

Grand Square

Keeping the Square Dance Community Informed

Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association

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



Summer Dancers of 2023



“Square Dancers in an Ocean Wave” as interpreted and generated by the Artificial Intelligence program, DALL E 2. Submitted by Ken Robinson.

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Editor's Desk

In November of last year, OpenAI launched Chat-GPT 3 to the general public for free, leading to a surge in the use of artificial intelligence. Many are beginning to recognize this as a "Gutenberg-level" event that will impact all aspects of life.

It has become increasingly difficult to distinguish between articles written by humans and those generated by AI. Some portions of this *Grand Square* were edited by AI, but when the day comes that it can outperform the talents of our esteemed proofreader, Don Schlesinger, we'll know we are doomed.



Gary Bergman

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NNJSDA President's Message

I would like to congratulate our newest square dance friends who graduated this spring or will soon graduate from a Mainstream class. The Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association welcomes you to our square dance community. We encourage you to become regular dancers and active members of the club(s) where you learned to dance and hope that you will enjoy dancing with us for many years to come.



Joanna Lieuallen

The purpose of the Association is to promote square dancing in various ways. One way is to offer Mainstream dances during the summer when many clubs do not hold regular dances. These dances are specifically geared to provide you, our newer dancers, with enjoyable opportunities to keep up the skills that you worked so hard to learn! This issue of *Grand Square* can help you locate the dates, times, and locations of the Association dances, as well as other dances offered this summer.

We invite you to learn more by visiting our website (nnjsda.org) to find information about the Association, member clubs, calendars, incentive programs, and more. You can receive dance announcements from clubs and the Association by subscribing to the email list using the link in the upper right corner of the website.

To all the square dance instructors, class coordinators, and angels out there: A big THANK YOU. It is because of your dedication and commitment that we welcome another new group of dancers.

And now, some special invitations for all dancers, new and seasoned: The May 20 dance will be the start of our summer program. It will also feature a square dance clothing sale. Come enjoy the dance (the first half hour will be Mainstream followed by rotating Plus, Rounds, and Mainstream), and see what wonderful bargains you can find. All are invited to attend the 47th annual Mini-Festival, which will take place on November 12, 2023. This special event will run from 1:00-6:30 p.m. with a great lineup of callers and a cuer. We will offer dedicated rooms for Mainstream, Plus/Rounds, and Advanced/Challenge programs. Please hold the date and see page 9 for more details.

Get out and dance this summer, save the date for the Mini-Festival, and be sure to invite your friends to a beginner dance this September so that they can become part of our wonderful dance community as well.

See you in a square

Farewell to Our Friends

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

Thanks for the memories.

Myles Adler - 11/24/22

Circle Eights

Myra Adler - 9/3/22

Circle Eights

Attilio Aloia - 9/12/22

Hunterdon Flutterwheels

Gail Conklin - 11/21/22

Lakeland Squares

Margaret (Peg) Dockry - 11/22/22

Round Dance Cues

Dolores Gesumaria - 1/20/23

Spinning Wheels,

Lakeland Squares

Norman Kanter - 8/29/22

AleMo Squares, Western Wheelers/
Hix & Chix

Rita Keywork - 12/19/22

RocklandRockytops

Jeff Kramer - 1/22/23

Circle Eights, Belles & Beaux

Adrienne Martin - 5/4/22

Rutgers Promenaders

Nancy Stewart - 9/5/2022

Circle Eights

Chuck Wagner - 9/22/2022

Motiv8ors, Hi Taws

Remembering Norman Kanter

Norman Kanter had supported individual NNJSDA clubs in countless ways. He served as co-editor of *Grand Square* with his wife, Barbara, from 2000 to 2010, followed by other volunteer positions with our magazine. Norman was an insightful, practical, witty, and beloved friend of many.

The four words Norman wrote to describe the best life are: hopeful, content, happy, and grateful. You, the square dance community, helped to build those for him.



Norman Kanter

Caller Daryl Murphy Retires

In 2008, Daryl was invited to take over caller Mike Jacobs's Advanced and Challenge club in Clark, NJ, when Mike passed away.

Daryl has been a frequent caller for Motiv8ors for more than a decade. In 2012, he established Somerset Squares to provide more opportunities for A2 and C1 dancing in northern NJ. In addition, Daryl has called Mainstream through C2 for various clubs, primarily in the tri-state area. He has taught Mainstream and Plus for Y Squares and A1/A2 and C1 for Motiv8ors. We wish him well!



Daryl Murphy

NNJSDA Special Incentive Programs

Freeloader Awards of a dangle and a coupon for a free NNJSDA dance were given to the following dancers after the November 2022 Mini-Festival:

Lois Autenrieth
Steve Autenrieth
Diane Coffman
Olga D'Arcangelis
Marie Honachefsky
Curtis Kraut
Joanna Lieuallen

Tony Milito
Maureen Moynihan
Kristen Rabeler
Arlene Remington
Bob Turner
Krista Uudna-Tammaru

You too can earn a Freeloader Award by attending at least three qualifying summer NNJSDA dances and the Mini-Festival in the same dance year. Download the form at *nnjsda.org* (see Documents for Dancers) and have it signed by an authorized person at each event.

Patron Awards of a dangle and a coupon for a free NNJSDA dance will be presented to the following dancers at our next NNJSDA event:

Mark Bippes (#6)
Larry Bugal (super patron)
Lise Greene (#8)
Bob Turner (#7)
Ellen Ward (#18)

You can receive a Patron Award by simply visiting eight different NNJSDA member clubs. Download the form at *nnjsda.org* (see Documents for Dancers) and have it signed by an officer of the visited club. You may work on multiple forms at the same time, but only one signature per visit. There's no limit to the number of awards. Submit your completed forms to the NNJSDA secretary. Dangles are exchanged as each progressive award is achieved. They are given for awards 1-10, 15, 20, and finally a super patron dangle for 25.

One Square Is Fair benefits your club with a dues reduction by having at least eight club members (one square) attend five of the scheduled NNJSDA dances in one season. Officially registered students may be counted for the Midterm Student Dance.

Raids can benefit your club with a dues reduction by having at least eight club members (one square) visit other member clubs at their regularly scheduled dances (not specials) in one season.

Club Visitation is a new incentive program in which five or more club members visit NNJSDA clubs and earn points based on the number of members visiting. Sixty points earns the club a dues reduction.

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Gotta



Bill
Harrison



Ken
Ritucci



Roy
Gotta (Cuer)

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Registration Form—Mail (with check) to Roy Gotta, 2 Laurel Pl, North Brunswick, NJ 08902

		<u>Through Nov 1, 2023</u>	<u>After Nov 1, 2023</u>
Dance Packages ONLY No single sessions	Full Festival Package	___ \$60 per person	___ \$70 per person
	Youth (Age 15 & under)	___ \$30 per person	___ \$35 per person
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Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Amt Enclosed \$ _____ Circle preferred dance program Plus A2 C1 C2

Plus & Advanced

Labor Day Weekend

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Square Dance Schedule

Fri - 8:30-11 p.m.
Sat - 10 a.m.-noon
2:30-4:30 p.m.
8:00-10:30 p.m.
Sun - 10 a.m.-noon
Afternoon - free time
8:00-10:30 p.m.
Mon - 10-11:30 a.m.



