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From the computers of ...



Donna Poyer and Greg Kushla, NNJSDA Presidents

Hi, Square Dancers, We hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and New Year. The brand new year brings

qualify for the Association's incentive programs. Congratulations to clubs that completed the Raid

with it an opportunity once again for each club to

and/or One Square Is Fair programs in the past.



Having fun while dancing with other clubs (Raids) and at NNJSDA events (OSIF) earned successful clubs the right to pay either a reduced amount in Association dues or even no dues, if they completed both programs. The first five months of 2014 offer a chance for all clubs to complete these programs.

Dancers should be looking forward to attending many events locally; perhaps a weekend event away; and maybe even the National Square Dance Convention to be held in Little Rock, Arkansas, in June. In this issue of *Grand Square*, in addition to the National Convention, you'll find lots of square dance travel opportunities: Cherry Ridge (Pennsylvania), Lehigh Valley B&Bs (West Virginia), New England Convention (New Hampshire), Peel the Pumpkin (New Jersey), Summer Magic (Ontario, Canada), WASCA (Virginia), Belles & Beaux Mystery Bus Raid (who knows where?), a Caribbean cruise, and Garden State Square Dance Campers week-ends throughout the region. You can even attend a callers' school (New Hampshire)!

Go to these places and enjoy yourselves – go with friends from your clubs – you will have unforgettable experiences. Always remember that no matter where you go, other square dancers are friends you just haven't met yet.

Think green – spring is only a couple of months away!

| Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association | | | |
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| MIDTERM DANCE | | | |
| Callers: Student Level MS | Class Teachers | | |
| Date/Time | Sunday, January 26, 2014 3:00-6:00 | | |
| Location | PeopleCare Center, 120 Finderne Ave. Bridgewater, NJ 08807 | | |
| Inquiries | Barbara Berger: 201-385-5696 Cell for Dance: 201-906-5901 | | |
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THANK YOU to the following teachers who generously offered their time to call an exciting Midterm Dance for Mainstream students in all our clubs:

| Wayne Applegate | Paul Ingis | Dan Koft (MC) | |
|--|----------------|---------------|--|
| Betsy Gotta | Barbara Kanter | Fran Wadel | |
| We look forward to squaring up with the new dancers! | | | |

NNJSDA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

- 19 **Delegates Meeting** (1:00) Bridgewater
- 26 NNJSDA Midterm Dance (3:00) Bridgewater Class Teachers Student Level MS

February

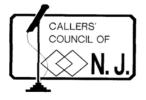
- 1 NNJSDA Dance (7:30) Caldwell Stacy/Pickett MS/PL/RD
- 15 **Club Presidents Dinner/Meeting** (5:00) Montville

March

1 **NNJSDA Dance** (7:30) Bridgewater Franks/Kushla MS/PL/RD April NNJSDA Special Dance (7:30) 5 Caldwell Mager/Bradt PL/RD-Star Tips 27 Delegates Meeting (1:00) Location TBA Grand Square Distribution May 3 NNJSDA Dance (7:30) Bridgewater Williamson/Williamson MS/PL/RD June NNJSDA Dance (7:30) 7

Location TBA McGovern/Torti MS/PL/RD

Bridgewater: PeopleCare Center, 120 Finderne Ave. 08807
 Caldwell: St. Aloysius Church, 219 Bloomfield Ave. 07006
 Montville: Senior House, 356 Main Rd. (Rt. 202) 07045



Presents

Mid-Winter Mania

Mainstream Program

SUNDAY, February 23, 2014 2:30-5:00 PM \$4/Dancer

PeopleCare Center

120 Finderne Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ 08807



Let's Stay Healthy with Effective Hand Washing

Hand washing can be the single most effective thing you do to protect yourself and those around you from illness. When done correctly, hand washing can reduce the spread of infectious disease.

Here are some "tips" to follow when you wash your hands between dance tips, before going to the refreshment table, and after bathroom breaks.

1. Wet your hands with *warm* running water.

2. Add soap and then rub your hands together, making a lather. Do this away from the running water for at least 20 seconds, being careful not to wash the lather away.

3. Remember to wash your thumbs, between fingers, under nails, and the front and back of your hands.

4. Rinse your hands well under the warm running water. Let the water run back into the sink, not down to your elbows.

5. Dry your hands thoroughly with paper towels.

6. Turn off the water with a clean paper towel. Dispose of the towel in the proper receptacle.

What about hand sanitizers? Apply about a teaspoon of the alcohol gel on the palm of your hand. Then distribute over both hands, making sure to rub the front, back, and fingernails. Let the alcohol dry, which should take about 30 seconds.

Helen Jacobson, RN, Reelers

| Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association | | |
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| Caller: MS & PL | Chris Stacy (VA) | |
| Round Dance Cuer | Mary Pickett (NJ) | |
| Date/Time | Saturday, February 1, 2014 7:30-8:00 MS 8:00-10:00 MS/PL/RD 10:00-10:30 RD | |
| Location | St. Aloysius Church 219 Bloomfield Ave., Caldwell, NJ 07006 | |
| Inquiries | Nancy Ammons: 908-566-7580 Cell for Dance: 908-566-7580 | |

| 2014 MAINSTREAM CLASSES |
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| T = Teacher; CC = Class Coordinator. Because changes may occur, please call Class Coor- |
| dinators to confirm starting dates, halls, and other details. Notify the editor of any corrections. |
| SUNDAY |
| Flemington - Hunterdon Flutterwheels - Open house: Feb. 9, 1:30; Classes start: Feb. 16, |
| 1:30; The Lodge at Echo Hill Park, 43 Lilac Dr. 08822; T = Ed Kerns; CC = Ralph Serio, 908- |
| 236-7270, rdjserio@comcast.net, Rich Moody, 908-231-1194, richardwmoody@msn.com |
| MONDAY |
| Bridgewater - Bee Sharps - Open houses: Jan. 6 and 13, 7:30; Classes start: Jan. 27, 7:30; |
| Adamsville School, 400 Union Ave. (Rt. 28) 08807; T = Gardner Patton; CC = Anne Mellen, |
| 732-356-7164, Mary Ellen Freese, 908-642-5816, curtis.kraut@gmail.com |
| TUESDAY |
| Caldwell - Cross Trail Squares - Open houses: Jan. 7 and 14, 7:30; Classes start: Jan. 21, |
| 7:30; Grover Cleveland Middle School, 36 Academy Rd. 07006; T = Ron Kapnick; CC = Joe |
| and Susan Gerish, 908-669-1260, joepgerish@aol.com |
| Randolph - Reelers - Open house: Jan. 14, 7:30; Classes start: Jan. 21, 7:30; Ironia School, 303 |
| Dover-Chester Rd. (Rt. 513) 07869; T = Dan Tapper; CC = Robin Olson, 973-713-8402, |
| <u>robin.dinerplacemats@hotmail.com</u> |
| Staten Island, NY - AleMo Squares - Classes start: Feb. 11, 7:00; Historic Richmond Town, 441 |
| Clarke Ave. 10306; T = Barbara Kanter; CC = Norman Kanter, 718-351-9150, <u>bnkanter@verizon.net</u> |
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| There will be great dancing, good food, and fun for all!Callers:Butch Adams (VA)Dan Koft (NJ)Cuer:Kathy Koft (NJ)Square dance program is Plus Sunday night is Theme Night | | | |
| Weekend package includes: 2 nights' lodging, 1 dinner, 2 breakfasts, 4 dance sessions, 6 hour-long workshops, after party \$175 per person (double), if paid in full by January 31* (\$185 after) \$225 per person (single), if paid in full by January 31* (\$235 after) *based on room availability Walk-ins: \$5 per dance session, \$20 for all day Sunday | | | |
| Name Address City | erve yours by completing the form belowPhoneStateZip | | |
| Room: Single Double No Optional Friday night room Make check pa | b. of people Roommate h: Yes No (must be paid upon arrival) ayable to: Lehigh Valley B&Bs East 3rd Street, Wind Gap, PA 18091-1614 | | |

Letters to the Editors

I just finished reading the newest *Grand Square* [September 2013]. I am impressed, and think I know why. As you may know, I have scanned into the computer all issues of *Grand Square, Sets in Order* (from Bob Osgood), *American Dance Circle* (Lloyd Shaw Foundation), and *American Square Dance* (almost 800 issues). Of all those magazines, I thought *Sets in Order* was the best. Why? Because Bob was always so upbeat about square dancing, and helpful in the articles. But most of all, he played up the success stories and happiness that he found across the United States. In this issue, I think you have captured that. It was very upbeat, and I loved the positive excerpts from people. The helpful tips were positive and great also. Good work! Cheers, Gardner Patton



Dear NNJSDA square and round dancers,

It has been about two and a half years since we left New Jersey. We now live in Bellevue, Washington, which is not far from Seattle. Most of the square dance clubs here are Mainstream with round dancing (phases II and III). We joined a round dance club with cuer Randy Preskitt and dance every week. Randy and his wife, Marie, are well known in round dance society. We enjoy the dances and people here.

This year, we spent a lot of time in Taiwan, visiting family and friends. We also enjoyed a short vacation in Japan with friends. The photo is from Kobe port, Japan.

We miss our New Jersey friends, especially at Lakeland Squares. Hope to see you all soon and have a Chinese New Year luncheon together. Sophia and Patrick Chen

Hello square dancers,

Please consider the following personal observation.

Some dancers have worked hard to become proficient at certain levels of square dancing. When they go to a dance, they rightfully expect to be able to dance at that level without frequent breakdowns. Now don't get me wrong – occasional breakdowns are inevitable, and heaven knows I have caused more than my fair share of them. But a dance is not a lesson!

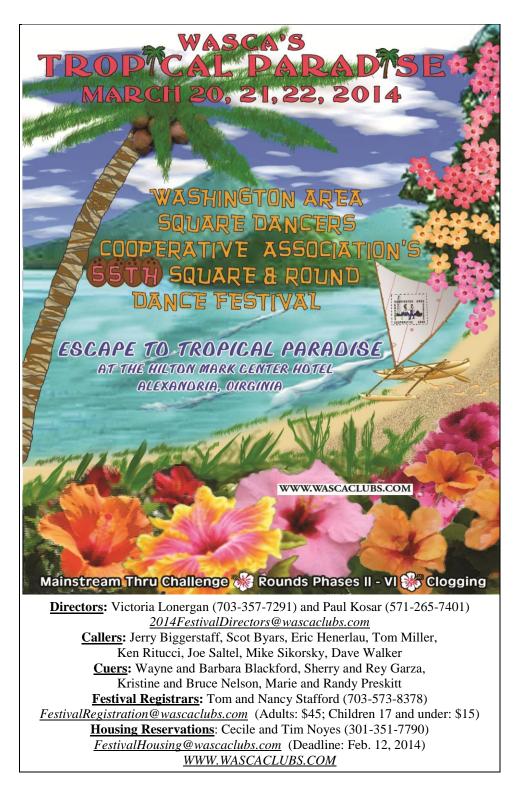
Frequently, I have observed people attending a dance at a level they have never mastered, and sometimes at a level for which they have never even attended lessons. The result: frequent breakdowns and frustrated dancers. I do not believe this is fair to other dancers who have taken the time to attend lessons at those levels. They rightfully expect to dance and not go through breakdown-workshop, breakdown-workshop, breakdown.

The result of too-frequent breakdowns is that people become disenchanted and do not return to future dances at that location.

Am I making sense? Am I way off base here? I am sincerely trying to be part of the solution to this problem, and would appreciate your comments. You can email me at <u>brackenm@charter.net</u>. Thanks, Moe Bracken, Hayloft Steppers Square Dance Club, Sturbridge, MA

[Editor's note: See page 10 for one caller/teacher's perspective on this issue.]





What Does Graduation Mean?

(originally published in *American Square Dance* in two parts, Sept. and Oct. 2012) A common statement for years has been: "Anyone can learn to square dance." Is this statement true? No!

My observation is that about three percent of those who try square dancing cannot make it. This is not because of any physical impairment. It is just that, mentally, they cannot combine the call name with putting their body in the correct place.

What do we do with this three percent? We graduate them. What does "graduation" mean? Graduation in any activity means that one has achieved a minimum level of skill required to perform the activity. So, we are saying to these three percent that they have achieved the minimum skill needed to square dance.

Whether it's because we say "everyone can square dance" and therefore it is socially unacceptable not to graduate someone, or because with the decline in square dancing, clubs are so desperate for bodies that they will take anyone no matter how incapable he or she is, the result is that people who have no idea what is going on are being told that they "belong" and that it is proper for them to be on the dance floor.

Examples: On a recent calling trip, I witnessed a new graduate square up in the number three position and then ask someone: "Is this the head position?" This couple had been dancing for seven months and they didn't even know where the heads are? You can imagine how this couple did with the calls – it was a disaster.

I have seen people dancing for nine months after receiving a diploma; they have no idea how to do a Square Thru from the standard position, don't know how to Circulate from waves, break down on Right and Left Thru, and put up the wrong hand for a Star Thru. These people wander around the square with a blank look and wait for someone to put them in place, which is necessary on almost every call. They are also moving very slowly, which impacts everyone in the square – even those who are not helping them at the particular moment. I heard a great description of such people: They are like liquid cement, because you never know where they are going to set up.

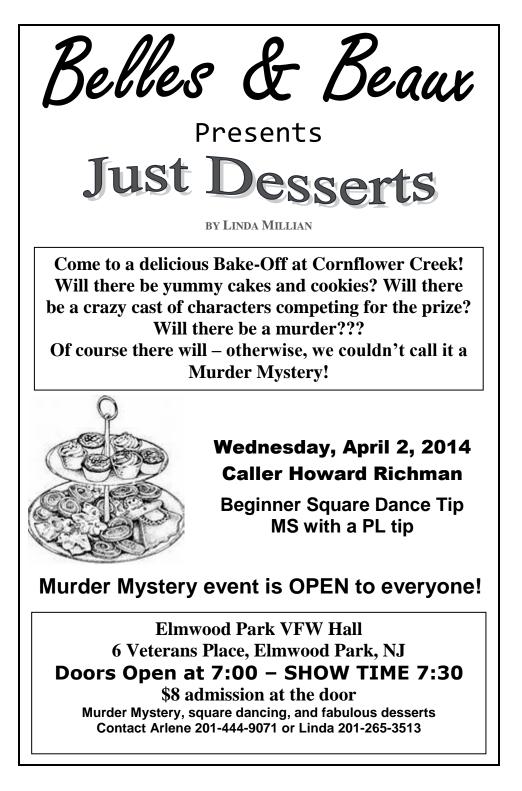
We are thus faced with a situation in which a small percentage of people are not able to learn to square dance; but they become graduated dancers anyway, because clubs are desperate for bodies and some people consider it socially unacceptable not to graduate every person who takes lessons. How do clubs justify this behavior?

CLUB MINDSET. The biggest club rationalization is: "No one minds helping people." Therefore, clubs graduate people who cannot dance, because it is felt that club members will pull these people through for the next year or more, and that these members will have great joy in doing so. Is this true? Not necessarily.

I have had experienced dancers say to me: "We are tired of pulling through new graduates who don't know the calls. We've done it for years, we've paid our dues, and now we just want to dance. If we are expected to keep pulling people through every year, there is a good chance we will just stop dancing."

