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## NEW OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 1960-61



At the Annual Delegates Meeting held on April 3rd, the new slate of officers for the 1960-61 season was presented and unanimously approved by the members present. The newly elected officers will officially take over on Sept. 1st. We would like to officially introduce them to you—giving a brief accounting of their square dance activities.



BOB KECK, PRESIDENT, and his wife Terry, live at 8 Stiles Rd., Edison, N. J. Bob and Terry were on the original organizing committee of NNJSDA which was formed in the fall of 1957. Since then, Bob has served as vice president of the Association for two years. He has handled publicity and advertising and designed the official Association insignia. Bob designed and published the first copy of GRAND SQUARE and since then has directed the publication as editor-in-chief. He served on many committees including beginners planning. Bob and Terry's "home" club is Metuchen Country Promenaders for which Bob served as president during 1958-59 and Terry as secretary during 1955-56.



BUD SIBBALD, VICE PRESIDENT, and his wife Betty, live at 985 Soldier Hill Rd. in Oradell, N. J. They have been square dancing for four years and belong to the Valley Steppers Round Dance Club, Metuchen Square Dance Club, Belles & Beaux Square Dance Club, and Hilltop Squares. During their years of square dancing, the Sibbalds have found time to be secretary of the Belles & Beaux, president of the Valley Steppers Round Dance Club, and have worked on publicity for the Association in Bergen-Passaic counties.



BERT STARLIN, TREASURER, and his wife Dot, live at 65 Maine Ave., Staten Island 14. They have been square dancing for seven years and belong to the Richmond Dancers and the Metuchen Square Dance Club. They have held the office of president of the Richmond Dancers and are at present, advertising editors for GRAND SQUARE. In the words of Bert—"Square dancing taught me rhythm, and brought forth a joy in dancing which Arthur Murray could not do."

MAE SCHREIBER, SECRETARY, and her husband Fred, live at 14 Frances Rd., in Metuchen, N. J. They graduated from the Association's Plainfield class in 1959. Since that time they have joined the Metuchen Country Promenaders, Westfield Lincoln Squares, and the Metuchen Square Dance Club. In March of this year, they attended the Washington Spring Festival. At the present time, Mae holds the office of secretary for the Metuchen Country Promenaders.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The officers and leaders of any organization are only as good as the support which they receive from the membership. During both of my terms in office as president of NNJSDA, I, as well as the other officers and advisors, have received many compliments and kind words of encouragement. We are deeply and sincerely appreciative of these as well as the constructive criticism that helped the Association to render the services it was organized to accomplish. Now, it is my turn to extend the compliments. The wonderful support and cooperation of all the dancers, clubs, and callers made the Association success a surety. It has not been and never will be solely the work of an individual or small group, but the combined efforts of all square dancers that have and will continue to make it possible for the NNJSDA to do its job of spreading the friendship and pleasure of square dancing in our area.

On September 1, 1960, the newly elected officers will begin their terms of office. Give them the same fine support and cooperation afforded the present officers, and the Association will continue to build square dancing and make it more enjoyable for ever increasing numbers of people.

In conclusion, I would like to extend my very best wishes to the incoming officers for success in all their square dance endeavors. Good Luck and Happy Dancing !  
------(Al Aderente)-----

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LET'S WORK TOGETHER FOR A BETTER 1960-1961 SEASON

Terry and I sincerely thank the nominating committee, Association delegates, and all of you Association members for your confidence in electing me president to direct your Association activities for the coming year. I accepted the job not only because I feel that there is a real need for the Association to continue to exist, but because I feel that square dancing will be made more enjoyable for all of us if we continue to grow as an association and work together to increase our dancing population and to gain recognition for northern New Jersey as an active square dancing area. An excellent selection was made in electing the Sibbalds, Starlins, and Schreibers as officers for the coming term and it will certainly be a pleasure to work with them.

The progress that has been made to date would not have been possible without the help of many of you. But, if we are to grow, it is necessary that more dancers become active in Association activities. Soon, many of you will be asked to take part in specific activities and if at all possible, I hope that you will agree to help. With a program of wider PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNICATION, each one of us will have a smaller share of work to do and will be able to spend more time enjoying square dancing.

