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Nancy Mirabal & Eileen Okolowicz
HOW DO I GET THERE FROM

HERE?????

WOW! The time is really flying! It is only FOUR months till we see you in Rochester! We hope you are looking forward to it as much as we are! This article is all about the best ways to travel to Rochester for the 36th National Singles Dance-A-Rama.

By air, you can fly directly into the Rochester International Airport where our greeters will be waiting to welcome you. Most major airlines fly into Rochester, but be sure to check our flyer for discount information on our official airline, **American Airlines**. If you are staying at our host hotel, their free shuttle will pick you up at baggage claim and take you directly to the hotel. If you choose to rent a car, most major rental companies are located on site at the airport and it is about a 15 minutes drive to downtown Rochester.

Another option is to fly into the Buffalo Niagara International Airport, about 65 miles from downtown Rochester. Most major car rental companies are also located on site there and it is about a one hour drive, all on Interstate highways.

Amtrak train is another good way to travel to Rochester. The train stops in downtown Rochester, just a few blocks from our host hotel and free shuttle service is also provided by the hotel. You can check schedules and pricing, as well as make reservations at www.amtrak.com.

Greyhound Bus Lines also travel to and from Rochester and their station is located about two blocks from the Hyatt and Convention Center complex. Information can be obtained at their website www.greyhound.com.

If you are driving, Rochester is pretty easy to reach from any direction. From the east or west, you would travel Interstate 90. From the south, Route 15 connects to Interstate 390 or you can travel on Interstate 81 to Interstate 90. If traveling from Canada, you'd also take Interstate 90 from the east or west depending on which end of Lake Ontario you are coming from.

There are a lot of great attractions in the Rochester area. For those of you who are adventuresome and would like to do some sightseeing on your own, you will find lots of ideas at www.visitrochester.com as well as the links on our website listed below,

Those of you who have already

registered will soon be receiving acknowledgement packets. In the packet you will find a post card which you are asked to return to us with information about your date, time, and method of arrival. Using this information, we plan to have greeters available to assist you and make your entrance to Rochester a smooth one.

PLEASE NOTE: There has been a slight change to one of our tours. The Finger Lakes tour on Sunday, September 3 indicated a sit-down luncheon at Esperanza Mansion overlooking beautiful Keuka Lake. This had to be changed due to circumstances beyond our control. The lunch which is included will now be a scenic Keuka Lake 2-hour luncheon cruise aboard the Esperanza Rose. We hope this does not deter anyone who has already signed up and may encourage others who are considering taking this tour. If you have signed up for this tour and have questions or concerns regarding the luncheon cruise, please email toursdar2006@ssdusa.org or call either of us (contact information is on our flyer and website).

We encourage everyone to register for Dance-A-Rama, tours, and souvenir items, and to reserve your room at the Hyatt Regency Rochester, as soon as possible.

Be sure to check out our website at dar2006.ssdusa.org for additional information and the links to area attractions. The DAR committee and Cloverleaf squares are looking forward to greeting you in a square at our "Reunion 36 in 2006" on Labor Day weekend in Rochester, NY!!!

Have Fun At Nationals

Dave Hinde

It's time to get ready for the 55th National Square Dance Convention. This year it will be held in San Antonio, Texas. You can get all the details and registration forms at www.55thnsdc.org.

Have you ever been to a National? It's different than any other dance you will go to. There are 8000 dancers from all over the world, and 20-30 different dance halls. In addition to the dancing you will be able to attend educational panel discussions, clinics to improve your dancing, sewing clinics, fashion shows, and many other interesting events. Dancing starts at 10 AM and goes on to 11:30 or 12 PM. The regular evening program runs from 7 PM to 10 PM and then there are after party dances in many of the halls that start at 10. These parties are sponsored by different organizations, like SSDUSA, and usually they each have some kind of theme.

Worried about going as a Solo Dancer? Each year the percentage of single or solo dancers increases. Last year Portland ordered 1000 Solo ribbons and ran out early. This year San Antonio

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As I struggle here with my last minute income tax paperwork, I wonder where the year has gone. It seems as it was just January and I was going to get an early start with this annual rite of sending Uncle Sam money. Well, my good intensions gave way to other activities and here I am again against the deadline!

