

# INTERCOM



*Official Newsletter of Single Square Dancers, U.S.A. - Joe B. Ellis, Founder – May 2011*

## **“Slip The Clutch in Indy” Dance-A-Rama 2011 Indianapolis, In. Sept. 1 – 4, 2011**

Hello fellow square dancers. Spring is upon us and summer is around the corner. Before you know it, fall will be here and so will the 41<sup>st</sup> DAR in Indianapolis, Indiana. So if you do not want to miss out on some outstanding callers and cuers, great tours, and good times with old friends and making some new friends, I suggest registering for the 41<sup>st</sup> DAR in its first time being held in Indianapolis, IN.

We will kick the weekend off on Thursday Night (Sept.1) with the Trail-In dance & one of the Nation's Premiere callers – Tony Oxendine. Rounds for the evening will be handled by some outstanding cuers – Judy Mouton and Bonnie Lawrence. The evening will start with pre-rounds from 7:30-8:00pm. From 8:00-10:30, we will have mainstream dancing with announced plus dancing and we will have rounds in between tips. Tony has also graciously agreed to do some A-Star tips at the end of the dance. The Trail-In is a separate admission of \$6 payable at the door.

The fun & enjoyment does not end after the Trail-In Dance. We have 8 amazing callers, 3 wonderful cuers, and 1 extraordinary caller/line dance leader to provide 3 days (Fri., Sat., & Sun.) of dancing excitement. The callers for the weekend are Tom Miller(PA). (who most of you know from Past DAR's), John Marshall(VA)., Nick Hartley(IN)., Tom Davis(IL), (has performed at DAR's previously), Big n Lil Enis(KY). (also known as Wes Dyer & Kenny Jarvis who have called numerous DAR's in years past), Jimmy Robison(IN), & Dennis Clark(IN). The cuers will be Wayne & Barbara Blackford(FL/AZ), Dave & Judy Mouton(IN), and Bonnie Lawrence(IN). Corben Geis(PA.) will have plenty of fun and excitement lined up in the line dance hall. Along with teaching and leading line dances, Corben will be calling various mixers such as contras, tandem, Siamese, mirror, and a few other squares. Corben has even offered his services as a caricature artist over the weekend in his spare time. For those that are familiar with and enjoyed dancing to Big-n-Lil Enis in the past, I have some sad news. Kenny Jarvis is retiring at the end of 2011. Their performance at the 41<sup>st</sup> DAR will be one of the last times you will have the opportunity to dance to this amazing duo of over 30 years calling together.

If you need a break from all the great dancing, we are offering some wonderful tours each day. Thursday, we will be visiting

the infamous Indianapolis Motor Speedway for their ever popular grounds tour and for a special treat we will dance a tip or two on the main straight away with Jimmy Robison as caller. Friday, we will be visiting the Indianapolis Museum of Art or you can choose to take the sports tour where we will visit Conesco Fieldhouse (home of the Indiana Pacers) and Lucas Oil Stadium (home of the Indianapolis Colts). Saturday, you can jump on a motor coach with a knowledgeable guide to tell you about Indianapolis' history, present, and future as you ride around the city on the Indianapolis Historical Tour. During our trip around the city we will stop and visit Monument Circle and dance a tip or two next to the soldier's and sailor's home with Big-n-Lil Enis. Finally on Sunday, you can spend the afternoon at an amazing interactive historical park of the 1800's known as Conner Prairie and if your feeling up to it you can take a balloon ride while there. We are also adding a Mystery Dangle Tour on Sunday morning from 8:30-11:30am for \$25 per person. Due to its late addition, you may not find it on your registration form. Just pencil it in on your form if you wish to participate. For those that have already registered, you can send in an additional \$25 and we will know what it is for and add it to registration info. We are also moving back the time for the Conner Prairie Tour to 12:00-4:30pm and including a lunch meal for those who choose to do both tours on Sunday and there will be a short turnaround time between tours. For any questions or concerns, please contact us via phone or e-mail.

If you do not want to be left sittin on the fence and miss out on all the good times being had by your fellow dancers, I encourage you to register now. The deadline for Tour registration will be here before you know it - JULY 15, 2011. Don't miss out on the fun! We encourage dancers to register as early as possible for it saves you money and it helps us in our planning so we can give you the best weekend possible. For more info, or any questions feel free to contact us at 317-370-0655 or via email at [dar2011@ssdusa.org](mailto:dar2011@ssdusa.org) or check out our website at <http://dar2011.ssdusa.org> . We are looking forward to seeing you at “Slip The Clutch in Indy” Labor Day weekend Sept.1-4, 2011 in Indianapolis, Indiana (Home of Hoosier Hospitality).

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## Message From Your President

### Larada Horner

Spring is the time for single square dancers to celebrate! We have so many great choices of festivals to go to: TASSD in El Paso, TX was small, but a blast; Fuzzy Navel in Hilton Head Island, NC in March, HASSDA in Lebanon, MO in April, and the Single's Fling in Albuquerque, NM in May and the Single Wheelers Memorial Square Dance Weekend in Norfolk, NE at the end of May. Wow – what a line up of great events!