Finally, we can help to keep square dancing an enjoyable activity by erasing the terms "discrimination" and "politics" that we often hear associated with our activity. Square dancing is a group activity and we should welcome everyone who enjoys our common hobby. Remember that new square dancers cannot become "high level(?)" unless they learn by dancing with "high level(?)" dancers. -----(Bob Keck)-----

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GRAND SQUARE STAFF

- Editor-in-Chief -----Bob Keck
- Feature Article Editor -----Charlie Weigmann
- Club news Editor -----Jim Heacock
- Advertisement Editor -----Bert Starlin
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PLAINFIELD ADVANCED CLASS GRADUATION PARTY



The Class of 1960A(31 couples) graduated with honors on Monday, April 4th, at the Cook School in Plainfield. In addition to receiving diplomas, all the gals were presented corsages and six people received special pins for perfect attendance during the 20-week course.

The hall decorations added a great deal to the evening and included school(club) pennants, roster of "profs"(club callers), mortarboards, diplomas, spring flowers, and 3-D dancing figures. Credit for the fine decorating goes to the committee consisting of the Rices, Weigmans Schreibers, and Weathers.

About 20 squares enjoyed not only the graduation festivities, but also the wonderful calling of Beulah Samec, John Carroll, Lane Calendar, and Ernie Lens. As an "initiation" it was planned to trick the graduates with the dance "Who's on First?". (Ask any "Left-Footer" or your caller if you are not familiar with this pattern of confusion.) However, the graduates performed the dance with much ease !! They also did a regular patter dance alone, providing further that they were not only exceptional students, but they also had exceptional instructors. The callers deserve a bouquet for the terrific job they have done with all the classes.

To add to the evenings pleasure, we found out square dance gals not only dance a "mean" square, they also bake a "meam" cookie! Many thanks to the refreshment committee.

The Tenafly class will graduate soon and you will receive notices of where and when. Let's all get out and give them the same kind of wonderful welcome into club square dancing. It will be an evening well spent, we assure!

BEHIND THE MIKE



The graduation Class of 1960A is now history and its members have dispersed -- diplomas in hand -- to swell the ranks of our local clubs, this the third such group in the past two years.

It is quite a transition we have experienced -- from a few squares here and there to the now very healthy square dance activity we are all enjoying here in our area.

Until a few folks took the proverbial bull by the horns, it was a rather bleak outlook. With their determination, foresight, stick-to-it-tiveness, and just plain hopes, the ball began rolling; and few of us realize the amount of work, correspondence, and months of planning that went into the operation.

The result was the birth of the Northern New Jersey Square Dancers' Association -- a group of clubs working together -- organization of regular square dance classes, the GRAND SQUARE as our own area publi-

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cation -- and a very much brighter outlook for the future.

From behind the mike -- a belated note of thanks for a job so very well done !

----- (Beulah Samec) -----

SUMMER DANCING

The Association has arranged a program of summer square dances for your dancing pleasure during the summer months. Based on last year's experience, large turnouts and a lot of fun is anticipated so try to get to all of them. The dances will be at the Edison Recreation Center in Summit and will start on Thursday, June 2nd. Dancing will be on every second Thursday at 8:00 P.M. The specific dates and callers are:

June 2 ----- Dick Pasvolsky  
June 16 ----- Ernie Lens  
June 30 ----- Marty Winter  
July 14 ----- John Carroll  
July 28 ----- Don Kean  
Aug. 11 ----- Beulah Samec  
Aug. 25 ----- Jim Flammer

Many of our clubs will also have summer dancing programs and you will probably soon be receiving notices about these.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNUAL DELEGATES MEETING

The Annual Delegates' Meeting of the NNJSDA was held Sunday April 3, 1960, and the following business was accomplished:

1. Election of new officers for 1960-61.  
(See front page)
2. Plans were made for the summer dancing program to be held at the Edison Recreation Center, Morris Ave., Summit, N.J. Dances will be on every other Thursday starting June 2nd. Flyers will be sent to all members.
3. A report was given on the progress of the beginners' classes with the announcement of 31 couples to graduate on April 4th from the Plainfield Class.

Tenafly classes began their advanced classes on Monday April 4th with approximately 32 couples.

HEADQUARTERS FOR SQUARE DANCING AND  
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Do you know AIR BRAKES ANDY ? This is our friend (please don't leave out the R) who we liken to the quick and the dead. This bird flies around when promenading but stops too quickly because he's too dead to keep going. Result -- the following couples can't help but climb each others back. **E X A S P E R A T I N G ! ! ! !** (sent in by Hal Peterson)

GRAND SQUARE BOOSTERS

Many thanks to the following people who have given \$1.00 to boost GRAND SQUARE for the 1959-60 season. These bring the total number of boosters to 102 --- other names were listed in previous issues.

