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## TENNESSEE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CONVENTION

### ROUNDS

Phases II-VI  
Waltz - Rumba  
Foxtrot - Jive  
Mambo - Cha  
Bolero - 2 Step  
W Coast Swing

### SQUARES

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

### Specials

Contra  
Singles Dance  
Sewing Clinic  
After Party  
Fashion Show  
Vendors

LIVE  
BAND!

WOOD  
FLOORS!

### Tentative Schedule

#### THURSDAY

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

4 Square Dance Halls

2 Dedicated Rd Dance Halls

#### FRIDAY & SATURDAY

10:00am – 11:00pm

9 Halls of Dancing

\*Live Band: Evening Hours

W.L. Mills Conference Center  
234 Airport Road  
Gatlinburg, TN 37738

Facebook: TN Square & Round  
Dance Convention

<https://www.tnsquaredance.org>

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## Inside this Issue

This is a special 45th Anniversary Issue!

This issue is filled with pictures and information about USDA Programs.

Congratulate the 4 Youth Scholarship winners!

We say goodbye to outgoing executive committee members; vice president of the plains region and our insurance coordinator.

Messages from our Presidents, the Editors, and all the regions around the country.

Meet our new eastern Region Vice President.

Check out the fliers and plan your travels and new adventures. Attend conventions or festivals around the country! Many of these are listed on page 34

Want to camp or go RVing during the 76th NSDC in Loveland Colorado? Check out the information on page 19..

See registration information for the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Florida Area National Square Dance Campers on pages 22 & 23.

Learn about the round dance program at the 76th NSDC in Loveland Colorado see the flyer on p. 27.

See information about the Disney Raffle to support the 77th NSDC in Daytona Beach Florida. See page 32

Get information to attend USA West in Cedar City Utah.



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**A MESSAGE FROM  
OUR PRESIDENTS**

**SCOTT AND SANDY  
EBRIGHT**



Isn't it a great feeling to accomplish a goal you have set, especially when it involves great trips to the Northeast, providing additional square dance resources to thirteen states in our country, and spreading the word about the United Square Dancers of America organization? That is exactly what happened this spring when we traveled to the Washington, D. C. area in March for the annual WASCA (Washington Area Square Dancers Cooperative Association) Convention and then to the New England Square and Round Dance Convention in Boxborough, Massachusetts in April.

One of our primary goals last summer coming into the President's position for USDA was to recruit a VP for the Eastern Region. That position has been vacant for about six years. We had already planned these spring trips to the North; but before we ever left, we found out that someone had expressed an interest in the position. This enabled us to meet this candidate in person at WASCA and then formally appoint her in New England the following month (see attached picture). We are very happy and appreciative of Sheila Moody's willingness to fill this role. On top of that, we also acquired a new Ways and Means Chairman, Lenny Houle, who previously held this appointment with USDA along with other positions. Welcome, Sheila and Lenny!

We also had a busy quarter reviewing Youth Scholarship and Youth Grant applications. USDA was able to grant the entire original \$5,000 that was funded for the Youth Grant Program. Consequently, an additional \$6,000 has been funded, with \$1,000 of that already awarded and disbursed. This is phenomenal and will hopefully go a long way in helping to recruit Youth and sustain Youth programs for the recipient clubs.

This is also a special year for Youth Scholarships. Not only is USDA giving two more scholarships (in the amounts of \$1,500 and \$1,000) than usual in recognition of its 45th Anniversary, but the NEC partnered with USDA to give an additional fourth scholarship in the amount of \$2,500. That means a whopping total of \$7,500 to four deserving applicants will be awarded in Youth scholarships at our Annual Meeting to be held in McLennan Hall in the Waco Convention Center at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 24th. Come join us to celebrate these Youth and their accomplishments – all are welcome!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve with, and for, such a fine community of people over the past year!

IHS,  
Scott and Sandy Ebright  
President, USDA

**A MESSAGE  
FROM  
THE EDITORS**



**ART AND LILLY  
HARDIN**

As we look back at the history of USDA over the last 45 years, we are amazed at the number of programs created to help square dancers and honor their contribution to our favorite hobby. Look through this special issue and on our web site and see if you can find something that benefits your club. For example, we have the insurance program, the 501c(3) program, the youth scholarship program, the youth grant program, the Centennial recognition program for Dancers that turn 100 years old. How about the USDA Traveler's program? How many states have you danced in? There is a fun recognition program to celebrate that accomplishment. Have you seen any of the brochures maintained by the Leadership and Education committee? Does your club need information for new dancers? Could your club leadership use some hints to organize the club, build social activities, or create a newsletter? Have you seen the display put out by your area Vice President at state festivals and regional dances?