So, in their desperation to bring in more people, clubs risk losing experienced dancers. But because it is socially unacceptable to complain about helping new dancers, people who are going to drop out will not tell anyone. They will just cut back on how many times they attend, until eventually they do not attend at all. In other words, these people just gradually ease themselves out of dancing because they are frustrated, and the club will have no idea why they stopped attending.

One club president told me: "If you see new graduates break down, stop the dance and square everyone back up." The president wanted me to sacrifice in midstream the successful squares, without letting them achieve a call. **Continued on page 12**





CCNJ President's Message

Note: For a roster of the Callers' Council of New Jersey, including contact information, see page 33 of this issue or visit <u>ccnjcallers.com</u>.

RPM – Recruit, Promote, and Maintain

The holidays are over, and it's time to refocus on dancing. We have arrived at the dance year's mid-season, with summer and fall behind us, winter and spring ahead.

Congratulations to the clubs that have <u>recruited</u> viable classes. I have heard of several with seven to 10 new dancers, and a couple with more than a dozen.

We all need to remember that the "sales and marketing" <u>promotion</u> must be a yearround activity, although peak efforts usually occur in September and January. While most clubs start new classes in the fall, several will be starting in the winter. We need to support them in any way possible, because increasing the dancer population helps us all.

For clubs that have classes, the job is just started. New dancers need angels to be in the right place at the right time and encourage them. (*Teaching* is the instructor's job.) Now we are into "student dance season," with class-level dances hosted by NNJSDA, CCNJ, and many clubs. Try to take your new dancers to these events and integrate them into our social family. Remember to keep smiling and make it fun.

In addition to supporting the new dancers, we have club and Association events. <u>Maintenance</u> applies to new dancers as well as our existing population. The NNJSDA Raid program continues to help dance attendance; the variety of callers and themes keeps things interesting and enjoyable. After all, the reason we got into this activity (and remain) is for the fun and friendship. Keep up the good work, folks!

Ad on page 4 Ron Kapnick, President (<u>kapnickrr@juno.com</u>) 973-857-8879

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- 4. The magazine is time-sensitive! If your club is not dancing within the next week or two, consider distributing them at another event your members attend.
- 5. Remember: Every issue is online (in color) at NNJSDA.org/grand_square.

What Does Graduation Mean? Continued from page 10

Another reason that clubs graduate everyone is that they think the class teacher will be offended if anyone in the class is not graduated, no matter how poor a dancer that person may be. The club believes the class teacher will take it as a personal affront to his or her teaching ability if anyone is denied graduation. Obviously this hurts the club. The solution is for the club and class teacher to discuss beforehand the fact that not everyone may have the ability to graduate; that if someone graduates who cannot dance, it will hurt the club; and that if someone is not graduated, it is not a reflection on the abilities of the teacher.

This article will continue in the next issue, when we look at the mindset of people in a beginners' class. *Ed Foote, Square Dance Caller/Teacher*



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Andy Woerner: Thanks for the Memories!



In 1981, Andy and Ruth Woerner attended a barn dance sponsored by the New Milford Tenderfeet. Intrigued, they continued with the square dance class and picked up the moves quickly. Soon Andy was helping his classmates learn in Sunday afternoon workshops in his living room. When the teacher, Bill Heyman, had to go out of town for a few weeks, Andy was asked to teach the class. He learned to call by reading books, getting assistance from other callers, and taking a three-day caller course with Al Brundage and Earl Johnston.

Andy and Ruth went on to teach themselves Plus, and then attended workshops with Hugh Jones and Mike Foley to learn Advanced. Less than a year after their first barn dance, they were dancing A2. Andy was calling Plus and Mainstream; he joined CALLERLAB, American Callers' Association, and Callers' Council of New Jersey.

The next year, the Woerners learned round dancing through workshops at the home of Peg and Doc Tirrell. Ruth attended a weeklong cuers' school in the Midwest, and the couple became a popular caller/cuer team. Andy called at quite a few National Conventions. He and Ruth continued dancing at local clubs, and once clocked 43 consecutive days of square dancing.

Ruth and Andy started the Silver Stars club, which danced in Rockland County for many years. They also started a "singles list" in an attempt to get solo dancers together.

Andy taught Mainstream for the New Milford Tenderfeet, Western Wheelers, Tarry Squares, Hill City Squares, Rockland Promenaders, and Silver Stars. He also gave Plus and Advanced classes in Bergenfield and at his home. For several years, he held the well-attended "Saturday Night Live" class-level dances for students.

Ruth passed away in 2010. Andy, having reached his 80th birthday, has now relocated to Alabama to be near one of his children.

The Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association extends heartfelt thanks to Andy Woerner for 33 years of calling and teaching, as well as for his generous donation of square dance clothing for our sales. He can be reached by email at <u>k2etn.4@gmail.com</u>. His street address is 26 Magnolia Circle, Foley, AL 36535.

Lise Greene, Editor

| Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association | | | |
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| Caller: MS & PL | Mark Franks (NJ) | | |
| Round Dance Cuer | Karen Kushla (NJ) | | |
| Date/Time | Saturday, March 1, 2014 7:30-8:00 MS 8:00-10:00 MS/PL/RD 10:00-10:30 RD | | |
| Location | PeopleCare Center, 120 Finderne Ave. Bridgewater, NJ 08807 | | |
| Inquiries | Nancy Ammons: 908-566-7580 Cell for Dance: 908-566-7580 | | |



Belles & Beaux Mystery Bus Raid

Saturday, May 17, 2014

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Congratulations, Freeloaders!

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Download your Freeloader 2014 form at NNJSDA.org (Documents) or pick up at a dance.

Tumbling Leaves Festival

October was showing its fall colors as 12 members of Kittatinny Rangers traveled to Bennington, Vermont, for a great square dance weekend – Tumbling Leaves! The spectacle of colorful leaves was followed by hours of square dancing pleasure.

The top-notch callers who kept us moving and having fun were Red Bates, Bill Harrison, Tim Marriner, John Marshall, Don Moger, and Ken Ritucci. There was round dancing, too, with cuers Steve Bradt and Bev MacKay. Our new members took advantage of the opportunity to reinforce their Mainstream skills. Bob and I participated in the Plus workshops and dances, where we found friends from other NNJSDA clubs. We were happy to see a total of 30 dancers from New Jersey at the festival, some of whom enjoyed the Advanced and Challenge halls.

Our group stayed (at the Hampton Inn), played, danced, shopped, and ate meals together. The pool was easily accessible, and some of us relaxed in the hot tub. Others spent leisurely hours enjoying a variety of amenities at the hotel. The diehard "King's Row" card players managed to complete a rousing game.

Some people chose to take local sightseeing trips. They included the Robert Frost House; a Norman Rockwell exhibit; and a drive across a covered bridge to Hildene, the home of Robert Lincoln (the only child of President Lincoln who survived to adulthood).

The shopping at the festival was tempting. We saw one beautiful square dance outfit followed by another and another. But the "call" to square up lured us away to the reason we came: to dance until we drop! Mark your calendar for the next Tumbling Leaves Festival: October 17-19, 2014. *Francine Leshnower, Kittatinny Rangers*

Congratulations, Patrons!

Visited at least 12 NNJSDA Member Clubs Earned free dance coupon and dangle

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Where in the World Have Our Dancers Been? Memorable Dance Moments Submitted by *Grand Square* Readers

We attended our first "Summer Magic" weekend festival last August in Ontario, Canada, and had a wonderful time. We met three other couples from NNJSDA clubs; it was nice to see some familiar faces. It was our first time dancing out of the country, so that was a new experience for us. There was a great crowd of dancers with four fantastic and entertaining callers: Don Moger, Tony Oxendine, Mike Seastrom, and Jerry Story. Many folks there commented about how much energy there was in the Plus room – Don Moger had us all laughing hysterically on the floor. The organizers of the weekend thought of everything. The accommodations were great, especially since you never had to leave the premises. All of the dancing was "in house." All meals were included and the restaurant prepared delicious food. We certainly recommend this weekend to anyone looking to try somewhere new. ~ Kathy Randall and Tony Milito, Rutgers Promenaders

Barbara and I enjoyed the National Convention in Oklahoma City, seeing friends from other states whom we met at past conventions. We use the convention as a starting point for experiencing our beautiful country, having now visited the 48 contiguous states and taken a cruise to Alaska. Last year, we concentrated on the Louisiana Bayou and southeastern Texas. One drawback at the last few conventions was the seeming absence of many national callers from the halls. In contrast, at the Tumbling Leaves festival in Vermont, it was a pleasure dancing to six top callers for the entire weekend: Red Bates, Bill Harrison, Tim Marriner, John Marshall, Don Moger, and Ken Ritucci. One of the two cuers was Steve Bradt. Although this festival is on a much smaller scale, it was far superior to the National Convention in actual dancing. It offers Mainstream through Challenge and has two round dance teaches at a lower level. If you cannot get to the National Convention and are looking for a new dance experience, we recommend trying weekends offering your preferred dance programs. Others we enjoy are WASCA, Harvest Moon, and Lehigh Valley B&Bs. ~ George Kuhne, Y Squares

WASCA is a terrific long weekend of square and round dancing held outside of Washington, DC, every March. We have been attending this event for many years, and look forward to it all winter. It feels like the kickoff to the spring and summer dance season. The callers and cuers are top-notch, the dancers are friendly and fun to be with, and the hotel facilities are excellent. What more can you want for a great weekend of dancing and socializing? We have made friends there over the years and look forward to catching up with them each year (sometimes in the bar after dancing). The schedule includes a full-time DBD Plus hall (Carl's favorite) – and you can't miss Tommy Miller calling DBD Plus! Also, for the round dancers, there is a full-time round dance hall (actually more than one), teaches in the morning and afternoon, and 2x2 in the Plus hall. We even tried our feet at an introductory clogging session, and that was a giggle or two. We fill our days with square dancing, round dancing, a little shopping at the vendors, and chatting with friends – all in all, a great weekend. Consider adding this event to your square dance calendar – you won't be disappointed! ~ Chariss Smith and Carl Luhrs, Motiv8ors

Look throughout this issue for ads on great dance weekends and trips. Send your memorable dance moments to <u>editor@nnjsda.org</u>.



Mini-Festivals Past and Present

I am not sure how many Mini-Festivals Vic and I have attended. But we've been square dancing almost 20 years, and have gone to most of them. Many of the events were held in Bridgewater, very close to the hall where our club (Bee Sharps) holds dances and classes. I have so many great memories of Mini-Festivals over the years.

As a new dancer, I remember being astounded at the callers who were brought in from all over the country. We certainly have wonderful callers in New Jersey also, but it was so exciting to dance to new callers who were fast and smooth and challenging ... yet so good that the squares held together and all the dancers had a great time.

I remember being in a square with two local callers and three cuers: the Gottas, the Kofts, and Russ Booz. What a raucous and fun tip - I felt as though I were being turned upside down on some of those promenades home! How thoughtful of them to welcome us relatively new dancers, supporting and challenging us at the same time.



Until recently, Mini-Festivals went until 9:00 PM, with a dinner break before the evening dancing. Since Bee Sharps members lived in the area, we always had a big turnout of our dancers for a potluck dinner in the school cafeteria. Wonderful company and great food ... like Irma's kielbasa and Jim's pierogi and plenty of desserts. Then we put the dancing shoes back on aching feet and returned to the floor!

One year, our students came to observe the Mini-Festival for an hour or so, just to give them a sense of what it is like to dance in big halls with lots of squares. The caller, Saundra Bryant, was so gracious. She actually called a quick tip for them that included just the Mainstream calls they knew. Our fellow dancers were similarly gracious, helping those students enjoy their dancing experience.



2013 Mini-Festival photos: Ken Robinson

Miller in the A1/A2 hall; and eating after the dance with my sister, Jeanne, and her husband, Dan, who met while square dancing. Oh, and Vic won the silver belt buckle!

I am storing these memories along with all the other Mini-Festivals; and Ken Robinson's pictures, posted on the NNJSDA website, will help me to remember the fun we had. I hope you also have good memories of the Mini-Festival, with many more years to come. We'll see you there!

Nancy and Vic Ammons, 1st VPs, NNJSDA

Squares; zigging and zagging with Tom

The 2013 Mini-Festival is now one of our great memories, with callers Tom Miller, Randy Page, and Dan Preedy (photo, left to right). Some of our highlights were round dancing in a dedicated hall (for the first time) with cuers Tom Denniston and Ellen Mc-Cabe; dancing with friends from our newest NNJSDA member club, Times



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Y Squares – 50 Years of History

We are often asked why the club is called Y Squares. The seed for the club was planted in 1962 when the Westfield YMCA contacted Bob and Jean Kellogg to call for a series of three square dances. They had danced for many years, and taught and cued rounds for other clubs. Bob called, Jean cued, and she also did the organizing.

Many of the 45 couples attending the first series of dances wanted more. A class was offered, resulting in the formation of Y Squares in 1963, with 27 charter members. Following a year at the YMCA, dances were held in Westfield schools for three years. Then the club spent a decade moving to various schools in New Providence and Scotch Plains. Thanks to the support of the Board of Education, Y Squares has danced in Clark since 1976: at the Carl Kumpf School, from 1976 to 2000, and at the Frank K. Hehnly School, from 2000 to the present.

Like many back then, Y Squares was a caller-run club, led by the Kelloggs until Bob's death in 1979. Dick Jones and Mike Foley shared the calling for two years, and then Mike continued until poor health forced his retirement in 1987. Brian Fugere was club caller from 1988 until his death in 1997. Dan Koft became our principal caller in 1997, sharing the duties with many other fine callers.

Jean Kellogg continued to cue after Bob's death, later sharing the schedule with Peg Tristram, Karen Kushla, and Kathy Koft. Now Mary Pickett cues most dances.

Y Squares is a Mainstream club, with one Plus tip added in 2001. A few years later, it was decided to alternate Mainstream and Plus because most of our members danced Plus. Like many clubs, our membership dwindled – from 127 in 1992 to 30-some today. In 2011, Y Squares decided to return to a format of all Mainstream with one Plus tip. It was also decided to move from Friday to Thursday night because the nearest club, Bee Sharps, danced the same night.



Members of Y Squares at the club's 50th anniversary dance on Nov. 14, 2013 (photo: George Kuhne)

Dan Koft was awarded a callers' school scholarship from the club's Bob Kellogg Memorial Fund. (Previous recipients were Bill Heyman and Bill Anderson.) Dan has taught the Y Squares class for many years. The last few classes have produced some quality members who have moved into leadership positions and are of great value to Y Squares. This year's class is large, and we hope to graduate more members. In accordance with Y Squares tradition, all dancers, including new graduates, are welcome. Our outstanding callers prove that dancing any program can be fun.

One of our strengths is the dynamic participation of our membership. Active members who serve the club and the square dance community help to keep us vibrant. "We dance for fun" is the Y Squares motto. Please join us to share in the fun.

