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Please send any club reports, photos, or questions about The Modern Square (including e-Edition notification emails, ad copy, or for the **ASSDF website**) to Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, And Circulation Chairman, via email to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com – other contact info for the Editor, and the **ASSDF Officers** is elsewhere in this issue.

Policies:

1. Ads, Club Reports, etc. are due on the Editor's Desk by 9pm Central Time, on the last Saturday of the month, prior to the month of issue.
2. There is no word limit on club reports. **Minor editing is done** for grammar, punctuation, typos, and continuity.
3. Letters to the Editor must be signed. **Names will be omitted upon request.**
4. 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, and Cuers.

Advertisements :

All Special Dance flyers are **FREE**, but ads for one's business/job, or other personal ads, are \$10 per month, or \$60 per year. In other words, if you buy a year's worth of ads, it's like you'll get six months free!!

Advance Payment is required to the ASSDF Treasurer, before the ad will run. All flier and ad copy should be sent to the Editor before the deadline that is noted above. Please be sure that all of the information in the flier, ad, etc. is **correct** before you submit it for publication.

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President's Message

Happy New Year fellow square dancers, and future square dancers!!

We hope this finds you all well, square dancing, and looking forward to a great 2024! And we're starting out strong with the Pioneers New Year's Dance on January 1 in Mountain Home, and The Three Amigos "Start the Floor in 24" Dance on Saturday, January 6 at the American Legion Hut in Mabelvale. We hope you'll join us for all the fun. You can see the fliers elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website**, under **Upcoming Events** for more details. Maybe there will even be some "sneaky plus." 😊

Please go ahead now, and mark your calendars for our **ASSDF State Dance** October 10-12, and "Twirling Under the Stars" in White Hall. It promises to be a super dance, and a fantastic time seeing old friends and making some new ones. A registration form is elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events**.

Has your club used creative ways to promote square dance?? Please share those ideas with all of us. Let's work on letting others know, and see just how much fun square dancing is. There's an article on the **ASSDF website** under **Resources** on ways to get new dancers into the hobby; especially the young people.

Recently, several clubs have started meeting 30 minutes ahead of their regular dances to get short Plus workshops in. That's fun! It helps our minds get a workout and warms our feet up for the dance (which really helps on chilly January evenings!). And, we might get a practice tip in with those calls that evening. Please advise the Editor, Daryl Stout, if your club is planning lessons soon...so he can get that information in

The Modern Square, as well as on the **ASSDF Website** under **New Dancers**.

Finally, we want to thank you for allowing us to lead this group this year. We feel as though we are replacing a Hall of Fame quarterback like Peyton Manning or Tom Brady. These are the kind of shoes we are filling. All that to say a super huge **THANK YOU** to Ted and Tonia Hofmeister for their sacrificial service and leadership for the past 4 years, and for taking on the mantle of General Chairman for the 74th National Square Dance Convention ® in Shreveport, Louisiana, in June, 2025. They've put more into square dancing than most of us ever dream of doing. What a blessing to call them friends and to continue working with them this year! Thank you, Ted and Tonia.

Our main theme for this year is “**Dancing More in 2024**” which we thoroughly intend to do with you! We (with the help of the rest of the ASSDF board) are attempting to visit every club as often as we possibly can. We hope to dance with all of you multiple times this year, and maybe see if we can get those callers to call what we're dancing. 😊

Lots of yellow rocks to you all as we are dancing more in 2024!

May God bless you,

Ton and Kim Fox, ASSDF President, 2024



For an interesting article on this topic, please see the Special Dances e-Edition at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>

Square/Round Dance Social Media/Websites:

Here are club Facebook pages (search for the groups), plus websites for square and round dance clubs, organizations, callers, and cuers. A full file with links is at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com> under **Resources**. If you, your club, or organization isn't listed below, please send an email to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com with the info.

Arkansas Clubs, Callers, and Cuers On Facebook:

Arkansas' Fall Festival, Arkansas State Square Dance Federation, Blue Belles and Beaus, Guys N Dolls (new page), Heber Springers Square Dance Club, Jubilee Squares, Levi's And Lace, Maverick Mixers, Pioneers, Square Dancing With Jay King (River City Squares), Star Steppers, The Three Amigos, Twirling Funtimers, & Twirling Lariats.

Square/Round Dance Clubs/Organizations Websites:

Callerlab, Roundalab, National Square Dance Convention®, East Texas Square and Round Dance Association (ETSRDA), Rebel Rousers (Dallas, TX), Alliance of Round, Traditional, and Square Dance, Heart of America Single Square Dancers Association (HASSDA), and the Texas Association of Single Square Dancers (TASSD).

Caller and Cuer Websites:

Nelda Eaton

To download the **FREE** e-Edition, you can go to the ASSDF website at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>

The **full** e-Edition has full color on pictures/ads. The **compact** version is without these for those on **limited** data plans. Photos are from club Facebook groups, or sent in, and all these are in a **separate** PDF file for download (it can be **rather large**). Unless noted within ads, all of the e-Edition links are **clickable**. Please advise the Editor if your email changes; as you won't get notifications on club updates (special dances, changes, cancellations), Modern Square releases, etc., if the email is returned as "**undeliverable**".

From The Editor



A photo of the **2024 ASSDF Officers** is elsewhere in this issue. Ted and Tonia Hofmeister have become Secretary, while Tom and Kim Fox are the new ASSDF President...please give them your support.

I continue to recover from left hip replacement surgery, still on mobility restrictions for a bit longer. But, I hope to resume dancing sometime in the spring; on a **very limited basis** at first, then increasing gradually. **A heartfelt thanks** to everyone who helped me during the recovery phase.

