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**PRESIDENTS****MESSAGE****Jerry & Donna Robey**

We were proud to have been re-elected as your presidents at the 35th annual meeting of the United Square Dancers of America in Des Moines this past June. A highlight of our meeting was celebrating the 35th anniversary of USDA many pictures streaming, an anniversary cake, plus a special edition of the USDA News highlighting the history of our organization over the past 35 years. Another memorable moment was the awarding of a handmade afghan which was made by Executive Committee member, Patty Wilcox.

As we write this article, we have just been informed of the sudden death of Tim Mariner. Tim was a well known and respected square dance caller from South Carolina. He traveled extensively and was appreciated wherever he called. Tim died at the young age of 53 from a sudden heart attack. Tim will be greatly missed by the square dance community.

Donna and I are blessed with an outstanding United Square Dancers of America Executive Committee. They continue to volunteer their time and energy to provide square and round dancers the services you've come to expect from your National organization. The Executive Committee is a great team. Especially, we want to welcome new members. They are Mark and Bina Krebsbach of Bismark, North Dakota. Mark and Bina are now chairing the Ways and Means committee.

We were off to a running start after leaving the 65th National Square Dance Convention in Des Moines, IA. We offer our thanks to Jim and Janet Winslow and their committees for hosting the convention. A great time was had by all. From there, we proceeded to Amana, IA where we represented USDA at the international camporee of the National Square Dance Campers Association. In July, we attended the Illinois State Square Dance Convention in Itasca, IL where we had the opportunity to thank the USDA Illinois affiliate, the State Council of Illinois Square Dance Associations (SCISDA), at their annual meeting for our nomination as Presidents of USDA. The featured caller for the Illinois convention was Jet Roberts of California. We then had the opportunity of attending the 57th Wisconsin State Square Dance Convention in Baraboo, WI where over 700 dancers enjoyed "Catching the Dream in 2016". The featured caller was the ever popular, Tony Oxendine. The promotion for this event was some of the best we have seen. Congratulations Wisconsin.

As we write this article, we are looking ahead to the winter meeting of the USDA executive committee. Our meeting this year will be in San Antonio, Texas, the weekend of January 26-29, 2017.

Yellow Rocks,  
Jerry and Donna Robey, Presidents



**A NOTE FROM THE  
EDITOR**



**Larry W. Dunkel**

Here it is nearing the end of summer and moving into fall and winter. It is hard to think about winter and Seasonal holidays when it is a bright sunny day and the temperature is 92, but it will not stay that way much longer. Since this is our last issue of the year, let me wish you a Merry Christmas, a most joyous holiday season and wishes for a prosperous new year, from all of the USDA Executive Committee members.

Our Central Region Vice Presidents Ed and Lynda Willis apologized to Tennessee and Kentucky for not being able to attend their conventions this year. Although I do not go with a car load of USDA material like the VP's do I did attend both of these conventions and represented USDA. Both of these conventions were a lot of fun and you always meet new people. I do want to mention that the Tennessee State Convention this year set a new attendance record with just over 1,100 people attending. While most of the square dance activities are fading out this convention has been on a steady incline for the past few years. This year they had dancers from 14 states, other than TN, and a group of dancers from Japan. The state association president, Jackie Ashworth and the convention chairman, R. G. Pratt are doing an excellent job of making this a fun weekend. I hope your conventions are growing and doing well also. I have often heard about how the pendulum swings and it is about time it swung the other way and we begin to see square dancing again on the rise.

I hope you enjoy this issue of USDA NEWS. Some of the features include a sad farewell to a couple of square dance legends, Tim Marriner and Dick Peterson. Page seven also has information on donating to Tim's wife Donna. Tim, as a caller, was well known to most of us. Dick Peterson was not in front of the dancers, but he was a behind the scenes man getting things done. Many people hang little signs on their walls, but to avoid having to explain them or justify them, I hang them in my mind. One of my favorites reads: "What kind of club would my club be, if everyone in it was just like me?" If we were to take out "me" and replace it with Dick Peterson, then the answer would be a wonderful, growing club. Dick is the kind of member every club would love to have. On page seven is a website address where you can read the bio of his life and it is a very interesting read. I don't know how long it will be on-line, but if you should have trouble getting it, please email the editor and I will send you a copy.

I also wanted to mention the passing of Johnny Jones, a national caller for over 45 years. He was probably best known for his time with the Red Boot Boys, a four part harmony quartet made up of four callers. Johnny was one of the original members and sang with them for 23 years. Red Boot Boys were the highlight at several National Conventions. RIP Mr. Jones and thank you for the memories.



USDA Executive Committee members are all volunteers donating their time and talents doing their respective jobs. They attend two meetings a year, mostly at their own expense and they do it for the love of the activity and because they are a Dick Peterson kind of person. Several months ago Jim Maczko and Joy Vacari, both charter member of USDA, decided on a Service Award for these volunteers. On Pages 10-12 Jim tells about the awards and list the recipients.

Our Roving Camera was working hard this summer and you will find many photographs throughout this issue. Checkout page six. A sweet lady from Little Rock is pictured here. She may not know it, but she will be receiving our Centennial Award in just a little less than two years.

This year's Youth Scholarship winner is on pages 24-26. Outstanding young man and we congratulate him.

.....*until next time, Larry D*

## EVENTS IN THE WESTERN REGION

LPaul and Sally Schmidt, USDA Western Region VP

We had a very busy summer out on the Western front, where we had the opportunity to participate in three big square dance events! First, immediately after the National Square Dance Convention in Des Moines we headed out to Fairbanks, Alaska for their "50<sup>th</sup> Festival of Fun and Friendship." It was our pleasure to represent USDA in the far reaches of the Western region. We danced through the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend to caller Tim Tyl from Texas and cuers Randy & Rose Wulf from Washington. The community of dancers was incredibly welcoming, including Festival chairman Kandie Christian and Alaska State Federation President Steve Sawyer. In addition to attending the festival, we also had the opportunity to participate in their annual executive board meeting where we met the officers and learned about activities around the state.