George and Barbara Kuhne, Presidents, Y Squares (adapted from a 2003 article by Hal and Florence Margo)



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ALeMO SQUARES – Brooklyn, NY

Various Wed. Sept.-June Kathy Colucci: 718-375-1788

Sts. Simon & Jude Lower Church Avenue T between Lake & Van Sicklen Sts. 11223 Cell for dance: 917-699-2093

The AleMo dance season started on Labor Day with a demo at the Richmond County Fair on Staten Island. Just as we began to dance, it started to rain. By the time we did a few tips and got people up from the audience to join us, we were all soaked. Barbara Kanter, however, did a great job of keeping everyone dancing. It was a very successful, but wet, afternoon. We thank our dancers: Kathy Colucci, John and Anna Gallucci, Norman Kanter, Brenda Plotkin, Pat Seebach, Rose Mary Sokolow, and Judy Weisberg. We also thank the family members who joined us, especially Ann Colucci and Peter Mare. Although Peter could not participate that day because of a bad foot, we hope he will be back on our dance floor soon.

alemo.nnjsda.org

Our open house in Brooklyn was a huge success with 10 new dancers. We look forward to seeing them at our workshops and welcoming them as members of our club.

On October 13, members of AleMo danced at the Narrows Botanical Gardens in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. This is an annual event to help support the beautiful gardens. We started with more than two squares, who thoroughly enjoyed the calling of Don Coy and the line dances led by his wife, Dot. That grew to five squares when we asked the audience to participate, most of them being very young dancers. The audience and club members all had a great time, and we thank the dancers who joined in to make this a very successful afternoon.

The annual Halloween party was held on October 30. We did not have one last year because of Superstorm Sandy, but everyone returned in 2013 to show off imaginative costumes and dance to the spooky tunes of Don Coy. We had more than three squares of costumed dancers, and prizes were given: spookiest (skeleton – Iris Schachter), most original (trash can – Norma Cangiano), and best (hippy – Kathy Colucci). It was a wonderful evening.

On Wednesday, March 5, our dance will be held on Staten Island and will count as a raid. Mark your calendars and join us for a night of dancing with Don Coy calling. The address is Congregation B'nai Israel, 45 Twombly Ave., Staten Island, NY 10306. Ad on page 29 Kathy Colucci (*alemodancer@yahoo.com*) 718-375-1788

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



We have one campout a month from April to October. Come join us for a weekend in 2014! Check the website for dates, locations, callers, cuers, and other details.

> For more information: *gssdca.wix.com/gssdca* Pauline and Ron Vande Vrede: 973-503-1925 Connie and John Huettemann: 201-852-7514





BEE SHARPS – Bound Brook

(dance program below)

beesharps.org

PL/RD-A tip MS/PL/RD-A tip Curtis Kraut: 908-725-7411 Cell for dance: 908-500-0447 2 & 4 Fri. Sept.-Mid-April 2 & 4 Fri. Late April-May Bound Brook United Methodist Church 150 W. Union Ave. (Rt. 28) 08805

After a summer full of dancing, the Bee Sharps started their new dance year with a wonderful picnic at the home of Vic and Nancy Ammons. In addition to a bountiful table of homemade appetizers, salads, and desserts, which accompanied grilled burgers and hot dogs, we enjoyed various yard and board games. Who knew there was a correlation between good dancing and good badminton playing?

For our fall Plus class, we welcomed many returning members of our spring Mainstream class as well as several dancers from neighboring clubs. Their progress is exciting, and we can't wait to welcome them as "regulars" on our dance floor!

We have a great caller/cuer line-up for the winter/spring session. The club is centrally located, a short distance from the intersection of Routes 287 and 22, and only a few miles from Route 78. Why not organize a raid, or at least grab your own Patron signature sheet, and dance on our spacious wooden floor? We'd love to see you there! **Ad on page 27** Diane Coffman (<u>dmc cma@verizon.net</u>) 908-500-0447

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A fellow who looked at first glance To be doomed to fail at romance Couldn't keep girls at bay When they heard him say, "Is there anyone who'd like to dance?" TG

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|---|--|--------------|---------------|---|--|
| FREE Locat | Learn to Square Dance (Mainstream) FREE Open Houses: January 6 and January 13, 2014 at 7:30 PM Lessons Start: Monday, January 27, 2014 at 7:30 PM Location: Adamsville School - 400 Union Avenue (Rt. 28), Bridgewater, NJ 08807 Output Data School - 400 Union Avenue (Rt. 28), Bridgewater, NJ 08807 | | | | |
| Save | Questions? See our website: beesharps.org or call Curtis: 908-725-7411 Don't Miss Our Sweethearts Ball ! with Mark Franks and Mary Pickett February 14, 2014, Special Format: PL/A2/RDs Save the Date for Our 40 th Anniversary Dance! October 19, 2014 with <u>Tim Marriner</u> and <u>Mary Pickett</u> | | | | |
| | DANCE \$ | SCHEDU | LE Jan | uary – May 2014 | |
| Date | Caller | Cuer | Format | Dance Theme | |
| Jan. 10 | Betsy Gotta | Roy Gotta | PL/RD | Crazy Hat Night | |
| Jan. 24 | Glenn Matthew | Ron Rumble | PL/RD | Square Dancin' 2014 style | |
| Feb. 14 | Mark Franks | Mary Pickett | PL/A2/RD | Sweethearts Ball | |
| Feb. 28 | Betsy Gotta | Roy Gotta | PL/RD | Mardi Gras | |
| Mar. 14 | Howard Richman | Mary Pickett | PL/RD | Oscars Déjà Vu | |
| Mar. 28 | Joe Landi | Steve Bradt | PL/RD | Take Me Out To the Ball Game | |
| Apr. 11 | Paul Ingis | Mary Pickett | PL/RD | Spring Fever | |
| Apr. 25 | Mark Franks | Steve Bradt | MS/PL/RD | Cinco de Mayo | |
| May 9 | Glenn Matthew | Mary Pickett | MS/PL/RD | Sounds of the 60's | |
| May 23 | Dan Tapper | Steve Bradt | MS/PL/RD | America the Beautiful (Ice Cream Social) | |
| Dance Locatio | DanceBound Brook United Methodist Church – "Asbury Hall"Location:150 W. Union Ave. (Rt. 28) Bound Brook, NJ 08805 | | | | |
| | Contacts: Curtis: 908-725-7411 Diane: 908-500-0447 (cell # night of dance) | | | | |
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BELLES & BEAUX – Elmwood Park sqrdance.org/BellesBeaux

1 & 3 Wed. All Year

Arlene Remington: 201-444-9071

VFW, 6 Veterans Pl. 07407

Cell for dance: 201-264-7698 We are thrilled to have a Mainstream class of 11 students, under the instruction of Fran Wadel. We look forward to having the enthusiasm of our loyal angels motivate our students to continue square dancing and to discover how much fun we have. Special thanks go to all the people who have helped make this class a success especially Mimi Corpel, our class coordinator, and Chick Cicalo, our head angel.

2014 will be an exciting year for us. We have several fun events in store, and hope you will come and enjoy them with us.

First, we are happy to announce that Linda Millian is back! She will direct and present this year's murder mystery, "Just Desserts," on April 2. (See our ad on page 11.) Past cast members have agreed to participate, making it fun for Linda to accommodate their enthusiasm. Howard Richman will be calling for our dancing pleasure.

Second, the month of May takes us "on the road again" for our Mystery Bus Raid. Arlene Remington has a fun and exciting day planned; let's wish for a sunny day! We will be boarding a luxury bus to travel somewhere, tour somewhere, eat somewhere, and dance somewhere. If you like surprises and would like to try something different, please join us on May 17. (See our ad on page 15.)

Belles and Beaux is happy to announce a big celebration for our 35th anniversary. Vicky Proskey and Maryjane Clewell have been working on this event and hope to wow everyone. We are pleased to put into motion Richard and Rusty Ball's recommendation that the affair be a "cardinal dance" - an evening of all singing calls. Matt McGovern and Wayne Applegate have a great selection of songs planned for this special evening, which you won't want to miss! So mark your calendars for Saturday evening, September 20. (See our ad on page 5.)

Don't forget our first and third Wednesday night dances. Claire Zimmerman has some interesting themes planned and great callers booked. Please check our schedule and plan on joining us at the VFW hall. As always, all our dancing friends are welcome. Come dance with us!

Ads on pages 5, 11, 15, 29 Vicky Proskey (vpsunshine@gmail.com) 201-337-7321

| Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association | | | |
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| Caller: Plus with Star Tips | Bill Mager (CT) | | |
| Round Dance Cuer | Steve Bradt (PA) | | |
| Date/Time | Saturday, April 5, 2014 7:30-8:00 Early Rounds 8:00-10:30 PL/RD with Star Tips | | |
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| January 22 | NICK Martenacci | willer Festival |
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| March 5 | Don Coy | Dancing on Staten Island* |
| March 26 | Don Coy | Potluck |
| April 30 | Nick Martellacci | Birthday Celebration |
| May 21 | Don Coy | Dinner-Dance (different location) |
| June 11 | Don Coy | Graduation/End-of-Term Party |

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| 2-19 | Todd Fellegy | | Presidents' Da | ay Dance | | | |
| 3-05 | Jim Snyder | | Mardi Gras | - | | | |
| 3-19 | Wayne Appleg | Wayne Applegate | | Swing into Spring | | | |
| 4-02 | Howard Richm | | Murder Myste | ery – Just Desserts | | | |
| 4-16 | Dan Tapper | Dan Tapper | | Top of the Morning – St. Patrick's Day | | | |
| 5-07 | Fran Wadel | Fran Wadel | | Graduation Dance – Students Welcome | | | |
| 5-21 | Rick Gittelman | 1 | Hodgepodge (| Dangle Dance) | | | |
| 6-04 | Paul Ingis | | Ice Cream Soc | cial | | | |
| **May 17: Mystery Bus Raid Trip – Sept. 20: 35th Anniversary Dance** | | | | | | | |
| Arlene Remington: 201-444-9071 (home), 201-264-7698 (cell night of dance) <u>sqrdance.org/BellesBeaux</u> <u>squaredancing123@gmail.com</u> | | | | | | | |

CIRCLE EIGHTS – Elmwood Park

MS-PL tip

4 Fri. Sept.-June (except Dec.) Rosemary Dunton: 201-265-3788

VFW, 6 Veterans Pl. 07407

Rosemary Dunton: 201-265-3788 Cell for dance: 201-286-5214 Circle up! Circle Eights started the 2013-14 dance season raring to go. Our open houses brought 14 newcomers, who are being taught by our own Paul Ingis.

sgrdance.org/Circle8

The "debut" dance at our new location, the VFW in Elmwood Park, was called by Don Coy and featured a 14-dancer raid by RocklandRockytops. The October dance, called by Dennis Reardon, was also successful. There were more than eight squares, including more than 20 raiders from Belles & Beaux. Some of the dancers came in traditional Halloween colors and accessories.

Circle Eights also got a good start on its Raid and OSIF programs. So far, we have attended an NNJSDA dance and gone on two raids. One was to Cross Trail Squares, where 10 of our members danced to Arlene Kaspik from Chicago; dancers were invited to wear soccer and football gear as part of the club's "Kick-Off Party." The second saw 13 members brave the long mileage to Hunterdon Flutterwheels. On the way, the raiders ate at a local diner to add to the enjoyment of the evening.

The club has decided to eliminate the distinction between members and guests at its dances. Thus, the entrance fee is now \$4 for everyone.

On a sad note, Circle Eights regrets to note the passing of Lynn Michels, who was an active member for many years.

Ad on page 31 Jeanne Weisman (<u>kreider99@aol.com</u>) 201-722-0488

ROCK – N – LITTLE ROCK NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION JUNE 25-28, 2014

This year's National Square Dance Convention will take place in Little Rock, Arkansas, a beautiful location offering lots of opportunities for sightseeing and travel before or after. Examples:

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Everyone from New Jersey is invited to march in the Parade of States during the convention. Here's information on putting together a New Jersey state outfit: <u>www.nnjsda.org/state_outfit</u>.

Talk to your dancing friends, and travel as a group! To register, visit <u>www.63nsdc.com</u>.

Speak Clearly!

Three well-seasoned dancers were getting some fresh air outside the hall during a dance break. The first one said, "Windy, isn't it?" The second one replied, "No, it's Thursday." The third one said, "So am I. Let's go back in and get a drink."

A dancer said to his friend, "My new hearing aid cost \$4,000, but it's state-of-the-art. It's perfect." The friend answered, "Really! What kind is it?" He said, "Eight thirty."





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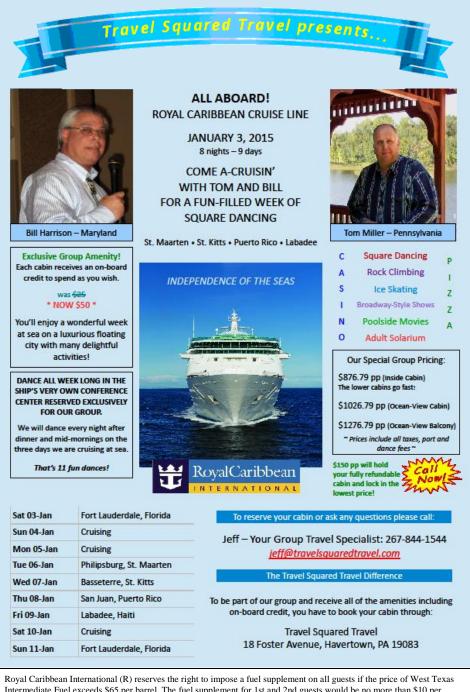
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CROSS TRAIL SQUARES – Caldwell

2, 4, & 5 Wed. Sept.-June Alice De Lancey: 973-618-9025

Grover Cleveland School, 36 Academy Rd. 07006 Cell for dance: 201-303-4135

Cross Trail Squares members had a very active fall. We started off the season with another Midwestern caller, Arlene Kaspik, and enjoyed dancing with members of many NNJSDA clubs that night. Our start and end times have been changed to accommodate our guests who travel from outside the area and prefer an earlier evening during the week. With our mix of out-of-state callers and tri-state locals, we are constantly reviewing our schedule to keep things convenient.

crosstrailsquares.org

October offered several of our members an exciting weekend at Peel the Pumpkin. We continue to travel near and far to enjoy callers and dancing. I added to my out-of-state dancing with an evening in Denver while at a convention. Steve and Eleanor Frank continue to work on their "travelers' badges," while Pete and Sylvia Collette skipped to the continent of Australia; they even danced in Sydney, where I had my first global dance experience. We hope they were able to recruit some international callers for our 2014 fall schedule.

Cross Trail Squares gave our loyal angels a well-earned break from Mainstream classes in the fall. Instead, Ron Kapnick volunteered to give Plus lessons on Tuesdays for members of our club and other clubs, with donations accepted at the end of the sessions. Our new Mainstream class begins this month.

We are looking forward to our 46th Anniversary Dance on March 15. See our ad on page 35, stay tuned for emails giving additional details, and plan to join us!

Ad on page 35Alice De Lancey (<u>delanceyal@aol.com</u>)973-618-9025

WHERE'S THE DANCE?

A new "one-stop" website enables travelers and others to find dances all over the United States and in other countries: <u>*WheresTheDance.com*</u>.

You can search for dances by zip code, address, type of dance, event type, and date range. The results can be viewed in list format, on a calendar, or on a map. If you find any errors, you can report them and they will be quickly corrected.

There is a link to the "Where's the Dance" site on the NNJSDA homepage (<u>nnjsda.org</u>), along with links to many other useful sites for square dancers, including animations and videos of various calls.

