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Official Newsletter of Single Square Dancers, U.S.A. - Joe B. Ellis, Founder – November 2009

40TH Dance-A-Rama Celebratin' America's Dance by the Nation's Capital September 2-5, 2010 Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, Alexandria, VA

Ya'll Come for "Celebratin' America's Dance by the Nations Capital" at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, Alexandria, VA, September 2-5, 2010.

The Hilton Alexandria Mark Center has 496 Deluxe Guestrooms and 45,000 square feet of flexible meeting space. We will have more than enough space for all the dance halls, vendor rooms, meeting space, etc. Complimentary parking is provided for overnight guests. Parking at the hotel's main garage is provided at \$5 per day with in/out privileges for attendees not staying at the hotel. The 40th DAR is also paying for street parking around the hotel because we anticipate we will have a lot of local dancers attending the 40th DAR. We will be putting down flooring in the five halls (Round Dance, Mainstream, Plus, Advanced/Challenge & Lines/CW) that we will be dancing in.

Plan to spend several days in Alexandria—the Hotel will honor the special rate for three days before and after the DAR! Begin enjoying the area by arriving on Monday, Aug. 31. Fly in to the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and catch the hotel shuttle from the airport to the Hilton Alexandria so you will be ready to start touring. The first tour starts early (8am - 2:30 pm) on Tuesday morning for the Cathedral, Shrine & Monastery (lunch is included).

Additionally on Tuesday, the two-day Pre-Convention Callers Seminar will begin at 9 am led by Ken Ritucci, Tom Miller, Mike Callahan, and Butch Adams. If anyone knows of any new callers, be sure to let them know that there is an opportunity for them to get some first-class instruction!

On Wednesday, Sept. 1, a great tour will take place from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm to two of the Smithsonian Museums. On Wednesday evening we have arranged for folks to attend "Sheer Madness" at the Kennedy Center from 7-11 p.m.

We will spend Thursday, Sept. 2, touring George Washington's Mount Vernon home from 8:30 a.m. to

2:30 pm. Besides seeing the wonderful grounds and museums, Martha Washington will join you for an engaging 30-minute presentation before lunch! We have also scheduled an Alexandria City Tour from 1-5 pm, which gives you plenty of time to have dinner and get ready to attend the Trail End Dance that evening with Tom Miller calling. Dom and Joan Filardo will be cueing that evening.

The Washington DC City Tour can be taken on Friday from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm or on Saturday from 1:30-5:30 pm. You can enjoy one of the city's finest tour guides who will introduce you to the history, architecture, and grandeur of Washington, D.C.

For variety, we have scheduled a River Cruise-Spirit of Washington on Friday, Sept. 3, from 11 am - 3 pm. You will be entertained with a fascinating narrated tour of DC's historic harbor, easily seen from the huge panoramic windows. You will also have a Grande Buffet lunch, a singing wait staff who will dazzle you with impressive renditions of your favorite tunes, and rock till you dock to DJ music of Top-40 hits.

On our 2nd tour on Saturday, Sept. 4, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, you will experience a docent tour of the fabulous Kennedy Center, take a leisurely stroll through Georgetown, and drive down Embassy Row.

On Sunday, Sept. 5, 8 am - 1 pm, we will have a dangle dance tour in the Greater DC area visiting historical site. Locations cannot be printed so they will be a mystery until you actually get on the buses!

The callers, cuers, and line dance instructor for the 40th Dance-A-Rama are outstanding. See the complete listing on the front page of the flyer at www.dar2010.ssdusa.org.

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Message from the President



Happy Birthday SSDUSA

Would you believe that SSDUSA turns 40 this year?

My, how time does fly. A lot of things have happened since Joe Ellis came up with the idea of a separate organization just for Single Dancers.

Wendy's Restaurant is 40 as well, and so is the National Football league.

I have been around since the 25th celebration in Boston and have not missed a Dance-A-Rama or a board meeting in that time. Guess you could say that I am hooked on this organization.