Did you have a chance to participate in extra dancing to the Ghost Riders Band at the National Square Dance Convention® during the Friday Night after party? Have you had an opportunity to attend any of the education programs put on by USDA during the National Square Dance Convention®? Maybe you would like an opportunity to attend a National Square Dance Convention®? See the newsletter for fliers and additional information about the 76th and 77th National Conventions in Loveland Colorado and Daytona Beach Florida.

Then there's this Newsletter. We try and provide interesting articles about each area of the country. In addition to praising accomplishments and sharing ideas we highlight special dances and events. In this special 45th Anniversary edition we have included articles about many of our special programs. We also celebrate our scholarship winners and provide extra information about our new youth grant program. If you have ideas to improve the newsletter, please let us know by sending an email to [news@usda.org](mailto:news@usda.org). If you would like to participate in USDA, we are looking for a VP in the central or plains region, and a new insurance coordinator, contact the presidents Scott and Sandy Ebright by sending an email to [presidents@usda.org](mailto:presidents@usda.org).

We hope to see you on the dance floor soon.

Art and Lilly Hardin  
Editors USDA NEWS



*USDA Executive Committee 2025*

# MEMORIES FROM PREVIOUS NATIONAL CONVENTIONS



Seastrom starts—McMillian & Ritucci come in later



Ghost Riders—always deliver



NEC members talk at the Wednesday General Meeting



Art & Lilly Hardin - Gen. Ch. for the 76th



Bear with his girls



USDA After Party



Oh, to be young again!



Doing their part for Education Clinics

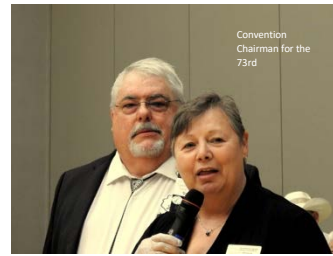


Patty Wilcox—we miss her



Worthingtons on Board

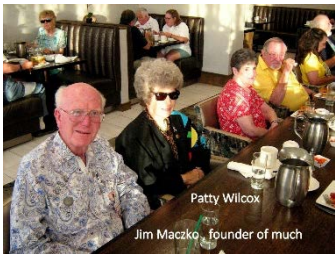
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Convention Chairman for the 73rd



Paul dances with his Mom, Barbara



Patty Wilcox

Jim Maczko, founder of much



USDA Treasurer Jim Taylor



Holey Moley!



Tom

Tina



Pat Carnathan sings with Shauna Kaaria



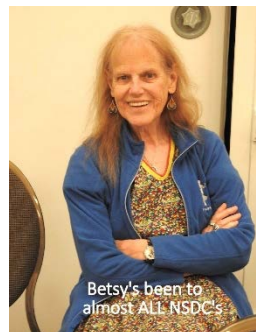
Russell sings to Mike



A bear grin



Convention Chairmen for the 71st NSDC



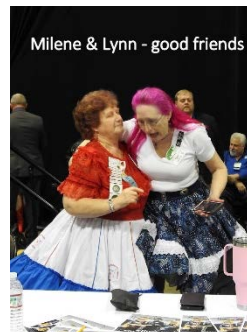
Betsy's been to almost ALL NSDC's



Round dancing their feet off



Oh, Charlie, Oh, Charlie, OHI



Milene & Lynn - good friends



# USDA INSURANCE COORDINATORS NOTES

## Elizabeth Sanders

Greeting Everyone,

As I am preparing this article, I realize almost half of the year is gone. By the end of the convention there will only be 6 months left in 2026. This August will be my 7th anniversary as your National Insurance Coordinator. It has been a great adventure, and I have enjoyed getting to know each of you. But with all good things there is an end to everything. This year has been a struggle for my husband and me. He has multiple Autoimmune diseases – Type I Diabetes, Dementia and Celiac. The Type 1 Diabetes and Celiac are easy to accommodate compared to the Dementia. His Dementia is progressing to the point that I need to step away from my duties as National Insurance Coordinator. This was a very hard decision to make, and I will miss everyone of you. We are looking for my replacement and if you are interested in this position with the USDA, please contact me.

I will not be available by phone from June 21 thru July 2 as I will be attending the 75th NSDC in Waco, TX. I will present one (1) educational session titled “Who is Insured at a Dance and Who is Not”. There will also be time for questions after my presentation. The Insurance Educational Session will be Friday, June 25 at 1:30 in the Guadalupe Room. Please check the schedule to make sure there are no last-minute changes to the location and time.

