



# Official Newsletter of Single Square Dancers, U.S.A.

Joe B. Ellis, Founder

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**"DANCING ON THE ROCK"**

**DANCE-A-RAMA 2007**

**N. LITTLE ROCK, AR**

**AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 2, 2007**

By: Brenda Griffin, Chairperson  
Bud Cude - Vice Chairman

The dance torch has been passed from Rochester to Little Rock. We accept this torch with great pride and anticipation of a great weekend in N. Little Rock and Little Rock, Arkansas. Our hats go off to Rochester for a job well done. Okay, enough about them, now about us.

The dance in 2007 is being hosted by the Single Square Dancers of Arkansas Association (SSDARKA). This is a state singles organization whose main purpose is to promote single square and round dancing in the state of Arkansas. There has never been a national square dance held in Arkansas to our knowledge so this will be a first. Come be a part of this great event and help us make "Dancing on the Rock" a huge success.

We have a great staff of callers, cuers and line dance instructors. Calling squares will be Mike Hogan from Nebraska, Shane Greer from Oklahoma, Doug and Don Sprosty from Iowa, Tim Tyl from Texas, and Ray Wheelington, one of our own state callers from Texarkana. Cueing Rounds will be Jerry and Barbara Pierce from Alabama, Robbie Carrington from Tennessee and Patti Wheelington, also one of our own from Texarkana. Leading and instructing line dances will be Joe Johnson, also from Arkansas. As you can see, the line-up is splendid and the dancing should be at its best.

Both after parties on Friday and Saturday night consist of continued dancing to live bands preceded by ice cream socials. The ice cream was such a big hit in Rochester we decided to follow suite and offer the same. Both bands are local and are well received around the state. Friday night will be country dancing to the sounds of Midnight Express and Saturday night will be a variety of music presented by Warren Crow.

N. Little Rock and Little Rock are located in the heart of Arkansas with the two cities being separated by the Arkansas River. Located in the southern part of Arkansas is a large diamond mine, which is open to the public for digging, therefore derives the theme of "Dancing on the Rock".

The Wyndham Riverfront Hotel (Host Hotel) where the dance will be held is located on the banks of the Arkansas River just 5 minutes off Interstate 30 and less than a mile from downtown Little Rock with free on-site parking

for all guests of the hotel and the Dance-A-Rama. The room rates are \$79.00 a night. If a rollaway is requested there will be an additional \$15.00 charge per rollaway per day. Hotel policy does not allow more than 4 people to a room.

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## **DANCE-A-RAMA, 2006 ENJOYED BY ALL**

By: Nancy Maribal, Chairperson  
Eileen Okolowicz, Vice-Chairperson

Well, Dance-A-Rama 2006 is now in the history books and it was, by all measurements, a roaring success. It exceeded our greatest expectations. We had 603 dancers registered...they came from as far away as Alaska, California, and New Mexico! A total of 44 states plus Washington, DC and Canada were represented. All the feedback that we have received has been very positive.

One thing that stood out was the number of dancers who stopped us to tell us how impressed they were with our volunteers. The entire Rochester square dance community pitched in to help out at DAR. In fact most of the round and square dance clubs in the Rochester Area Federation were represented either by registered dancers, volunteers, or both. We could not have done it without their help and we appreciate all the good feedback that we were able to pass on to them. Our committee and our entire club worked very hard to make this dance the success that it was, but the additional help and support given us by the Federation and all the member clubs and dancers, eased the burden on a very tired group of people!

Everyone loved the staff of callers and cuers and the whole dance program! They raved about the fabulous tours! They devoured every bit of Byrne Dairy ice cream at the ice cream socials! They had a great time at the after parties...they thought our Hip Boot Boys were terrific! They thoroughly enjoyed the DJ, Ecstasy Sound, and live band, JB and Company. And most important of all, they went away with a really good feeling about the city of Rochester. Many said they want to come back and spend more time here to see the sights that they missed. We sincerely hope that YOU will do that. And when you do, please include a Sunday night stay so you can come and dance with Cloverleaf Squares. You are ALWAYS welcome!

We wish to thank all the dancers across the U.S. who supported us in our efforts to make DAR 2006 the best ever. Whether you came and danced, came and helped, or just sent good thoughts and wishes our way...no matter what you did, we appreciate it! If this was your first experience with a dance festival, we hope you had enough fun so that you are hooked and will consider traveling to other dance weekends in the future.

