# NEW OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 1962-1963 


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FRANK \& HAZEL


DAN \& MILDRED


BILL \& KAY

At the Annual Delegates Meeting held on April 29th, the new slate of officers for the $1962-63$ season was presented and unanimously approved by the members present. The newly elected officers will officially take over on September 1st. We would like to officially introduce them to you -- giving a brief accounting of their square dance activities.

BOB KELLOGG, PRESIDENT; and his wife, Isabel, live at 2404 Bryant Avenue, Westfield. They have been square dancing for over 8 years - and have served on the Board at Hill City Squares, as President of Plainfield Promenaders, as Treasurer of Metuchen Squares, and as Circulation Chairman of the 7th Atlantic Convention. Their interest in round dancing, too, has resulted in their having been asked to handle the round program at Westfield and Plainfield Clubs this year. Bob served as Vice President of NNJSDA last year.

FRANK PRESTON, VICE PRESIDENT; and his wife, Hazel, live at 338 Barklay Street, Perth Amboy. They have been dancing for over 10 years and served a's officers of many Association clubs including Metuchen Square Dance Club, Metuchen Promenaders, and Rahway Square Sets. Frank and Hazel were Registration Chairmen for the 7th Atlantic Square Dance Convention last year. They served on the original NNJSDA organizing committee and as Secretary for the first two years of the Association.

DAN HULIN, TREASURER; and his wife, Mildred, live at 76 Stewart Street, Demarest. They have been active for many years at several clubs including Merri-Squares and Metuchen Square Dance Club.for which they recently served as treasurers. Dan and Mildred were active for the past couple of years directing NNJSDA classes in Oradell and Tenafly.

BILL GEIER, SECRETARY; and his wife Kay, began Square Dancing in February, 1959, and call the MerriEights Square Dance Club their home club. They have served as Association Delegates for two years, and Bill served as Secretary for their club for two and a half years. They are also members of the Richmond Dancers. They live at 8 Sunrise Road, Old Bridge, and have two children - Bill, Jr., 24 and Kathleen, 20. Bill is employed as the Scout Executive of the Raritan Council, Boy Scouts of America. Bill recently received credit in "Sets-in-Order" for unique work done for the Merri-Eights.


BUD \& BETTY SIBBALD

May I express my appreciation for the wonderful attendance at the Delegates' meeting in January. This was the first meeting, to my knowledge, where 100 per cent of the clubs were represented. There was a deep feeling of satisfaction among the officers of the Association to know that all the member clubs were supporting the Association and its aims.

Now that our new dancers have graduated, it is the responsibility of every member of the NNJSDA to welcome and assist them in this critical period of adjustment. Remember, most new dancers are timid and highly sensitive about "spoiling" the dancing of experienced dancers. A few unkind words or deliberate shunning can offset twenty weeks of hard work by all concerned. Let's all act as hospitality chairmen and personally welcome these graduates into our clubs and make them feel wanted. A friendly word and smile will go far to relax the nervous tension of our new dancers. Can you remember how grateful you were for sincere friend liness when you first started dancing?

The Curley Custer dance, sponsored by the NNJSDA, was a dramatic example of the harvest which has been reaped by member clubs as a result of Association-sponsored courses. Over 50 per cent of the huge turnout of members were past or present graduates. There were many dancers from other areas of New Jersey and Pennsylvania present also. This dance was the best attended in the history of the NNJSDA. Nearly fifty sets were on the floor - a real tribute to all members participating.

As this issue of Grand Square goes to press, the big day of dancing sponsored by the Metuchen Area Girl Scouts is taking place. Many members of the NNJSDA, headed by Jean Aderente, have worked diligently for the success of this affair. Since the future of our type of square dancing is dependent on the young people of today, these events taking place now, bodes well for the perpetuation of modern western square dancing.
(Bud Sibbald)

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

In behalf of next year's Executive Board, I wish to thank all of you for your confidence in electing us to office. You can be sure we will all undertake, without reservation, to carry out the policies and purposes of the Association for the benefit of all square dancers, in a manner which merits that confidence.

Your Association is a Service Organization, not a governing body, and operates strictly by the policies you have set up. Thus, it acts on the basis of your will as expressed through your Club delegates. So Communicate, Cooperate, and Coordinate with your voluntary Association, and we will all derive greater satisfaction and fun.