John & Irene Carroll  
Val & Ollie Kentel  
John & Mary McEvoy  
Charlie & Dot Kides  
George & Ann Phipps  
Terry & Carol Tyrrell  
Herb Whitlock  
Lloyd & Ruth Moren  
Ross & Irene Nichols  
Norm & Agnes Dempster  
Bill & Alice Fengler  
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Martin Wolsky  
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Bob & Kay Bunker  
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Al & Evelyn Fellenstein  
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Bill & Gen Arszol  
Henry Hamilton & Marion Wood


Ralph & Carol Strong  
Fred Bertram  
Charles Johnston  
Paul & Carol Schnitzler  
Bill & Kay Geier  
Joe & Beulah Samec  
Jack & Caroline DeCoste  
Rudy & Billie Jahns  
Madge & Howard Gerlach  
Chester & Marie Tassinaro  
Sam & Doris Omansky  
Karl & Allegra Rogers

The fall edition of GRAND SQUARE will be the first of the 1960-61 season and we are starting over again to request boosters for the new year. Twenty couples ( all repeats) have already joined next year's roster and their names will appear in the October 1st issue. JOIN THEM IN SUPPORTING GRAND SQUARE and make it possible to produce an ever improving newsletter.

The new officers of the Association will need a lot of help on the many activities planned for the 1960-61 season. If you can offer any time to help on committees, please let one of the officers know and also tell them what kind of activity you prefer. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Do you know of anyone who is not receiving GRAND SQUARE? If you do, we would appreciate being notified so that our mailing list may be made complete.

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CLUB NEWS

TENAKILL TWIRLERS ---- April 29th dance featured 4 callers, all club members - Al Fulmer, Bill Svec, John Cisternino, and Jody Bromberg. Slim Sterling was signed to call for full season next year. Beginners class graduation ball to be held on May 20th with the Tenafly NNJSDA advanced class as guests. Don Keen will call.

COUNTRY PROMENADERS ---- Elsie Rice's school children made special decorations for both the Valentines and St. Patricks Day dances which were very successful. Club is now getting 7 to 10 squares each club night.

LINCOLN SQUARES ---- Chip Hendrickson calling May 11th at the Jefferson School in Westfield. New officers for the next season are: Pres. - Dick Davis; V.P. - Harry Brown; Sec. - Evelyn Yonk; Treas. - Helen Schlesinger; Delegates - Skip and Dolly Skillin. (Editors note: All are '59 graduates!) Couples from many Westfield organizations are invited to see western square dancing at an open house dance on May 18th. Another such open house will be held in the fall.

MERRI EIGHTS ---- Final dance in mid-June will be a dinner-dance for club members only. Five couples from the club have graduated from the latest NNJSDA advanced class. New officers for next season: Pres. - Val Kentel; V.P. - Lyle VanDorn; Sec. - Bill Geier; Treas. - Grace O'Brien.

METUCHEN SQUARE DANCE CLUB ---- Al Brundage was special guest caller on the April 16th club dance held in Summit. New officers will be elected at the May 7th dance.

PLAINFIELD PROMENADERS ---- 6th birthday party on April Fools Day had an extra twist this year -- a surprise party for Jay and Ruth Folk. Over 100 couples consumed 17 gallons of punch and over 1000 cookies !

RAHWAY SQUARE DANCE CLUB ---- Having an open house on May 3rd for the Plainfield NNJSDA graduating class.

RICHMOND DANCERS ---- New officers for next season; Chairman - Tom Duncan; Sec. - Jinny Dolezar; Treas. - Carl Barwick. The club membership has increased by 15 couples as a result of a membership drive and a training school conducted by Beulah Samec in her home. Sunday workshops on March 20th and April 18th were so successful that future dates are now being arranged. A square dance picnic will be held at The Neighbor's (Ststen Island), on Sunday May 29th at 1 P.M. Bring your own box lunch - \$3 per couple, children free. Summer dancing starts Wed. June 8th, Legion Hall, Tottenville, S. I.

WAYNE SQUARE DANCERS ---- Concluded their spring session of dancing on April 23rd.

