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Should
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Today?*

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President's Message



Hello All!

For those that missed the Fall Festival Dance at Caddo Valley, Too BAD!!! I believe YOU missed a really great time. Lynn (Earl) Milroy & Roanna (Bill) Petrie along with other members of the Star Steppers from Pine Bluff really did a wonderful job of hosting the dance this year. Phil Moorehouse did a standup job as MC for the weekend. I would like to extend a special appreciation and **THANK YOU** to all the state callers (and guest), cuers and line dance leaders who came and provided a great program of dancing for the weekend. The dance hall has a wooden dance floor that was superb for dancing and there was great clarity in the sound of all the awesome music provided.

We also had the October delegates meeting and I am so pleased to report we had many clubs represented. Much needed business was discussed and voted on. It makes me glad to see there are those that are still interested in the ASSDF and its functions as a state square dance organization. I am glad to report the Fall Festival next year (2016) will be at the same location, Betty's Big Country Dance Hall in Caddo Valley with Mike Bramlett from Texas calling on Friday night. We should have flyers printed within the next month for distribution. There is however, a need for a host club and a Fall Festival Chairman. If you or your club is interested please contact either myself or Scott Blackshear for more information.

The new slate of ASSDF Officers for 2016 was voted on.

Elected Officers are:

President	Scott and Angela Blackshear (Royal)
1 st Vice President	Bill and Roanna Petrie (Pine Bluff)
2 nd Vice President	Fred Fisher (Conway)
3 rd Vice President	Ernest and Carol Stander (N. Little Rock)
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Historian	Cathy and Royce Beesley (Newport)
Circulation Manager &	Daryl Stout (Little Rock)
Web Master	
PAST President	ME!!!!

Appointed Officers are:

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Ann Grigsby,

Gordon & Sue White

“ NONE “

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As you can see we have several vacant positions just waiting on you to volunteer. If you have any experience, want to have any experience or just need someplace to serve, I am sure you will fit right into any of these open slots. For additional information and/or job descriptions give me or Scott a call.

I hope you have a wonderful Holiday as Thanksgiving is fast approaching. Anne Lamott, the author, once said

“Dancing almost always turns out to be a good idea.”

Until next month

Brenda J Griffin

President – 2015



Thank you Carolyn Birdsong!

We now have a page on Facebook loaded with pictures of both past and present ASSDF Fall Festivals. Search for it by entering

Arkansas' Fall Festival

NOTE: Be sure to enter the ' symbol.

Pictures can be right clicked, saved into a document and printed.



ASSDF Fall Festival 2015



BOOSTER ADS!

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BOOSTER ADS NEEDED

**This could be the size of YOUR ad!
What is happening in
YOUR
WORLD?**



From the Editor

Greetings Everyone!

The Fall Festival is now behind us and I have to say it was one of the best. Well attended and great dancing! What a great hall and a wood dance floor too! Perfectly sounded! (Thank you Phil Moorehouse!) If you did not come YOU missed out. Tim Tyl and Cathy Fisher were awesome on Friday night! Our Arkansas callers, cuer, and line dance prompters did us proud. The only thing that would have made it better was YOU.

YOU HAVE TO PLAN ON ATTENDING NEXT YEAR!

It will be at the same location with Mike Bramlett calling.

Put it on the calendar NOW!

The ASSDF meeting on Saturday morning, in spite of being at 8:30, was well attended and positive decisions were made.

Two motions that were accepted will result in the Fall Festival continuing to be a Friday and Saturday event and that the national caller will continue to appear on Friday nights. There was respectful discussion and excellent reasoning expressed on both sides of the issues. It was great to see and be a part of.

On another major issue, one that this Editor has written about in recent articles, it was agreed that a committee be formed to review our Mission Statement, Constitution, Bylaws, and Operating Procedures. Please understand ... this is only a review. NO changes can be made without following the procedures that are in our present bylaws. Proposals for change **MUST** be presented to the delegates for approval. No one can force any changes to occur. They must be discussed and voted on at a delegate meeting.

NOW ... Here is where I get on my soapbox again.

(Come on! You knew this was coming!)