Advanced and Challenge Dances

A2 and C1: Mondays, 7:30-9:30 PM C1 Class starting in January 2014

New Location Planned in Somerset County, NJ

Contact Daryl Murphy to confirm location, time, and schedule: 917-770-6754 <u>kenanddaryl@msn.com</u>

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| cross | trailsquares.org | Caldwell, NJ 07006 | | | | | | |
| - | | Joe or Susie Gerish | | | | | | |
| Additic | onal Information: | 201-303-4135; 201-404-9695 | | | | | | |
| FORMAT: ALTERNATING MAINSTREAM AND PLUS | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 8 | Wayne Applegate | Old-Fashioned Hoedow | 'n | | | | | |
| Jan. 22 | Betsy Gotta | Black and White Attire | | | | | | |
| Jan. 29 | Dan Tapper | Men in Aprons Bake-O | | | | | | |
| | | (baking competition open to al | | | | | | |
| Feb. 12 | Jim Snyder (PA) | Friendship Dance – Bring a I | Friend! | | | | | |
| | | (free to presidents) | | | | | | |
| Feb. 26 | Dayle Hodge (MD) | Mardi Gras | | | | | | |
| Mar. 12 | Daryl Murphy | Wear Green – Celebrate Your In | nner Irish | | | | | |
| Mar. 26 | Jim Schnell (MA) | Caribbean Night | | | | | | |
| Apr. 9 | Nick Martellacci (NY | 5 | | | | | | |
| Apr. 23 | Clay Goss (DE) | Disco into Your '80s Gro | ove | | | | | |
| Apr. 30 | Todd Fellegy (CT) | Twist and Shout '50s | | | | | | |
| May 14 | Rick Gittelman (AZ) | 1 6 | | | | | | |
| May 28 | Ken Ritucci (MA) | Red, White, and Blue Patrie | | | | | | |
| June 11 | Wayne Applegate | Ice Cream Social and Favorite | T-Sh1rts | | | | | |
| | <u>SATURDAY</u> , March 15, 2014 – 46th Anniversary Dance | | | | | | | |
| 7:00 | to 10:30 – 3.5 hours o | of Mainstream and Plus (no Rou | nds) | | | | | |
| Bill M | Bill Mager – one of New England's best and a NATIONAL caller | | | | | | | |
| | All welcome for a night of great dancing! | | | | | | | |
| | \$10 in advance; \$13 at door | | | | | | | |
| Mail to | Mail to Neil and Mary Aharrah, 75 Gould Place, Caldwell, NJ 07006 | | | | | | | |
| or pay Alice at <u>any dance</u> and get reduced rate! | | | | | | | | |
| NOTE: EARLIER START TIME AT REGULAR DANCES | | | | | | | | |
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FAD SQUARES – Maywood

1 & 3 Sun. All Year Barn Dance 4 Sun. 6 Times a Year

Chris O'Connor: 201-797-6145 Jim Van Rensalier: 201-388-6314

Maywood Rec. Center, 346 Duvier Pl. 07607

After dancing the summer away in and around Chris O'Connor's pool (a big THANK YOU to Chris), FAD began the new season in its home at the Maywood Recreation Center. Everyone had a wonderful time dancing to the calls of Gerry and Chuck Hardy. To add to the excitement of the first dance of the new season, RocklandRockytops raided with 11 of their enthusiastic dancers.

sqrdance.org/fad

On August 18, Belles & Beaux, FAD, and members from several other clubs helped promote square dancing at the Maywood Street Fair. We were originally scheduled to do two demonstration dances, but people liked us so much that they asked for a third. Everyone had a good time at the introductory dance held outdoors at the Maywood train station in August.

Just a reminder: Friday night dances at FAD have been terminated as of January 2014. Introductory dances have been reduced to six per year; watch the NNJSDA website and email for the list of dates. Introductory (barn) dances are open to *all* square dancers and their friends and families, both experienced and inexperienced. This is a great way to introduce prospective dancers to square dancing, and helps seasoned dancers to brush up on their skills. It's a fun family night and it's *free*!

Ad on page 37 Carol Freemyer (<u>squaredance2@yahoo.com</u>) 201-388-6314

HI TAWS – Paramus

C2, C1

Various Tues. All Year Ad below sqrdance.org/Hi.Taw.Twirlers Paramus Senior Center, 93 Farview Ave. 07652 Sandy and Bernie Beck: 201-447-0538

Hi Taws – A Challenge Club

Various Tuesdays

Paramus Senior Center – 93 Farview Ave., Paramus, NJ 07652 Challenge Dancing: C2 – 7 to 8 PM C1 – 8 to 10 PM Information: Bernie and Sandy 201-447-0538 Fred 201-797-3421

| Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association | | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| Caller: MS & PL | Howard Williamson (PA) | | | | |
| Round Dance Cuer | Donna Williamson (PA) | | | | |
| Date/Time | Saturday, May 3, 2014 7:30-8:00 MS 8:00-10:00 MS/PL/RD 10:00-10:30 RD | | | | |
| Location | PeopleCare Center, 120 Finderne Ave. Bridgewater, NJ 08807 | | | | |
| Inquiries | Nancy Ammons: 908-566-7580 Cell for Dance: 908-566-7580 | | | | |

FAD SQUARES

"FUN AT DANCING"

7:30 to 10:00 PM – MS with ½ hour Plus at 9:30 1st and 3rd Sunday all year 6 barn dances a year – please note dates

| Date | Caller | Dance |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| January 19 | Fran Wadel | PL student dance |
| February 2 | Paul Ingis | MS student dance |
| February 16 | Howard Richman | MS ½ hr PL |
| February 23 | Wayne Applegate | Barn |
| March 2 | Roy Leber | MS ½ hr PL |
| March 16 | Wayne Applegate | MS ½ hr PL |
| March 23 | Wayne Applegate | Barn |
| April 6 | Howard Richman | MS ½ hr PL |
| April 20 | No Dance/Easter | |
| April 27 | Wayne Applegate | Barn |
| May 4 | Ed Foote | MS ½ hr PL |
| May 18 | Rick Gittelman | MS ½ hr PL |
| June 1 | Paul Ingis | MS ½ hr PL |
| June 16 | No Dance/Father's Day | |

346 Duvier Place, Maywood, NJ 07607

Chris O'Connor 201-797-6145 James Van Rensalier 201-388-6314

Directions:

<u>Route 80 East</u> – Exit 63 (Rt. 17-N Rochelle Park/Paramus). At the stop sign, turn left to cross over the highway. At the light, turn right onto Essex St. At the third light, turn left onto Maywood Ave. Go 7/10 mile and turn left onto Lenox Ave. Go 2/10 mile and turn left onto Duvier Pl. Turn right into the parking area.

<u>Route 80 West</u> – Exit 64A (Rt. 17-N/Rt. 4/Rochelle Park/Paramus) onto Rt. 17-N. Follow the directions below for Route 17 North.

<u>Route 4 East and West</u> – Exit onto Maywood Ave./Forest Ave. At the light, turn left onto Forest Ave., which becomes Maywood Ave. Go 1 mile and turn right onto Lenox Ave. Go 2/10 mile and turn left onto Duvier Pl. Turn right into the parking area. <u>Route 17 South</u> – Exit onto Rt. 4-E. Follow the directions above.

<u>Route 17 North</u> – Exit onto Essex St./Maywood/Saddlebrook. At the light, go straight onto Maywood Ave. Go 7/10 mile and turn left onto Lenox Ave. Go 2/10 mile and turn left onto Duvier PI. Turn right into the parking area.

HUNTERDON FLUTTERWHEELS – Flemington

1 & 3 Fri. Sept.-June

Echo Hill Park Lodge, 43 Lilac Dr. 08822

Tomás Gonzales: 908-689-4678 Cell for dance: 908-328-3875 We are happy that our club dances are back in full swing, now that the colder weather is here. Our venue does not have any air conditioning, and the first and last dance of the season can be quite "toasty." We now arrive at Echo Hill Lodge sporting our winter coats, and do not take them off until the first "square up" is called. By that time, the heat is just beginning to come up.

hunterdonflutterwheels.nnjsda.org

The Flutterwheels finished off the summer at Cherry Ridge Campsites during the Labor Day weekend. It was great to reconnect with former members Joe Romelczyk and Anne Kriegl, who were up from Williamsburg, Virginia, for the event.

Our fall dance season began on September 20, and our dances have been well attended. October was a very busy month. Dancing to Betsy Gotta, with a fiesta theme, was a real treat. Halloween brought out original costumes and the talents of our president and master pumpkin-carver-in-residence, Tomás Gonzales. Tomás was busy in the weeks leading up to the holiday, shading and carving the round, orange fruits to perfection. Check out his work at <u>pbase.com/rbreitz/pumpkins</u>.

On October 13, we held our first of two open houses, and about 25 new people showed up. The second will be held in February, with the hope of giving people more lead time before our classes begin.

Once again, our own caller, Mary Moody, instructed square dance sessions for a group of handicapable individuals in the Somerset County area. Many club members volunteered to be angels: Donna Besignano, Don and Pat Elliott, Joe Head, Ken and Kathleen Heaphy, Rosie Kleinknecht, Joe Kwiatek, Joanna Lieuallen, Diane Marchiando, Rich Moody, Nancy Newton, and Michael Parisi.

Our "Touch-a-Truck" collaboration with the Hunterdon County Park System, on November 2, provided us the chance to demonstrate our club's teamwork. Event attendees could see and climb in some of the "big" vehicles provided by the county and private business. The Flutterwheels, led by Joe Head, assisted with parking the large number of attendees' cars. It was a great event.

On November 1, we had our first opportunity to dance to Doug Kauffman. Everyone enjoyed this new experience, and we hope to have him back again. This and the Mini-Festival, which many members attended, made the month memorable.

Our final dance of each year is always a big hit, especially with our newer members. Harry's Ho-Ho-Holiday dance was named in memory of our Harry Schmidt. Harry took the lead to start the fun antics at the dance, and we continue this tradition in his memory. Members of Bee Sharps joined us in what has turned out to be their "Annual Flutterwheels Raid." The holiday decorations at the Lodge are always a treat for us, as they are done by the Park System. We had a great time.

Wishing all a good New Year!

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Donna Besignano (donnabes@att.net)

908-526-7496

Half-Price Coupon for New Mainstream Graduates

All graduates of NNJSDA Mainstream classes now receive a coupon entitling them to dance for **half price** at all regular Association dances for one year following graduation. The coupon must be presented to the treasurer. Please encourage your grads to attend dances with you – it's a great way for them to meet other people, improve their dancing ability, and develop confidence!

| HUNTERDON FLUTTERWHEELS Echo Hill Park, 43 Lilac Dr., Flemington, NJ 08822 Web: <u>hunterdonflutterwheels.nnjsda.org</u> Contact # night of dance: 908-328-3875Image: March of the second s | | |
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| <u>2014</u> | <u>Theme</u> | <u>Caller</u> |
| Feb. 7 | Glow Stick Night – Let's light up the dance | Mary Moody |
| 21 | Valentine's Day | Ed Kerns |
| Mar. 7* | International Day – Show us your heritage | Mark Franks* |
| 21 | St. Patrick's Day – Be your favorite leprechaun | Ed Kerns |
| Apr. 4 | April Foolery – It's not the 1st, but close enough | Dan Koft |
| 18 | NO DANCE – Good Friday | |
| May 2 | The Roaring '20s – Dress up | Howard Richman |
| 16 | Graduation – Congratulations, students | Ed Kerns |
| June 6 | Ice Cream Social – Wear vacation T-shirts | Jim Snyder |
| *Directions to dense on Fridey, Merch 7, 0044 | | |

*Directions to dance on Friday, March 7, 2014

(Hunterdon County Complex - GPS location: 314 State Route 12, Flemington, NJ)

From I-287 SOUTH, take exit 17 onto Route 202 SOUTH toward Flemington. OR From I-287 NORTH, take exit 14B onto US 22 WEST. Then take Route 202 SOUTH toward Flemington.

- At the Flemington Circle (Jct. 202, 31, 12), follow signs for 12 WEST Frenchtown. ٠
- At the second and third circles, follow signs for **12 WEST Frenchtown**. •
- After 1.5 miles, turn LEFT into HUNTERDON COUNTY COMPLEX.
- Dancing in Building #1, the first building on the right. •

NOTE: This location is larger than our regular dance hall. We invite all clubs that would like to RAID the Flutterwheels to join us for this dance. Pick a country to represent. Show us your heritage with costumes and food.

Alternate Mainstream and Plus Tips Soft-Soled Shoes, Please! 1st and 3rd Fridays 8:00-10:15 PM

OPEN HOUSE at PARK Feb. 9, 1:30-3:30 PM Hear -2-Dance Ralph Serio 908-236-7270

For Information:

| Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association | | | |
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| Caller: MS & PL | Matt McGovern (MA) | | |
| Round Dance Cuer | Lou Torti (NJ) | | |
| Date/Time | Saturday, June 7, 2014 7:30-8:00 MS 8:00-10:00 MS/PL/RD 10:00-10:30 RD | | |
| Location | ТВА | | |
| Inquiries | Nancy Ammons: 908-566-7580 Cell for Dance: 908-566-7580 | | |

KITTATINNY RANGERS – Newton

2 & 4 Fri. Sept.-May

<u>kittatinnyrangers.com</u> Florence Burd School, 219 Newton-Sparta Rd. 07860

Mary and Paul Olsen: 973-361-3798 Beginning the season with two fabulous open houses on September 17 and 24, our dedicated caller and teacher, Wayne Applegate, kept everyone dancing, smiling, and whooping. We're proud to have 10 new students for our 2013-14 Mainstream class, which comes on top of the 10 graduates from last year! Our newest dancers continue to be enthusiastic members of the club, even volunteering for leadership positions, and we hope for another great class.

We auspiciously opened our dance schedule in September on Friday the 13th, and on September 27, we were delighted to welcome a terrific raid by Cross Trail Squares.

On October 12, we participated in a barn dance demonstration sponsored by the Hardwick Historical Society at the Vass Homestead. Celebrating the restoration of a historic barn, we danced the night away inside the beautifully renovated, antique structure decorated with pumpkins, hay bales, and mums. Drawing an excited crowd decked out in cowboy hats and boots, this festive fundraiser was a lovely introduction to square dancing for the community and an invaluable showcase for our club. Caller Mary Moody even treated everyone to a Virginia Reel.

Our Halloween dance on October 25, called by our very own Wayne Applegate, was a spooktacular time for all. We were ghoulishly grateful for a raid by Lakeland Squares, with six squares enjoying fiendishly fun dancing and bootifully bountiful goodies.

Several of our members attended the Times Squares grand Peel the Pumpkin event in Asbury Park, including the record-breaking Zombie Walk, as well as the Tumbling Leaves festival in Vermont, enjoying both fellowship and fall foliage. Our club attended the Mini-Festival event on November 10 as well.

We raided Rutgers Promenaders on November 17, and continued to enjoy raids by other clubs: Belles & Beaux on November 22 and Reelers on December 13, our student-level holiday dance.

We look forward to a new year filled with old friends, many blessings, and tidings of comfort and joy!

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Robin Friedman (*floweringgarlic@yahoo.com*)

NEXT GRAND SQUARE SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MARCH 7 Submit articles to <u>articles@nnjsda.org</u>. Submit ads to <u>ads@nnjsda.org</u>. PLEASE include your club name in email subject line.

