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Policies:

1. Ads, Club Reports, etc. are due on the Editor's Desk by 9pm Central Time on the last Saturday of the month.
 2. The club report **word limit** of **250 words** has been **REMOVED**.
 3. **The Editor reserves the right to omit, edit, or rewrite all submissions.**
 4. Letters to the Editor must be signed. **Names will be omitted upon request.**
 5. Non-commercial ads that are submitted to promote dance events within the Federation area are accepted **only** from ASSDF member clubs, organizations and their Callers.
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Advertisements :

This issue is the **final print edition**. As of January, 2024, only the **full** and **compact e-Edition** will be available on the **ASSDF website**, which is located at <https://www.arkansasquaredance.com/the-modern-square> -- fliers for club special dances are **FREE**, but ads for one's work, business, or personal ads, are \$10 per month, or \$60 per year. **Advance Payment is required** to the ASSDF Treasurer, and all ad copy should be sent to the Editor, by 9pm US Central Time on the last Saturday of the month. Please be sure that all dance flier/ad copy/info, etc. is correct **before** submission for publication.



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If you'd like to give back to this wonderful hobby, and serve as an ASSDF Officer, please contact any ASSDF Board member. A photo of the new 2024 ASSDF Executive Board will be in the January 2024 issue, published in an e-Edition format ONLY.

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President's Message

The past 4 years have been a privilege for Tonia and I, serving as your **ASSDF** President. We enjoyed working with our Board, all the clubs and dancers as we visited around the state. Everyone has always made us feel welcome, which is the way square dancers are.

The **ASSDF** has a great new President, Tom and Kim Fox. We have known Tom and Kim for years. I believe they bring professionalism, energy, and high integrity to the office of President, and you will love them as much as we do, once you get to know them. The **ASSDF** Board is rock solid, and continues to work hard for all the Arkansas square dance community. Tonia and I will continue to serve on the board as Secretary, and look forward to seeing everyone, as we dance around the state. As most of you may know, Tonia and I are General Chairman of the 74th National Square Dance Convention ® (NSDC) in Shreveport, Louisiana in June, 2025. We appreciate all the Arkansas dancers support of the NSDC; and don't forget that you get a \$30 per couple discount if you register before the Pre-Convention dance in March, 2024.

December and January are when USDA Insurance & club membership fees are due, so please get those to Sheila as quickly as you can. Last year, we had very little follow-up, and it is very much appreciated.

Remember to take time to do what's important. Spend time with your family, friends, and your special friends you square dance with; and don't forget to go to church, and thank the Lord for the blessings we enjoy! See you on the dance floor!

Ted and Tonia Hofmeister, ASSDF President, 2023

From The Editor



As this issue goes to press, I'll be preparing for hip replacement surgery; so, I'm releasing it a few days early. Severe arthritis in the left hip, which radiated down the left leg, has made moving very difficult of late; and it's also why I've just been "sitting" at the local area square dances. It's like a student who has been going through class, and knows 95% of the square dance moves, but they have not yet been "released to actively dance" (I still remember that from Autumn, 1985!!). The surgeon feels the type of surgery, and walking around the house (what I can do with a walker), will do for the "physical therapy", and I won't need left knee replacement surgery. The best news is that, in the long run, **if all goes well**, by next Autumn, I'll be able to **actively resume** square dancing.

This issue of **The Modern Square** is bittersweet for the **ASSDF**. After its original start back in 1961, by its first Editor, the late Lloyd Wilson, this issue is the **final** print edition, due to various issues. From this point going forward, **only** the e-Edition (full and compact) will be available at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square> (on the **ASSDF website**). Please see the ad elsewhere in this issue for info on the rest of the changes with **The Modern Square**. The **deadline** for the January, 2024 e-Edition, will be at 9pm Central Time on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2023. I'll get "a six week break between issues", as I won't have any computer/internet access for a time after the surgery...so there will be a bit of a delay in updating the **ASSDF website**. With the **new deadline** the last Saturday of the month, before the month of issue, it'll give club reporters more time to get the report of their club's activities for the month just ending, into the next month's issue. Please email these to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com

With the holidays, some clubs are having Christmas and New Year's Special Dances...but some clubs are also **DARK** for the holidays. Be sure to check the **Special Events Calendar** on the **ASSDF website**, at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events> for these dances. And, please call before you travel, in case of any last minute cancellations or

changes...and if you don't feel well on a dance night, or if bad weather (especially if a threat of winter snow/ice) is an issue, please stay home.

