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## NNJSDA President's Message

This past winter was very difficult with the bad weather. As soon as you thought you were finished shoveling, another storm came roaring in with more snow and ice. Now that spring is here, it's time to get back into the regular square dance routine.



An ongoing problem within our activity has been: How do we tell everybody else about square dancing with all its benefits? In the past, the written word reigned supreme, and advertising in local newspapers seemed to be the way to go. Today, because of the internet's capability to reach a lot of people rapidly and in far-off places, it would be advantageous to advertise our activity in the social media, such as Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest. Give it some thought and come up with ideas. Our website is already connected to Facebook and Twitter.

Along the same lines, how can we attract more young dancers? A survey of the average age of square dancers over the years would probably show the number steadily increasing, even with new members joining in the activity. We really need to think about how to attract and retain youthful dancers.

The annual Presidents Dinner was not held as planned on February 21, due mainly to a scheduling conflict with the tentative location. As it turned out, there was significant snow that day, so it probably would have been canceled anyway. At the time of this writing, I am scheduling a meeting in April.

Has your club been keeping up with the Raid program at member club events and One Square Is Fair at Association dances? Remember: If your club completes both programs, or either of the programs twice, during the current dance season, you will earn double the reduction in next year's dues assessment. We're talking about free club membership for a year. What a deal!

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Summer is almost here – starting with the 64th National Square Dance Convention from June 24-27 in Springfield, Massachusetts. If you've never attended a National Convention before, this is a great place to begin. Springfield is within easy driving distance of New Jersey, and the city has a lot of opportunities to explore. See page 25 in this issue and the website at [64nsdc.org](http://64nsdc.org).  
*Mike Szekula, NNJSDA President*



### New Grand Square Distributor

Thank you, Stephen Holusha of Reelers (left), for volunteering to serve as our new *Grand Square* distributor. Stephen will package copies of the magazine for member clubs and distribute them at Delegates meetings or dances. He will also handle delivery of copies to paid subscribers, advertisers,



and various organizations and individuals. Welcome to the team, Stephen!

Many thanks to Jim Van Rensalier of FAD (right), who has faithfully served as our distributor for the past five years. We appreciate your great help in "keeping the square dance community informed" – always with a smile.

## NNJSDA EVENTS AND LOCATIONS

### May

- 2 **NNJSDA Dance** (7:30)  
Bridgewater  
Mark Franks/Steve Bradt  
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### June

- 6 **NNJSDA Dance** (7:30)  
Bridgewater  
Howard/Donna Williamson  
MS/PL/RD

### July

- 8 **NNJSDA Dance** (7:30)  
Caldwell  
Don/Dot Coy  
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- 22 **NNJSDA Dance** (7:30)  
Bridgewater  
Jay Silva/Mary Pickett  
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### August

- 12 **NNJSDA Dance** (7:30)  
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- 26 **NNJSDA Dance** (7:30)  
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### September

- 13 **Delegates Meeting** (2:00)  
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### October

- 11 **NNJSDA Dance** (2:00)  
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### NEW GRAND SQUARE PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

The *Grand Square* team and the NNJSDA board have discussed changing the magazine's publication schedule – to lessen the vast time commitment in preparing three issues a year, and because information is now readily available online. Beginning in 2016, *Grand Square* will be published twice a year.

The main issue will continue to be distributed just before the regular dance season begins in the fall, and will cover events taking place from September through June. This will provide the full schedule at a glance for the 50% of NNJSDA clubs that do not dance in the summer.

The second issue will be distributed at the spring Delegates meeting and cover the five "summer" months of May through September, thereby overlapping with the main issue to offer continuous coverage. It will include the annual listing of CCNJ callers and the map supplement.

Both issues will be posted on the NNJSDA website, as always. In addition, to ensure that information is current, modifications to the online version will be posted as needed, together with a list of changes for easy reference. Readers will always have access to up-to-date information.

Other methods of notifying dancers will remain available as well: the NNJSDA email info-list, club and Association websites, and flyers.

Important: Dancers without electronic access should *confirm details with the club*, especially when raiding or when in doubt about weather cancellations.

Ad makers: For the next issue, please include dates for September through June. Those who have had half-page ads in the September and January issues may wish to consider a full-page ad in the new (combined) September issue.



## Welcome, Graduates!

Congratulations to all dancers who have completed (or are about to complete) Mainstream lessons and are ready to enjoy the wonderful benefits of square dancing! Kudos to our member clubs and angels, and a warm welcome to the following new dancers:

- AleMo Squares (Brooklyn)** – Laraine Barnes, Margaret Dogherty, Joan Marie Randazzo, Camille White (Staten Island)
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### SECRET FOR NEW DANCERS

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

## Square Dance Marketing 101

At the NNJSDA Midterm Dance earlier this year, a topic that came up during a break was how to market square dancing. At the request of the *Grand Square* editor, I've put together some thoughts about this. Let me state: I have no degree in marketing. But I have been involved with square dancing since 1989. I've seen clubs do things that work very well ... and I've seen clubs do things that left me scratching my head.