There are numerous **Special Dances** coming up in 2024, including The Three Amigos "Start The Floor In 2024 Dance" on Jan. 6 at American Legion Post 128, at 7pm, with Phil Moorehouse, Joey Duhamel, and Gene Gancarczyk...and the Star Steppers Presidents Day Dance with Jet Roberts on Feb. 19, at 7pm, at the Sheridan Community Center. See the **Special Events Calendar**, and fliers elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more details. If your club has Special Dances, or lessons coming up (square dancing, round dancing, line dancing, or clogging), please email that info to the Editor by 9pm Central Time on the last Saturday of the month.

Special Dance photos are from recent dances with the Twirling Lariats, Maverick Mixers, Pioneers, Levi's & Lace, Bluebird Squares, Twirling Funtimers, and the River City Squares. Many thanks to Anika Becker, Carolyn Birdsong, Lanita Pettey Hammett, Becky Hestand, Daryl Stout, Ginny Short, Ellen Glover Lewis, Jody King, Anieta England, and to Elaine Cox for the photos.

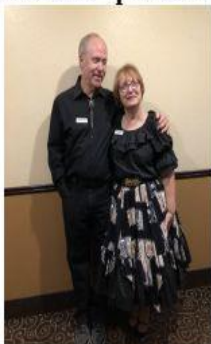
Be sure to visit our Facebook page and website, noted below, for any last minute updates, including dances in states surrounding Arkansas.
ASSDF Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/hootenandrea/>
ASSDF Website: <https://www.arkansasquaredance.com>

Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, Circulation Chairman

Meet your 2024 ASSDF Officers – please thank them for serving!!



**Tom & Kim Fox
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**Rick & Sheila Gesing
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**Daryl Stout
Editor/Webmaster/
Circulation Chairman**



**Ted & Tonia Hofmeister
Past President (2020-2023)**



**Phil Moorehouse
Caller Representative**

The ASSDF is in need of a Cuer Representative, a Publicity Chairperson, as well as a Historian. Other appointed officer position availability may be announced in early 2024.

If you're interested in serving with any of these positions, please contact current ASSDF Presidents, Tom & Kim Fox.

We thank you in advance for your support of the ASSDF.

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

- 1) Contact Information for caller, cuer, or club.
- 2) Club info (when/where they dance, regular or special dance, lessons, etc.).

If your email bounces back due to a bad address, you won't receive notices on releases of The Modern Square, or ASSDF club updates (special dances, last minute cancellations or changes etc.), until you contact the Editor with the corrected/updated email address. And, please advise the Editor if you no longer wish to receive these emails.

Please call before you travel, to check for any last minute changes or cancellations. If you feel ill on a dance night, or if bad weather is an issue, please stay home.

The deadline for items to be on the Editor's desk is 9pm, US Central Time on the last Saturday of the month, and a reminder email is sent out to Club Reporters 1 week prior to that. If you enjoy reading the e-Edition, please consider a \$5 donation to the ASSDF to help with the yearly website expenses.

If your club has a Facebook page, you **MUST** be **DILIGENT** in policing it; as spammers, trolls, scammers, etc. are posting things like "square dance club T-Shirts", "we'll delete all inactive members", or "stories announcing a celebrity's death". All these posts are scams, and are filled with malware, clickbait, etc., designed to steal your identity, place malware on your system to delete, destroy, or encrypt your data, etc. If you see these ads, do **NOT** click on **ANY** part of them. Instead, report them to the group administrators, so the post can be deleted, and the poster can be banned from the group. Then, block that person in your Facebook profile. I recommend that group admins set it to "pre-approve" all posts, then automatically approve future posts from recognized square dancers. This will help keep that spam off your page. If not, someone will get their identity or data stolen!!

Contact info for the Editor is located elsewhere in this issue, and on the ASSDF website.

CLOGGING OPEN HOUSE!!

Thursday – January 4TH @ 6:00 PM

Saturday – January 13TH @ 5:30 PM

Judsonia Community Center

American Legion Hut - Mabelvale

Judson Avenue & 6th Street

Leah Lane & Mann Road

Judsonia, Arkansas



Little Rock, Arkansas

What is clogging? Clogging is a type of folk dance where the footwear is used to make an audible, percussive sound by striking the toe and/or heel on the floor. We may dance to all types of music—country, rock, oldies, pop, gospel, Irish. We can dance to almost any music that provides a good beat!

It is great fun for **ALL ages**. (I know cloggers in their 70s, 80s and 90s!) No previous dance experience is needed. **Clogging shoes are not required** but they will greatly enhance your dance experience. **No partner is needed**. It is great fun for the **entire family**.

After the free lesson at the OPEN HOUSE the classes will be \$5 per night. A discount will be given for additional members of the same household. Come on out and see what all the fun is about!

Lanita Hammett, Certified Clogging Instructor

Call (501) 889-4679 or email Lnthmmtt13@gmail.com for more information

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



White Hall Star Steppers Presidents' Day Celebration

February 19, 2024

7-9pm



National Caller Jet Roberts

**Join us at the Sheridan
Recreation Center**

(1511 South Rose Street, Sheridan,
Arkansas 72150)

Dancing is \$10 a person. Non-dancers are free. Mainstream with occasional plus. Everyone is welcome!! If you have any questions, contact Rick Gesing 870-883-1363.