We are delighted to welcome our new Ad Editor, Ann Cavanaugh. Ann is a member of Circle Eights and Western Wheelers/Hix & Chix.

Please submit your ad as a table in Word for Windows format, using the exact sizes specified on page 2. For assistance with ad formatting, send an email to <u>ads@nnjsda.org</u>.

If you would like to write an article or have an idea for a topic, please send an email to <u>editor@nnjsda.org</u>. All suggestions are very welcome.

The editorial staff of *Grand Square* works diligently to ensure that each issue meets publishing standards that have been established over the years. As stated on the back cover, we reserve the right to edit all articles and ads. However, responsibility for accuracy rests with authors/ad makers.

| SQUARE DANCING with the | G FUN | | |
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| Kittatinny Rangers | | | |
| ALTERNATING MAINSTREAM AND PLUS 2ND and 4TH FRIDAYS, 7:30-10:00 PM | | | |
| DATES | CALLERS | | |
| January 10, 2014 | Wayne Applegate | | |
| January 24, 2014 | Dennis Reardon | | |
| February 14, 2014 | Dan Tapper | | |
| February 28, 2014 | Dan Koft | | |
| March 14, 2014 (S) | Wayne Applegate | | |
| March 28, 2014 | Howard Richman | | |
| April 11, 2014 | Dan Koft | | |
| April 25, 2014 | Wayne Applegate | | |
| May 9, 2014 | Dan Koft | | |
| May 23, 2014* | Howard Richman | | |
| (S) | = Student Level | | |
| *Casual Dress – Supper 6 | :00, Annual Meeting 6:45, Dance 7:30 | | |
| Website: | kittatinnyrangers.com | | |
| - | -361-3798, <u>maryandpaul43@gmail.com</u> | | |
| For internet/GPS directions: 21 | 9 Newton-Sparta Road, Newton, NJ 07860 | | |

LAKELAND SQUARES – Mountain Lakes

MS/PL

lakelandsquares.wix.com/lakeland1, 2, 3, & 4 Tues. Sept.-JulySt. PeBarn Dance 5 Tues. Sept.-JulyKathy Keener: 973-366-8064

St. Peter's Episcopal Church 215 Boulevard 07046 Cell for dance: 973-229-0698

Our club is very happy to announce that we have relocated to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, a beautiful facility located on the top of a hill in Mountain Lakes. The dance hall is huge and has a stage that callers can use to have an excellent view of all the squares and to help everyone hear their calls.

Our August and Halloween barn dances were great successes. Each one had more than five squares, and Howard Richman was able to add different calls at each dance. We had many dancers in costume for Halloween, including Howard as Elton John.

On September 5, we did a demo dance for the Franciscan Oaks retirement home in Denville. We had 18 dancers, with Fran Wadel calling and teaching. We were joined by some of the residents for two of the tips.

On Mondays, we have a Mainstream class, with seven very strong students, at the Church of the Transfiguration in Towaco. At 7:00 on Tuesday nights, prior to our regular dance, we have a Plus class of 14 students. Fran Wadel teaches both classes.

We missed two of our dancers, Joann Knapp and Ken Shampanore, from July through October. Joann has been fighting infections, and Ken has had back and leg pain. We were thrilled to have Joann back for Halloween and look forward to the return of Ken, who does so much for us.

Ad on page 43Monte and Janet Montagnino973-546-3092(lakelandsquares@hotmail.com)

MIDDLETOWN RAMBLERS – Leonardo PL/RD middletownramblers.org

Every Fri. All Year Croydon Hall, 900 Leonardville Rd. 07737 Beverly and Rich Yackel: 732-747-8505 Cell for dance: 732-319-8920 "Who's that cute 15-year-old girl?" and "Who in the world is that funny-looking kid in the baseball cap?" Those were some of the questions that we were asking at a recent dance, as we gazed at the display of our members' teenage photos and tried to figure out whom we were seeing. Try this at one of your dances; the results can be

surprising. The very strangest guests came to a dance in October. It was hard to recognize them, until they took off their masks. They were as different as night and day. In fact, one couple dressed up as night and day, with stars, sun, and moon decorating their costumes. Another member came as a "blooming idiot," all dressed in flowers with a singing bird perched on top of her head. Fortunately, she could still hear the caller above the chirping.

When we weren't cutting up with a theme dance, we were enjoying ourselves with a national caller, a barn dance, an open house, or a demo for a community organization. We are having a lot of fun this season.

To top things off, our new students are amazing us. We believe they are 15 of the smartest students in New Jersey. Larry Sherwood, our instructor, keeps them laughing and working, with the result that they may even finish ahead of schedule. We look forward to their attending some of our Friday night dances at Croydon Hall in Middletown. We dance every Friday night, starting at 7:30 PM. We love visitors! Ad on page 45 Virginia Daggett



[This is part of a series of articles highlighting people active in the NNJSDA.] Don Schlesinger, *Grand Square* Head Proofreader

The next time you bow to your partner, you may be do-si-do-ing with one of the world's foremost authorities on the game of casino blackjack. Like a superhero with another identity, Don Schlesinger isn't just your friendly, neighborhood square dancer; he's a gaming mathematician, author, lecturer, and player whose work is considered one of the most sophisticated theoretical and practical studies of the game.

Author of the book *Blackjack Attack: Playing the Pros' Way*, his highly acclaimed work has spanned almost three decades. "I had always been interested in the mathematics of gaming, and in the theories of probability that applied to the various games. So, it was natural that I would come around to actually playing blackjack in a casino." After playing in Las Vegas for the first time in 1975, Don taught himself how to count in 1976. "And I've been at it, as a hobby, ever since. Blackjack is a game in which the player can gain an advantage over the house, so I like the idea of being able to turn the tables on the casinos and beat them, so to speak, at their own game!"

Don holds two graduate degrees in French and an undergraduate degree in mathematics. He taught high school-level mathematics and French in New York City for 16 years, and was an adjunct lecturer of French at the City College of New York (CCNY). In 1984 he changed fields, moving to the Wall Street firm Morgan Stanley. He started as a proprietary trader and options strategist, eventually rising to an executive director in the Worldwide Equity Derivatives department. "Hectic. Long hours. Extremely exciting at times," is how Don characterizes those days. "I was working with numbers all day long, and, being mathematically inclined, that really suited me."

As if accomplishments in gaming, finance, and mathematics aren't enough, Don and Cathy, his wife of 35 years, both speak fluent French. Intrigued by language, Don enjoys copy editing and proofreading, and is proud to be head proofreader of the *Grand Square* editorial team. "It's an extraordinarily competent and devoted group of people, with whom I've had the pleasure of working since 2010," he says.

But we're not done yet; this Renaissance man has other passions up his sleeve. Don has been involved in the sport of track and field, in one or more capacities, for more than 50 years. "From 1963-67, I was a sprinter for the CCNY track team," he says. "I set numerous school records, some of which still stand today, and was inducted into the CCNY Athletic Hall of Fame in 1979."

Don has coached, on and off, for more than 35 years. He coached his daughter, Jodi, in sprinting and jumping. She became a multiple New York state and national champion in the triple jump, and was a 10-time All-America. Don is currently coaching the horizontal jumpers at a high school in Rockland County. In 1990, he became meet director of an annual town track and field meet, which is still thriving. Jodi is now married with a two-year-old son. The Schlesingers also have a son, Jason.

And, finally, we come to Don's most familiar passion: square dancing. "When Jodi was in Brownies, a local caller, John Callahan, organized a father-daughter square dance," he says. "Nearly 20 years passed, and in 2006, Cathy saw an ad for a class to be given by ... the same caller! I was hesitant at first, but we stayed with it, and I'm certainly glad that we did." The Schlesingers are members of RocklandRockytops.

The main attraction of square dancing, says Don, is "the precision of the figures. As a mathematician, the virtually infinite combinations of calls and how they are executed was fascinating to me. I must also say that, as a community, square dancers are among the friendliest people I have ever known."

Robin Friedman, Kittatinny Rangers

| Middletown Ramblers Fridays, 7:30-10:00 PM Croydon Hall 900 Leonardville Rd., Leonardo, NJ 07737 <u>middletownramblers.org</u> Plus Club + Rounds | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|--|
| Jan. 24 | Dan Koft | April 18 | No dance | |
| Jan. 31 | Doug Kauffman | April 25 | Nick Martellacci (NY) | |
| Feb. 7 | Howard Richman | May 2 | Ed Foote (PA) | |
| Feb. 14 | Doug Kauffman | May 9 | Betsy and Roy Gotta | |
| Feb. 21 | Mark Franks | May 16 | Glenn Matthew (DE) | |
| Feb. 28 | Nick Martellacci (NY) | May 23 | Rick Gittelman (AZ) | |
| March 7 | Glenn Matthew (DE) | May 30 | Dan Koft | |
| March 14 | Dan Koft | June 6 | Paul Ingis | |
| March 21 | Betsy and Roy Gotta | June 13 | Butch Adams (VA) | |
| March 28 | Doug Kauffman | June 20 | Dennis Reardon (PA) | |
| April 4 | Wayne Applegate | - June 27* | Howard Richman | |
| April 11 | Joe Landi | June 2/* | Call for details | |

Directions: Parkway South to Exit 117. Take Rt. 36 approximately 8 miles to Academy Bus Depot. Turn right at the light on Hosford Ave. and cross Leonardville Rd. (stop sign). Make next left onto Bryant Ave., which ends in the <u>Croydon Hall</u> complex. Dance hall is the last building on the right.

*June 27 Dinner-Dance: call for details

NOTE: Hearing enhancement system available.

Richard and Beverly Yackel, Presidents, 732-747-8505

Patti Meyer, 848-466-6685

Betty Scharmann, 732-291-1188

MOTIV8ORS – Fair Lawn

Various Sun. All Year

Our Savior Lutheran Church – Parish Hall Chariss Smith and Carl Luhrs: 201-489-2498 22-15 Broadway 07410

WE HAVE A NEW HALL! As of January 5, we are dancing in the Parish Hall of Our Savior Lutheran Church, 22-15 Broadway, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410. For your GPS, use 1-22 Hartley Place. For map and directions, go to oursaviorni.org (click on "directions"). The church is convenient to the Garden State Parkway, and Routes 80, 17, and 4. (Broadway is an extension of Route 4.) We have a wonderful gym floor; therefore, wear soft-soled shoes only. Many thanks to Fred Meyer for finding our new hall. President Chariss Smith has booked a great lineup of callers for 2014, so please join us in our new home.

motiv8ors.nnjsda.org

We extend a big Motiv8ors welcome to new members Ken Braidi, Daryl Murphy, and Ernest Park.

In August, Keith Stevens, accompanied by his wife, Margot, delighted us during his annual visit. We welcomed several dancers from Times Squares, the newest club to join the NNJSDA. Unfortunately, this was Keith's last trip to New Jersey, as he will now be limiting his calling to their home state, Florida. We wish them well.

In the following months, we enjoyed talented callers Ben Rubright (FL), Roy Leber (PA), Betsy Gotta (NJ), Daryl Murphy (NJ), Todd Fellegy (CT), and Ken Ritucci (MA).

We were thrilled when RocklandRockytops raided our November dance. They helped us give thanks for our wonderful activity and the friends with whom we share it.

Motiv8ors club members kicked up their heels on dance floors at the Cherry Ridge Campsites Square Dance Festival (PA), Peel the Pumpkin (Asbury Park, NJ), Heartland Jubilee (OH), Harvest Festival Hoedown (PA), NNJSDA's Mini-Festival (Rockaway, NJ), and Harvest Moon Classic (Iselin, NJ).

Off the dance floor, Fred Meyer once again participated in the annual Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk, with our dancers acting as sponsors. Since Fred has such a big, giving heart, we were shocked when he unexpectedly needed a pacemaker. Happily, he returned to the dance floor after a short hiatus.

October was a busy month for traveling. Sue and Rich Baumeister, Peggy and Steve Koehler, and Jan and Paul Sanderson enjoyed a two-week river cruise in Russia from St. Petersburg to Moscow. They enjoyed many historic places, such as Red Square and the Kremlin, as well as a performance of the Moscow Circus. They were surprised to learn that all of Russia has only five square dance clubs. Unfortunately, they were unable to visit any of them.

Sylvia and Peter Collette flew in the other direction, vacationing for 37 days "down under." In Australia, they visited Sydney, Uluru (where temperatures reached 110 degrees during their early spring!), Kangaroo Island, and Melbourne. In New Zealand, the Collettes visited Queenstown, Christchurch (which is working hard to rebuild after its 2011 devastating earthquake), Auckland, and "Windy Wellington" (the capital, where they experienced the locals' normal 87 mph winds). They also visited the Bay of Islands, known as the cradle of New Zealand, where the Maori first settled. Sylvia and Peter enjoyed square dancing in Sydney and in Auckland, where members of the clubs went out of their way to transport the visitors to and from the dances. One local couple shared their fond memories of our own Cherry Ridge Campsites in the Poconos! Square dancers sure do get around.

Ad on page 47 Jan and Louis Thompson (*ltpt1@yahoo.com*) 732-577-9413



- 1. Members of any NNJSDA member club are eligible to enter. There is no limit on the number of entries.
- 2. All posters/flyers must be printable on 8½" x 11" paper with a white background and either black or colored fonts. They must be prepared electronically using Word only. All text must be editable, not in the form of a picture. (If you have an idea but are not computer proficient, please draw your design and ask a friend to put it into Word format for emailing.)
- 3. The subject may be any square dance theme, though it may not be localized to a particular geographical area. The poster/flyer must include: (a) National Square Dance Month September, and (b) sufficient space for each club to fill in its class or open house information. Samples of past posters/flyers may be found on the NNJSDA website at *nnisda.org/postercontest/winningposter.php*.
- 4. Judging will be the responsibility and honor of the NNJSDA Executive Board at its March 2014 meeting.
- 5. All entries will become the property of the NNJSDA.
- 6. The winning poster/flyer will be printed and distributed to all member clubs to use in advertising classes, open houses, or other events.
- 7. The winning entry will also be featured on the cover of the fall issue of *Grand Square*, and it may be displayed at national and other square dance conventions.
- 8. The NNJSDA may choose to use any of the entries to promote square dancing in its membership area.
- 9. Please submit your entry by email attachment to *postercontest@nnjsda.org*.
- 10. If you have any questions, please contact Greg Kushla at 973-593-8440.



MOUNTAIN SQUARES – Whippany

nnjsda.org

1 & 3 Wed. Sept.-Dec., Mar.-June Hilda and Bill Groth: 973-746-0656

Our Lady of Mercy - Parish Center 90 Whippany Rd. at Eden Ln. 07981

Mountain Squares had a good opening to the 2013-14 dance season with its customary supper, hosted by Mary Jane Roome and John Huettemann, followed by a fun dance called by "Old Faithful" (25+ years), Joe Landi.

We continue to dance at our location in Whippany thanks to Bob Peters, who has been our liaison since we moved there. Unfortunately, Bob can no longer attend dances because of health issues with his wife, Ann. We thank him for his faithfulness to the club.

Sadly, health reasons have also sidelined Bernadette and Stan Bevan as well as Howard Schulien and Ruth Alloway, all of whom are no longer dancing with us. Bernadette and Stan most recently served as our Grand Square reporters. We certainly miss them all. We also bid farewell to Mildred and Ron Nitzsche, who moved to Florida.

