

Grand Square

Keeping the Square Dance Community Informed

Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association

The mission of NNJSDA is to promote square and round dancing by creating and maintaining a favorable public image, encouraging the recruitment of new dancers, and providing support with special activities and programs for our member clubs in the northern New Jersey area.



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Editor's Desk

This is my third attempt to provide an error-free publication to the New Jersey square dance community. My previous two attempts came real close, thanks to the tireless efforts of Don Schlesinger and those behind the scenes who lent their expertise. This past June, my wife, Bobby, and I moved to sunny Florida. Not sure why they call it that. With all this rain, I wonder why I haven't grown webbed feet. If you have a chance to make it down here this winter, I'd love to introduce you to some wonderful dance clubs.



Gary Bergman

Unlike NNJSDA, the clubs in Florida are mostly run by individual callers. The culture is a bit different, in that you don't just walk into a square and raise your hand for a partner. If you don't bring a partner, one will be assigned to you for the evening. Between tips, couples follow a prescribed rotation to different squares, ensuring a fair mix of couples in each square. I miss the comradery of the NNJSDA where dancers raid other clubs and are encouraged to participate in inter-club dances and attend organized events, such as the Mini-Festival.

NNJSDA President's Message

Who is the Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association? The NNJSDA is *you* and *me*, and *everyone* who has joined a member club.

What is the NNJSDA? The purpose of the NNJSDA is to promote square and round dancing. Some things that the NNJSDA is specifically charged to do are:



Joanna Lieuallen

- Create and maintain a favorable public image of square and round dancing;
- Educate the public of benefits and purpose of square and round dancing;
- Encourage the recruitment of new dancers; and
- Provide special activities such as an annual Mini-Festival, and special programs, such as Raid or Patron; and publicize events of member clubs and the NNJSDA.

So, if *we* are the NNJSDA, what does that mean for *you*? As I see it, that means that each of *us* plays a part in spreading the word about the fun and benefits of square and round dancing. Look for opportunities when speaking with friends, family, acquaintances, or colleagues. For example, when asked what *you* have been up to, talk about a recent square dance you attended and how much fun you had and exercise you got. Invite them to attend an upcoming introductory dance and go with them! Dance as often as *you* are able at your own club's dances as well as at NNJSDA and other member club dances. Talk up the dances to your fellow club members and encourage them to go with *you*. Take part in raids and other incentive programs which will increase your fun and opportunities to build friendships while also helping your clubs.

If every one of *you* was to come to the Mini-Festival on November 12, 2023, how amazing would that be? There is a great lineup: Ken Burke (TN), Ted Lizotte (NH) and Howard Richman (NJ) will be calling and Mary Pickett (NJ) will be cuing. There will be dedicated rooms for Mainstream, Plus/Rounds, and Advanced/Challenge. Mark your calendar, spread the word and get your ribbons early. (*see page 11*)

Every one of *you* has a part to play in the NNJSDA. Let *us* support *our* clubs and *each other* with positivity. Let *us* take part in raids and visitations and help *our* clubs meet their One Square is Fair goals. Let *us* help square and round dancing grow by participating and sharing *our* experiences so that others will learn about and become part of our great activity. Let *us* share *our* presence and enthusiasm with *our* fellow dancers.

Some of *you* have volunteered to take a leadership role as part of the NNJSDA Board, some of *you* represent member clubs as Delegates. But all of *us* together *are* the NNJSDA.

NNJSDA EVENTS

(MS = Mainstream, PL = Plus, A = Advanced, C = Challenge, RD = Round Dancing)

<p>September 2023</p> <p>18 Delegates Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)</p> <p>October</p> <p>8 Bridgewater, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Dance - MS/PL/RD (early MS) Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta <i>Set up:</i> Middletown Ramblers <i>Clean up:</i> Reelers</p> <p>22 Montville, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Dance - MS/PL/RD (early RD) Randy Longobucco (CT) Steve Bradt <i>Set up:</i> Circle Eights <i>Clean up:</i> Lakeland Squares</p> <p>November</p> <p>12 47th Mini-Festival, 1:00-6:30 p.m. MS/PL/A2/C1/RD Ken Burke (TN), Ted Lizotte (NH), Howard Richman/Mary Pickett <i>Square Dance Clothing Sale</i></p> <p>January 2024</p> <p>28 Bridgewater, 3:30-6:30 p.m. Student Midterm Dance Class Instructors Delegates Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (Hybrid) <i>Set up:</i> Flutterwheels</p>	<p>March</p> <p>24 Bridgewater, 3:30-6:30 p.m. Dance - MS/PL/RD (early MS) Mark Franks/Steve Bradt <i>Set up:</i> Bee Sharps <i>Clean Up:</i> Reelers</p> <p>April</p> <p>28 Delegates Meeting 1:00-3:00 p.m. (Hybrid) Bridgewater 3:30-6:30 p.m. Dance - MS/PL/RD (early RD) Cameron Harnish (PA)/Ron Rumble <i>Set up:</i> Times Squares <i>Clean up:</i> Y Squares</p> <p>May</p> <p>18 Presidents Dinner 3:30-6:30 p.m. Bridgewater, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Dance - MS/PL/RD (early PL) Rick Gittelman (AZ)/Mary Pickett <i>Clean up:</i> Kittatiny Rangers</p> <p>June</p> <p>8 Bridgewater, 2:00-5:00 p.m. Summer Dance #1 - MS/PL Dan Koft <i>Set up:</i> Rutgers Promenaders <i>Clean up:</i> Middletown Ramblers</p> <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>One Square is Fair: All NNJSDA dances count toward OSIF - support your club!</p> </div>
<p>Bridgewater - PeopleCare Center 120 Finderne Ave., Bridgewater, NJ 08807</p>	<p>Montville - Montville Senior House 356 Main Road, Montville, NJ 07405</p>

Congratulations, Patrons

These dancers attended at least eight NNJSDA member club dances and earned a free dance coupon and dangle:

Larry Bugal 38, 39
Ellen Ward 19, 20

Lise Greene 9
Arlene Remington 7

Download your Patron form at nnjsda.org ("NNJSDA Documents").

Congratulations, Raiders

These clubs earned a 50% discount on dues by accumulating at least 200 points visiting other NNJSDA member clubs with at least eight members in 2022-2023:

Belles & Beaux (twice)
Hunterdon Flutterwheels
Lakeland Squares

Reelers
Y Squares

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Congratulations to Our Recent Graduates

Reelers: Andrew Auerbach, Karen Hartman, Lisa Mauriello, Mary Olsen, Ira and Nona Seid, Susan Stoll, and Reggie Yoskowitz

Farewell to Our Friends

Square dancing is “friendship set to music.” We have shared wonderful friendships with many dancers, and acknowledge here our current and former NNJSDA club members who have passed away.

Thanks for the memories.

Skip Drumm - 7/1/23
Rutgers Promenaders

Joan Graupner - 4/21/23
Lakeland, Reelers, Mountain Squares

If there were people in your club who are no longer with us, please notify the Grand Square Committee so that their information can be listed here in the next issue.

Autumn Leaves Festival

October 20-21, 2023

Dancing begins Friday afternoon at 2pm
and ends Saturday night at 10pm

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Aargh, Matey!



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Teacher: Fran Wadel

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**For more info about the weekend, contact Roy Gotta
at: 732-249-2086, or roygotta@optonline.net
Sign up early - Housing sells out quickly!**



47th ANNUAL
MINI-FESTIVAL



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

1:00-6:30 PM



Ken Burke (TN)



Ted Lizotte (NH)



Howard Richman (NJ)

Rounds Mary Pickett (NJ)

Randolph High School, Randolph, NJ (tentative)

Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Rounds

All Singers Mainstream, DBD and Fast Plus, Advanced 2, Challenge 1

“ONE SQUARE IS FAIR” EVENT FOR NNJSDA MEMBER CLUBS

Info: Joanna Lieuallen 908-458-6838
minifestival.info@nnjsda.org
Cell for day of festival: 908-458-6838

Soft, non-scuffing shoes ONLY – no boots, please

For latest updates and directions: nnjsda.org/mini_fest_info

Children through high school age accompanied by a paying adult pay half price.

Please make a copy of this page for your records. Check payable to: NNJSDA

Mail to: Joanna Lieuallen, 444 Brookview Court, Branchburg, NJ 08876

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In advance	\$15 adult (\$20 at the door)	# _____	\$ _____
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2, 4 Fri. Sept.-May
Vic Ammons: 908-763-4593

beesharps.org

PeopleCare Center, 120 Finderne Ave.
Cell for dance: 908-566-7580

Bee Sharps dancers and visitors enjoyed a wonderful season of dancing to some of the best callers and cuers around. It is true that clubs in the NNJSDA are blessed to have so much talent here in central and northern New Jersey, a state not usually thought of as a mecca of traditional dancing and music.

One of our more memorable dances this spring was “Disney Night,” where Karin Rabe and Greg Moore developed an entire repertoire of Disney music just for our dance. You can be sure they will be asked to do another Disney night at Bee Sharps soon! In their other life as college professors, Karin and Greg have developed a wonderful, learned, and fun academic presentation on the mathematics of square dancing. I encourage anyone who loves math and dancing to tune in on YouTube – the presentation starts about two minutes into the video: <http://bit.ly/sqmath>.

The workshops led by our class instructor, Wes Thielke, during the spring and summer, allowed recent Mainstream graduates to not only enhance their skills, but also to gain more confidence in their dancing. Howard Richman was guest caller for two of the summer workshops, which were fast-paced, fun, and constructive for new dancers and angels alike. “Well done” to our Mainstream graduates. The picture below shows (left to right) Class Coordinator Susan Allen, Rana and Ron Slosberg, James Heaphy, Pien Nagy, Susan and Bill Dodge, Class Instructor Wes Thielke, Domecq and Peach Smith. Missing are Joan Sevchuk and Dolly and Steve Tharp. The fun has just begun, dancers!



Holly and Bill Smythe recently visited Pittsburgh and had a chance to spend some time with long-time members of Bee Sharps, Diana and Gard Patton. Gard was our class instructor for much of their time in New Jersey. We miss them, but they are living the good life near family.