Idea 1: A problem many clubs face in attracting new members is their location in small towns or communities full of retirement-age people. The only time new people move into town is when someone dies and a property becomes available. Or is that really the case? Think for a moment. Who is the first person a prospective resident meets when planning a move? The local real estate agent. My suggestion is to turn these agents into recruiters for your club. Here's how: Every new student who shows up with the agent's business card stapled to your dance flyer earns that agent \$10 *after* the dancer has completed "x" weeks of lessons. (Each club sets a number that won't break the bank!) There's no limit on how many bonuses the agent can earn.

Idea 2: Another untapped source of new dancers is young parents. How about doing some recruiting at day-care centers? Offer free babysitting for the toddlers while their parents are in lessons. The parents get a night out of the house and a chance to socialize with other adults. They also get exercise, free babysitting, and a slice of pie – talk about a win-win situation! And once the kids know their right from their left, put *them* through lessons, too.

Idea 3: To generate more young dancers, let's get square dancing back in schools. Encourage physical education teachers to attend your fun nights/open houses/barn dances/intro dances. Offer them teaching modules that can introduce square dancing to their current curriculum. "Oh? You wouldn't feel comfortable teaching dancing in your gym class? Well, let me introduce you to our class instructor who, I'm sure, would be happy to plan a square dance event for your school."

Idea 4: Every fall when we review the class attendance forms at Times Squares, we notice that the greatest source of new students is referral from our recent graduates. Why? Because even though they love their new square dancing hobby, they still have one foot in the "real world" of non-dancers. Their friends trust them enough to give it a try. Make sure you treat your new graduates as the valuable resource they are. Encourage them to show up and have a good time. Do *not* try to lure them into club leadership positions right away. Why? According to former CALLERLAB Chair John Marshall, the number one reason people quit dancing is club politics.

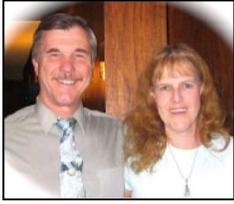
Idea 5: Many clubs offer fun nights free of charge. Even though the people walking through our doors don't have to pay, we should still ask them for something – their email address! As a former database administrator, I can tell you that this information is pure gold. Find a club member willing to keep the addresses on file. Send these people notices for upcoming fun nights and classes. In an article on why we should stop apologizing for square dancing, I stated that just because we have a skill-based activity that requires participants to attend class to learn the calls, it doesn't make square dancing a flawed activity. Conversely, the fact that people don't have time to take lessons *now* doesn't make them bad. Some day they may have the time, and we need a way to reach them, rather than lose them to bowling or basket weaving.

While all of these ideas may have merit, they do not constitute the final word on Square Dance Marketing. I'm sure there are readers with more ideas. Please share them!

*Nick Martellacci, Caller*

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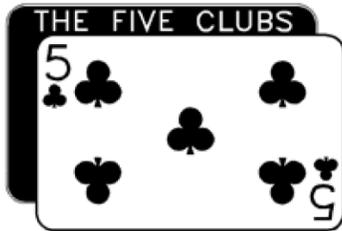
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## So You Think You Know Mainstream and Plus – Part 2

Continued from January 2015 issue

*From Part 1: My purpose in this article is to highlight some of the discrepancies between square dancing theory and practice – with a bit of humor!*

1. Two more pet peeves, just because my experience is that these simple commands are frequently danced incorrectly: (a) When you Slip the Clutch, *everyone* is supposed to walk forward, not just the inside dancers, to meet halfway. The outside dancers (usually the ladies) don't get to just *stand there*; they're supposed to walk forward, too, and meet the insides halfway. (b) From a quarter tag formation (where an ocean wave is sandwiched between two couples facing it), the call Extend is an invitation to *all dancers* to walk forward and step to an ocean wave. The outside dancers do not wait for the insides to come to them; they're supposed to *step forward* to meet the insides halfway. And while we're on the subject, a note for callers: In Mainstream, you really should call Extend *only* from a quarter tag formation. If you call it again, after that, you're actually into Plus territory.

2. Do you know what the in-facing couples are supposed to do when they Ferris Wheel? CALLERLAB: "In-facing couples form a *momentary two-faced line* in the center, and without stopping Wheel and Deal." Along with most of my fellow dancers, I confess to being guilty of not complying to the letter with this definition.

3. At the risk of catching flack from longtime dancers for this one (please don't shoot the messenger): When the call is [Put] Centers In, do you centers expect to hook arms with the outside dancers, who form a sort of jughandle for you to slip your arm through? CALLERLAB tells us: "As center dancers step between the outside dancers *they take hands with them*, as appropriate (*couple handhold if facing the same direction* or ocean wave styling if facing opposite directions)." So, outsides, please don't get testy when I simply offer you my *hand* and politely ignore your jughandle.

4. While we're on the subject of holding hands, this one is bound to cause some grumbling, especially among our Advanced and Challenge dancers who may not actually be complying in the following situations. CALLERLAB describes a couple handhold, at least in Mainstream and Plus, as men with palms up and ladies with palms down. But what if we have a same-sex handhold? Now who does what? It is my experience, when holding another man's hand, that regardless of whether he is to my left or my right, he usually tries to put his palm up because, well, that's what makes him most comfortable. But CALLERLAB doesn't care what *feels* right; rather it wants us to do the following: "Inside hands joined. *Men should always hold palms up, ladies palms down. In the event of a same-sex couple, the left-hand dancer turns palm up, right-hand dancer turns palm down.*" This may be one of the most generally ignored rules in square dancing! However, Advanced and Challenge dancers have an entirely different concept, that of "belles" and "beaus," in which gender plays no role. The dancer on the left (whose hand goes palm up) is the beau, while the dancer on the right (whose hand goes palm down) is the belle. So, for a *sashayed* couple in A2, for example, the lady's (beau's) palm is up and the man's (belle's) palm is down. But that same couple in Mainstream or Plus has the man's palm up and the lady's palm down (see definition above). Confusing? You bet!