The Three Amigos will "Start The Floor In 24" with a special dance on Saturday, January 6, 2023, at 7pm, at American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) in Mabelvale (southwest Little Rock). Once again, the fantastic ensemble of Phil Moorehouse, Gene Gancarczyk, & Joey Duhamel, will be calling for your dancing pleasure that evening, See the flier elsewhere in this issue, in the e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more details.

Special Dance photos are from dances with the Twirling Funtimers, Heber Springers, Pioneers, Southern Swingers, River City Squares, Twirling Lariats, Bluebird Squares, and the Maverick Mixers. Thanks to Loree Kant, Suzette Darlin, Kim Deane, Becky Hestand, Carole Baker, Jody King, Carolyn Birdsong, Ellen Glover Lewis, and Ginny Short for the photos.

While most are from the various club Facebook pages, some are sent in...and, all of them are very much appreciated. This way, those who can't attend the special dances, they can still enjoy the dance "in spirit". They're at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>

Not to be a Scrooge, but clubs need to actively police their Facebook pages, to keep the spammers (t-shirts, deleting inactive members, etc.) **OUT** of there; or someone will get their data or identity stolen!!

The **new** slate of **ASSDF Officers** for 2024 will be in the January, 2024 e-Edition, and noted on the **ASSDF website**, once that issue is released on Dec. 31, 2023. The entire **ASSDF Board** wishes everyone a very **Merry Christmas**, and a **Happy and Prosperous New Year**.

Be sure to visit our Facebook page and website, noted below, for any last minute updates, including dances in states surrounding Arkansas.

ASSDF Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/hootenandrea/>

ASSDF Website: <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com>

Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, Circulation Chairman



It is that time of year again for all ASSDF member clubs to update their annual enrollment in the **USDA Dancers Insurance program**. This insurance program, especially designed for USDA dance groups, provides Accident Medical Insurance, which helps supplement a dancer's existing medical insurance; and Liability insurance, which protects the club and its members from financial loss due to unforeseen accidents, which may develop into litigation against members and organizations.

To review the coverage in its entirety...including who and what is covered, limits of coverage, and period of coverage, among other items, go to <https://www.usda.org/Insurance.php>

An insurance information packet was mailed out to designated club contacts November 1. In the packet was a blank club rooster form to designate the paying insurance members. Unfortunately like all other things this past year, the USDA had to raise the premium cost to **\$5.50 per person**. If there are dancers within your club who are members of multiple clubs, the \$5.50 fee should only be paid once. If you have not received the insurance mailout, contact ASSDF Treasurer and Insurance Coordinator, Sheila Gesing.

IMPORTANT!! If a club moves from its normal dance venue, it needs to be added, and updated on your policy to have coverage. Also, **class members are our lifeline**, and it's **important that class members also have insurance**. USDA offers a **free grace period for class members**. After classes begin, please make a list of new class members, and forward this to Sheila Gesing, to be forwarded to USDA so these **new class members are covered on your club insurance**.

Please mail **the current club insurance roster including the Club's dance venue location and the \$5.50 per insured dance member**, or clubs that use other insurance options send their **Caller Lab Certificate or other State Insurance Certificate** to the ASSDF Treasurer by Dec. 1, 2023 in order to ensure insurance coverage is effective Jan. 1, 2024.

In addition, the **\$20 ASSDF Club Membership** fee is due to the ASSDF Treasurer by January 1, 2024. Please send two separate checks payable to the **ASSDF** to the following address:

Sheila Gesing
9760 Grant 7
Sheridan, AR 72150

The ASSDF thanks you and your club in advance for your attention in these matters



ASSDF members,

During the June 3rd ASSDF delegate meeting, the decision was made to discontinue the Modern Square print edition effective December 31, 2023. This print edition is the last to be mailed to print subscribers.

To determine whether you're due a refund, please look at the back of your print edition Modern Square. At the bottom of the address is your expiration date. All print subscriptions will be prorated based on this date. If you are interested in obtaining a refund on your remaining subscription, contact Sheila Gesing, ASSDF Treasurer at 512-968-4876. Otherwise, the ASSDF will consider this a donation, and we thank you in advance for your contribution to the cost of generating and maintaining the electronic versions of the e-Edition Modern Square.