I had a wonderful trip to the Washington, D.C. area, visited old friends and enjoyed the WASCA festival. Fun was had by all. The SSDUSA board meeting on Saturday morning went well in spite of missing many of our regulars. The WASCA dancers were very warm and made sure the solos were welcome at their festival. One observation I made was that it takes a "couples dance" once in a while to make us again realize the camaraderie we have developed as solos through our organization. This was evident by the many friends with whom I danced, went to dinner or just sat and caught up on the latest news. It is difficult to quantify that little extra friendship, interest and affinity the singles share with each other. I think it is because we have very special friends.

Welcome on board to Neil Matsumoto who has be appointed to the vacent Northwest Regional Director position. This is a formidable task to recruit new SSDUSA dancers from this region with sparse participation. Thanks for your help, Neil.

Sort of like the time escaping before I completed my taxes, the Labor Day weekend will soon be upon us. NOW is the time to promote our Dance-A-Rama. Eileen and Nancy and the entire Rochester group are going to have a super dance -- great callers and cuers and interesting tours. The enthusiasm is high. The organization is excellent. Help them help us have a great dance. Get the word to the regulars and especially those who haven't been to a Dance-A-Rama. They don't know the fun they can have. Step one, pre-register then make your room reservation. Step two, buy your plane ticket. Step three, bring your friends and have a wonderful weekend.

P.S. We need ideas for SSDUSA 2008. Can you help?

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Horner's Corner - Thoughts from a Co-Editor

Larada Horner

Wow, thanks again for all the articles sent in for this issue of the Intercom -- this issue is packed to the gills for sure! So my piece will be short!

Thanks for your understanding about the recent change in the SSDUSAGram of only listing special festivals/events that are single-friendly. The size had become too large and the task had taken over my life.

Therefore, Clubs -- send me your club information as a listing in the Yellowrock, SSDUSA's directory that is published every August. Your listing is free and it gets the word out about your club. This is a great place to let people know when, where and how often you dance.

See you in San Antonio -- don't forget our Singles' After Party on Thursday, June 22 and our Singles' Panel, "The Solo Side of Square Dancing" from 1:00 - 2:00 pm.

MINNESOTA STATE SINGLES CONVENTION

Judy Hale, President
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As president of Loons and Lakes, the sponsor of the Minnesota State Singles Convention, I regret to inform you that the convention for October 2006 has been cancelled.

For the past several years we have danced at Brimhall Community Center in Roseville, MN. Brimhall is unavailable for our 2006 convention and we have been unable to locate a suitable location to hold this event. The dancers that have pre-registered will be sent a notice and refund in the near future. A special "Thanks" to all of you that have supported the Minnesota State Singles Convention for the past five years.

Utah Singles Festival Takes Place In June, 2006

Joyce Weber

Southwest Regional Director

Ogden Dewitt, Conrad Lloyd and Howard Bebout have the Utah Singles Association up and going again. Utah singles will hold a Singles Dance Festival June 2 & 3, 2006 in American Fork, UT (20 min. So. of Salt Lake City) at the Apollo Hall. This is a wooden spring floor and tons of parking. Shuttle will be provided for all Dancers needing rides from airport. Flyers will be published shortly.



The cost will be \$25.00 at door (\$20.00 pre registered). There will be single session prices for those who do not want the full package.

For more information, contact Ogden Dewitt, cell phone, 801-473-6019 or Joyce Weber, home phone, 801-486-9381.

Meet Neil Matsumoto

Hi! Meet the new kid on our SSDUSA Team! He's Neil Matsumoto, our recently selected Northwest Regional Director.

Neil's square dancing journey began in 1989 at a high school reunion, when a classmate extended an invitation to visit Juneau, Alaska and introduced him to our activity at her club, the Big Dippers. Neil recalls being attracted by the warmth of the people and thinking, "Everyone looks like they're having so much fun; this is for me!" On returning to Seattle, friends referred him to the Promenade Dance Center where he first studied a variety of our dance forms. Neil's quick to acknowledge, "I've been fortunate to have been mentored and schooled by the best; the likes of Bill Sigmon and Raleigh Wieand through C-1 level square dancing; Betty and Orin Voigt, Randy and Marie Preskitt, and Debbie and Paul Taylor through Phase IV round dancing; and Ann Mills in clogging."