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



Eddie & Elizabeth Sanders - 2018

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Sanders  
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## EVENTS IN THE WESTERN REGION

### Nina Grigsby, Western Region VP

Summer days are here again! It was wonderful to see and dance with so many of you at the 75th National Square Dance Convention in Waco, Texas, June 24 – 27, 2026. With the results of the USDA 2026 – 2027 elections, I am truly honored and excited to once again serve as your USDA Western Region Vice President.

Over the past 45 years, United Square Dancers of America (USDA) has supported and shared in the joy of square dancing with generations of dancers across the country. One of the greatest rewards has been watching lifelong friendships form, seeing new dancers discover the activity, and helping preserve the tradition, fellowship, and fun that make square dancing so special. The square dance community has always been much more than dancing. It is about friendship, inclusion, travel, laughter, and creating memories that last a lifetime. USDA also extended webinars as part of the “Beyond the Dance Floor” series, helping promote greater awareness, fellowship, and enjoyment of square dancing for dancers of all ages and experience levels.

I was especially excited to make many new friends during my travels to several Western regional dance festivals this past year. If I missed seeing you, I hope to catch you whether as you pass through Tucson, Arizona, or at one of the many upcoming regional festivals and special dances planned by our Western Region affiliates and clubs. There are so many wonderful activities ahead, and I encourage everyone to take advantage of every opportunity to dance, travel, reconnect with old friends, and welcome new dancers into our square dance family.

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

- Jul 2 – 5, 2026 – 2026 Alaska State Square and Round Dance, Anchorage Moose Lodge #1534, Anchorage, AK
- Jul 10 - 12, 2026 – Plus Dancing on the Boulder, Legion Hall, Big Timber, MT
- Jul 16 - 19, 2026 – 78th Annual Square & Round Dance, White Mountain Square Dance Hall, Show Low, AZ
- Jul 18, 2026 – Patriotic Dance, Dayton Silver Squares, Dayton High School, Dayton, NV
- Aug 1, 2026 – “Hot August Nights”, Bob Ruud Community Center, Pahrump, NV
- Aug 6 - 8, 2026 – 25th Annual “Lolo Stomp”, Yellowrock Campground, Lolo, MT
- Aug 14 - 16, 2026 – “Hot August Nights”, Albuquerque Square Dance Center, Albuquerque, NM
- Aug 21 - 22, 2026 – 57th Peach Promenade, Grand Mesa Middle School, Grand Junction, CO
- Aug 21 – 22, 2026 – “Round Dance Weekend”. Emerald Square Dance Center, Springfield, OR
- Aug 30, 2026 – “New” Plus Dance, Ballroom of Reno, Reno, NV
- Sept 4 – Sept 7, 2026 – 70th Knothead “Jamboree”, Union Pacific Dining Hall, West Yellowstone, MT
- Sept 11 – 13, 2026 – Mountain Dew-ers (Dancing and Camping), Deyo Reservoir & Campground, Weippe, ID
- Sept 11 - 13, 2026 – New Mexico Round Dance Festival, Albuquerque Square Dance Center, Albuquerque, NM
- Sept 18 - 20, 2026 – 5th Scootin’ into Autumn, Albuquerque Square Dance Center, Albuquerque, NM
- Sept 26, 2026 – Annual Food Drive Square and Round Dance, Carson City Senior Center, Carson City, NV

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

[Alaska Square and Round Dance Federation](#)

[Square & Round Dance Association of Southern Arizona \(SARDASA\)](#)

[Grand Canyon Square Dance Association](#)

[Colorado State Square Dance Association](#)

[Idaho State Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs, Inc.](#)

[Inter-Club Square and Round Dance Council Nevada](#)

[New Mexico Square and Round Dance Association I](#)

[Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs](#)

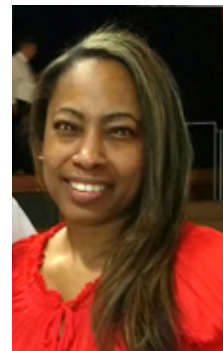
[Las Vegas Square and Round Dancers](#)

[AZ Federated Square Dancers](#)

[California Council of Square Dancers](#)

[Hawaii Square Dance Federation](#)

[Yellowstone Square Dance Council](#)



