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PRESIDENTS' E-LETTER – August 2009

1. **Welcome** to another exciting dance season! A new *Grand Square* is hot off the press. Pick up a copy at a dance or view it on our website, and plan to join in some of the numerous events.
2. **Many new dancers** have joined our clubs this year. Presidents, please send your new members' email addresses to the Webmaster, aka Co-President (kenrbnsn@nnjsda.org), and he will invite them to join the NNJSDA information e-list. *Special request: Attached is a list of NNJSDA clubs starting Mainstream classes this fall. Please consider printing a stack and having them available at your own dances and classes. People may have friends in other locations who would enjoy taking classes at a club near their home.*
3. **Contact info and photos on website** – To place a face with a name, look for photos and contact information for all members of the Executive Board on the NNJSDA website: nnjsda.org.
4. **Raids** – Congratulations to the following nine clubs for completing the 2009 Raid program: Bee Sharps, Belles & Beaux, Circle Eights, Cross Trail Squares, Lakeland Squares, Mountain Squares, Reelers, Western Wheelers, Y Squares. Their reward is a dues reduction of 50 cents per member this year. All clubs are encouraged to complete the 2010 Raid program by having at least one square attend dances at other Member Clubs from June 2009 through May 2010. Points are awarded based on the distance between clubs. Bring your raid sheet to each dance and have it signed. After 200 points, you're all done and you've all had fun!
5. **One Square is Fair** – Congratulations to the following six clubs for completing the 2009 One Square is Fair program: Bee Sharps, Belles & Beaux, Circle Eights, Cross Trail Squares, Kittatinny Rangers, Reelers. They also earned a dues reduction of 50 cents per member this year. See if your club can complete the program for 2010 by having at least one square at seven NNJSDA events from June 2009 through May 2010. Note: Because the time frame for this program was changed, summer 2009 NNJSDA dances earned OSIF credit for both 2009 and 2010.
6. **Executive Board Raids** – The NNJSDA Executive Board will “raid” every club that completed the 2009 OSIF program. Watch for the red-and-white outfits at your dance!
7. **Most Member Clubs have a web page** on our website where you can find information on their schedule, officers, news, and so on. Please ensure that your club's webmaster updates your page or contact the NNJSDA Webmaster, Ken Robinson, for assistance.

8. **Audit report** – Thank you to Norman Kanter for serving as auditor of the Treasurer’s books covering July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009. His report concludes: “In short, Agnes [Brunner] and Al [Pescoe] have done a superior job in keeping records and alerting the Board to problems. They have earned the gratitude of the Board and the entire NNJSDA.” Thanks, Al and Agnes. *Special request to club Treasurers: On every check sent to the NNJSDA, please note its purpose.*
9. **NNJSDA dance format** – When you sign in at a dance, please remember to check off the programs you prefer to dance. We sincerely want to know the preferences of our members with regard to the dance format. As most of you remember, a decision was made in 2008 to try for two years the current format (30 minutes of Mainstream followed by 2½ hours of alternating Mainstream/ Plus/Rounds, with all singing calls Mainstream) and solicit feedback. When providing feedback, please keep in mind that we have members who dance – or prefer to dance – only Mainstream, only Plus, Advanced/Challenge, a combination of square dance programs, and/or Rounds! Clearly, no format will suit everyone’s wishes, so we ask for your suggestions on acceptable compromises that will keep new Mainstream graduates dancing while providing sufficient challenge for other dancers. For *summer only* in 2010, we are going to try square dancing alone (no rounds).
10. **Suggestions** – There are several ways to submit your ideas on the dance format or other matters:
 - Email the Co-Presidents (president@nnjsda.org).
 - Click on the website Suggestion Box (nnjsda.org).
 - Place a note in the Suggestion Box on the Treasurer’s table at a dance.
 - Send a note to one or both of us at our home addresses (see page 2 of the new *Grand Square*).
 - Place an NNJSDA Suggestion Box at your club Treasurer’s table and forward the notes to us.
 - Discuss matters at your club meetings and have the President or Secretary inform us of the members’ consensus or ideas.
11. **Presidents’ Dinner** – Continuing our tradition of honoring club presidents during Presidents’ Month, we are planning a buffet dinner and informal meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2010. Presidents or their representatives will be invited at no charge, and others are welcome to participate and pay only the cost of their own meal. The location and other details will be announced later, but please mark your calendars now.
12. **Deep discounts at Office Depot** – As you prepare flyers or newsletters, remember that we have arranged with Office Depot to provide the following discounts to all NNJSDA Member Clubs at any of its stores: black and white printing 3¢ a page, color printing 39¢ a page, and laminating/punching/binding 25% off. Individual store managers may provide additional discounts upon request. To register your club, contact our new NNJSDA sales representative, Eleo Hernandez, at Eleomarys.Hernandez@officedepot.com or 212-330-6480 x178. (Our original representative, Sheldon Exter, cannot be reached until after September 18: Sheldon.Exter@OfficeDepot.com or 973-356-3034.) Give Eleo or Sheldon the NNJSDA account number (48162579), your club name, the credit card(s) your club will use, and your contact information. Once your club is registered, the credit card(s) will serve as a Store Purchase Card for obtaining the discount.