In addition, we encourage all square dancers if they have not already enrolled for email blasts on issue releases and club updates (special dances, cancellations, etc.) to send an email to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com

We understand there have been some users having trouble downloading the e-Edition. With this in mind, Daryl has created multiple versions of the e-Edition. One is the current e-Edition, with fliers and ads. One looks like the current e-Edition, but without fliers and ads (ASSDF info will still be in there), and the Special Dances photos are now in a separate PDF file (it is rather large).

You can use your browser on your phone, or your desktop computer, and go to <http://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>, then select the desired e-edition that you are trying to load.

Sheila Gesing, Treasurer, ASSDF

Please notify the Editor if the following information is incorrect in either The Modern Square, and/or on the ASSDF website, so that it can be corrected.

- 1) Contact Information for caller, cuer, or club.
- 2) Club information (when and where they dance, regular or special dance, lessons, Facebook page, etc.).

If an email to you on ASSDF Club Updates (special dances, changes, last minute cancellations, Modern Square Releases, etc.), bounces back as being undeliverable, you won't receive these anymore, until you contact the Editor with the updated email address. Be sure that you have the email address of assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com in your email "whitelist".

Please don't have someone else contact the Editor on your behalf. Otherwise, the information is "second hand"; and if it's wrong, it could take longer to fix. The only time info should come to the Editor "second hand" is to report the death of a subscriber, so that the ASSDF Club Updates emails can be stopped. Please advise the Editor if you no longer wish to receive these updates.

Next, please call before you travel, in case of any last minute changes or cancellations. If you feel ill on a dance night, or if bad weather is an issue, please stay home.

Effective with the January, 2024 issue (which will be e-Edition ONLY), the deadline is 9pm US, Central Time the last Saturday of the month, regardless of when the last Saturday of the month may be. The new month issue will be released sometime on Sunday following the last Saturday of the month. Fliers for club dances will be FREE of charge in the full e-Edition (and published on the ASSDF website). However, ads for one's work, business, or other personal ads will be \$10 per month, or \$60 per year.

You can download the e-Edition in 3 "flavors" from the ASSDF website located at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square> – there is a separate file with photos from special dances ONLY...the full e-Edition has fliers and ads, and the compact e-Edition is without these to save space.

Contact information for the Editor is located elsewhere in this issue.

Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, Circulation Chairman, ASSDF

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Changes to The Modern Square, effective with this issue:

1. The final print edition is this one (December, 2023)...it will be kept on the ASSDF website at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com> for posterity. The e-Edition will have fliers and ads...the fliers for club special dances will be FREE, but ads for an individual's work, business, or other personal ads, will be \$10 per insertion, or \$60 per year (if you buy a year's worth of ads, you get 6 months free). The compact e-Edition will be without these items, to save space (for those on limited data plans).
2. Photos from special dances from the previous month and from previous ASSDF Fall Festivals will be in separate files on the ASSDF website. The length of storage time on the website for each is to be determined.
3. The 250 word limit on club reports has been REMOVED. Minor editing will be done for grammar, spelling, punctuation, and continuity.
4. The deadline for items to be on the Editor's Desk is now the LAST Saturday of the month, at 9pm US Central Time. Email to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com is the best way to get your club reports, photos, etc. to the Editor.
5. The ASSDF Board will retain the print subscription fees, unless the subscriber contacts the ASSDF Treasurer, to request a prorated refund.

If you have any questions, please send an email to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com

Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, Circulation Chairman, ASSDF

The Three Amigos "Start The Floor In 24"



Saturday, January 6, 2024 - 7pm - \$10/person
American Legion Post 128, Mabelvale, Arkansas
9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane)

Callers: Joey Duhamel, Phil Moorehouse, and Gene Gancarczyk

Info: Phil Moorehouse: (501) 960-4476

Gene Gancarczyk: (501) 767-6354

Joey Duhamel: (870) 209-3646



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The ARTS Video Promotion Project was initiated with the goal of creating short (90-second) videos designed to help promote our great activity. The goal is to post links to the videos on all available media resources. Links to the videos have been posted on The ARTS web site (<https://www.arts-dance.org>), and have been sent to our electronic mailing list.

The goal is to encourage wide spread distribution of the information and for other dance groups and organizations to not only share the URL links, but to also post the videos on their web sites.

Here is the description of the information for the ARTS website. The info can be found under the "Promotion Videos" tab on the website.