Two Wooden Dance Floors

Two halls during the day (combined at night)

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Two Plus tips followed by one A2 tip
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with Roy Gotta



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Sign up early - Housing sells out quickly!!!!**

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY SQUARE DANCERS ASSOCIATION



47th ANNUAL



MINI-FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

1:00-6:30 PM

Ken Burke (TN)

Ted Lizotte (NH)

Howard Richman (NJ)

Rounds Mary Pickett (NJ)



Randolph High School, Randolph, NJ (tentative)

Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Rounds

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

“ONE SQUARE IS FAIR” EVENT FOR NNJSDA MEMBER CLUBS

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

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

For latest updates and directions: nnjsda.org/mini_fest_info

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

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

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

Name(s) _____ Club _____

Street _____ City _____

State ____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Email _____

In advance	\$15 adult (\$20 at the door)	# _____	\$ _____
(through 11/1)	\$7.50 child (\$10 at the door)	# _____	\$ _____
1st Time Badge	\$4 each (optional)	# _____	\$ _____
2023 Bar	\$1 each (optional)	# _____	\$ _____

PLEASE ...
 Enclose a stamped,
 self-addressed,
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No refunds after 11/1/23.

TOTAL \$ _____

Thank you.

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2, 4 Fri. Sept.-May
Vic Ammons: 908-763-4593

beesharps.org

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

This first full season of post-Covid dancing has been a great time of seeing our dancing friends return to regular dancing, as well as welcoming new dancers into our activity. It does seem that the isolation and uncertainty of the last few years have led people in our area to look for new outside activities. Therefore, we have been hosting a Mainstream class since October. During the December holiday break, we held a special student dance at PeopleCare Center on our regular class night. Five squares of dancers had a great time, including students and angels from Y Squares and Flutterwheels. Susan Allen, our class coordinator, and Wes Thielke, our class teacher, have made Wednesday nights fun and productive for our students, who formally graduated on March 22.

To help our dancers get more practice for the skills they have learned, we are transitioning from classes to dance-workshops with this same group every Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. We feel these workshops will give our dancers an opportunity to hone their skills and transition better as they start to attend regular club dances. We plan to have guest callers for a few of the dance-workshops in May – so check out our ad on the next page.

Our Friday night club dances have been well attended by square dancers and round dancers from near and far. It is fun to see so many dancers really get into the spirit of the dance themes, and this particular Halloween was especially memorable. In addition to the fantastic costumes worn by the dancers, Howard Richman did THREE costume changes during the night!

Belonging to a club for so many years is really like being a member of a family. So we were happy to see Holly Smythe, who worked as an instructional designer at Raritan Valley Community College for over 25 years, receive so much recognition and praise from her colleagues upon her retirement. I can remember when Holly and Bill joined Bee Sharps ... gee, I must be getting old!

Nancy Ammons



Bee Sharps Mainstream Graduation, March 22, 2023

BEE SHARPS OF SOMERVILLE



- Friday Dances (dates and formats below)
- Early Rounds 7:30 p.m.
- Square Dancing and Rounds 8:00-10:30 p.m.
A2 Tip 10:15 p.m., if sufficient dancers present

DANCE SCHEDULE

April, May, and September 2023

Venue: PeopleCare Center, 120 Finderne Ave., Bridgewater, NJ

<i>Date</i>	<i>Caller</i>	<i>Cuer</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Dance Theme</i>
April 14	Karin Rabe & Greg Moore	Steve Bradt	MS/PL/RD	Disney Night
April 28	Mark Franks	Ron Rumble	MS/PL/RD	Hawaiian Leis and Luau
May 12	Betsy Gotta	Roy Gotta	MS/PL/RD	Crazy Hat Night
May 26	Karin Rabe & Greg Moore	Steve Bradt	MS/RD	Ice Cream Social

SUMMER BREAK

Sept. 8	Mark Franks	Mary Pickett	MS/RD	How I Spent My Summer Vacation
Sept. 22	Howard Richman	Ron Rumble	MS/PL/RD	Autumn

** MAINSTREAM WORKSHOPS FOR ALL NEW 2023 GRADS **

Practice dancing your newly learned steps, with a chance to ask questions and improve your dancing every Wednesday night.

Dates: Wednesday Nights 7:00-8:30 p.m.

April 5, 19, 26, May 3, 17, 24, 31, June 7, 14

Venue: Adamsville School, 400 Union Avenue, Bridgewater

Caller: Wes Thielke, with guest callers TBA

Fee: \$5 for 2023 grads; Angels - Free

Questions - Vic/Nancy Ammons 908-566-7580 / 908-763-4593

Visit us Online/Facebook: beesharps.org / @BeeSharps

Belles & Beaux Mainstream classes resumed again in the Fall of 2022 and were held on Thursday nights at the Glen Rock Middle School. We were thrilled to start with nine students including a mother and daughter. We are thankful to have a good number of angels from both Belles & Beaux and Circle Eights come out to help the students. On several class nights, we had enough angels and students to have three complete squares dancing.

In November, we had our Thanksgiving Square Dance and asked those attending to bring food items to donate to the local food pantry. Several bags of food were collected and later dropped off at the Father's Cupboard Food Pantry at Grace Redeemer Church in Glen Rock.

The last class of the Fall semester, on December 22, was made into a student dance. We had two alternating callers: Jonathon Weiner and Maryjane Clewell. Everyone was invited to come and join in the fun. Admission was free. We even had students and some dancers from Lakeland Squares join us and so we were able to form three squares.

We had a holiday party at Puzo's Family Restaurant in Hawthorne in early January 2023 with 25 Belles & Beaux members in attendance. We had a lovely buffet meal, delicious desserts, and good conversation. We also had lots of laughs and some very interesting games involving dice and oven mitts. I think I am right in saying no one left hungry! It was just great to be together after the lengthy Covid isolation.

I would also like to remind all square dancers of the return of the annual Belles & Beaux Murder Mystery. It is called "The Case of the Hollywood Squares Murders" and is produced and directed by Richard Ball. It will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. Howard Richman will be calling the dance that night. It's an Evening of Suspense and Square Dancing. ... Come join in! Since the Fall of 2021 we have been having our regular dances at our new location: The Maywood Senior Center; 340 Duvier Place, Maywood NJ 07607.

Andy Cilderman



Belles & Beaux Mainstream Graduation, March 30, 2023

Belles & Beaux

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

Chris Wadel
 President
 201-522-4778 (C)
 cwadel@optimum.net



Claire Zimmerman
 Caller Contact
 201-291-8417
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4/19	Mark Franks	April Showers Bring May Flowers
5/3	Howard Richman	Murder Mystery and Dance
5/17	Rick Gittelman	Pajama Dance - Wear your PJs
6/7	Maryjane Clewell	Ice Cream Social
6/21	Dane Bragg	First Day of Summer Casual wear (no bathing suits)
7/5	Sandy Corey	Celebrate Our Independence
7/19	Mary Moody	National Junk Food Day
8/2	Howard Richman	Hawaiian Luau
8/16	Betsy Gotta	Black and White
9/6	Jonathon Weiner	Book Exchange Bring a book - Take a book
9/20	Sandy Corey	It's Autumn - wear your fall colors
10/4	Larry Shipman	Football Jersey Night Wear your favorite team's shirt
10/18	Mary Moody	National Chocolate Cupcake Day
11/1	Maryjane Clewell	Servicemen/Women Appreciation Dance Bring a letter/card to send to our troops
11/15	Karin Rabe and Greg Moore	Let's Be Thankful - Bring a canned item for local food bank
12/6	Betsy Gotta	Student Dance/Happy Holidays Wear holiday colors
12/20	-----	NO DANCE

2 Sun. Sept.-June**Pat and Tom Duemig: 201-955-1495***circle8s.njjsda.org***Maywood Senior Center, 340 Duvier Pl.****Cell for dance: 201-744-6463**

What's new with Circle Eights?

