



Dance and Discover Columbus

Karmi Richards

Dancers from 45 states, Canada, and Australia attended Dance-A-Rama, 2005 in Columbus, OH Labor Day weekend. A total of 487 attended despite hurricane Katrina and the higher gasoline prices.

The excitement began when a bus full of dancers from New York arrived in Columbus on Thursday night at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at the Convention Center in downtown Columbus. Many of the dancers who arrived early that wanted to attend the Pre-Trail In Dance boarded that bus to go to Hi-Timers in Gahanna, OH. The dancers enjoyed an evening of dancing with Jim Lee - Canada, Brian Shannon - Indiana, Mark Clausing and Cindy Whitaker - Ohio calling and with Harold Fergus cuing rounds.

Those who attended the tours really enjoyed learning more about Ohio. The tour of the City of Columbus was the most popular tour, although those who visited the Longaberger Basket Company found it to be very unique and interesting. After all it is not every day that you get to make your own baskets. Those who enjoy history walked back in time while visiting Roscoe Village where they learned about the importance of the canals in the early history of Ohio. For those who enjoy aviation the visit to the United States Air Force Museum was very exciting.

A large group of dancers attended the Sunday morning worship service, and we received many excellent comments on the sermon presented by Pastor Max Copeland. We received so many positive comments about DAR 2005. It was so very nice to have so many of the dancers state that they were having a very good time.

Thank you to all our callers and cuers (the "Chaparral Next Generation" recording artists – Tom Dillander, Tim Crawford, Dan Sahlstrom, Dave Murray and Ken Burke – along with our own Jason Raleigh, Nancy & Dewayne Baldwin, Chuck & Shirley Berry and Phyllis & Doug Burdette, and Pam Dillander lead the line dancing.) who worked diligently to create a successful time of dancing. Thank you to John Dean and Anne Oliver the DJ's for the Friday after party and to the "World's Worst Band" for providing the entertainment for the Saturday night after party. Thank you to all who attended and thank you for making DAR 2005 a success.

Reunion 36 in 2006

Rochester, New York August 31 - September 3, 2006

Nancy Mirabal & Eileen Okolowicz

Hang on to your hats, buckle your seat belts, and get ready for an exciting ride over the next 11 months on your way to the 36th National Singles Dance-A-Rama! Plans are well underway and we hope to make this the best DAR yet.

Perhaps you are wondering why we named it "Reunion 36 in 2006". Well, the answer is pretty exciting. In 1988, Cloverleaf Squares was 18 years old and hosted the 18th DAR in the newly constructed Rochester Riverside Convention Center here in downtown Rochester, New York. It is fondly remembered by many who attended it as a really great weekend. The staff consisted of square dance callers Mike Callahan (regular club caller for Cloverleaf Squares), Tim Crawford, Jim Lee, Tom Miller, and Art Tangen, and round dance cuers Phil and Becky Guenther, Pete and Mary McGee, and Mike and Linda Liberti. Do those names sound familiar? You've seen them on the cover of the 2006 DAR registration flyer!

In 2006, Cloverleaf Squares will be 36 years old and will host the 36th DAR (the 18th anniversary of the 18th DAR!) at the same Rochester Riverside Convention Center. And with the exception of the Guenther's, who are no longer traveling, we are fortunate to have the entire staff coming back together for this wonderful reunion. We have added round dance cuers Wayne and Barbara Blackford, and Mark and Marlene Thone (regular club cuers for Cloverleaf Squares).



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Introductions on paper are always so difficult, nothing better than a yellow rock for the ladies and a firm handshake for the guys. My name is Steve J. Stoltz, and I am this year's President of the Single Square Dancers U.S.A. Having attended many of the single functions for so many years, I know many of you. For those I don't know, I'm looking forward to meeting you and being in a square together.

Just a bit of background. I live in Belleville, Michigan, have been dancing since 1988, and entered the single square dance world after I lost my wife in 1992. When I returned to dancing, I discovered that my world had changed and attending a couples' club was not the same.