During this time we all have grown older and have seen the decline of number of dancers. The executive board this year has set a couple goals that we will need your help in achieving.

Our #1 goal is to find a host club/city for future Dance-A-Ramas in 2012 and beyond.

Our #2 goal is to increase our membership to at least 1,000 members.

How to do that, you ask? Call all the people you know that did not attend the great Dance-A-Rama in the Quad Cities and ask them to come to Alexandria, VA and to at least renew their membership. The cost of membership is less than a cup of latte. That way they will be informed as to what is happening.

I challenge each of you to bring a new dancer to the 40th Dance-A-Rama. Think of the fun we can have with 1,000 dancers. That hasn't happened since 1997 in Nashville, TN.

Expect to see me in a square somewhere.

Ron Holland

Breaking News – Dance-A-Rama 2011

The Fireball Square Dance Club has agreed to host the Dance-A-Rama in 2011 in the city of Indianapolis, Indiana. They have chosen the Marriott East as the location.

They are still putting the bid packet together and will get that to SSDUSA very soon. Some of the callers they mentioned are Wes Dyer and Kenny Jarvis [Big and Little Inis], Jimmy Roberson, Tom Miller and John Marshall.

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A WORD FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

Hello everybody! It was good to see many of you at that fantastic dance weekend in the Quad Cities. I hope that you all had safe travels back home. I want to congratulate Natalie Sprosty and her team for a job well done at Dance-A-Rama 2009. The callers and curers were great and it was a fun festival. Those of you who did not attend missed out on a good time.

My year as President went by quickly. It has been a privilege to serve an organization that does so much to support squares dancing, including promoting and overseeing our wonderful annual Dance-A-Rama festival. Special thanks go to the board members, regional directors, state representatives, and the committee members who worked so hard and made my job easier. Thank you also to everyone who helps in any way. Our continued success depends on all of you letting other dancers know about our fun-filled Dance-A-Rama and helping to distribute our DAR flyers all over the country.

I hope that all of you are well and enjoying lots of good square dancing. Don't forget to make your plans to go to Alexandria, VA for more great fun at Dance-A-Rama 2010 next Labor Day weekend. See you in a square real soon!

Velma Doyle
Past President

LOUISVILLE 2010

As a reminder— we will have a full-time Singles/Solo Hall in Louisville, Kentucky, at the 59th National Square Dance Convention. We are still asking for clubs or organizations to host an hour or an afternoon. We will also have after parties hosted by Singles Organizations.

Important— we have added a host hotel for singles. It is the Sleep Inn, located at 3350 Preston Highway. If you are interested in staying at this hotel (Item #8 on the registration form), check **Housing Required, Block Housing** and put "RON HOLLAND" as group leader.

If you have questions, email me at hollandr@charter.net or call me at 615 268 3797.

Ron Holland
SSDUSA President

Square Dance Leadership Award Honors SSDUSA Board Member

Rochester, NY has a unique award that is given each year to a person or couple who have displayed leadership both in square dancing and in the community over a sustained period of time. This award is the Daphne-Norma Leadership Award. It originated in 1977 when two local couples, John and Daphne Fink, and Frank and Norma Salvagio, were very active in the square dance community. John and Frank wanted to do something to honor their wives for all the hard work they put forth. They created this award, which includes a silver tray engraved with the name of the winner and the year, and a silver candy dish. These are passed on to the new winner each year, and he/she/they are expected to fill the dish with candy and carry it to each square-dance-related event that they attend. The winner also receives a pin and plaque that are theirs to keep. The award is presented each year in May at the annual Dance-O-Rama, which is our local coming-out party for new graduates.