Arkansas State Square Dance Federation Fall Festival

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Hosted by Levis and Lace, Maverick Mixers, Star Steppers, and the Twirling Lariats

JOIN US OCTOBER 11-12, 2024

9801 Dollarway Rd, White Hall, AR 71602

(870) 883-1363




Ken Burke



Tim Tyl



Mail registration and payment to Sheila Gesing, 9760 Grant 7, Sheridan AR, 72150

 Early registration must be postmarked by Sept 30, 2024 // Please ensure checks are payable to ASSDF

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Club Name _____

Tickets (per person) *18 & Under free with adult*

Full Weekend (early registration) \$30 x _____ = _____

Friday only \$20 x _____ = _____

Full Weekend (after 10/01) \$35 x _____ = _____

Saturday only \$20 x _____ = _____

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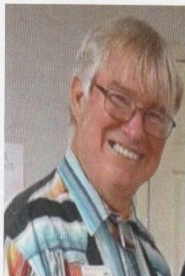
Round Dance Celebration



-----SQUARE DANCE CALLERS-----

Arkansas

PHIL MOOREHOUSE



Colorado

LARRY MARCHESI



Louisiana

JOEY DUHAMEL



Texas

TIM TYL



-----ROUND DANCE CUERS-----



MARTIN
PHILYAW

Louisiana



KEN
VANTIGER

Louisiana

Saturday, March 16, 2024 // 7:00 – 10:00

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FREE DANCE WITH REGISTRATION OF 2025 74TH NATIONAL SQUARE CONVENTION[®]

**An alternate mode of transportation
to the 73rd National Square Dance Convention
in Milwaukee, Wisconsin June 26 - 29, 2024**

For those looking for a unique and very possibly low cost way to get to downtown Milwaukee this coming summer, consider Amtrak. Eight of us from the 74th NSDC committee traveled by train in February from Texarkana, Arkansas to the Intermodal station in downtown Milwaukee for the Preconvention. In spite of the snow, we arrived on time and at a cost of under \$130/each, round trip. The convention center was within walking distance of the train station, or at most, a very short shuttle hop. Amtrak, at the time, had a special of up to 60% off, provided up to 8 persons traveled as a group, all on the same schedule. **That same special is occurring right now.** Note, these are for **very** comfortable seats, not rooms with beds. Amtrak also provides a meal car for all passengers. The Amtrak website is www.amtrak.com

Share Fares provides a group discount of up to 60% off tickets for 8 passengers traveling together on the same reservation. Here's how the discount works:

Passenger One - full price (or lowest available fare)

Passenger Two - full price (or lowest available fare)

Passenger Three - 17% off all tickets

Passenger four - 30% off all tickets

Passenger five - 39% off all tickets

Passenger six - 47% off all tickets

Passenger seven - 54% off all tickets

Passenger eight - 60% off all tickets.



Please realize Amtrak utilizes the same track as the freight lines, and is subordinate to these trains, so you may experience a delay, or like us, you may not. If you should opt to fly to Chicago on one of the low cost carries and transfer to Amtrak, take this into consideration. Chicago Union Station to Milwaukee intermodal is only a short 90 mile trip and again takes you right downtown. No need for a car (or parking).

As a future alert, for those planning to attend the 74th NSDC in Shreveport, Louisiana in 2025, or the 75th NSDC in Waco, Texas in 2026, Amtrak services both areas, with a short bus route connecting directly to Shreveport or Waco. This would allow those wishing to fly, to either destination, to utilize the low cost carriers through Dallas Fort Worth International or Dallas Love Field (Southwest Airlines). For those wishing to rent a car in Dallas, parking should be easy in either place.

Where are your special events?

Please notify *The Modern Square* Editor of your club's special events with all pertinent information included. The sooner **all** information is provided, the earlier the listing will appear. Further information is at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events>

National Square Dance Convention® (NSDC)

2024 - June 26-29, 2024

**73rd NSDC Host City:
Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

2025 - June 25-28, 2025

**74th NSDC Host City:
Shreveport, LA**

2026 - June 24-27, 2026

**75th NSDC Host City:
Waco, TX**

2027 - June 23-26, 2027

**76th NSDC Host City:
To Be Announced**

Registration forms for the **2024 NSDC** are elsewhere in this issue. The costs **INCREASE** (and no refunds) on May 1 prior to the next **NSDC**. Links to upcoming **NSDC** websites are located at <https://nsdcnec.com>

National Squares e-Magazine is published from August through May in the interest of the **NSDC**, by the host city of the upcoming **NSDC**. Go to <https://nsdcnec.com/national-squares-e-magazine/> for links to thumbnails of the last 10 issues; then click on the desired one to view, or download and print the PDF file.

Topics covered include Registration/Housing/RV Camping, Callers School (before the **NSDC**), badges/ribbons, Solo/Single Dancers (not married or without a partner), program books/schedules (individual and total), souvenirs, vendors, dance facilities map, Wednesday Night Dinner And Show, Trail-End Dances, Group Exhibitions, Workshops, Tours, Pre/Post Convention Events, Restaurants, Travel Options and Places To Visit, Various **NSDC** Committees, Info on the Upcoming **NSDC**'s, First Aid, Educational Forums, Fashion Show, Showcase Of Ideas, Sew And Save, General Info, Ceremonies, Ads, and much more.

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 elsewhere in this issue.

Clubs that are **DARK** aren't noted in the cancellation listings, or in the Google Events calendar, on the **ASSDF website** under **UPCOMING EVENTS** at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events>

The dances and festivals outside of Arkansas are from the states adjacent to Arkansas, or nearby...including Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, & Kansas. Note that the National Square Dance Convention ® events will always be listed, no matter what state it'll be in. These dances are also noted on the **ASSDF website** (the URL is noted above).

Please send info/fliers on out of state dances/festivals to the Editor at assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com

JANUARY 2024

Jan. 1, 2024 – Pioneers New Year's Night Special Dance. St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand.

Jan. 5, 2024 – Kissin Kuzzins New Year Dance. Jan. 5, 2024, Richardson, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Jan. 5, 2024 – Texas Reelers Circus Dance, Richardson, TX. Caller: Deborah-Carroll Jones. Cuer: Chris Farabaugh. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

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. Callers: Phil Moorehouse, Gene Gancarczyk, and Joey Duhamel. See the flier elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Jan. 17, 2024 – Twirling Funtimers Cocoa And Cookies Dance. Loyd Travis Municipal Building, 14 Skyles Lane. Dance at 6pm. Caller: Ken Jarman.