It has been a wonderful, welcoming experience to dance with the singles. I have made many friends from so many parts of the country and am fortunate to keep in touch as the years move on. Every year Dance-a-Rama is like a reunion of friends from the years before and other dancers from solo dancing throughout the year. Rochester will be no different and I am looking forward to a great time in New York in September. Arkansas is being planned for 2007. The future looks exciting and I hope you are a part of it.

My mission this year is simple... TO HAVE FUN! We need to work together to meet the challenges that we all face with the declining attendance in square dancing. We need to spread the word and to get involved. This will only happen if we enjoy ourselves... and most of all have fun.



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Horner's Corner - Thoughts from a Co-Editor

Larada Horner

Hello to a new era with the Intercom. Patsy Nester, Doe Payne and I will be collaboratively producing the Intercom and this is our first issue.

With my involvement with the SSDUSAGram, our monthly electronic newsletter and the Yellowrock, our directory that is published annually, I realize there is a lot of confusion about membership(s) available through SSDUSA.

There are 2 memberships we talk about: the individual that is included in your Dance-A-Rama registration every year if you register and the club membership.

The 2 are not the same -- the individual membership provides you with the benefit of receiving the Intercom and being a member of our wonderful national organization that promotes square dancing for the single dancer.

The club membership is an annual payment that is based on how many members in your club. The benefit of your club being a member of SSDUSA is that your club gets voting privileges at our annual General Membership meeting held every year at the Dance-A-Rama. That means that your delegate(s) can vote for the board members that run this organization.

Are you a member? If you went to DAR, 2006 in Columbus, OH, yes you are. You paid your dues. If you didn't attend, send your money and the form at the end of this newsletter to Patsy Nester and become a member.

Is your club a member? Ask your president and if not, send in your money to Patsy Nester. The fee is \$10 per year for clubs up to 50 members, \$15 per year for clubs with 51 - 100 members, and \$20 per year for clubs with 101 or more members.

I hope that helps straighten out the difference between the 2 memberships!

How About A SSDUSA Jacket?

Anne Oliver

During the SSDUSA Board meeting at the Dance-A-Rama this past Labor Day weekend, the board voted to add a jacket as part of the Single Square Dance USA outfit. The jacket is made by Hartwell Sports. It is a baseball style snap up jacket with stretch ribbing on the bottom of the arms and bottom of the jacket. The shell is white 100% polyester with a satin finish and the lining is white 100% polyester. It is machine washable and very durable. The SSDUSA diamond logo will be embroidered on the back in navy and red (same as on the back of the vests).

The buyer's name will be embroidered on the left front in navy. The cost of the Jacket is \$45 plus shipping for sizes small to extra large. XXL is \$1.50 extra, and XXXL is \$3.00 extra. I don't anticipate the shipping to be more than an additional \$8.00 but I will know after the first one is shipped.

If you are interested in ordering a jacket, you may e-mail me at ajdance5@bellsouth.net or mail me at 2257 Corene Drive, Marietta, GA 30066. There is no need to send money. I will contact you with the total charge including shipping. Be sure to include your phone number on your order.

OBITUARY -- J. C. ROBERSON

Below is a copy of the obituary of one of our Houston Lone Star Singles square dancers.

J. C. most always attended Dance-A-Rama, as well as our TASSDA, and he always drove.

He was in Columbus, Ohio, and there picked up a flier about the Colorado Singles Dance September 23 -25 at Estes Park. He had come back to Houston and danced with Lone Stars twice and then drove to Colorado.



On September 25 he decided to drive to the top of Pike's Peak. He told his daughters by telephone that the aspen were changing colors and it was beautiful. For a reason as yet unknown, on one of the turns he made it only 30%, went over the mountain, and was killed. His funeral was September 30.