SSDUSA members have been the recipients of this award numerous times over the years, including 2008 and 2009. I was honored to receive the award in 2008 during my year as president of SSDUSA. This year, Carl and Shirley DeGraff, long-time members of SSDUSA, are the recipients. Carl and Shirley both began square dancing as teens and have continued without a break. They met at Cloverleaf Squares Singles Square Dance Club and were married in 1988, just a month after working on committees when Cloverleafs hosted the 1988 DAR in Rochester. Both of them again worked on committees when we hosted the 2006 DAR here in Rochester. Carl and Shirley travel to many square dance festivals and have rarely missed a DAR over the years. They are also very active in their church and devote many hours of service there as well.

Carl is currently our By-Laws Chairman, with Shirley working with him on that committee. Carl has served the board in that capacity for two years thus far. We on the board are very proud to have him with us and are especially proud of him and Shirley for their devoted service to square dancing. They are certainly deserving of this special award. When you see them, look for the special award pin they are wearing and be sure to congratulate them on this very special honor!

Sincerely submitted,
Eileen Okolowicz, Former Past President

FRANK NORRIS YELLOWROCK SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Single Square Dancers U.S.A. is pleased to announce that two new callers, Drew Bramlett of Garland, TX and Dale Chase of Dale City, VA, and two new cuers, Marilyn Graham of Jefferson City, MO and Eileen Okolowicz of Spencerport, NY, have been selected as the 2009 winners of the Frank Norris Yellowrock Scholarship.

Drew is currently a fourth year college student at Richland College getting a degree in musical theatre. He took square dance lessons with the Rebel Rousers in 1996 when he was seven years old. He has decided to enter the square dance calling ring to help preserve and promote the square dance activity, and because of the lack of young, up and coming callers.

Dale started back square dancing about five years ago after not dancing since the 1970's. He completed Plus, went on to learn DBD, and became interested in calling. He has been calling periodically for about 18 months and feels that attending a caller school would help him tremendously to "fine-tune" his calling.

Marilyn began square and round dancing ten years ago in Topeka, KS. She retired four years ago and returned to mid-Missouri to be closer to family, and soon discovered that there were no cuers in the entire Northeast Missouri District. About two years ago she bought used equipment and records and began teaching herself to cue. She has cued at four district clubs besides her own club, Capital City Squares. She is planning to attend a cuer school next June in Topeka, KS. She has been very active in dance leadership in Kansas and Missouri, and currently is the local Vice President, District Secretary, and State Delegate and is serving a second term as President of Heart of America Single Square Dance Association (HASSDA).

Eileen joined the Cloverleaf Squares class in 1985 and danced until 1992. She rejoined class in 2001 and has been dancing ever since. She took A1-A2 lessons in 2005 and now dances both the lady's and man's parts in Mainstream, Plus, and Advanced. She took round dance lessons in 1986 (Phase 2) and in 2004 (Phase 3). She cued one song at Amateur night in April 2008 and three songs at Amateur night in May 2009. She hopes to attend cuer school in 2010. She has also been very active in dance leadership, including serving as Co-Chair of Dance-A-Rama 2006 and as Vice-President, President and Past President of SSDUSA.

The money in this scholarship fund has been generated over the years by the sales of Yellowrock Directories. Since SSDUSA no longer publishes the Yellowrock, this source of funding the scholarships has been eliminated, but we are able to continue to award scholarships due to the generous insurance policy left to SSDUSA by Frank Norris. Frank was our Yellowrock Scholarship Chairperson for many years until his death in the spring of 2007. This gift will help ensure that the fund continues to be available for years to come. If any of you are thinking about estate planning and are looking for a worthy beneficiary, please consider the possibility of helping our activity by contributing to this scholarship fund.

The purpose of the fund is to help new callers and cuers with the expenses associated with getting started in the profession. It is open to any caller or cuer age 16 or over who has three years or less experience. Anyone interested in applying must submit a demo cassette tape or CD, along with an application, to Velma Doyle, Yellowrock Scholarship Chairperson, 3938 Crestfield Dr, Groveport, OH 43125. You can download a copy of the Yellowrock Scholarship application from the SSDUSA Website www.ssdusa.org, or contact Velma. The deadline for receipt of the completed packet is August 1. Scholarships are awarded each year at the annual Dance-A-Rama festival.