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**From the Top  
Dave Hinde, President**



Let me start off by thanking Nancy, Eileen, and all the Cloverleaves for such a wonderful job with the Dance-A-Rama. Since leaving Rochester I've run into and heard from many square dancers that told me what a great time they had, and that they were looking forward to Little Rock in 2007.

Next, I'd like to thank all the outgoing officers for SSDUSA. Bob Priest and Dennis Neatrou are departing as the Northeast and MidAtlantic Regional Directors and Tommy Faulkner is stepping down as Secretary. Ted Wright is moving from the Past President's position and becoming an "Aged Past President", and Steve Stoltz is our new Past President. Patsy Nester has stepped down as the membership chairperson, after many years in that position. We all owe each of them a great big thank you for all their hard work.

Welcome to our new officers! Nancy Mirabal will take over the position of Northeast Regional Director, Donna Breeden will be the new MidAtlantic Director, and Neil Matsumoto will be representing the Northwest. Arbell Thompson will be the new Secretary and Eileen Okolowicz will become the Vice President. Pat Powell will be our new membership chairperson, in addition to her position as our outfit chairperson. A great big welcome to all our new officers, and thanks for stepping up to help make this organization even better than it is today!

I hope everyone enjoyed Rochester as much as I did (and from the reports I've heard, you did). For me it was the middle of an 11 day road trip. One of the things I really enjoy about dancing in different parts of the country, is having the opportunity to see more of this great land. I started off my road trip by driving up to Niagara Falls, where I spent a couple nights on the Canadian side. After leaving Rochester I headed down to Watkins Glen (the actual Glen, not the

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racetrack!). From there I went on to Corning to visit the glass museum. At both the Glen and Corning, I ran into dancers that had been at the Dance-A-Rama!

Next stop on my trip was the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon (how many of you knew then had a Grand Canyon?), then on to Ricketts Glen State Park, in PA, home of about 50 waterfalls! My last stop on this trip was the Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge, in Delaware.

This year, for the first time, the square dancers in Virginia had a booth in the State Fair for 11 days. We had both an indoor dance stage and an area outside to dance, right along the main thoroughfare at the fair. It was really great exposure for square dancing in Virginia, and I was able to put out a lot of information about SSDUSA. The fact that there was an organization for singles interested a lot of the visitors. Anytime you get a chance to do something like this, jump at the chance. If you need any copies of the "What Is SSDUSA" printout, let me know. I'm also putting a .pdf version of the document on our website, [www.ssdusa.org](http://www.ssdusa.org), so you can print your own flyers!

Our next SSDUSA Board Meeting will be at the 27<sup>th</sup> HASSDA Festival, April 27 and 28, in Sioux City, Iowa. Look for the link on the SSDUSA website. We will also have a board meeting at the National Convention, in Charlotte, NC, June 27-30, 2007. Speaking of National Square Dance Conventions, it was great having them at our Dance-A-Rama. If you haven't been to a National lately, please come to Charlotte. The National committee has recognized that the solo dancer is an important part of the convention, and they have been trying to make things better for all of us. I will have more information in the next Intercom about after parties, panels, forums, etc. in Charlotte.

That's about it for my first Presidential Message. Please keep in touch with your Regional Directors and State Representatives. If you have any issues our questions about SSDUSA, contact them, or me, or any of the officers. Thanks again to all our departing board members and welcome to our new members.

### **NOW A LITTLE ABOUT THE INDY B 'N' B CLUB:**

By: Jeanette Bagley

Our Club Caller is J. D. Strauser and our club cuer is Jan Smith.

The Indy B 'n' B Square Dance Club is a "Singles" Club, but we welcome couples at any time to dance with us, and invite singles and couples to join us as members. Couples must join our club with both spouses at the same time as a couple.

We are members of The Indiana Dancers Association (IDA).

Our dances are "Plus" level dancing in all Tips with Round Dancing between tips.

Indy B 'n' B regularly dances on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Lion's Club in Fishers, Indiana. We also do some demonstration and

### **TASSD GOES TO SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TX**

By: Danny Kingsley  
SOUTH PADRE

ISLAND, TEXAS is the place to be on February 15 - 17, 2006 for the Texas Association of Single Square Dancers 33rd ANNUAL ROUND-UP. You are going to have "FUN IN THE SUN" at this year's unique TASSD ROUND-UP in the tropical southernmost tip of TEXAS. A lot of things to see and do with palm trees, beautiful beaches, blue skies and warm temperatures.