We can all take pride in our square dancing recreation, and in our efforts to further the interests of the club or clubs of which we are members. In the spirit of our common association, these efforts must certainly and meticulously be planned so that they do not conflict with the planned activities or interests of either the Association or other clubs.

Just one year ago in this issue of Grand Square, your out-going President stated, "A more dangerous threat"' to the progress of square dancing in our area "is that of individual actions and programs made without concern for and which directly oppose or conflict with planned Association activities and schedules." I quote it because the same deep concern cannot be better expressed, and because there are indications that it may no longer be merely a threat, but may soon become a reality. Let us hope that any individual, small group, or club will carefully consider all the ramifications of such an action on its part.

We have much to look forward to, just as long as we continue to square dance for fun, for recreation, for friendship. Let nothing thwart the true rewards of square dancing.
(Bob Kellogg)

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BEST WISHES TO NNJSDA CONVENTION GOERS
Dancing in a single hall with 600 or more squares - that's one of the thrills awaiting dancers who attend the 11th National Dance Convention in Miami Beach June 14, 15, 16, 1962.
But according to Jay Fenimore of Hollywood, chairman of the program committee, that's only a small part of the variety of programming that will be offered to those who make it "Miami for You in '62.'

Dancers of Florida through such organizations as the Florida Federation of Square Dancers extend an invitation to all dancers to attend the convention and to spend a few additional days in the Sunshine State, sampling their brand of Southern hospitality.

## WELCOME NEW DANCERS!!

A total of 61 couples and 28 single dancers graduated in March from the four Association Classes, at East Brunswick, Morristown, Plainfield, and Tenafly.
This imposing figure is further increased by graduates from several non-conflicting classes which supplemented the Association efforts, run in other areas by clubs and other groups.

All such classes are wonderful indeed!
The dancers - the clubs welcome you. We hope you have caught the square dancing fun-fever, and are getting out to Dance - Dance - Dance!

## CALLERS' CLASS

You have probably heard a great many rumors about a callers' class in our area. Well, they aren't rumors. There really is one and, although it is not NNJSDA sponsored, it does have Association recognition.
It started in January when several people expressed an interest in learning to call. Jerry Gerald, who is the class instructor, made the generous offer of the use of his basement and teaching abilities. A meeting was held and the class was off to a fine start. At the time of this writing, the group has had ten lessons. There are eight men and three women taking the course, all of which are doing great, thanks to Jerry.
It is anticipated that a Callers' Jamboree, sponsored by and featuring the class callers, will be held in late spring or early summer. More details will follow, This will be your opportunity to see and hear the group in action. Watch for further information on this dance.

If there is enough interest, a second group may be started in the fall.
P. S. For preview of above dance, see back cover April, 1962 Sets In Order.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DELEGATES MEETING

The annual election meeting of Association delegates was held on April 24, 1962. Following are highlights. of the meeting:

1. Family Day; May 20th, at the Metuchen High School. Now history and a real successful affair.
2. Report of Classes; (see separate article)
3. Girl Scout Festival; May 5th at Roosevelt Park; also history -- this was a real colorful affair.
4. Summer Dance Program; (see page 5)
5. Fall Association Festival; planned for Nov. 30, 1962.

The idea of an Association Fun Festival with the Club Callers doing the calling on the above date was given unanimous and enthusiastic approval by the delegates.
So keep this date open - mark your calendar now - and let's everybody get out and dance to his club caller.
6. Election of Officers (see cover)
7. Next General Delegates Meeting - Sept. 16, 1962 at the Plainfield Trust Co., Fanwood.