Hope to see you soon and Dance with you sooner

Nina Grigsby,

USDA Western Region VP

# USDA: FORTY-FIVE YEARS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 1981 Establish United Square Dancers of America, Inc.
- 1982 National Square Dancer Insurance Program
- 1983 Educational Documents
- 1984 Handicapable Dancer Committee
- 1985 First USDA-Sponsored NSDC After Party
- 1986 USDA National Folk Dance Committee
- 1987 Code of Ethics & Code of Conduct
- 1988 Credit Card Program
- 1989 First USDA NEWS
- 1990 Long Distance Telephone Program
- 1991 Support National Handicapable Convention
- 1992 Youth Advisory Committee
- 1993 USDA NEWS Annual Subscriptions
- 1994 Dancer Survey on Dance Levels
- 1995 Founders Memorial Youth Fund
- 1996 USDA Website Launched
- 1997 Expanded Educational Materials
- 1998 National Organizations Round Table
- 1999 Square Dance Internet Provider Service
- 2000 Youth Memorial Scholarship Fund
- 2001 Prescription Drug Plan Initiated
- 2002 USA Traveler Program Created
- 2003 Resolution to Support Alliance of Round, Traditional and Square-Dance
- 2004 Long Care Term Care Insurance Program
- 2005 USDA "Add-A-Buck" Program to Benefit ARTS
- 2006 USDA's Twenty-Fifth Anniversary
- 2007 Acknowledgment of Electronic Age – All Insurance Forms on Website
- 2008 Youth Program's use of Upsilon Sigma Delta Greek Letters
- 2009 USDA Resolves to Support Square Dance Competition
- 2010 Establishment of USDA Facebook Page
- 2011 USDA Designated as a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization by the IRS
- 2012 Authorization of IRS 501 (c)3 Non-Profit Group Exemption Program
- 2013 Modernizing All USDA Educational Materials & First Live Music at USDA After Party
- 2014 Initiation of Centennial Awards Program
- 2015 Establishment of Live Lively – Square Dance "Slogo"
- 2016 USDA Social Media Committee Established & First Executive Committee Service Awards
- 2017 Enhanced Benefits Program Adds Vision & Hearing Benefits with Prescription Card Program
- 2018 First USDA Youth Pizza Party with Gift Card Give-Aways
- 2019 IRS Approval of USDA as a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Group Administrator
- 2020 Launch of Beyond the Dance Floor Webinars & Annual Meeting Held via Zoom
- 2021 First Hybrid Board of Directors Meeting & Creation of New Associated Member Category
- 2022 Youth Scholarship Increased to \$2500
- 2023 Nonprofit Group Exemption Program reaches 17 Affiliate & Associate Organizations
- 2024 USDA Presents Nine Education Sessions at the NSDC
- 2025 Launch of Youth Dancing Grant Program & Resolution to Support New CALLERLAB Program Policy
- 2026 USDA Becomes Premier Sponsor of the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC



## 2026 NEC Scholarship Winner



**Elizabeth Herdt is entering her second year in the honors nursing program at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, where she maintains memberships in both the Tri-Alpha National Honors Society, and the Society for Collegiate Leadership and Achievement.**

**Her deep roots in the square dance community began in infancy, attending events with her mother, square dance caller Amanda Herdt. Elizabeth graduated mainstream in 2016 and has been an active dancer ever since! She currently channels her passion into leadership roles, serving as the co-secretary for the Square 'em Up club in Merrill, Wisconsin, and as the secretary for the Central Northwest Square Dance Association of Wisconsin. Outside of her academic and dance commitments, she enjoys creative hobbies like drawing, jewelry making, reading, and spending quality time with her friends and family.**



# United Square Dancers of America Supports Youth Dancing

## Founders Memorial Youth Scholarship

- 🏠 Active square, round, contra, or clogging dancer who is a member of an affiliated club
- 🏠 High school seniors or college freshmen planning to continue their education
- 🏠 Demonstrates leadership and volunteer service within and outside of square dancing
- 🏠 Scholarships for college or trade schools up to \$2500



## Youth Dancing Grant Program

- 🎵 Focus on supporting the involvement, recruitment, and fostering of youth growth within the square dance community
- 🎵 \$250 to \$1,000 to supplement existing funds and/or cover funding shortfalls related to youth dance promotion and activities



- 🎵 Ideas!
  - Financial support to help families/youth take square dance lessons
  - Underwrite costs for families and youth to attend square dance conventions.
- 🎵 Growing youth dancing is the primary goal.

## Youth Promotion and Activities

- 🔔 Support youth activities at the National Square Dance Convention®
- 🔔 Identify “youth-friendly” dancers and squares with frog stickers and images
- 🔔 Provide educational materials to help clubs and organizations attract and retain youth dancers



<https://www.usda.org/Youth.php>

## 2026 USDA Scholarship Winner



**Meet Naomi Lang, a passionate Mechanical Engineering sophomore at Grove City College in western Pennsylvania! Hailing from Pueblo, Colorado, Naomi brings joy and energy to everything she does—whether she's serving as an angel for The Pueblo Pepper Steppers and Royal Gorge Promenaders, dancing with the Monarch Mavericks and Waggin Wheelers, or playing violin for her local and college symphonies. Naomi is actively involved in her church communities both at college and back home in Pueblo. When she's not in the engineering lab, you can find her hiking with her college outdoors club, lost in a British novel, or dancing the night away.**

## 2026 USDA Scholarship Winner

My name is Sienna Townsend. I am from Ankeny, Iowa, and I am a member of Ankeny Squares. I am a fourth generation square dancer, and I have been



dancing for ten years. My favorite square dance memory is running around the 2017 national convention in Cincinnati with my older cousin and her friends. We added lots of turns and silliness and laughter into square dancing and it was so much fun! While I was there, I even helped judge a competition square!