ALL SINGLES and SSDUSA members (and couples too) are invited to dance to Callers...KEN BURKE of Granger, Indiana and JEFF HOLLEY of Crescent, Oklahoma and Cuers...JOHN & NORMA JEAN BECKER of San Antonio, Texas at the South Padre Convention Center located right on the island. Our host hotel, the La Copa Inn Resort is 2 1/2 miles from the Convention Center and has a beach access on the Gulf of Mexico. There will be a shuttle provided. Our room block will be held only until JANUARY 20, 2007, so get your reservation in soon. You will need to mention that you are with TASSD to get the \$64.00 a night rate. CALL the LA COPA direct 1-866-452-2672 for reservations.

Early registration for the ROUND-UP before NOVEMBER 30, 2006 is \$39.00 and you will be eligible for a \$50.00 drawing on FEBRUARY 17, 2007. But you must be present to win. Registration after DECEMBER 1, 2006 will be \$44.00.

The TRAIL-IN DANCE / CRUISE on Thursday FEBRUARY 15, 2007 will be from 3:30 to 6:30 pm aboard a 55' Catamaran Boat called 'The Xcape'. The cost of the cruise will be \$35.00 to be paid in advance by DECEMBER 1, 2006. But look at what all is included in the \$35.00 for the Cruise: A Square Dance, hayride, barbecue dinner, sunset cruise, dolphin watching and country western entertainment and dancing. We have to have a minimum of 40 people to reserve the boat. Send your \$35.00 to reserve your space to DOE PAYNE 5620 Tucker Street, The Colony, Texas 75056-1414.

SEND ROUND-UP REGISTRATION to DOE PAYNE with your name, address and phone number (email: optional). Make all checks and money orders payable to TASSD ROUND-UP 2007. For more information contact: CO-CHAIR, VIRGINIA ANDERSON (817) 994-1217 or [vanderson2001@yahoo.com](mailto:vanderson2001@yahoo.com) OR KENNETH SHADROCK (210) 887-4365 or [KRSHAD13@MSN.COM](mailto:KRSHAD13@MSN.COM).

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SEE YOU at The ISLAND...FEBRUARY 15 - 17, 2007.



## SSDUSA AND THE INTERNET!

By: Dave Hinde

The internet has been a wonderful place for exchanging square dance information. There are tons of resources that can be found there, but sometimes it takes a little bit of searching. I used the internet to plan most of my recent trips, to Rochester, and before that to San Antonio for the National, and my cross country drive last December. During my cross country trek, I was able to look up places to dance along the way, and make contact with the people in those clubs.

If you are planning on putting your email address on a flyer or anywhere on the internet, I do have a suggestion. Create a special email address for just the event you are promoting. This will keep a lot of spam out of your email inbox. When an email address gets posted on the internet, a lot of mass marketers find it. Most internet providers allow for multiple email accounts, and this is a good place to get a "special" address. I have also created forwarding addresses for some of SSDUSA's officers, especially our Dance-A-Rama people. An email to "dar2007.ssdusa.org" will end up in Brenda's inbox. After the dance is over in Little Rock, that address will be deleted.

Check out the latest updates to the SSDUSA website, at [www.ssdusa.org](http://www.ssdusa.org). I have added a photo page with pictures from past Dance-A-Ramas. I've also added a few links to documents on the web pages, and hope to add even more soon. If you have any questions, suggestions, links, etc., please email me at [webmaster@ssdusa.org](mailto:webmaster@ssdusa.org), or my real email address: [dave@daveswebplace.net](mailto:dave@daveswebplace.net)!

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Amenities offered by the hotel are high speed internet, alarm clock/radio, coffee maker with coffee, cable television, hair dryers, iron and ironing boards, and an outdoor pool. Located in and adjacent to the hotel is Benihana Japanese Steak House, Riverfront Restaurant and Steak House which offers a great buffet lunch and a lounge. For those who choose to fly to Little Rock, The Wyndham offers free airport shuttle service to the Little Rock National Airport which is only 8 to 10 minutes from the hotel.