## CHILDREN'S SQUARE DANCING-- FUN AND WORK



Teaching children to square dance is not for the faint hearted, the impatient or the person without a real love for children. It is certainly not for the fellow who expects to get rich through calling, the one who can't stand to hear parents complain, or who would throw up his hands when 47 girls and 14 boys show up for a junior club dance. The children's caller-teacher must be able to put up with a good deal more fooling around than he would with adults, and still have the knack of getting the children serious about their dancing so that he can teach them what he would like them to learn without spoiling their fun, or losing them to baseball, baton-twirling or worse rock and roll. He must be willing to spend much time with his young people to be able to expect good results.
Those callers who-have trained and prepared an adult group for a demonstration or exhibition have an inkling of what is involved in training a group of children. For a real experience, try training eight to ten different groups at various age levels for a great big demonstration. Don't, by any means, forget the costumes involved for each group. For very colorful and rewarding results use 200-300 children. Start early and plan well or your headaches will multiply.
The caller who can qualify has some very gratifying results in store for him. When properly trained, children really enjoy dancing, and unless called upon too often, enjoy putting on exhibitions. Parents are usually overioyed to have their children a part of such a program. To see the children in their fancy square dance garb is a great reward in itself.

Prepare yourself for a disappointment in the fall when you reconvene. Many of your seventh and eighth graders last year's stars - will be among the missing. These people, with whom you've worked so hard and so long, and of whom you expect so much this year, will find that homework and other junior high activities school are forcing many of them to give up square dancing, an activity which they still really enjoy.

> (Dick Pasvolski)

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1. RICHMOND DANCERS -.- American Legion Hall, Tottenville, S.I.

Wednesdays -- June 13, 27, July 11, 25, Aug. 3, 22
Beulah Samoc calling
2. Rahway souare sets -- Union County Park, Rt. 27, Rahway

Twesdays -_ July 3, 17, Aug. 7, 21
All froe -- outside dancing -- Dick Lighthipe and others
3. MERRY SQUARES --- Hilltop Barn, Broad St., Bloomfield

Fridays -- June 29, July 6, 27, Aug. 3, 24, 31
Marty Winter calling (also Dick Jones on June 294h)


## CLUB NEWS

BELLES \& BEAUX (TENAFLY) - Belles \& Beaux is now an open club but asks that all persons interested in coming to the club dances to have completed a square dance course in basics. The May 25th dance was a dinner-dance and was open to all club members. There will be no club summer dancing. Betty and Bud Sibbald will be teaching rounds at a summer resort. Numerous couples are planning square dance weekends throughout the summer months.

TENAKILL TWIRLERS - On April 13 the Tenakill Twirlers had a free dance for all NNJSDA graduates. On May 18 the club had a graduation ball for their own beginner group. The graduates have completed 24 lessons and are ready to join in the club's activities. In May a bus load of club members went to Mac's Barn. Some became Knotheads and others relived the fun of last year's Knothead excursion. A Round Dance course in basics for all Tenakill Twirler members will be given free during August by Doc and Peg Tirrell. Classes will probably be held every Wednesday evening. The Folk Dance Club, under the Brombergs supervision, literally danced for their supper at an International Night on May 22nd in Teaneck. Alice and AI Fulmer and Ernie and Ina Knirsch were in Washington, D. C. for the festival in March. It's good to see Alice Mosier (fractured collarbone), Belle Appleton (leg operation) and Norm Tefelar (operation) back on the dance floor again. Joe Bromberg is still on the sick list with a bone chip lodged in the wrong place in his toe. The new officers for the coming season are as follows: Pres. - Charlie \& Pauline Widmer Veeps - Doc \& Peg Tirrell Treas. - Paul \& Dorothy Pullman Sec. - Ernie \& Ina Knirsch

METUCHEN COUNTRY PROMENADERS - The Metuchen Country Promenaders had an open dance with Curley Custer calling at the Metuchen High School on May 12th. They had guest callers from the caller's class at their regular club dance in April and May in addition to their regular caller, Ernie Lens. Guest callers who have already called are Val Kentel, John Adams, Al Aderente and Bob Kellogg. Expected guest callers will be Bud Sibbald, Ralph Nason, Bill McKinley and Arnie Kloock.

BACHELORS ' $N$ ' BACHELORETTES - The Bachelors ' $N$ ' Bachelorettes want to thank all of the NNJSDA Clubs who supported their first open dance in March. It was a huge success. They are now out of the "red" and starting their second year, happy to be a part of the NNJSDA.
The club is now sponsoring a class of ten basic lessons for single beginners. It is held every Thursday night from 8:30 to 10:30, at 27 Louise Drive, Milltown, N. J. For further information call PL 6-7356.
Club dancing will continue until June 15th.
THE MERRI-EIGHTS - have enjoyed good attendance at their dances with Beulah Samec calling. Members are looking forward to the annual pienic on Memorial Day May 30th and the third annual closing dinner dance to be held at the Spotswood Firehouse June 9th. We wish to thank our many visitors and members who helped to make our dancing season a pleasant success and hope to see many of you at the various summer dances.