Outside of square dancing, I have been involved in band, Girl Scouts, inclusive PE and Special Olympics, and gymnastics. I have been involved in my church's youth group, both as a volunteer and participant, and I have volunteered as a counselor at a church camp during the last two summers. I am also a Certified Nurse Aide.

I love the outdoors, campfires, gluten free sweet treats, sunsets, my dog, and the color purple. A fun fact about me is that I have a service dog for gluten detection and medical alert, but she doesn't come with me to square dances most of the time.

This fall, I will attend the University of Iowa where I will major in pre-nursing. My own experiences with chronic illness and hospitals are my inspiration for pursuing nursing. I want to help other people through their medical struggles in a similar way to how my nurses have impacted me. This scholarship will help me achieve my dreams and increase my ability to help more people on a larger scale.

I have grown up around square dancing, and I love the community that it creates. I hope to continue dancing for a long time. I will always cherish the memories, experiences, relationships, and growth that square dancing has brought me.

# 2026 USDA Scholarship Winner

My name is Martin Gruetzmacher, and square dancing has been a meaningful part of my life since I was seven years old. I first learned to dance at home with my dad, and it soon became a steady source of connection, confidence, and personal growth. When I was younger, I was very shy and had limited social opportunities outside of school and family gatherings. Square dancing gave me a welcoming community where I could interact with others, build friendships, and gradually become more comfortable communicating with people of all ages.



Over the years, I have enjoyed participating in state and national square dance conventions, where I've had the chance to meet dancers from across the country. These experiences helped me grow socially and personally, and they strengthened my relationships with my family across multiple generations. Square dancing also connected me more deeply to the musical traditions that have been part of my family for many years.

Music has always been another important part of my life. I sing in choir, play violin, and often sang along to square dance music as a child. That helped me gain confidence and grow as a singer and eventually led me to join the top auditioned choir at my high school. I hope to continue combining my love of music and dance in the future, possibly by learning to call square dances myself.

This fall, I will begin studying aerospace engineering at Michigan Technological University, a challenging and exciting program that aligns with my long-term career goals. I am grateful for the support and recognition of my involvement in the square dancing community.

This scholarship will play an important role in helping me pursue my educational goals, will help reduce the amount of my student debt, and allows me to focus more fully on my studies.

Square dancing has shaped who I am today. It has helped me grow more confident, strengthened my family connections, and given me a community I am proud to be part of. I look forward to continuing my involvement in the activity and contributing to its future in meaningful ways.

## EVENTS IN THE PLAINS REGION

### Mark and Bina Krebsbach, Plains Region VP

Happy Summer to all!!

Mark & I are the Plains Region Vice-President for this wonderful organization the United Square Dancers of America. We have served on the Executive Committee for the last 10 years.

Because of medical issues in the last several years we have not been able to travel to meetings, festivals, conventions, etc., as we have in the past.

#### Following are events taking place in the Plains Region:

**Arkansas** – ASSDF Fall Festival, Clinton, AR – October 8 – 10, 2026

**Illinois** – Illinois Square Dance Convention – Rock Island, IL – July 23 – 26, 2026

**Kansas** – Kansas Round Dance Association Fall Festival – Haysville, KS – October 10, 2026

**Minnesota** – Minnesota State Convention – Rochester, MN – June 12 – 14, 2026

**Missouri** – Annual State Festival – Springfield, MO – October 23 – 24, 2026

**Nebraska** – Nebraska State Convention – York, NE – September 18, 2026

**Wisconsin** – Wisconsin Square & Round Dance Convention – Brookfield, WI – August 7 – 9, 2026



#### The following events have taken place since January 1, 2026 – even though they have taken place wanted all to know the Plains Region is still square dancing!!