There will be over 10,000 square feet of dance space for your dancing pleasure. There will be separate halls dedicated to mainstream, plus and round dancing all located on the first floor. Advanced and challenged halls will be located on the second floor. We have invited a great variety of vendors for your shopping pleasure who will also be located on the first floor just around corner from the dance halls. The hotel only has 223 guest rooms so we encourage you to make your reservations early if you plan to stay at the host hotel by calling the hotel toll free number (1-866-657-4458). Be sure to mention the Single Square Dancers USA Dance-A-Rama in order to receive the negotiated rate of \$79.00. As of this date they have approximately 60 rooms already reserved.

Our second hotel of choice is the Double Tree Hotel located just across the river in downtown Little Rock. The rates for this hotel are \$89.00 for a single or

double. They offer self parking at no charge to any overnight guest along with a complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport.

Neither hotel offers space for RV's or campers but camping is available just 10 minutes away at exit 150 off Interstate 40 at Burns Park (1-800-643-4690). Burns Park is one of the largest municipal parks in the country with 1,600 acres that features a log cabin built prior to the Civil War, a covered bridge, a dog park, handicapped accessible fishing pier, hiking trails, and more.

American Airlines is our official airline. For reservations call 1-800-433-1790 and give authorization # A1387AA. For best discounts, make reservations at least 30 days prior to your departure date.

We would like to thank all who have already supported Dance-A-Rama 2007 by pre-registering or by buying souvenir items. At this time we have 130 people registered. Are you one of them? If not, we invite you to register and buy one of our souvenir items. We have T-shirts with our DAR 2007 Logo (S,M,L,XL and 2XL) both in red shirt with white lettering and white shirt with red lettering for \$10.00 each and Polo Shirts (same sizes and colors as T-Shirts) for \$18.00 each. There is a \$5.00 handling fee for all orders that are shipped.

As you can see we have a great weekend of dancing and fun in the sun available for your pleasure. Be sure to check out our website at [dar2007.ssdusa.org](http://dar2007.ssdusa.org) for more information as well as links to area attractions. We look forward to seeing you at "Dancing On The Rock" next Labor Day Weekend in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

## SAD NEWS TO SHARE!

By: Judy Hale

September 3, 2006 Adolph Volkmann passed away quietly in his sleep at the age of 86. Loving father of Marc and Eric and grandchildren, Walt and Emma.

"Ferd" as he like to be called worked 20 years for the Howard County Library System after retiring from 35 years work running the family upholstery business.

Ferd started square dancing in the '70's. Ferd became a regular at all the Dance-A-Rama's after attending his first in Denver, CO in 1983. His friendly manner was enjoyed by all.

A service in his honor of his life will be celebrated later this fall. Memorials are preferred to Alzheimer's Association of Maryland, 1850 York Road, Suite D, Timonium, MD 21093.

Or cards may be sent to his son: Eric Volkmann, 427 Whitfield Road, Catonsville, MD 21228



**TILLERY, JOE W.**, Longtime resident of Mesquite departed this life on October 20, 2006 after a long courageous battle with cancer. Joe was born August 28, 1932 in Sherman, TX. Joe was a long-haul truck driver for his entire career and retired in 1996. Joe was a member of the Tannehill #52 Masonic Lodge, Hella Temple 101's, Roy Stanley Order of the Eastern Star and K Bar C Square Dance Club. He enjoyed square

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We haven't finalized the numbers yet, but we realized a significant profit which will be used to advance and promote square and round dancing in the Rochester area. We have had a suggestion box at our dances asking for input and now, our committee will reconvene one last time to determine the actual distribution of the funds.

THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU ALL!!!!

### **YELLOWROCK SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

By: Karmi Richards

Single Square Dancers U.S.A. is proud to announce that Diane DesRoches and Donna Stone have been awarded the YellowRock Scholarship. Diane and Donna will each receive two hundred dollars to further their career.

Diane DesRoches lives in Bumpass, VA and has been calling for one year, where she is affiliated with the Tuckahoe Squares of Richmond, VA. She has been working with her brother (a Richmond area caller). Currently she is enrolled in the fall callers school, to be held in the Poconos, with Betsy Gotta, Tom Miller, and John Marshall.

Donna Stone lives in Sebeka, MN and is affiliated with the Park Rapids Friendly Squares & Wadena Whirlaways. Donna has been a cuer for one and a half years.