Folks ... It was great to see the active participation at this year's delegate meeting. It leads me to believe that there is still hope for Square Dancing in Arkansas and for the ASSDF. There was respect shown by all. The thoughts and ideas presented were well reasoned and all were worth considering. Most importantly there was **PARTICIPATION!**

More than anything else, PARTICIPATION is what has been lacking in the ASSDF.

PARTICIPATION and YOU

It always comes back to the YOU doesn't it?

Who will step up and fill the empty elected board positions?

Who will be Chairman of the Fall Festival?

What club will sponsor it?

Who will volunteer to fill the rest of the empty appointed positions?

Who will provide ideas and thoughts to the review committee?

Who will be attending next year's delegate meeting?

Who will be there to discuss and vote on any changes?

These are BASICS. If we can't handle them, how do we expect to revive Square Dancing in Arkansas and the ASSDF?

Once again the old refrain ...

Arkansas Square Dancing needs YOU!

Fred Fisher

SIDE NOTE:

It takes money to run any organization. Your subscriptions and the ASSDF fund the lion's share of this publication. But it is not enough. Plain and simply put, we desperately need ad income. Without the income generated by ads the number of pages will have to be cut back. Report sizes will have to be strictly limited to the 250 word max as stated in the policies listed on page 1. Pictures will have to be eliminated from the print version of the Modern Square. Bimonthly printing???

None of this is desirable. Nor is it necessary.

- **IF** you will take an active role in finding individuals or companies to advertise with us
- **IF** your club would advertise specials in the Modern Square
- **IF** you or your club would "Spotlight" the club, the caller or an individual?
- **IF** you would place a "Booster Ad"

Please support your publication.

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- 2) All **pictures** submitted to the Editor will be published.
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Education & Publicity

A little fun and games this month. Answers in next month's Square!

Match the items in the left column (01 - 18) to the items in the right column (A - R).

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| 01. Amos Moses | A. Contra |
| 02. Circle Left, Circle Right | B. Spin Chain & Reverse
Circulate the Gears |
| 03. Henry Ford | C. Lloyd Shaw Foundation |
| 04. Benjamin Lovette | D. Traditional square dancing |
| 05. Roy Rogers | E. Popular website |
| 06. "Pappa" | F. Revitalized square dancing in
the 1920's |
| 07. Bob Osgood | G. Sets in Order |
| 08. Dosado.com | H. Square dance caller |
| 09. Virginia Reel | I. Alligator Stomp |
| 10. Callerlab | J. Greenfield Village |
| 11. Visiting Couples | K. First night |
| 12. Phase III | L. Established definitions for calls |
| 13. Bear | M. Round Dancing |
| 14. 2016 | N. Accredited Caller Coach |
| 15. 15, 000 dancers | O. Vinyl |
| 16. Touch ¼ | P. Des Moines, Ia. |
| 17. Precursor to computers | Q. 1950 Santa Monica, Ca |
| 18. Very challenging | R. Formally Curly Cue |

Good Luck!!!

Gordon & Sue White



"Special Events"

NOVEMBER 2015

11th Twirling Funtimers

Start Time – 6:00

Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street

Red White and Blue

Caller – “Cherokee” Bill Cochran

Location – Mountain Home

7th Blue Belles & Beaus

Start Time – 6:30

Caller – Phillip Moorehouse

Location – Judsonia
Judsonia Community Center, 601 Judson St.

1940 Blue Banner Military Dance

21st Heber Springers

Start Time – 7:00

Caller – Ron Wise

Location – Rose Bud
Rose Bud Community Center, 5916 Hwy 36W

Thanksgiving Party Dance

DECEMBER 2015

9th	Twirling Funtimers	Holiday Celebration Party
Start Time – 6:00		Caller – James “Jammer” Cochran
Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street		Mountain Home

12th	Blue Belles & Beaus	Christmas Dance
Start Time – 6:30	Caller – Phillip Moorehouse	Location – Judsonia

9th	Heber Springers	Christmaqs Party Dance
Start Time – 7:00	Caller – Ron Wise	Location – Rose Bud
	Rose Bud Community Center, 5916 Hwy 36W	

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Where are your special events?