J.C. ROBERSON, born September 8, 1929 in Waller, Texas passed away on September 25, 2005 at the age of 76. J.C. is survived by his daughters, Sharon and Robert Johnson, Debbie Roberson and Nancy and Michael Vann. Son, Johnny Roberson, Grandchildren, Brandon Johnson and Sarah Vann, Great grandchild, Autumn Vann, Sisters, Oretha Scruggs, Lorena Huval, and Neva Chastain. Visitation for J.C. will be Thursday, September 29, 2005 from 5:00-8:00 pm at Woodlawn Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be on Friday, September 30, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at Woodlawn Funeral Home, with Rev. Gene Shinn officiating. Interment to follow in Woodlawn Garden of Memories. For those who desire donations can be made to the American Heart Association. 1 -800-242-8721 or americanheart.org.

Published in the Houston Chronicle on 9/29/2005.

50 Georgia State Singles Needed!

John Dean

Georgia State Singles are trying to find 50 Singles who would like to pay \$150 each for a round trip on a bus leaving Atlanta, Georgia for Rochester N.Y. for the 2006 Dance-A-Rama, Labor Day weekend. If you are interested e-mail John Dean at ajd60@yahoo.com. There is a \$50 fee to reserve your seat. We will have two drivers and will try and drive the 18 hour trip straight through so we can arrive Thursday night!!!!



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This is a great staff and they are as excited about returning as we are to have them here.

The dancing will take place in air conditioned comfort at the convention center, with all dance halls located on the same level along a corridor which makes it very convenient to move among the various halls. The vendors will be located in close proximity to the dance halls. There will be a 10000 square foot hall dedicated full time to plus dancing with 2x2 rounds at various times as well. Another 3500 square foot hall with parquet floor will be dedicated full time to round dancing, and the remaining two dance halls of 3100 and 2200 square feet respectively will be used for Mainstream, Advanced, and Challenge dancing.

Our host hotel, the Hyatt Regency Rochester, is currently upgrading all of their rooms with new beds, linens, and décor. This renovation will be completed in time for your enjoyment next Labor Day Weekend. We have a special rate of \$87.00 (plus tax) for 1 to 4 persons per room. Amenities include a hot tub and pool. Visit the Hyatt Regency Rochester website at <http://rochester.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/index.jsp>. Please support us by staying at our host hotel. There is free shuttle service to and from the Rochester International Airport and an attached parking garage provides convenient parking for those who drive. The hotel and convention center are connected by an enclosed walkway allowing easy movement between the hotel and dance areas regardless of weather. Conveniently located parking is also available for self-contained RVs.

A concession area is located in the convention center and will provide easy access to food and drinks as well as seating areas both indoors and outdoors (weather permitting) to relax and enjoy a snack, beverage, or meal. There is a full service restaurant located in the Hyatt Hotel which will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Across the street from the convention center you will find a Bennigan's and a Subway. This area can be reached via another enclosed walkway. Information, maps, and menus for these and other local restaurants will be available at the information desk located in the promenade area of the convention center, adjacent to the dance halls.

We have a great lineup of tours planned for you.

ALL TOURS INCLUDE:

- Round trip transportation via deluxe fully equipped motorcoach
- Services of a knowledgeable professional guide
- All gratuities for tourguide, motorcoach driver, and restaurant waitstaff (where lunch is included).

PRE-CONVENTION TOUR!!! WONDER OF THE WORLD!!!,

NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario, Canada (\$79) 8 am - 6 pm, Wed

PASSENGERS ON THIS TOUR MUST CARRY PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP FOR TRAVEL INTO CANADA. ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION ARE A VALID OR EXPIRED PASSPORT; OR A CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION OR BIRTH CERTIFICATE ACCOMPANIED BY A PHOTO ID.

Experience the falls up close on the Maid of the Mist, visit the Butterfly Conservatory with 2,000 live exotic butterflies in a tropical rainforest setting, sit-down luncheon at the Table Rock Restaurant, and a scenic drive along the Niagara Parkway. You will also have some time to explore on your own.