In late July, we headed to the Oregon Federation's Summer Festival in the lovely beach town of Seaside. Featured caller Andy Allemao (from our home town of San Diego) and featured cuers Dave & Patty Cooper kept the dancers active, joined by local callers and cuers as well. Festival chairman and Federation president Kay Rogers (also a Past USDA Western Region Vice President) put on a great event. We also represented USDA at the Oregon Federation meeting on Sunday morning, where we heard enthusiastic officers and representatives talking about regional and statewide dance activities. We had hoped to meet the 2016 USDA Youth Scholarship recipient, Thomas Buchheit, but he was unable to attend the Festival. Marilyn Schmit (incoming Oregon Federation President and another Past USDA Western Region Vice President) will be presenting Thomas with his scholarship at an upcoming event. (P 24)

We ended our summer square dance travels with a "Scoot Back to Pocatello" for the 14<sup>th</sup> USA West Square Dance Convention, held August 17-20 in Idaho. Chairmen Steve & Judy Sullivan hosted a fun convention with square and round dancing at all levels, exhibition group performances, and a range of informative education panels. As members of the California Heritage Dancers, we especially enjoyed participating in an educational session on square dancing in the 50s and 60s, facilitated by Cal Campbell from Colorado. It is interesting to see the origins of many of the square dance moves we know today, and we learned some fun patterns that could easily be incorporated into any dance evening.

We would be remiss if we didn't mention how much we appreciated being part of the USDA 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at this year's National Square Dance Convention in Des Moines. We have only been part of USDA Executive Committee for four years, so it was interesting to learn more about the history of this wonderful organization run entirely by and for dancers.

We will be on the road again soon, looking for places to dance as we travel from California to Louisiana. We hope to see you in a square!

*LPaul & Sally Schmidt*



USDA Western Region Vice Presidents LPaul & Sally Schmidt with Kandie Christian, Chairman of the 50<sup>th</sup> Alaska State Square Dance Festival held July 1-4 in Fairbanks



Current USDA Western Region Vice President LPaul Schmidt, with two Past Western Region VPs: Kay Rogers (right) – outgoing Oregon Federation President, and Marilyn Schmit (left) – incoming Oregon Federation President.

## EVENTS IN THE CENTRAL REGION

Ed and Lynda Willis, USDA Central Region VP

As we sat down to write this we heard of the passing of Tim Mariner. South Carolina, The Central region of USDA, the US, and the entire world loses another fantastic member of the Square Dance Community. We are deeply saddened. Please support his family through on of the many funds set up in his memory.

We would like to apologize to the following conventions because we could not attend them due to conflicts: North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Michigan, Tennessee and Kentucky.

We did attend the West Virginia Convention this year and would highly recommend if you have not been you should give it a try. Normally it conflicts with the Tennessee convention, but next year it will be on the week before. The whole convention is held at a state college in West Virginia. Dancing in the gym, Dinning in the cafeteria and sleeping in the dorms Makes the week end very inexpensive. This year they brought back line dancing. They had a very active clogging group. Great Round dancing too. For the diehards they have a dance that goes into the wee hours of the morning. Way past our bedtime but we heard they were dancing as late as three AM.

We were able to attend our first USA West convention this year in Idaho while we were in West Yellowstone.

Ed & Lynda Willis

## EVENTS IN THE EASTERN REGION

Lisa Breault, USDA Eastern Region VP

This finishes up my first year as Eastern Region Vice President. I knew when I took on this job that there would be the opportunity to travel and meet new people, and boy did we. We danced and visited in states I hadn't been to since I was a kid. It's been great traveling (and dancing) down memory lane, and making new memories at the same time.

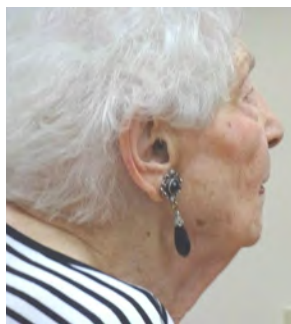
Attending only my second National Convention was quite an experience. We thoroughly enjoyed the weekend ; the opportunity to dance and meet many new people. So many times I was stopped by someone who had a question or two. It was great to be able to share and discuss information from the many pamphlets we had available.

A big thank you to those in the Eastern Region we've visited. Very warm and welcoming! It's truly been fun meeting dancers and callers from all over the country, discussing square dancing and sharing ideas.


I am in the planning stage of preparing an insurance seminar for Eastern District Square And Round Dance Association (EDSARDA). They hope to have a round table dinner and dance for their 60th anniversary. This is a very new experience for me, but with the help of Pat Inglis USDA Insurance Coordinator I hope to get the word out in this region.

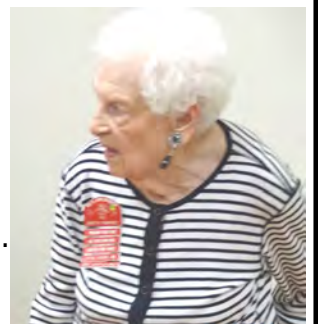
All in all the upcoming year promises more traveling to share information about our beloved activity.

Until next time,



**Dorothy Pumphrey** is an active dancer with the Maverick Mixers in Mabelvale, Arkansas and 60 Swingers in Little Rock, Arkansas. Dorothy will celebrate her 98th birthday on Sept. 29.

Dorothy you already put In just 2  are almost there. We have aside your Centennial Award. more years you will join our elite group of 100 year old Dancers, **Congratulations Dorothy!**





# IN MEMORIAM



## Tim Marriner

On Monday August 29, 2016 Tim had a fatal heart attack while at home. Tim dedicated many years of service to CALLERLAB and the square dance activity. He served three terms as Chairman of the Board, several terms on the Executive Committee, Board of Governors and many committees. The Square Dance activity has lost a friend and leader.