PLAINFIELD PROMENADERS - Square dancers find friends wherever they travel. On April 10th Charles and Helen Welling, Ross and Irene Nichols, Bob and Betty Hawekotte and John and Esther Schneider met and danced together at Del Ray, Florida.
On April 13th a large group of recent class graduates visited the Plainfield Promenaders for an evening of dancing. Over 12 squares enjoyed John Carroll's calling. On the same evening the club welcomed their newlyweds, Mr. \& Mrs. Fred Beltram, who had just returned from their honeymoon. Mrs. Beltram is the former Marion Wood. The club celebrated their 8th anniversary on May 11 th with an open house party.

METUCHEN SQUARE DANCE CLUB - At the April 7th dance of the Metuchen Square Dance Club, the membership was surprised and honored to receive a trophy through Jan \& Wally Tresdott. They claimed this award for the Metuchen Club by traveling the greatest distance (over 100 miles) to a dance at the Buoys \& Gulls Square Dance Club, Stonington, Conn. The trophy, which is quite spectacular, was originated by the Wheeling Stars, in Twin Falls, Idaho. It has been to ten clubs from San Diego to New York. The Metuchen Club will have its name engraved on the front, along with the other clubs listed. It is ours to keep and display until clarmed by another long distance traveler for their home club.

MERRY SQUARES - held an afternoon and evening dance, for members only, at the home of Wes and Ted Florence, Upper Saddle River, on Sunday, May 27, 1962.

RICHMOND DANCERS - held a graduation party dance for their beginners class in February. The 19 couples who received diplomas joined the Club that night. Many of these new dancers have been attending the dances of various New Jersey clubs.

## CLUB NEWS (continued)

A group of Richmond Dancers have formed a round dance club and have been meeting twice monthly since January with Bob and Edith Thompson instructing in the basics and teaching routines. This group call themr selves the Richmond Roundaleers and they are sponsoring a Square Dance with Beulah Samec calling on Saturday June 2nd at the First Presbyterian Church Hall in Stapleton, Staten Island.
Richmond Dancers welcomed 25 couples from the Jersey Shore Promenaders, who traveled by hired bus to our March 10th dance. That same night 10 couples from the Belles \& Beaux of Long Island also attended the dance. On Sunday, June 3rd, Richmond Dancers will hold their "bring your own basket" picnic at Reinhart's Grounds on Bloomingdale Road, Pleasant Plains, S. I., from 1:00 till every one has played and danced enough.
June is wedding month for three couple members of the Richmond Dancers. Bill and Kay Geier's son will be married June 9th, Frank and Shirley Bellotti's daughter on June 16th and Bert and Dot Starlin's daughter on June 23rd.

CIRCLE EIGHTS - have been enjoying a very successful year, dancing an average of seven sets. Happy to announce the engagement of Ann Ort and Ed Fenner, they will tie the knot sometime in July - lots of luck from all of Circle Eights. Dick Jones Dance a big success, having him back next year. June 11, last dance of season will be "Open House", at the Mackay School, Tenafly, N. J.

HANOVER SQUARES - of Whippany presented their first Special Square Dance in the history of the club on Saturday March 31 st at Salem Drive School in Whippany. This Tri-Club, Tri-Caller, Dinner-Dance was a spectacular success. This affair was attended by dancers from central and eastern New Jersey Square Dance Clubs. The covered dish supper was followed by movies of the recent 7th Annual Square Dance Convention in Atlantic City. The movies were shown through the courtesy of the NNJSDA. More than one hundred dancers made up the twelve squares moving to the rhythmic Western Style calling of Lloyd Siewers, Vin Caruso, and Gardner Patton. The dancers represented more than twelve of the NNJSDA clubs. Among those committee members responsible for the success of this outstanding event were Rudy and Billy Jahn, Bob and Betty Smith, Harold and Muriel Dawson, Bill and Pat Schoen, Art and Adelaide Wild, Howard and Madge Gerlach and Max and Louise Brueche.


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