National Square Dance Convention®

2016 - June 22 - 26 - Des Moines, Iowa

2017 - June 21 - 24 - Cincinnati, Ohio

2018 - June 27 - 30 - Kansas City, Missouri

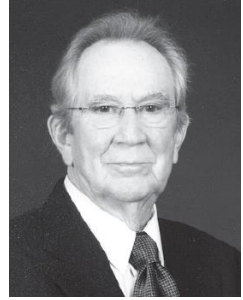
2019 - June 26 - 29 - Atlanta, Georgia

Order of Listings for Special Events Section

Date, Club Name, Dance Name, Start Time, Caller, Location

Please notify the *Modern Square* Editor of your club's special events (up to one year in advance) with all information included as listed above. The earlier all information is provided, the earlier the listing will appear.

J. K. Fancher



Now What?

What can we do to change our present direction to avert disaster?

In case you failed to read the last two issues of *The Modern Square* be it known that the Arkansas State Square Dance Federation (ASSDF) is on the brink of extinction. If that is our destiny-the monthly publication of *The Modern Square* obviously goes away at the same time. An organization that was established sixty-six years ago to serve the square dancers of Arkansas will vanish.

To review ... Two months ago, Fred Fisher, as editor of *The Modern Square* raised the question, "Is it time to fold the ASSDF?" He stated reasons that we *really already knew*: 1. the lack of volunteers to readily accept leadership roles; 2. the failure of ASSDF (Federation) member clubs to send delegates to attend regular meeting as called for by our constitution and by-laws; 3. the constant battle of having to "recycle" leaders who have served time and time again; 4. the mindset that everything has worked fine since the beginning of the Federation in 1949 so why shouldn't it still work fine now; and 5. that the present constitution and by-laws were created and based on a large number of Arkansas square dance clubs (close to 100 at one time) and to the multitude of dancers that those clubs represented.

We have known for a long time of the utter failure of most dancers in Arkansas as well as nation-wide to accept the fact that the western style square dance movement has been losing dancers since the late 1980s. There are valid reasons for that trend. The one simple answer is the every-present and constant changes in the social and economic conditions that we in a world and international culture live in every day.

The dynamics have changed. The way we do things has changed. Times have changed. It will never be the way it was again. Hundreds of articles have been written and speeches made about all the reason for our dilemma. The way we perceive recreation has changed. Even the way we view daily life, work and play, has changed. Our society today is in every aspect is a relentless merry-go-round of varying activity.

An example: Who would have ever believed that such a phenomenon as social media would dictate so much of our lives as it does today? And I would have never believed that the baby boomer generation (estimated at 75 million) that began to retire several years back would fail as a pool of prospective square dancers. It just did not happen. Can we still make that a workable pool of new dancers?

So as we acknowledge what we think to be the pulse of our square activity day,

NOW WHAT DO WE DO?

First we do have to heal our ailing ASSDF with new blood and new ideas. And that is not a put-down for all the loyal volunteers who have spent so much time, money, and energy to make sure that the ASSDF has worked for the last several years. Folks, they are tired. It's time for new people to step up and take charge. And we have to get beyond the lofty ideals that we have subscribed to in the past mostly promulgated by our professional organizations for over forty years (Callerlab-1974 and the American Callers Association-1992) and get real.

Don't get me wrong, better dancing ideals are necessary and had we not had visionaries who believed that there had to be some order to the way we were doing things in the early 1970s we might have reached a point of no return even sooner. Our professional organizations certainly helped us to bring the square dance out of the barn, jug in floor, environment into the respectability that we enjoy today. Those organizations believed they had the right answers and up to a point they did, but have now essentially given callers free-rein to use inspired programs of their own in order to turn the tide of declining dancers. We still need Callerlab, ACA, Contralab, and Roundalab and always will but those organizations need to consider the grassroots callers today that continue to call to little two square clubs across the land day and day out. We can professionalize our activity into extinction. The plan of standardization of calls was certainly needed and the lists worked for a long time and then became a source of controversy.

Today, before we can move on we have to accept the idea that our square dance numbers have reached a new low and continue to fall in spite of so many attempts to turn it around. We have to accept the idea that it takes too long to produce a dancer regardless of the definition. We have to accept the idea that our costuming has to change. We have to accept the idea that the age of the dancer is important and that may be the one thing that can change the course of our history. We are now a community of older people. In the heyday of our modern dance our

average age was much younger and had the energy and drive that older people simply do not have.