Jan. 20, 2024 – Rebel Rousers Super Bowl Dance, Richardson, TX. Guest Caller: Scott Bennett. Cuer: Christine Hixson. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Jan. 26-27, 2024 -- General Butler Bash Plus and A-2 Weekend, Somerset, KY. Callers: Jack Pladdys, Travis Cook, Justin Russell, and Tom Davis. Cuer: Elaine Wintrow. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

FEBRUARY 2024

Feb. 12, 2024 – Pioneers Valentine's Special Dance. St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand.

Feb. 16-18, 2024 – Red River Special Plus Square Dance Weekend, The Lake Murray Lodge, 3323 Lodge Road, Ardmore, OK. Callers: Charlie Robertson and Jet Roberts. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Feb. 17, 2024 – Bluebird Squares Valentine's Dance. Saline County Fairgrounds, 406 Fairfield Road, Benton, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Carolyn Birdsong

Feb. 19, 2024 – Star Steppers President's Day Dance. Sheridan Community Center, Sheridan, AR. Dance at 7pm. Caller: Jet Roberts. See the flier elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

MARCH 2024

March 1-2, 2024 – Mississippi Square And Round Dance Convention Spring Festival, Biloxi, MS. Caller: Mike Bramlett. Cuers: Connie and Robert Wise. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 14-16, 2024 – 2024 Louisiana Square and Round Dance Convention, Bossier City and Shreveport, LA. Held in conjunction with the 74th National Square Dance Convention ® Pre-Convention Dance. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 16, 2024 – 74th National Square Dance Convention ® Pre-Convention Dance, Shreveport, LA. Callers: Phil Moorehouse, Tim Tyl, Joey Duhamel, and Larry Marchese. Cuers: Martin Philyaw and Ken Vantiger. **Free admission with pre-registration to the 74th NSDC**. See the flier elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 18, 2024 – Pioneers St. Patrick's Special Dance. St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand.

March 22-23, 2024 – East Texas Square And Round Dance Association (ETSRDA) Spring Festival, Marshall, TX. ETSRDA Callers and Cuers on Friday. Saturday Callers: Ken Burke and Gary Sanders. Saturday Cuer: Fred Ayres. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 22-23, 2024 – 2nd Annual Swing Thru Spring Square and Round Dance Weekend, Jamestown, KY. Callers: Travis Cook (Friday), Tim Tyl (Saturday), Kristy Woods, Chuck Woods, and Wesley Fenton. Cuers: Charlene and James Mann. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 24, 2024 – 49th Callerlab Convention Pre-Convention Mainstream Dance, Grapevine, TX. Callers: John Sloper (MC), Scott Bennett, Charlie Robertson, Jon Jones, Deborah-Carroll Jones, Mike Seastrom, and Darryl Lipscomb. Cuer: Jan Toms. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

APRIL 2024

April 5-7, 2024 – Plus And Advanced Retreat Weekend, Sulphur, OK. Callers: Charlie Robertson and Jim Howard. Note: **Casual Attire -- Limited to 12 squares**. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

MAY 2024

May 20, 2024 – Pioneers Red White And Blue Special Dance. St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand.

May 24-26, 2024 – Mineola Railers 2024 Mainstream Extravaganza, Mineola, TX. Callers: Tim Tyl and Shane Greer. Cuer: Martin Philyaw. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

May 27, 2024 – Pioneers are DARK tonight.

May 31-June 1, 2024 – 70th Kansas State Square Dance Convention, Salina, KS. Caller: Justin Russell. Cuers: Mitchell and Chelsea Thompson. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

JUNE 2024

June 1, 2024 – Twirling Lariats Annual June Bug Jamboree BBQ Dinner and Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925

Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane). Dinner at 6pm, Dance at 7pm. Caller: Tim Tyl. A flier will be in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** as soon as possible.

June 10, 2024 – Pioneers Straw Hat Special Dance. St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand.

June 26-29, 2024 – 73rd National Square Dance Convention ®, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Info at <https://73nsdc.com> – a registration form is elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website**. Take note that there has been a **CHANGE** in the 73rd NSDC Registration form, especially related to **RV Camping**. See the flier elsewhere in this issue, the **ASSDF website**, or the URL noted for more details.

JULY 2024

July 6, 2024 – The Three Amigos Liberty Freedom Dance. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale, AR. Dance at 7pm. Callers: Phil Moorehouse, Gene Gancarczyk, and Joey Duhamel. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

July 12-14, 2024 – 2024 Royal Rendezvous, Ardmore Convention Center, 2401 Rockford Road, Ardmore, OK. Callers: Tony Oxendine, Charlie Robertson, and Jet Roberts. See the flier on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

July 25-27, 2024 – 2024 Heart Of America Single Square Dance Association (HASSDA) Dance Weekend, Springdale, AR. Trail-End Dance on July 25 (separate admission, pay at door). Callers: Tom Manning and Bob Asp – Cuers: Cathy and Fred Fisher. Main Dancing July 26-27. Callers: Mike Hogan, Darryl Lipscomb, & Tom Manning -- Cuers: Cathy & Fred Fisher. For more info, see the flier on the **ASSDF website**, or go to http://www.wesquaredance.com/HASSDA_Festival/

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sep. 2, 2024 – Pioneers are DARK tonight.

Sept. 16, 2024 – Pioneers Hobo Dance. St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm.
Caller: Roy Hestand.

OCTOBER 2024

Oct. 10-12, 2024 – 74th ASSDF Fall Festival, “Twirling Under The Stars”, White Hall, AR (Trail-End Dance Oct. 10). See the flier in the e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. ASSDF Callers and Cuers, plus Ken Burke and Tim Tyl.