Born in Honolulu, Hawaii on Christmas Day and schooled in Japan, Indiana, and the University of Washington, Neil's interests are diverse. He's served as a volunteer in several church ministries including mission and construction projects, care-giving, as a Sunday School assistant; is a certified ski instructor with experience teaching people with disabilities through the Skiforall Foundation; is a licensed private pilot; and is a member and vice-president of his International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers Union, Local.

And what about square dancing activities in addition to dancing? "There's a few in work, and the list of new projects awaiting implementation continues to grow", says Neil. "Some ongoing initiatives include: Writing and distributing "Dance Review!" a weekly email newsletter to dancers across Washington State and a few points beyond; Serving as the Singles editor for "Footnotes" the monthly Washington State Square Dance Federation magazine; Maintaining information current as Washington State Data Monitor for international website Dosado.com; Serving as webmaster for "Jubilation Washington!" a square dance website targeting the NON dancing public; and Publishing "Jubilation Washington!" a Washington State Lesson Directory distributed Free to the NON dancing public. Add to all this, Neil's new responsibilities as Northwest Regional Director and a "regular" job; and he's one busy guy!

Look for more information from Neil in our next issue -- about single square dancing!



ARTS Website Up and Available

The ARTS organization has created a travel site available to dancers and families: www.arts-dancetravel.com. Check it out -- using the site helps the ARTS financially!

Vice President's Report, April 2006

Dave Hinde

Well, I'm on the road again. I really have stayed home a few weekends since taking office, but only a few. One of those weekends was for the 16th Annual Sweetheart Weekend, in Virginia Beach. It's always great to see a lot of single dancers at a special dance. Each year there are more and more attending the Sweetheart Weekend, and I hope you join us in 2007. A large group from the Cloverleaves were there and entertained us with "New York, New York" again. Some of them traveled from Virginia Beach to Cacapon, West Virginia for the B & B weekend on Sunday. I understand the "New York, New York" performance was repeated there.



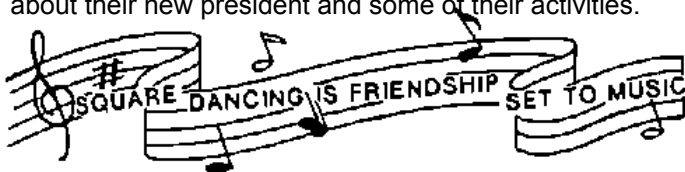
The weekend before the Sweetheart Weekend I was out in Salida, Colorado, and had the pleasure of dancing with the Monarch Mavericks. There are a great and friendly square dance club and I encourage anyone that is traveling thru that area to visit them. Their lessons are on Mondays, they do rounds on Thursdays, and square dance on 2nd & 4th Saturdays, with special dances held mid-week occasionally. A few of their members attended the Dance-A-Rama in Albuquerque, and gave us a good plug for this year's dance in Rochester. I went back to Colorado the first week in April (for the last week of skiing) and danced with the Mavericks again on Thursday and Saturday.

The other big dance that I attended was the annual WASCA Spring Festival. I would like to thank all the SSDUSA Board Members and other SSDUSA members that attended this dance. WASCA has also given the single dancers a lot of support and it was good to be able to repay them by having our board meeting there. It was also one heck of a great dance! They had a Solo Get Acquainted hour on Thursday followed by a free ice cream social for the solo dancers. Friday there was another Solo Hour, and Saturday the solo dancers were invited to a BBQ lunch for only \$6. 55 dancers attended that lunch. It was good to be able to sit down and talk to a lot of them.

Coming up next will be the Virginia State Festival, in Hampton, Virginia. I hope to see some of you there. This will be the first time at the Holiday Inn and I think it is shaping up to be a great weekend. Next on my schedule will be the National in San Antonio. I know I will see a lot of you there. Please be sure that all Solos there have a great time, and also be sure to invite them to Rochester for the Dance-A-Rama.