Links to the 90-second videos produced by the ARTS -

1) First Video - https://youtu.be/hY82l4_yN3s

Dr. Douglas Lee discusses the Emotional and Psychological benefits of Square Dancing

2) Second Video - https://youtu.be/n56_omnoFZ0

Dr. Douglas Lee notes that Square Dancing helps fight insulin resistance

3) Third Video - https://youtu.be/7P_O8YG7Iak

Dr. Douglas Lee notes that Square Dancing helps strengthen muscles and helps increase balance

4) Fourth Video - <https://youtu.be/FRkuFqmTFPM>

5) Fifth Video - (In production)

Dr. Douglas Lee notes that Square Dancing helps improve the quality of life for people suffering from early dementia. Square Dancing involves physical activity and requires participants to make mental decisions, both of which help fight early dementia.

Note: The links on the above graphic are **NOT** clickable, but were from screenshots of the PDF file, downloadable from the **ASSDF website** at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources>

Dr. Douglas Lee and his wife are retired medical doctors affiliated with the Marshfield Hospital, and Marshfield Clinic Health System.

They have done research on square dancing including all of the studies that they cite in these videos. Much of their research was what brought them into square dancing and they continue to dance on a regular basis."

For more information about The ARTS visit: <https://www.ARTS-Dance.org>

Other web sites which provide important information include:

1) <https://www.You2CanDance.com> - includes information about the various forms of dancing

2) <https://www.ReimagingSquareDance.com> - includes a wealth of information about the activity including where to dance

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Special Events

Please call before traveling, to check for last-minute cancellations. If you're feeling ill, or if bad weather's an issue, please stay home. Info on Club Contacts, plus Callers and Cuers are in e-Edition. Clubs that are **DARK** are **NOT** noted in the cancellation listings, or in the Google Events calendar on the **ASSDF website**.

Full dance info, dances after Jan. 6, 2024, and out of state festivals, are at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events> (the ASSDF website), and in the e-Edition (full and compact). PDF fliers for the dances, where available, have provided links on the **ASSDF website**, at the URL noted above.

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Dec. 15, 2023 – Twirling Lariats Christmas Party and Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane, Mabelvale, AR). Meal then “Dirty Santa” at 6pm, Plus Lessons at 7pm, Dance at 7:30pm. Caller: Joey Duhamel

Dec. 16, 2023 – Bluebird Squares Santa And His Elf Christmas Dance, Saline County Fairgrounds, 406 Fairfield Road (Exit 116 and I-30), Benton, AR. Dance at 7pm. Callers: Carolyn Birdsong and Phil Moorehouse. See the flier in the e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 20, 2023 – Twirling Funtimers Christmas Songs Dance. Lloyd Travis Municipal Building, 14 Skyles Lane, Lakeview, AR. Lessons at 6pm, Dance at 7pm. Caller: Donna Gellenbeck. Cuer: Marge Sherrill.

Dec. 23, 2023 – Maverick Mixers Ho Ho Hoedown Christmas Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane, Mann Road and Leah Lane. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. See the flier in the e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF**

website for more info.

Dec. 25, 2023 – Pioneers and Star Steppers are **DARK** tonight.

Dec. 30, 2023 – Maverick Mixers New Years Eve Eve Dance.

American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale, AR. Blackeyed peas and cornbread at 6pm, Workshop at 6:30pm, Dance at 7pm. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. See the flier in the e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

JANUARY 2024

Jan. 1, 2024 – Pioneers are **DARK** tonight.

Jan. 6, 2024 – The Three Amigos “Start The Floor In 24”

Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale, AR. Dance at 7pm. \$10 per person. Callers: Joey Duhamel, Phil Moorehouse, and Gene Gancarczyk. See the flier elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Club Reports

Bluebird Squares

I wish all square dancers the happiest and holiest of Christmases! Jesus is the reason for the season.

Our Life is Good Taco Dinner And Dance was really fun! I had every taco topping known to man and womankind, and there were some really awesome looking tacos! My strawberry dessert was pretty good too!

I had some new singing music that did pretty good. Phil Moorehouse danced and called a six-couple tip and did his usual awesome job! He

joined me the last tip in Margaritaville....“some people claim there's a 'man' (yep, that's what I said) to blame, but I know, it's all Phil's fault! (I said that too!) Lol!