Nancy Ammons

BEE SHARPS OF SOMERVILLE



- Friday Dances (See dates & formats below)
- Early Rounds 7:30 PM
- Square Dancing and Rounds 8:00 - 10:30 PM
 - We may occasionally offer an Advanced tip at 10:15 PM
 - We may occasionally offer an All-Plus dance (vs. MS/Plus), if all dancers present can dance at that level.

September 2023 - May 2024

**The PeopleCare Center
120 Finderne Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ**

QUESTIONS - Call Dave / Vic: 908-500-6111 / 908-763-4593

Facebook: @BeeSharps

<i>Date</i>	<i>Caller</i>	<i>Cuer</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Dance Theme</i>
Sept. 8	Mark Franks	Mary Pickett	MS / RD	Vacation Tee Shirts
Sept. 22	Howard Richman	Ron Rumble	MS / Plus / RD	Roaring 20's Night
Oct. 13	Karin Rabe & Greg Moore	Steve Bradt	MS / Plus / RD	Oktoberfest
Oct. 27	Howard Richman	Steve Bradt	MS / Plus / RD	Costume Party
Nov. 10	Betsy Gotta	Roy Gotta	MS / Plus / RD	Honoring Our Veterans
Dec. 8	TBD	Ron Rumble	MS / Plus / RD	Silver & Gold
Dec. 22	Karin Rabe & Greg Moore	<i>NO ROUNDS</i>	MS & Class-Level	Holiday Party
2024				
Jan. 12	Dan Koft	Steve Bradt	MS / Plus / RD	Cowboys & Cowgirls
Jan. 26	Howard Richman	Ron Rumble	MS / Plus / RD	Mardi Gras
Feb. 9	Mark Franks	Mary Pickett	Alternating PL & Advanced / RD Early C1 Tip	BEE MY VALENTINE
Feb. 23	Betsy Gotta	Roy Gotta	MS / Plus / RD	50's / 60's Sock Hop
March 8	TBD	Steve Bradt	MS / Plus / RD	Sci-Fi Night
March 22	Karin Rabe & Greg Moore	TBD	MS / Plus / RD	Disney Night
April 12	TBD	Steve Bradt	MS / Plus / RD	Team Spirit
April 26	Mark Franks	Mary Pickett	MS / Plus / RD	Hawaiian Leis & Luau
May 10	Karin Rabe & Greg Moore	Ron Rumble	MS / Plus / RD	Crazy Hat Night
May 24	Howard Richman	Mary Pickett	MS & Class-Level / RD	Ice Cream Social

Our annual Murder Mystery and Dance resumed in May, after the COVID pause, and was a great success. More than 60 people attended. Richard Ball was the Writer/Producer/Director and Head Detective in “The Case of The Hollywood Squares Murder.” We had an amazingly talented cast of characters that made the presentation a real “Mystery.” Voting to identify the guilty party is always a challenge and a surprise. Howard Richman was again our caller, and as usual, dressed for the occasion.



Unfortunately, our eagerly awaited June 7th graduation and ice cream social dance was cancelled due to the Canadian wildfire that turned our skies an apocalyptic eerie dark orange color and put our air quality at a dangerously unhealthy level.

However, the following dance on June 15, with Dane Bragg calling, turned out to be a wonderful surprise. We had a large number of recent graduates from the Reelers join us. Together with our own Belles & Beaux graduates, we had more than 10 students present. Dane included some mini-workshops to help the students enjoy the dance. We were thrilled to have four squares on the floor.

We dance all year long on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. So, bring a friend, or two, or three along. We would love to have you! We will again be having our Fall square dance classes at the Glen Rock Central School. If you know anyone who might be interested or curious about square dancing, or if you just want to refresh your own dancing skills, come join us Thursday nights from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Fran Wadel will be returning as our teacher this year.

Andy Cilderman

Belles & Beaux

1st and 3rd Wednesdays
 Dance 7:15-9:30 p.m., Mainstream with a Plus Tip
Maywood Senior Recreation Center
 340 Duvier Place, Maywood, NJ 07607

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8/2/2023	Howard Richman	Hawaiian Luau
8/16/2023	Betsy Gotta	Black and White
9/6/2023	Jonathon Weiner	Book Exchange- bring one, take one
9/20/2023	Sandy Corey	It's Autumn - wear your fall colors
10/4/2023	Larry Shipman	Football Jersey Night- wear team shirt
10/18/2023	Mary Moody	National Chocolate Cupcake Day
11/1/2023	Maryjane Clewell	Service Men/Women Appreciation Dance- bring a card for our troops
11/15/2023	Karin Rabe / Greg Moore	Let's be Thankful- bring a canned item for local food bank
12/6/2023	Betsy Gotta	Student Dance / Happy Holidays-wear holiday colors
12/20/2023	-----	No Dance
1/3/2024	Jonathon Weiner	New Year's Celebration
1/17/2024	Karin Rabe / Greg Moore	King and Queen of Hearts- wear red
2/7/2024	Betsy Gotta	Cookie Dance- bring cookies to share
2/21/2024	Maryjane Clewell	Old Time Rock and Roll
3/6/2024	Mary Moody	Disney Movie Night- wear Disney shirt
3/20/2024	Larry Shipman	St Patrick's Dance- wear green
4/3/2024	Mark Franks	National Crossword Puzzle Week
4/17/2024	Dane Bragg	Tax Day- Dangle Dance
5/1/2024	Howard Richman	Murder Mystery
5/15/2024	Rick Gittelman	It's Pajama Time Again
6/5/2024	Fran Wadel	Graduation Dance- bring an angel
6/19/2024	Sandy Corey	Anchors Aweigh- wear sailing garb
7/3/2024	-----	No Dance
7/17/2024	Mary Moody	Ice Cream Social

In the spring of 2023, Circle Eights resumed its raids of other square dance clubs. Our members raided Belles & Beaux in April and Lakeland in May.

Circle Eights' General Membership Meeting was held after our May club dance with the following officers elected to the Board: Pat and Tom Duemig as Co-Presidents, Gerry and Rick Savino as Co 1st Vice Presidents, Alicia and David Weschler as Co 2nd Vice Presidents, Rina Williams as Secretary, and Arlene Remington as Treasurer. Rounding out the Board is Paul Smolen, our club's Delegate and Caller Coordinator.

One of our members, Arlene Remington, attended the 72nd National Square Dance Convention in Mobile, Alabama. As a member of the twenty-dancer New Jersey contingent, Arlene carried the NJ banner in the Parade of States. In addition to dancing, Arlene was able to tour the USS Alabama Battleship and the Airbus U.S. Manufacturing Facility. Part of the trip was visiting New Orleans and experiencing delicious food, touring a swamp, Fats Domino's House, and three national parks.

After a full year of monthly dancing at Maywood Senior Center, in June, Circle Eights' members enjoyed a wonderful brunch at the Twin Door Tavern in Maywood; the first shared meal since the Covid pandemic. It was especially nice to catch up with some of our members who are no longer dancing.



The last dance of the year is traditionally our Ice Cream Social. In consideration of health precautions, a selection of individual ice cream bars were provided. Members and visiting dancers enjoyed the cool, tasty treats!

On August 18, Circle Eights held a barn dance at the Hillsdale United Methodist Church to introduce square dancing to the community.

Circle Eights is anticipating an enjoyable dance year ahead as the club is planning to start square dance lessons again in the fall, after a long hiatus due to loss of the instructional venue. All interested club members should keep an eye on their emails for details.

Jeanne Weisman



CIRCLE EIGHTS

2023-2024
Alternating MS/PL



Sunday afternoons once a month in Maywood
1:30-3:30 p.m.
Maywood Senior Center
346 Duvier Place, Maywood, NJ 07607

9/10/23	Howard Richman
10/29/23	Jonathon Weiner
11/26/23	Maryjane Clewell
12/10/23	Karin Rabe and Greg Moore
1/14/24	Howard Richman
2/11/24	Fran Wadel (student dance)
3/10/24	Betsy Gotta
4/14/24	Karin Rabe and Greg Moore
5/5/24	Rick Gittelman
6/9/24	Paul Ingis

MAINSTREAM SQUARE DANCE LESSONS

Taught by Fran Wadel

7-9 p.m. Tuesdays beginning October 3

Hillsdale United Methodist Church

349 Hillsdale Ave., Hillsdale, NJ 07642

Class Coordinators: David and Alicia 201-926-5000

More information: Pat and Tom 201-955-1495 or circle8s.nnjsda.org

The Hunterdon Flutterwheels were proud to graduate 14 dancers in April. Graduates were June Bente, Arlene Beroff, Howard Beroff, George Cerny, Susan Cerny, Susan Freund, Carol Grassie, Robin Kenny, Joe Kerr, Ken Kuter, Paula Lawrence, Marsha Magazzu, Ron Magazzu, and Michael Paul. More than 20 dancers participated in our eight-week Plus refresher.



In April, Mary Moody called our Earth Day themed Mainstream graduation dance. In May, Betsy Gotta helped us celebrate Cinco De Mayo and Dane Bragg called our Time Machine dance. Rick Gittleman helped us finish up our year, big and cool with our Ice Cream Social in June.

Our dances have been at the Hunterdon County Complex since December. We held our summer workshop series on June 24, July 9, July 22, August 5, and August 19 with Mary Moody, Wes Thielke, and Karin Rabe and Greg Moore calling.

The club was busy with a service project of parking cars at the Annual Music Under the Stars Concert Series at Deer Path Park from June 29 to August 10, featuring the Hunterdon Symphony, Eagles tribute, The Amish Outlaws, Captain Jack - Billy Joel tribute, Country Comfort, Hunterdon Choral Alliance, the Hunterdon Harmonizers, and Vocal Synergy, which included our own Marja van Ouwerkerk. The summer highlight was our club picnic held on July 29, at the home of Mark Kubinak and Marja van Ouwerkerk.