5. I'll go out on a limb and say that many Plus dancers are unaware that Crossfire may be called from outfacing parallel lines of four. Therefore, when it is, the call often catches dancers off guard. After the center dancers of each line have traded correctly with

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each other (remember, they're facing in the same direction, so it is a partner trade), and they then step forward, it is very likely that they will gaze at the couple they are facing and ... do nothing! They are actually supposed to "... *step straight forward forming an ocean wave with the dancers they are facing.*" [And, since the ends of the original lines have cross folded and are now facing in, the resulting formation is a quarter tag – see 1(b) above.]

6. Now for a little humor: Quick, how many parts are there to the definition of Linear Cycle (a Plus call)? Too easy, right? Four, of course: Hinge, Fold, Follow, Peel. Bzz. Wrong! You might be surprised, but CALLERLAB defines it as a *three-part* call: "Part 1. The ends and adjacent centers hinge. *Part 2. Those facing out fold behind those facing in and all dancers will then move forward in a Double Pass Thru action.* Part 3. If the hinge is right-handed, peel right; if the hinge is left-handed, peel left to end as facing couples. From a right-hand hinge, all will pass right shoulders. From a left-hand hinge, all will pass left shoulders." Yup, according to CALLERLAB, not only are the Fold and the Follow just *one* "part" of the call, but it's not a Follow at all; it's a Double Pass Thru that precedes the Peel. Truth be told, I've always found Hinge, Fold, Follow, Peel rather silly. This four-part mnemonic first applies to everyone (Hinge), then twice just to the out-facing dancer (who Folds and "Follows," after the Hinge), and finally, again to *all* dancers (Peel) at the end. Kind of odd, no?

7. A little more fun: In Single Circle to a Wave (admit it; you thought it was *Ocean Wave*, right?), we're told: "When joining hands for circle, gents turn palms up, ladies palms down." Fine and dandy. And when *same sexes* are facing, now what? Whose palms go up and whose go down? There is that awkward moment when both men instinctively want to put their palms up, because it's more comfortable and natural, while both ladies want palms down. That can't happen, of course, so, ultimately, one person in each pair has to "give in." It happens in a split second, and it's all good fun. But for once, CALLERLAB offers no help on the subject; interestingly enough, it remains completely silent as to what to do in this situation. In fact, in their excellent "Teaching Tips for the Plus Program," apropos of this situation, Tim Marriner and Andy Shore write, ironically: "If you're working with the same sex, all bets are off."

I hope you got some amusement from testing yourself, as you read along. If you learned a thing or two, and managed to have a good time in the process, I shall have accomplished my goal.

Dancers and callers who wish to check definitions can visit the CALLERLAB website at [www.callerlab.org](http://www.callerlab.org) and click on Dance Programs. The definitions of calls are prefaced with a list of changes to the program over time so that you can confirm updates, if any, to your printed manual. (For example, the definition of Spin Chain and Exchange the Gears, a Plus call, was updated in 2014.)

Do you have pet peeves of your own? Have I left out your favorite contradiction between an official call definition and how that same call is usually danced? Please write and let me know. See you in a square!

*Don Schlesinger, RocklandRockytops (DSchles@aol.com)*

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## **Be Kind – Be Clean**

*Adapted from an article by Karen Reichardt in American Square Dance, July 2014*

I read old square dance magazines looking for ideas for my articles. This idea is from a 1985 article that quotes a 1975 article as its source.

Dancers are very active. It may not seem that we have danced up a sweat, but we have. People cannot smell themselves the way others do, so we must ensure at the least that we are very clean upon entering a dance. Because we have unique body chemistries, soaps and deodorants react differently on various people. Try several brands until you find ones that work for you. (Ask a trusted friend for feedback!)

Be careful about wearing a garment more than one night. Hang it on the porch after a dance, rather than in a tight closet. The fresh air will dry it and reduce odors. A light spray of fabric refresher can help this process when an item can't be washed between wearings.

Some fabrics seem to trap perspiration and smell more than others. Even after careful bathing of the body and washing of the clothing, as the body warms and moistens the fabric, old smells can be released. One way to reduce this problem is to keep a spray bottle of full strength white vinegar next to the washer. Vinegar will not hurt any type of fabric that can be washed, and it helps to remove sweat and deodorant stains under the arms. Saturate the underarm area of the garment generously before tossing it in the wash. Yes, it will smell funny when taken out of the washer, but the dryer will reduce or eliminate the vinegar smell. If needed, hang it outside overnight.

Trying to cover body odor with perfume, cologne, or aftershave is not the answer. Many people are allergic to fragrance or simply find it unpleasant. Dancers have left the hall because someone else was wearing a perfume, cologne, or aftershave that made them nauseous. It is always better to go without fragrance than to overpower other dancers with a scent they have not chosen.