Velma Doyle
Yellowrock Scholarship Chairperson

SSDUSA Dancers at National Convention in Long Beach, CA

The eight dancers in the photo below represented SSDUSA in the dance competition at the National Convention in Long Beach, CA.

From left to right are Fred Moore, Velma Doyle, Barb Green, Rick Young, Eileen Okolowicz, Jim Eling, Arbell Thompson, and Ron Holland.



Welcome to these New Board Members!

Vice President – Larada Horner

I started dancing the night before I was born - my Mom danced one tip. I participated in square dancing growing up through my 4-H club - my Dad was our club caller. I danced in the Denver area in the 70's and then was away from it until 1994 when I returned to square dancing in Albuquerque.

Since then I chaired the New Mexico State Single Fling for 3 years and also did the publicity for 8 years. I have been on the Albuquerque Square Dance Center board for about 8 years. I have helped with the New Mexico State Round Dance festival for the last 2 - 3 years. I have been the promotion chairperson for SSDUSA for about 5 years. Last year I was inducted into the New Mexico State Square and Round Hall of Fame.

North Central West Regional Director – Jo Ann Ross

I've lived all my life within a 70-mile radius in Northwest Illinois. I'm single and retired after 17 years with the Illinois Department of Human Services. Earlier employment included the Bank Bookkeeping Department, Insurance Sales Rep, and Personnel Administrator.

My first square dancing lesson was on 9-11-2001. I am a member of two square dance clubs in Iowa - the Riverboat Rustlers of Clinton, IA and the Solo Steppers of Davenport, IA. I am also the current President of the Quad Cities Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs.

I have six children. Counting sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, and grandchildren, the grand total for our family count is 24.

36th Annual TASSD Round-Up

March 18 – 20, 2010

Plans are underway for the 36th Annual Texas Association of Single Square Dancers Round-Up at the Harvey Convention Center in Tyler, TX. Tyler is 90 miles east of Dallas and 90 miles west of Shreveport, LA off Interstate 20 and is the Rose Capitol of America in beautiful east Texas. We hope you are making plans to attend.

Holiday Inn (phone 903-561-5800) is the host hotel and is located at 5701 South Broadway. A restaurant is on site, and they have a free shuttle from the Tyler airport. Tell them you are attending the Single Square Dance Round-Up when booking your room.

Early rounds for the Trail-In Dance on Thursday evening begin at 7:30 at the Rose Garden Room in the Convention Center with cuer Patty Wheelington from Texarkana, TX. Tim Tyl from Whiteoak, TX, will call the square dance beginning at 8 p.m.

Dancing will begin Friday afternoon at 3 p.m., continue through the evening, and resume at 9 a.m. on Saturday with workshops in the morning and dancing in the afternoon and evening.

Callers are Bob Baier from Stafford, TX and Darryl Lipscomb from Mission, TX. Cuers are Marilyn & Jerral Waguespack from Freeport, TX.

For more information or flyers, contact me at (940) 855-5982 or email me at tob@wf.quik.com

Hope to see you at the TASSD Round-Up!

Barbara Standley,
Secretary, TASSD

We are now emailing the Intercom to members who provide their email address. ***If you want to receive the Intercom via email***, please send your email address to msvanwin@gmail.com

If you receive the Intercom by email and ***would prefer a paper copy***, please send a note to Sue VanWinkle, 1734 S. Sweetbriar Lane, Springfield OH 45505.



Thirty-one dancers rode the bus chartered by Bucks & Does Singles of Columbus, OH to attend DAR 2009 in the Quad Cities on Labor Day weekend

NEWS FROM NORTH CENTRAL EAST REGION

By Fred Moore, Regional Director

We certainly enjoyed Dance-A-Rama 2009 in the Quad Cities and are looking forward to the upcoming Dance-A-Rama 2010 in Alexandria, VA next Labor Day weekend. We are working on getting flyers/registration forms out to clubs throughout my region. On Oct 17 to 19 Velma Doyle and I have plans to attend the Indiana State Convention in Muncie, IN (where she will be one of many callers.) We are also excited that work has started for DAR 2011 to be held in Indianapolis, IN.