We are looking forward to our new dance season starting September 10 with our Dance Party at the Hunterdon County Complex. At our first dance of the year, caller Mary Moody will help us say “Goodbye Summer, Hello Fall” on Sept. 15. Our Basic/Mainstream class will begin on September 19, at Living Waters Lutheran Church (11 Old York Rd., Ringoes, NJ 08551).

We extend many thanks to our callers, members, visitors, and raiders, who helped make this dance year so much fun and look forward to seeing you all in the coming dance season.

Jim Stamets

HUNTERDON FLUTTERWHEELS

Hunterdon County Complex, Bldg. 1, 314 Route 12, Flemington, NJ

** PeopleCare Center (PCC), 120 Finderne Ave, Bridgewater, NJ



hunterdonflutterwheels.nnjdsda.org

Contact # night of dance: 908-458-6387

2023 Theme

- 9/15 Goodbye, Summer. Hello, Fall. *(Wear a summer t-shirt.)*
- 10/6 It's World Smile Day. *(Bring a joke and bring on the smiles! Bring food pantry donations and spread the smiles across the County.)*
- 10/20 The Great Pumpkin is Coming! *(according to Peanuts and friends – wear orange and enjoy pumpkin treats.)**PCC*
- 11/3 Thank you, Armed Forces. *(Bring a signed card for the "Holiday Card Military Challenge". Food pantry donations accepted.)**PCC*
- 11/17 It's National Take a Hike Day. *(Bring a photo of where you would most like to go hiking.)*
- 12/1 Baby, it's Cold Outside. *(Bring a baby or childhood photo of yourself and let us guess who is who.)**PCC*
- 12/15 Lights, Friendships, and Holiday Spirit!

Caller

- Mary Moody
- Mark Franks
- Karin Rabe & Greg Moore
- Dan Koft
- Mary Moody
- Karin Rabe & Greg Moore
- Virgil Forbes

2024 Theme

- 1/5 National Bird Day *(Be the bird or the bird watcher.)*
- 1/19 National Popcorn Day — **LIVE MUSIC DANCE**PCC**
- 2/2 **Souper Bowl IX** *(Soup's on!)*
- 2/16 Have a Heart *(Bring a dollar donation for the American Heart Assn.)*
- 3/1 Celebrate the World *(Wear an international outfit.)*
- 3/15 The Ides of March *(Wear a toga.)*
- 4/5 Superheroes! What's Your Superpower? *(MS Graduation)*
- 4/19 Are There Really Aliens Out There? *(Dress as an E.T.)*
- 5/3 The Boston Marathon *(Wear running clothes.)*
- 5/17 Hoe Down Time! *(Wear your square-dancing duds.)*
- 5/31 Flutter-Reelers *(Flutterwheels and Reelers jointly hosting.)**PCC*
- 6/7 Do You Remember Lawrence Welk? — **ICE CREAM SOCIAL** *(Bring a bottle of bubbles.)*

Caller

- Mary Moody
- Howard Richman
- Dane Bragg
- Betsy Gotta
- Karin Rabe & Greg Moore
- Howard Richman
- Mary Moody
- Doug Kauffman
- Dane Bragg
- Jenn Engimann
- Karin Rabe & Greg Moore
- Virgil Forbes

Alternating Mainstream and Plus Tips
1st and 3rd Fridays 8:00-10:15 p.m.

MS Classes Tuesday evenings 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Living Waters Lutheran Church, Ringoes
Plus Classes Spring 2024

For Information:

908-458-6387 or 908-458-6838
facebook.com/hunterdonflutterwheels
www.hunterdonflutterwheels.nnjdsda.org
Consult website to verify dance locations.

Ahoy from Lakeland! It's been a happy time these last few weeks. We completed our Raid program and our graduates have been dancing regularly. We were thrilled to sing happy 97th birthday to Eddie Mindlin and watch him dance.

We celebrated our club's 50th anniversary on May 8th with a Pot Luck Dinner Dance. Attendance was excellent and there was a great variety of foods and, of course, a special cake.

Janet and Monte Montagnino celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 10th with a huge party at Mario's in Clifton. Most of the Lakelanders attended, and Fran Wadel called and taught a square dance session.

Our most notable dance was the June 12th "A Night at the Movies." The entire dance floor was filled with four squares dancing and visitors from six different clubs were represented.



Eleven Oscars were awarded. George & Susan Cerny as Jay Gatsby and Daisy Buchanan (*The Great Gatsby*), Bob Breitinger as Baron Von Trapp (*Sound of Music*), Lisa Montagnino as Cinderella, Janet Montagnino as Snow White, Monte Montagnino as the Red Sox fan (*Fever Pitch*), Bob Reip as the Phantom (*Phantom of the Opera*), Ellen Taylor as The Cat in the Hat (*Dr. Seuss*), Janet and Steve Eid as the Rider and Investigator (*Rollercoaster*), Bonnie Jean MacYash as Lady Litton and Ken Kuter as Inspector Clouseau (*Pink Panther*), Lea Keen as Julia Child (*Julie and Julia*), and Chris Wadel as John Lemon and Kristen Rabeler as Tulip Marie (*Hollywood Squares Murder Mystery*). Howard Richman had us dancing to movie songs from 1964 to 1999. He changed costumes several times as he was a Hawaiian lemon tree, Lady Di-Amel and a dazzling golden Oscar. Congratulations everyone for such wonderful costumes and great planning.

Monte and Janet Montagnino

LAKELAND S



GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 9 TWO BRIDGES ROAD, TOWACO, NJ 07082
 (Air Conditioned Hall)

Alternating Mainstream and Plus 2nd and 4th Mondays (8:00-10:00 p.m.)

August 2023

28 Fran Wadel: **7-9 p.m.-Free Intro class**
"Dance Party": Bring your friends!
No experience necessary!

February 2024

12 Betsy Gotta: *Valentine's Day Dance*
 26 Karin Rabe/Greg Moore

September 2023

11 Karin Rabe/Greg Moore: *Wear '60/'70s*
 25 Howard Richman: *Wear club colors*

March 2024

11 Maryjane Clewell: *St. Patrick's Day*
 25 Howard Richman

October 2023

9 Paul Ingis: *Wear Black and White*
 23 Mary Moody: *Wear Fall Colors*
 30 Howard Richman: *Halloween Open House*

April 2024

8 Betsy Gotta
 22 Fran Wadel: *Graduation*

November 2023

13 Ed Foote: *Crazy Sock Day*
 27 Paul Ingis: *Canned Food Donations*

May 2024

13 Ed Foote: *Anniversary Pot Luck Dinner Dance*
 27 No Dance: *Memorial Day*

December 2023

11 Howard Richman: *Holiday Dance*
Wear Red/Green: Bring Toys for Tots
 25 No Dance

June 2024

10 Howard Richman: *A Night at the Movies*
 24 Mary Moody

January 2024

8 Fran Wadel: *Student Dance MS*
 22 Howard Richman

July 2024

8 Howard Richman
 22 Maryjane Clewell: *Ice Cream Social*

For more Information: Kathy Keener: 973-229-0698 (C)
 Monte/Janet: 973-546-3092

E-mail us at lakelandsquares@hotmail.com
 Visit our Website at lakelandsquares.wix.com/lakeland

Every Fri. All Year
Larry Sherwood: 732-319-8920

middletownramblers.org

Croydon Hall Middletown Senior Center
900 Leonardville Rd.

The Middletown Ramblers dance from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. all year round.

This year, we started quarterly Alumni events with a free social for retired dancers. It was a big hit with more than 40 members joining us for conversation and light dancing. Also, during the summer months, we held “Free Admission” dances for visitors. Our club always provides water and light snacks. Theme dances occur every 6-8 weeks. Please check our schedule on the facing page or visit *middletownramblers.org* and/or *wheresthedance.com*

Upcoming fall events include a Halloween Costume Contest, a raid in November, a bus trip to the Mini-Festival, and a Holiday Dance.

We hope you get a chance to come and visit our club soon!

Jane Mastrolia

Meeting Zoom Friends in Person

It’s now more than three years since the Covid-19 pandemic caused the closing of our world as we knew it. That closing included our beloved square dancing, an activity that requires close contact. “Necessity is the mother of invention,” and so Zoom dancing was created. Never meant to replace in-person squares, it became a lifeline by helping to fill the many empty, lonely hours that resulted from extended isolation in our homes. Although we didn’t know it back in 2020, in addition to providing a mental challenge and keeping our pastime alive in some form, Zoom dancing would create an international family.

Our circle of friends now includes square dancers in Australia, Japan, Germany, England, and Canada. The English language skills of many overseas dancers are limited to “hello,” “thank you,” and the names of the calls, but their smiles speak volumes. Friendships were developed from afar. My husband, Louis, and I became friends with a German caller and eventually shared a European vacation and square dance convention with him.

The return of worldwide travel enabled overseas dancers to once again attend our festivals. It is an *absolute joy* to share square dance events with some of the friends we made over Zoom. In fact, some weekends and conventions are including Zoom reunions on their schedules. We will no longer take for granted touching hands while dancing and sharing *real* Yellow Rocks (instead of the virtual variety).