HISTORIC EAST AURORA, East Aurora, NY (\$59) 8 am - 5 pm, Thur

Visit the historic Roycroft Campus, founded by Elbert Hubbard in 1895, the "ideal" return to pre-industrial society where all household items were handmade and Toy Town USA Toy Museum (Fisher-Price) featuring special exhibits of toys from the past. You will have time to

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visit the unique shops including Vidler's Five & Dime. A sit-down luncheon at the Roycroft Inn is included and the Millard Fillmore House is open to the public at \$5.00 admission (not included in price).

CORNING MUSEUM OF GLASS, Corning, NY (\$57) 8 am - 5 pm, Fri

Tour one of New York State's top tourist attractions, Corning Museum of Glass. You will have time for browsing and lunch on your own on Historic Market Street. Visit Watkins Glen Sate Park or nearby shops.

ROCHESTER CITY TOUR (\$44) 8:30 am - 2 pm, Sat

A professional knowledgeable guide will show you Rochester's "past and present". Highlights include High Falls area, Corn Hill District, Erie Canal, historic East Avenue, Park Avenue, and popular attractions in the area. Also included is a guided tour of George Eastman House, including mansion and museum of photography, home of Eastman Kodak founder George Eastman. Lunch is on your own at Wegman's famous supermarket.

NIAGARA FALLS - AMERICAN SIDE, Niagara Falls, NY (\$49) 8 am - 5 pm, Sun

View the falls from Grand Island and the American overlook, walk through the Winter Garden with exotic plants and birds. Lunch on your own. Visit the new Seneca Niagara Casino and have lunch at the casino, or spend time exploring and shopping on your own at the falls and have lunch in one of the many restaurants located there.

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FINGER LAKES, Geneva, Branchport, and Naples, NY (\$69) 8 am - 5 pm, Sun

Enjoy a guided tour of Rose Hill Mansion (Greek Revival restoration), sit-down luncheon at Esperanza Mansion overlooking beautiful Keuka Lake, and a scenic drive through the Finger Lakes Region. There will be shopping stops at Monica's Pies and Naples Craft Booths.

We are required to provide a minimum number of people for each tour. So in order to ensure that the tour you want to attend is not cancelled, please send in your advanced registration for the tours of your choice as soon as possible. If you have already registered for the dance, you can send us an additional form, adding your tour requests and indicating that you are already registered for DAR.

American Airlines is our official airline. For reservations, call 1-800-433-1790 and give authorization number 2886AA. For the best discounts, make reservations at least 30 days prior to your departure date.

We want to thank all those who have already supported Dance-A-Rama 2006 by pre-registering. As of this writing we have 157 people registered. Do we have YOUR registration yet? If not, we invite you to pre-register and buy one or more of our great souvenir items. We have t-shirts (S,M,L,XL @ \$10 and 2X @ \$11), tote bags @\$12, SSDUSA ball caps @ \$12, and new this year are our great polo shirts in red, forest green, or navy with our DAR 2006 logo on the left front, the SSDUSA logo on the right front, and on the back a unique logo created by our Rochester Area Federation of Round and Square Dancers. The message of this logo is "Dance in a Square, Make a Circle of Friends" and it is surrounded by joined hands and 8 sets of footprints. These were so popular that we sold out of them at DAR 2005 in Columbus, but a new supply will be available soon. The polo shirts are priced at \$18 for S,M,L,XL, and \$19 for 2X. There is a \$5 handling fee for all orders that are shipped.

Be sure to check out our website at dar2006.ssdusa.org for more information as well as links to area attractions. We look forward to seeing all of you in a square at our "Reunion 36 in 2006" next Labor Day weekend in Rochester, NY!!!



Hoedowns for Humanity

A group of square dancers and callers has founded a national program called Hoedowns for Humanity to sponsor events across the United States. These community events will raise funds and friends for local affiliates of Habitat for Humanity while at the same time bringing a wholesome family activity back into the American mainstream.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that builds homes side by side with deserving families (who will be the future homeowners) and a host of volunteers. The most well-known Habitat volunteer is former President Jimmy Carter. In the early years of our nation, neighbors regularly joined together to help each other build houses and barns, and they often gathered afterwards with their families to enjoy an evening of food and square dancing. We think the combination is still powerful: Habitat house-raising supported by square dancing and a community meal!