Oct. 28, 2024 – Pioneers Halloween Special Dance. St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Guest Caller: Dan Nordbye.

NOVEMBER 2024

Nov. 11, 2024 – Pioneers Veteran’s Day Dance. St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand.

DECEMBER 2024

Dec. 21, 2024 – Bluebird Squares Santa And His Elf Christmas Dance. Saline County Fairgrounds, 406 Fairfield Road, Benton, AR. Dance at 7pm. Callers: Carolyn Birdsong and Phil Moorehouse

Dec. 23, 2024 – Pioneers Christmas Dance. St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, Mountain Home, AR. Dance at 6:30pm. Caller: Roy Hestand.

JUNE 2025

June 25-28, 2025 – 74th National Square Dance Convention
®, Shreveport, Louisiana. Info and an Early Bird Registration
Form are at <https://74thnsdc.com>

JUNE 2026

June 24-27, 2026 – 75th National Square Dance Convention
®, Waco, Texas. Info and an Early Bird Registration Form are at
<https://75nsdctx.com/>



Club Reports

Bluebird Squares

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! May 2024 be a blessed year for all square dancers and our families!

Our Christmas Dance was a lot of fun! Special thanks to Santa, the extremely talented Phil Moorehouse! He is such an awesome Santa! Thank you to all the people that brought the great snacks! I had just two bowls of taco soup left (from a full slow cooker) when I got home so it was a big hit! People will tell you I like to change words on the songs I do, and Christmas music is not the exception!

Did you know, I'm dreaming of a White Christmas, just like the ones I've never liked? And then there's the White-pink-polka-dot Christmas! And, gone away is the hummingbird, here to stay is the bluebird!



Our Bluebird Squares' Choir did an awesome job on the redneck Twelve Days of Christmas! There were lots of laughs and that's the important thing! Thanks to Tommy Ward for the Christmas bags of homemade candy he gave out to everyone. Really good stuff! I've already got the date for next year, December 21, 2024. Mark your calendars!

We will be dancing on the 20th this month. Just a plain old regular dance! (I NEVER have any of those!) I've got some new music I'm gonna try on ya'll, and I already know we will be stompin grapes, gettin silly, drinking wine, wine, wine!

The February 17th dance will be our Valentine dance, featuring ALL mushy love songs! It's the only time I do some oldies like, Fly Me to the Moon and 50 Ways to Leave Your Lover! Hop on the bus Gus, make a new plan Stan, no need to be coy Roy!

Our snowiest months are January and February, so please stay aware of the weather. I'll go **dark** if there's a chance of wintry precipitation. I'll post a message on Facebook, and ask Daryl Stout to send a flash email to everyone if I do. I know I sure wouldn't want to drive home in the snow or ice, and I sure don't want anyone to! That stuff makes me very nervous! Slipping and sliding in the snow in a car is not my happy place!

If you have any interest in feeding the birds, the winter is the best time! It's when they need extra help! Black oil sunflower seeds and

suet will attract the largest number of birds. Bluebirds adore the dried mealworms! I also make up three bird recipes: Suet cake, suet dough and bark butter. The birds' favorite is definitely the suet dough.

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

Carolyn Birdsong

Maverick Mixers

Yours truly continues his recovery from left hip replacement surgery in mid-November. There was a bit of a delay in getting "released" to full dancing again (I'm to see the surgeon on Jan. 18), but I'm hoping to do so sometime this spring, if not before. Note that I'll be taking it "slow and steady" at first, but it'll feel good to actively dance again after 4 years. Before I had the surgery, I could barely move, even with a walker, without excruciating pain. Now, nearly 2 months after the surgery, I'm able to walk around my home without needing my walker or cane; but still need it when I go out on errands or to dances, for the stability. I'm OK when I'm moving, but can't stand in one spot for a long period of time.

We had 2 squares at our Nov. 25 Thanks and Giving Dance, where we collected a large amount of toys and \$249 in cash donations. A great big "thank you" to Rodney Roberts at Rodney's Cycle House for all the work they did to get the toys to Toy Hill in early December.

We had 3 squares at our Dec. 9 dance, then 2 squares at our Ho Ho Hoedown Christmas Dance on Dec. 23, and 3 squares at our New Years Eve Eve Dance on Dec. 30 (with blackeyed peas, cornbread, celery and carrot sticks, cherry tomatoes, and desserts)...along with a "toast" with apple cider for 2024, along with "Father Time" and "Baby New Year". We also collected \$217 for The Hut Repair Fund.

Visitors at recent dances were from the Twirling Lariats, Levi's and Lace, Heber Springers, Blue Belles And Beaus, Star Steppers, the Heber Springers, and the River City Squares, among others. Photos from all these dances are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Several dancers plan to be at The Three Amigos Start The Floor In 24

Dance at American Legion Post 128 (our regular dance place) on Jan. 6, 2024, at 7pm...with our own Phil Moorehouse joined by Joey Duhamel and Gene Gancarczyk.

We are looking at possibly starting lessons in February...more details will be posted in the February, 2024 issue, and on the **ASSDF website** as soon as possible.

Be sure to check our Facebook page, or call before you travel, for any last minute changes or cancellations. We hope that everyone had a happy holiday season.