Jan Thompson, Motiv8ors



MIDDLETOWN
RAMBLERS
 SQUARE DANCE CLUB
 MIDDLETOWN, NEW JERSEY



MS and PL Club

Fridays 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Croydon Hall – Middletown Senior Center
 900 Leonardville Rd, Port Monmouth, NJ 07737
 middletownramblers.org

2023

2024

July 7	Ice Cream Social - Mark Franks	Jan. 5	Howard Richman
July 14	Howard Richman	Jan. 12	Doug Kauffman
July 21*	Betsy Gotta	Jan. 19	Betsy Gotta
July 28	Jenn Engimann	Jan. 26	Doug Kauffman
Aug. 4	Crazy Hat Dance – Betsy Gotta	Feb. 2	Howard Richman
Aug. 11*	Howard Richman	Feb. 9	Betsy Gotta
Aug. 18	Mark Franks	Feb. 16	Mark Franks
Aug. 25	Reunion/ Social - Betsy Gotta	Feb. 23	Doug Kauffman
Sept. 8*	Howard Richman	Mar. 1	Mark Franks
Sept. 15	Jenn Engimann	Mar. 8	Howard Richman
Sept. 22	Open House** – Doug Kauffman	Mar. 15	Betsy Gotta
Sept 29*	Howard Richman	Mar. 22	Doug Kauffman
Oct. 6	Jenn Engimann	Mar. 29	No Dance -Good Friday
Oct. 13	Betsy Gotta	April 5	Doug Kauffman
Oct. 20	Mark Franks	April 12	Howard Richman
Oct. 27	Halloween – Doug Kauffman	April 19	Mark Franks
Nov. 3	Mark Franks	April 26	Betsy Gotta
Nov. 10	No Dance - raiding	May 3	Jenn Engimann
Nov. 17	Karin Rabe and Greg Moore	May 10	Betsy Gotta
Dec. 1	Mark Franks	May 17	Rick Gittleman
Dec. 8	Doug Kauffman	May 24	Karin and Greg
Dec. 15	Holiday Dance -Howard Richman	May 31	Howard Richman

Dance Program: 1, 3, 5 Fridays – MS/PL
2, 4 Fridays – Alternating 2 MS and 1 Plus
 *Guests Free Date; ** Thompson Park
 Larry Sherwood – President 732-319-8920

We sincerely thank the members of our Executive Board for agreeing to serve another term: President Maryjane Clewell, 1st VP Susan Adam, 2nd VP Jan Thompson, Treasurer Rich Baumeister, and Assistant Treasurer Sue Baumeister. In addition, Maryjane graciously acts as our delegate to the NNJSDA meetings, and Sue takes minutes at our annual club meeting. Our taste buds have appreciated the refreshment offerings of Susan Adam, Sue and Rich Baumeister, Maryjane Clewell, Susan Dreifus, and Marie Gower. Maryjane also provided a special treat of ice cream novelties at our June dance as a kickoff to summer dancing. She then generously hosted a picnic at her home over the 4th of July weekend. We ate, drank, and made merry.

Spring/summer square dance events attended by our members included Make Magic (Albany, NY) with Don Moger and two weekends at Cherry Ridge Campsites (Honesdale, PA) with Ben Rubright/Ken Ritucci and Betsy/Roy Gotta. More than a square of our members attended the IAGSDC Convention in Ottawa, Canada, with sightseeing in and around the country's capital. As if that wasn't enough, following the event, Jan and Louis Thompson danced at Don Moger's three-day C1 boot camp in Kingston.

Cathy and Don Schlesinger are proud to announce the birth of their latest grandchild, Sadie Juliet. That makes 5. One more, and with Cathy and Don as angels, they can form their own square.

Maryjane enjoyed a week with her daughter's family in Las Vegas, the highlight of which was spending time with her two young granddaughters. They did a lot of swimming during the day and spent a few evenings at a casino. The fun also included a dinosaur exhibit and a virtual reality ride.

Susan Adam and three of her college friends traveled to Utah to visit another classmate they had not seen since graduation more than 50 years ago! The five of them had lived in the same dorm at Trenton State College, now called the College of New Jersey. Back in 1970, the residents of Cromwell Hall wore Cromwell Cuties tee shirts. In honor of their reunion, one of the women had new Cuties shirts made up. Reconnecting and sightseeing were great fun.

An update on long-time member Fred Meyer: Since his stroke a year ago, Fred has not been able to resume square dancing. We miss him dearly at Motiv8ors. However, he does go ballroom dancing with his partner, Rochelle, two or three times a week as part of his physical therapy "homework."

Jan Thompson



Motiv8ors



motiv8ors.njnsda.org

Sundays at American Legion Post 171

17-08 River Road, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

C1 Program 6:00-7:00 PM, A2 Program 7:00-9:00 PM

Sept. 10	Mark Franks	Feb. 4	Jenn Engimann
Oct. 8	Mark Franks	Feb. 18	Mark Franks
Oct. 29	Mark Franks	Mar. 3	Dave Eno (remote)
Nov. 5	Ed Foote	Mar. 10	Betsy Gotta
Nov. 26	Betsy Gotta	Apr. 14	Betsy Gotta
Dec. 10	Mark Franks	Apr. 21	Callers Showcase***
Dec. 17	Jenn Engimann	May 5	Rick Gittelman
Jan. 7	Jenn Engimann	May 19	Ed Foote
Jan. 21	Dave Eno (remote)		

*** Advanced and Challenge throughout the evening

Singles Welcome ** **Vaccinations Required** ** Computer Squares
Maryjane: 551-206-7905 *cmimigirl@aol.com* Rich: 845-735-3222



Square Dancer? Camper? The Garden State Square Dance Campers Association is looking for YOU!



We have a MS/PL campout in Pennsylvania every month, April to October. **Join us!**

*Otter Lake in East Stroudsburg (570-223-0123): April, May, September
+Appalachian in Shartlesville (610-488-6319): June, July, August

Don't camp? At Appalachian, rent a cabin (deluxe or rustic) or stay at a nearby motel!

Campout Schedule 2023-Dates for 2024

***September 8-10, 2023:** Betsy/Roy Gotta
Wagonmaster: Howard/Mary Schnuck
Theme: Wear PJ's

Sept 29, 30, October 1, 2023
Joining Cherry Ridge Campground - 570-488-6654, Callers Dane Bragg/Jenn Engimann
Call campground directly to make reservations!

May 3-5, 2024 (Early Bird)
Joining Square Up Campers #106 at White Oak Campground -717-687-6207; Call campground directly for reservation. Caller Bob Engel

May 17-19, 2024: Paul Ingis
June 14-16, 2024: Dave Black
July 19-21, 2024: Bob Engel
August 9-11, 2024: Mark Franks
Sept. 13-15, 2024: Betsy/Roy Gotta
October 4-6, 2024: TBA

Wagonmasters, and Themes TBA:
Check our website closer to campout!

Visit us at gssdca.wix.com/gssdca or call Pauline/Ron Vande Vrede: 973-343-3152

1, 3 Fri. Sept.-June
Bob Turner: 973-216-4524

reelers.nnjtsda.org

Ironia School: 303 Dover-Chester Rd. (Rt. 513)
Cell for dance: 973-476-8844

The Reelers have a great dance year ahead, with excellent and varied callers from far and near plus enthusiastic round dancers who come to enjoy Mary Pickett, our club cuer.



We graduated a Mainstream class of six students in May 2023 and are hoping to start another class in September. Our class coordinator Mark Bippes works tirelessly to organize and develop the class and keep it running smoothly so that the students learn and enjoy it. We are lucky to have Ed Crowley continue his excellent job teaching our class.

Our members are keeping busy. Congratulations to Cindy and Dave Whalen on their fourth and fifth grandsons, all under age 5. Lise Greene enjoyed a trip to Denmark, her mother's native land, visiting friends and relatives there as well as sightseeing. Carla and Stephen Holusha continue to support charities and win medals by running in races almost every weekend. Helen Jacobson's ongoing volunteer work with the Red Cross has helped many in need of medical assistance at various shelters, after disasters ranging from small local fires to massive floods in some states.

We hope you will join us throughout the year for a good time of friendship, square dancing to a variety of excellent callers, and round dancing to our talented cuer, Mary Pickett. Please visit our website at *reelers.nnjtsda.org*.

Irene Stoller



REELERS

Plus Club with Rounds

Ironia School, 303 Dover-Chester Road (Route 513)
Randolph, NJ 07869

Info:

Bob Turner

973-216-4524

bvcturner@msn.com

reelers.njjsda.org

1st and 3rd Fridays

7:30 – Early Rounds 8:00 – Plus/Rounds

9:45 – Star Tip (caller's choice)

For Mainstream class info: Mark Bippes, 973-476-8844, markbippes@yahoo.com

For info on round dance classes at various levels:

call or text Mary Pickett, 908-419-3605

Cuer: Mary Pickett unless noted

2023-24

Caller

Theme

09/15	Mark Franks (NJ)	Welcome Back
09/29	Dave Black (PA)	Wear Club Colors
10/06	Ted Lizotte (NH)	Book and Puzzle Exchange
10/20	Clay Goss (DE)	Autumn Festival
11/03	Ed Foote (PA)	Polka Dot Party
11/17	Sandy Corey (NY)	Give Thanks (food donations)
12/01	Ken Ritucci (MA)	Books for Kids (new books)
12/15	Dayle Hodge (MD)	Holiday Cookies
01/05	Doug Kauffman (NJ)	Treasure Hunt
01/19	Jenn Engimann (PA)	Denim and Diamonds
02/02	Mark Franks (NJ)	Souper Bowl (bring canned soup)
02/16 ¹	Dayle Hodge (MD)	Presidents and Pies
03/01	Dan Koft (PA) – Kathy cuing	Wearin' of the Green
03/15 ²	Dane Bragg (PA)	Welcome, Students
04/19 ³	Clay Goss (DE)	Treasurers' Break
05/03	Rick Gittelman (AZ)	Chocolate Decadence
05/17	Ed Foote (PA)	Ice Cream Social
06/07	Ted Lizotte (NH)	Beach Party

¹Location TBA ²Student Mainstream, no rounds ³Club treasurers free

We no longer require vax/masks to attend our dances.

At our March 10 dance, RocklandRockytops had the pleasure of honoring Cathy and Don Schlesinger for their 15 years (and counting) of leadership in our club. Don and Cathy perform so many functions -- president, treasurers, organizers, and so much more -- we all agree it is very likely that RocklandRockytops would no longer even exist without them.

A special thank you to Maureen SantaMaria who first proposed the idea of this surprise celebration to the rest of us. Maureen also brought the beautiful and delicious cake. We thank Mindy Scher who brought the gorgeous flowers (in Rockytops colors) and also her irresistible homemade brownies. Also contributing delectable refreshments were Billy Flynn, Heidi Hohlfeld, and Joan Schierlitz. Tony Baldino supplied the paper goods and Sue Ehnenn contacted the club members to ensure that everyone knew about the celebration. John Bradley was emcee for this part of our evening, and Lea Fleckenstein and Ben Albertson brought and presented the recognition certificate to the Schlesingers.