Mary Galentine, Past President of Bucks & Does Singles of Columbus, OH has agreed to allow us to reprint her article "39th Dance-A-Rama 2009 Was a Great Success" which she wrote for our local "Cues & Tips" magazine. Mary's article stated:

"Over the Labor Day weekend, the Presidential Express headed west on I-70 and stopped in Dayton and Indianapolis to pick-up square dancers who joined us for the 39th Dance-A-Rama in the Quad Cities near the shores of the mighty Mississippi River. We had 31 square dancers representing Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, and Kentucky. Oh, we did have fun! We watched movies, played games, and enjoyed snacks all along the way. We arrived on Thursday evening all rested in time for the Trail In dance, and then, we danced for three more days!

"While we were there, many of us danced our way up and down the Mississippi River on a riverboat cruise with the help of caller Gary Kincade. The next day, several dancers hopped on a bus and went dancing in all four of the Quad Cities. Still others went on city tours while some went to the gambling casino and or to the Art Museum. Many of us journeyed out of the hotel and conference center to try several new restaurants including the Machine Shed where the food was good, and the portions were plentiful!

"The trip home was as exciting as the trip there! Gary Kincade called a few tips at the road side rest just before our lunch stop. Then after lunch, we had guest entertainers who kept us all busy making the trip home feel a lot shorter. As we pulled onto the freeway, Elvis livened up our travels with some great jokes that had the whole bus laughing hysterically, and then, he performed several of his greatest hits! Since he was performing at his best, several dancers took to the center aisle and began dancing to their favorite Elvis songs. After Elvis, we had short bluegrass concert by our own Bob Mendenhall. Before you knew, we were home! If you were not on the bus, sorry you missed a great trip! Please don't miss another or you will feel disappointed that you missed a great time!

Think about joining us next year in our **Nation's Capital for the 40th Dance-A-Rama 2010** when it moves to Alexandria, Virginia where both couples and singles are always welcome! Our local cuer, Phyllis Burdette, will be one of the featured cuers for this dance festival. The tours sound great, and I can't wait to tour the Kennedy Center, the Smithsonian, Mount Vernon, along with city tours and river cruises. Then on Sunday morning, we are dancing at several of the historic monuments. Check it out at www.dar2010.ssdusa.org! Won't you join us?"

Updates from the 2009 Dance-A-Rama

Larada Horner

If you missed Dance-A-Rama, 2009, you missed one of the best!!! The calling and cuing staff were the out of this world! The crowd was energetic and enthusiastic and the fun was tremendous!

Many people said the tours were fantastic!! Personally I went on the Mississippi River cruise on Friday and had a blast. We square danced and jitterbug danced on the boat. The Friday night dance rocked us off the map. The after party featured a polka band and dancers filled the floor.

Saturday was a repeat performance – the after party was a beach party with a congo line and we did the limbo – at least some of us did the limbo!!

Sunday built on Friday and Saturday – and we all left Davenport, Iowa, with a gigantic love in our hearts for that beautiful part of our country and the people there.

A big congratulations goes to Natalie Sprosty for an outstanding job as chair person with a committee committed to making all of us feel like we were at home. The hospitality room was filled each day with homemade goodies, and we ended each night on ice cream sundae there, too!

Arbell Thompson's hard working group rounded up 101 pre-registrations for next year's DAR in Alexandria, VA, so get ready. Get plenty of sleep between now and then, because we are going to dance and party in Virginia next year - bigger and better!