Daryl Stout

Pioneers

The Pioneers were teaching one evening in November, at Baptist College in Russellville, Arkansas...what a great group of students, taking a break before finals. Then, at our December 4 dance, when you can dance 6 couples in a square, why not?? Several photos from the "Teaching Dance" at Baptist College, as well as from our Dec. 14 dance, and our Dec. 18 Christmas Dance are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

We have several special dances planned in 2024, as follows:

Jan. 1 – New Year's Night Special Dance

Feb. 12 – Valentine's Special Dance

March 18 – St. Patrick's Special Dance

May 20 – Red White And Blue Special Dance

June 10 – Straw Hat Special Dance

Sept. 16 – Hobo Dance

Oct. 28 – Halloween Special Dance with Guest Caller Dan Nordbye

Nov. 11 – Veterans Day Special Dance

Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving Week Special Dance

Dec. 23 – Christmas Week Special Dance

We will be **DARK** on May 27 for Memorial Day and Sept. 2 for Labor Day. Otherwise, we'll dance every Monday night at 6:30pm, at St. Andrews Church, 511 Coley Drive, in Mountain Home, with

Mainstream and announced Plus. In case St. Andrews Church isn't available, we'll dance at Good Samaritan, 300 Good Samaritan Drive, Building 250, in Mountain Home. Please call Roy Hestand at (501) 329-1141 to verify the location, and for any last-minute cancellations.

Becky Hestand

River City Squares

At our Nov 21, 2023 pre-Thanksgiving dance, we had the pleasure of dancing with our ASSDF Vice Presidents: Steve and Jean Coy from Hot Springs Village. Thank you for the visit. We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving!!

At our Dec 19, 2023 Christmas Party, it was Square Dancing, being with Friends, and celebrating Christmas...what more can you ask for? The Food, the Fun, and the Camaraderie all come together to create a Special Evening. Thanks to all of you for coming and participating; and putting up with our (my) nonsense. Thanks to Clyda and JW for the "goodie bags" for all (calendars, pens, notepads, etc.) – we all appreciate your thoughtfulness! And a Big Thank You to the Club for our Card and Gift. We love you guys!

It was great to see some folks who have been missing because of health issues. (Debbie, Roberta, and Greg) Please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers. (Also Brenda Ackerson (and Keith): They were unable to make it to our Christmas Dance.

There's a also video on our Facebook page with our version of The Twelve Days of Christmas at our Dec 19, 2023 dance: You might need to take a Dramamine, before viewing this: Because of inadequate instructions from "yours truly", this video will start with the 6th Day. We found our "Star" Singer: Harry on the left with "Five Golden Rings"! Wow!!!

Jody King

Twirling Funtimers

Hello, all. The Holidays are past, and everyone can breathe a sigh of relief. Now for the cold days of winter.

We had our December Christmas songs dance on the 20th, as well as our graduation for our students. They had to complete a picture test of the dance calls they had learned. We also had a glow dance and they passed with flying colors. We had visitors from Nixa, Missouri in attendance, so we were able to have 3 squares on the dance floor to celebrate! It was a great night. Two photos from the dance are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Now, January IS cold and we want to warm up in the new year. Our dance on January 17th will feature Cocoa and Cookies. Fun dancing and movement will also warm us, but Cocoa and cookies sounds better! Ken Jarman will be calling the whole month.

Please note the change of dance times for the next three months. No lessons are scheduled until March. We will let everyone know when we start lessons.

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. Square dancing for January, February and March mainstream and plus square and round dancing is from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Follow us on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/twirlingfuntimers>

Donna Gellenbeck

Twirling Lariats

Every dance is special for the Twirling Lariats. We dance 1st, 3rd, and 5th Fridays at American Legion Hut Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane, in Mabelvale, Arkansas. Our caller is Joey Duhamel.

Everyone enjoyed themselves at our small gathering of people at the

Christmas party on Dec 15. It was potluck, and ham being furnished by the club. We played the game “Dirty Santa ‘Tom Fox kept the game going with humor and fun, then we danced to Joey Duhamel from 7-9pm. Several photos from our Nov. 17, Dec. 1, and Dec. 15 dances are in the Special Dances E-Edition.

We dance January 5, it is our regular dance night. January 6 Saturday. returning is the “ONE AND ONLY” THE Three AMIGOS Dance. with 3 outstanding callers, Joey Duhamel, Phil Moorehouse and Gene Garcarczyk. Mark your calendar! It’s going to be at Mann Road, and Leah Lane, Mabelvale. Come and join the dancing fun. Both dances will be held at the American Legion Hut.

Hopping John’s recipe

Ingredients:

4 thick-cut bacon slices, chopped
1/2 cup yellow onions, chopped
2 cups cooked black-eyed peas or 2 packages (10 ounces each) frozen black-eyed peas
1/2 cup white rice (Carolina Gold rice preferred)
1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes (or cayenne pepper)
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Instructions

In a Dutch oven, cook bacon. Add onions until bacon is crisp and onions are soft. Add black-eyed peas, rice, 1 cup of water, and red pepper flakes. Cover and simmer over low heat until rice is cooked, about 20 to 25 minutes. Toss with salt and pepper and serve immediately.

What did the mitten say to the hand? “I’ve got you covered”.

“You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough.”
-- Mae West.

“Sing like no one’s listening, love like you’ve never been hurt, dance like nobody’s watching, and live like it’s Heaven on Earth.”

-- Mark Twain

Ginny Short



Is your club planning on doing **New Dancer Lessons** soon?? These can be square dancing, round dancing, line dancing, or clogging.

If so, please email the info at least a month before classes begin, to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com – the class info will noted at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/new-dancers> on the **ASSDF website**, and in **The Modern Square**.

! Clogging Open House/Introductory Lesson – Thursday, Jan. 4, 2023, 6pm, Judsonia, AR – and Saturday, Jan. 13, 5:30pm, Little Rock, AR. See the ad elsewhere in this issue, or contact Lanita Hammett at 501-889-4679 for more information.

There's an article on the **Resources** page of the **ASSDF website** on how to get youth involved in square dancing.

Club Directory

Clubs that are **DARK** are **NOT** in the **Google Events Calendar** on the ASSDF website (<https://www.arkansassquaredance.com>).

Note that clubs that are **DANCING** may have to cancel a regular dance, or change the dance days, times, and locations, at the last minute, for various reasons. **Please call before you travel**; and if you feel ill, or if bad weather is an issue on a dance night, please stay home.