I hope I have not left out anyone. Howard Richman was our caller. I should also thank Mike McDonald, Community Center supervisor, who helped Maureen bring in the supplies for the event. We were happy to see former members Ben Albertson and Lea Fleckenstein, Rosalinde Ginsburg, and Ray Keywork, who came specially for the occasion. Personal messages of appreciation arrived by email from Marie Ford and Arthur Leibowitz and Vicky Ficco-Panzer, who now live too far away to have been able to join us in person.

On May 12, we enjoyed ice cream in many flavors with all the toppings, thanks to Cathy Schlesinger and her committee of dedicated ladies. The caller was Ed Foote. Three charming Schlesinger grandchildren also participated in the success of our Ice Cream Social. Another special evening was May 26 when we had our annual visit from Rick Gittelman, a caller extraordinaire, from Arizona.

There is always a good time in store at RocklandRockytops. Hope to see you soon in a square.

Joan Shierlitz

VISITING AND RAIDING!

One of the benefits of NNJSDA is their incentive to have dancers visit and mingle with other member clubs. Recent grads are encouraged to experience new callers and mix with other dancers. There's always something new to learn and people to meet. Everyone gains by increasing a club's attendance and you can help your own club by having their dues reduced when eight or more members complete the annual raid program by showing up at other clubs.

RocklandRockytops

SINGLES WELCOME

ALTERNATING MAINSTREAM AND PLUS TIPS

Second and Fourth Fridays 7:00–9:00 p.m. (All Year Round)

Congers Community Center – 6 Gilchrest Rd., Congers, NY
(except as indicated)

09/08/23	FRAN WADEL	09/22/23	BETSY GOTTA <i>Free Introductory Dance</i>
10/13/23	JIM EMORY	10/27/23	SANDY COREY
11/10/23*	ED FOOTE	11/24/23*	HOWARD RICHMAN
12/08/23	BETSY GOTTA <i>Holiday Spirit Dance (free admission)</i>	12/22/23	No Dance
01/12/24	RANDY LONGOBUCCO	01/26/24	BETSY GOTTA
02/09/24	FRAN WADEL <i>Student/Valentine's Day Dance</i>	02/23/24	HOWARD RICHMAN
03/08/24	BETSY GOTTA	03/22/24	HOWARD RICHMAN
04/12/24	BETSY GOTTA	04/26/24	RANDY LONGOBUCCO
05/10/24	ED FOOTE	05/24/24	RICK GITTELMAN
06/14/24	SANDY COREY	06/28/24	MARK FRANKS
07/12/24	RANDY LONGOBUCCO	07/26/24	SANDY COREY
08/09/24	HOWARD RICHMAN	08/23/24	MARK FRANKS

*Hillsdale United Methodist Church – 349 Hillsdale Ave., Hillsdale, NJ – 7:30–9:45 p.m.

Directions to Congers: page 16 of *May 2017 Map Supplement*

For further information: Don at 845-623-2772 or 845-642-5624

1, 3, 5 Sun. All Year
Ginny Platania: 732-690-5280

rutgerspromenaders.org

Congregation B'nai Tikvah, 1001 Finnegans Ln.
PeopleCare Center, 120 Finderne Ave.

We ended our 2022-2023 season on a strong note with great attendance; however, there was also a bit of sadness as we said farewell to President Gary Bergman and his lovely wife Bobby, who have taken off for sunnier climes. He took on the leadership of this club at a pivotal time while we pondered our future. Additionally, he volunteered his time in taking over the *Grand Square* editor role. As former editor, I truly appreciated the efforts he put into bringing back our beloved publication post-pandemic. Our loss is Florida's gain!

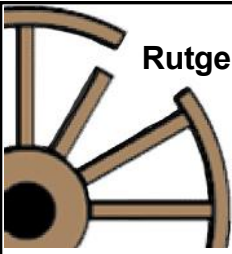
At our final dance of the season, we elected our new Executive Board of Co-Presidents: Ginny Platania and Ken Robinson, Vice President: Matica Bierstein, Secretary: Mary Ann Ryan-Erdek, and Treasurers: Jeff Platania and Rosemary Biggs.



Rutgers Promenaders at our raid of Hunterdon Flutterwheels

While preparing this report I learned about the passing of former member Skip Drumm after a long illness. Skip had been dancing for many years until health issues developed. Our condolences go out to her husband, Alan Gross, and her extended family.

By the time you read this report we will have had our annual club picnic and our two scheduled summer dances. Here's to another successful year of dancing – I hope you can stop by and join our family and singles-friendly club!



Rutgers Promenaders Square & Round Dance Club

Sunday Daytime Sessions

Family-friendly – Kids welcome

TWO LOCATIONS IN CENTRAL NEW JERSEY

Congregation B'nai Tikvah

1001 Finnegans Lane, North Brunswick

PeopleCare Center

120 Finderne Avenue, Bridgewater

Basic/Mainstream Class: 1:30 p.m.

Mainstream and Rounds: 2:30-5:00 p.m.

Students encouraged to stay for class-level tips

Calling staff: Betsy Gotta, Dan Koft

Cuing staff: Roy Gotta, Kathy Koft

Rutgers Promenaders 2023–2024 Dance Schedule

September 17	PeopleCare	Open House #1	Betsy, Dan, Kathy, & Roy
October 1	PeopleCare	Open House #2	Betsy Gotta / Roy Gotta
October 15	PeopleCare		Betsy Gotta / Roy Gotta
October 29	B'nai Tikvah	Halloween	Dan Koft / Kathy Koft
November 5	B'nai Tikvah	Food Bank Collection	Betsy Gotta / Roy Gotta
November 19	TBA		Dan Koft / Kathy Koft
December 3	PeopleCare	Holiday Party – Toys 4 Tots	Betsy, Dan, Kathy, & Roy
December 17	B'nai Tikvah		Betsy Gotta / Roy Gotta
January 7	PeopleCare	Happy New Year	Dan Koft / Kathy Koft
January 21	PeopleCare		Betsy Gotta / Roy Gotta
February 4	PeopleCare	Super Bowl Party	Dan Koft / Kathy Koft
February 18	PeopleCare		Betsy Gotta / Roy Gotta
March 3	PeopleCare	Tropical Island	Betsy Gotta / Roy Gotta
March 17	PeopleCare	St. Patrick's Day	Betsy Gotta / Roy Gotta
April 7	B'nai Tikvah		Dan Koft / Kathy Koft
April 21	B'nai Tikvah	Spring Bonnet	Betsy Gotta / Roy Gotta
May 5	PeopleCare	Star Wars	Dan Koft / Kathy Koft
May 19	B'nai Tikvah		Dan Koft / Kathy Koft
June 2	PeopleCare		Betsy, Dan, Kathy, & Roy

Times Squares manages to stay cool at PS3 with its air-conditioning while still maintaining a weekly dance schedule. Since the start of 2023, the club has reduced its weeknight dancing to one night (Thursday) but has also added a monthly Saturday workshop series. Attendance has been on the rise in spite (or because?) of these changes.

At the beginning of July, over two dozen members traveled to Canada to attend the 40th IAGSDC convention, held in Ottawa. It was wonderful to see dancers come together from around the world to continue this extraordinary activity. One special tradition at the convention is the pinning of badges to a memorial panel for member clubs' dancers who have recently passed away. This year, Times Squares pinned eight badges - for Tony deFrance, Ping DiBella, Fran Hunt, Gil Kessler, Art Reimer, Bob Rosenthal, Edward Sherman, and Jean Sullivant. Some had not danced with us for some time, but they never left our hearts.

In August, a new eight-week Mainstream class was launched, taught by Howard Richman. Graduates will finish at the end of September, just in time for Peel the Pumpkin.

Speaking of Peel the Pumpkin, the Oct 27-29 weekend event is returning to PS3 this year. Callers are Betsy Gotta (NJ) and Michael Kellogg (CA). "Walk and Dodge the Plank," will be a festive and fun time, with a pirate-themed costume parade on Saturday night. Not to be missed!

Jim Babcock

Just for Fun

Many dance calls that we all know, have developed certain rituals that dancers perform almost universally, such as "Spin the Top," where dancers will generally respond out loud, "Spin the top?" in a somewhat playful manner. Why?, I'll never know. Most dancers don't know where or how these "rituals" got started. I came across a new one here at the Castoffs in Boynton Beach, Florida. When the caller says: "U-Turn Back," everyone yells in unison, "No, YOU turn back!" Caller Jack Lewis once muttered, "I don't know why you all do that."

Also, when I first took mainstream lessons with Betsy Gotta, she told an anecdote of when she announced; "We'll now do a singing call," one of the new students said; "Do we really have to sing?" Well, here in Boynton Beach, when the caller announces the last tip of the evening with, "Now for a singing call," everyone sings along.

NYC'S Times Squares 2023-24 Dances

timesquares.nyc

Weekly Dances: Thursdays 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Various Callers MS/PL/A2

Mainstream Classes: Tuesdays 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Howard Richman

September 12, 19, 26

January 9, 16, 23, 30

February 6, 13, 20, 27

Targeted Workshops: Saturdays 2:00-5:00 p.m.

September 9 - Ted Lizotte (NH) C-1

December 9 - Jenn Engimann (PA) C-1

January 20 - Mark Franks (NJ) Plus

March 16 - Jonathon Weiner (NY) Advanced

Location: Public School 3, 490 Hudson Street, New York 10014



Don Coy invites you to check all of the singing calls, patter and classic round dance music found on COYOTE & TNT records web site

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Thank you for your support

Congratulations to our newest graduates: Maryana Panayiotou, Juergen Zaradic and Sandy Zaradic. A special recognition goes to Barbara Donzella and Karen Snyder who took mainstream again and helped angel. Everyone worked very hard. We bid a sad farewell to member Gary Bergman. He and his wife Bobby have moved to Florida and we will miss them.

Congratulations to Maureen Moynihan our new co-president with Paul Sanderson. Maureen served as treasurer at Rutgers Promenaders. She was also our sunshine coordinator. She has attended many dances and loves round dancing. Our thanks go to Larry Bugal, past president, and the other board members who continue to keep Y Squares running.