We have to accept the notion that we may be placing too much emphasis of yellow rocks. When is it too much? Do younger people want to hug older people? Do young people want to hug at all? It may be the little things that we as older dancers take for granted that may be a real turn-off for younger people.

Is it time for a two-tier dance? One for a “younger” more energetic crowd and one for a senior group that feels comfortable with fewer tips and where the music tempo is at 120 bpm rather than 128 or 130? Music tempo does change the flavor and feel of the dance regardless of software that is used to effect the change.

And now having written all of that ... it's time to say that the solution probably lies with the callers to turn the movement around. Think seriously about this question. Who really runs the dance? The caller decides what the dancer dances. The dancer can only dance what the caller calls. The caller controls the dance-always has and always will unless the hiring person sets the parameters of what the caller is to call.

Sadly to say, and I haven't said this for a long time now. But the caller is a person selling a service. Clubs buy that service-that commodity. If the caller fails to call what the hiring person of the club specifies-then the contract should be null and void. Will clubs step up to the plate and take that responsibility? And callers and hiring clubs will have to compromise on what calls are to be used.

Last time I made the statement that there are dancers in Arkansas that have never enjoyed the real glory days of square dancing. Those days that for a brief moment in time was known as Camelot. And I concluded that we can have Camelot again, I should have clarified that statement because we cannot have those identical days again. What we can have again is a new and different Camelot that can be better than the past one. My dream, but it will never happen. Consider this scenario: IF EVERY caller in the land, especially members of Callerlab and ACA were to decide today that for one year, at EVERY DANCE they would only call the same fifty basic movements; Callerlab Mainstream; ACA one floor program; or any other given set of the low end calls- (let the Plus, Advanced, and Challenge people do what they want to) Responsible callers would adjust and do some work to make sure their use of limited call selection would be a work of calling art as any caller worthy of the name should be able to do anyway.

“Fewer calls more fun!” It could be if clubs and callers want it to be. Maybe Arkansas needs fifteen mainstream clubs instead of three?

What do WE Have To Do Now:

1. Immediately revise and bring our ASSDF constitution and by-laws into the new century. And did you know that callers have not been allowed to hold office in the ASSDF since 1965?
2. Change our attitudes about what we consider traditions. Our current traditions only date back to about 1960. New traditions are needed if we are to involve younger people.
3. We have to build a younger dancer base and get real about changing the time required to produce new dancers. Now, even Callerlab and ACA sanctions new and innovative ways to that end. Even lessons once a week for four months may be too long. New dancers will not give a flip about what movements they dance to if they have fun.
4. We have to “sell the sizzle” and not the product. Is there any way we can capitalize on social media to sell that sizzle- good mental and physical exercise with social interaction and FUN?
5. And we have to have NEW VOLUNTEERS for ASSDF leadership.

We are still at the crossroads.

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FRIDAY, November 27 - 9:45 am - Punch Bowl and Introductions (Official Start Time)

Morning and Afternoon Workshops for Squares and Rounds

7:30 pm - Early Rounds • 8:00 pm - Evening Dance

10:30 pm - After-Party Entertainment

SATURDAY, November 28 - 10:00 am

Morning and Afternoon Workshops for Squares and Rounds

7:30 pm - Early Rounds • 8:00 pm - Evening Dance

10:30 pm - After-Party Entertainment

SUNDAY, November 29 - 9:45-11:30 am - Farewell Dance

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BLUE BELLES & BEAUS

Searcy

October (one of my favorite months of the year) was chock full of fun and November looks to be eventful as well. We're having our 1940's Blue Banner Military dance on the 7th, with fabulous pot luck and you can dress with a military slant or have some fun in 40's style. I loved that era. We'll have our regular dance/class on the 13th and class/dance on the 20th but we'll be dark on the 27th for Thanksgiving. Can you believe it???? The Christmas season is almost upon us!!!

Some of us went to the State Federation Dance in Arkadelphia. What a hoot! Mike and I camped at DeGray State Park. The weather and dancing were superb. Especially since our caller Phil and his dad, Naaman called for the Trail End dance Thursday night. If you haven't danced to them together, try to catch them sometime. It's a treat!

Birthday greetings and best wishes go out to Norma Austin on the 27th, Cathy Beesley on the 30th, Jimmy Green on the 25th, and Mark Grumbine on the 4th. It's time to PARTY!!!! But don't eat too much. Remember to save some room for a Thanksgiving feast.