Fresh breath is important. If you stop to eat on the way to a dance, bring a toothbrush and small bottle of mouthwash to the restaurant. As a special consideration for your fellow dancers, avoid spicy foods and raw onions before a dance.

Don't forget your feet in this assessment. Allow all shoes, not just dance shoes, at least 24 hours to dry between wearings, slowly and away from direct heat. Thorough drying will help to kill fungus and reduce odor. A light anti-fungal spray in your shoes after wearing is a good idea.

A few words on the proper attire for gents. Research has shown that men sweat much more than women, so don't forget the advice passed on at beginners' class: long-sleeved shirts for men. Nothing is more disagreeable than to Left Allemande a dripping wet forearm. For those men who prefer to go without an undershirt: Don't. The outer shirt must then absorb all the perspiration and, before the dance is minutes along, the shirt is sopping wet. Wear lightweight cotton undershirts and lightweight long-sleeved shirts. Undershirts will make you more comfortable by keeping the dress shirt from sticking to your skin. Men who perspire heavily should bring a second set of shirts to a summer dance and change halfway through.

Dancing is a total contact sport. We get up-close and personal with a lot of people, which is wonderful. The skin is the largest organ of the body, and the best way to keep it healthy is with lots of greeting hugs and swinging of your partner. In this impersonal, germophobic world, we are special. We hold hands and move together in time to the music. We put our arms around each other to say "thank you."

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## Midterm Dance Memories

We can all remember the excitement we felt that first time we squared up at a “real” dance. We were not in the comfort of our class, classmates, teachers, or angels. Our hearts pounding, other dancers scrambling to get into a square, that big lump in our throats as we try to introduce ourselves, unfamiliar faces smiling at us and saying it’ll be okay ... the music starts ... panic! This caller sounds, well, different. We try to stay calm and focus. Our teacher and angels said that everyone is our friend and will help us. And we’re off! Hey, wow, we’ve got it! This is fun. What were we so worried about?

Many current students experienced those feelings on February 7 when they attended the NNJSDA’s Midterm Dance in Caldwell. Besides showing off their great dancing abilities, they got the opportunity to hear various callers and their unique styles. Some students were surprised that each caller sounded so different.

The stage was graced by caller/teacher Dan Tapper, the master of ceremonies for the afternoon, as well as caller/teachers Wayne Applegate, Don Coy, Paul Ingis, Stephen Ingis, Dan Koft, Nick Martellacci, and Fran Wadel. It was an exciting event, not only for students, but also for seasoned square dancers. It isn’t often that so much talent is in one place.

Kittatinny Rangers and RocklandRockytops did an excellent job with the refreshment table. It was filled with all different kinds of goodies and was the central location for socializing between tips.

The students were excited to see all the clothes for sale in the front lobby. For most, it was their first time shopping for square dance attire. A lot of work went into presenting these outfits, and everyone benefited from the sales. Special thanks to Mimi Corpel and Claire Zimmerman, 2nd Vice Presidents of NNJSDA, who organized the entire event.

So now, with their feet wet, with newly made friends, and all decked out in colorful outfits, our students are ready to go out and enjoy what is a big part of all our lives. Happy dancing, everyone! See you in a square.

*Diane and John Festa, Class Coordinators, Reelers*

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[This article is part of a series highlighting people active in the NNJSDA.]

### Mary and John Aquino

It took only one lesson to get Mary and John Aquino hooked on square dancing.

“We were new to New Jersey, having moved from Westchester, New York, and we saw a small blurb in the town newspaper that Hix & Chix was giving lessons.”

They graduated in 1981 with 100 people in their class; a year later, they became presidents of the club, dancing five to six nights a week. The following year, the Aquinos were elected first vice presidents of NNJSDA (1983-85), and then became presidents (1985-87) and chaired at least four Mini-Festivals. They were the founders of Motiv8ors (an NNJSDA club that started as J & M Squares).

Their first job as presidents of NNJSDA was locating a hall for the Association’s 25th anniversary dance, which was just a few months away at the time. Over the years, they’ve hosted dances, classes, and lessons in their basement. For many years, Mary ran Happy Squares, a group that featured square dance demos at nursing homes.



Currently living in West Nyack, New York, John and Mary are still members of Motiv8ors as well as Hi Taws. They are also very active with a 200-member group called Seniors of Clarkstown. Every year, they look forward to their annual Senior Citizen Show. Mary makes the costumes while John videotapes the production and distributes the tapes.

The high school sweethearts were originally from Worcester, Massachusetts. Married 63 years, they have three daughters, one son, 10 grandchildren, and two great-grandsons. The whole family reunites at their home on every holiday.

An engineer and USN/USNR Korean War veteran, John spent his career in the family business, selling new and used injection molding machinery, while Mary raised the couple’s four children. In addition to square dancing, John enjoys photography and videography, model airplanes, and ham radio. Mary enjoys line dancing, baking, and sewing (she made all their square dance outfits).

A highlight of their dancing years was Liberty Weekend in 1986, which celebrated the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the Statue of Liberty. Dee Dee Wood, who choreographed *The Sound of Music* and *Mary Poppins*, came to John and Mary’s basement with caller Dick Pasvolsky to see square dancing for herself, and then choreographed the dancing for the bicentennial celebration weekend.