Our new Raid chair, John Huettemann, obviously has that program well in hand, as our raid to Y Squares was well attended.

Some of our members have been away (how lucky for them). Jan and Paul Sanderson traveled with Motiv8ors members Peg and Steve Koehler and Sue and Rich Baumeister. Together, they took a river cruise through Russia, from St. Petersburg to Moscow. Later, the three couples spent some time in Myrtle Beach with former members LouEllen and George Stoms, who now reside in Florida. Arlene Simansky and her daughter loved their visit to Greece; we enjoyed having Tom dance with us while they were traveling. Several club members are spending the winter in Florida.

Thank you to Curtis Kraut, who continues to keep dancers aware of our Advanced (A2) dance program via email, the internet, and other advertising. We hope to see many of you when we resume dancing on March 5. We appreciate the attendance of our regular dancers and welcome visitors. A healthful winter to all. Ina Minor (ellynminor@gmail.com)

Ad below

973-744-7763

MOUNTAIN SQUARES A2 Dances – workshops as needed, computer squares, Joe Landi – Caller! LOCATION: TIME: 7:45-10:00 PM Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center SCHEDULE: Spring 2014 90 Whippany Road (at Eden Lane), Whippany, NJ 07981 March 5, 19; April 2, 16 DIRECTIONS: May 7; June 4* Route 10 to Whippany Road (3rd light from Route 287) *Optional Potluck Dinner starts at Whippany Road 1/2 mile to Eden Lane 6:00 PM Right onto Eden Lane (enter via driveway on right) Note: No Dances January \rightarrow February Bill and Hilda Groth ------ 973-746-0656 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Mary Jane Roome ----- 973-543-4109

At submitter's request, ad copy has not been proofread by the editors.

LET'S HELP OUR NEW DANCERS

Suggestion from a caller, for experienced dancers: Invite new dancers to ride with you to a dance. A few times during the event, switch partners with the new dancers and go to different squares. This will help them to become much more confident, much more quickly.

A2

Thank You, NNJSDA Host Clubs!

Full list: NNJSDA.org (Documents)

Sunday, January 26 (Midterm Dance) - Bridgewater

Hunterdon Flutterwheels, Rutgers Promenaders

Saturday, February 1 – Caldwell

Circle Eights, Hi Taws

Saturday, March 1 – Bridgewater

FAD, Times Squares

Saturday, April 5 - Caldwell (PL/RD-Star Tips)

Lakeland Squares, Motiv8ors

Saturday, May 3 - Bridgewater

Mountain Squares, Western Wheelers/Hix & Chix

<u>Saturday, June 7 – TBA</u>

Reelers, RocklandRockytops

2015 NATIONAL CONVENTION IN NEW ENGLAND

The 64th National Convention will be held from June 24-27, 2015, within easy driving distance in Springfield, Massachusetts. Give the committee seed money (and encouragement) by registering now online at <u>64nsdc.com</u>.

M R Square Dance Club

Saturdays in Central New Jersey



| Feb. 1 | Mardi Gras | Dan & Kathy Koft | St. Luke's |
|---|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| March 1 March 15 | Saint Patrick's | Dan & Kathy Koft | St. Luke's |
| March 15 March 29 | Same Patrick's | Dan & Kathy Koft Dan & Kathy Koft | St. Luke's St. Luke's |
| April 5 | | Dan & Kathy Koft | St. Luke's |
| May 3 | Cinco de Mayo | Dan & Kathy Koft | St. Luke's |
| May 17 | | Dan & Kathy Koft | St. Luke's |
| May 31 | | Dan & Kathy Koft | St. Luke's |
| Prerounds | 7:30 PM | | |
| 2x2 Alternating Plus and Mainstream Tips: 8:00 to 10:30 PM | | | |
| Location: Saint Luke's Episcopal Church 1620 Prospect St., Ewing, NJ 08638 | | | |
| Informatio | 5 | 9-844-1140 nddancer@msn.com | |

REELERS – Randolph

1 & 3 Fri. Sept.-June Helen Jacobson: 973-442-0836

Ironia School, 303 Dover-Chester Rd. (Rt. 513) 07869

Helen Jacobson: 973-442-0836 Cell for dance: 201-230-4999 The Reelers started off the new season with a wonderful dance called by Dennis Reardon. Our theme of "Welcome Back" highlighted the atmosphere of the evening, as it was great to see everyone again and catch up on summer experiences. Dancing to Mark Franks is always a challenge, and we thoroughly enjoyed his calling at our second dance. Unfortunately, our caller for one of the November dances could not make it; but, since we were raided by Bee Sharps, Wes Thielke of that club filled in and called a great dance, saving the evening for everyone. Fortunately, our subsequent dances with Joe Landi, Len Anfinsen, and Glenn Matthew went smoothly and everyone had a good time.

reelers.nnjsda.org

At each dance, the Reelers collect food for the Interfaith Food Pantry, whose motto is "Neighbors helping neighbors." The food is faithfully delivered after each dance by Mary Jane Roome. The Reelers are proud that our dances have resulted in several hundred pounds of food donations to this organization, which has helped them provide for more than 5,300 people in approximately 1,000 families.

Our Raid program has gotten off to a great start. So far, we have raided Cross Trail Squares, Middletown Ramblers, and Kittatinny Rangers.

Two new members, Cindy and Dave Whalen, hosted our annual holiday party this year. The food, fun, and fellowship made this event memorable and a wonderful part of our holiday season.

We hope your holidays were good and that 2014 brings the best dancing ever.Ad belowNancy and Jim Anderson (*jamesericandy@gmail.com*) 973-361-1038

| REELERS Ironia School, 303 Dover-Chester Road (Route 513), Randolph, NJ 07869 Ist and 3rd Fridays 7:30 – Early Rounds 8:00 – Plus/Rounds | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| <u>reelers.nnjs</u> | | | 836 (h); 201-230-4999 (c) |
| <u>Date</u> | <u>Caller</u> | Cuer | Theme |
| 01/03/14 | Dan Tapper | Mary Pickett | Book Exchange |
| 01/17/14 | Roy Leber | Mary Pickett | Winter Wonderland |
| 02/07/14* | Jim Snyder | Mary Pickett | Valentine's Day |
| 02/21/14 | Dennis Reardon | Mary Pickett | Presidents and Pies |
| 03/07/14 | Roy Leber | Karen Kushla | Saint Paddy's Day |
| 03/21/14 | Glenn Matthew | Mary Pickett | Chocolate Delight |
| 04/04/14 | Joe Landi | Mary Pickett | Spring Is Here |
| 05/02/14 | Mark Franks | Mary Pickett | Hawaiian Luau |
| 05/16/14 | Jim Snyder | Mary Pickett | Ice Cream Social |
| 06/06/14 | Dan Tapper | Mary Pickett | Potluck Dinner |
| New Mainstream Class Starting Jan. 14: Contact Robin Olson 973-713-8402 | | | |
| *Location | : St. Paul's Episcopal Chur | rch, 51 Mountain Way, I | Morris Plains, NJ 07950 |

| Western Wheelers/Hix & Chix 2014 | | | | |
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| | | r Place, Mayw | | . , |
| 2nd & 4th Sat | 2nd & 4th Saturdays 8:00-10:30 PM Plus A Tip @ 10:15 if dancers present | | | |
| *February 8 | Dan Koft Wayne Apple Betsy and Ro Dennis Reard | y Gotta | March 22 April 12 | Glenn Matthew Joe Landi Mark Franks Don Coy |
| *Special Dance – Squares and Rounds | | | | |
| For more info: Georgi and Rich Flandera Home 973-427-2889 Cell 862-452-5597 or John and Connie Huettemann Home 201-853-9689 Cell 201-852-7514 | | | | |

Congratulations, Plus Graduates!

<u>Bee Sharps</u>: Don Davis, Martin Hatcher, Pat Hennessy, Rosie Kleinknecht, Dave Kleszyk, Lynn Kleszyk, Bernice Korb, Billy Majcher, Diane Marchiando, Diane Mulvey, Nancy Newton, Tamara Oland, Linda Passe, Edward Pedersen, Cindy Salsbury

<u>Western Wheelers/Hix & Chix</u>: Marie Abbey, Jean Brodowicz, Patrice Duemig, Sheila Flynn, Ron Hilliard, Vera Hilliard, David Renaud, Bonnie Sheiner, Marcus Sheiner, Brenda Sherman, Wayne Sherman

NNJSDA Dance Schedule Review Committee

The NNJSDA Executive Board, club presidents, and delegates have had some spirited discussions recently regarding the Association's dance schedule. Some dancers have expressed concerns that the NNJSDA's first-Saturday-of-the-month schedule, which was initiated in 2013, may be adversely affecting their clubs.

The Association presidents, Greg Kushla and Donna Poyer, have established a committee to evaluate options for the dance schedule, discuss the pros and cons of a variety of alternatives, consider the impact of the proposed schedules on *all* NNJSDA clubs, and recommend a schedule of dances that will satisfy the membership.

Larry Bugal, NNJSDA Trustee/Advisor, is chairing the committee. Volunteers from all member clubs are invited to join the group. You may contact Larry via email at <u>trustee@nnjsda.org</u> or write to the presidents at <u>president@nnjsda.org</u>.

ROCKLANDROCKYTOPS – West Nyack, NY (dance program below) sqrdance.org/RocklandRockytops

MS – 2 Fri. All Year PL – 1 Fri. Oct.-June, 3 Fri. July-Aug. West Nyack Firehouse 42 Strawtown Rd. 10994 Cell for dance: 845-641-7778

Patsy Lisak: 845-641-7778 Looking back to last June, we thank Western Wheelers/Hix & Chix for their raid. Also in June, Rockytops returned their raid.

Last August, we had an unexpected but very pleasurable outdoor dance on our Plus night. Due to a date mix-up, our firehouse hall was already set up for a wedding the following day. Fortunately, the weather was ideal for dancing outdoors, and the patio in front of the building became our dance floor. Paul Ingis adapted readily to the impromptu "change of venue" and called an enjoyable dance.

Jean Mauro has taken Patsy Lisak's place as delegate to NNJSDA. Tony Baldino remains our delegate to Hudson Valley. Vicky Ficco-Panzer, formerly Mainstream dance vice president, is class coordinator, along with Ivana and Nello Seminelli. Our thanks to last year's coordinators Kathy and Ernie Amador. Sue Ehnenn is class adult education office liaison. Dave and Miriam Gurowsky are caller vice presidents. Our thoughts and prayers are with their longtime predecessors, Marty and Beverly Millman, who have health issues. Continuing as caller liaison is Sam Soffler. Welcome to Billy Flynn as Mainstream dance vice president and Priscilla Rahner as Plus dance vice president. Thank you to last year's Plus dance vice presidents, Ray and Rose Begin. Mark Parent, the new raid chair, and his wife, Nancy Jacobs, have already led us on several successful raids. We had fun visiting Cross Trail Squares, FAD, and Circle Eights. Fourteen of our dancers attended the last one.

Our appreciation goes to our continuing officers (treasurers Cathy and Don Schlesinger and membership chairs Laurie and Barry Schoenhaut). Also contributing to the success of our dances are our hospitality hostesses (Marie Ford and Grace Meyer) and our refreshment overseers (Cathy and Jono Kant, Merle Kelsey, Mindy Scher, and Marion and Fred Shaw). We send a little sunshine to our sunshine chair Pat Hoffman, recovering from knee surgery. Many thanks to all our loyal club members who regularly attend Rockytops dances.

Our treasurers emeriti, Sue and Rich Baumeister, report that their two-week trip to Russia in October was a great adventure. They were on a river cruise that started in St. Petersburg and ended in Moscow. In spite of cool weather, they enjoyed the outdoors and historic places that included Red Square and the Kremlin. They were surprised to learn that all of Russia has only five square dance clubs. Unfortunately, they were unable to get to any of them.

Our sympathy to Vicky Ficco-Panzer, who lost two brothers in one year, and our wishes for a speedy and complete recovery to her son, who had a stroke. Congratulations to Arthur Leibowitz and Vicky, who are planning a square dance wedding. Best wishes to all for good health and happy dancing in 2014.

Ad on page 53 Joan Schierlitz (dancingrandma@verizon.net) 845-353-2987

SECRET FOR NEW DANCERS

Welcome to the big and beautiful world of square dancing! As you venture from your home club to dance at other club and Association events, here's a secret for good dancing: *Try to get into squares with experienced dancers* rather than with your classmates and other recent graduates. The veterans will help you (gently) when needed, speeding you on the way to proficiency.



PLUS

MAINSTREAM

| First Friday – 8:00 to 10:30 PM (Third Friday in July and August) | Second Friday – 8:00 to 10:30 PM (All year round) | |
|--|---|--|
| DBD Workshop – 7:45 to 8:00 PM A1/A2 Tip – During Dance | DBD Workshop – 7:45 to 8:00 PM Plus Tip – During Dance | |
| 01/03/14 Todd Fellegy | 01/10/14 Howard Richman | |
| 02/07/14 Paul Ingis | 02/14/14 Fran Wadel, Student Dance | |
| 03/07/14 Daryl Murphy | 03/14/14 Roy Leber | |
| 04/04/14 Mark Franks | 04/11/14 Nick Martellacci | |
| 05/02/14 Rick Gittelman | 05/09/14 Paul Ingis | |
| 06/06/14 Daryl Murphy | 06/13/14 Nick Martellacci | |
| 07/18/14 Paul Ingis | 07/11/14* Betsy Gotta | |
| 08/15/14 Sandy Corey | 08/08/14* Howard Richman | |
| 09/05/14 Mark Franks | 09/12/14* Dan Tapper | |

*Special Intro Dance from 7:30 to 8:30 followed by Mainstream only

Location: The Air Conditioned West Nyack Firehouse 42 Strawtown Road, West Nyack, NY 10994

SINGLES WELCOME

From Palisades Interstate Parkway (PIP):

Take Exit 8E (Route 59 East). *Continue on Route 59 East to first traffic light. Turn left onto Crosfield Avenue. Continue to end of Crosfield Avenue, turn right onto West Nyack Road, and continue to traffic light. Turn left onto Strawtown Road. Firehouse is just past yellow blinker on the right.

From New York State Thruway 287/87:

Take Exit 13S to PIP South. Go ½ mile to Exit 8E (Route 59 East), and follow PIP instructions * above.

From Garden State Parkway (GSP) North to New York Thruway South/East:

Go to end of GSP/Thruway Exit 14-1; go South/East on Thruway to Exit 13S, PIP South, and follow PIP instructions * above; hall is 7 miles from the NJ/NY border via GSP.

From Kinderkamack Road (NJ):

Kinderkamack Road becomes Route 304 in NY. Follow Route 304 North to Route 59 East, and follow PIP instructions * above; hall is 5 miles from the NJ/NY border via Kinderkamack Road.