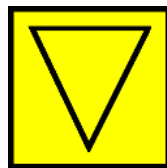
Jan and Paul Sanderson hosted a fabulous barbecue once again at their beautiful home in Westfield. There were many delicious dishes that our members brought to go with the food that Paul grilled. We all had a great time.

This summer many of our members were on the move. Susan Short and Wayne Schroeder traveled to Lancaster, PA and took a cruise on the Danube. Ellen Ward went to Newport, RI, and Cape Cod, Larry Bugal went to Washington, DC, Jan and Paul Sanderson visited Niagara-on-the-Lake in Canada, and Sunny Kordower and Ed LaPlante were in North Carolina.

Did you know Y Squares is turning 60? Stay tuned for our 60th anniversary dance along with some fun new themes this year. We look forward to our first dance on September 7 with caller Mike Sikorsky. See you in a square.

*Ellen Ward*

Y Squares



2nd and 4th Thursdays – Mainstream/Rounds with a Plus Tip
Rounds start at 7:30 p.m.; Dance from 8:00-10:15 p.m.

Date	Caller	Cuer	Theme
7 Sept.	Mike Sikorsky	Mary Pickett	Welcome Back
28 Sept.	Dane Bragg	Mary Pickett	Tutus or Crinolines?
12 Oct.	Randy Longobucco	Mary Pickett	Octoberfest
26 Oct.	Howard Richman	Mary Pickett	Spooktacular Evening
2 Nov.	Doug Kauffman	Mary Pickett	60th Anniversary Dance
14 Dec.	Howard Richman	Mary Pickett	Toys for Tots
11 Jan.	Doug Kauffman	Mary Pickett	Welcoming in 2024
25 Jan.	Howard Richman	Mary Pickett	Comfort Food Potluck Dinner
8 Feb.	Dane Bragg	Mary Pickett	Chinese New Year / Valentine's Day
22 Feb.	Betsy Gotta	Roy Gotta	Of Course, Some Pies for Georgy
14 Mar.	Dan Koft	Mary Pickett	Irish Eyes are Smiling
28 Mar.	Sandy Corey	Mary Pickett	Cherry Pink & Apple Blossom White
11 April	Mark Franks	Mary Pickett	April in Paris
25 April	Howard Richman	Mary Pickett	Kentucky Derby
9 May	Betsy Gotta	Roy Gotta	Flora and Fauna
23 May	Rick Gittleman	Mary Pickett	Old-fashioned ice cream sundaes

Where in the World Have Our Dancers Been?

Carol Casale, Debbie and Jose Obarrio, and Arlene Remington recently enjoyed dancing at the 2023 New England Square Dance Convention in Portland, Maine. It's a lovely city and we enjoyed the food, the shopping, and of course, the dancing. We were the only folks from New Jersey to attend, to our knowledge. We encourage our dancers to attend the many conventions that are offered throughout the US. Many are not far from our backyard. Read below about our adventure at the Nationals in Mobile, Alabama.

Carol Casale

During our last trip to Florida, we purchased a new home in Boynton Beach where the previous owners left us everything, down to the dishes and silverware. In the guestroom closet, we discovered several beautiful traditional square dance outfits. The next day, I attended a dance at the Castoffs and asked if they knew the sellers, who recently moved to assisted living in Pennsylvania. Several dancers and the caller wondered what had happened to them. The next day, I emailed the sellers to inform them that the Castoffs all sent their regards. I got a heart-felt email in return.

Gary Bergman

I recently had the wonderful experience of attending my fifth National Square Dance Convention. Carole Casale, Deb and Jose Obarrio, and I ventured to Mobile, Alabama, where we joined the approximately 20-dancer New Jersey contingent and where I had the privilege of carrying the New Jersey banner in the Parade of States!

In addition to enjoying the wonderful dancing and hospitality of our host state, we were able to tour the USS *Alabama* battleship and the Airbus U.S. Manufacturing Facility (it was fascinating to see the planes being built). We also learned about how Mardi Gras in Alabama differs from that in New Orleans – Moon Pies, anyone?

We started and ended our trip in New Orleans, where we enjoyed delicious food along Bourbon Street; rode the street cars; fed marshmallows to alligators during a swamp tour; ate beignets at Café du Monde; and visited Fats Domino's house – one of my bucket list items.

We were also able to visit three national parks in the area: New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park, Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, and Gulf Islands National Seashore.

Despite the “warm” weather, it was a wonderful trip, and I'm looking forward to my next National Convention in Milwaukee, WI.

Arlene Remington

Twenty-two square dancers from New Jersey attended the 72nd National Square Dance Convention in Mobile, Alabama, June 21-24, 2023. Just about every state was there as well as dancers from Austria, Germany, and Sweden.

The convention had so much to offer. It's not just dancing, though there is quite a bit of it available! It is an experience each of us should try at least once. And, if you have any social anxiety, believe us, meeting new people was not a problem. Everyone is so friendly—we already have a shared interest—dancing! Solo dancers are everywhere and easily identified by a red ribbon on their name tag. And just for Solos they hold a daily morning meet and greet and a dance.

Besides dancing, the convention offers educational classes, sewing workshops, Leadership Certification Programs, round table discussions, tours, and dance workshops. Daytime dress is casual. There are workshops for all levels of square dancing from Social Square Dance to Challenge, Round dancing, Line-dancing, Contra, Clogging, as well as Hot Hash, Hex dancing, Progressives, Kaleidoscope and more! They even offer a Youth Program too. There are dinner shows, fashion shows as well as opening & closing ceremonies, and special participation events—like Dancing in the Park, and the Parade of States.



We also had the opportunity to participate in Passport to Fun. The passport encouraged you to learn more about Mobile, Alabama. It's the birthplace of Mardi Gras, and they don't want you to forget it! We learned, at the Carnival Museum, that they used to throw Cracker Jack boxes during the parades (there are two weeks of parades every year.) but changed to throwing Moon Pies, due to injuries.

Our tours included the USS Alabama Memorial Park. We were able to board and explore the battleship Alabama and the USS Drum submarine, both from WWII. We also toured Flightworks, an interactive aerospace exhibition, as well as the Airbus U.S. Manufacturing Facility.

Restaurants were plentiful and within walking distance. We tried some local dishes, such as Po' Boys, Cheddar Cheese Grits, as well as Mexican, American fare and of course, ice cream!

Next year the 73rd National Convention will be in Milwaukee, WI from June 26-29. It would be wonderful if you could join us there! We already signed up.

Larry Sherwood and Jane Mastrolia, Middletown Ramblers

Mainstream Classes

Some of the information on this page was tentative at time of printing.
Contact the class coordinators to confirm dates, times, and locations.

Bee Sharps – Bridgewater

Wednesdays, 7-9

Class Coordinator: Susan Allen 732-236-6587 beesharpssquaredance@gmail.com

Teacher: Wes Thielke - intro dances: 9/20 and 27 - classes start 10/4

Circle Eights – Hillsdale

Tuesdays, 7-9

Class Coordinator: Alicia Weschler 201-926-5000

aweschler@gmail.com

Teacher: Fran Wadel - classes start 10/3

Belles & Beaux – Glen Rock

Thursdays, 7:30-9:30

Class Coordinator: Richard Ball 973-725-9738

rebtama@gmail.com

Teacher: Fran Wadel - classes start 9/14

Hunterdon Flutterwheels – Ringoes

Tuesdays, 7-9

Class Coordinator: Mary Stamets 908-328-3755

mrabbit67@yahoo.com

Teacher: Mary Moody - intro dance: 9/10 - classes start 9/19

Kittatinny Rangers – Newton

Thursdays, 7-9

Class Coordinator: Karen Hartman 973-248-2604

hartmank70@gmail.com

Teacher: Ken Smith - classes start 9/14

Lakeland Squares – Towaco

Mondays 7-9

Class Coordinator: Kathy Keener 973-229-0698 lakelandsquares@hotmail.com

Teacher: Fran Wadel - intro dance: 8/28 - classes start 9/11

Middletown Ramblers – Leonardo

Tuesdays, 7-9

Class Coordinator: Beverly Yackel 732-747-8505

bevyackel@gmail.com

Teacher: Larry Sherwood - intro dance: 9/22 in the barn at Thompson Park

Reelers – Randolph

Tuesdays, 6:30-8

Class Coordinator: Mark Bippes 973-476-8844

markbippes@yahoo.com

Teacher: Ed Crowley - intro dance: 9/12 - classes start 9/19

Rutgers Promenaders – Bridgewater/North Brunswick **Sundays, 1:30-2:30**

Class Coordinator: Matica Bierstein 732-485-6277

matica@biers.com

Teachers: Betsy Gotta / Dan Koft - intro dances: 9/17, 10/1 - classes start 10/15

Times Squares – New York, NY

Tuesdays, 6:30-9

Class Coordinator: Ray Emrich 646-600-2265

rayemrich@yahoo.com

Teacher: Howard Richman - classes start 8/1

Conventions, Festivals, Specials, and Weekends

September 2023

1-4	Cherry Ridge	B. Gotta, Harrison/R. Gotta	Pennsylvania	PL/A2/RD
8-10	GS Campers	Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	Pennsylvania	MS/PL
29-Oct. 1	GS Campers	Dane Bragg, Jenn Engimann	Pennsylvania	MS/PL

October

15	Dinner Dance	Kittatinny Rangers 50th	Lafayette	MS, PL
20-21	Autumn Leaves	Multiple Callers/Boudreau	Vermont	PL/A2/C/RD
27-29	Peel the Pumpkin	Betsy Gotta, Michael Kellogg	New York City	ALL

November

2	60th Anniversary	Y Squares Dance	Clark	MS/RD, PL
12	Mini-Festival	Multiple Callers/Pickett	TBA	ALL/RD
17-19	Harvest Moon	Multiple Callers/Roy Gotta	Pennsylvania	PL/A2/C

May 2024

3-5	GS Campers	Bob Engel	Pennsylvania	MS/PL
17-19	GS Campers	Paul Ingis	Pennsylvania	ALL

June

14-16	GS Campers	Dave Black	Pennsylvania	MS/PL
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Calendar of Member Clubs' Advertised Dance Events

List of dance events prepared from member club ads that appear in this issue.