Please advise the Editor if info for the clubs noted, or for the info in the Callers And Cuers section, is wrong; or if your club is changing their dance dates, times, locations, etc. Lastly, check with the caller, cuer, or club contact for the dance level, if the club has a pre-dance workshop, admission cost, and if the club is “couples only” or welcomes singles (not married, or without a dance partner).

Benton

Bluebird Squares – 3rd Saturday, 7pm **DANCING**
Saline County Fairgrounds, 406 Fairfield Road (Exit 116 & I-30)
Caller: Carolyn Birdsong
Contact: Carolyn Birdsong, 28912 Bandy Road, Little Rock, AR 72223 (501) 813-7239

Charleston

Swingin' Cavaliers – Thursday, 7pm **DANCING**
Hug Chevrolet, 415 East Main
Callers: Anita Vandergriff and Ron Keeling
Contact: Anita Vandergriff, 8215 Tyro Road, Hackett, AR 72937 (479) 274-9775
Contact: Ron Keeling (479) 629-4736

Fort Smith

River City Squares – Tuesday, 6:30pm **DANCING**

Fort Smith Senior Center, 2700 Cavanaugh Road

Caller: Jay King

Contact: Jay King, 1402 North 12th Street, Van Buren, AR
72956 (479) 474-8500

Hot Springs

Levi's And Lace – 2nd and 4th Friday, 7pm **DANCING**

Lake Hamilton Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 2891 Airport
Road

Caller: Gene Gancarczyk

Contact: Ted and Phyllis Keeney, 1807 Nubbin Ridge Road,
Royal, AR 71968 (501) 991-3292

Judsonia

Blue Belles And Beaus – 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursday, 7pm

DANCING

Judsonia Community Center, 601 Judson Street

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

Contact: Robert and Cheryl Shaver, 146 Opie Road, Bald Knob,
AR 72010 (501) 724-3930

Lakeview

Twirling Funtimers – Wednesday, Dance 6pm to 8pm January
through March; April through December, Pre-Rounds at 6:30pm,
Dance at 7pm **DANCING**

Loyd Travis Municipal Building, 14 Skyles Lane

Callers: Ken Jarman (1st Wednesday) and Donna Gellenbeck (2nd
through 5th Wednesday)

Contact: Donna Gellenbeck, 139 Dogwood Lane, Lakeview, AR
72642 (870) 620-0037 or Anieta England (870) 449-5135

Little Rock (Mabelvale)

Twirling Lariats – 1st, 3rd, and selected 5th Friday, 7:30pm

DANCING

American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) -- \$7 per person

Caller: Joey Duhamel

Contact: Clifton Taylor and Carolyn Cullins, 9027 Highway 5 North, Alexander, AR 72002 (501) 847-2157

Maverick Mixers – 2nd, 4th, and selected 5th Saturday, 7pm

DANCING

American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) -- \$8 per person

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

Contact: Daryl Stout, P.O. Box 55655, Little Rock, AR 72215 (501) 690-8325

Mountain Home

Pioneers – Monday, 6:30pm **DANCING**

Saint Andrews Episcopal Church, 511 Coley Drive

Caller: Roy Hestand

Contact: Roy Hestand, 55 Fletcher Street, Mountain Home, AR 72653 (870) 329-1141

Rose Bud

Heber Springers – 2nd and 4th Friday, 7pm **DANCING**

Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

Contact: Kim Deane, 4326 Highway 92 West, Bee Branch, AR 72013 (501) 757-2030

White Hall (Pine Bluff)

Star Steppers – 2nd and 4th Monday, 7pm **DANCING**
White Hall Media Center (Scout Hut), White Hall City Park, 700
Andersen Avenue
Caller: Phil Moorehouse
Contact: Sheila Gesing, 9760 Grant 7, Sheridan, AR 72150
(870) 942-2273

New Boston, TX

Guys N Dolls – 3rd Saturday, 7pm **DANCING**
Plentiful Harvest Church, 500 North Merrill, New Boston, TX
Caller: Nelda Eaton
Contact: Rhonda Bailey, 111 Wood Duck Lane, Texarkana, TX
75501 (903) 276-3422

Bossier City, LA

Southern Swingers – Tuesday, 7pm **DANCING**
Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA
Caller: Joey Duhamel
Contact: Carole Baker (email) sssquaredance@gmail.com



Arkansas Club Callers And Cuers

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Little Rock, AR 72223
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M: Yes

Arkansas.bluebird@yahoo.com

Bluebird Squares

Bownderville, Boyce

(870) 530-2444

M/P

Pistols N Petticoats

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Cell: 870- 209-3646

jdcalls@yahoo.com

M/P

Twirling Lariats

Eaton, Nelda

P.O. Box 1118
New Boston, TX 75570
Home: (903) 628-2425
Cell: (903) 278-8068

M/P

EatonSDCaller@gmail.com

Guys And Dolls

Gancarczyk, Gene & Carolyn

249 Songer Lane
Percy, AR 71964
(501) 767-6354

King, Jay and Jody

1402 North 12th Street
Van Buren, AR 72956
(479) 474-8500

P/A: Rounds 1-3

jayking@cox.net

River City Squares

Moorehouse, Phil

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Redfield, AR 72132
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*Blue Belles And Beaus
Maverick Mixers
Star Steppers
Heber Springers*

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Twirling Funtimers

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6 Perfecto Place
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71913
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squareup8.yolasite.com

white3297@hotmail.com

P: Yes

Wise, Ron

4800 Highway 104
White Hall, AR 71602
(870) 267-0702

ronwise@prodigy.net

Highest Calling Or Cueing Level:

M – Mainstream P – Plus A – Advanced (A1/A2)

1-6 – Round Dance Phase Cueing

If Yes is noted, they are available for Special Dances

Note: There has been a **CHANGE** in the **registration forms** for the **73rd National Square Dance Convention ®** in 2024 that are on the next 2 pages, **especially related to RV camping.**



73rd National Square Dance Convention*
 Baird Center - June 26, 27, 28, 29, 2024
 400 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203
 A Great Convention, In a Great City, On a Great Lake
 Register online at 73nsdc.com

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:
Jim & Katie Green
 73rd NSDC
 7209 W. Wisconsin Ave.
 Wauwatosa, WI 53213

For Convention Use Only
 Registration # _____
 Date Received _____
 Payment Processed _____
 Check# or Ref # _____
 Reg Form 07/02/23

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____
 Phone: _____ Phone 2: _____
 Email: _____
 *E-mail address will only be shared with the NEC Check if you do not want your email shared.