To apply for a Yellowrock caller/cuer scholarship the caller/cuer must be at least 16 years old (before September 1 of the current year) and have no more than three years regular calling/cueing experience. The caller must send a cassette tape of one singing call and approximately two minutes of "patter" calling. For the cuer, a cassette tape with two types of tempos (i.e. set waits) must be sent. Do not include name or location on the tape.

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dancing, volunteering at the Shrine Temple and talking at the coffee shops. He is deeply loved and will be missed by all who knew him. Joe is survived by his special friend Janet Engelbert and family. Service will be held Tuesday, October 24th at 2 p.m. at Anderson-Clayton in Mesquite. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hella Shrine Burn Center c/o Hella Temple 2121 Rowlett Rd. Garland, TX 75043.



### **DANCERS ENJOY THE BUS RIDE TO ROCHESTER**

By: Fred Moore

North Central East Regional Director

Thirty-six dancers (including several from Indianapolis, IN and Springfield, OH) joined the Bucks & Does and other dancers from Central Ohio on Labor Day weekend as we took a chartered bus from Columbus, OH to Rochester, NY for Dance-A-Rama 2006. We had a fantastic time, both on the bus and sight seeing and dancing at the festival. After all the

work we did at our own Dance-A-Rama in 2005, it was great to have time to dance. We want to say thank you again to Mary Galentine and Trudy Busby for planning and coordinating the trip and Tom and Erma Wolf for allowing us to use their home as a meeting place where we could safely leave our cars and meet our bus. Many of us who went this year want to go to Little Rock, AK next Labor Day weekend for DAR 2008. We hope to see all of you there next year!



### **CARAVANNING SOLOS DANCE AROUND**

By: Penny Schultz

The Caravanning Solo's mission is to provide our solo dancers an additional avenue to be active in square dancing in a group environment where they are assured dances by participating in the use of a solo dance board.

About 2 1/2 years ago 12 single dancers in Snohomish County Washington got together for a potluck and to discuss the possibility of forming a group to go dancing with; this idea blossomed. We now have a membership list of 97 solo dancers from Snohomish, King, and Skagit counties. We caravan to two dances a month and have a group social one time per month; usually a potluck/meeting/board games day at someone's home.

We decided to call ourselves Solo Dancers instead of Single Dancers so that we could provide an opportunity to anyone, single or married, who wanted to square dance, but due to circumstances, they danced Solo. We have a great time with our caravans, carpools and monthly potluck socials. Making good friends in the group has been an added bonus and thus other activities have been enjoyed, such as boat rides, dinners out, miniature golfing, hiking, plays, square dance demo at a nursing home, and the Washington State Square Dance Festival, to name a few.

Out of the 97 members, we have a core group of about 25 to 30 people who are very active. One of our members made our Solo Dance Board and we take it to all our caravans, usually bringing from 8 to 15 people with us to each dance. Our monthly potlucks, held in member's homes are usually attended by 12 to 27 people.

Yes, we have many more women than men, but our core group of men will usually dance on the Solo Dance Board even if they have brought a partner with them. That partner gets first and last dance with her guy

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# Calendar of Events



**TX -- February 16 - 17, 2007** -- "Fun in the Sun" at TASSD'S 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Roundup 2007, South Padre Island, TX. South Padre Convention Center, 7355 Padre Blvd. Trail-in Dance & BBQ -- Thursday afternoon February 15, 2007 on a sight seeing boat. Callers: Ken Burke, IN and Jeff Holley, OK. Cuers: John & Norma Jean Becker, TX. Info: Virginia Anderson, 817-994-1217. E-mail: [vranderson2001@yahoo.com](mailto:vranderson2001@yahoo.com) or Kenneth Shadrock, 210-887-4365 or Email: [KRSHAD13@msn.com](mailto:KRSHAD13@msn.com)