Program Legend: A=Advanced; C=Challenge; MS=Mainstream; PL=Plus; RD=Rounds; /=equal time; -=one or two tips; ,=differing length; *italics*=student-level MS or intro dance

Date	Club	Caller/Cuer	Location	Program
SEPTEMBER 2023				
6 W	Belles & Beaux	Jonathon Weiner	Maywood	MS-PL
7 Th	Times Squares	various	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2
	Y Squares	Mike Sikorsky/Pickett	Clark	MS/RD-PL
8 F	Bee Sharps	Mark Franks/Pickett	Bridgewater	MS/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	Dane Bragg	Stanhope	MS, PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Howard Richman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	Fran Wadel	Congers, NY	MS/PL
9 Sa	Times Squares	Ted Lizotte	New York, NY	C1
10 Su	Circle Eights	Howard Richman	Maywood	MS/PL
	Motiv8ors	Mark Franks	Fair Lawn	A2, C1
11 M	Lakeland Squares	Karin Rabe and Greg Moore	Towaco	MS/PL
14 Th	Times Squares	various	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2
15 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Mary Moody	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Jen Engimann	Leonardo	MS, PL
	Reelers	Mark Franks/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
17 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Gottas and Kofts	Bridgewater	MS/RD
20 W	Belles & Beaux	Sandy Corey	Maywood	MS-PL
21 Th	Times Squares	various	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2
22 F	Bee Sharps	Richman/Rumble	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Middletown Ramblers	Doug Kauffman	Thompson Park	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	Betsy Gotta	Congers, NY	MS/PL
25 M	Lakeland Squares	Howard Richman	Towaco	MS/PL
28 Th	Times Squares	various	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2
	Y Squares	Dane Bragg/Pickett	Clark	MS/RD-PL
29 F	Middletown Ramblers	Howard Richman	Leonardo	MS, PL
	Reelers	Dave Black/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
OCTOBER				
1 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	Bridgewater	MS/RD
4 W	Belles & Beaux	Larry Shipman	Maywood	MS-PL
5 Th	Times Squares	various	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2
6 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Mark Franks	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Jen Engimann	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Ted Lizotte/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
8 Su	NNJSDA	Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Motiv8ors	Mark Franks	Fair Lawn	A2, C1
9 M	Lakeland Squares	Paul Ingis	Towaco	MS/PL
12 Th	Times Squares	various	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2
	Y Squares	Randy Longobucco/Pickett	Clark	MS/RD-PL
13 F	Bee Sharps	Karin and Greg/Bradt	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Middletown Ramblers	Betsy Gotta	Leonardo	MS, PL
	RocklandRockytops	Jim Emory	Congers, NY	MS/PL

15 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	Bridgewater	MS/RD
18 W	Belles & Beaux	Mary Moody	Maywood	MS-PL
19 Th	Times Squares	various	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2
20 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Karin Rabe and Greg Moore	Bridgewater	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Mark Franks	Leonardo	MS, PL
	Reelers	Clay Goss/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
22 Su	NNJSDA	Randy Longobucco/Bradt	Montville	MS/PL/RD
23 M	Lakeland Squares	Mary Moody	Towaco	MS/PL
26 Th	Y Squares	Howard Richman/Pickett	Clark	MS/RD-PL
27 F	Bee Sharps	Howard Richman/Bradt	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	Ed Crowley	Stanhope	MS, PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Doug Kauffman	Leonardo	MS, PL
	RocklandRockytops	Sandy Corey	Congers, NY	MS/PL
29 Su	Circle Eights	Jonathon Weiner	Maywood	MS/PL
	Motiv8ors	Mark Franks	Fair Lawn	A2, C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Dan Koft/Kathy Koft	North Brunswick	MS/RD
30 M	Lakeland Squares	Howard Richman	Towaco	MS/PL

NOVEMBER

1 W	Belles & Beaux	Maryjane Clewell	Maywood	MS-PL
2 Th	Times Squares	various	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2
	Y Squares	Doug Kauffman/Pickett	Clark	MS/RD-PL
3 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Dan Koft	Bridgewater	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Mark Franks	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Ed Foote/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
5 Su	Motiv8ors	Ed Foote	Fair Lawn	A2, C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	North Brunswick	MS/RD
9 Th	Times Squares	various	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2
10 F	Bee Sharps	Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	Ed Crowley	Stanhope	MS, PL
	RocklandRockytops	Ed Foote	Hillsdale	MS/PL
12 Su	NNJSDA Mini-Festival	Burke/Lizotte/Richman/Pickett	TBA	All
13 M	Lakeland Squares	Ed Foote	Towaco	MS/PL
15 W	Belles & Beaux	Karin Rabe and Greg Moore	Maywood	MS-PL
16 Th	Times Squares	various	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2
17 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Mary Moody	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Karin Rabe and Greg Moore	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Sandy Corey/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
19 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Dan Koft/Kathy Koft	TBA	MS/RD
24 F	RocklandRockytops	Howard Richman	Hillsdale	MS/PL
26 Su	Circle Eights	Maryjane Clewell	Maywood	MS/PL
	Motiv8ors	Betsy Gotta	Fair Lawn	A2, C1
27 M	Lakeland Squares	Paul Ingis	Towaco	MS/PL
30 Th	Times Squares	various	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2

DECEMBER

1 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Karin Rabe and Greg Moore	Bridgewater	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Mark Franks	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Ken Ritucci/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
3 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Betsy, Dan, Kathy, Roy	Bridgewater	MS/RD
6 W	Belles & Beaux	Betsy Gotta	Maywood	MS-PL
8 F	Bee Sharps	TBA/Rumble	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD

8 F	Middletown Ramblers RocklandRockytops	Doug Kauffman Betsy Gotta	Leonardo Hillsdale	MS, PL MS/PL
9 Sa	Times Squares	Jenn Engimann	New York, NY	C1
10 Su	Circle Eights Motiv8ors	Karin Rabe and Greg Moore Mark Franks	Maywood Fair Lawn	MS/PL A2, C1
11 M	Lakeland Squares	Howard Richman	Towaco	MS/PL
14 Th	Times Squares Y Squares	various Howard Richman/Pickett	New York, NY Clark	MS/PL/A2 MS/RD-PL
15 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels Middletown Ramblers Reelers	Virgil Forbes Howard Richman Dayle Hodge/Pickett	Flemington Leonardo Randolph	MS/PL MS/PL PL/RD
17 Su	Motiv8ors Rutgers Promenaders	Jenn Engimann Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	Fair Lawn North Brunswick	A2, C1 MS/RD
21 Th	Times Squares	various	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2
22 F	Bee Sharps	Karin Rabe and Greg Moore	Bridgewater	MS/PL

JANUARY 2024

3 W	Belles & Beaux	Jonathon Weiner	Maywood	MS-PL
4 Th	Times Squares	various	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2
5 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels Middletown Ramblers Reelers	Mary Moody Howard Richman Doug Kauffman/Pickett	Flemington Leonardo Randolph	MS/PL MS/PL PL/RD
7 Su	Motiv8ors Rutgers Promenaders	Jenn Engimann Dan Koft/Kathy Koft	Fair Lawn Bridgewater	A2, C1 MS/RD
8 M	<i>Lakeland Squares</i>	<i>Fran Wadel</i>	<i>Towaco</i>	<i>MS</i>
11 Th	Times Squares Y Squares	various Doug Kauffman/Pickett	New York, NY Clark	MS/PL/A2 MS/RD-PL
12 F	Bee Sharps Middletown Ramblers RocklandRockytops	Dan Koft/Steve Bradt Doug Kauffman Randy Longobucco	Bridgewater Leonardo Congers, NY	MS/PL/RD MS, PL MS/PL
14 Su	Circle Eights	Howard Richman	Maywood	MS/PL
17 W	Belles & Beaux	Karin Rabe and Greg Moore	Maywood	MS-PL
18 Th	Times Squares	various	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2
19 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels Middletown Ramblers Reelers	Howard Richman (live music) Betsy Gotta Jenn Engimann/Pickett	Bridgewater Leonardo Randolph	MS/PL MS/PL PL/RD
20 Sa	Times Squares	Mark Franks	New York, NY	C1
21 Su	Motiv8ors Rutgers Promenaders	Dave Eno (remote) Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	Fair Lawn Bridgewater	A2, C1 MS/RD
22 M	Lakeland Squares	Howard Richman	Towaco	MS/PL
25 Th	Times Squares Y Squares	various Howard Richman/Pickett	New York, NY Clark	MS/PL/A2 MS/RD-PL
26 F	Bee Sharps Middletown Ramblers RocklandRockytops	Howard Richman/Rumble Doug Kauffman Betsy Gotta	Bridgewater Leonardo Congers, NY	MS/PL/RD MS, PL MS/PL
28 Su	NNJSDA Midterm Dance	class instructors	Bridgewater	MS

FEBRUARY

1 Th	Times Squares	various	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2
2 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels Middletown Ramblers Reelers	Dane Bragg Howard Richman Mark Franks/Pickett	Flemington Leonardo Randolph	MS/PL MS/PL MS-PL/RD