Mike Hogan as Elvis



Dancers at All Four Corners of the Quad Cities



Dancers on the Mississippi River Cruise



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Room rates: \$109 + tax per night (1-4 people), King Suite: \$218, and 2-bedroom Suite: \$327

Cut off Date is August 16, 2010 - Call Early!! You must make your reservations with the Hotel. Ask for the Special Group Rate set up for the 40th National Singles Dance-A-Rama. You will receive a confirmation # at the time you make your reservations. Come early or stay after - the **Hotel will honor the special rate for 3 days before and after the DAR** - make it a mini-vacation!

Parking & Camping Information

Complimentary Parking is provided for overnight guests (regular size vehicles only) at the hotel's parking garage & in the Executive Retreat parking area. Parking at hotel's main garage provided at \$5 per day with in/out privileges for attendees not staying at the hotel. Oversized vehicles/recreational vehicles/trailers may be parked on the street but zoning does NOT permit anyone sleeping in the recreational vehicles. Camping facilities are located over 25 miles South of the Hilton location.

Roommate Locator

If you wish to reduce accommodation expenses, you are encouraged to contact SSDUSA's Roommate Locator, Laurie Steward, 23415 Falcon Way, Warsaw, MN 55087; or email roommate@ssdusa.org, or call 507-685-4476. Please indicate your gender, the dates you plan to stay at the hotel & any other individual requirements. No requests to be taken before June 1, 2010.

DANCE PROGRAM

Thursday - September 2, 2010

2:00-6:00 pm Registration Open
7:30-10:30 pm Trail In Dance - Staff To Be Determined
Pay at the door \$6.00
Mainstream with Rounds, Lines & Announced Plus

Saturday - September 4, 2010

9:00 am Registration Open
10:00 am Dancing Begins
2:00 pm SSDUSA Members General Meeting
7-10:00 pm SSDUSA Grand March - "Red, White & Blue" & Dancing
10:30 pm After Party - Dance Extravaganza -
-1:00 am All genres - with DJ Extraordinaire -
MATT WORLEY

Friday - September 3, 2010

9:00 am Registration Open
10:00 am Bid Presentation
10:30 am Dancing Begins
6:45-10:00 pm Parade of States & Dancing
10:30 pm After Party - *Rockin' n' Rollin' in DC*
-1:00 am with DJ Extraordinaire - MATT WORLEY

Sunday - September 5, 2010

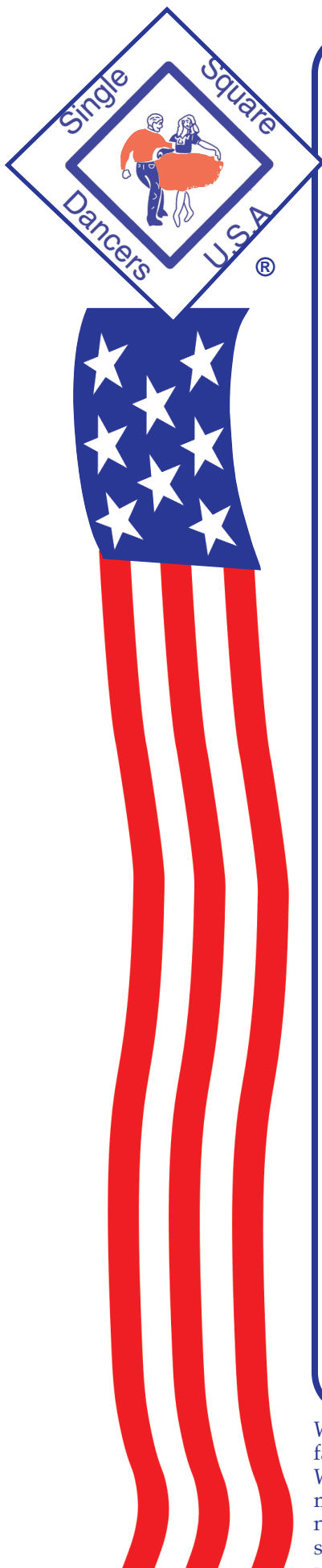
9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Dancing Begins
7:00-10:00 pm Grand Finale & Trail Out Dance in Ballroom