There isn't much you can say about Tim that has not already been said. If you have not already been there, go to his website: [www.timmarriner.com](http://www.timmarriner.com) and witness the many, many comments that have been left on his guest book. And there are other sites as well where people have left their condolences.

The following is a quote taken from his guest book written by one man, but it summarizes the thoughts of many.

"In so many areas, both professional and personal, Tim was the model, the benchmark, the gold standard. He showed us what excellence and grace look like. We will miss him terribly. "

Tim was a true professional square dance caller and entertainer, but he was also a true gentleman. Tim had that special gift of making you feel as if you were old friends. Thank you Donna for sharing him with the square dance world. He will be missed.

A fund has been established to help his wife, Donna. You can go to this website: <https://www.gofundme.com/2m8f7da4> or if you are reading this from our electronic edition simply click on the "donate Now" button below.



*It's sad when someone you know becomes someone you knew.*  
Henry Rollins



## Richard (Dick) Peterson – June 12, 1935 –Sept. 8, 2016

Space does not permit us to review Dick's life as we would like to, but you can read his obituary at: [http://www.beallfuneral.com/memsol.cgi?user\\_id=1850603](http://www.beallfuneral.com/memsol.cgi?user_id=1850603) (or click on the address if reading this online). Find out more about this "Man of the Year" in Atlantic City. There was a lot more to Dick than square dancing, but square dancing is what we will highlight.

Dick became interested in square dancing only after seeing "round dancing." In the late eighties Dick and his wife Linda got involved in square dancing. I do mean "involved." He agreed to be the Festival Director in 1991 and his goal was to bring together the East Coast dancers. He was the person responsible for making square dancing the official state dance in Maryland.

He later took a job in Maryland and became involved with the WASCA, VASARDA, MDSDF clubs. He was chairman of the 2000 National Convention. He contributes the success of the convention to the selected committee. He wanted people with opinions, not "yes people." Someone said that "Dick did not always have to be right, but he did have to be convinced."



Dick's favorite sayings were "Love and Laugh Every Day" and "Family, Friends and Freedom".

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## USDA INSURANCE COORDINATORS NOTES

As September approaches I know you are all waiting to hear what our rate will be for 2017 - me, too! I know that Markel is gathering information but so far no word from them yet. As usual I will inform you of the rate for 2017 as soon as I know. Our web site ([www.usda.org/insurance.htm](http://www.usda.org/insurance.htm)) has all the forms you need and other information that is useful in answering questions from your clubs. I encourage you to read the page on the web entitled "Additional Information" and be sure that your clubs get this information. A reminder, also, that dancing coverage is the main focus of our insurance along with the liability coverage for the club. If there is no dancing at an event, there will be no insurance coverage.

Encourage your clubs to start gathering their information so they are ready for submittal once we have our rate. At times clubs hold back because they are not sure which members are going to renew their membership. If this is a concern for the club, submit the names of the members who have renewed; additional members can be added at a later date. The fee is the same regardless of when a dancer joins the insurance program. However, it is important to remind the clubs that our agreement with Markel is that all clubs will have 100% of their club members covered by insurance.

If there is an accident at your club, please complete the club accident report in its entirety at the time the accident occurs. If you will complete this form at that time instead of later, it will save time trying to remember all the details at a later date. A report should be completed for any injured dancer regardless of the type of injury or if the dancer has insurance coverage. You never know when a simple fall can result in a serious problem a few days later.

Getting paperwork to me as quickly as possible and being accurate in the information submitted are important parts of your commitment to your position as chairman. It is most important to get our dancers and clubs insured promptly.

A reminder, if asked, that our insurance policy is on our web site.

As always before you can enroll a club for insurance for 2017, your organization must pay their 2017 dues to USDA. The president of your organization is the person most likely to receive the dues notification.

My thanks to all of you for the work you do for your federation/association as insurance chairmen.

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Pat receiving her 5 year Service Award from Jim Maczko

# FEATURE ARTICLE

## UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA

### SERVICE AWARD

In June of 2016, the United Square Dancers of America celebrated its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. During this occasion, Jim Maczko and Joy (Joe) Vaccari, the two remaining USDA Executive Board members who were active during the founding of the United Square Dancers of America in 1980-1981 chose this opportunity to initiate the United Square Dancers of America Service Award. This award – an attractive silver medallion – is presented to those who have served on the USDA Executive Board in either an elected office or appointed position for a minimum of five years.



In addition to Jim and Joy, who each received their 35 year Service Award, there were a number of other long time members and former members of the USDA Executive Committee who received their USDA Service Award:

**Bill (Joan) Flick** was presented with his **20 year Service Award** pin for his 24 years of involvement with the USDA since 1992, fulfilling the duties of Parliamentarian 1992-1994 & 2012-2015; Eastern Regional Vice President 1994-1997 and 2000-2004; USDA President 1997-1999; Past President 1999-2001; Ways & Means 2003-2004; Treasurer 2004-2007 & 2010-2012; Showcase of Ideas 2007-2010; Long Term Care 2007-2009; Prescription Drug Card 2007-2016.

**Patty Wilcox** was also honored with her **20 year Service Award** pin for her participation in the roles of Special Assistant to the Regional Vice President / President 1993-2016; Historian 2004-2005; USDA President 2012-2013, and Past President 2013-2015.

**Jim and Edythe Weber** were also presented with their **20 year Service Award** pins for their 24 years of dedicated service to USDA since 1994, serving in the capacities of USDA NEWS Editors 1994-2003 & 2005-2012, Publications 1994-2003 & 2005-2012; Webmaster 1995-2016, Director of Information 1998-2003; Education 1998-2003 & 2006-2007, Shopping Mall 2006-2009; Treasurer 2007-2010, Secretary 2010-2012; USDA President 2003-2005, USDA Past President 2005-2006, Dress & Jacket 2004-2015, Sound 2011-2016, and Plains Region Vice President 2012-2015.