Our dances have a new day and time and we have moved to a new location while dancing to a new format! We're enjoying traveling to and from our dances during daylight hours on Sunday afternoons from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Maywood Senior Center, alternating between Mainstream and Plus.

Our members have begun to travel again. Arlene Remington, Claire Zimmerman, and Maryjane Clewell went on a 14-day trip to Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. They visited Civil War battlefields, national parks, and the Blue Ridge, Shenandoah, and Smoky Mountains. They enjoyed wine tasting, shows at the Grand Ole Opry and the honky-tonks on Broadway, and danced with the Music City Squares in Nashville. In addition, Pat and Tom Duemig finally crossed off one of Tom's bucket list items – a cruise down the Mississippi River. They started in the Twin Cities, where they enjoyed dancing with the Spares & Pairs in Minneapolis, and made their way down middle America to New Orleans. Highlights included visits to Mark Twain's boyhood home in Hannibal, Missouri, the St. Louis Arch, Graceland, and the French Quarter.

In January 2023, we were saddened to learn of the passing of club member Jeff Kramer. We also lost several former members – Myra Adler and Nancy Stewart in September 2022, and Myles Adler in November 2022. All had been long-term members who were very active during their time with the Circle Eights.



Unfortunately, Paramus Middle School has decided to no longer offer adult ed classes, so we lost our class venue. At a recent introductory square dance for Hillsdale's 125th Anniversary (chaired by our vice president, Gerry Beatty Savino), several participants expressed interest in taking lessons, so we have begun exploring alternative locations – stay tuned!

Jeanne Weisman



CIRCLE EIGHTS



2023

Alternating MS/PL

May 7 – Rick Gittelman
June 11 – Maryjane Clewell
No dances July-August
Sept. 10 – Howard Richman

Oct. 29 – Jonathon Weiner
Nov. 26 – Maryjane Clewell
Dec. 10 – Karin Rabe and
Greg Moore

*Watch your email for information
about beginners classes in fall 2023!*

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

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



Presents

Ed Crowley
732-600-0061

Summer Mania

Mainstream Program
CCNJ Callers

Sunday, July 30, 2023

2:00 to 4:30 PM \$5 / Dancer

The PeopleCare Center
120 FINDERNE AVENUE, BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807

hunterdonflutterwheels.njnsda.org

1, 3 Fri. Sept.-June

Joanna Lieuallen: 908-458-6838

Hunterdon County Complex

314 Rt. 12, Building 1

The Hunterdon Flutterwheels have been busy since the start of the dance season. We had 15 students in our Mainstream class. We currently have over 20 enrolled in our spring Plus refresher.

We have been dancing every first and third Friday. In September, we were “Painting the Town Red” to Mary Moody and guessing “What’s Your Favorite Movie?” with Jay Silva, and being scary at the “Witches, Warlocks, and Goblins” dance with Howard Richman, in October. In November, we did the “Turkey Trot” to Mary Moody and celebrated a “Time for Heroes” with Karin Rabe and Greg Moore by collecting non-perishables for a local food bank and writing holiday cards for our troops. We visited “Sherwood Forest” with Dan Koft in December and were raided by a band of “merry men” from Rutgers Promenaders. We moved from Bethlehem Presbyterian Church to the Hunterdon County Building on Route 12 in time for our “Ho-Ho-Holiday Dance” with Ted Lizotte and were raided by Bee Sharps and Belles & Beaux.

We rang in 2023 with the “Abominable Snowman” to Mary Moody and headed to Hawaii at our “Tired of Winter” dance with Howard Richman. In February, we celebrated the return of our traditional “Souper Bowl” with Dane Bragg, where homemade soups as well as chili and macaroni and cheese helped us warm up in delight. Betsy Gotta called our “Have a Heart” dance, where we collected donations for the American Heart Association and were raided by Y Squares. March found us “Reading Across America” to Mark Franks, costumed in honor of Dr. Seuss’s birthday and celebrating “Irish Festivities” to Howard Richman.

We extend many thanks to our callers, members, visitors, and raiders, who helped make this dance year so much fun.

Jim Stamets



HUNTERDON FLUTTERWHEELS



314 Route 12, Building 1, Flemington, NJ 08822

Web: hunterdonflutterwheels.nnjstda.org

Contact # night of dance: 908-458-6838



2023 Theme

May 5 **Cinco de Mayo**

May 19 **Time Machine**

Jun 2 **Ice Cream Social**

Caller

Betsy Gotta

Dane Bragg

Rick Gittelman

SUMMER WORKSHOPS 2:00-4:00 p.m.

June 24 • July 9 • July 22 • August 5 • August 19

Sep 15 **Say "Goodbye, Summer"- "Hello, Fall"** **Mary Moody**

Oct 6 **World Smile Day** **Mark Franks**

Oct 20 **The Great Pumpkin Is Coming** **Karin Rabe & Greg Moore**

Nov 3 **Thank You, Armed Forces** **Dan Koft**

Nov 17 **National Take a Hike Day** **Mary Moody**

Alternate Mainstream and Plus Tips

1st and 3rd Fridays 8:00-10:15 p.m.

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For Information:

Joanna Lieuallen 908-458-6838

Mary and Jim Stamets 908-328-3755

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Congratulations to NNJSDA's Recent Mainstream Graduates

Bee Sharps – Bill Dodge, Susan Dodge, James Heaphy, Pien Nagy, Joan Sevchuk, Rana Slosberg, Ronald Slosberg, Domecq Smith, Peach Smith, Dolly Tharp, Steve Tharp

Belles & Beaux – Diana Garcia, Gloria Huberman, Bertha Nichols, Jack Sember, Larry Shapiro, Deb Stahl

Hunterdon Flutterwheels – June Bente, Arlene Beroff, Howard Beroff, George Cerny, Susan Cerny, Susan Freund, Carol Grassie, Robin Kenny, Joe Kerr, Ken Kuter, Paula Lawrence, Marsha Magazzu, Ron Magazzu, Michael Paul

Lakeland Squares – Celia Longendyck, David Longendyck, Doina Ralea, Ellen Taylor

Middletown Ramblers – Karen Berner, Jeanne Carotenuto, Han Kouh, Judy O'Mally, Melissa Pino

Y Squares – Maryana Panayiotou, Carol Stavitski, Jüergen Zaradic, Sandy Zaradic

Ahoy from Lakeland! It's great to be back to so many of our longtime activities. Our Raid program is in full swing, and we've happily donned our sailor hats, manned the paddles, hoisted our sail, and enjoyed the reactions of spectators as our giant bass just misses them. Lakeland Squares no longer requires proof of vaccination in 2023.

We've begun to serve refreshments, and members and visitors have enjoyed Kathy's crab dip and Monte's coffee-infused dark chocolate brownies. Members have been bringing all sorts of cupcakes, cookies, popcorn, chocolates, and other goodies.

Memorable dances include our class-level dance with 18 visitors and raiders from Belles & Beaux, and our Halloween dance where we had some creative costumes. Ann and Dawn Alexander were Italian gondoliers, Alita Shulien was an interesting witch, Bob Reip was a gentleman southern planter, Janet and Monte were bottles of Heinz ketchup and mustard, Steve and Janet Eid were roller coaster riders, and Howard Richman changed from western attire to a casino croupier and changed again to the Goldfinger skeleton.