Types of Dancing (all 3 days): Mainstream, Plus, DBD, Advanced, Challenge, Lines & Rounds
Square Dance Attire Required for ALL Evening Sessions

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Tours

WASHINGTON DC City Tour - Enjoy one of the city's finest tour guides who will introduce you to the history, architecture and grandeur of Washington, DC. Listen to engaging stories, little known facts, trivia and perhaps a few old wives tales as you view famous monuments, memorials, and notable buildings. Stop at the Lincoln, Vietnam War, Korean War, FDR Memorials and, time permitting, the WW II Memorial. Price includes transportation, tour guide, and all gratuities.

Smithsonian - Visit two of the "must see" museums with a knowledgeable tour guide. The newly re-opened National Museum of American History exhibits a diverse collection of Americana including "old Glory", First Ladies' inaugural ball gowns, personal items from VIPs, and a vast array of trains, musical instruments, and cultural memorabilia. The National Museum of the American Indian is a stunning collection of masterworks that represent over 600 nations. Lunch is on your own in their cafeteria with stations displaying food from various Indian Tribes. Price includes transportation, tour guide and gratuities.

Kennedy Center, Embassy Row and Georgetown - Experience a docent tour of the fabulous Kennedy Center including the Hall of States, Hall of Nations, and its grand theaters. Learn of the various nations who donated the many extraordinary gifts. Take a leisurely stroll through Georgetown, learn of its historical treasures, and see where the movie Exorcist was shot. Drive down Massachusetts Avenue and see embassies, ambassadorial residences, and the Vice President's abode. Price includes transportation, tour guide, and all gratuities.

Cathedral, Shrine, and Monastery - Be the first to experience this tour of the religious sites. The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is renowned for its unique architecture and sacred art. The Franciscan Monastery features replicas of the Holy Land shrines including the Grotto of Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem and the Roman Catacombs. The National Cathedral, 83 years in the construction, is the sixth largest in the world. Stone carvings and stained-glass rose windows are spectacular. All led by a docent or tour guide. A box lunch will be provided. Price includes transportation, tour guide, box lunch and all gratuities.

Mt Vernon - Explore the magic of George Washington's home that has been restored to appear as it was during the last year of his life. A self-guided tour affords you the opportunity to explore the mansion, garden, grounds, the Ford Orientation Center, and the Reynolds Museum. Martha Washington will join you with an engaging 30 minute presentation before lunch in the Mt Vernon Inn. Price includes transportation, entrance fee, choice from two entrée full lunches, and all gratuities.

Kennedy Center Play - Shear Madness is the comedy whodunit that lets the audience solve the crime! Set in present-day Georgetown, Shear Madness engages locals and visitors alike as armchair detectives to help solve the scissor-stabbing murder of a famed concert pianist who lives above the Shear Madness unisex hairstyling salon. The show combines up-to-the-minute improvisational humor and a mixture of audience sleuthing to deliver a unique performance each night. Shear Madness has been running in the Kennedy Center's Theater Lab for over 20 years, giving more than 9,000 performances and is the second longest play in the history of American Theater (its sister production of Shear Madness in Boston is #1.) Price includes transportation, entrance fee, & gratuities.

River Cruise - The Spirit of Washington is alive with vibrant dining and entertainment. Come aboard and enjoy the most entertaining lunchtime experience in Washington featuring a Grande Buffet lunch, a singing wait staff who will dazzle you with impressive renditions of your favorite tunes, and rock 'til you dock to DJ music of Top-40 hits. This two-hour cruise on Washington's historic harbor is a unique experience of dining, dancing, entertainment and breathtaking views. While you dine, you'll be entertained with a fascinating narrated tour of DC's historic harbor easily seen from huge panoramic windows. Price includes transportation, entrance fee, buffet lunch, and all gratuities.