**Iowa** – Iowa State Square & Round Dance Convention – Cedar Falls, IA – March 20 – 21, 2026

**Kansas** – Kansas State Square Dance Convention – Salina, KS – June 5 – 6, 2026

**Louisiana** – Louisiana State Square Dance Convention – Pine Ville, LA – April 10 – 11, 2026

**Missouri** – Heart of America Federation “Fed Dance” Kansas city, MO – April 17 – 18, 2026

Annual St. Louis Spring Fling – St. Louis, MO – May 2, 2026

Annual Missouri State Festival – Springfield, MO – October 23 – 24, 2026

**North Dakota Square Dance Festival** – Fargo, ND – April 24 – 25, 2026

**Oklahoma** – Oklahoma Round Dance Association Festival, Ardmore, OK – April 10 – 12, 2026 and NE Oklahoma Square Dance Festival – Claremore, OK – April 10 – 11, 2026

**South Dakota** – South Dakota State Square Dance Festival – Sioux Falls, SD – May 2 – 3, 2026

**Texas** – Annual State Festival – Temple, TX – June 4 – 7, 2026

We hope to see you all at the National Square Dance Convention in Waco, Texas – June 24 – 27, 2026.

The United Square Dancers of America will have the Annual Board of Directors Meeting on Wednesday, June 24, 2026 in The Cambria Hotel. It is very important for all the States to have a delegate at the Annual Board of Directors Meeting during the National Convention, where your vote counts in conducting the business of the USDA. Also at the meeting your state will receive a packet containing lots of information to share with your State. It is also an EXCELLENT way for you to meet many great life long friends!!

Mark & Bina Krebsbach

# UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA

## USDA MEMBER GROUP NONPROFIT EXEMPTION PROGRAM



The United Square Dancers of America (USDA) is first and foremost a Service Organization, serving the needs of the entire Square Dance Community through a vast variety of programs benefiting not only those groups that are members of USDA, but even beyond. Among the most beneficial of these programs is the USDA Member Group Nonprofit Exemption Program.

The United Square Dancers of America has been designated as a Nonprofit Group Exemption Program Administrator by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). This affords those groups that are either Affiliate members (typically State Organizations) or Associate members (usually Clubs) of USDA to obtain IRS recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit status by applying to the USDA's Group Exemption Program Co-Administrators Pat Inglis and Jim Maczko to obtain nonprofit status rather than dealing directly with the IRS for this status. As of June 2026, forty-three (43) groups are currently benefitting from this program.

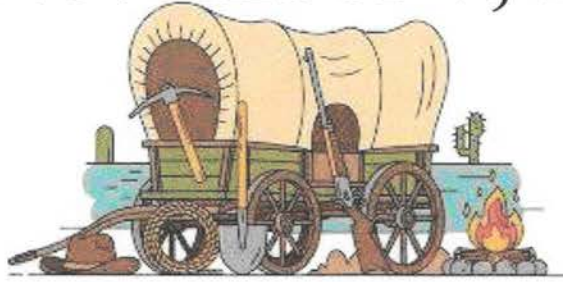
The USDA Group Exemption Program provides participating groups the same benefits as any other 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Charitable Organization. Among those benefits are:

- Exemption from Federal income tax.
- Relieved from paying state corporate income, franchise, and excise taxes.
- Eligible to receive private foundation grants.
- Qualified to receive donations of gifts for prizes to be given away at the group's events.
- Can offer individual donors and corporate donors a tax deduction for their charitable donations. Individual and corporate donors are more likely to support organizations with 501(c)(3) nonprofit status because their donations can be tax deductible.
- Recognition of exemption under IRC Section 501(c)(3) assures foundations and other grant-making institutions that they are issuing grants or sponsorships to permitted beneficiaries.
- Potential to be eligible to rent dance facilities below market rates.
- Eligible for lower postal rates on third class bulk mailings through the US Postal Service.
- Officers and Committee Chairs of the USDA Affiliate and Associate members are entitled to deduct their out-of-pocket expenses when serving the non-profit entity. This applies to monetary or in-kind donations to the organization while serving to benefit the USDA member.
- Entitled to Public Service Announcements (PSAs) on Radio and Television.
- Recognition as a 501(c)(3) organization adds to the organization's legitimacy and makes it more credible in the eyes of the public and other entities.

The application process involves completing some forms, paying a one-time \$100 application fee, establishing a fiscal year of January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, agreeing to abide by the USDA Bylaws, Standing Rules, Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct. All of this is explained in more detail on the USDA Website – [USDA.org](http://USDA.org) – Programs [USDA 501c3 Program](#)

# FRONTIER DAYS

## November 7, 2026



### GOOD TIMES SQUARE & ROUND DANCE CLUB Las Vegas, Nevada



Eric Henerlau - Caller



Zena Beaulieu- Cuer

Advanced 5:30-7:00 PM  
Pre-Rounds 7:00-7:30 PM  
MS/PLUS/ROUNDS 7:30-10:00 PM  
**Donation : Advanced \$15 Evening \$15**  
**Advanced and Evening \$25**

*First Christian Church Hall  
2225 West Mesquite Avenue  
Las Vegas, NV 89106*

Info: Tom (702) 203-1938 or Rita (702) 526-6192

## EVENTS IN THE EASTERN REGION

### Sheila Moody, Eastern Region VP

My name is Sheila Moody and I have recently been appointed as the Vice President of the USDA Eastern Region. I am very new to USDA but I am not new to square dancing.