Hoedowns for Humanity friend- and fund-raising events will bring neighbors together in a spirit of energetic community fun with homebuilding being the ultimate goal. In addition to a good meal and square dancing for beginners, Hoedowns may feature country/western dancing, live bands, song, children's entertainment such as magicians or clowns, chair massages, raffles, door prizes, and so on.

More information on Habitat for Humanity can be found at www.habitat.org. To arrange a Hoedown for Humanity, please e-mail Johnny Preston at johnpresto@yahoo.com.

Coming soon: Hoedowns for Humanity website!
www.hoedownsforhumanity.com

Report from the Vice President

Dave Hinde

Not much to report since being elected. Columbus was a really fun event. I'm sorry that more dancers did not get a chance to enjoy it. I understand that the sudden gas price increase, and Hurricane Katrina kept many away. Rochester is next and that promises to be a great dance.

Since the election in Columbus I've had a chance to get out to a couple special dances. The first was the Crown Records Chincoteague Island Square-up. This was a nice dance out on Virginia's Eastern Shore, and next to the Assateague National Seashore Park.

A week later I traveled up to Cherry Hill, NJ, for the 41st Delaware Valley Festival. As always, this was a great dance. A lot of solos were in attendance, and the dance committee was trying to make sure everyone danced. I saw several of them dance with solos instead of their regular partner.

Right now I'm traveling thru Thailand and Japan, and sending this report from an Internet Café in Chang Mai. I'll be dancing in Tokyo in November and spreading the word about SSDUSA and the Dance-A-Rama in Rochester.

SUNCOAST SQUARES

Rand Hall

Suncoast Squares is a gay, lesbian club and with a focus on having fun. Everyone is welcome. With caller Michael Cox, we have been dancing mainstream and plus with 3-4 squares every Tuesday night. A new beginner class started August 23. Plus Workshops are held after the regular class. We dance on at the Suncoast Resort, 3000 US 19 South in St. Petersburg, FL. Room C-100. Information: 813-294-2899 or rand7134@mac.com

Calendar of Events



CA -- November 18, 2005 -- Cowtown Singles 14th Anniversary. Cowtown Square Dance Center, 15950 Van Buren Blvd, Riverside, CA 92503. 7:30 pm Round Dancing, 8:00 pm Squares. Caller: Buddy Weaver. Cuer: Carol Allen. Info: Don Hendrickson, 951-352-9833. E-mail: dhend2738@sbcglobal.net Website: www.cowtown-singles-square-dance.org

NM -- December 16 & 17, 2005 -- 4th Annual Holiday Hoedown. ASDC Hall, 4915 Hawkins NE, Albuquerque, NM. Caller: Art Tangen. Friday, December 17 - 8:00 - 10:00 pm - Duke City Singles - Multilevel. Saturday morning - 10:00 am - noon -- A2. Saturday afternoon from 1:30 - 3:30 pm -- New Dancer Hoedown. Saturday evening -- 7:30 - 9:30 pm -- Plus. All Saturday events are \$5 per person. Info: Larada Horner- 323-7098. E-mail: larada@earthlink.net

WV -- February 18 - 20, 2006 -- B & B's President's Day Weekend -- a birthday party for all Presidents. Cacapon State Park Lodge, Berkeley Springs, WV. 2:00 pm Saturday -- 11:30 am Monday. Callers: Butch Adams & Art Lavigne. Cuers: Tim & Nam Elum. Weekend Package includes: 2 nights, 1 dinner, 2 breakfasts, All dance sessions and all events. \$145/Person (double) if paid in full by January 14, 2006; \$155/person after January 14. \$170/person (single) if paid in full by January 14, 2006; \$180/person after January 14. NO REFUNDS after January 14. Deposit is \$35/person with application. Wal-ins \$5/person per dance session. Info: Dottie Hanners, 703-396-8493. E-mail: krykyt@erols.com