The Aquinos fondly remember 65 squares at Bergen Community College with Marshall Flippo calling for Hix & Chix, and having to limit an NNJSDA dance at Rutgers University to 75 squares for the Red Boot Boys, a callers’ quartet.

“We love everything about square dancing,” they say. “The music, the exercise, and mostly the people we have met. We are still in contact with some of the people we met more than 30 years ago.”

*Robin Friedman, Kittatinny Rangers*

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## In Memoriam

### Audrey Bolin

Audrey Bolin, a longtime square dancer and NNJSDA officer, passed away on March 2, 2015. Her husband, Norman, died in 2005, just after their 60th anniversary.

The Bolins started square dancing with Sussex Spinners in 1974. When the club disbanded, they joined Reelers. They held five positions within the NNJSDA: recording secretary 1982-84, 2nd vice president 1984-85, 1st vice president 1985-87, president 1987-89, and Mini-Festival registrar for more than 10 years.

In 1985, Audrey and Norman were surprised with a square dance on their 40th anniversary. In 1986, they were selected to dance at the Statue of Liberty 100th anniversary closing ceremony. Their leadership and guidance have contributed greatly to square dancing throughout the region. Georgi Flandera, NNJSDA trustee, remembered the Bolins as “a wonderful couple – they were tireless workers!”



Norman was employed by General Precision Laboratories, Singer-Kearfott Aerospace, and Lockheed Martin (the same company under different ownership). Audrey worked at Standard Brands before raising their two sons. Later, she was a part-time administrative/financial assistant in an air conditioning company. She was also a fashion designer who made most of her own clothes (including her wedding dress and matching square dance outfits for her and Norman) and enjoyed knitting and crocheting. Audrey was a Cub Scout den mother for both sons and an avid bowler, serving as league secretary for more than 50 years.

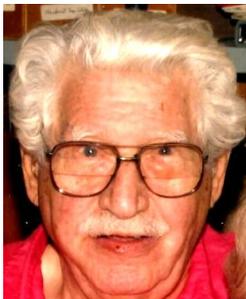
In addition to her sons, Kenneth and Donald, Audrey is survived by two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

*Lise Greene, Reelers and Kittatinny Rangers*

### John Callahan

John Callahan, who for more than 65 years was one of the most beloved callers in Rockland and Bergen Counties, has passed away at 90 years old. He began to call professionally in 1947, and his passion for American folk and square dancing remained for almost 70 years. Fittingly, it was at a square dance that he met his wife, Edith. They had two children, Susan (now deceased) and Andrew, and were together for 43 years, until her passing in 1989.

After graduating from Cornell University, John was a chemical researcher with Lederle Laboratories (American Cyanamid). His custom home in Orangeburg, New York, included a dance floor suitable for two squares. He founded Rockland Reelers, holding lessons and workshops at his home for more than 25 years. Cathy and I were privileged to be a part of “Tuesday nights at John’s” since 2006. Up to 20 close friends would gather to socialize, celebrate special occasions, and dance to John’s melodious calls.



A longtime member of FAD, CALLERLAB, and CCNJ, John remained an active dancer until the week of his passing. He taught square dancing at Rockland Community College and in Montclair, and enjoyed calling for the Girl Scouts – including a father-daughter dance that my daughter and I attended 26 years ago! On behalf of all whose lives were enriched by this extraordinary man, we shall miss John and remember him with great fondness.

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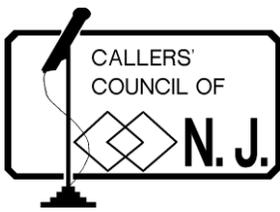
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## CCNJ President's Message

*Note: For a roster of the Callers' Council of New Jersey, including contact information, see page 21 of this issue or visit [ccnjcallers.com](http://ccnjcallers.com).*

Welcome to all the new dancers joining us this year! Those in my classes will have heard it before, but everyone needs to keep this thought in mind:

If you are having fun, you've got 95% of square dancing correct, so don't sweat the small stuff.

Square dancing is a recreation, not brain surgery. You should relax and have fun. No one will ever be 100% perfect when dancing. Experienced dancers are simply able to recover from errors more quickly, and this skill develops only with accumulated dance time. From behind the microphone, I've seen experienced dancers make mistakes and move on, while newer dancers presume that they were the cause of the square's breakdown and give up. Additionally, I can state with complete confidence that no caller is error free, and a square's breakdown might be the result of caller error. (You'll know it was caller error if most of the squares are making the same fix!)

The point to all of this? When – not if, but when – something happens in a square, don't panic or argue about who is at fault, as this only wastes dance time; just reset and get back to dancing as quickly as possible. If you and another dancer are going for the same spot, both should look for the open spot. The closer dancer (preferably) should get there to keep the square moving. Your fellow dancers or the caller will fix the issues while you dance or when you get back home.

If a correction cannot be made quickly, then everyone should square up at home. Once there, you can either wait for the beginning of the next sequence or get back to dancing faster by forming lines. To make lines, have each head lady take hands with her partner; then both slide over next to the side couple to the right to make lines at the sides. Once there, wait for the call Lines Forward and Back or something similar (such as "We've got normal lines"), and rejoin the dancing. You may have to fix things on the Promenade home, but at least you had more dancing time.