**VA - March 15 - 17, 2007** - WASCA 48th Spring Square & Round Dance Festival. Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel, Alexandria, VA. Callers: Tom Miller, PA; Dave Walker, MI; Tim Crawford, Canada; Mike Callahan, NY, Jim Lee, Canada; Joe Saltel, TX; Mike Jacobs, NJ. Cuers: Ralph & Joan Collipi, NH; Ron & Ree Rumble, NJ; Wayne & Barbara Blackford, FL & AZ. Mainstream through Challenge. Rounds Phase II - VI. Clogging. Sponsored by: Washington Area Square Dance Cooperative Association. Cost: \$35 per person. Contact: Solo Coordinator: Juanita Fernandez, 703-281-4120. E-mail: [juanita.fernandez@cox.net](mailto:juanita.fernandez@cox.net) or Directors: Daryl and John Davis, 301-490-9249. E-mail: [jandddavis@aol.com](mailto:jandddavis@aol.com)

**GA -- March 23 & 24, 2007** -- 16th Annual Fuzzy Navel Dance - Sponsored by The Florida & Georgia Singles Associations (Singles, Couples, Married are welcome). Caller: Danny Weeks, GA. Cuer: Rita Mason, GA. Stay and Dance in the Buccaneer Beach Resort - Jekyll Island, GA (in the beach) For reservations 877-842-3224 - Cost \$73.00 plus tax islandside until Feb. 8, 2007. Cost of Dance: \$25.00/ticket(advance) - \$30.00/ticket at the door) For Tickets Contact: Mary Lou Pelz, 4815 Southland Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32207. [904-733-1869](tel:904-733-1869)/[maryloupelz@aol.com](mailto:maryloupelz@aol.com) or Ronnie Harnage, Rt 2, Box 1558, Nashville, GA 31639. [229-686-3631](tel:229-686-3631)/[ronnieharnage52@alltel.net](mailto:ronnieharnage52@alltel.net)

**NM - May 4 - 6, 2007** - 27<sup>th</sup> New Mexico State Singles Fling. ASDC Hall, 4915 Hawkins NE, Albuquerque, NM. Caller: Mike Hogan, NE. Cuers: Ronnie & Bonnie Bond, AZ. Trail-In Dance Thursday, May 3, 2007. Contact: Kathi Raver, 505-286-9000. E-mail: [kathiraver@earthlink.net](mailto:kathiraver@earthlink.net)

**GA -- May 19 & 20, 2007** -- 25th Anniversary Dance Georgia State Singles Association of Square and Round Dancers, Commerce Civic Center, 110 State St., Commerce, GA. Caller: Darryl McMillan, AL. Cuers: Jackie & Gene Tyre, GA. Room Reservations: Admiral Benbow Inn (706-335-5183 or 800-451-1986). Rate: \$59.00 plus tax Good until 5/1/07. For Tickets Contact: Ronnie Harnage 229-6868-3631 or Randa Waddingham 678-361-1823. Advance: \$25.00 - Members; \$20.00 - nonmembers. At the Door: \$30.00 - Members; \$25.00 - nonmembers.

**NE - May 26 - 27, 2007** - 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Single Wheelers Memorial Weekend Square Dance. Gymnasium at Norfolk Junior High, Norfolk, NE. Callers: Jerry Junck, NE & AZ and Mike Hogan, NE. Cuers: Arold & Jeanette Tramp, SD & AZ. Wood floor and air-conditioned. Contact: Mary Wilson, 402-371-9276. E-mail: [marylw@kdsi.net](mailto:marylw@kdsi.net)

**AR - August 30 - September 3, 2007** -- 37<sup>th</sup> Dance-A-Rama. Wyndham Riverfront Hotel, Little Rock, AR. Callers: Shane Greer, OK; Mike Hogan, NE; Don Sprotsy, IA; Doug Sprotsy, IA; Tim Tyl, TX; Ray Whellington, AR. Cuers: Patti Wheelington, AR; Robbie & James Carrington, TN; Jerry & Barbara Pierce, AL. Line Dance Leader: Joe Johnson, AR. Official Airline: American Airlines. Contact: Brenda Griffin, 501-847-7851. E-mail: [arkydancer@aol.com](mailto:arkydancer@aol.com) Web Site: [dar2007.ssusa.org](http://dar2007.ssusa.org)

## **HORNER'S CORNER \* THOUGHTS FROM A CO-EDITOR**

Larada Horner

Dance-A-Rama, 2006 is history and they certainly did make history! What a party Rochester, NY put on for all its guests!! Great callers and cuers, a beautiful venue, and fun dance partners and friends to enjoy!

Now we look towards Little Rock and can anticipate a great time headed by Brenda Griffin and Bud Cude. If you haven't pre-registered, now is the time!