TX -- March 10 - 12, 2006 -- 32nd Annual TASSD Round-up. Lubbock Memoria Civic Center, 1501 6th Street, Lubbock, TX. Callers: Tim Tyl, TX & Dan Sahlstrom, MN. Cuers: Jerry & Bea Leavelle, TX. Early Registration before December 31, 2005 - \$38; Registration after January 1, 2006 - \$42. Info: Nettie Pritchard, 806-799-6734 or E-mail netjop@hotmail.com or June Lange, 806-762-2651 or E-mail jsolo2006@aol.com

VA -- March 16 - 18, 2006 -- WASCA 47th Spring Square & Round Dance Festival. Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel, Alexandria, VA. Callers: Tom Miller, PA; Dave Walker, MI; Tim Crawford, Canada; Joe Saltel, TX; Mike Callahan, NY; Mike Sikorsky, AZ; Jim Lee, Canada; Jerry Biggerstaff, NC. Cuers: Ralph & Joan Collipi, NH; Kay & Joy Read, TX & AZ; Chuck & Sandi Weiss, AZ. Mainstream -- Challenge. Rounds Phase II -- VI. Clogging. Sponsored by: Washington Area Square Dance Cooperative Association. Cost: \$35 per person. Info: Arbell Thompson, 703-729-2109 or John Burnett, 301-776-5276. E-mail: arbellthompson@aol.com or salsajon@aol.com

FL/GA - March 24-25, 2006 -- Annual Fuzzy Navel Dance sponsored by the Florida and Georgia Singles Associations. Holiday Inn Beach Resort on the beach at Jekyll Island, GA (1-888-868-5397 for room reservations). Caller: Jim Cosman. Cuer: Misty Hanna. Info: Mary Lou Pelz, 904-733-1869 (maryloupelz@aol.com) or Penny Green (sqdnxfan@aol.com)

PA -- April 21 - 23, 2006 -- Operation Pocono Manor. Hosted by: Lehigh Valley B 'n B's. Callers: Matt Worley and Roy Leber. Cuer: Steve Bradt. Plus Level Dancing, Workshops. Cost: \$210/person -- includes Saturday breakfast and dinner, Sunday breakfast, 2 night lodging. Info: Sheila, 610-799-6336 or Cathy, 610-282-0436.

OK -- April 21 - 22, 2006 -- HASSDA -- 2006 -- 26th Annual Festival "An Okie from Muskogee." Civic Center, Muskogee, OK (425 E. Boston). Callers: Shane Greer, OK; Art Tangen, KS; Jeff Holley, OK. Cuer: Patti Wheelington. Hosted by: Okie Diamonds. Host Hotels: Bacone Inn and others. Cost: \$25 -- Early registration. \$30 -- Late Registration. Dry camping free at Civic Center. Festival Colors: Red, White & Blue. Info: Dave Hitchcock, 918-409-8072. E-mail: Varch1@aol.com Website: http://www.wesquaredance.com/HASSDA_Festival/

NM -- May 5 - 7, 2006 -- 26th Annual New Mexico Singles Square Dance Fling -- The M 'n' M Tour, ASDC Hall, 4915 Hawkins, Albuquerque, NM. Callers: Mike Seastrom & Mike Bramlett. Cuers: Ronnie & Bonnie Bond. Trail-In Dance Thursday, May 4, 2006. Info: Kathi Raver, 505-286-9000, Kathleen Rogers, 505-897-4313, or Roxy McNeil, 505-291-8009. E-mail: kathiraver@earthlink.net or redoc99@aol.com

NY -- August 31 - September 3, 2006 -- 36th Annual National Singles Dance-A-Rama, Rochester, NY. Rochester Riverside Convention Center. Host Hotel: Hyatt Regency Hotel. Reservations: 1-800-233-1234. Caller: Mike Callahan, NY, Tim Crawford, ONT, Canada, Jim Lee, ONT, Canada, Tom Miller, PA, and Art Tangen, KS. Cuers: Wayne & Barbara Blackford, FL & AZ, Mike & Linda Liberti, AZ, Pete & Mary McGee, PA, and Mark & Marlene Thone, NY. Hosted by: Cloverleaf Squares. Info: Nancy Mirabal, 585-621-5596. E-mail: nancyim@localnet.com Website: dar2006.ssdua.org

Past Presidents

Alice Klein

Once again we had a wonderful Dance-A-Rama and enjoyed "Discovering Columbus."