And don't forget to join us any time we're dancing, 7 to 9 pm, at: Judsonia Community Center, 601 Judson St., Judsonia AR.

Wishing you all a safe and blessed Thanksgiving. Hope to see you in a square!!!!

Jeanne

Diamond Squares

Hot Springs Village

Our 8th dance season is off to a great start. With the first three dances at our new location behind us, we are up and running. Centrally located in Hot Springs Village, Coronado Center is convenient to both HSV visitor gates. The gate agents welcome our visitors, and have directions to the Coronado Center available. Our new dancers are energized, and we have great support from Village A Team and former De Soto Dancers. It has been more than 2 years since a new dancer program was held in Hot Springs Village, and we are excited to be offering this

opportunity for HSV and surrounding towns. We teach new dancers from 6:30-7:45, and then dance Mainstream until 9:00. We look forward to welcoming you around our squares on Thursdays. You noted that change of day and location! That's Thursday evenings at the Coronado Center in Hot Springs Village.

Sue White

GUYS & DOLLS

Texarkana



Heber Springs

Rose Bud

Greeting from the Heber Springs!

Dancing has been really great at our new home in Rose Bud. We want to thank all of our visitors for keeping this club going. Ron Wise has been most patient with the new students as well as some of us older ones who seem to forget the call quite often. Now we have a little money, a nice place to dance, a nice caller and enough folks to make a square or two.

If you find time on your hand come up and drive around the lake. There are all kinds of hiking trails close to the dam. The first two weeks in November the leaves will be spectacular. When I drive from Quitman to Heber Springs I take the route across the mile long dike. There is something intriguing about that dike. The sunset over the lake is awesome. The hill on the south side is always changing. In the spring the hardwood leaves on it arrive in all shades. In midsummer it is a sea of green. In the fall the colors go on forever. Cold weather brings special attraction to that hill side. At times a frost line forms, then a freeze line. Ice can form at the top or fog can hide the top ridge. You never know

what treat you are going to have.

Our own special Jim Sanders is down for a while with a new shoulder. Wilma has her hands full taking care of him and his mother who is also having surgery.

We had a nice visit from Lynn Perking, and C H Turner as well as Chuck and Pat Venegge. Pat and Chuck dance with the Twirling Lariats.

Here are some dates you might want to remember: _November 13th and December 11th regular dance nights_ _Saturday, November 21st Thanksgiving Meal Dance at 6:30_ _December 4th Christmas Party(no dance). Here are some more special dates: November 11, Theresa Holly's birthday. November 24, Ron Wise's birthday. Wanda Malone's birthday is November 24.

Here is hoping you will keep Square Dancing going and that this fall and winter will be a great time for all.

Robert Hall

LEVIS & LACE

Royal



I wish each of you a blessed Thanksgiving from Levis & Lace. This year has flown by, hasn't it?

As I write this most of us are getting ready to attend the ASSDF Fall Festival. I know it's going to be a fun weekend. We will have a lot to report on next month.

The Square Around the Lake dance with Tony Oxedine & Jerry Story was really great. It was a fun weekend. DeGray is beautiful, & we got to dance with a lot of friends, some of which we hadn't danced with in a while. They will not be having it at DeGray next year, but hopefully it will be back in 2017. We need to support these special dances to keep them coming back.

We attended Maverick Mixer's 50's dance. We had an awesome time. It was well attended, which makes us all feel good. I know there were 6 squares on the floor at one time, with several sitting out. That sure gives us hope to see dancers turning out. Bill Strawn did a fine job keeping the dancers on their toes. The Mixer's always make you feel welcome & at home.

We are starting lessons on Tuesday, October 13 (7:00) at the Quapaw Community Center in Hot Springs. Gene will keep the classes open for two weeks, then they will be closed. We always need angels!

Gene is workshoping Plus at 7:00 before our regular dance at 7:30. So, please come & visit us & come early. Please call before you come. If the church has something going on, we do have to cancel. But, they give us plenty of warning, so we will be able to tell you in plenty of time.

Several couples are planning on going to Oklahoma right after Thanksgiving for the Square L Round Dance in Wagoner. If you are interested, we have info on it. You can be home for Thanksgiving [or go there], then head out for the weekend. It is always a great dance.