For further information: Patsy, 845-641-7778

RUTGERS PROMENADERS – Somerset

1 & 3 Sun. Sept.-June

Ken Robinson: 908-963-2447

Franklin Twp. Senior Center, 505 DeMott Ln. 08873

Cell for dance: 908-963-2447 Once again, our new dancing season had a fine start with our open house. Seven squares took to the activity swimmingly thanks to the fine (as always) calling of Betsy Gotta and Dan Koft.

rutgerspromenaders.org

On a sad note, we extend our best wishes to Kathy Randall and Tony Milito, as Kathy is facing health issues. They were 3rd vice presidents (publicity) for the NNJSDA from 2012-13 and gave superior service. It was wonderful to see them both at this year's Peel the Pumpkin festival in Asbury Park and Harvest Moon Classic in Woodbridge. Here's to the best possible outcome for Kathy, and our hope that they return to the dancing community as soon as possible.



Our traditional food-drive dances were popular and resulted in a generous donation of food for the needy - 352.5 pounds, our highest total to date!

If you have been at our dances recently, you may have noticed our new club banner, which was painstakingly created by our resident quilter, Ginny Platania. Make sure you visit us so you get a chance to check out this work of art (and, of course, enjoy the camaraderie and dancing experience).

Our deepest and most heartfelt condolences to Claudia Asmuth on the loss of her husband, Richard. Condolences as well to Richard's brother and sister-in-law, Jane and Charles Asmuth, who are also Promenaders.

Ads on pages 55, below Mary Ann Ryan-Erdek (merdek56@gmail.com) 908-745-1659



Cutgers Promenades Ist and 3rd Sunday Afternoons September 15 through June 1, 2:30-5:00 PM

*** 60th Anniversary Dance - June 1, 2014 ***

Franklin Township Senior Center 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873

Family Friendly

Mainstream Dancing with Rounds for All Ages Note: There will be some class-level tips during some dances.

| January 5, 2014 | Betsy & Roy |
|-------------------|--|
| January 19, 2014 | Dan & Kathy |
| February 2, 2014 | Betsy & Roy |
| February 16, 2014 | Caller: Larry Shipman, Cuer: TBA |
| March 2, 2014 | Betsy & Roy |
| March 16, 2014 | Betsy & Roy - St. Patrick's Day |
| April 6, 2014 | Betsy & Roy |
| May 4, 2014 | Dan & Kathy |
| May 18, 2014 | Dan & Kathy |
| June 1, 2014 | Betsy & Roy and Dan & Kathy – 60th Anniversary Dance – Watch for flyers |
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Directions

- I-287 to Exit 10 (Easton Avenue toward New Brunswick).
- Go 2.5 miles to DeMott Lane.
- Turn right onto DeMott Lane (the turn-off is a little before the traffic light).
- Stay on DeMott Lane until you see the Franklin Township municipal complex on the right; turn right into the complex. The Senior Center is at the back of the complex.
 If you get to the next traffic light (Amwell Road), you've gone too far.

| More Information: | Ken Robinson | president@rutgerspromenaders.org |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| | 908-963-2447 | rutgerspromenaders.org |

TIMES SQUARES – New York, NY

MS/PL/A/C

timessquares.org Various Tues., Thurs., & Sat. All Year Warren Livesley: 917-705-5243

PS 3, 490 Hudson St. 10014

Warren Livesley: 917-705-5243 Cell for dance: 917-520-9688 Times Squares thanks all the NNJSDA members who have supported us since we joined last spring. It was great to meet and get to know the Executive Board members who organized a "fun raid" during our White Party in August.

It was amazing to see so many members attend our Peel the Pumpkin weekend in Asbury Park in October. The NNJSDA accounted for almost 25 percent of the attendees. Everyone must have had a good time, because by the end of October, more than 100 dancers had already registered for next year. And what an event it's going to be! Dubbed "Cast a Royal Shadow," next year's Peel the Pumpkin will celebrate its 30th anniversary, and we are pulling out all the stops. We have lined up an incredible allstar calling staff including Saundra Bryant, Bill Harrison, Dayle Hodge, Dan Koft, Tim Marriner, John Marshall, and Anne Uebelacker, as well as our own Betsy Gotta, Nick Martellacci, and Howard Richman. There's going to be so much great dancing that we've had to add an extra day; we'll be dancing from October 23-26. We've also changed venue and will be at the Hilton Woodbridge located in the MetroPark Corporate Complex in Iselin, New Jersey, which we expect will be easy for most people to get to.

Our regular dancing year is off to a good start. Including angels, there are five squares in Nick Martellacci's Mainstream class and two squares in Betsy Gotta's Challenge class. We've restructured our schedule so that there is a Plus dance attached to the Mainstream class and an Advanced dance attached to the Challenge class. Combined with our monthly Saturday dances (MS/PL/A/C), you have a lot of opportunities to come and dance with us. Please consult our website, or call for the most current information.

Ads on pages 25, below Warren Livesley (<u>wlivesley@gmail.com</u>) 917-705-5243



WESTERN WHEELERS/HIX & CHIX – Maywood/Elmwood Park PL-A tip sqrdance.org/Western.Wheelers

2 & 4 Sat. Sept.-May Ma Various Thur. June-Aug. (with RD) Georgi Flandera: 973-427-2889

Maywood Recreation Center, 346 Duvier PI. 07607 D) VFW, 6 Veterans PI. 07407 Cell for dance: 862-452-5597

Our summer dances were well attended in spite of the hot and humid weather. Betsy Gotta was fun, and Dennis Reardon and Jim Snyder, blending their mellow tones, are always a treat; but why do they constantly pick on John Huettemann? Summer dancers also enjoyed the calling of Mark Franks, Bill Harrison, Glenn Matthew, Tom Miller, and Howard Williamson. Round dancers circled the hall to the cuing of Roy Gotta, Karen Kushla, Mary Pickett, and Donna Williamson.

We began our fall season with the lively calling of Paul Ingis, followed by Jim Snyder (twice), Mark Franks, Joe Landi, and Glenn Matthew (also twice). This year, we celebrated an after-Christmas dance with Glenn.

Fran Wadel held a demo dance at the Community Church in Harrington Park with Bob Bachmann, Mimi Corpel, Pauline DuBois, Maria and Roger Hoernlein, Addie Johnson, Madelyn Kerner, Debbie Obarrio, and Arlene Remington. Spectators then joined in the dancing, and church members prepared a lovely lunch for everyone. We were warmly received and had a fun afternoon.

We all enjoyed the Mini-Festival with the calling of Tom Miller, Randy Page, and Dan Preedy. Georgi and Richard Flandera have started our Raid program, and the first one was to Y Squares with Wayne Applegate calling. The evening began with dinner at a restaurant, followed by dancing all night.

Arlene Remington went to the Peel the Pumpkin weekend, which coincided with Asbury Park's Zombie Weekend. She dressed as (what else?) a zombie. She had a great time there as well as at the Tumbling Leaves weekend in Vermont. The Flanderas and Huettemanns went to Otter Lake with the Garden State Square Dance Campers.

We are delighted to report that Connie Heuttemann has made a great recovery and is now in charge of refreshments at our dances. With her kitchen crew – Barbara Berger, Georgi Flandera, and Addie Johnson – the treats are mmm, mmm good.

We celebrated the 90th birthday of a former dancer, Jerry Bechmann. It was good to see Marilyn and Gus Bachmann and Carole and Nick Raspa at the gathering.

Western Wheelers/Hix & Chix sponsored a Sunday afternoon Plus class with Fran Wadel teaching and Bob Bachmann serving as class coordinator. Congratulations to the following Plus dancers: Marie Abbey, Jean Brodowicz, Patrice Duemig, Sheila Flynn, Ron Hilliard, Vera Hilliard, David Renaud, Bonnie Sheiner, Marcus Sheiner, Brenda Sherman, and Wayne Sherman.

Our former Plus teacher and caller, Andy Woerner, is moving to Alabama to live near his son. We wish him all the best and thank him for his teaching and calling.

We are dancing in a new location in Maywood (FAD's home), thanks to town residents Carol Freemyer and Jim Van Rensalier. We would love to have you join us. **Ad on page 51** Maria Hoernlein (*rhoernlein@optonline.net*) 201-384-0334

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New (and experienced) dancers: To find out about special events and changes to club and Association dances, sign up for the NNJSDA email information list. Send an email to <u>squaredance_info-subscribe@nnjsda.org</u>. The webmaster will send you an invitation to join. A response to the invitation is necessary in order to become a subscriber. You'll be glad you did!

Y SQUARES – Clark

2 & 4 Thurs. Sept.-May

MS/RD-PL tip

y-squares.nnjsda.org

Hehnly School, 590 Raritan Rd. 07066

Barbara and George Kuhne: 732-548-8537 Cell for dance: 908-930-0945 Our class coordinators, Sunny Kordower and Ed LaPlante, report that we have a very good class this year, with 11 students. The Mainstream class is from 7:00-8:30; the Plus class goes from 8:30-9:30.

Terry and George Seibert attended a weekend round dance event at Cherry Hill Park, near Washington, DC.

Many of our members enjoyed the Mini-Festival, the Harvest Moon Classic, and, of course, our 50th anniversary dance.

Remember, although we do have one Plus tip, we are a Mainstream club, so we welcome new dancers with open arms. All round dancers are welcome as well; we are fortunate to have Mary Pickett as our club cuer.

Ad below

Dianne Madden (olreggie@comcast.net) Don Madden (drmdc3@comcast.net)

609-693-0247

Y Squares

Mainstream: 2nd & 4th Thursday, 1 Plus Tip Rounds @ 7:30 Squares @ 8:00 Hehnly School: 590 Raritan Rd., Clark, NJ 07066

| <u>Date</u> | Theme | <u>Caller</u> | Cuer |
|-------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Jan. 23 | Casual Dress | Dan Tapper | Mary Pickett |
| Feb. 13 | Valentine's Dance | Daryl Murphy | Mary Pickett |
| Feb. 27 | Pie Night | Betsy Gotta | Mary Pickett |
| March 13 | St. Patrick's Dance | Dan Koft | Mary Pickett |
| March 27 | Ice Cream Social | Howard Richman | Mary Pickett |
| April 10 | Spring Fling | Wayne Applegate | Mary Pickett |
| April 24 | Flower Power | Dan Koft | Mary Pickett |
| May 8 | Hawaiian Night | Dan Tapper | Mary Pickett |
| May 22 | Fifties | Betsy Gotta | Roy Gotta |
| | Contact: Barbara and (| George Kuhne 732-54 | 8-8537 |

Contact: Barbara and George Kuhne, 732-548-8537

Yellow Rock Lesson

A friend and I had been angeling two students in the Circle Eights square dance class. In the course of each weekly lesson, we taught them Yellow Rock as we gave them a hug, although the teacher had not instructed or even mentioned this call. During the club's first student dance, the caller shouted "Yellow Rock," and the two ladies executed the call. Suddenly my partner exclaimed loudly, "You mean it's a REAL call?!" Angeling can truly be fun. Myles Adler, Circle Eights

Calendar of Member Clubs' Advertised Dance Events

Listing of dance events prepared from NNJSDA member club ads appearing in this issue. See club ads for details. All dances are in New Jersey unless otherwise noted. Abbreviations: A = Advanced; B = Basic; C = Challenge; MS = Mainstream; PL = Plus; RD = Rounds; TBA = To Be Announced; italics = student level MS, barn dance, intro dance; / = equal time; , = programs of differing length; - = one or two tips only.

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|--------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Date JANU | Club JARY | Caller/Cuer | Location | Program |
| 5 | Rutgers Promenaders | Gotta/Gotta | Somerset | MS/RD |
| 7 | Lakeland Squares | Thielke | Mountain Lakes | |
| 8 | Cross Trail Squares | | Caldwell | MS/PL |
| 10 | | Applegate Gotta/Gotta | | PL/RD |
| 10 | Bee Sharps | | Bound Brook | |
| | Kittatinny Rangers | Applegate | Andover | MS/PL |
| | Middletown Ramblers | Martellacci | Leonardo | PL/RD |
| | RocklandRockytops | Richman | W. Nyack, NY | MS-PL tip |
| 11 | Western Wheelers/H&C | Koft | Maywood | PL-A tip |
| 14 | Lakeland Squares | Richman | Mountain Lakes | |
| 15 | Belles & Beaux | Ingis | Elmwood Park | MS-PL tip |
| 17 | Hunterdon Flutterwheels | Gotta | Flemington | MS/PL |
| | Middletown Ramblers | Tapper | Leonardo | PL/RD |
| | Reelers | Leber/Pickett | Randolph | PL/RD |
| 19 | FAD Squares | Wadel | Maywood | PL Student Dance |
| | Motiv8ors | Fellegy | Fair Lawn | A2/C1 |
| | Rutgers Promenaders | Koft/Koft | Somerset | MS/RD |
| 21 | Lakeland Squares | Ingis | Mountain Lakes | MS/PL |
| 22 | AleMo Squares | Martellacci | Brooklyn, NY | MS/PL |
| | Cross Trail Squares | Gotta | Caldwell | MS/PL |
| 23 | Y Squares | Tapper/Pickett | Clark | MS/RD-PL tip |
| 24 | Bee Sharps | Matthew/Rumble | Bound Brook | PL/RD |
| | Circle Eights | Gotta | Elmwood Park | MS-PL tip |
| | Kittatinny Rangers | Reardon | Andover | MS/PL |
| | Middletown Ramblers | Koft | Leonardo | PL/RD |
| 25 | Western Wheelers/H&C | Applegate | Maywood | PL-A tip |
| 26 | NNJSDA Midterm | Class Teachers | Bridgewater | Student Dance |
| 28 | Lakeland Squares | Leber | Mountain Lakes | |
| 29 | Cross Trail Squares | Tapper | Caldwell | MS/PL |
| 31 | Middletown Ramblers | Kauffman | Leonardo | PL/RD |
| - | RUARY | Raamman | Econardo | |
| 1 | NNJSDA Dance | Stacy/Pickett | Caldwell | MS/PL/RD |
| 2 | FAD Squares | Ingis | Maywood | Student Dance |
| - | Rutgers Promenaders | Gotta/Gotta | Somerset | MS/RD |
| 4 | Lakeland Squares | Richman | Mountain Lakes | |
| 5 | Belles & Beaux | Koft | Elmwood Park | MS-PL tip |
| 7 | Hunterdon Flutterwheels | Moody | Flemington | MS/PL |
| ' | Middletown Ramblers | Richman | Leonardo | PL/RD |
| | Reelers | Snyder/Pickett | Morris Plains | PL/RD |
| | RocklandRockytops | Ingis | W. Nyack, NY | PL-A tip |
| 0 | | ÷ | New York, NY | |
| 8 | Times Squares Western Wheelers/H&C | Leber Gotta/Gotta | | MS/PL, A/C |
| 0 | | | Maywood | PL/RD-A tip |
| 9 | Motiv8ors | Gotta | Fair Lawn | A2/C1 |
| 11 | Lakeland Squares | Reardon | Mountain Lakes | |
| 12 | Cross Trail Squares | Snyder Murahu/Diskett | Caldwell | MS/PL |
| 13 | Y Squares | Murphy/Pickett | Clark | MS/RD-PL tip |