December 16th will be our Santa And His Elf Dance. It's always so much fun, with so many Christmas songs to dance to. The Bluebird Square Choir will perform the 12 Days of Christmas, Redneck Style again...we had a ball with it last year! I'll have my taco soup as usual.

The Fall Festival in Mountain Home was wonderful! I loved the dance and hotel being under one roof! My Saturday line dance workshop went well. I taught them a few intermediate line dances and the line dancers enjoyed them.

I still have one hummingbird feeder up on my front porch, and it's a good thing because I have TWO girl hummers (both ruby-throats). It could be the difference between death and survival for a hummer. The temperatures have gone down to 28 degrees each night, and I worry about them, but they keep showing up! I've ordered a heated hummer feeder.

Winter is a very important time to feed the birds. It's when they need it the most, with nature being dormant. When we start having the winter precipitation, the birds act like they are starving, and will empty out feeders quickly! So I really stock up on sunflower seeds and my homemade bird food that I make. I am rewarded by watching the birds!

Ya'll come on over and laugh and dance with us!

Carolyn Birdsong

Heber Springers

Several photos from our demo at the Roundup For Renewal Ranch in Conway, on Oct. 21, and from our Oct. 27 Halloween Dance with National Caller Dan Nordbye, are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Kim Deane

Maverick Mixers

As this report goes to press, yours truly will be preparing for left hip replacement surgery. The good news is that the surgeon feels that my walking around the house will suffice for the “physical therapy”, and I won’t need knee replacement surgery. The best part is that, in the long run, if all goes well, by next autumn (if not before), I can square dance again, instead of “just sitting” at all the dances, which I’ve done over at least the last few years.

Thoughts and prayers to the family of Ramona Hestand. Late on Oct. 28, her car was hit by a drunk driver. She had to be cut out of the car, and was hospitalized for a time. She’s home now, and while she’s healing, it’ll be a long road of recovery for her, and we wish her the best.

A shout out to visiting dancer Keith Reinschmiedt at our Halloween Oct. 28 dance. At our Nov. 11 dance, we had 2 squares there...and congratulations go to Kim Fox, who won the Silent Auction for the Christmas Nativity Scene Tapestry, done by Ellen Glover Lewis. At that dance, we also recognized the following square dancers that were in attendance who were veterans, and we thank them for their service to their country...Steve Coy, Ernest (Stan) Stander, Ron Wise, Cliff Taylor, Patti Cummings, Jerry Short...and caller Phil Moorehouse. Photos from that dance are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

We hope that everyone got plenty of turkey and all the goodies at Thanksgiving. Now, it’s time to dance it off; and I’ll have a report on our Nov. 25 Thanks and Giving Dance in the January, 2024 e-Edition of **The Modern Square**.

Our Ho Ho Hoedown Christmas Dance is set for Saturday, December 23, and we’ll have a New Years Eve Eve Dance on Dec. 30. See the fliers in the e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. A report on these 2 dances, will be in the January, 2024 report. Thanks to Lanita Hammett for the fliers for these dances.

Several members are planning to attend “The Three Amigos Start The Floor in 24” Dance on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024. It’ll be at our regular dance place, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane). We’re there on the 2nd, 4th, & selected 5th Saturdays,

at 7pm, with a fun night of calling by our own Phil Moorehouse. At the special dance, Phil will be joined by Gene Gancarczyk, and Joey Duhamel.

Be sure to check our Facebook page, or call before you travel, to check for any last-minute cancellations...especially since the winter season is now upon us.

The Maverick Mixers wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Daryl Stout

Pioneers

Several photos from our Oct. 30 Halloween Dance are on our Facebook page, and in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Becky Hestand

River City Squares

Our Oct 31, 2023 Halloween Dance/Party was a blast!! Many thanks to everyone for participating, and bringing the refreshments. Our Prize Winners for Male and Female Best Costume were Greg Smith, and Carol Reed. They were dressed up as a Gangster and a Flapper, and were the sharpest looking couple in the building, for sure! Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Jody King

Swingin' Cavaliers

Well the heat is gone, and we're grabbing for jackets and hats. Glad we have Square Dance to warm us up.

We had a wonderful time at the ASSDF Fall Dance in Mountain Home

and the hotel was awesome. You could pull back your curtain and watch whoever was on the dance floor which was fun; and the Pioneer Square Dance Club did a great job of hosting the dance. Great callers and lots of fun.