**Bill Shepard** received his **15 year Service Award** for this participation on the USDA Executive Committee dating back to 1993 and for having held the positions of: Central Region Vice President 1993-1996 & 2005-2008 & 2010-2011; After Party 1997-1999 & 2005-2008; Dress & Jacket 1997-1999; Way & Means 1997-1999; USDA President 1999-2001; Past President 2001-2003; Prescription Drug Card 2002-2004, Historian 2003-2004; and USA Traveler 2003-2004

See Photo of Bill receiving his certificate from the Tennessee State Association President Jackie Ashworth at their State Convention. Page 27.

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**(John) and Alitia Becker**, having been actively involved with the USDA since 2000 are receiving their **15 year Service Award** for their service as Youth & Youth Scholarship 2000-2009; Plains Region Vice President 2004-2006; Historian 2009-2011, After Party 2010-2012; USDA President 2010-2012, Past President 2012-2013; and Handicapable Dancers 2012-2016.

**Lyle and Jean Beck** were presented with their **10 year Service Award** pins, having participated in various capacities on the USDA Executive Committee - Secretary 1995-1998; Plains Region Vice President 1998-2001; USDA President 2001-2003, Past President 2003-2005; and Director of Information 2003-2009.

**Pat Inglis** was presented with her **5 year Service Award** pin for her 9 years of continuous service in the capacity as National Insurance Coordinator 2007-2016.

**Len and Connie Houle** received their **5 year Service Award** pins in recognition of their 9 years of involvement on the USDA Executive Committee as Eastern Region Vice President 2004-2007; USDA President 2008-2010, Past President 2010-2012; Ways & Means 2004-2009 / Director of Information 2010-2013; and Education 2007-2013.

**Gilbert and Sharon Leon** are receiving their **5 year Service Award** pins for their 8 years of service as Treasurer 1995-1997; Secretary 2008-2010; Western Region Vice President 1996-1997 & 2012-2014, Ways & Means 2009-2012, and Historian 2011-2014.

**Marilyn and Ron Schmit** received their **5 year Service Award** pins, having participated in various capacities on the USDA Executive Committee - Secretary 1998-2001; Historian 2001-2003 / Showcase of Ideas 2001-2003; and Western Region Vice President 2009-2012.

**Mike and Pat Matsko** were presented with their **5 year Service Award** pins, having participated in various capacities on the USDA Executive Committee over the past 7 years as - Director of Information 2009-2010; Eastern Region Vice President 2010-2013; USDA President 2013-2015; and USDA Past President 2015-2016.

**Bonnie Abramson** received her **5 year Service Award** in recognition of her 7 years of continuous service in the capacity as Youth / Youth Scholarship Advisor 2009-2016.

**Milene McCall** was honored with her **5 year Service Award** for her participation on the USDA Executive Committee as Facilities 2010-2016; Secretary 2012-2015; and After Party 2012-2016.

**Michael and Kimberlee Streby** were awarded their **5 year Service Award** in observance of their 6 years of involvement with USDA as Secretary 2001-2003; Vice President 2003-2006; Showcase of Ideas 2003-2007; Long Term Care 2006-2007, and Prescription Drug Card 2006-2007.

**Al and Portia Bruning** are receiving their **5 year Service Award** pins for their 6 years of service as Handicapable Dancers Chairs 2002-2004 and 2005-2008; and Historian 2005-2008.

**Jerry and Donna Robey** having completed their first term as President of the United Square Dancers of America received their **5 year Service Award** pin for their 5 years of service as: Central Region Vice President 2011-2014; After Party 2012-2014; Showcase of Ideas 2014-2015; and USDA President 2015-2016.

**Bob Kamuf** is receiving his **5 year Service Award** in recognition of his 5 years of continuous service in the capacity as Youth / Youth Scholarship Advisor 2009-2014.

The **35 year Service Award** presented to **Joy (Joe) Vaccari** was in recognition of her continuous service on the United Square Dancers of America's Executive Committee in the multiple capacities of: Treasurer 1981-1983; Commemorative Postage Stamp 1982-1996; USDA President 1983-1985; USDA Past President 1985-1987; Credit Card 1984 – 2008; Showcase of Ideas 1984-1988; USDA Museum 1987-1989; Badges 1987-2016; and USA Traveler 2004-2016.

**Jim Maczko** was presented his **35 year Service Award** to acknowledge his continuous participation on the United Square Dancers of America's Executive Committee, and for attending every Annual Meeting over the period of 1981 through 2016 in the various capacities of: USDA President 1981-1983 and 2012-2013; USDA Past President 1983-1985 and 2013-2015; Director of Information 1982 – 1989; Long Distance Phone Program 1991-1994; Youth Chair 1991-1992 / Parliamentarian 1994-2012 and 2015-2016

Members of the current USDA Staff receiving certificates at this years Mid-Year Meeting.

Seated L-R: Bill Flick, Pat Inglis, Joy Vaccari, Jim Maczko, and Milene McCall

Back Row: Patty Wilcox, Jim Weber, Edythe Weber, Pat Matskop, Mike Matsko, Bonnie Abramson, Donna Robey, and Jerry Robey





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# .....at the 50th Alaska State Square Dance Festival





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# 19th Annual GCSDA Square Dance Festival

## Friday Evening Plus Hall

Rick Gittelman-Pat Carnathan

7:00 - 7:30 Pre-Rounds  
 7:30 - 7:45 1st Tip Mainstream - Rick - Pat - Lee  
 7:45 - 10:15 Plus w/ Rounds  
 10:15 - Last Tip Mainstream - All Callers