Don & Henryetta Norman have not been able to dance with us since Don's accident. We miss them very much. Don is recuperating & making good progress. Please, keep them in your prayers. I missed Henryetta's birthday on September 13th.

Jerry Chitwood is celebrating a birthday on the 11th & Donna Youngblood on the 25th. Glen & Linda Fortenberry will be celebrating their anniversary on the 9th. Be free with the yellow rocks!!

Hope to see you in a square real soon!

Phyllis Keeney

MAVERICK MIXERS

Little Rock

There are **SQUARE** feet, **SQUARE** pegs, courthouse **SQUARES**, granny **SQUARES**, **SQUARE** roots and (for some of you) pie-r-**SQUARED**! Lol

But the best "square" of all is to be **IN A SQUARE**. Why not drop by the Maverick Mixers some time? We have a place for you **IN A SQUARE** and would love to see you again!

The highly anticipated Trail End Dance and the Fall Festival in Caddo Valley is probably still fresh in your minds. Many of our own Maverick Mixers have planned and looked forward to this weekend for months. (I had to attend a wedding so Mike and I could not attend.) What was your favorite memory of the weekend?



I hope you had a chance to drop by our Halloween dance on the 31st. Everyone had a “spooktacular” time! Can you believe those costumes?

We hope that this Thanksgiving you can take a moment to add square dancing to the list of things you are thankful for. Square dancing and square dancers have given you reasons to laugh, smile, travel, think, meet new friends and get in a little exercise. I am thankful for my friends at the Maverick Mixers. The Maverick Mixers are truly thankful for YOU!

Remember that if you are ever looking for a great place to square up, we always have room for you at the Legion Hut on Mann Road in Little Rock. We would be honored for you to join us on the 2nd and 4th Saturday night of each month. Bill Strawn always has something new for us at the 7:00 workshop. The dances start at 7:30. See you soon!

Lanita

PISTOLS & PETTICOATS

Jonesboro

November, a time to be thankful for so many things, time to realize that the busy holiday season is almost upon us, and thankful for the rain also for cooler weather from October.

Last month we put on a Rummage Sale for our club and we did really good. It was a lot of fun to see our friends come out to help us. Thank you a lot.

Birthday Yellow Rocks go to Cathy Beasley 30 November & Pat Billings 28 November.

If you want to Square Dance please come and visit us. We will be there on Thursdays 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. St. Paul United Methodist Church, 2201 South Culberhouse, Jonesboro, AR Caller: Boyce Brownderville. He is doing a very good job. Talk to you next month!

Linda Bland

SIXTIES SWINGERS

Little Rock

The 60's Swingers have CHANGED their dance location. Effective immediately we are dancing at The Centre At University Park, 6401 West 12th Street. We're just around the corner from our former dance location, adjacent to the Penick Boys Club. Guests will pay a \$5 fee...our dance is one of the activities being offered there...and the room has a hardwood floor.

Stan Stander has the monopoly on birthday yellowrocks for November. I appreciate his help with all the fliers on special dances that I can now place on the ASSDF website.

Last month, we had a good time at a demo dance at Presbyterian Village on Rodney Parham Road. They fed us first (we did need the energy for dancing), then we danced afterwards for about an hour. That was after our regular club dance so there was a lot of dancing for us that day. The club also did a demo at the Elmcroft Assisted Living Center recently. One of the residents, Marco Blackburn, was involved with dancing in the past. Thanks to all the dancers who participated in these demos, and to our caller, Bill Strawn, for his work...not only at the demos, but at our weekly dances.

Our new dancers, Chuck and Pat Veregge came to visit and in late September, we had a birthday party celebration for Dorothy Pumphrey (97 years young) and for Helen Kirkman, who was accompanied by her daughter, Angie. We had cakes for both Dorothy and Helen, and shall we say some folks “really got into the cake”? Carolyn Birdsong has the “evidence” (grin!). Several members are still dealing with various health issues, and we wish them a speedy recovery.

As a reminder, the club will be DARK on November 5th and 26th. Please contact Ginny and Jerry Short at 501-888-8013, for any last minute changes or cancellations.