Our class completed all the Mainstream lessons on March 27 and are ready to dance Mainstream at any club. They're all very enthusiastic and anxious to dance everywhere, and they're a joy to work with. Look out for Celia Longendyck, David Longendyck, Doina Ralea, and Ellen Taylor. Unfortunately, we lost one student, Charlie Vanderhoof, due to illness.

It's been a blessing to have our vice president, Arthur Sakelakos, back in action as he recovers from an injury.

Janet and Monte Montagnino

Where in the World Have Our Dancers Been?

More than 20 years ago, several international callers with whom Louis and I were good friends told us about the square dancing in Europe and encouraged us to make the trip. We finally got to make this dream a reality in June 2022.

Through Zoom, we had become friends with a German caller, Joachim Ruehenbeck, and he suggested we vacation together. What an opportunity! We began in his hometown in western Germany, where we attended a dance at his home club. The dancers, including several we had met on Zoom, were most welcoming. We then drove south with Joachim for two weeks, visiting the sites along the way: castles, wine regions, and towns built in the 1100s that are still thriving. Our adventure ended at the European Square and Round Dance Convention in Vienna, Austria. During the three-day event, we enjoyed dancing to a multitude of callers and cuers from throughout Europe. We will always cherish this very special experience.

Jan Thompson (Motiv8ors)

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

***Alternating MAINSTREAM and PLUS
2nd & 4th MONDAYS (8:00-10:00 p.m.)***

April 2023

- 10 Howard Richman
- 24 Fran Wadel: *Graduation (MS only)*

May 2023

- 8 Howard Richman: *Anniversary
Potluck/Dinner-Dance*
- 22 Rick Gittelman

June 2023

- 12 Howard Richman:
A Night at the Movies
- 26 Mary Moody

July 2023

- 10 Howard Richman
- 24 Betsy Gotta: *Ice Cream Social*

August 2023

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

September 2023

- 11 Karin Rabe/Greg Moore
- 25 Howard Richman

October 2023

- 9 Paul Ingis
- 23 Mary Moody
- 30 Halloween Dance Party:
Open to the public!

November 2023

- 13 Ed Foote
- 27 Paul Ingis

December 2023

- 11 Howard Richman:
Holiday Dance
- 22 Howard Richman

January 2024

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

February 2024

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

March 2024

- 11 Maryjane Clewell
- 25 Howard Richman

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

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Website: lakelandsquares.wix.com/lakeland



sites.google.com/site/midramblers/home

Every Fri. All Year

Larry Sherwood: 732-319-8920

Middletown Senior Center

900 Leonardville Rd.

The Middletown Ramblers kicked off the fall season with a large class of 25 students. We are thrilled to continue our dances every Friday at Croydon Hall, located at 900 Leonardville Rd., Leonardo, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Our format alternates between Mainstream and Plus, with student-level dances added after January. Solo dancers are always welcome!

Thinking outside the box, we hosted a social on February 10 with Howard Richman calling. We invited past and current members who have been absent during the pandemic, and the result exceeded our expectations. We had 42 attendees, including four guests from other clubs. We alternated between a modified Mainstream and Plus, and Howard was great in helping rusty dancers through some of the calls. Most danced, with only a few sitting out due to health conditions. Proof of vaccination was not required.

During the past summer, we hosted monthly “Free Visitor Admission” dances and plan to continue doing so starting in May. Additionally, we raided other clubs in our “Stage Coach,” such as the Flutterwheels and Bee Sharps. We had several theme nights, including Beach Party with Ice Cream, Road Trip, Safari Night, Rock ‘n’ Roll, and Movie Night.

Joe Vapnar





Middletown RAMBLERS



SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Alternating Mainstream and Plus

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

Middletown Senior Center — Croydon Hall
900 Leonardville Rd., Leonardo, NJ 07737

Air Conditioned Hall
Water and Snacks Provided
Hearing-Enhancement Equipment Available

Apr. 21	Mark Franks	Aug. 18	Mark Franks
Apr. 28	Karin & Greg (Class)	Aug. 25	Betsy Gotta
May 5	Rick Gittelman (AZ)	Sept. 8*	Howard Richman
May 12	Howard Richman	Sept. 15	Jenn Engimann (PA)
May 19	Mark Franks (Class)	Sept. 22	Doug Kauffman
May 26	Betsy Gotta	Sept. 29*	Howard Richman
June 2	Betsy Gotta	Oct. 6	Jenn Engimann (PA)
June 9*	Howard Richman	Oct. 13	Betsy Gotta
June 16	Howard Richman	Oct. 20	Mark Franks
June 23	Jenn Engimann (PA)	Oct. 27	Doug Kauffman
June 30	Mark Franks	Nov. 3	Mark Franks
July 7	Howard Richman	Nov. 10	Howard Richman
July 14	Howard Richman	Nov. 17	Karin & Greg
July 21*	Betsy Gotta	Dec. 1	Mark Franks
July 28	Jenn Engimann (PA)	Dec. 8	Doug Kauffman
Aug. 4	Betsy Gotta	Dec. 15	Howard Richman
Aug. 11*	Howard Richman	Dec. 22	Betsy Gotta

*Free dance for visitors

Contacts: Larry Sherwood: 732-3190-8920 Cyndy Allen: 732-995-8949

We warmly welcome Lise Waring and May Tamanaha as new members to the Motiv8ors family. Our dancers have embraced the club's new initiative of starting each program with a workshop, as we can all benefit from reviews.

We extend our gratitude to Susan Adam, who sells ShopRite gift certificates at each dance, which has helped our bottom line. In January, Motiv8ors introduced a new and exciting three-hour Callers Showcase for Advanced and Challenge dancers. Daryl Murphy emceed and called at this special dance, which gave callers new to these programs the opportunity to call for four squares of dancers. The attendees enthusiastically supported Karin Rabe, Greg Moore, Jonathon Weiner, and Maryjane Clewell. We thank Maryjane, who spearheaded this event, and Sue and Rich Baumeister, Susan Adam, Chariss Smith, and Marie Gower for their assistance in making this evening such a success. With the fantastic response, we hope to repeat this event in the future.

We bid a fond farewell to Daryl Murphy with a cake as he retires from calling, but we look forward to welcoming him to our club as a fellow dancer. As part of their extended 40th-anniversary celebration, Jan and Louis Thompson spent three weeks last summer traveling through Germany, with their last stop being the European Square and Round Dance Convention in Vienna, Austria. Check out their "Where in the World" article for details.

Susan and Frank Dreifus once again spent the summer camping in their trailer at Cherry Ridge. This time, they acquired a small rowboat to spend time on the lake when there was no square dancing. They also welcomed their first great-grandchild, Pearl Jane, last July, and a few months later, her parents brought her to New Jersey so relatives who could not travel to Florida could meet her in person.

In October, Maryjane spent 16 days with Arlene Remington and Claire Zimmerman, fellow dancers from Belles & Beaux, visiting the sights in Virginia and Tennessee: honky-tonks, the Ryman Auditorium, the Grand Ole Opry, wine and moonshine tastings, a local horse race, and enjoying the beauty of the Shenandoah Mountains. They also included a square dance in Nashville. Also, in October, Chariss Smith suffered a bad fall, resulting in a broken hip and broken ribs. We are pleased to welcome Chariss back to the dance floor after her hip replacement surgery. You can't keep a good woman down.