## Saturday Daytime Plus Hall

10:00 - 11:30 Workshop & Dance  
 Rick Gittelman—Pat Carnathan

**11:30 LUNCH 1:30**

1:30 - 4:00 Workshop & Rounds  
 Ronnie Fontaine

**4:00 TO 6:30 (DINNER) Set Down Buffet**

## Saturday Evening Plus Hall

Rick Gittelman-Pat Carnathan

7:00 - 7:30 Pre-Rounds  
 7:30 - 7:45 Grand March  
 1st Tip Mainstream - Rick - Pat - Lee  
 7:45 - 10:15 Plus w/ Rounds

**10:15 - Last Tip Mainstream - ALL CALLERS**

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Lee Hailey

7:45 - 10:15 Mainstream & Line Dances  
 10:15 - Last Tip in the Plus Hall

## Saturday Daytime Mainstream Hall

10:00 - 11:30 Workshop & Dance

Lee Hailey

**11:30 LUNCH 1:30**

1:30 - 4:00 Fun Dance

Rick Gittelman & Pat Carnathan & Lee Hailey

**4:00 TO 6:30 (DINNER) Set Down Buffet**

## Saturday Evening Mainstream Hall

Lee Hailey

7:30 - Grand March in Plus Hall

7:45 - 10:15 Mainstream & Line Dances

**LAST TIP IN PLUS HALL, ALL CALLERS**



R. V. Parking  
 East side of School Hall  
 In the School Bus Lanes  
 After 4 PM



## **Schedule of Fees (Per Person / Kids Under 18 1/2 Off)**

### **All Events: Friday & Saturday**

Pre-Registration till (March 1st 2017) - \$25.00  
 On-Site Registration - \$35.00

### **Individual Events:**

On-Site Registration Only  
 Friday Evening Dance - \$20.00  
 Saturday Evening Dance - \$20.00  
 Saturday All Day & Sat Night - \$30.00

SQUARE DANCE ATTIRE  
 SUGGESTED FOR  
 EVENING DANCES



**For Hotel Reservations  
 contact  
 Linda 480-893-0469**

**Make Checks Payable to:  
 GCSDA**

Mail To:  
 GCSDA Festival  
 C/O Peggy Gray  
 808 N 82nd St #F114  
 Scottsdale, AZ 85257-3897

## **Pre-Registration Form** (\$25.00 ea—Postmark before March 1st, 2017)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: # Dance Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ / Amount: \_\_\_\_\_



# Good



# Times

## Good Times Square & Round Dance Club Las Vegas, Nevada      Nov 4-5, 2016



**Andy Finch**



**Charlie Robertson**



**MaryAnn Callahan**

**Friday  
Nov 4**

7:00 - 7:30 pm	Pre-Rounds	MaryAnn Callahan
7:30 - 9:30 pm	Mainstream / Plus Rounds	Finch & Robertson MaryAnn Callahan

### Chili Contest



Bring your chili to the dance. Winner will receive the custom crafted Good Times "Chili Champion" award.



**Saturday  
Nov 5**

Noon - 2 pm	Advanced Dance	Charlie Robertson
7:00 - 7:30 pm	Pre-Rounds	MaryAnn Callahan
7:30 - 9:30 pm	Mainstream / Plus Rounds	Charlie Robertson MaryAnn Callahan

**Mountain View Lutheran Church, 9550 W. Cheyenne Ave**  
Northwest Las Vegas, 3 miles west of US-95 / 1.4 miles east of I-215

<http://www.GoodTimesSquareDancers.org>

(702) 293-3209    jo1571@gmail.com

# NEW YEARS EVE DANCE

**Good Times Square & Round Dance Club  
Las Vegas, NV      December 31, 2016**



**Mike Sikorsky**

*Light Snacks  
through the evening*

*Party Favors*

*Bubbly Toast*



**Mary & Bob  
Townsend-Manning**

**Good Times**

*Enjoy a safe and fun New Year's Eve experience with your friends*

Pre-Rounds 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Squares & Rounds 8:00 PM - Midnight

Mountain View Lutheran Church, 9550 W. Cheyenne Ave Las Vegas, NV

*Northwest Las Vegas, 3 miles west of US-95 / 1.4 miles east of I-215.*

Jo Anne Phillips (702)293-3209 jo1571@gmail.com GoodTimesSquareDancers.org

## **New Year's Eve with the Good Times Registration**

\$20 per person pre-registration, \$25 after Dec 20

\$15 for non-dancers

Make checks payable to GOOD TIMES SQUARES. Mail to:

1571 Dusty Canyon ST  
Henderson NV 89052-3159

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_



**For Convention Use Only**  
 Registration # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Received \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**66<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®**  
 "Do the Queen City Scene in 2017"  
 Registration Form  
 June 21, 22, 23, 24, 2017 Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Online Registration - Website [66nsdc.com](http://66nsdc.com)



Please identify at which Dance Program you intend to spend most of your time dancing  
 (one check mark per person):  
 Squares:  New dancer  M  P  DBD  HI Energy  A1  A2  C1  C2  
 Rounds:  2  3/4  5/6  
 Other:  Contra  Line Dancing/Western  Handicap  Low Energy Squares (Slower Paced Dancing)  
 Will you be participating in the Leadership Certification Program?  Yes  No

**HOUSING**

**Complete the housing portion of this form below or book direct at <http://groups.reservetravel.com/group.aspx?id=17067>**  
**Housing Required?**  YES  NO **Please Circle Room Nights Needed:**

Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
June								

Hotel Preference (hotel codes on back): 1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ 4th \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please check the appropriate box:  One Bed (1-2 people)  2 Beds (2-4 people)  
 Preference:  Non-Smoking  Smoking  Wheelchair Accessible Room  
 Special Hotel Room Needs: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Requests for Shared Rooms or Same Hotel registrations must be mailed together in the same envelope.  
 Same Hotel as: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Assignment in Block Housing - Requests are due by Jan 1, 2017.**  
 Block Housing - 10-25 rooms..... E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Block Leader Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
**TO GUARANTEE YOUR ROOM RESERVATIONS, YOU MUST PROVIDE A CREDIT CARD NUMBER AND PAY A \$3.50 CONVENIENCE FEE. PAYMENT FOR THE ROOM WILL BE CHARGED AT CHECK IN**  
 Visa  Master Card  Discover Card  
 Print Name On Card \_\_\_\_\_  
 Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Return Form, with payment to:**  
 66<sup>th</sup> NSDC, Registration & Housing Committee  
 2555 S. Dixie Drive, Suite 234, Kettering, OH 45409  
 Individuals name to be programmed - Callers/Cuers/Etc. (input your expertise to be programmed)  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Caller & Level (input M P DBD A C)  Cuer & Level (input 2 3/4 5/6)  
 Caller for Youth  Contra Prompter  CW Lines Instructor  
 Exhibition Group  Educator  Handicap  
 \* Go to [www.66nsdc.com](http://www.66nsdc.com) to update your profile\*

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Country: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Federation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registrations are non-transferable.**  
 Registration fee per Registrant: Adult \$60.00,  
 Youth born after June 24, 1999 \$30.00; 5 and under - born after June 24, 2012, Free admission.  
 A \$10.00 fee per Registrant will be imposed for cancellations or changes.  
**Prices will increase May 1, 2017 to: \$75 for adults, \$37.50 for Youth born after June 24, 1999.**  
 Registrations received after April 30, 2017; e-mail confirmation only.

For badges	First Name	Last Name	Subtotals
Adult:	_____	_____	.00
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Adult/Child:	_____	DOB / /	.00
Adult/Child:	_____	DOB / /	.00
Adult/Child:	_____	DOB / /	.00
Program Book w/daily schedules (\$15.00 after 4/30/2017)	_____	# @ \$10.00	.00
Syllabus:	<input type="checkbox"/> Rounds	# @ \$9.00	.00
On CD:	<input type="checkbox"/> Contra	# @ \$9.00	.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Contra	# @ \$15.00	.00
	Syllabus and CD	# @ \$9.00	.00
	Sew & Save Book - "Sew with the Flow" <input type="checkbox"/> CD <input type="checkbox"/> Book	# @ \$12.00	.00
	Cookbook - "Queen City Cookbook"	# @ \$46.00	.00
	Wednesday Special Event, Dinner & Show "American Kings"	# @ \$25.00	.00
	Camper Bus Pass - 4 days (See reverse)(\$60 After 4/30/17)	# @ \$50.00	.00
	RV Camping - (4 nights minimum/pricing on reverse side)	# @ \$	.00
	Tours - Please see reverse for details & instructions.	Tours Total	.00
<b>No Refunds/Cancellations after April 30, 2017 (U.S. Funds)</b>			<b>Total</b> .00

ALL campers MUST pre-register. You will receive a profile form when your payment is received To camp together, arrive together.  
 Check Enclosed  Visa  Master Card  Discover Card  
 Print Name On Card \_\_\_\_\_  
 Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration-Vickie Stewart #. 517-256-1533 E-mail: [regandhsingchair06@gmail.com](mailto:regandhsingchair06@gmail.com)**  
 We strongly recommend that you use our secure online site [66nsdc.com](http://66nsdc.com)

- Instructions for Registration (left side)**
- Print legibly** all names, address, city, state, zip code, country, and B/D of youth (age 5-17 by 6/21/2017 -1/2 price) to ensure correct registration.
  - Correctly enter all amounts in the Subtotals including registration fee for each dancer plus quantity and amounts for all other materials and tours.
  - Important!** Daily schedules are only available with the purchase of a Program Book. Daily schedules will not be available separately at the Convention. Most dancers will want to purchase the Program Book.
  - Correctly calculate the Total and include credit card information (with signature), check or money order payable in U.S. funds to the 66th National Square Dance Convention® and return it with the Registration Form.
  - Do Not Send Cash. No Single Day Registrations Sold.**
  - RV Camping.** Indicate RV Camping on your Registration Form, and enclose the required fees (four-night minimum) to cover the nights that you intend to stay. Please check appropriate boxes. RV camp sites will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. There are 30 amps & 50-amp electrical service with water, some full hookups. Free Dump station available to registered guests. If you plan to camp together, you must arrive together. For more information contact RV Vice-Chairman, Ross Wilkie, ross.wilkie94@icloud.com, Cell phone: 517-812-1632
  - Bus Pass for 66<sup>th</sup> registered campers only.** Price after 4/30/17 will be \$60.
  - Tour forms and Payments** are to be mailed directly to: 66th National Square Dance Convention®, 2555 S. Dixie Drive, Suite 234, Kettering, OH 45409. For Tour information and form go to [www.66nsdc.com](http://www.66nsdc.com) and click tours. Include completed Tour Form with this Registration Form.
  - A \$10.00 fee per registrant will be assessed for cancellation. **No refunds after April 30, 2017.**