What is B'n B's?

Feature article next Intercom -- B'n B's -- what is it? how are they affiliated with SSDUSA? Information about their new president and some of their activities.



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has ordered 1500. That's about 20% of the total attendance. If you count in the dancers that are single, but don't check the "Solo" box on the registration form, the number jumps a lot. Even if you are going with a partner, be sure to check the Solo box. It is really important to get an accurate count of everyone there.

What is being done to help the Solos enjoy the Convention? Each year the Nationals are put on by different committees of people, and each committee has their own ideas about what we need. Some of them work, some don't. My personal opinion is that each of us, as a single or solo dancer, needs to look out for the other Solos. We need to help each other have a good time.

What is SSDUSA doing to help at Nationals? Each year we contact the committee for the Nationals and offer our support and help. The past few years we have donated the Solo Ribbons. In San Antonio we are represented on an educational panel about solo dancers, and we are hosting an after party. Both events will be held on Thursday, with the panel being at 9:30 AM and the afterparty at 10 PM. Dave Hinde, Larada Horner, and Eileen Okolowicz will be 3 of the panelists. Jim Lee, from Canada, will be the MC for the afterparty and the callers will be some of the best in the world.

So what are you waiting for? Sign up today to attend the National Convention, in San Antonio, Texas. Do you need a roommate? Email SSDUSA's roommate locator, Laurie Steward, at roommate@ssdusa.org. See you all by the Alamo!

Gerrymanders Square Dance Club, North Chevy Chase, Maryland

Linda Silversmith

Our slogan in our 26th year says a lot about us: "Come dance with us in 2006/You'll find that we are a friendly mix." Gerrymanders (formerly Jerrymanders) has welcomed singles and couples since its founding in 1980. The name derives from the political term gerrymandering and the fact that our first caller was named Jerry. We were started as an offshoot of the Bachelors and Bachelorettes, a club still active in northern Virginia.

Gerrymanders annually sponsors a class that meets for the first half of its 3-hour dances Sept. to May. The rest of the evening and the summer dances combine mainstream and a plus workshop. We love out of town and out of country guests! And each summer we sponsor drop-in and try-it-free square dancing a couple times per month early in our dancing evening.

The long-timers and newcomers mix well as do our age ranges. In one family, a grandmother, father, and son have all danced with Gerrymanders. Then there is the couple that has been at it more than 50 years. Thanks, Larada, for introducing us to the Intercom newsletter and providing us this opportunity to share a little about our club.

Here is our website to connect with us:
www.gerrymanders.net

A Round Dance Fiesta in San Antonio Awaits YOU

Karen Fisher

It's time to boogie down to Texas for a hot time in old San Antonio. There will be round dancing to make your toes tap, your hands clap, and your tush wiggle!

We begin on Wednesday evening, June 21, at 8:00 p.m. in the Mission Room of the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center with the Trail-End Round Dance hosted by the 55th NSDC Committee. Round Dance leaders from all over Texas will be spotlighted at this kick-off event.

The Showcase of Rounds will start on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Teachers from all over the world will be showcasing the dances they will be teaching in the afternoon. It is a spectacle not to be missed!

Each day one-hour round dance clinics will introduce new rhythms and figures at every level. An Introduction to 2-step as well as one for waltz will be held for beginning dancers. There will be 2 phase III clinics: one on cha cha and one on rumba. For intermediate dancers, there will be a clinic on merengue and one on west coast swing. At the advanced level, clinics will be held on tango, samba and Argentine Tango Vals. Clinicians will also teach a dance in the rhythm they have presented. What an opportunity to expand your dancing horizons! Besides the clinics, each afternoon many dances will be taught at every level. There will hardly be time to eat!

Each evening at 7:30 p.m. the dancing will begin with the new dances taught during the day. The programmed dancing will begin at 8:00 p.m. After the dancing, the after party begins in the Mission Room, each evening hosted by an upcoming convention.