I want everyone to know that the database of single friendly dancers has grown recently -- to 793 contacts. My goal is 1000! So ask your friends and neighbors if they are receiving the SSDUSAGram and get me e-mail addresses, but remember to ask the person first.

I need to let you know that I have resigned as Intercom editor -- I had a blast doing it for the last year, but I have changed jobs, and I just can't do it anymore. A special thanks goes out to Patsy Nester and Doe Payne for our collaborative effort this last year -- you two made my job easy, and a big thanks to Pat Powell who picked up on this last issue. You are a trooper for sure! And a big thanks to all who sent in articles that made the Intercom so rich and full the last year -- it was a pleasure to work with you!

## **MEET ARBELL THOMPSON OUR NEW SECRETARY**

By: Arbell Thompson

First Arbell tells about her working life and then her dancing life.

I retired from the Department of Defense in August 1996 with 38 years as a civil servant. I retired from industry in June, 2005. I was a program and project manager for over 25 years and also have over 20 years as a contracting officer.

I was born in Nebraska, lived in Idaho, New Mexico, Germany, Florida and Virginia. I moved to Virginia in January, 1990 and call this my home. I took lessons at the Bachelor and Bachelorettes at the Pentagon in 1991 and graduated in 1992 and I started attending the B & B's dance weekends at Staunton, VA and Cacapon State Park in West Virginia. I have served in various board positions for my home club. I am also a member of Butch Adams' DBD Workshop/Dance Club and Stompers & Strutters. I have been serving on the Washington Area Square Dancers Cooperative Association (WASCA) since 1998 (5 years as Subscriptions Director, 3 years as Square Dance Liaison and am currently the Vice President of WASCA) and Editor of WASCA's Calls 'n' Cues. I have worked on several WASCA Festivals in various positions and was the Festival Co-Director for the very successful 47<sup>th</sup> WASCA Festival (2006). I have attended 11 of the last 14 Singles National Dance-A-Rama's and am currently serving as Secretary of SSDUSA (National Singles Organization). I have attended several National Square Dance Conventions and was Vendor Chairman of the Baltimore 2000 49<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance

Convention. I have attended several of the annual dances held by VASARDA (Virginia Square and Round Dance Association) and attended many of their annual meetings and am currently serving as a Region 4 Director for VASARDA.

## **NEW MID-ATLANTIC DIRECTOR ELECTED**

By: Brenda Breeden

Square dancing has been a driving force in my life since 1994 when a friend in a country western dance class took me along to square dance classes given at the Pentagon. Life was never the same after that.

Once having finished the mainstream series, I attended my first dance weekend. It had a profound effect on me. Not only did my feet never stop moving, I found myself filled with excitement at the fun everyone was having, the infectious joy of the dancing, these wonderfully friendly people.

After that, I couldn't get enough dancing; my life became filled with it. There were more classes, workshops, dance weekends, national conventions. Presently I am dancing four to six nights a week at various clubs. Plus (no pun, really), I belong to Capitol Squares, a dance team putting on exhibitions at dances, parades and festivals.

Besides the dancing (through A2), I have organized an advanced square dance class and a Plus DBD workshop.

I am part of a teaching council that holds ongoing, year-round classes in basic, mainstream and plus levels. As well, I am currently taking Phase IV round dance classes.

At the Rochester's Dance-A-Rama, Dave Hinde wanted to fill the position of Mid-Atlantic Director. As he ticked off a series of responsibilities, I found myself saying "I can do that," to each of the items on his list. By the time he finished, I found I had agreed to run and won. You just never know where square dancing will lead you.

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evening with the other ladies. Sometimes when we are at dances, others who are there solo like to sign up on our dance board. Perhaps as in a couples club, the wife may be ill that evening or can't dance for some reason, the husband may then wish to dance with us.

One of our members, Joe Clein, has volunteered to be the Solo Coordinator for the Mt. Baker Council. He attends monthly council meetings and writes a report for the Mt. Baker Council Notes publication. In the summer of 2005 we were asked to send a member of our group to the 2005 Leadership Seminar in Cashmere, Washington. Member, Billie Powell attended and took part in a panel discussion there.

For information about our group, call Penny Schultz at 425-337-5441 or Joe Clein at 206-427-5727, or e-mail: penny.schultz@juno.com or jclein1@aol.com

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