Alexandria City Tour - Venture into Old Town Alexandria, founded in 1749 by Scottish merchants. You will see Christ Church, Leadbetter Apothecary, the Carlyle House: an elegant Georgian mansion, and Gadsby's Tavern. Price includes transportation, entrance fees, tour guide and all gratuities.

Dangle Dance at 3-4 Historical Mystery Locations - Join us in a fun dance tour in the Greater DC area. You will find out the specific locations when you actually get on the bus. The price includes round trip transportation from the Hilton, all permits, taxes, gratuities, and souvenir dangles.

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CALENDAR

AZ – January 14 – 17, 2010 – Tucson Area Square Dance Festival – “Let’s Do It Again in 2010.” Sponsored by: Southern Arizona Callers & Cuers Association. Friday & Saturday: Tucson Convention Center, 260 S. Church Avenue, Tucson, AZ. Thursday Trail Ends & Sunday Farewell Dance: OPSDA Dance Center, 613 E. Delano Street, Tucson, AZ. Callers: Tom Miller (PA), Bill Harrison (MD), Randy Dougherty (AZ). Cuer: Barbara Haines, AZ. Mainstream, Plus & Advanced Dancing. Cost: \$35.00/person; after September 30, 2009 – \$40.00; after December 15, 2009 – \$42.00/person. Contact: Rick Gittelman (phone 520-820-4749) or Ron Sandefur (phone 520-429-0409). Website: www.sardas.com/sacca

VA – March 18–20, 2010 – WASCA's 51st Square and Round Dance Festival — Let’s Play Ball! Sponsored by: Washington Area Square Dance Cooperative Association (WASCA). Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA. Callers: Mike Callahan, Tom Miller, Mike Sikorsky, Joe Saltel, Tim Crawford, Jerry Biggerstaff, Dave Walker, Jim Lee, & Mike Jacobs. Cuers: Jim & Bonnie Bahr, Ralph & Joan Collipi, and Marie & Randy Preskitt. Mainstream, Plus, Plus DBD, Advanced, Challenge, and Rounds PH. II-VI. Full Line of Vendors. Regular Full Festival Registration: Adults – \$45; children 17 or under – \$15. Contacts: Rene & Mike Hermann, 6805 Haven Avenue, Oxon Hill, MD 20745 (phone: 301-839-1691. E-mail: 2010FestivalDirectors@wascaclubs.com) Website: <http://www.wascaclubs.com/pages/wasca-spring-festivals/wasca-51st-festival-2010.php> Register at <http://www.wascaclubs.com/pages/wasca-spring-festivals/wasca-51st-festival-2010/festival-registration-housing-reservation-form.php>

TX – March 18-20, 2-10 – TASSD Round-Up. Harvey Convention Center in Tyler, TX. Trail-in Dance Thursday evening with Patty Wheelington cuing and Tim Tyl calling. Callers are Bob Baier and Darryl Lipscomb. Cuers are Marilyn & Jerral Waguespack. See www.tassd.org or email Barbara Standley, TASSD Secretary at tob@wf.quik.com for more information

NM – April 30–May 2, 2010 – New Mexico Singles Spring Fling. Sponsored by: Duke City Singles. Albuquerque Square Dance Center, 4915 Hawkins, NE, Albuquerque, NM. Callers: Doug Davis (NV) & Richard Lane (NM). Cuers: Bob and Sally Nolen (New Mexico). Contact: Gerry Dunbar, 15 Calle Pueblo Pinado NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120. Phone: 505-839-4962. E-mail: dukedancer123@msn.com

KY – June 23-26, 2010 – 59th National Square Dance Convention. “Louisville Again in 2010” at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, KY. Obtain a registration form at the web site www.59thnsdc.com. For housing and registration information phone (502)732-0979, fax (502) 732-4600, or email reghousing@59thnsdc.com

CO – August 11-14, 2010 – 10th USA West Square Dance Convention. Union Colony Civic Complex, 651 10th Avenue, Greeley, CO. Contact Ron & Jeanne Miller via email usawestco2010@aol.com. Website www.usawest2010.net

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