Did we mention that you will be dancing on beautiful wood floors with wonderful sound? Did we mention that San Antonio is one of the most beautiful cities in the United States and has wonderful historical sites as well as shopping and restaurants? How can you possibly miss all this? We are looking forward to welcoming YOU to San Antonio in June.

You can register at the 55th NSDC website: <http://www.55thnsdc.org>

Let's Do A Dance-A-Rama

Dave Hinde

How would you like a Dance-A-Rama, right in your hometown? It's not that hard. All you need is a good location, and a few friends to help you out. Don't have a club or organization in your area that wants to take on the responsibility? Ask SSDUSA for help. When there isn't a club to put on the dance, SSDUSA will sponsor it.

Who is responsible for finding a group and city to host the Dance-A-Rama? **YOU ARE!** SSDUSA is a member run organization and everyone needs to pitch in and help us put on these great events. Volunteer today! As a group we can put on a Dance-A-Rama anywhere in the U.S., with just a few volunteers. With the wonders of the Internet, we can have a 10 person

committee, living in 10 different states.

How many people does it take? The 2002, Richmond Dance-A-Rama was put on with 2 full time workers and one more that took over registration at the dance. I don't recommend doing with that few, but 5-6 people can do the job quite well. The key jobs are Event Chairperson, Registrar, and Treasurer. An Assistant Chairperson and a Program Chair are also helpful. For registration on Thursday and Friday you can ask a local club to help, or you can ask SSDUSA to round up some volunteers. If you have a local council of square dance clubs, or a state organization, you can ask them for help.

What does it take for a DAR? A good location is important. I usually look for at least 20 to 25,000 sq. ft. of convention space. The main room should be at least 8000 sq. ft., with a 5,000 sq. ft. room, and a couple rooms 2-3,000 sq. ft. The best locations are hotels that have all the space inside, but convention centers that are adjacent to hotels will also work.

Cost? Most of the time the space inside hotels is negotiable. If you guarantee them enough room nights, the space is free. City owned space is also negotiable. The local Convention and Visitor Bureaus are our friends. They will bend over backwards to get a Dance-A-Rama in their city. That's what they are paid to do. Often time, you can convince them to kick in all or part of the convention center rent, and pay for some of our advertising.

Need some help? Ask the SSDUSA board for help. Most of the officers and board members have also been on Dance-A-Rama committees. They can assign someone to work with your committee, or SSDUSA can sponsor the dance and provide people to help you.

When is the next date that is available for a Dance-A-Rama? Currently no one has expressed an interest in hosting the 2008 DAR. The bidding guidelines state that an intent to bid should be submitted by June, two years prior to the Dance. The final decision is made at the Labor Day weekend dance, two years prior to the Dance-A-Rama. In other words, for the 2008 DAR, intent must be presented by June 2006, and the final decision will be made in Rochester, at the general membership meeting, September 2, 2006.

Lost & Found Items at TASSD - Lubbock, TX

Someone purchased a pair of pettipants and left them in the west banquet hall Sat.

And someone lost a charm, from a bracelet probably, that was found on the dance floor Sat. night. Wonder if you could put this in the newsletter and ask them to contact me and identify the item. I will be happy to mail them to the owner/s.

Thanks.

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The Intercom is published quarterly in February, May, August and November. The deadline for articles is 15 days prior to the date of publication (e.g. January, 15th for February issue).

Calendar of Events

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



KY -- May 18 – 20, 2006 -- Kentucky Derby Festival. Paroquet Springs Conference Centre, Shepherdsville, KY (I65 Exit 117). May 18 - 8 to 10 pm, May 19 - 7:00 to 10:00 pm, May 20 - 12:00 - 4:00 pm workshop, 7:00 to 10:00 pm regular dancing. Mainstream, plus, advanced, rounds & lines. Cost \$15 after May 10th \$20 for entire week-end. Featuring Larry Letson Saturday night. Contact Pete & Lynne Spock - pete.lynne.spock@insightbb.com