| | | Energia (Distant) | David David | |
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| 14 | Bee Sharps | Franks/Pickett | Bound Brook | PL/A2/RD |
| | Kittatinny Rangers | Tapper | Andover | MS/PL |
| | Middletown Ramblers | Kauffman | Leonardo | PL/RD |
| 4.0 | RocklandRockytops | Wadel | W. Nyack, NY | Student Dance |
| 16 | FAD Squares | Richman | Maywood | MS-PL tips |
| 40 | Rutgers Promenaders | Shipman/TBA | Somerset | MS/RD |
| 18 | Lakeland Squares | Wadel | Mountain Lakes | |
| 19 | Belles & Beaux | Fellegy | Elmwood Park | MS-PL tip |
| 21 | Hunterdon Flutterwheels | Kerns | Flemington | MS/PL PL/RD |
| | Middletown Ramblers Reelers | Franks Reardon/Pickett | Leonardo | PL/RD PL/RD |
| 22 | Western Wheelers/H&C | Reardon | Randolph Maywood | PL-A tip |
| 22 | FAD Squares | Applegate | Maywood | Barn Dance |
| 25 25 | Lakeland Squares | Tapper | Mountain Lakes | |
| 26 | AleMo Squares | Richman | Brooklyn, NY | MS/PL |
| 20 | Cross Trail Squares | Hodge | Caldwell | MS/PL |
| 27 | Y Squares | Gotta/Pickett | Clark | MS/RD-PL tip |
| 28 | Bee Sharps | Gotta/Gotta | Bound Brook | PL/RD |
| 20 | Circle Eights | Applegate | Elmwood Park | MS-PL tip |
| | Kittatinny Rangers | Koft | Andover | MS/PL |
| | Middletown Ramblers | Martellacci | Leonardo | PL/RD |
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| 1 | NNJSDA Dance | Franks/Kushla | Bridgewater | MS/PL/RD |
| 2 | FAD Squares | Leber | Maywood | MS-PL tips |
| | Motiv8ors | Fellegy | Fair Lawn | A2/C1 |
| | Rutgers Promenaders | Gotta/Gotta | Somerset | MS/RD |
| 4 | Lakeland Squares | Leber | Mountain Lakes | MS/PL |
| 5 | AleMo Squares | Coy | Staten Island, NY | ′MS/PL |
| | Belles & Beaux | Snyder | Elmwood Park | MS-PL tip |
| | Mountain Squares | Landi | Whippany | A2 |
| 7 | Hunterdon Flutterwheels | Franks | Flemington | MS/PL |
| | Middletown Ramblers | Matthew | Leonardo | PL/RD |
| | Reelers | Leber/Kushla | Randolph | PL/RD |
| | RocklandRockytops | Murphy | W. Nyack, NY | PL-A tip |
| 8 | Western Wheelers/H&C | Matthew | Maywood | PL-A tip |
| 11 | Lakeland Squares | Richman | Mountain Lakes | |
| 12 | Cross Trail Squares | Murphy | Caldwell | MS/PL |
| 13 | Y Squares | Koft/Pickett | Clark | MS/RD-PL tip |
| 14 | Bee Sharps | Richman/Pickett | Bound Brook | PL/RD |
| | Kittatinny Rangers | Applegate | Andover | Student Dance |
| | Middletown Ramblers | Koft Leber | Leonardo | PL/RD |
| 15 | RocklandRockytops | | W. Nyack, NY | MS-PL tip |
| 16 | Times Squares FAD Squares | Ritucci Applegate | New York, NY Maywood | MS/PL, A/C MS-PL tips |
| 10 | Motiv8ors | Ritucci | Fair Lawn | A2/C1 |
| | Rutgers Promenaders | Gotta/Gotta | Somerset | MS/RD |
| 18 | Lakeland Squares | Thielke | Mountain Lakes | |
| 19 | Belles & Beaux | Applegate | Elmwood Park | MS-PL tip |
| 10 | Mountain Squares | Landi | Whippany | A2 |
| 21 | Hunterdon Flutterwheels | Kerns | Flemington | MS/PL |
| | Middletown Ramblers | Gotta/Gotta | Leonardo | PL/RD |
| | Reelers | Matthew/Pickett | Randolph | PL/RD |
| 22 | Western Wheelers/H&C | Landi | Maywood | PL-A tip |
| 23 | FAD Squares | Applegate | Maywood | Barn Dance |
| 25 | Lakeland Squares | Moody | Mountain Lakes | |
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| 25 26 | Times Squares AleMo Squares Cross Trail Squares | Martellacci Coy Schnell | New York, NY Brooklyn, NY Caldwell | MS/PL-Star tips MS/PL MS/PL |
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| 27 | Y Squares | Richman/Pickett | Clark | MS/RD-PL tip |
| 28 | Bee Sharps | Landi/Bradt | Bound Brook | PL/RD |
| | Circle Eights | Ingis | Elmwood Park | MS-PL tip |
| | Kittatinny Rangers | Richman | Andover | MS/PL |
| | Middletown Ramblers | Kauffman | Leonardo | PL/RD |
| 30 | Motiv8ors | Hodge | Fair Lawn | A2/C1 |
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| 1 | Lakeland Squares | Richman | Mountain Lakes | |
| | Times Squares | Martellacci | New York, NY | MS/PL-Star tips |
| 2 | Belles & Beaux | Richman | Elmwood Park | MS-PL tip |
| 4 | Mountain Squares | Landi | Whippany | A2 |
| 4 | Hunterdon Flutterwheels Middletown Ramblers | Koft | Flemington Leonardo | MS/PL |
| | Reelers | Applegate Landi/Pickett | Randolph | PL/RD PL/RD |
| | RocklandRockytops | Franks | W. Nyack, NY | PL-A tip |
| 5 | NNJSDA Special Dance | Mager/Bradt | | PL/RD-Star tips |
| 6 | FAD Squares | Richman | Maywood | MS-PL tips |
| 0 | Rutgers Promenaders | Gotta/Gotta | Somerset | MS/RD |
| 8 | Lakeland Squares | Koft | Mountain Lakes | MS/PL |
| | Times Squares | Murphy | New York, NY | MS/PL-Star tips |
| 9 | Cross Trail Squares | Martellacci | Caldwell | MS/PL |
| 10 | Y Squares | Applegate/Pickett | Clark | MS/RD-PL tip |
| 11 | Bee Sharps | Ingis/Pickett | Bound Brook | PL/RD |
| | Kittatinny Rangers | Koft | Andover | MS/PL |
| | Middletown Ramblers | Landi | Leonardo | PL/RD |
| | RocklandRockytops | Martellacci | W. Nyack, NY | MS-PL tip |
| 12 | Times Squares | TBA | New York, NY | MS/PL, A/C |
| 40 | Western Wheelers/H&C | Franks | Maywood | PL-A tip |
| 13 15 | Motiv8ors | Fellegy | Fair Lawn New York, NY | A2/C1 |
| 16 | Times Squares Belles & Beaux | Hodge Tapper | Elmwood Park | MS/PL-Star tips MS-PL tip |
| 10 | Mountain Squares | Landi | Whippany | A2 |
| 22 | Lakeland Squares | Wadel | Mountain Lakes | |
| | Times Squares | TBA | New York, NY | MS/PL-Star tips |
| 23 | Cross Trail Squares | Goss | Caldwell | MS/PL |
| 24 | Y Squares | Koft/Pickett | Clark | MS/RD-PL tip |
| 25 | Bee Sharps | Franks/Bradt | Bound Brook | MS/PL/RD |
| | Circle Eights | Tapper | Elmwood Park | MS-PL tip |
| | Kittatinny Rangers | Applegate | Andover | MS/PL |
| | Middletown Ramblers | Martellacci | Leonardo | PL/RD |
| 26 | Western Wheelers/H&C | Coy | Maywood | PL-A tip |
| 27 | FAD Squares | Applegate | Maywood | Barn Dance |
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| 29 | Lakeland Squares | Richman | Mountain Lakes | |
| 30 | Times Squares AleMo Squares | Fellegy Martellacci | New York, NY | MS/PL-Star tips MS/PL |
| 30 | Cross Trail Squares | Fellegy | Brooklyn, NY Caldwell | MS/PL MS/PL |
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| - | Middletown Ramblers | Foote | Leonardo | PL/RD |
| | Reelers | Franks/Pickett | Randolph | PL/RD |
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| 8 Y Squares Tapper/Pickett Clark MS/RD- | PI tip |
| 9 Bee Sharps Matthew/Pickett Bound Brook MS/PL/F | |
| Kittatinny Rangers Koft Andover MS/PL | |
| Middletown Ramblers Gotta/Gotta Leonardo PL/RD | |
| RocklandRockytops Ingis W. Nyack, NY MS-PL t | tip |
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| 14 Cross Trail Squares Gittelman Caldwell MS/PL | |
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| 20 Lakeland Squares Martellacci Mountain Lakes MS/PL | |
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| 21 AleMo Squares Coy TBA MS/PL | |
| Belles & Beaux Gittelman Elmwood Park MS-PL t | tip |
| 22 Y Squares Gotta/Gotta Clark MS/RD- | ·PL tip |
| 23 Bee Sharps Tapper/Bradt Bound Brook MS/PL/F | RD |
| Circle Eights Leber Elmwood Park MS-PL t | tip |
| Kittatinny Rangers Richman Andover MS/PL | |
| Middletown Ramblers Gittelman Leonardo PL/RD | |
| 27 Lakeland Squares Richman Mountain Lakes MS/PL | |
| Times Squares Hodge New York, NY MS/PL-S | Star tips |
| 28 Cross Trail Squares Ritucci Caldwell MS/PL | |
| 30 Middletown Ramblers Koft Leonardo PL/RD | |

JUNE: Check club ads for all dates

Conventions, Festivals, Specials, and Weekends

| 1/26 | NNJSDA Midterm | Class Teachers | Bridgewater | Student Dance |
|-----------|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 2/15-17 | Lehigh Valley B&Bs | Adams, Koft/Koft | West Virginia | PL/RD |
| 2/23 | Mid-Winter Mania | Multiple Callers | Bridgewater | Student Dance |
| 3/15 | CTS 45th Anniv. | Mager | Caldwell | MS/PL |
| 3/20-22 | WASCA | Multiple Callers/Cuers | Virginia | MS/PL/A/C/RD |
| 4/2 | Murder Mystery | Richman | Elmwood Park | MS-PL tip |
| 4/5 | NNJSDA Special | Mager/Bradt | Caldwell | PL/RD-Star tips |
| 4/25-26 | New England Conv. | Multiple Callers/Cuers | New Hampshire | B/MS/PL/A/C/RD |
| 5/17 | Mystery Bus Raid | ?? | ?? | MS/PL |
| 5/23-26 | Cherry Ridge | Gotta, Hodge/Gotta | Pennsylvania | PL/A/RD |
| 6/1 | Rutgers 60th Anniv | . Gotta, Koft/Gotta, Koft | Somerset | MS/RD |
| 6/25-28 | National Conv. | Multiple Callers/Cuers | Arkansas | All Programs |
| 8/22-24 | Summer Magic | Multiple Callers/Bradt | Ontario, Canada | PL/A1/A2/C1/RD |
| 8/29-9/1 | Cherry Ridge | Gotta, Harrison/Gotta | Pennsylvania | PL/A/RD |
| 9/20 | B&B 35th Anniv. | Applegate, McGovern | TBA | MS/PL |
| 10/23-26 | Peel the Pumpkin | Multiple Callers | Iselin | M/P/A1-2, C1-4 |
| 1/3-11/15 | Caribbean Cruise | Harrison, Miller | Florida | MS/PL/A |
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NEW JERSEY STATE OUTFIT

Square dance conventions and other national gatherings hold a Parade of States or a Grand March, during which the dancers from each state march together. Usually the dancers from each state wear the same outfit or color combination.

The New Jersey state outfit colors are kelly green and white, based on the "Garden State" concept. (Examples of kelly green are the labels on Schweppes and Seagram's ginger ale bottles.) The dolls on the NNJSDA carousel, displayed at each Mini-Festival, are wearing state outfits. The emblem set is available through the NNJSDA for \$7.50. Vest patterns can be borrowed from the NNJSDA Assistant Treasurer.

The emblem consists of a 9" kelly green and white embroidered outline of New Jersey, with an embroidered gold star (to be placed at the location of the dancer's home club) and an embroidered "NJ." Sets can be purchased at any NNJSDA dance or through the website (nnjsda.org/state_outfit). The state emblem is placed in a prominent, but tasteful, location. Possible outfits (see photos on website) include:

- Sew or pin the state emblem on the back of a kelly green vest with white topstitching, worn over a white shirt or blouse.
- Place the state emblem on the back of a kelly green or white shirt or blouse.
- Place the state emblem on the side front of a kelly green or white skirt or dress.
- Place the state emblem on a green overskirt/apron trimmed with white evelet.
- Wear white or kelly green pants.

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| MAINSTREAM | | ALT. MAINST | ALT. MAINSTREAM/PLUS | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| <u>Sunday</u> | Weeks of the Month | Tuesday | Weeks of the Month | | |
| FAD Squares | 1, 3 All Year | Lakeland Squares | 1, 2, 3, 4 SeptJuly | | |
| jvanrensalier@gmail. | сот | lakelandsquares@h | notmail.com | | |
| Rutgers Promenaders | 1, 3 SeptJune | <u>Wednesday</u> | | | |
| president@rutgerspr | omenaders.org | AleMo Squares | Various SeptJune | | |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | | alemodancer@yaho | oo.com | | |
| Belles & Beaux | 1, 3 All Year | Cross Trail Squares | 2, 4, 5 SeptJune | | |
| squaredancing123@ | gmail.com | joepgerish@aol.net | | | |
| <u>Thursday</u> | | <u>Friday</u> | | | |
| Y Squares | 2, 4 SeptMay | Bee Sharps | 2, 4 April-May | | |
| bkuhne@optonline.r | net | beesharps@square | dancing.com | | |
| <u>Friday</u> | | Hunterdon Flutterwhee | ls 1, 3 SeptJune | | |
| Circle Eights | 4 SeptJune | gonzales.tomas1@ | gmail.com | | |
| rosemarydunton @gn | nail.com | Kittatinny Rangers | | | |
| RocklandRockytops 2 All Year | | maryandpaul43@gmail.com | | | |
| jlisak9845@aol.com | | <u>Saturday</u> | | | |
| PLU | JS | Five Clubs | 2, 4 June-Aug. | | |
| <u>Thursday</u> | | vammons@gmail.co | om | | |
| W. Wheelers/Hix & Chiv | various Jun-Aug. | ADVANCED AN | D CHALLENGE | | |
| rgflandera@gmail.co | т | <u>Sunday</u> | | | |
| <u>Friday</u> | | Motiv8ors (C1, A2) | Various All Year | | |
| Bee Sharps | 2, 4 SeptApril | charartist@aol.com | | | |
| beesharps@squared | | <u>Tuesday</u> | | | |
| Middletown Ramblers | Every Wk. All Year | Hi Taws (C2, C1) | Various All Year | | |
| byackel@verizon.net | | bbeck123@aol.com | ו | | |
| Reelers | 1, 3 SeptJune | <u>Wednesday</u> | | | |
| midwifehel @aol.com | | Mountain Squares (A2) | | | |
| RocklandRockytops | 1 OctJune | ellynminor@gmail.c | om MarJune | | |
| jlisak9845@aol.com | 3 July-Aug. | ALL PRO | OGRAMS | | |
| <u>Saturday</u> | | Tuesday, Thursday, S | aturday | | |
| W. Wheelers/Hix & Chi | 2, 4 SeptMay | Times Squares | Various All Year | | |
| rgflandera@gmail.co | т | mail@timessquares | .org (check ad) | | |
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