With a heavy heart, we note the passing of Chuck Wagner in September. An avid supporter of square dancing, he was a loyal member of Motiv8ors, Hi Taws, and numerous New York clubs. Our sincere condolences go out to Maryjane on the passing of her sister.

Jan Thompson



Motiv8ors



motiv8ors.nnjstda.org

Sundays at American Legion Post 171

17-08 River Road, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

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

First tip of each program is a workshop

Apr. 16	Barry Clasper (remote)	Aug. 27	Betsy Gotta
Apr. 30	Betsy Gotta	Sept. 10	Mark Franks
May 7	Don Moger (remote)	Oct. 8	Mark Franks
May 21	Betsy Gotta	Oct. 29	Mark Franks
June 11	Ett McAtee (remote)	Nov. 5	Ed Foote
July 16	Jenn Engimann	Nov. 26	Betsy Gotta
July 30	Betsy Gotta	Dec. 10	Mark Franks
Aug. 13	Dave Eno (remote)	Dec. 17	Jenn Engimann

Singles Welcome **** Vaccination Required **** Computer Squares
**** Masks Strongly Recommended ****

Maryjane: 551-206-7905 Rich: 845-735-3222 cmimigirl@aol.com

72nd National Convention

Mobile, Alabama

June 21-24, 2023



Party Gras 2023: Dance and Play on Mobile Bay!

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We are planning an exciting weekend of dancing, socializing, sightseeing,
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- All dancing in one facility
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Ya'll come on down to Alabama and dance with us!

To register and get the latest updates, visit www.72nsdc.com.

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

reelersnj.nnjsda.org

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

The Reelers are enjoying a great dance year, due in large part to wonderful and varied callers from far and near, as well as enthusiastic round dancers who come to enjoy Mary Pickett, our club cuer.

We celebrated our 60th anniversary in September 2022 (one year late) with a special dance. The excellent turnout included specially invited former officers and members who are no longer dancing, as well as members of other clubs who helped us celebrate. In addition to great dancing, we enjoyed cake and ice cream and reminiscing as we viewed historic photos on posters and in a slideshow.

We were able to start a Mainstream class in January 2023 primarily because of the huge amount of time, effort, and dedication by Mark Bippes, the class coordinator (and co-president). Ed Crowley is doing an excellent job teaching this class, which includes new dancers and a few people who wanted a refresher or to learn the opposite part.

Raids are essential for clubs to have sufficient turnout to cover their operating costs, and the Reelers continue to pursue an active raid schedule. We welcome other clubs to raid or visit us in return.

We were delighted to resume our annual holiday party, which was once again graciously hosted by co-president Bob Turner in his festively decorated home. There was an added holiday touch with snow drifting down beautifully outside as we cozily enjoyed food and friendship inside.

We miss some of our members who are recovering from injuries, broken bones, or surgery and look forward to their returning to dance with us as soon as they are able.

The Reelers continue to support our community and show appreciation for being able to meet at a public school by collecting food at every dance and donating it to local food pantries. We had a large collection of cans of soup to donate after our “Souper Bowl” themed dance. Before the holidays, we collected new children’s books that we donated to Denville Social Services.

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

Irene Stoller



REELERS

Plus Club with Rounds

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

Info: Bob Turner
973-216-4524
bvturner@msn.com
reelers.njjsda.org

1st and 3rd Fridays

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

<u>2023</u>	<u>Caller</u>	<u>Theme</u>
04/21	Howard Richman (NJ)	Treasurers' Break
05/05	Sandy Corey (NY)	Sports Night
05/19	Ken Ritucci (MA)	Screaming for Ice Cream
06/02	Chris Stacy (VA)	Beach Party
Enjoy the Summer		
09/15	Mark Franks (NJ)	Welcome Back
09/29	Dave Black (PA)	Wear Club Colors
10/06	Ted Lizotte (NH)	Book and Puzzle Exchange
10/20	Clay Goss (DE)	Autumn Festival
11/03	Ed Foote (PA)	Polka Dot Party
11/17	Sandy Corey (NY)	Give Thanks (donate food)
12/01	Ken Ritucci (MA)	Books for Kids (donate new books)
12/15	Dayle Hodge (MD)	Cookies, Cookies, Cookies!

Cuer: Mary Pickett



Celebrating our 60th anniversary

Presidents - Linda & Rick Murphy, Helen Jacobson, Sue & Chris Wright, Ruth & Frank Pagano, Jean & Inars Gruntals, Helen & Bruce Haskell, Mark Bippes, and Bob Turner

RocklandRockytops has been having a very successful season. We appreciate all the dancers who have been coming from other clubs in both New Jersey and the Hudson Valley. Thanks, too, to our own members, old and new, who have been turning out regularly to support our club. Our revised format of alternating Mainstream and Plus dances continues to be working out well.

A highlight of the season so far was our February 24 dance called by Randy Longobucco, an experienced caller but new to Rockytops. We had 47 total dancers, with 33 visitors from other clubs, including a lively raid by Y Squares — a rare and welcome treat since the pandemic. Thank you to Y Squares and to everyone who contributed to the success of the evening!



With great sadness, we announce the passing of our dear longtime Rockytops member Rita Keywork, at age 91. Our deepest sympathy to her husband, Ray, and all their family. Ray, we miss you and Rita at our dances and were delighted to see you, after a long absence, at our March 10 and 24 dances with Howard Richman and Sandy Corey calling.

We extend get well wishes to several members who recently underwent surgery. Wishing a speedy recovery to Nello Seminelli, Irene Ryan, and Perry Didriksen. Also, best wishes to Arthur Leibowitz, who is undergoing some medical treatments and is doing very well. We are so happy to have Ruth Harrison back at our dances, looking lovely as ever, after her bout with cancer.

If you have not been to Rockytops yet this season, we hope to see you soon. Remember that we continue dancing through the summer, thanks to our air-conditioned hall in Congers, NY. We look forward to seeing you in a square!

Joan Schierlitz

RocklandRockytops

SINGLES WELCOME

ALTERNATING MAINSTREAM AND PLUS TIPS

Second and Fourth Fridays 7:00–9:00 PM (All Year Round)

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

05/12/23	ED FOOTE	05/26/23	RICK GITTELMAN
06/09/23	SANDY COREY	06/23/23	MARK FRANKS
07/14/23	HOWARD RICHMAN	07/28/23	RANDY LONGOBUCCO
08/11/23	SANDY COREY	08/25/23	MARK FRANKS
09/08/23	FRAN WADEL	09/22/23	BETSY GOTTA
10/13/23	JIM EMORY	10/27/23	SANDY COREY
11/10/23*	ED FOOTE	11/24/23*	HOWARD RICHMAN
12/08/23	BETSY GOTTA	12/22/23	No Dance
<i>Holiday Spirit Dance (free admission)</i>			
01/12/24	RANDY LONGOBUCCO	01/26/24	BETSY GOTTA
02/09/24	FRAN WADEL	02/23/24	HOWARD RICHMAN
<i>Student/Valentine's Day Dance</i>			
03/08/24	BETSY GOTTA	03/22/24	HOWARD RICHMAN
04/12/24	BETSY GOTTA	04/26/24	RANDY LONGOBUCCO

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

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

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

1, 2, 5 Sun. All Year**Gary Bergman: 732-247-2727***rutgerspromenaders.org***Congregation B'nai Tikvah, 1001 Finnegans Ln.
PeopleCare Center, 120 FINDERNE AVE.**

The club picnic in August was an ideal way to transition into the new club season. The weather was perfect, allowing members to enjoy the outdoor atmosphere and the company of their fellow club members. President Gary Bergman and his wife, Bobby, kindly hosted the event, providing a great start to the season.