Many of our aged Past-Presidents attended: Keither Turner, Don Werner, Dave Fisher, Cindy Biegert Schoen, William Walton, Ron Holland, Frank Norris, Ella Rogers, Judy Hale and Alice Klein. Jim Reinhold was unable to attend because of illness.

Sadly missed were regular attendees Gary Broyles and Bill Ledbetter. Both passed away since our Dance-A-Rama last year.

We are looking forward to next year -- Reunion 36 in 2006 -- in Rochester, New York!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to the DAR CHAIRPERSONS

Thank you Velma Doyle for all of the hard work and Stress/Trauma for a fun, fun time we all experienced in Columbus.

Thank you Nancy & Eileen for the special support your dancers gave to Columbus and for the special entertainment they provided at DAR, 2005. We are all looking forward to Rochester in 2006.

Thank you Brenda for stepping up to the plate to insure a good time in 2007 in Little Rock, AR.

And Oh, yes a special thanks to all of the members of your committees for their hard work and time spent to ensure a successful DAR.



Your Past President Ted Wright

Square Dancing Goes to the Movies

Larada Horner

On Monday, October 10, 2005 several of the the Duke City Singles square dancers and other dancers in Albuquerque, NM traveled to Santa Fe, NM to help train the cast of the movie, "The Astronaut Farmer" how to square dance.

On Wednesday, October 12, 2005, the same group returned to Santa Fe, NM to the rodeo grounds to film the movie. It was a fun-filled night -- freezing cold and a look inside the making of a movie.

The stars of the movie are Billy Bob Thornton (our own Cecelia Pounds danced with him the whole night), Virginia Madsen (Ted Wright danced with her on Monday night), and Tim Blake

Nelson (our own Larada Horner dance with him the whole night), Bruce Dern and Bruce Willis. Bruce Willis is also in the movie but had already filmed in Santa Fe and wasn't there when we were.

The film will be released 2006, in either the spring or fall. Wouldn't this be wonderful if this were the promotional moment that would get square dancing back on its feet!

We Need a Change!

While I was preparing the "WHAT IS" for print, I was reminded of the problem of finding good people for leadership positions on the SSDUSA voting staff.

The Northwest Regional Director position stands out as being "OPEN." I felt as though I was looking at the disease that may destroy the organization. We have a By-Law that makes it almost impossible to fill this position. the By-Law requires that for a person to be a candidate for a voting position, they must have been a member of SSDUSA for the previous 12 months. Since very few people from the Northwest attended DAR, 2004 in Atlanta where we automatically renew our membership, the number of people eligible for nomination could be counted on the fingers of one hand. From this small number of people, no one was willing to take the job.

To overcome this problem I suggest that we search for leadership from the entire Single Square Dance Community. To do this, the By-Law would have to be changed to eliminate the need to have been a SSDUSA member for the previous 12 months, and replaced by "MUST BE A MEMBER or WILLING TO BECOME A MEMBER of SSDUSA" to be eligible for nomination or appointment to a voting position of SSDUSA. I would like to here the opinions of those that are interested in keeping the SSDUSA organization alive. E-mail me at twright@mailstation.com.

Sincerely,
Past President
Ted Wright

Club News

Spares and Pairs are in Pinellas Park, FL. We dance at the Senior Center at 5900 58th St. on Tuesday night. Rounds are 7:30 p.m. and the squares at 8:00 - 9:45 p.m. Our caller is Allen Snell and our cuer is Pat Fyalko. We would like to welcome all square dancers to dance with us. We do have single ladies. We would like to welcome all the Snowbirds back. They are really missed in the summer. For information, please call Betty Charie at 727-546-5966 or Jeri Matteson at 727-723-3030. Please come and dance with us.

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