First Name & Last Name for CONVENTION BADGES		Subtotals
No. of past NSDC's prior to 73rd		\$
1. Adult	# _____	@\$ 2.00 \$
2. Adult	# _____	@\$20.00 \$
3. Adult/Youth	** DOB / /	@\$15.00 \$
4. Adult/Youth	** DOB / /	@\$20.00 \$
5. Adult/Youth	** DOB / /	@\$30.00 \$
	# _____	@\$15.00 \$
	# _____	@\$15.00 \$
	# _____	@\$25.00 \$
	# _____	@\$ 3.00 \$
	Total	\$

Magnet for Badge (pins provided free)
 Program Book & Daily Schedules (\$25 after 4/30/2024) # _____ @ \$20.00
 Round Dance Syllabus - USB Drive or # _____ @ \$15.00
 Printed copy (Must be purchased by 4/30/2024) # _____ @ \$20.00
 Print copy & USB (Must be purchased by 4/30/24) # _____ @ \$30.00
 Sew & Save Book - USB Drive or Digital Download # _____ @ \$15.00
 Cookbook # _____ @ \$15.00
 Hearing Assistance Device # _____ @ \$15.00
 Wednesday Eve. Entertainment - "Wisconsin Singers" # _____ @ \$25.00
 Convenience Fee for Credit Card Processing # _____ @ \$ 3.00

PAYMENT (Complete if paying in person or by postal mail (US Funds))
 Check Enclosed Cash (In Person) Credit Card
 Name on Card: _____
 Card Type (Visa, Mastercard, AmEx, Discover): _____
 Card Number: _____
 Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

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

INFORMATION FOR COMPLETING FORM

- You can complete this form and pay online at www.73nsdc.com. Please PRINT legibly to ensure accuracy of information.
- If you have already PRE-REGISTERED using our short form, please complete this form also. Enter names in the appropriate space for each badge and enter \$0 (zero) in subtotal by each name already registered to avoid duplicate charge.
- If not pre-registered, enter registration fee for each dancer plus quantity and correctly calculated amounts in the subtotal lines, then calculate and enter the total due. (Note \$3.00 CC payment convenience fee.)
- Registration fees: Adult \$65; Youth ages 5-17 by 6/26/2024 - \$32.50 Under 5 Free.
- Prices will increase May 1, 2024 - Adult: \$80 - Youth ages 5-17: \$40. Persons 3-5 circle Adult or Youth. ****Only need birthday of Youth.**
- Registrations are non-transferable.
- No One-, Two-, or Three-Day Registrations. A \$10.00 fee per registrant will be imposed for cancellations or changes before April 30, 2024. No refunds after April 30, 2024.
- Registrations received after April 30, 2024, will receive e-mail confirmation.
- If sending by mail include credit card information, check, or money order payable in U.S. funds to 73rd NSDC with this form. Do not send cash.
- If registering by email, omit payment information on form. You will receive an invoice by email. (Note \$3.00 CC payment convenience fee.)

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

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

PROGRAMMED CALLERS & DANCE LEADERS

You must update your profile online by 12/31/23 at sdconvention.com
 Name _____ Type: _____
 Name _____ Type: _____
 Name _____ Type: _____

HOTEL & CAMPING INFORMATION ON REVERSE
 Check box if you will manage your own accommodations.

More information available at www.73nsdc.com



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

Name: _____

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

This form must be received, and rooms must be booked by May 20, 2024, to guarantee 73rd NSDC pricing. **See instructions below.**
 Room nights needed: (4 Night Minimum)
 S 6/22 S 6/23 M 6/24 T 6/25 W 6/26 T 6/27 F 6/28 S 6/29 S 6/30
 # Additional arrive early? _____ or stay late nights? _____ Total nights requested _____
 Room request: _____ Single _____ Double _____ Queen _____ King _____
 _____ King Suite (Hilton only + \$75) _____ Handicap Accessible

SHARED ROOMS - only one person per room should complete a hotel reservation request. Please list all room occupants here:

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

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

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

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

The e-Edition is released on the Sunday, after the last Saturday of the month, prior to the month of issue. You can download the e-Edition (full or compact)) at the ASSDF website, located at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>

Club Special Dance Photos for January, 2024

Please email these assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com as I want to give credit to the photographers for the photos, especially if they come from the various club Facebook groups. Because of **space limitations, I can't use all photos** (sent in, or from Facebook); but you can view all of these (and videos, where available) on the various club Facebook pages (including the **ASSDF** page, the **Fall Festival** page, and the **Square Dance Events** group.

Special Dance photos are from recent dances with the Twirling Lariats, Maverick Mixers, Pioneers, Levi's & Lace, Bluebird Squares, Twirling Funtimers, and the River City Squares. Many thanks to Anika Becker, Carolyn Birdsong, Lanita Pettey Hammett, Becky Hestand, Daryl Stout, Ginny Short, Ellen Glover Lewis, Jody King, Anieta England, and to Elaine Cox for the photos.

These are now in a separate PDF file on the ASSDF website at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>