Hopefully your plans include one or all of these festivals and that you are thinking towards September and Indianapolis and Dance-A-Rama.

As a square dance organization that focuses on the single square dancer, your SSDUSA board works at promoting our organization, Single Square Dancers USA and our activity, square dancing. We all know that we need to grow – we need to get younger people involved, more people involved, but how do we do that successfully in this 21<sup>st</sup> century?

SSDUSA has 2 technological avenues that we use to reach people today:

1. SSDUSAGram -- our bimonthly electronic newsletter listing single-friendly square dance events all over the USA and the world.
2. SSDUSA web site – <http://www.ssdusa.org/>

I mentioned in the October, 2010 issue of the Intercom the following: “Connect your single square dance friends with the SSDUSAGram. Share my email address: [promosssdusa.earthlink.net](mailto:promosssdusa.earthlink.net) and share our website with everyone you know.”

What I am saying to you, the SSDUSA member receiving this Intercom, is that you need to be helping promote square dancing for singles. These 2 products could easily be shared with all your square dance friends and we would grow – I know that you dance with many dancers who aren't members of SSDUSA or have not attended a Dance-A-Rama. Take every opportunity you can to weave SSDUSA into your conversation, print up a part of the SSDUSAGram and show it around your club, and give out our web site as a great resource.

In the October, 2010 issue I also said e-mail me any promotional ideas you might have. To date, I have received none. There are many successful square dance promoters out there – look at the list of festivals at the beginning of this article. How do you do it? I would love to feature success stories about your hard work of promoting in the next issue of the Intercom.

Along that line, we need to look to the future of SSDUSA and Dance-A-Rama in 2013. This year we are going to Indianapolis, IN (if all present and recent past SSDUSA members attend, we will have over 1000 dancers); 2012 we will be traveling to Des Moines, IA. Where will 2013 be?

Contact me, any board member, or your regional director if you are interested in hosting Dance-A-Rama in 2013. It will be exciting to see where we might be going – west coast, east coast or somewhere in the middle?

I know that some group/club will step up and do this – you are not alone. There are years of experience ready to help and support you in this endeavor – the creation of Dance-a-Rama, 2013.

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## From the Roommate Locator

Hi everyone.

Laurie Steward

It's getting close to that time again. Can you believe it's been nine months since we have all gotten together? I'm looking forward to seeing all of you again in Indianapolis. If you haven't made a room reservation, please do so. If you're needing a roommate one of you can cancel your room. That's better than neither of you having a room and scrambling at the last minute.

I'll start taking requests June 1. Please provide your email address if you call and leave a message. Please give your phone number if you send me an email. I prefer working with emails, but not everyone has one. Any other info you can provide is helpful - how many are you willing to share with, how many nights, do you have a room reserved. It will be assumed that you are looking for a non-smoker unless you request a smoker. In the years that I have been doing this only one person requested a smoker and I was not able to accommodate them. I do not give out my cell phone number, however, I will call you back from that number as I do not have outgoing long distance on my land line. I do take my phone to work with me, but I cannot answer while I am working and do not have my roommate info with me anyway. So to those of you with caller ID please do not call that number. Thanks

On another note, I have a lady looking for a roommate on the Toronto trip (the Niagara Falls excursion) at the National Convention in DTW. Please let me know if you are willing to share your room and I will pass her info on to you.

## HASSDA NEWS HASSDA President Maye Wegner

### HASSDA FESTIVAL 2012-March 30-31, 2012.

THE SHERATON MIDWEST CITY HOTEL@ THE REED CONFERENCE CENTER--5750 Will Rogers Road, Midwest City, Ok.

Offering Mainstream--Plus--DBD-" A " & "C ". ALL DANCING WILL BE AT THE REED CONFERENCE CENTER.

Callers for this event are: Mike Bramlett-TX, Jeff Holley, Bobby Willis, Danny Payne-OK

Cuers: Jim & Georgianne Couey-OK

REGISTRATION--Friday & Saturday-All events Including After Party--Prior to February 12, 2012--\$35.00

Registration after deadline-Friday & Saturday-\$45.00

Individual Square/round Dance Sessions-\$15.00

Trail-In Dance--March 29, 2012--payable At The Door-@ Sheraton Midwest City Hotel Reed Conference Center.

Trail-Out-Dance-April 1, 2012-Payable at The Door-@ Sheraton Midwest City Hotel-Reed Conference Center.

Make checks payable to HASSDA Festival 2012

Mail to: Louise Aldridge-4104 NW 44th Street-Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

Festival Contact person: Dee Proctor--405-321-3730--405-627-1103--[wtoys@cox.net](mailto:wtoys@cox.net)--P.O.Box 6295--Norman, Ok 73070.