4 Su	Motiv8ors Rutgers Promenaders	Jenn Engimann Dan Koft/Kathy Koft	Fair Lawn Bridgewater	A2, C1 MS/RD
7 W	Belles & Beaux	Betsy Gotta	Maywood	MS-PL
8 Th	Times Squares Y Squares	various Dane Bragg/Pickett	New York, NY Clark	MS/PL/A2 MS/RD-PL
9 F	Bee Sharps Middletown Ramblers <i>RocklandRockytops</i>	Mark Franks/Pickett Betsy Gotta <i>Fran Wadel</i>	Bridgewater Leonardo <i>Congers, NY</i>	MS/PL/RD MS, PL <i>MS/PL</i>
11 Su	<i>Circle Eights</i>	<i>Fran Wadel</i>	<i>Maywood</i>	<i>MS/PL</i>
12 M	Lakeland Squares	Betsy Gotta	Towaco	MS/PL
15 Th	Times Squares	various	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2
16 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels Middletown Ramblers Reelers	Betsy Gotta Mark Franks Dayle Hodge/Pickett	Flemington Leonardo TBA	MS/PL MS/PL PL/RD
18 Su	Motiv8ors Rutgers Promenaders	Mark Franks Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	Fair Lawn Bridgewater	A2, C1 MS/RD
21 W	Belles & Beaux	Maryjane Clewell	Maywood	MS-PL
22 Th	Times Squares Y Squares	various Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	New York, NY Clark	MS/PL/A2 MS/RD-PL
23 F	Bee Sharps Middletown Ramblers RocklandRockytops	Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta Doug Kauffman Howard Richman	Bridgewater Leonardo Congers, NY	MS/PL/RD MS, PL MS/PL
26 M	Lakeland Squares	Karin Rabe and Greg Moore	Towaco	MS/PL
29 Th	Times Squares	various	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2

MARCH

1 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels Middletown Ramblers Reelers	Karin Rabe and Greg Moore Mark Franks Dan Koft/Kathy Koft	Flemington Leonardo Flemington	MS/PL MS/PL MS/PL
3 Su	Motiv8ors Rutgers Promenaders	Dave Eno (remote) Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	Fair Lawn Bridgewater	A2, C1 MS/RD
6 W	Belles & Beaux	Mary Moody	Maywood	MS-PL
7 Th	Times Squares	various	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2
8 F	Bee Sharps Middletown Ramblers RocklandRockytops	TBA/Steve Bradt Howard Richman Betsy Gotta	Bridgewater Leonardo Congers, NY	MS/PL/RD MS, PL MS/PL
10 Su	Circle Eights Motiv8ors	Betsy Gotta Betsy Gotta	Maywood Fair Lawn	MS/PL A2, C1
11 M	Lakeland Squares	Maryjane Clewell	Towaco	MS/PL
14 Th	Times Squares Y Squares	various Dan Koft/Pickett	New York, NY Clark	MS/PL/A2 MS/RD-PL
15 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels Middletown Ramblers <i>Reelers</i>	Howard Richman Betsy Gotta <i>Dane Bragg</i>	Flemington Leonardo <i>Randolph</i>	MS/PL MS/PL <i>MS</i>
16 Sa	Times Squares	Jonathon Weiner	New York, NY	C1
17 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	Bridgewater	MS/RD
20 W	Belles & Beaux	Larry Shipman	Maywood	MS-PL
21 Th	Times Squares	various	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2
22 F	Bee Sharps Middletown Ramblers	Karin and Greg/TBA Doug Kauffman	Bridgewater Leonardo	MS/PL/RD MS, PL
22 F	RocklandRockytops	Howard Richman	Congers, NY	MS/PL

24 Su	NNJSDA	Mark Franks/Steve Bradt	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
25 M	Lakeland Squares	Howard Richman	Towaco	MS/PL
28 Th	Times Squares Y Squares	various Sandy Corey/Pickett	New York, NY Clark	MS/PL/A2 MS-PL/RD
APRIL				
3 W	Belles & Beaux	Mark Franks	Maywood	MS-PL
4 Th	Times Squares	various	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2
5 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels Middletown Ramblers	Mary Moody Doug Kauffman	Flemington Leonardo	MS/PL MS/PL
7 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Dan Koft/Kathy Koft	North Brunswick	MS/RD
8 M	Lakeland Squares	Betsy Gotta	Towaco	MS/PL
11 Th	Times Squares Y Squares	various Mark Franks/Pickett	New York, NY Clark	MS/PL/A2 MS/RD-PL
12 F	Bee Sharps Middletown Ramblers RocklandRockytops	TBA/Steve Bradt Howard Richman Betsy Gotta	Bridgewater Leonardo Congers, NY	MS/PL/RD MS, PL MS/PL
14 Su	Circle Eights Motiv8ors	Karin Rabe and Greg Moore Betsy Gotta	Maywood Fair Lawn	MS/PL A2, C1
17 W	Belles & Beaux	Dane Bragg	Maywood	MS-PL
18 Th	Times Squares	various	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2
19 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels Middletown Ramblers Reelers	Doug Kauffman Mark Franks Clay Goss/Pickett	Flemington Leonardo Randolph	MS/PL MS/PL PL/RD
21 Su	Motiv8ors Rutgers Promenaders	Callers Showcase Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	Fair Lawn North Brunswick	A2/C1 MS/RD
22 M	Lakeland Squares	Fran Wadel (graduation)	Towaco	MS/PL
25 Th	Times Squares Y Squares	various Howard Richman/Pickett	New York, NY Clark	MS/PL/A2 MS/RD-PL
26 F	Bee Sharps Middletown Ramblers RocklandRockytops	Mark Franks/Pickett Betsy Gotta Randy Longobucco	Bridgewater Leonardo Congers, NY	MS/PL/RD MS, PL MS/PL
28 Su	NNJSDA	Cameron Harnish/Rumble	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
MAY				
1 W	Belles & Beaux	Howard Richman	Maywood	MS-PL
2 Th	Times Squares	various	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2
3 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels Middletown Ramblers Reelers	Dane Bragg Jen Engimann Rick Gittleman/Pickett	Flemington Leonardo Randolph	MS/PL MS/PL PL/RD
5 Su	Circle Eights Motiv8ors Rutgers Promenaders	Rick Gittleman Rick Gittleman Dan Koft/Kathy Koft	Maywood Fair Lawn Bridgewater	MS/PL A2, C1 MS/RD
9 Th	Times Squares Y Squares	various Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	New York, NY Clark	MS/PL/A2 MS/RD-PL
10 F	Bee Sharps Middletown Ramblers RocklandRockytops	Karin and Greg/Rumble Betsy Gotta Ed Foote	Bridgewater Leonardo Congers, NY	MS/PL/RD MS, PL MS/PL
13 M	Lakeland Squares	Ed Foote	Towaco	MS/PL
15 W	Belles & Beaux	Rick Gittleman	Maywood	MS-PL
16 Th	Times Squares	various	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2
17 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Jenn Engimann	Flemington	MS/PL

17 F	Middletown Ramblers Reelers	Rick Gittleman Ed Foote/Pickett	Leonardo Randolph	MS/PL PL/RD
18 Sa	NNJSDA	Rick Gittelman/Pickett	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
19 Su	Motiv8ors Rutgers Promenaders	Ed Foote Dan Koft/Kathy Koft	Fair Lawn North Brunswick	A2, C1 MS/RD
23 Th	Times Squares Y Squares	various Rick Gittelman/Pickett	New York, NY Clark	MS/PL/A2 MS/RD-PL
24 F	Bee Sharps Middletown Ramblers RocklandRockytops	Howard Richman/Pickett Karin Rabe and Greg Moore Rick Gittelman	Bridgewater Leonardo Congers, NY	MS/PL/RD MS, PL MS/PL
30 Th	Times Squares	various	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2
31 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels Middletown Ramblers	Karin Rabe and Greg Moore Howard Richman	Bridgewater Leonardo	MS/PL MS/PL

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2 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Betsy, Dan, Kathy, Roy	Bridgewater	MS/RD
5 W	Belles & Beaux	Fran Wadel	Maywood	MS-PL
6 Th	Times Squares	various	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2
7 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels Reelers	Virgil Forbes Ted Lizotte/Pickett	Flemington Randolph	MS/PL PL/RD
8 Sa	NNJSDA	Dan Koft	Bridgewater	MS/PL
9 Su	Circle Eights	Paul Ingis	Maywood	MS/PL
10 M	Lakeland Squares	Howard Richman	Towaco	MS/PL
13 Th	Times Squares	various	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2
14 F	RocklandRockytops	Sandy Corey	Congers, NY	MS/PL
19 W	Belles & Beaux	Sandy Corey	Maywood	MS-PL
20 Th	Times Squares	various	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2
24 M	Lakeland Squares	Mary Moody	Towaco	MS/PL
27 Th	Times Squares	various	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2
28 F	RocklandRockytops	Mark Franks	Congers, NY	MS/PL

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NNJSDA MEMBER CLUBS

MAINSTREAM

Sunday	1, 3 All Year		
Rutgers Promenaders*	Central NJ	rutgerspromenaders.org	732-690-5280
Friday	Various		
Kittatinny Rangers	Stanhope	kittatinnyrangers.org	973-697-9112

PLUS

Friday	1, 3 Sept.-June		
Reelers*	Randolph	reelers.nnjstda.org	973-476-8844

MAINSTREAM – PLUS TIP

Wednesday	1, 3 All Year		
Belles & Beaux	Maywood	sqrdance.org/BellesBeaux	201-522-4778
Thursday	2, 4 Sept.-June		
Y Squares*	Clark	y-squares.org	732-259-1559

MAINSTREAM / PLUS

Sunday	Various Sept.-June		
Circle Eights	Maywood	circle8s.nnjstda.org	201-744-6463
Monday	2, 4 Sept.-July		
Lakeland Squares	Towaco	lakelandsquares.wixsite.com	973-229-0698
Friday	2, 4 Sept.-May		
Bee Sharps*	Bridgewater	beesharps.org	908-566-7580
Friday	1, 3 Sept.-June		
Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Flemington	hunterdonflutterwheels.nnjstda.org	908-328-3755
Friday	2, 4 All Year		
RocklandRockytops	Congers, NY	sqrdance.org/RocklandRockytops	845-642-5624
Friday	All Year		
Middletown Ramblers	Leonardo	sites.google.com/site/midramblers	732-319-8920

MAINSTREAM / PLUS / ADVANCED

Thursday	All Year		
Times Squares	New York, NY	timessquares.nyc	212-749-4291

ADVANCED 2, CHALLENGE 1

Sunday	Various		
Motiv8ors	Fair Lawn	motiv8ors.nnjstda.org	551-206-7905

CHALLENGE 1

Saturday	Various		
Times Squares	New York, NY	timessquares.nyc	212-749-4291

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