GA -- May 19 & 20, 2006 -- 24th Anniversary Dance sponsored by Georgia State Singles. Crowne Plaza, 108 First Street, Macon, GA. Caller: Tim Tyl. Cuer: Bob & Jackie Scott. Phone 1/800-227-6963 for room reservations. Info: John Dean, 770/971-8610. E-mail: ajjd60@yahoo.com or Kay Reed, 478/474-8827. E-mail: kay.reed@robins.af.mil

NE -- May 27 & 28, 2006 – 23rd Annual Single Wheelers Memorial Weekend Square Dance. Venue: Gymnasium at Nebraska Christian College 1800 Syracuse Avenue, Norfolk NE. Callers: Jerry Junck, NE/AZ & Tom Roper, IN. Cuers: Jim & Carol Tucker. Info: Mary Wilson 402-371-9276. E-mail: marylw@kdsi.net

TX – June 3, 2006 – Rebel Rousers 17th Birthday Bash. Walnut Hill Rec. Center, Walnut Hill & Midway Road, Dallas, TX. Callers: Shane Greer, OK & Mike Bramlett, TX. Early Rounds – 7:00 pm; Grande March – 8:00 pm then squares. Info: 972-698-8753

TX – June 21 - 24 2006 – 55th National Square Dance Convention, San Antonio, TX. SSDUSA's Panel will be Thursday, June 22 at 9:30 am. Thursday evening, June 22 - Afterparty in the Bridge Hall -- a 16,800 sq. ft. hall, so let's get the single out to fill it! Info: 210-521-7185. Website: www.55thnsdc.org

MD -- 13-15 July 2005 -- 43rd Star Spangled Banner Festival. Marriot's Hunt Valley Inn, Hunt Valley, MD. Baltimore area's largest annual event. All levels of rounds and squares. The round dance program includes 2x2s in the Plus Hall in the evening and all levels of rounds up to phase 6 continuously in the Hunt Room. Featured Teachers are Dom & Joan Filardo, Wayne & Barbara Blackford, Ralph & Joan Collipi. Featured Callers are Tim Crawford, Bill Harrison, Tim Marriner, Ron Libby, and Tom Miller. Registrar: Ellen Patton, 410-836-7049, patton86@comcast.net.

WA – July 28 - 30, 2006 -- Summerama in Spokane, WA. Callers: Friday: Don Cochrane. Saturday: Glenn Raiha, Olympia, WA & Kevin Thomaier, Renton, WA. Cuer: Tami Helms, Portland, OR. Friday, July 28, 2006 at 7 PM w/Get acquainted hour, 8 PM pre rounds, and 8:30 to 11 PM a MS dance with our own caller, Don Cochrane. Saturday, July 29, 2006 Fun Dance w/Don Cochrane followed by 11:15 No Host Brunch. Saturday at 1:30 to 3:30 pm Plus dance with Glenn Raiha & Kevin Thomaier, followed by a no host dinner. Saturday at 7:30 PM pre-rounds followed by a MS dance with Glenn Raiha & Kevin Thomaier followed by an afterparty. Sunday 10 am a trails out dance with Don Cochrane. **PLEASE NOTICE CHANGE OF CALLER BECAUSE OF BILL HELMS' DEATH!**

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.ssdusa.org

Club News

Rocky Tops Honor Debbie Hoyt Denver, CO

Joy Chichester

Debbie Hoyt is the recipient of the 2006 Roland Angel Memorial Award, given annually by the Rocky Tops Square Dance Club in Denver and Lakewood, CO. It is a recognition of dancers' outstanding service to the square dancing community, above and beyond the call of duty, in memory of Roland Angel, a single dancer who contributed many, many hours of his time, energy, and smiles to square dancing.

Out of a list of ten nominees, the Rocky Tops Board of Officers chose **Debbie Hoyt** as the recipient of the 2006 Roland Angel Award. She was honored at the Memorial Dance on April 13th and presented with the Award plaque engraved with her name on it. Previous recipients will present the Award to Debbie.

Dave Guille was the caller for the Memorial Dance and Leroy Shade was the cuer.

The list of Debbie's achievements is long and numerous. She most certainly is "observed going above and beyond the call of duty on behalf of square dancing."