Dance Registration provides a complimentary membership to HASSDA from April 1, 2012--March 31, 2013. More info @

[www.HASSDAFestival.WeSquareDance.com](http://www.HASSDAFestival.WeSquareDance.com)

**Solo Squares of Cleveland**, Ohio will be having a dinner/dance to celebrate our 50th Anniversary Sept. 18. Tickets for the dinner are almost sold out, but you can still come to the dance. See our website for details;

<<http://sites.google.com/site/solosquaredanceclub/Home>

## NEWS FROM NORTH CENTRAL EAST REGION

Fred Moore, Regional Director

We are excited that the SSDUSA Dance-A-Rama festival will be in our region this year. We know that Chris Jones and the rest of his committee are working hard so that we can all have a great time. Bucks & Does Singles of Columbus, OH will not have a bus going this year because it is an easy drive for our dancers to go to Indianapolis. A number of dancers from our area are planning to go early to dance on the brickyard during the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Grounds Tour and to dance when Tony Oxendine calls at the Trail In Dance. It should be a lot of fun!

We are still looking for more State Representatives to cover different areas in the North Central East Region. Primarily it involves distributing Dance-A-Rama flyers and getting the word out about our wonderful organization. If you live in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, or West Virginia and would like to become a SSDUSA State or Local Representative, please contact me at 614-837-6974.

We have been having fun serving as angels for our new dancers. We hope your clubs have enthusiastic newly graduating dancers too, and that you are working hard to get them ready for Dance-A-Rama 2011 in Indianapolis.

See you in a square!

## FRANK NORRIS YELLOWROCK SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

### Velma Doyle Yellowrock Scholarship Chairperson

Single Square Dancers USA has a scholarship fund designed to help new callers and cuers with the expenses associated with getting started in their profession. It is open to any caller or cuer age 16 or over who has three years or less experience. Anyone interested in applying needs to submit a demo cassette tape or CD, along with an application, to Velma Doyle, Yellowrock Scholarship Chairperson, 3938 Crestfield Dr, Groveport, OH 43125. If you need a Yellowrock Scholarship application, download a copy from the SSDUSA Website: [www.ssdusa.org](http://www.ssdusa.org), or contact me. The deadline for receipt of the completed packet is August 1. One or more winners will be selected at DAR 2011 on Labor Day weekend.

## From Your Editor

Jo Saffell

Please keep in mind all articles are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the prior month. The months the Intercom will be provided are February, May, August and November.

I also am the Chair for the 2012 Dance-A-Rama and we have some very fun plans for you in Des Moines, Iowa at the Airport Holiday Inn. All roads lead to Des Moines and there are many straight through flights for your travel. We are planning some wonderful tours and including the Mystery of the famous Dangle Dance. Our Callers are Tom Miller, Art Tangen, Hunter Keller, Gary Kincade, Jack O'Leary, Jim Logan and Mike Magnant and our Cuers are Rey and Sherry Garza, John and Karen Herr and Jo Saffell. We have Barbara Harrison to teach you and cue Line Dances. We are looking forward to all of you taking part in all the activities. We have two super good bands for the after parties Crystal Blue country band and Richie Lee The Fabulous 50's band, plus some other special activities for the after parties to give everyone something to enjoy.

**IA Merry Mixers – 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> · Friday, IOOF Hall, 29<sup>th</sup> and Kingman, Des Moines, IA.** May 6 – Mike Magnant – Anniversary Dance, May 20 – Jim “Who” Logan, June 3 – Gene Wilson, MO, July 15 – Wiley Hutchinson, August 5 – Mike Hogan - NE, with all dances being cued by Jo Saffell.

There Is a Singles Hall at the 2011 National Dance Convention  
Velma Doyle, Singles Coordinator  
60th National Square Dance Convention

Why don't you come and join us at the 2011 National Dance Convention which is being held in Detroit, Michigan on June 22-25, 2011? There will be different levels of dancing, and new dancers along with seasoned dancers should find dancing at their level. We always have fun meeting dancers and callers from all over the world and dancing to a lot of different callers and cuers. Michigan typically has pleasant summer weather, with the average high and low in late June at 80°F and 60°F respectively. There is a People Mover that will provide free transportation between the convention center and the downtown hotels. If you want a break from dancing, you might want to go on one of the tours, which include a river cruise and Henry Ford Museum tour.

Are you aware that there will be a Singles Hall at the 2011 National Dance Convention? I (Velma Doyle) happen to be in charge of it. There will be Meet and Greet hours in the Singles Hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 12 noon to 1 PM with the dancing starting at 1 PM. Different groups will be hosting After Parties in the Singles Hall on different nights. The Northern Illinois Region of Bachelor 'N' Bachelorettes will sponsor the Thursday night after party. They have asked Curt Braffert and Bob Asp to be their MC's for the evening. Representatives from the Texas Association of Single Square Dancers (TASSD) and the Heart of America Singles Square Dance Association (HASSDA) have agreed to jointly sponsor the after party on Friday. Single Square Dancers USA is sponsoring the after party on Saturday. The Fireball Squares of Indianapolis will be involved in this after party since they are hosting Dance-A-Rama 2011. I imagine that Chris Jones, the General Chair of that DAR, will be featuring some of the callers that will be at DAR 2011. There will be opportunities to meet singles from all over the USA and other countries.

If you cannot find a registration form on your local flyer table, you can download one at [www.60nsdc.com](http://www.60nsdc.com). We hope to see you there!