If a stoppage or breakdown happens during a singer, and you are not sure how to correct it, find your next corner and wait for the Swing and Promenade. For those dancers not yet aware, the normal pattern of a singer is for the lady to progress from her partner to her corner, then the next two corners, and eventually back to her original partner. Therefore, you want to look for your (next) corner if a breakdown occurs during a singer. If you can't find your corner quickly, look for the other open dancer (there will be someone else looking for a corner, I promise) and swing that person. Again, this way the square keeps moving, and eventually you will get back to your original partner. Just keep going, folks!

These suggestions will keep the square and the caller much happier – yes, callers really do want you to have fun and keep moving. Some of the most fun I've had dancing has been when my square was within inches of coming apart, but quickly regrouped and kept going. So, from an experienced dancer, the point of this message is: Just square up and keep dancing.

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

**Flip the Flamingo:** Over the long holiday weekend of February 13-16, Suncoast Squares hosted the annual Flip the Flamingo Fly-In at two locations in the St. Petersburg, Florida, area. Club members David and Miriam Gurowsky, who are also members of RocklandRockytops, danced Friday and Saturday in Pinellas Park at the Bayou Club, and again on Monday in St. Pete on the beach at Fort De Soto Park. They were joined on Saturday evening and Monday afternoon by Don and Cathy Schlesinger, Rockytops members who were vacationing at the Gurowskys' timeshare in Sarasota. Two more New Jersey friends of the Gurowskys, Ralph and Donna Serio of Hunterdon Flutterwheels, also danced on Saturday evening.



A delicious buffet dinner was served on Saturday, and a sumptuous barbecue lunch on Monday afternoon. The dancing was superb, and the callers (Todd Fellegy, Chris Phillips, and Michael Cox) were all first-rate.

*Cathy Schlesinger, RocklandRockytops*

Photo: The Schlesingers and Gurowskys on the beach at Fort De Soto Park, with the Sunshine Skyway Bridge in the background

**One Month, Three Festivals:** My boyfriend and I enjoyed three dance festivals in the space of one month last fall! First, we went to Tumbling Leaves in Vermont. Tim Marriner and the other callers were wonderful, and I loved their harmony together. The music was great and very up tempo, making everyone lively and in high spirits.

This inspired us to motivate a group to go to the Harvest Moon Classic in New Jersey. Again, we enjoyed the harmonies and energy of the callers, and the dancers were delightful, as always.

We also attended the one-day Hudson Valley Council dance, which was closer to my home in New York. In addition to not having to travel far, we appreciated that there was less expense, food and lemonade were served, there was a talented caller, and the dancing was excellent. The pleasant environment created a fun and happy mood.

*Mary Ann Gazivoda, Friendly Squares*

**Strawberry Square:** In mid-January, on a vacation in Florida, Perry Didriksen and I danced in Plant City at Strawberry Square, a hall dedicated to square dancing. It has a beautiful "floating" wood floor and is located at the edge of a mobile home community, from which a number of the dancers can walk or bike to an event. We were delighted to find that the caller for the evening was the ubiquitous Todd Fellegy.



I first danced at Strawberry Square in 1991 with my then-partner, John Occhipinti. He later retired to Florida. This year, Perry and I danced with John at his club, Temple Twirlers in Tampa. The photos show me with John (left) and Perry (right) at Strawberry Square. More than 20 years later, I am wearing the same dress!

*Joan Schierlitz, RocklandRockytops*



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*Vicky Proskey, Belles & Beaux and Reelers*

#### **Square Dance** (author unknown – submitted by Vicky Proskey)

Gather up four couples;	Flutterwheel, Ferris Wheel,
Face them in a square.	Do the Teacup Chain;
Then listen to the caller	Spin the Top, Box the Gnat –
Who will move you here and there.	These all sound insane!
Four hands around and Grand Square;	I'm just a humble beginner;
Make a Right Hand Star.	These terms are all brand new.
Yellow Rock, Promenade –	Will I ever get to know
What's an Allemande Thar?	How to do a Spin Chain Thru?
What's it mean to Wheel and Deal	They say it will get easier;
Or do a Do-Si-Do;	On that I must depend.
Bend the Line, or Load the Boat –	Meanwhile, I'll keep trying
Which way am I to go?	And enjoy my newfound friends.



Presents

# Mid-Summer Mania

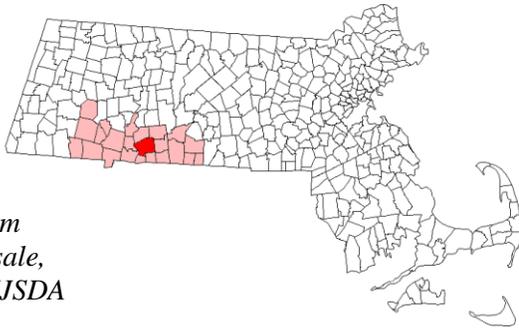
Mainstream Program

SUNDAY, July 26, 2015  
2:30-5:00 PM \$4/Dancer

**PeopleCare Center**

120 Finderne Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

**CALLING ALL DANCERS:  
WHY YOU SHOULD SIGN UP FOR THE  
64TH NATIONAL CONVENTION  
SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
JUNE 24-27, 2015**



*Tips from  
Carol Casale,  
3rd VP, NNJSDA*

**Improve your dancing skills:** Conventions have all programs of dancing, including workshops so you can try new things. And they have fun programs, such as progressive squares, that all can enjoy.