- Instructions for Housing (right side)**
- The 66th NSDC Housing Committee is partnering with Cincinnati USA Convention & Visitors Bureau to provide website access for housing reservations. Complete the housing portion on the right side of the front of this form. This form must be received by April 1, 2017 to receive the 66th NSDC contracted room rates. If you request housing at hotel codes 1-5, **you must stay a minimum of four (4) nights**, including Wednesday through Saturday, June 21-24, 2017.
  - Only one person per room should complete a hotel reservation request on the front of this form. Please list all room occupants. (The Housing Committee does not find or assign roommates.)
  - Shared Rooms or Same Hotel Requests can be made through the online site or registrations must be in the same envelope and mailed to arrive together.
  - All Block Housing requests staying in same hotel are due by **January 1, 2017** submitted with name and telephone number of Leader to Brenda Howard, Housing Vice-Chairman, at [Housing66NSDC@yahoo.com](mailto:Housing66NSDC@yahoo.com).
  - Indicate three (3) choices of housing preference, by specifying hotel code number. Be sure to indicate 1 or 2 beds as well as preferences. Hotels will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis according to availability.
  - Hotel Reservations: Your reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card and a \$3.50 convenience fee.** Your credit card will not be charged for the room in advance of arrival and an alternative form of payment may be presented at check in.
  - Hotel Confirmations:** You will receive a hotel confirmation via email or mail. If you do not receive your confirmation within 21 days, please contact the 66th NSDC Housing Committee by: (a) email: [Housing66NSDC@yahoo.com](mailto:Housing66NSDC@yahoo.com); (b) phone: 937-221-8192; (c) mail Registration/Housing 66NSDC, 2555 S. Dixie Drive, Suite 234, Kettering, OH 45409 through April 1, 2017.
  - Hotel Changes:** After receiving Hotel Confirmation, if you need to change your Hotel reservation you must contact the 66<sup>th</sup> Housing Committee by the information provided above in #7. The policies vary for each hotel.
  - Hotel Cancellations:** Your confirmed hotel will assess a one-night room/tax charge for cancellations received less than 72 hours prior to arrival.
  - Hotel Early Departure:** An early departure fee may be charged unless the hotel is notified at check in or before of a change in the planned length of stay.
- The "Queen City Board Team" of the 66th National Square Dance Convention® is committed to making our convention fun and enjoyable for you! Call or E-mail us if you have a concern or suggestion: Call (517) 256-1533 or Email: [regandhsingchair66@gmail.com](mailto:regandhsingchair66@gmail.com)

**Map of Hotels**



Code	Hotel Name	King Studio Suite	Standard King	Standard /Queen 2 beds	Distance
1	Millennium (Headquarters / Caller Cues)	NA	\$155	\$155	Skywalk
2	Hilton	NA	\$161	\$161	1 Block
3	Hyatt	NA	\$164	\$164	Across St.
4	Homewood Suites	\$159	\$149	\$149	2 Blocks
5	Hampton Inn	\$159	\$149	\$149	2 Blocks
<b>CAMP GROUNDS:</b>					
<b>Bus service available for campers only</b>					
1	(Full hook-up pull through w/50 amps)	\$60			
2	(Full hook-up NO pull through w/ 30 amps)	\$50			
3	(No full hook-up & No pull through - 30 amps)	\$40			
4	Cabins (8 available) Includes: 1 QN bed and pull out couch, 2 additional carpeted loft floors with 4ft. high ceilings for additional sleeping space. 6 maximum per cabin	\$140/night			



**Pre-Registration  
67th National Square Dance Convention®  
Kansas City, Missouri--June 27, 28, 29, and 30, 2018**

**Register now** for the 67th National Square Dance Convention®. Your early registration helps defray costs and gives you **free admittance** to the Saturday evening Pre-Convention Dance on March 18, 2017.

**Please complete the form below and send it along with your check, payable to:**

67th National Square Dance Convention®  
P.O. Box 485  
King City, MO 64463  
Email: [registration@67nsdc.com](mailto:registration@67nsdc.com)

Registration # \_\_\_\_\_  
**(internal use only)**

*Thank you for your support!*

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Primary Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Partner's (if different): \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Amount paid (U.S. currency only)** \$50.00 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 If born after June 21, 2000 (1/2 price) \$25.00 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ **Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Credit card (circle one): M/C Visa # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Convention Badge required for entrance to all convention activities. Dressy casual attire allowed until 6:00 p.m. Proper square dance attire required after 6:00 p.m. for all dancers.

Form accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$10 cancellation fee per registration ♦ No refunds after April 30, 2018**  
This form and registration rate is void after March 18, 2017.



**Pre-Registration  
68th National Square Dance Convention®  
"Come Dance and Explore Georgia"  
June 26 – 29, 2019**

[Email Form](#)

This form and registration rate is void March 10, 2018

Register now for the **68th National Square Dance Convention®** in Atlanta, Georgia. Your early registration helps to defray preparation cost and gives you free admittance to the Saturday evening dance at the Pre-Convention on March 10, 2018.

*Thank you for your support!*

Please complete the form below and send it along with your check or credit card info to:

**68th National Square Dance Convention®**  
P.O. Box 441, Dillard GA 35037  
Email: [registration@68nsdc.org](mailto:registration@68nsdc.org) Website: <http://www.68nsdc.org>  
**Registration Information: (828) 349-0905**

**Please Print Clearly**

Primary Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: (His) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Partner's (if different) \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: (Her) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount Paid (US Currency Only) \$50.00 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Youth born after June 26, 2001 \$25.00 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**\$10 cancellation fee per registration. No refund after April 30, 2019**  
 Payment (circle one):  Check  MasterCard  Visa  Discover  
 Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Credit Card No: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Statement Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Come Early or Stay Late  
Come Dance  
&  
Explore Georgia**

**54<sup>TH</sup> MIDSOUTH FESTIVAL  
CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN  
ON THE  
GHOST TRAIN TO MEMPHIS**



**October 28-29, 2016  
St. Paul United Methodist  
2949 Davies Plantation  
Lakeland, TN 38002**



**Pam Courts, Caller  
Batavia Ohio**



**Pauline Angress-Cuer  
Guntersville, Alabama**

**Festival Co-Chairmen**

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245 Windy Ridge Cv  
Collierville, TN 38017  
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gtorvik@bellsouth.net**

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# 54<sup>th</sup> Iowa State Square & Round Dance Convention

## Presented by Southeast Iowa Federation



# OTTUMWA, THE PLACE TO CONVENE IN 2017

April 7 & 8, 2017

Bridge View Convention Center

102 Church Street, Ottumwa, IA 52501

*Dance to the IA Hall of Fame Callers/Cuers  
As well as other great callers!*

**Out-of-State Callers welcome and will get registration refunded for calling.**

Registration Chairman:  
**Margaret & Bob Tangie**  
6980 201<sup>st</sup> St.  
Albia, IA 52531

Phone: 641-932-2521 or 641-777-1676  
Email: [mbtangie@gmail.com](mailto:mbtangie@gmail.com)