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After a summer intermission, they will resume their 2nd and 4th Saturday evening dances at the Alps Road School, Wayne. The executive committee is working on plans for a late spring or summer outdoor party for members only.

(Editors note: Thanks to all for a much more active job of club reporting for this issue. Keep up the good work.)

ODE TO A SQUARE DANCE VACATION BY A SQUARE DANCING POET

(By Elsie Rice)

"FUNSTITUTE"

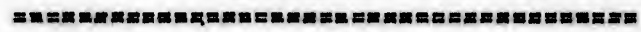
1. West Point on the Hudson  
Is known both far and near  
For dress parades and its cadets  
Who're trained to know no fear.
2. It's also known for "Funstitute"  
Square dance vacation rare  
Although it comes in summer heat  
It provides fun beyond compare.
3. From 15 states and Canada  
The happy couples came  
We quickly unpacked the dresses  
And shirts to match the same
4. From 8:00 A.M. 'til dinnertime  
We just kept on the go  
Reviewing squares, learning rounds  
And patterns we did not know.
5. For those who tired of dancing  
Other things were planned  
Like swimming in the officers' pool  
Or taking trips on land.
6. Some visited the chapel  
And the gymnasium new  
Some played tennis, some played golf  
Under skies of blue.
7. For children a planned program  
Which left their parents free  
To really enjoy the days in full  
And dance on merrily.
8. For the gals a real vacation  
Not even a bed to make  
With good meals in the diningroom  
And an evening coffee break.
9. After dinner in the evening  
The party dance held sway  
Using new calls like "Shuffle the Deck"  
The callers had their way.

10. For those who still had not enough  
There was Gluton's Corner  
Where you could dance 'til 1 or 2  
"Even if you hadn't oughta"
11. And when the last day did arrive  
The buffet lunch of fame  
Was held on the lawn of the hotel  
(We're glad it didn't rain)
12. And as we drove to our home state  
We spoke of the fun we had  
Especially of old friends and new  
The ones who made us glad.

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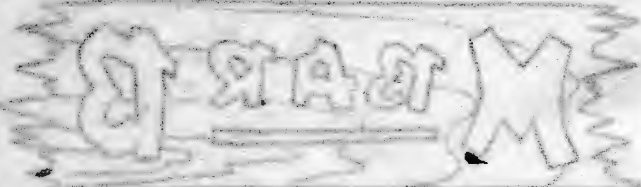
HAPPY DANCING and  
Many THANKS to those who've visited us.

- 13. We hope we meet these friends again
- Perhaps in new location
- It doesn't matter time or place
- As long as square dancing's the recreation.

(Thanks to Elsie for her poetic recount of their 1959 West Point vacation)

PATTER CALLS

The Washington Spring Festival received quite a turnout from this area. Those known to have attended: Prestons, Aderentes, Hartensteins, Davis, Schreibers, Camerons, Phipps, Lawrences, Omanskys, Deckers, Tyrrells, Jim Rodgers, Karl Rogers, Sullivans, Davidsons, Yonks, Folks, Somers, Holths, and more we were unable to identify. --- Ruth and Jim Grant expect to increase their family by one in a few months. --- Jay and Ruth Folk are moving to Colorado --- Al and Alice Fulmer spent 2 weeks in St. Petersburg this winter where they danced to Jim Pearson at the Oxbow. --- Eileen Swanick, wife of deceased caller George who many dancers remember, has now become Mrs. Louis Evangelist and settled in Puerto Rico --- Jim and Jean Laird and the Richmond Dancers were featured in an article in the monthly magazine published by Jim's company, Proctor and Gamble. Many familiar faces were seen in the pictures. --- Arrangements have been completed for the first Knothead Reunion Dance in the east. Dancing both afternoon and evening of Sunday, Sept 11th, 1960 in the auditorium at the Garden State Plaza in Paramus, N.J. ( junction Rts. 4 & 17). Arrangements have been made by Marty Winter who will be joined by Al Brundage and Chip Hendrickson to do the calling. Watch for the flyers !!



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 hot even a bed to make  
 with good meals in the dining room  
 and an evening coffee break.

We really enjoy the days in full  
 which left their parents free  
 for children a planned program

Enter state of mind,  
 some played tennis, some picked golf  
 and the gymnasium was  
 some visited the school

Or taking trips on land,  
 like swimming in the offshore pool  
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and patterns we did not know,  
 featuring square, leading rounds  
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