a session! He attended many square dance festivals around the area as well as in Washington State and even BC, Canada. Tillie attended the Santa Clara Valley Square Dancers Association Jubilee every year from 1984 through 1996.

Tillie has been honored by the Rockin' Jokers on his birthday since he was in his 90s.

On October 4, 2023, he turned 104 years old!





WHAT IS USDA?

THE LARGEST SQUARE DANCE ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD

THE ONLY NATIONAL DANCER'S ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED BY DANCERS FOR DANCERS AND OPERATED BY DANCERS

The UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA, INC. (USDA) was formed on June 26, 1981, during the National Square Dance Convention held in Seattle, Washington, and has grown to a size that approaches the representation of 250,000 dancers throughout the United States. USDA is an organization formed by dancers, for dancers, and is under the operational control of dancers. The purpose of the organization is to:

Promote and perpetuate the total Square Dance movement which includes Square, Round, Contra, Clogging, Line and Heritage Dancing.

Establish a line of communication from the individual dancer to a recognized unified body so that an expression of varied opinions can establish or influence policy for making decisions at the national level.

Provide for education to further the growth and enjoyment of Square Dancing.

Encourage cooperation between member clubs, state associations, councils, federations; national and international organizations; or other groups involved or interested in the promotion of Square Dancing.

Provide a forum for implementing the benefits of membership in the UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA and assist members in any way possible.

Represent Square Dancing to the general public as a wholesome, enjoyable family-type recreation.

As a "dancers" organization, the UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA, INC. serves

to represent the square, round, contra, clogging, line and heritage dancer in decisions which are made at the national level relative to the development and growth of the dance activity. This representation takes place through the various State and Regional organizations affiliating with the USDA. As a united voice, the USDA is able to express the views of the dancers on a national level so that they might be relayed to other national and international groups with whom the dancers interact such as leaders, callers, cuers, instructors, commercial enterprises, other dancers, etc.

Membership is open to any organized nonprofit square dance groups or other groups representing square, round, contra, clogging, line or heritage dancers that will subscribe to the By-Laws, Rules and Policies of the UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA, INC. In states which do not have a statewide organization, or when the state organization elects not to join USDA, area or regional organizations may join the USDA to represent the dancers of their state. Applications for membership in USDA are available from any of the USDA officers.

Numerous projects have been specifically undertaken by the USDA to fulfill the organization's goals and objectives and are progressing and expanding very rapidly. Dancers and their organizations, as members of USDA, are afforded the opportunity to participate in the following programs available through the UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA, INC.:

An economical Accident and Group Liability Insurance Program is offered for dancers, their clubs and associations. It is the best insurance coverage available in the USA at an unbeatable price.

A "Handicapable" Dancer program has been initiated by USDA to support the Square Dance activities of mentally or physically handicapped or disabled individuals. Association with these dancers has proved them to be most "capable," thus the "Handicapable" title being bestowed on our very special dancers. The Handicapable Program has received the attention and outstanding support of the President of the United States. The USDA is working to further the interaction of handicapable dancer groups throughout the nation and to achieve interest and recognition of the handicapable dancer as an integral part of the Square Dance activity.

A Youth Program to promote the introduction of youthful dancers and youth organizations into the Square Dance activity.

An Educational program designed to inform dancers of club leadership and management techniques; the duties and responsibilities of officers, members and callers; data concerning square dance heritage and history; growth; development; and the current trends and activities of the square dance movement. This program includes the preparation and distribution of educational and training literature, conducting educational seminars and panels, and the general sharing of knowledge of leadership experience.

A program to provide a communication loop with the leaders, dancers, dance publications and organizations of the total Square Dance activity. Communications are accomplished by the distribution of USDA news releases and the quarterly publication USDA NEWS.

Display tables and an After Party for all dancers at each National Square Dance Convention.

Other programs may come under USDA consideration for inclusion when their addition enhances the fulfillment of the organization's goals.

The UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of representatives from each affiliate member. The USDA Executive Committee consists of a President, four Regional Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Information, Historian, Parliamentarian and Committee Chairs.

Interested dancers and leaders are invited to attend the annual meeting of the UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA, INC., which is held immediately prior to each National Square Dance Convention.



Educational and training materials are available, most of them at no charge, on the USDA display tables in the Showcase of Ideas at each National Square Dance Convention or from the Education Committee Chair.

Dancers are also invited to attend the USDA After Party at the National Square Dance Convention, featuring the best National callers available. Be a part of the World's Largest Square Dance Organization and participate in its activities - it is YOUR association. Take care of it, it's the best we have!

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January 19-20 **69th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention**
“Days of Yore in 2024”
 The Center at Deltona
 1640 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd
 Deltona, FL 32725
www.floridasquaredance.com

May 25-26 **9th Annual Memorial Weekend Square Dance**
“Days of Yore in 2024”
 St. Martha Episcopal Church
 801 Magnolia Ave, Papillion NE
 Contact: Jim & Cathy 402-393- 4194
jrbellinger@cox.net

March 14-16 **WASCA’S 63rd Square and Round Dance Festival**
“Around the World in the Roaring Twenties”
 Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel
 Alexandria, VA
<http://www.wascaclubs.org>

May 31 , June 1 **Kansas State Square Dance Convention**
 Kansas Wesleyan University
 Student Union Building
 100 E. Claflin Ave Salina, KS 67401
 Dana Schirmer djschirmer17@gmail.com
 or www.kansassquaredance.com

May 3-5 **75th New Mexico Square and Round Dance Festival**
 Roswell Recreation Center
 807 N. Missouri Ave
 Roswell NM, 88201
 Contact: Tamara Mendoza: 575-214-1407
 or Kaleighna@gmail.com

June 14-15 **68th Colorado State Square Dance Festival**
“24 K Gold Rush”
 CSU Pueblo Occhiatto Ballroom
 2200 Bonforte Blvd
 Pueblo, CO 81001
www.Coloradostatesquaredance.com

May 10-11 **64th Ohio Dance Convention**
Crown Plaza Columbus North
“Roaring in the 20’s”
 6500 Doubletree Ave.
 Columbus, OH
 Contact: Barry & Peggy Carney
<http://ohiodanceconvention.com/>

August 1-3 **49th TN Stare & Round Dance Convention**
 Mills Conference Center
 234 Airport Road
 Gatlinburg, TN 37738
 R. G. Pratt rgpratt@peoplepc.com
 Visit: www.tnsquaredance.org

May 10-12 **77th Silver State Square & Round Dance Festival**
 Circus Circus Casino
 Reno, Nevada
 Contact: Tim Stephens 650-703-1215
<http://www.squaredancenevada.org/>

July 19-20 **38th Illinois Square & Round Dance Convention**
 Sheraton Suites Chicago O’Hare
 6501 Mannheim Road
 Rosemont, IL 60018
 Visit: www.ilsdc.dance

May 24-26 **71st Annual Golden State Round up**
 Lodi Grape Festival Fairgrounds
 413 E. Lockeford St.
 Lodi, California
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<http://www.NCSDA.COM>

Nov 8-10 **39th Indiana Square and Round Dance Convention**
 French Lick Springs Resort
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 French Lick, IN 47432
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