South Central Regional Director

**Patsy Nester**

I would like to thank all the dancers who attended the TASSD 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Round-Up in El Paso. Your support was greatly appreciated. Thank you SSDUSA Board Members who were there for the Spring SSDUSA Board Meeting.

I was asked to get a count of the State Representatives for the South Central Region. I did not get any response from the last newsletter; so I ask again for those dancers who are SSDUSA State Reps for Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas to please notify me by email [patsynester@yahoo.com](mailto:patsynester@yahoo.com) or phone (972) 681-0345. Thank you.

**Arkansas June 4, 2011**

**Hot Springs Diamond Squares present Summer Swing-In**  
1:00-2:30 Rounds Workshop 2:30-4:00 Squares Workshop  
7:00 - 10:00 2x2 Mainstream with announced Plus tips  
Callers: Mike Callahan of Rochester, NY  
Cuers: Patti & Ray Wheelington of Texarkansas, AR  
Westminster Presbyterian Church 3819 Central Avenue  
(South of 270 Bypass, next to "Chili's"), Hot Springs, AR  
\$8.00 per dancer. For more Info contact: Gordon & Susan  
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**June 3-4, 2011**

Kansas State Square Dance Convention; Bicentennial Center, Salina, KS. Featured Caller Nassar Shukayr. Cuers Pat and Mike Schrant. Additional Information contact: Forrest and Pat Haskins at <mailto:fphaskda@cox.net>. Website: [www.KansasSquareDance.com/stateconvention.html](http://www.KansasSquareDance.com/stateconvention.html)

**1st/3rd/5th Tuesdays**

Mainstream and Plus Dance. Sponsored by Swingin' Singles at Town Hall, 11600 Johnson Dr, Shawnee KS. Casual attire. Line Dances between tips. 7:30pm–9:45pm. Caller Jay Krebs. Cuer Pam Young. Website [www.Swingin-Singles.org](http://www.Swingin-Singles.org)

**MO –**

**May 11, 2011**

Special Dance Featuring *Ken Bower* Wednesday, May 11, 2011, Mainstream, Plus, Rounds, and Lines Cuer: Mike & Dottie Hines The Point. 5600 Blue Ridge Cut Off. Kansas City, Missouri Cost of Dance: \$6.00 per person Pre-rounds-6:30. Square Dance, Rounds, and Lines 7:30-10 pm; For more Info Contact Jim Wright, (913) 735-6034 [jimwright@kc.rr.com](mailto:jimwright@kc.rr.com) 9708 Lee Blvd, Leawood, Kansas 66206

**May 27, 28 & 29, 2011 The “Branson Blowout”**

At the beautiful Cobblestone Inn in Branson, Missouri Ken Bower, Gary Shoemake, Mike Bramlett, Marshall Flippo Adrienne & Larry Nelson Plus Weekend includes Special Advance Dance Sessions! Weekend Package Includes: 3 Days Dancing (Friday afternoon, Saturday a.m. & p.m., Sunday until 10:00 a.m.) 2 Nights Lodging (Friday & Saturday night) • 2 Hot Breakfasts (Saturday & Sunday) 1 Evening Dinner (Saturday) Only \$155.00 per person + 11.6%tax

**LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE**

Single Occupancy Rates Available Call for these special rates!

Deposit refundable through 30 days prior to dance date.

A \$5.00 fee will be charged on refunds. For more Info call Gary Shoemake 865/453-9382 [gshoemake@att.net](mailto:gshoemake@att.net)

**June 17, 2011**

**Heartland Travelers** A Square Dance Club that Travels Together *4th Annual Dance* Featuring Callers Kenny Bailey & Bill Reynolds Everyone is invited to bring a dish and join us at our Potluck starting at 6:30 pm Dancing starts at 7:30; American Legion Hall. 499 South 7 Highway. Blue Springs, Missouri Weekend activities start with our dance on Friday night. Bring your favorite camping games \$5 at the door (youth free). For more information contact Becky Walker at 816-916-8989 [www.HCS.WeSquareDance.com](http://www.HCS.WeSquareDance.com)

**July 22 & 23, 2011**

**Kirkwood Lodge Weekend** Caller *Tim Marriner & Dana Schirmer CALLERLAB Plus* Kirkwood Lodge. Lake of the Ozarks. Branson, Missouri 573-348-2161 \$165 per person covers lodging, meals and dancing. Friday starting at 7:30 pm; dance most of the day Saturday and Sunday morning dance Reservation can be made by calling 573-348-2161 or email [schirmerdi@aol.com](mailto:schirmerdi@aol.com) Dana and Donna Schirmer 785-554-7221

### 1st Fridays

Mainstream and Plus Dance. Sponsored by Single Promenaders at Ivanhoe United Church of Christ, 6512 Woodson Rd, KC (Raytown) MO. Line Dances between tips. 7:30pm-10:00pm. Caller Al Block. Cuer Jim Windhausen. Check [www.Promenaders.WeSquareDance.com](http://www.Promenaders.WeSquareDance.com) or call Ralph Morast 816-737-5185