I started square and round dancing in 1980 with the Littleton Sixteen Footers square dance club in Littleton, Massachusetts. Over the years I have been active in clubs in Maine and Massachusetts. Among other positions I have been President of Nubble Lighthouse Keepers Square Dance Club in Wells, Maine, as well as more than ten years as president of The Square Dance Foundation of New England.



Even though this USDA position has been vacant for several years, many exciting square dance happenings have taken in the Eastern Region. Hopefully, going forward, there will be opportunities for me to attend square dance festivals in the region and expand both your knowledge and mine of all the exciting ways in which the United Square Dancers of America can assist in enriching the square dancing experience in the Eastern Region.

Looking forward to joining you in a square,  
Sheila Moody



Sheila Moody with USDA President's Scott and Sandy Ebright, at WASCA's annual dance 2026.



# CAMPING/RV

**Planning to camp/RV at the 76NSDC? Make your reservations NOW!**



The convention's Camping & RV Vice Chairman, Terry and Marcia Brubaker, along with Dennis Miller, Registration & Housing Chairman, personally researched and visited a number of sites in the area of the Convention and selected the best six, three of which are already taking reservations. The closest site to the convention is the Loveland RV Resort which is starting to quickly fill up with **40% of sites already booked**. It's a pleasant place as you can see from the photos. **Make sure to register for the convention first**, then if you reserve a

site there, ask for the Square Dance Convention 10% discount and be sure to clarify their policies for cancellations, etc.

**The convention web site contains important information about registration dates and the other campgrounds; please visit: <https://76nsdc.com/accommodations/> and scroll down below the hotel offerings.**



*Photos Courtesy of Loveland RV Resort*

## USDA CENTENNIAL AWARD PROGRAM

### Ed and Lynda Willis

In the fall of 2013, we received an inquiry about what USDA does for square dancers that have reached the age of one hundred. A little research revealed some interesting facts about this age group. Currently it is the fastest growing population in the United States. The 2010 US Census reports over 53,000 people living in the United States are age 100 and above. With the current medical advances, improved diets, and changes in lifestyle, this number is expected to reach a record high by mid-century. Not only are we living longer today than ever before, but we are also remaining more physically and mentally productive in our later years. At the winter meeting of USDA in January 2014, a proposal was introduced and approved to begin a program of special recognition to those individuals that had reached the age of 100 and had been an active member for a minimum of five years.

#### **Purpose:**

As the world's largest square dance association, the Executive Committee of USDA is proud to provide a "Centennial Awards" program for this group of dancers. The qualified recipients will be given a nice framed "Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation" signed by the President of USDA and the Vice President of their Region. They will also receive a "United Square Dancers of America Centennial Award" lapel pin. This award will be presented to them by a member of the Executive Committee at a dance attended by the recipient when possible. Should the recipient be able to attend the USDA Board of Directors meeting the day prior to the National Convention, USDA will pay their Convention Registration. Finally, our USDA NEWS will honor them in a special "Feature Article" about them. When available we also include pictures of their receiving their awards from the USDA representative.



## USDA CENTENNIAL AWARD PROGRAM

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#### Qualifications:

USDA recently revised the requirements to earn the Centennial Award. Reaching the age of 100 is our number one qualification and it is the most difficult and it does not get any easier when you get there. The Centennial Award Program was created to reward and honor those dancers that had reached the age of 100, not to add additional stress to them. Covid-19 had direct impact on square dancing in general, and especially on our dancers approaching the 100-year mark so we have removed the requirement of being an “active” member. The other requirement of having at least a minimum of five years’ membership in your club remains. If you meet the qualifications, you can fill out the Centennial award application found in the publications section at <https://www.usda.org/>.

Since inception USDA has given out over 35 awards. A list of award winners can also be found on the website. Come can see our scrap book at the National Square Dance Convention which has pictures and biographies of the winners.

On a personal note, Lynda and I were lucky enough to present two awards ourselves and they were fantastic experiences. Our first presentation was to a good friend, Fred Martin, at his daughter’s home in southern Virginia. It turned out to be timely as he passed shortly after we presented the award. His daughter was so excited. The second award was for Toni Cilberti of the Shoe Leather Express in New York. If you did not see the USDA News article about this presentation you should read it. She is truly a remarkable woman who took up square dancing in her 80’s to assist her physical therapy after she wrecked her motorcycle.