See you on the dance floor,

Lise and Ken

2009 SQUARE DANCE CLASSES – Partner Not Required (NNJSDA.org)

Listed by: day of week; alphabetically by hall location; club name; open house date and time; class starting date and time (all PM); hall name and address; T = Teacher; CC = Class Coordinator's name, address, phone number, and e-mail; TBA = To Be Announced. Changes may occur, so call to confirm starting dates and halls.

SUNDAY

North Brunswick – Rutgers Promenaders – Open House: Oct. 4, 1:30; Classes start: Oct. 18, 1:30; American Legion Post 459, 1015 Linwood Place, 08902; T = Betsy Gotta/Dan Koft; CC = Ken Robinson, 908-963-2447, kenrbnsn@rutgerspromenaders.org

MONDAY

Bridgewater – Bee Sharps – Open House: Sept. 14, 7:30; Classes start: Oct. 21, 7:30; Adamsville School, 400 Union Ave. (Rt. 28), 08807; T = Gardner Patton; CC = Diana & Bob Cole, 980-874-8117, dianakcole2000@yahoo.com

Paramus – Circle Eights – Open House: Sept. 14, 21, 7:30; Classes start: Oct. 5, 7:30; East Brook Jr. High School, 190 Spring Valley Rd., 07652; T = Andy Woerner; CC = Gerry Beatty & Rick Savino, 201-358-1138, GPB64@aol.com; Tom & Joan DeAngelis, 201-568-7155, joandeangelis@yahoo.com

Towaco – Lakeland Squares – Open House: Oct. 5, 12, 7:30; Classes start: Oct. 19, 7:30; Church of the Transfiguration, 9 Two Bridges Rd., 07082; T = Fran Wadel; CC = Eb & Judi Nordman, 973-334-5122; Kathy Keener, 973-366-8064, lakelandsquares@hotmail.com

TUESDAY

Caldwell – Cross Trail Squares – Open House: Sept. 17, 7:00; Classes start: Sept. 10, 7:00; Grover Cleveland M.S., Academy Rd., 07006; T = Ron Kapnick; CC = Steve Frank, 973-731-1249, snf1956@aol.com

Clark – Y Squares – Open House: Sept. 15, 7:30; Classes start: Sept. 22, 7:30; Hehnlly School, 590 Raritan Rd. 07066; T = Dan Koft; CC = George Kuhne, 732-548-8537, gkuhne@optonline.net

Leonardo – Middletown Ramblers – Open House: Sept. 27, 7:30; Henry Hudson Trail Center, Rt. 36, 07216; T = Larry Sherwood, ljsheerwood@att.net; CC = Betty Scharmann, 732-291-1188, bscharmann@comcast.net

Newton – Kittatinny Rangers – Classes start: Sept. 15, 7:30; Halsted Middle School, 59 Halsted St., 07860; T = Wayne Applegate; CC = Stan Tyburski, 973-383-2933, georgiaandstan@embarqmail.com

WEDNESDAY

Brooklyn, NY – AleMo Squares – Open House: Sept. 16, 7:00; Classes start: Sept. 23, 7:00; Our Lady of Grace Church, 430 Ave. W, 11223; T = Don Coy; CC = Caroline Parlato, 718-745-3793, nodyoc@aol.com

Nanuet, NY – RocklandRockytops – Classes start: Oct. 7, 6:45; Nanuet High School, 101 Church St., 10954; T = Fran Wadel; CC = Patsy Lisak, 845-639-6816, jlisak9845@aol.com

THURSDAY

Glen Rock – Belles & Beaux – Open House: Sept. 3, 7:30; Classes start: Sept. 10, 7:30; Glen Rock Central School, 600 Maple Ave., 07452; T = Fran Wadel; CC = Marie Broughel, 201-857-2690, mbroughel@yahoo.com

Staten Island, NY – AleMo Squares West – Classes start: Sept. 10, 7:30; Eger Health Care Center, 16 Meisner Ave., 10306; T = Barbara Kanter; CC = Norman Kanter, 718-351-9150, bnkanter@verizon.net