### 3rd Saturdays

Mainstream and Plus Dance. Sponsored by Solo Swingers at Northview Center, 301 E Talmadge, Springfield, MO. Square Dancing 7:30 – 10:00 pm with Lines. Caller Guest Callers. Contact Ann Cook 417.848.4200. Website [www.Solo.SquareDanceMissouri.com](http://www.Solo.SquareDanceMissouri.com)

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### May 27th & 28th, 2011

*2nd Annual Square & Round Dance Summer Celebration*

Caller: *Bobby Willis, Jeff Holley* Cuer: *Jim Couey*

Level of Dance: Mainstream, Plus & Rounds

Oklahoma City Swing Club. 4361 NW 50th Street. OKC, OK \$20.00/person all inclusive advance by May 16th, 2011 or \$25.00/person @ door all inclusive, or \$7.00/person per session at door

Session I: Friday Night-- Trail-In Dance, Registration 7:00 pm Evening Dance 8:00pm

Saturday Registration 9:00am – 8:00pm

Session II: Workshops 10am Noon (Rounds, Mainstream, Plus halls)

Session III: Workshops 1:00pm 4:00pm (Rounds, Mainstream, Plus halls)

Session IV: Fun Dance 4:00pm -5:00pm

Session V: Round dancing and line dancing 7:00pm - 7:45pm

Evening Dance 8:00pm - 10:30pm

*Sponsored by Teacup Chains & Spirit of 76*

Contact Info: Bobby @ 405-802-1712, Jeff @ 405-969-2170 Jim @ 405-737-6441

Web link for dance [www.cdsda.com/specialevents.html](http://www.cdsda.com/specialevents.html)

### 1st/3rd Fridays

Mainstream and Plus Dance. Sponsored by Single Squares at Bohemian Hall, 3800 S. Portland Ave, Oklahoma City OK. Rounds 7pm, Workshop 730pm and Grand March 8pm. Callers Jeff and Niecy Holley. Cuers JC and Elberta Johnson. Website [www.SquareDancing.com/singlesquares](http://www.SquareDancing.com/singlesquares) or call 405-399-3123

### 2nd/4th Fridays

**Mainstream and Plus Dance. Sponsored by Metro Singles of OKC** at Westside Lions Hall, 4135 NW 10th St, Oklahoma City OK. Pre-Rounds 7pm and square dancing starts 730pm. 3rd and 6th tips are Plus and Advanced will be called after regular dancing ends. Caller Danny Payne. Cuer JC Johnson. Website [www.SquareDancing.com/metrokc](http://www.SquareDancing.com/metrokc)

**TX**

### Lone Star Solos - Dallas

**Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** Dave Vieira, Caller

**Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>** - Darryl Lipscomb, Guest Caller

**Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Single Hinges – Kilgore Ho-Bo Dance.** Tim & Sonny's Place, Glenwood, TX. (on FM 726 one block east of FM 3358) (North of Longview). Caller: Ron Mineau. Cuer: Ronda Siler.

### **Solitaires Square Dance Club - Dallas**

**Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** – Guest Caller – Darryl Lipscomb

**Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** – Guest Caller – Wayne Baldwin

**Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**– New Dancer Dance – Caller: Charles Quisenberry, Club Cuer: **JL Pelton**

**Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Yellow Rockers - Dallas** "43rd Anniversary Dance" Chapel Hill U.M.C. (12411 Templeton Trail, Farmers Branch TX.) R. Stenger and C. Farabaugh E.R. @ 7:00 G.M. @ 7:30.

**June 9, 2011**

**Trails End Dance and Texas State Federation of Square & Round Dancers State Festival** *Bubblin' Good Time In Tyler* Callers: Officers of the Texas State Caller's Association Mike Bramlett, John Carlton, Nelda Eaton, John Geen, Arnold Gladson, and Vernon Jones Cuer: Michele & Dave Vieira Mainstream with Announced Plus

Harvey Convention Center 2000 W Front St, Tyler, TX 75702 Cost of Dance: \$10 at door per person or can pre-register 7:00 pm Early Rounds, 7:45 Grand March, 8:00-10:00 Squares with Rounds, 10:00 Square Dance Competition After-Party will be a square dance competition with proceeds benefiting the Lesson Grant Program Nelda & Jon Eaton, 903-278-8068, [EatonSDCaller@aol.com](mailto:EatonSDCaller@aol.com) Web-link for dance: [www.squaredancetx.com](http://www.squaredancetx.com) and [www.txcallers.com](http://www.txcallers.com)

### **Friday night June 10, 2011**

The Texas State Federation of Square and Round Dancers 49th State Festival Pre-Festival (*Black Gold-Texas Tea*) Caller: Tim Tyl, Kenneth Melvin, Nelda Eaton, Ron Mineau Cuer: Sonny & Charlotte Ezelle and Fred & Linda Ayres Level of Dance: Mainstream, Plus, Rounds, Teens Harvey Convention Center 2000 W Front St, Tyler, TX 75702 \$12.00 per person or can pre-register 7:00 pm Early Rounds, 7:45 pm Grand March & Opening Ceremonies, 8:00-10:00pm Mainstream and Plus with Rounds 50/50, Multiple Vendors For more Info Contact Hal & Dolores McMakin 903-962-7479 [doloresm@suddenlink.net](mailto:doloresm@suddenlink.net) Web link for dance [www.squaredancetx.com](http://www.squaredancetx.com) (State Festival)