The 60's Swingers are thankful for all our visitors and members as well as for all the officers, callers, those on the ASSDF Board, and so many others that work behind the scenes to make each dance a success. That

also includes all those dancers, callers, and officers over the years, who have helped to provide such a great hobby that we enjoy today.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Daryl Stout

STAR STEPPERS

Pine Bluff



TWIRLING FUNTIMERS

Mountain Home

It's that time of year again. The Arkansas and Missouri Festivals are behind us and we're head-on with the Holidays. Looking back on the year seems only a blur. The Club's 30th Anniversary passed with the rest of the year. We lost some special friends and made a few so it's all good. We would really love to see some indication of growth in our activity but, we only have hope at this point.

Wednesday, November 11th, we will hold a "Red, White and Blue" Dance to show our continued respect and support for those who served and those who continue to serve in our armed services guarding our precious freedoms. And, in your thoughts and prayers remember to include the families that are facing many hardships sacrifices in support of the veterans. "Cherokee" Bill Cochran will be calling the dance for us on that special night.

We will be "Dark" on November 25th so everyone can concentrate on their Thanksgiving preparations. Our Club's Holiday Celebration will be held on Wednesday, December 9th with "Jammer" calling the dance for us. We call it a "Holiday Celebration" because we have traditionally combined our Christmas celebration with Thanksgiving. Believe me when I say we are not afraid to wish one and all a "Merry Christmas".

And, remember, we would love to see you any Wednesday at the Van Matre Senior Activity Center in Cooper Park in Mountain Home, Arkansas. We have an open hour for lessons, workshops or pre-rounds from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., followed immediately with our Club Dance. Y'all come.

Craig & Karen Grothaus

TWIRLING LARIATS

Little Rock

Birthday wishes go to Stephanie Treadway (14th), Ken Talley (20th), David Hughes (23rd), Dave Towry (24th) and Sheena Garner (25th). Happy anniversary wishes go to Chuck & Pat Veregge (27th). Let's give them all a bunch of yellow rocks!

Anyone that has danced with us knows Nolan Ricker. I'm sorry to say he lost his fight to cancer Oct. 2nd. Such a nice man. Even though he was in pain, he always smiled. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers. May he rest in peace.

Put a big red X on Dec 18th. We'll have our Christmas Dance that night.

Rosie & Harold are frequent visitors on our dance night and we were dismayed to hear they were in an accident and Harold was severely injured. We ask for prayers for Harold's quick recovery.

We'll all bow our heads on the 26th and thank God for all we have. Then we'll eat turkey and dressing and gravy and green beans and biscuits and cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie! I make great gravy! I add not only the gizzard and heart but hard boiled eggs. Mmmmmm!

Please keep in your prayers all our military personnel that aren't home



for Thanksgiving.

Our dance nights are the 6th & 20th. Our wonderful plus lessons at 6:30 to 7:30 with square & line 7:30 to 9:30. We always have at least four squares and have had six on a regular dance night! You know Dave Towry calls a great dance! Hope to wave across a square at you soon!

Carolyn Birdsong

VILLAGE A TEAM

Hot Springs Village



Club Reporters

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**Are ALL of your clubs specials listed in the
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WHERE IS THE DANCE TONIGHT?

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st	Bella Vista Pine Bluff	Conway Kibler	Hot Springs Village Mountain Home	Charleston Conway Jonesboro Little Rock Hot Springs Village	Little Rock Royal	
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Type of Dancing		Level of Dancing	
S	Square	BS	Basic
R	Round	M	Mainstream
L	Line	P	Plus
O	Open to couples & singles	A	Advanced
		2-6	Round Dance Phases

BELLA VISTA

Kingsdale Squares S-M/P Mondays 7:00p.m.
 Riordan Hall, 2 Riordan Drive
Contact - Barry Owen **Caller** - John Eubanks
 8 Gwaltney Circle, Bella Vista, AR, 72715 (479) 876-8432

CHARLESTON

Circle Up Squares S-M/P Thursdays 6:30p.m.
 Hug Chevrolet, 407 East Main
Contact - Patsy Burris **Caller** - Danny Burris
 19408 US Highway 271, Spiro, OK 74959 (479) 462-2317

CONWAY

ConwayRounders R-2/3/4 Lessons ____ Thursdays 6:30p.m.
Club Level_ Thursdays 7:30p.m.
Salem United Methodist Church, 1018 Salem Rd.
Contact - (501) 428-9026 **Cuer - Cathy and Fred Fisher**
47 Hays Hill Rd., Conway, AR, 72032 conwayrounds@yahoo.com
ConwayRounds.com