Unfortunately, the club also experienced a great loss in August with the passing of Catherine Sellar, daughter of Mary and Bill Sellar and sister of Teresa. The club mourned her loss and sent their condolences to her family.

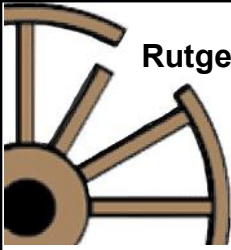
The club had a diverse season of dances, alternating between the PeopleCare Center in Bridgewater and Congregation B'nai Tikvah in North Brunswick. Highlights of the season included the 68th anniversary dance, Halloween costume dance, and Thanksgiving food drive, which raised more than 120 pounds of donations for the Somerset Food Bank. The Toys for Tots event in December was also a great success.

Several members enjoyed a raid to Reelers. President Gary Bergman and Raid Coordinator Tony Milito worked tirelessly to spread the word about the NNJSDA and ensure that the community knew about the club's dancing pleasure.

Mary Ann Ryan-Erdek



The Hunterdon Flutterwheels raided us at the PeopleCare Center.



Rutgers Promenaders Square & Round Dance Club

Sunday Daytime Sessions

Family-friendly – Kids welcome

Basic/Mainstream Class: 1:30 p.m.
Mainstream and Rounds: 2:30-5:00 p.m.

Students encouraged to stay for class-level tips

Calling staff: Betsy Gotta, Dan Koft

Cuing staff: Roy Gotta, Kathy Koft

Occasional tips by Karin Rabe and Greg Moore

TWO LOCATIONS IN CENTRAL NEW JERSEY

Congregation B'nai Tikvah

1001 Finnegans Lane, North Brunswick

PeopleCare Center

120 FINDERNE AVENUE, BRIDGEWATER

April 16 CBT Dan and Kathy Koft	June 4 CBT Betsy & Roy and Dan & Kathy
April 30 PCC Dan and Kathy Koft	July 16 CBT Betsy and Roy Gotta
May 7 PCC Betsy and Roy Gotta	Aug. 20 CBT Dan and Kathy Koft
May 21 CBT Dan and Kathy Koft	Sept. 17 PCC Dan and Kathy Koft

LOCATION – CBT: Congregation B'nai Tikvah **PCC:** PeopleCare Center

Visit our website, rutgerspromenaders.org, for description of dance themes.



Aargh, Matey!



TIMES SQUARES

PRESENTS

PEEL THE PUMPKIN 2023

**WALK AND DODGE
THE PLANK**



WITH

BETSY GOTTA

MICHAEL KELLOGG

OCTOBER 27-29

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NYC's Times Squares 2023 Dances

timesquares.nyc

Peel the Pumpkin "Walk and Dodge the Plank"

October 27-29 Mainstream through C2
 Callers: *Betsy Gotta (NJ), Michael Kellogg (CA)*

Weekly Dances – Thursdays 6:30-9:00 MS/PL/A2 Various callers

All-Skate Dances – Saturday 2:00-5:00 MS/PL/A2/C1

April 1	"Spring Fling for Ping"	<i>Dayle Hodge (MD)</i>
May 20	"May I Dance"	<i>Johnny Preston (CA)</i>
July 22	"Summer Fun"	<i>Dave Hutchinson (Toronto)</i>

C-1 Dances – Saturdays 2:00-5:00

April 22	Jenn Engimann (PA)
June 10	Ett McAtee (virtual)
September 9	Ted Lizotte (NH)
December 9	Jenn Engimann (PA)

Location: Public School 3, 490 Hudson Street, New York, NY 10014
 Check *timesquares.nyc* to confirm event details.



Square Dancer? Camper?



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

We have a MS/PL campout in Pennsylvania every month, April to October. **Join us!**
 *Otter Lake in East Stroudsburg (570-223-0123): April, May, September
 +Appalachian in Shartlesville (610-488-6319): June, July, August

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

Campout Schedule 2023

<p>May 5-7, 2023 (Early Bird): We are joining Square Up Campers at White Oak Campground. Caller: Bob Engel. Call campground directly for reservation at 717-687-6207.</p>	<p>+July 21-23: Bob Engel Wagonmaster: Jane Mastrolia/Dennis H. Theme: Ice Cream Social/Beach Theme</p>
<p>*May 19-21: Bob Engel Wagonmaster: Rena Durette/Diane W. Theme: Potluck Breakfast</p>	<p>+August 11-13: Mark Franks Wagonmaster: Ron/Pauline Vande Vrede Theme: Wine and Cheese</p>
<p>+June 9-11: Dave Black Wagonmaster: Paul/Susan Schwarz Theme: Oldies - Wear '50s/'60s clothing</p>	<p>*September 8-10: Betsy/Roy Gotta Wagonmaster: Howard/Mary Schnuck Theme: Wear PJs</p>

September 29-October 1 (October Campout) - We are joining Cherry Ridge Campground, Callers Dane Bragg/Jenn Engimann. Call campground directly to make reservations at 570-488-6654!

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

2, 4 Thur. Sept.-May
Larry Bugal: 732-319-3488

y-squares.org

Hehnlly Elementary School
590 Raritan Rd.

Welcome to our new co-president, Larry Bugal, who is gracing Y Squares with his leadership. He served for several years as a delegate, as a trustee/advisor in NNJSDA, and on various committees, including the revision of the NNJSDA constitution and bylaws. Our other co-president, Paul Sanderson, ensures that we have callers and that they get paid. His experience in other club matters has been invaluable.

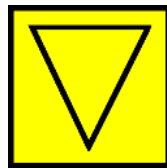
We have six students this year: three are new and three are students/angels who improve with every class. Ed LaPlante must be an excellent teacher because this group of students is learning very quickly and has even participated in some of our regular dances as well. Kudos to Ed, Susan Short (our tireless class coordinator), our dedicated angels, and all the students.



Our first dance was held at the PeopleCare Center with caller Mike Sikorsky. Whether Mike is sporting a 10-gallon hat or an eye patch, he seems to attract female dancers who just love his smooth style. To add to the enjoyment, the Reelers raided us. Several themed dances followed, including Harvest, Hawaiian, Halloween, Christmas, Sports, Valentine's Day, and Pie Night. Our most unusual theme was Bagels and Bathrobes. Our dancers chose from a variety of bagels and wore their bathrobes. Howard Richman trumped us by wearing two different robes, one of which was completely see-through. There were lots of laughs, and as with all our terrific callers, lots of fun dancing.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our dances, where we promise to feed you and show you a good time. Everyone stay safe and healthy. *Ellen Ward*

Y Squares



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

Date	Caller	Cuer	Theme
Apr. 27	Dane Bragg	Mary Pickett	Ice Cream Social
May 11	Betsy Gotta	Roy Gotta	Flower Power
May 25	Mark Franks	Mary Pickett	Sixties
Sept. 7	Mike Sikorsky	Mary Pickett	Welcome Back

All dances are held courtesy of the Frank K. Hehnlly Elementary School at 590 Raritan Road, Clark, NJ.