### **June 11 & 12, 2011**

Texas State Federation Square and Round Dancers *49th State Festival Boomin' Good Time in Tyler – 2011* *Texas Callers & Cuers* Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, DBD, Rounds, Teens, Clogging, Line Dance Harvey Convention Center 2000 W Front St., Tyler, TX 75702 Cost of Dance: \$17 per person, Age 19 and younger half price, or can pre-register Saturday 9am-10pm Sunday Farewell Dance 9-11am Workshops during day, Multiple vendors, Teen Lock-in Sunday: Devotional 8:30 am and Farewell Dance 9-11 am Pre-Registration for entire Festival June 9-12, 2011 available on-line at [www.squaredancetx.com](http://www.squaredancetx.com) For more Info Contact: Howard & Sandra Rowan 903-312-3713, [srowan1@juno.com](mailto:srowan1@juno.com) Web link for dance: [www.squaredancetx.com](http://www.squaredancetx.com) (State Festival)

**Texas Association of Single Square Dancers  
March 9-11, 2012**

TASSD is announcing our 38<sup>th</sup> Annual TASSD Round-Up March 9-11, 2012. The callers will be Ken Burke and Tim Tyl. The cuers will be Christine and Theron Hixson. The location will be the Sterling Hotel, 1055 Regal Row, Dallas, TX. The room rates are \$89 a nite (1-4 guests). Hotel Phone Number is (214) 634-8550. Registration forms are available on TASSD.org. We plan a lot of dancing, workshops and a trail out dance. A tour of the Cowboy Stadium is also in the works. More on the tour will be forthcoming.

The Lone Star Solos of Dallas will host the Trail-In Dance on March 8<sup>th</sup>. The caller will be Mike Bramlett and cuers will be Christine and Theron Hixson.

**Houston Single Square Dancers**

**Jan Albers, TASSD Liaison, and Carol Teal, HSRDC Singles Liaison**, are starting a singles square dance club in Houston, Texas. Houston Single Square Dancers will have their first dance on Saturday, July 9, 2011. We will have weekly continual lessons/workshop from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Our lessons will begin with basic level and go forward through plus level and then start all over again.

The weekly dance will be from 10:00am. until 12:00 noon. There will be line dancing between tips. Those who wish can join us for lunch each week at a nearby restaurant after the dance.

We will meet at Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet (corner of Bissonnet and Hillcroft), Houston, TX 77074. We have reserved a large room with a wooden dance floor. Carol Teal will be our club caller. Carol has over 20 years experience as a square dance caller and is the only local female square dance caller in Houston. Carol Teal is the Singles Liaison for the Houston Square and Round Dance Council (HSRDC). This is an excellent example of the TASSD Liaison and the HSRDC Singles Liaison working together to promote single square dancers.

The City of Houston has been without a singles square dance club for several years. Please wish us good luck and come dance with us any Saturday morning starting July 9, 2011. Email: [missyjan@comcast.net](mailto:missyjan@comcast.net) 281-498-5301

**The Annual Duke City Singles Fling Cecilia Pounds  
May 13-15, 2011** at the Albuquerque Square Dance Center,

4915 Hawkins NE in Albuquerque, NM .Featured callers are **Tim Tyl** (TX) and **Richard Lane** (NM) Featured cuers are **Bob and Sally Nolen** (NM). Activities begin with the trail in dance on Thursday, May 12, 7 pm, and conclude with the trail out dance on Sunday 10:00 AM. Pre-rounds on Fri. and Sat. evening, squares with mainstream and announced plus both evenings, after parties both nights! Saturday schedule includes round dance workshops, plus workshop and A workshop.

The club is hosting dinner for all at 5:30 pm on Saturday!

The host hotel is the **Hampton Inn** which is next door to the square dance center – within walking distance. Room reservations at (505) 344-1555, be sure to mention you are with the Fling to get the room rate of \$69! There is free RV parking for self-contained RVs.

Weekend rate is \$30 person through May 12, or \$35 at door.

For more information call Gerry Dunbar (505) 839-4962 or email [fling@dukecitysingles.com](mailto:fling@dukecitysingles.com).

**SINGLES AND COUPLES WELCOME!!!!**

**The General Chairmen for the 2011 Florida State Convention are two Single ladies!**

It is the first time this Convention has not been hosted by couples. **Ailene Picheco** has been active in the Florida Association of Single Square and Round Dancers (FASSRD) for many years and is currently Membership Chairman for Single Square Dancers USA (SSDUSA).

**Terri Little** has not been involved with "Single" activities, but is very active in her home club, Central Florida Association

and the Florida Federation of Square and Round Dancers.

We have planned a fun weekend with lots of activities and surprises.