HARRISON

Stardusters S-M CALL FIRST Sundays 4:00p.m.
First Presbyterian Church, Capps Rd. & Arbor Dr.
Contact - (870) 741-6345 **Caller - J.K. Fancher**
407 Skyline Drive, Harrison, AR, 72601

ROSE BUD

Heber Springers O_S-M/P 2nd & 4th Fridays 7:00p.m.
Rose Bud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36W
Contact - Theresa Holley (501) 592-2600 **Caller - Ron Wise**
390 Woodvine Trail, Higden, AR 72067 or Bob Hall (501) 250-5170

HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE

Diamond Squares O_S-M Thursday 6:30p.m.
(dancing September through June)
Coronado Center Room 6
Contact – Susan White **Caller - Gordon White**
6 Perfecto Place, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909 (501) 922-0803

Village A-Team S-A1/A2 Wednesdays 7:30p.m.
Coronado Center
Conatact - Fran Bazemore **Caller - Dave Towry**
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JONESBORO

Pistols & Petticoats O_S-M/P Thursdays 7:00p.m.
St. Paul United Methodist Church, 2201 South Culberhouse
Contact - Bonnie Hallett **Caller** – Boyce Brownbarville
1613 Alonzo St., Jonesboro, AR 72401 (870) 932-7740

KIBLER

Skokos Promenaders S-M/P Tuesdays 7:00p.m.
Kibler United Methodist Church, Skokos Center
Contact - (479) 474-8500 **Caller** - Jay King
1402 North 12th Street, Van Buren, AR 72956

LITTLE ROCK

Maverick Mixers S_L_O 2nd, 4th & 5th Saturdays 7:00p.m.
American Legion Building, Mann Road & Leah Lane, Mabelvale
Contact – Harry Atchley **Caller** - Bill Strawn
8711 Taliaferro Rd., Mabelvale, Ark 72103 (501) 813-5871

Sixties Swingers S-M/P Thursdays 2:00p.m.
The Centre At University Park
6401 West 12th Street
Contact – Ginny & Jerry Short (501) 888-8013 **Caller** – Bill Strawn

Twirling Lariats O_L_S-M/P 1st, 3rd, & 5th Friday 6:30p..m.
Mabelvale Legion Hut, Mann Road & Leah Lane, Mabelvale
Contact - Clifton Taylor & Carolyn Cullins **Caller** - Dave Towry
9027 Hwy 5 North, Alexander, AR 72002 (501) 847-2157

MOUNTAIN HOME

Twirling Funtimers S-P_R Wednesdays 6:00p.m.
Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street
Contact - Craig & Karen Grothaus **Caller** – Pat Christe
39 Crestview Road, Mountain Home, AR 72653 (870) 424-2957

PINE BLUFF

Star Steppers S-M Mondays 7:00 - 9:00p.m.
Central Presbyterian Church, 6300 Trinity Drive
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Earl & Lynn Milroy (870) 879-1608

ROYAL

(Hot Springs area)

Levis & Lace S-M/P 1st, 2nd, & 4th Fridays 7:30p.m.
First Baptist Church, 7402 Albert Pike
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Blue Belles & Beaus O_S-M/P 2nd 4th 5th Thursdays 7:00p.m.
Judsonia Community Center, 601 Judson Street, Judsonia
Contact - Robert & Cheryl Shaver **Caller** - **Phillip Moorehouse**
146 Opie Road, Bald Knob, AR 72010 (501) 724-3930

TEXARKANA

Guys 'N Dolls S-M/P_R 2nd & 4th Fridays 7:00p.m.
Eagles Lodge, 3407 East Broad Street
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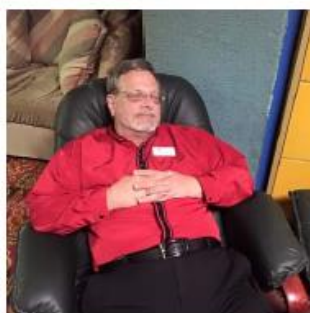
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**Maverick Mixer's
50's Dance,
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Round Dance Workshop At Degray