This week, we were lucky to have plenty dancers brave the rain and come out. We are missing Brent and Phan who have been out a few weeks since Brent hurt his shoulder so hope they'll be back soon.

We had our Thanksgiving dance with snacks and dress up, and were so looking forward to seeing everyone, as Thanksgiving and Christmas remind us how Blessed we are. Thank the Lord for His Grace, Mercy, and Joy, as we lift each other up.

Anita Vandergriff

Twirling Funtimers

Our November dance celebrated Thanksgiving with Turkey and all the trimmings. We also had dancers that were members of the Twirling Funtimers about 20 years ago. They had even dug out their old badges and **WORE THEM!** There were lots of laughs and memories going around. They're planning on returning at times and dancing with us as they are able. We even have another couple that danced 30 years ago that moved into the area from Wisconsin. They brushed off the cobwebs, got in a square, and realized they remembered more than they thought they would. They're thinking they'll probably keep coming back and dance with us.

Several photos from our Oct. 18th Halloween Dance are in the Special Dances e-Edition. Note that we'll be **DARK** on November 22nd for the Thanksgiving Holiday, and we'll resume dancing on November 29th.

December 20th will be our all Christmas Songs Dance. Lots of sing-alongs, Christmas designed treats, and fun foods are on the agenda. Our Students will also be graduating that night. Come and help us celebrate this step with them, as we welcome them into our club as official members! Come and celebrate all related holidays with us, and have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Unless otherwise noted, we dance every Wednesday at the Lloyd Travis Municipal building at 14 Skyles Lane, Lakeview AR. Donna Gellenbeck and Ken Jarman are our callers, and Marge Sherrill is our Cuer. Current square dance lessons are one hour, from 6-7pm, with Mainstream and Plus Square and Round Dancing from 7-9pm. Follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/twirlingfuntimers> on Facebook.

Donna Gellenbeck

Twirling Lariats

Dec. 15, 2023: Twirling Lariats will have their Christmas Party at American Legion Hut Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane, Mabelvale, AR. We'll play Dirty Santa. Gift will be no more than \$20 -- Meal is going to be a pot luck, sign-up sheet at dance for bringing food. The Christmas meal will start at 6 p.m. and dance at 7:30. Everyone welcome!! After putting down the "feed bag" put on your dancing shoes, dancing from 7:30 to 9:30 with Joey Duhamel, as our caller.

Plus lessons have started at the Hut with Twirling Lariats on Nov. 17 before regular dance from 7:00 to 7:30, Joey Duhamel, caller...and then regular dance from 7:30 to 9:30.

The Three Amigos "Start the Floor in 24 dance" will be once again with Joey Duhamel, Phil Moorehouse & Gene Gancarczyk on Jan. 6, 2024, at 7 pm. Cost \$10. Place: American Legion Post 128, Mabelvale.

Birthdays for December: Terri Hargrove and Mike Lewis

Eggnog recipe: Ingredients

- 4 large pasteurized eggs
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 4 cups milk
- 1/2 cup heavy cream

Instructions: In a large bowl, beat the eggs until they are thick and

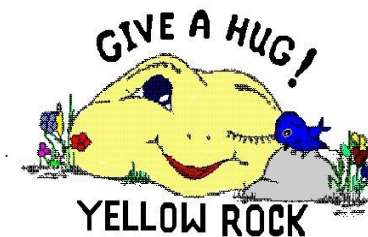
lemon colored. Whisk in the sugar, nutmeg, lemon juice and salt. Add the milk and cream. Beat with a hand mixer for 1-2 minutes or until the eggnog is frothy. Serve with ice. Makes 6 large glasses.

Ginny Short



If your club has lessons planned, please email the class info to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com at least a month before the classes are set to begin.

Information will be in the e-Editions of **The Modern Square**, and at <https://www.arkansasquaredance.com/new-dancers> on the **ASSDF** website.



As noted, this is the **last** print edition of **The Modern Square**; but the **free** e-Edition will continue. See the ad elsewhere in this issue, for info on the other changes with **The Modern Square**.

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Please send an email to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com for **Club Updates** on upcoming special dances, lessons, or cancellations.

The **ASSDF** would like to thank everyone through the years, who were subscribers to the print edition...and a special thanks to former Editor Fred Fisher for creating the e-Edition in 2015.

Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, Circulation Chairman