Toni Cilberti

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## The United Square Dancers of America's Zoom Series

# *Beyond the Dance Floor*

**Dancing!** — While we are so excited to be back dancing after the Covid epidemic, we lost many of our dancers, clubs, callers, and cuers during that time. The great news that came from the pandemic is how well the square dance community all over the World has adapted to and benefitted from the challenges we've been facing and continue to face. How have we benefitted? Remote networking platforms such as Microsoft Teams and Zoom have introduced us to new friends and dance experiences we might never have enjoyed before — from Zoom dance sessions with international participation to opportunities to participate in State, National and International dance events, conventions and workshops.

In October of 2020 the **United Square Dancers of America — USDA**

— your National dancers' organization, introduced a monthly series of web-based programs via *Zoom* to support clubs on the business and marketing end of our activity. The programs were 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 weren't able to get together on the dance floor. Since the introduction of the initial workshops, topics have evolved to include Marketing & Promotions, the SSD dance program, square dance resources, promotional information about our National Square Dance Conventions, Social Connections and the recruitment and retention of callers. We've been lucky enough to partner with CALLERLAB, ROUNDALAB and ARTS on several of these programs and look forward to partnering with other national organizations for future program offerings. We've had participation from dancers, callers cuers from all over the world, sharing ideas, program guidelines and coping strategies.



**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 handicapable programs – this series is designed to help groups across the country and across the World build and grow your clubs.

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## LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION & PUBLICATIONS

**Doug and Willa Bradshaw**

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Do you need ideas for club leadership? We have 10 different brochures that can help with that. Do you need some written material for new graduates on proper attire, code of ethics and dancer conduct? We have ideas to help with that. We even have a brochure on New Dancer Questions.

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USDA is a valuable resource for youth scholarships to both trade schools and schools of higher learning. The scholarship package does require some effort. Letters of recommendation, an essay from the student are key parts to an application. The scholarship application is included in the publications list.

Let us know if we can help.

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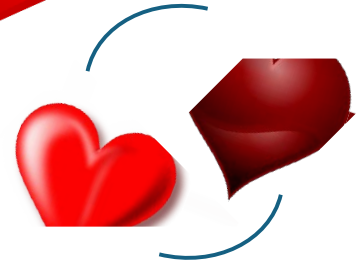
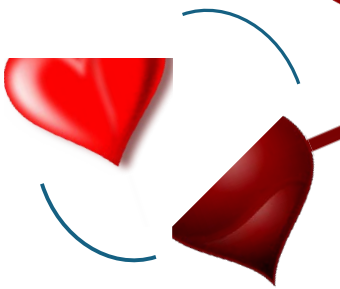
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The show will be over at 6:30 giving you time to attend the Opening Ceremonies for the 76th NSDC.

Options for dinner include Beef, Chicken or vegetarian all with side dishes to complete your meal.



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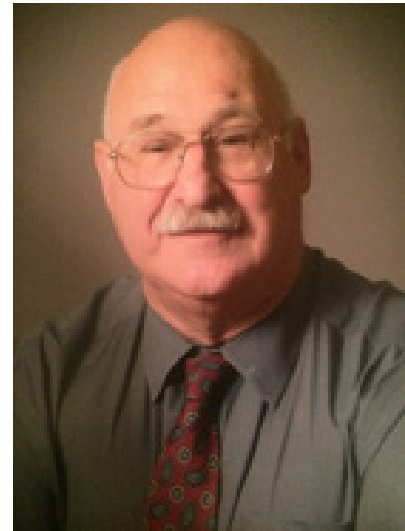
### Dan Reedy, Central Region VP

Hello Everyone

I guess the biggest news is that we have awarded five youth grants this year! An Eastern Tennessee club was the very first club to receive funds for the USDA administered youth grant program; see their article in the March - June edition of USDA News. This program offers clubs funds to assist in their respective youth programs. You will find more information about this and the USDA Youth Grant Programs on page 11 of this Edition.

We additionally had an Indiana club awarded the third grant for 2026, and a North Carolina club awarded the fifth administered Grant. So congratulations to the Double H Square Dance club in Floyd's Knob, Indiana and the Diamond Yellowrockers, Waxhaw, NC.

**God Bless and looking for you in a Square Somewhere**  
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 234 Airport Rd, Gatlinburg, TN,  
 See Page 2 for details

Aug 7- 9, 2026  
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 More info:  
<https://squaredanceky.com/ky-state-convention/>

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 More information: [www.PaFabFallFest.com](http://www.PaFabFallFest.com)

November 6-8  
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