Visit our website for up-to-date information. [www.squaredancesites.com/florida2011](http://www.squaredancesites.com/florida2011)

**The 57th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention**

**Trails End Dance Thursday, May 26, 2011  
"Yo Ho Ho & A Weekend of Fun"**

Strawberry Square. 4401 Promenade Blvd. Plant City, Florida 33563 Cost is a Donation **Callers: Bob Stern & Roland Morin Cuers: Terri Wilaby & Sandy Sturgis**

For more information contact: Ailene Picheco 321-652-0680 [apicheco@juno.com](mailto:apicheco@juno.com) Please visit our web site [www.squaredancesites.com/florida2011](http://www.squaredancesites.com/florida2011)

**The 57th Florida State Square & Round Dance Convention**

**May 27 -28 - 29, 2011 Ahoy Mateys, Join us - or Walk the Plank! "Yo Ho Ho & A Weekend of Fun"** Three days of

dancing to the best Callers & Cuers in Florida! Mainstream, Plus, Advance, DBD, Workshops - Rounds Phase 2 thru 5 The Lakeland Center. 701 West Lime Street. Lakeland, Florida Please visit our web site

[www.squaredancesites.com/florida2011](http://www.squaredancesites.com/florida2011)

Registration fee - \$27.00 per person in advance and \$30.00 per person at the door Daily ribbons sold at the door. For registration email Randy & Carol Poole [rpoole19@cfl.rr.com](mailto:rpoole19@cfl.rr.com)

**Ailene Picheco** Merritt Island, FL 321-652-0680

SQUARE DANCING - America's National Folk Dance

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57th Florida State Square Dance Convention, May 27-29, 2011 Lakeland, Florida -**Yo Ho Ho - and a Weekend of Fun**

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60th National Square Dance Convention - June 22-25, 2011 Detroit, Michigan - **Great Lakes - Great Dancing**

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41st National Singles Dance-A-Rama, September 1-4, 2011 Indianapolis, Indiana - **Slip the Clutch in Indy**

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**June 3-4, 2011 Single Square Dancers of Utah Annual Festival.** University of Utah Student Union Ballroom

200 Central campus Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah. Caller Kevin Thomaier Friday 7:00 pm Saturday A1 1-2 workshops 2:30-6:00 Contact **Carol Peterson 801-292-1354 E-mail [sqrdcarol@gmail.com](mailto:sqrdcarol@gmail.com)**

## FRIENDSHIP SET TO MUSIC

Website: [www.friendshippsettomusic.com](http://www.friendshippsettomusic.com) gives a lot of information about the Friendship Set to Music (FSTM) project. As of September, 2010, 169 shows have been filmed. The videos are available to be shown on local cable stations. Generally, results are best when someone who lives in that cable area makes the initial call. Public-access cable TV stations serve the local subscribers. Most stations eagerly accept good, clean entertaining programs. This is truly a not-for-profit effort to promote an all-American pastime: square and round dancing. These programs are a great way to highlight square dancing and generate local interest. If you use these programs you may add your own information on the bottom of the viewing screen. A local phone number is provided for additional information.

If dancers want to try to get FSTM on their local stations, they should ask their cable station if they will accept outside programming for a show that is one hour long. If they will, the dancer or someone from the station should contact Dee Scott, 952-472-0006 or [squaredancing@frontiernet.net](mailto:squaredancing@frontiernet.net). Dee is in charge of programming and has worked on this project from the beginning. It is a great promotion tool for our area. We have seen positive results.

## Oklahoma

July 30<sup>th</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011  
29<sup>th</sup> Annual Singles on the Go Float Trip  
A wild weekend of fun and fellowship  
Sparrow Hawk Camp  
2 miles north and 2 miles east  
State Highway 10, Tahlequah, OK  
You don't have to have a partner to go  
Just sign up & we will get you one to float the river

### Tentative schedule of events

#### Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup>

2:00 PM – Check in  
2:30 – Let the games begin  
6:00 PM – Weiner Roast  
7:30 PM – Tug-o-war in the river  
& Dip and Dive in the River  
8:30 PM – Square Dance under the stars  
10:00 PM – Campfire Fellowship and Watermelon Roast!

#### Sunday July 31<sup>st</sup>

6:00 AM – Help us cook breakfast  
7:00 AM – Help us eat breakfast  
9:00 AM – Float the Illinois  
(Lunch and drinks on river on your own)

The cost of this exciting weekend minus transportation, daytime drinks & Sunday lunch will be only \$35 per person if paid before July 18<sup>th</sup>. Cost if paid at camp is \$40 and needs to be paid in cash on arrival at campsite. This is an outing for singles who are also Square Dancers; however married people may go if they remember how to act single. Friends may attend at the responsibility of the single sponsoring. Please sign up as soon as possible. The first 30 people who sign up will receive a "Float Trip Dangle 2011". Money can be refunded, but not after July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ # Attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35 \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

If more than one person, please provide information for each person.