Hits 'n' Misses Spokane, WA

Joan Moore

Hits 'n' Misses square dance club dances are held the fourth Friday of each month, except for the month of August. We are located at 1901 N. Sullivan Rd., Spokane, WA. We start at 7:30 - 8:30 PM rounds - beginning with Phase 3, 4 & 5 at 7:30. 8 - 8:30 PM Phase 2. Mainstream is from 8 PM - 11 PM. Our caller is Don Cochrane and cuer is Carol Shopbell.

The fourth Friday in July we have a festival called - Summerama. This is also held at the Western Dance Center - 1901 N. Sullivan Rd., Spokane, WA. This year our dates are July 28, 29 & 30th. Our club caller will be calling the Friday evening and Sunday morning dance. Our featured callers for Saturday evening will be Glenn Rhaiha from Olympia, WA and Kevin Thomaier from Renton, WA. Our features cuer will be Tami Helms from Portland, OR. All are welcome to come. Pre - Registration before July 1st. is \$14.00 for the weekend, at the door full weekend \$17.00. For information, call (509) 484-7273 or (406)826-8951 or e-mail. jmoore506@msn.com

Spares and Pairs Bloomington, MN

Arduis Vining

A square/round dance, caller, cuer and live music sound like a good time!!!! Well, Spares and Pairs in Bloomington, MN (suburb of Minneapolis) held a great dance on a beautiful evening Wednesday, March 29, 2006. Timbre Junction, a blue grass band, furnished the live music. Our caller, Dick Rueter, was disappointed he couldn't call due to having a very bad cold. However, Mike Driscoll stepped up to the mike and called to a floor of 25 squares. Ray Belanger, our cuer, had the pleasure cueing to a floor full of round dancers. Dancers came as far as 90 miles to dance to live music. A silent auction was held to raise money for the club. You could find such items as knick-knacks, scarves, books, puzzles, holiday decoration and music boxes. Let's not forget the good cooks in the club that baked their hearts out with mouth watering items such as cookies, brownies, quick breads, buns, pies and candy which appealed to many of the dancers. There was even a senior citizen cane with a rear view mirror, horns and whistles and whatever else helps to aid a senior citizen. Smiles were everywhere as the dancers left and wished we could dance to live music more often. It truly was a wonderful evening!!!

GOOD NEWS SHARING

Norma Reece Bensley

A Tender Love Story -- On November 18, 2005, I was married to Bill Bensley, a caller from Ohio. We met several years ago at a square dance in Colorado Springs. Then agreed to meet at many single dances, fell in love, and are no longer single.

News from North Central East Region:

The Bucks & Does Singles Club plans to send a bus full of dancers to Dance-A-Rama 2006. We challenge the rest of you singles clubs to do the same! The excitement is building here in Columbus, OH as we make plans for our bus trip to Dance-A-Rama 2006 in Rochester, NY on Labor Day weekend. Our President-Elect, Mary Galentine, has already made arrangements for the bus. Many have signed up. The bus is to leave Columbus on Thurs, Aug 31 and return from Rochester on Sun, Sept 3. The price will depend on the number of persons to register and pay for the trip. Our best estimate now is approximately \$80. To hold a seat in your name for the trip, a deposit of \$25 is required by May 15. It should be a fun trip! For more information, contact Mary Galentine. She can be reached at home at 614-818-3664, at work at 614-287-5609, or by e-mail at mgalenti@csc.edu.

Fred Moore, Director of the North Central East Region, and Velma Doyle, General Chairperson in charge of Dance-A-Rama 2005, were selected as the Central Ohio Honoree Couple by the Central Ohio Council of Dance Clubs (COCDC) and were honored at the COCDC Honoree Dance on March 12, 2006. Fred and Velma are co-Vice Presidents and Banner Chairmen of the Orbiting Squares club. Fred is a Council Representative for Bucks & Does Singles and Velma is the current President of Bucks & Does and Treasurer of COCDC. The two, along with the honoree couples from the five other regional councils in Ohio, will be recognized at a special luncheon on May 6 at the 46th Ohio Dance Convention in Dayton, OH.



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