The building is closed during the summer months. We intend to have a full schedule for next school year, but have not yet arranged for callers.

Raids Can Be Great for Team Building

Try to arrange to meet for dinner somewhere in the area, prior to the dance. It's a great opportunity to socialize with your members. The breaks between tips often don't allow for such meaningful interaction.



Mike Sikorsky

Back by popular demand!

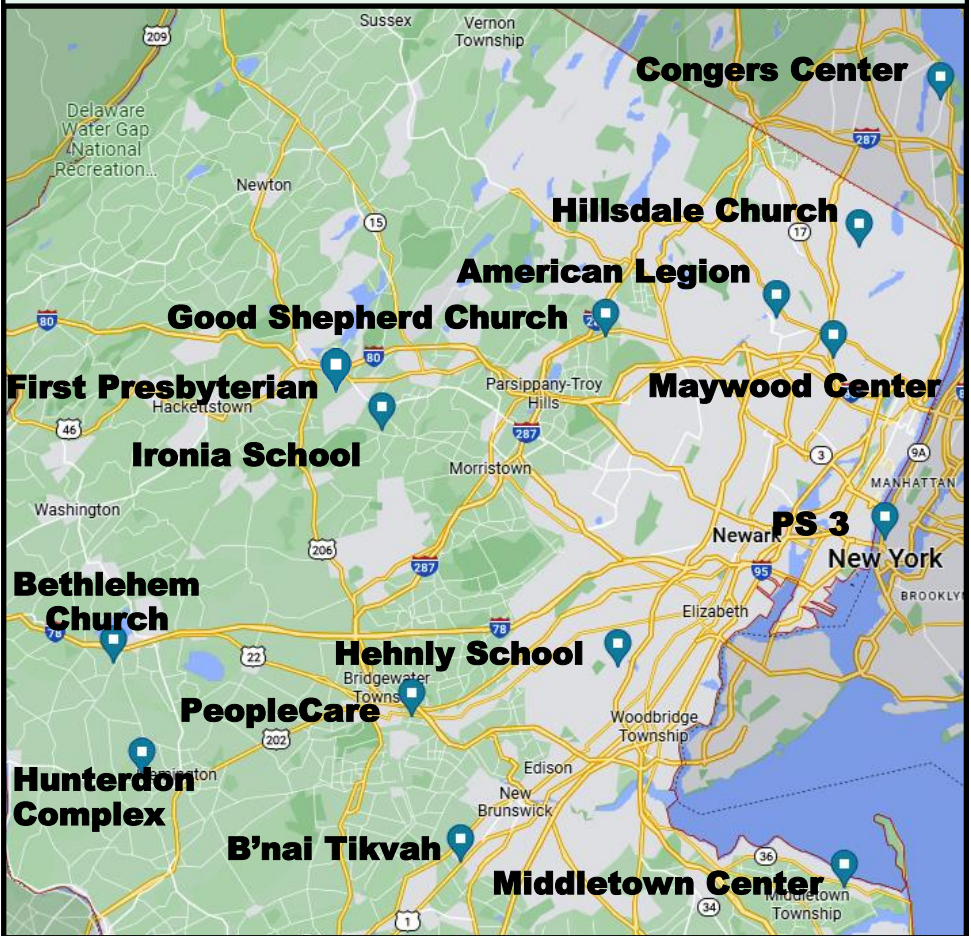
September 7, 2023 - 7:30 PM

Save the date for this unique square dancing experience as Y Squares welcomes him back.

Rounds with Mary Pickett

Frank K. Hehnlly School
590 Raritan Road
Clark, NJ

Map of Dance Venues



Venue	Town	Club
American Legion Post 171	Fair Lawn	Motiv8ors
Bethlehem Presbyterian Church	Pittstown	Flutterwheels
Congers Community Center	Congers, NY	Rockytops
Congregation B'nai Tikvah	No. Brunswick	Promenaders
First Presbyterian Church	Stanhope	Kittatinny
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church	Towaco	Lakeland
Hehnly Elementary School	Clark	Y Squares
Hunterdon County Complex	Flemington	Flutterwheels
Ironia Elementary School	Randolph	Reelers
Maywood Senior Center*	Maywood	Belles & Beaux
Middletown Senior Center	Leonardo	Ramblers
PeopleCare Center**	Bridgewater	Bee Sharps
Public School 3	New York, NY	Times Squares
United Methodist Church	Hillsdale	Circle Eights

*Venue shared with Circle Eights

**Venue shared with Promenaders

Conventions, Festivals, Specials

May	5-7 GS Campers	Bob Engel	Pennsylvania	MS/PL
	19-21 GS Campers	Bob Engel	Pennsylvania	MS/PL
June	9-11 GS Campers	Dave Black	Pennsylvania	MS/PL
	21-24 National Convention	Multiple Callers/Cuers	Mobile, AL	All
July	21-23 GS Campers	Bob Engel	Pennsylvania	MS/PL
	30 Summer Mania	CCNJ Callers	Bridgewater	MS
Aug.	11-13 GS Campers	Mark Franks	Pennsylvania	MS/PL
Sept.	1-4 Cherry Ridge	B. Gotta, Bill Harrison/R. Gotta	Pennsylvania	PL/A2/RD
	8-10 GS Campers	Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	Pennsylvania	MS/PL
	29-Oct. 1 GS Campers	Dane Bragg, Jenn Engimann	Pennsylvania	MS/PL
Oct.	20-21 Autumn Leaves	Multiple Callers/Bev Boudreau	Brattleboro, VT	PL thru C2/RD
Nov.	12 Mini-Festival	Multiple Callers/Pickett	Randolph	MS/PL/A/RD
	17-19 Harvest Moon	Multiple Callers/Roy Gotta	Pennsylvania	PL/A2/C1/C2

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Calendar of Member Clubs' Advertised Dance Events

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

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

Date	Club	Caller/Cuer	Location	Program
MAY				
3 W	Belles & Beaux	Howard Richman	Maywood	MS-PL
4 Th	Times Squares	TBA	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2
5 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Betsy Gotta	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Rick Gittelman	Leonardo	MS/PL
7 Su	Reelers	Sandy Corey/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
	Circle Eights	Rick Gittelman	Maywood	MS/PL
	Motiv8ors	Don Moger (remote)	Fair Lawn	A2, C1
8 M	Rutgers Promenaders	Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	Bridgewater	MS/RD
	Lakeland Squares	Howard Richman	Towaco	MS/PL
11 Th	Y Squares	Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	Clark	MS-PL/RD
12 F	Bee Sharps	Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Middletown Ramblers	Howard Richman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	Ed Foote	Congers, NY	MS/PL
17 W	Belles & Beaux	Rick Gittelman	Maywood	MS-PL
19 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Dane Bragg	Flemington	MS/PL
	<i>Middletown Ramblers</i>	<i>Mark Franks</i>	<i>Leonardo</i>	<i>MS</i>
20 Sa	Reelers	Ken Ritucci/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
	NNJSDA	Mary Moody/Pickett	Bridgewater	MS/PL-RD
21 Su	Times Squares	Johnny Preston	New York, NY	MS thru C1
	Motiv8ors	Betsy Gotta	Fair Lawn	A2, C1
22 M	Rutgers Promenaders	Dan Koft/Kathy Koft	No. Brunswick	MS/RD
	Lakeland Squares	Rick Gittelman	Towaco	MS/PL
25 Th	Y Squares	Mark Franks/Pickett	Clark	MS-PL/RD
26 F	<i>Bee Sharps</i>	<i>Karin and Greg/Bradt</i>	<i>Bridgewater</i>	<i>MS/RD</i>
	Middletown Ramblers	Betsy Gotta	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	Rick Gittelman	Congers, NY	MS/PL
JUNE				
2 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Rick Gittelman	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Betsy Gotta	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Chris Stacy/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
4 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	No. Brunswick	MS/RD
7 W	Belles & Beaux	Maryjane Clewell	Maywood	MS-PL
9 F	Middletown Ramblers	Howard Richman	Leonardo	MS-PL
	RocklandRockytops	Sandy Corey	Congers, NY	MS/PL
10 Sa	NNJSDA	Sandy Corey	Montville	MS/PL
	Times Squares	Ett McAtee (remote)	New York, NY	C1
11 Su	Circle Eights	Maryjane Clewell	Maywood	MS/PL
	Motiv8ors	Ett McAtee (remote)	Fair Lawn	A2, C1
12 M	Lakeland Squares	Howard Richman	Towaco	MS/PL
16 F	Middletown Ramblers	Howard Richman	Leonardo	MS/PL
21 W	Belles & Beaux	Dane Bragg	Maywood	MS-PL
23 F	Middletown Ramblers	Jenn Engimann	Leonardo	MS-PL
	RocklandRockytops	Mark Franks	Congers, NY	MS/PL
26 M	Lakeland Squares	Mary Moody	Towaco	MS/PL
30 F	Middletown Ramblers	Mark Franks	Leonardo	MS/PL