Mail to Melissa Harrison 18208 Piedra Dr, Edmond, OK 73012

Contacts: Bob Thomas and Melissa Harrison (405)-642-1832 / (405) 312-5112

Jim and DeDe Howard (405) 691-7698

Robert Orman and Billie Davis (405) 387-3126

**BUSY BEES** have moved we now dance at Highland Fire Co, 109 Woodland Ave, Pitman N. J. 08028 Every Wednesday from 7:00-10:30 For more information 856-881-6216 or 856-881-8383

## HALL OF FAME

### Ron, The Floor Man

Last year the SSDUSA board discussed the formation of a Hall Of Fame. I don't think we decided who was to handle it and we also discussed some guidelines for nominations and acceptance.

I will accept the responsibility of accepting your suggestions and guidelines and will put them in the next article so members can make nominations.

Think about the foundation and who has supported this organization in its infancy and beyond.

One rule that was suggested was "No active board member can be nominated for the Hall of Fame".

Please send your comments and suggestions to Ron Holland at [hollandr@charter.net](mailto:hollandr@charter.net)

# 41<sup>st</sup> Dance-A-Rama Registration

Please use a separate form for each dancer! Complete Weekend Only!

Registration Fee includes Dance Program Events for Sept. 2-4 and provides complimentary membership to SSDUSA from 9/4/11 – 9/2/12. Souvenirs, Tours & Trail In Dances are extra.

Advanced Registration (before Aug. 1, 2011): \$40 per person

Cancellation Fee: \$5.00 after June 1, 2011

Regular Registration (after Aug. 1, 2011): \$45 per person

NO Refunds after Aug 1, 2011

**Please Print Clearly**

Name (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Home Club \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT!! THIS MAY DETERMINE THE SIZE OF YOUR HALL!**

Circle your dance level      Squares: Mainstream Only      Plus      DBD      A1      A2      C  
 Rounds: II      III      IV      V      VI

**Souvenir Order:** (T-Shirts are black with white lettering & Polo Shirts are white with black lettering)

<u>Total #</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>#SM</u>	<u>#MED</u>	<u>#LG</u>	<u>#XL</u>	<u>#2 XL (add \$2)</u>	<u>Total \$</u>
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Souvenir Sub-Total							_____
S&H Fee if mailed							\$5.00
<b>SOUVENIR TOTAL</b>							_____

**Tour Order**

Thursday Sept. 1	Indianapolis Motor Speedway – Grounds Tour	12:00 – 4:00 pm	\$40	_____
Friday Sept. 2	Indianapolis Museum of Art	12:00 – 3:00 pm	\$20	_____
Friday Sept. 2	Sports Tour	1:00 – 4:00 pm	\$35	_____
Saturday Sept. 3	Indianapolis Historical Tour	1:00 – 4:00 pm	\$30	_____
Sunday Sept. 4	Conner Prairie	11:00 – 3:00 pm	\$30	_____
<b>TOUR TOTAL</b>				_____

**ALL TOUR RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 15, 2011 – NO REFUNDS AFTER AUG. 1, 2011**

Make all checks payable to: 41 <sup>st</sup> Dance-A-Rama  Send Registrations to: 41 <sup>st</sup> Dance-A-Rama P.O. Box 11095 Indianapolis, IN 46201	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td colspan="2"><u>Registration Fees</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Registration TOTAL</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tour TOTAL</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Souvenir TOTAL</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>GRAND TOTAL</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>\$ _____</b></td> </tr> </table>	<u>Registration Fees</u>		Registration TOTAL	\$ _____	Tour TOTAL	\$ _____	Souvenir TOTAL	\$ _____	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
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In 2011 SSDUSA heads to the Indianapolis, Indiana, September 1 to 4. For information check the website [dar2011.ssdusa.org](http://dar2011.ssdusa.org), or [click here to email the committee](#). 2012 will bring the fun loving dancers to Des Moines, Iowa

<b>SSDUSA Individual Membership Application</b>	
Name:	
Address:	
City:	
State:	Zip:
Phone:	Email:
Annual Dues \$6.00	9 x 9 SSDUSA Embroidered Patch \$12
Membership Badge \$5.00	
Make checks payable to SSDUSA, mail to: Ailene Picheco, 345 Hula Circle , Merritt Island, FL; 32952, 321-652-0680	

<b>SSDUSA Club Membership Application</b>	
Name of club:	
Number of members:	
Contact Name:	
Address:	
City:	
State:	Zip:
Phone:	Email:
Club Website:	
Annual Dues: \$10 per year for clubs up to 50 members (1 club delegate)	
\$15 per year for clubs with 51-100 members (2 club delegates)	
\$20 per year for clubs with 101 or more members (3 club delegates)	
Delegate names:	
Please check one: New membership _____ Renewal _____ If renewal and address has changed, please include old address.	
Make checks payable to SSDUSA, mail to: Ailene Picheco, 345 Hula Circle , Merritt Island, FL 32952 ; 321-652-0680	

For more information on SSDUSA, you can drop us an [email](#).

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Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Section 1.02 Make Checks Payable to SSDUSA

Mail to: AILENE PICHECO, 345 Hula Circle, St., Merritt Island, FL 32952

Annual Individual Dues: \$6

Membership Badge: \$5

Club Membership: Please see [www.ssdusa.org](http://www.ssdusa.org) for Club Membership Form.