**Dance to a live band** (and this is a GREAT band): They perform Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings and it's *Mainstream*. Check out the Ghost Riders square dance band on YouTube. You'll dance to the best callers in the world – a new caller every 10 minutes.

**Meet lots of friendly people** from all over the world: There will be up to 5,000 people (including hundreds from New Jersey), so you can dance with many friendly new and familiar faces.

**Tours and activities:** These events are very well coordinated and organized. They go out of their way to make sure you have a great time. And this year's dinner show is the ultimate Neil Diamond tribute band. (Who doesn't love Neil's songs?)

**Close by:** It's in our backyard (3 to 3.5 hours' drive). The National Convention hasn't been this close in a long time, and the next three are in Iowa, Ohio, and Missouri. Dance close by while you can.

**Hotels are booking up fast! Sign up, prepare your New Jersey outfit if you plan to join the march of states ([nnjsda.org/state\\_outfit](http://nnjsda.org/state_outfit)), practice your dancing, and get ready for a good time. All details: [64nsdc.org](http://64nsdc.org).**

[alemo.nnjsda.org](http://alemo.nnjsda.org)

Various Wed. Sept.-June

Sts. Simon and Jude Lower Church

Kathy Colucci: 718-375-1788

Avenue T between Lake and Van Sicklen Sts. 11223

Cell for dance: 917-699-2093

On December 15, AleMo West celebrated the graduation of Camille White, who was a student of Barbara Kanter on Staten Island. Camille was a quick learner and we hope she will continue to attend and enjoy square dancing on Staten Island as well as in other locations throughout the NNJSDA.

The new year started with Howard Richman calling our workshops during Don Coy's vacation. With the extremely cold weather, our attendance was down and we had to cancel three sessions. We did hold our June in January Dance, and participants wore their favorite summer hats and sunglasses. A few very brave members actually wore summer clothes. Nick Martellacci called and we all tried to think of warmer days.

February brought our Crazy Hat Dance, and the variety of hats included alligator, Davy Crockett, and gardening. Everyone had a good time dancing to Howard Richman's great calling. The winner of the best hat contest was Howard, whose garden hat had many beautiful flowers attached.

We hope that the warmer weather will increase attendance at our remaining events for this square dance season – our Potluck Dinner, Birthday Celebration, and Graduation dances. We also will be having two summer dances, since our dances last summer were well attended.

Our membership looks forward to the annual dinner-dance, which will celebrate our 37th anniversary. This event is the highlight of our year, with many former dancers returning to help celebrate the tradition of square dancing in Brooklyn.

We hope to continue gaining new members with our open house on September 30.

**Ad on page 27**Kathy Colucci ([alemodancer@yahoo.com](mailto:alemodancer@yahoo.com))

718-375-1788

### NEW CLUB REPORTER OR AD MAKER?

If your club's reporter or ad maker changes, please let me know right away and I will provide the new person with guidelines and deadlines. Help the *Grand Square* team to help you by submitting articles and ads on time. Updates can be made later, if necessary, prior to publication. Just give us a call or send email. Thank you!

*Lise Greene, Editor*

### NEXT GRAND SQUARE SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JULY 7

Email club articles to [articles@nnjsda.org](mailto:articles@nnjsda.org).

Email all ads to [ads@nnjsda.org](mailto:ads@nnjsda.org).

**PLEASE include your club name in email subject line.**

Submit your ad as a 5-inch-wide table with a full border in Word format, using the heights specified on page 2. For assistance with ad formatting, send an email to [ads@nnjsda.org](mailto:ads@nnjsda.org).

If you would like to write an article or have an idea for a topic, please send an email to [editor@nnjsda.org](mailto:editor@nnjsda.org). All suggestions are very welcome.

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

# AleMo Squares

Sts. Simon and Jude Lower Church

Avenue T between Lake and Van Sicklen Streets, Brooklyn, NY 11223

Various Wednesdays 7:00-9:30 PM ~ Alternating MS and Plus Tips

June 17	Don Coy	Graduation/End of Term
July 15	Howard Richman	Red, White, and Blue Dance
August 5	Don Coy	Summer in the City
September 16	Don Coy	Welcome Back

**Kathy: 917-699-2093; Norma: 718-852-0318; [alemodancer@yahoo.com](mailto:alemodancer@yahoo.com)**

**Cell phone night of dance: 917-699-2093**

**Admission \$7 per person**

## THE CARING AND SHARING CLUB

## M R Square Dance Club



*Saturdays in Central New Jersey*

May 2	Cinco de Mayo	Dan and Kathy Koft	St. Luke's
May 16		Dan and Kathy Koft	St. Luke's
July 11		Dan and Kathy Koft	Manors
Aug. 1		Dan and Kathy Koft	Manors
Sept. 19		Dan and Kathy Koft	St. Luke's

**Pre-Rounds:** 7:30 PM

**2x2 Alternating Plus and Mainstream Tips:** 8:00 to 10:30 PM

**Locations:** Saint Luke's Episcopal Church (September-June)  
1620 Prospect Street, Ewing, NJ 08638

Manors Condo Association Clubhouse (Air Conditioned)  
26 Fairway Court, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