JULY

5 W	Belles & Beaux	Sandy Corey	Maywood	MS-PL
7 F	Middletown Ramblers	Howard Richman	Leonardo	MS/PL
10 M	Lakeland Squares	Howard Richman	Towaco	MS/PL
12 W	NNJSDA	Paul Ingis	Montville	MS/PL
14 F	Middletown Ramblers	Howard Richman	Leonardo	MS-PL
	RocklandRockytops	Betsy Gotta	Congers, NY	MS/PL
16 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	No. Brunswick	MS/RD
	Motiv8ors	Jenn Engimann	Fair Lawn	A2, C1
19 W	Belles & Beaux	Mary Moody	Maywood	MS-PL
21 F	Middletown Ramblers	Betsy Gotta	Leonardo	MS/PL
22 Sa	Times Squares	Dave Hutchinson	New York, NY	MS thru C1
24 M	Lakeland Squares	Betsy Gotta	Towaco	MS/PL
26 W	NNJSDA	Richman/Pickett	Bridgewater	MS/RD
28 F	Middletown Ramblers	Jenn Engimann	Leonardo	MS-PL
	RocklandRockytops	Randy Longobucco	Congers, NY	MS/PL
30 Su	Motiv8ors	Betsy Gotta	Fair Lawn	A2, C1

AUGUST

2 W	Belles & Beaux	Howard Richman	Maywood	MS-PL
4 F	Middletown Ramblers	Betsy Gotta	Leonardo	MS/PL
9 W	NNJSDA	Dane Bragg/Bradt	Bridgewater	MS/RD
11 F	Middletown Ramblers	Howard Richman	Leonardo	MS-PL
	RocklandRockytops	Sandy Corey	Congers, NY	MS/PL
13 Su	Motiv8ors	Dave Eno (remote)	Fair Lawn	A2, C1
16 W	Belles & Beaux	Betsy Gotta	Maywood	MS-PL
18 F	Middletown Ramblers	Mark Franks	Leonardo	MS/PL
20 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Dan Koft/Kathy Koft	No. Brunswick	MS/RD
25 F	Middletown Ramblers	Betsy Gotta	Leonardo	MS-PL
	RocklandRockytops	Mark Franks	Congers, NY	MS/PL
26 Sa	NNJSDA	Jenn Engimann	Montville	PL/A2
27 Su	Motiv8ors	Betsy Gotta	Fair Lawn	A2, C1
28 M	Lakeland Squares	Fran Wadel	Towaco	MS/PL

SEPTEMBER

6 W	Belles & Beaux	Jonathon Weiner	Maywood	MS-PL
7 Th	Y Squares	Mike Sikorsky/Pickett	Clark	MS-PL/RD
8 F	Bee Sharps	Mark Franks/Pickett	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Middletown Ramblers	Howard Richman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	Fran Wadel	Congers, NY	MS/PL
9 Sa	Times Squares	Ted Lizotte	New York, NY	C1
10 Su	Circle Eights	Howard Richman	Maywood	MS/PL
	Motiv8ors	Mark Franks	Fair Lawn	A2, C1
11 M	Lakeland Squares	Karin and Greg	Towaco	MS/PL
15 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Mary Moody	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Jen Engimann	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Mark Franks/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
17 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	Bridgewater	MS/RD
20 W	Belles & Beaux	Sandy Corey	Maywood	MS-PL
22 F	Bee Sharps	Richman/Rumble	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	RocklandRockytops	Betsy Gotta	Congers, NY	MS/PL
25 M	Lakeland Squares	Howard Richman	Towaco	MS/PL
29 F	Middletown Ramblers	Howard Richman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Dave Black/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD

NNJSDA MEMBER CLUBS

MAINSTREAM

Sunday	1, 3 All Year			
Rutgers Promenaders*		Central NJ	<i>garyisfinally@gmail.com</i>	732-247-2727
Friday	Various			
Kittatinny Rangers		Stanhope	<i>lesh323@aol.com</i>	732-697-9112

PLUS

Friday	1, 3 Sept.-June			
Reelers*		Randolph	<i>bvturner@msn.com</i>	973-216-4524

MAINSTREAM – PLUS TIP

Wednesday	1, 3 All Year			
Belles & Beaux		Maywood	<i>cwadel@optimum.net</i>	201-522-4778
Thursday	2, 4 Sept.-June			
Y Squares*		Clark	<i>larry.bugal@hotmail.com</i>	732-319-3488

MAINSTREAM / PLUS

Sunday	2 Sept.-June			
Circle Eights		Maywood	<i>pwd0123@yahoo.com</i>	201-694-7797
Monday	2, 4 Sept.-July			
Lakeland Squares		Towaco	<i>lakelandsquares@hotmail.com</i>	973-229-0698
Friday	2, 4 Sept.-May			
Bee Sharps*		Bridgewater	<i>vammons@gmail.com</i>	908-763-4593
Friday	1, 3 Sept.-June			
Hunterdon Flutterwheels		Flemington	<i>flutterwheels08822@gmail.com</i>	908-328-3760
Friday	All Year			
Middletown Ramblers		Leonardo	<i>larry.shrwd@gmail.com</i>	732-319-8920
Friday	2, 4 All Year			
RocklandRockytops		Congers, NY	<i>dschles@aol.com</i>	845-623-2772

MAINSTREAM / PLUS / ADVANCED

Thursday	All Year			
Times Squares		New York, NY	<i>timessquaresclub@gmail.com</i>	212-749-4291

ADVANCED 2, CHALLENGE 1

Sunday	Various			
Motiv8ors		Fair Lawn	<i>cmimigirl@aol.com</i>	551-206-7905

CHALLENGE 1

Saturday	Various			
Times Squares		New York, NY	<i>timessquaresclub@gmail.com</i>	212-749-4291

***Round Dancing (alternating or additional)**

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Clubs: email any cancellations to *cancel_dance@nnjsda.org*.