54th Iowa State Square & Round Dance Convention										Hosted by Southeast Iowa																																																																			
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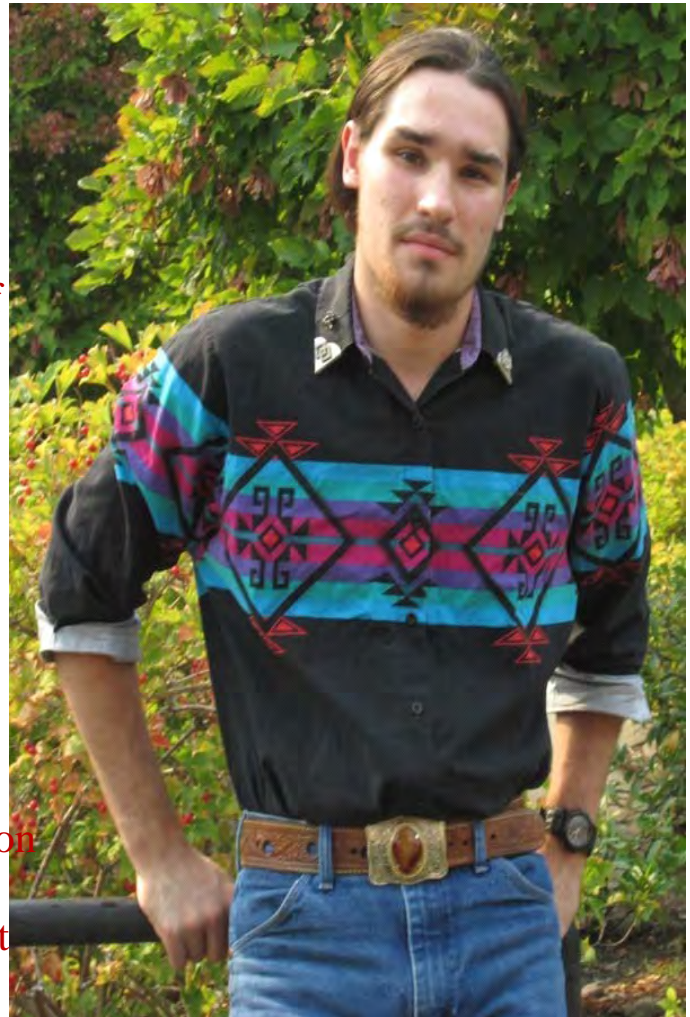


# CONGRATULATIONS! THOMAS BUCHHEIT

## 2016 USDA Founders' Memorial Youth Fund Scholarship Winner

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Thomas Buchheit is an 18 year old graduate of Silverton High School in Silverton, OR, where he was Secretary of the National Honor Society, Newsletter Editor and part of the school's theater club. In addition to his scholastic accomplishments, Thomas was active in FFA, earning Green Hand, Chapter and State Degrees. He has not yet determined where he will go to college. Thomas started dancing while in 5<sup>th</sup> grade when he joined the Canby Cloverleafs and later the Silver City Squares, both clubs part of the Oregon Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs. We congratulate Thomas Buchheit as our 2016 Scholarship Winner.





## ***“The Impact Square Dancing Has Had On My Life”***

### **By Thomas Buchheit**

I have been square dancing for a good half of my life. I started in fifth grade, and I am still square dancing in high school. I think the biggest impact this wonderful activity has had on my life lies in the years that I have competed in the Pacific Northwest Teen Square Dance Festival (PNTSDF), a square and round dance competition for teen clubs in the Pacific Northwest. For the past few years, only clubs from Oregon, Washington and British Columbia have competed; also my club has been the only representatives from Oregon. I started participating with the Canby Cloverleaves in 2011. The following year, we had enough youth in my home club – the Silver City Squares – and I made the initiative to get them to compete with me. We have been competing since 2012. That first year, we took third place in our category; the festival committee made the point that what we did hasn't been done in over 35 years. We were a first year club and placed in a higher category than was expected. Last year was the first year I competed in the round dance competition part of the festival. My partner and I competed in novice rounds, where we had to dance a memorized waltz and two-step – we didn't know how to waltz at that time. Against all odds, we managed to win first place.

When I first started dancing, I wasn't very gung-ho about it. My club didn't have anybody my age besides my siblings, and there weren't any youth in the surrounding clubs. I started to enjoy square dancing when I went to my first Mid-Winter Festival. This is a state square dance festival that runs during the last full weekend in January. Since then I started doing more in the square dance community. I learned how to dance plus. I took some round dance lessons, though I never used them until my club started competing at PNTSDF. I even started to learn how to call, and even competed in calling at PNTSDF.

What I have been able to take away from square dance competitions is initiative, leadership, and fun. By taking initiative, I am able to continue to compete at the festival, even after the Canby Cloverleaves folded. As a leader I was able to get people to show up at practices and I was able to give my knowledge from the previous year to the group. Whenever there was an argument between people, I was able to take charge and help them come up with a solution. Having fun is always important to keep in mind. Anyone in a sport or a competition will know how difficult it is to keep the focus on fun. One of the simplest things I do with my partner to have fun is switch positions; I would dance the girl's part and my partner would dance the boy's. It keeps me challenged, and I like challenge. I think this scholarship will help keep me challenged.

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Presenting the 2016 Founders' Memorial Youth Fund Scholarship to Thomas is the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs President, Marilyn Schmit. Marilyn is a past member of USDA and was the Vice President of the Western Region.

Kathy Roberts, Youth Coordinator for the Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs, also awarded Thomas the Youth Scholarship from the Oregon Federation.



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Albuquerque, NM  
www.festival.nmsrda.org

Apr 7-8 **54th Iowa State Square & Round Dance Convention**  
Bridge View Convention Center  
102 Church St.  
Ottumwa, IA 52501  
641 932-2521 or 641 777-1676  
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Paroquet Springs Conference Centre  
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Tadmor Shrine Center  
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