**Information:** Rich Delgado 609-844-1140  
[richd1squarerounddancer@msn.com](mailto:richd1squarerounddancer@msn.com)

[beesharps.org](http://beesharps.org)

PL/RD-A tip

2 &amp; 4 Fri. Sept.-Mid-April

MS/PL/RD-A tip

2 &amp; 4 Fri. Late April-May

Ken and Kathy Heaphy: 908-581-3897

Bound Brook United Methodist Church

Cell for dance: 908-581-3897

150 W. Union Ave. (Rt. 28) 08805

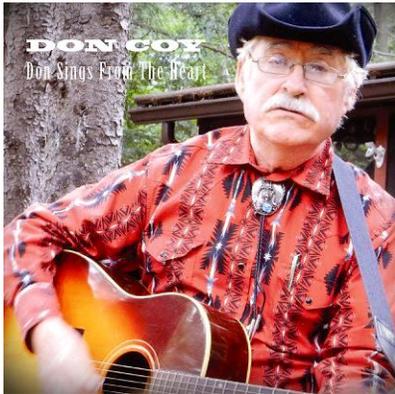
In spite of the challenges of snow, ice, and chill, the Bee Sharps had a great winter of dancing, with lots of guests joining the fun.

The third time was the charm for our Sweethearts Ball, which had to be postponed the past two years due to the weather. We had a great turnout as Mark Franks challenged us with alternating Plus and Advanced tips, while Mary Pickett accommodated requests for rounds and lent her square dancing expertise to fill out our squares.

It has been good to see students in our fall Plus class attending our dances to hone their skills. It's inspiring to see their progress as their confidence grows. As an extra plus (no pun intended), some of them have now become members.

We urge everyone to attend our dances, as well as those of other clubs, to gain lots of practice. Having strong skills will help you to get the maximum amount of enjoyment, particularly when you are at an event with an unfamiliar caller or in a square with unfamiliar dancers. In that connection, the 2015 National Square Dance Convention in Springfield, Massachusetts, is approaching. If you haven't signed up yet, it's time. You don't want to miss this unique opportunity.

Happy dancing!

**Ad on page 29**Diane Coffman ([dmc\\_cma@verizon.net](mailto:dmc_cma@verizon.net)) 908-500-0447**Don Coy has a new CD featuring the**

**following songs:** *I'm Just an Old  
Chunk of Coal, Somebody Loves You,  
Kansas City, You Don't Know Me, Ain't  
It Funny How Time Slips Away, It's  
Now or Never, Be-Bop-a-Lula,  
Kentucky in the Morning, The Last  
Thing on My Mind, Would You Catch  
a Falling Star, Peace in the Valley.*

**The CD includes 11 Karaoke Tracks.****Order direct from Coy Enterprises:****31 89th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11209****\$12 including shipping    Inquiries: 917-733-1555****Also available from iTunes and Amazon**

# BEE SHARPS OF SOMERVILLE



- Friday Dances (See schedule below for dates/format)
- Early Rounds start at 7:30 PM
- Square Dancing and Rounds 8:00-10:30 PM\*  
\*10:15 PM – A2 tip if sufficient dancers are present

Take your dance skills to the next level:

## Plus Lessons

**Start in September on scheduled Mondays**

**7:30-9:30 PM, \$5/lesson (includes optional workshop)**

Location: Adamsville School – 400 Union Avenue (Rt. 28), Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Questions? See our lessons webpage: [beesharps.org/bslesson.html](http://beesharps.org/bslesson.html)

## DANCE SCHEDULE

April thru September 2015

Date	Caller	Cuer	Format	Dance Theme
April 10	Betsy Gotta	Roy Gotta	PL/RD/A2 Tip	Baseball Fever
April 24	Mark Franks	Mary Pickett	MS/PL/RD/A2 Tip	Hawaiian Luau
May 8	Joe Landi	Steve Bradt	MS/PL/RD/A2 Tip	Joe's Jukebox Jamboree
May 22	Howard Richman	Mary Pickett	MS/PL/RD/A2 Tip	"America the Beautiful" Ice Cream Social

**Summer Break – Join us for dances at “Five Clubs” in Springfield, NJ**

Sept. 11	Nick Martellacci	Mary Pickett	PL/RD/A2 Tip	Crazy Vacation T-Shirts
Sept. 25	Howard Richman	Ron Rumble	PL/RD/A2 Tip	Western Night

**Dance** Bound Brook United Methodist Church – “Asbury Hall”  
**Location:** 150 W. Union Ave. (Rt. 28), Bound Brook, NJ 08805

**Contacts:** Ken and Kathleen: (908) 581-3897 (cell # night of dance)

### Directions:

**NOTE:** Dance hall – “Asbury Hall” – is located behind church.

#### From Rt. 22 East & West

Take Vosseller Ave. exit toward Bound Brook.  
 Turn left at the light onto Union Ave. (Rt. 28 East).  
 ► Go 2/10 mile and turn right onto Livingston St. Turn left into the first driveway/church parking lot.

#### From Rt. 287 South

Take exit 13 for Union Ave. (Rt. 28 East) toward Bound Brook/Somerville.  
 Turn left at the light for Union Ave. East. Proceed through 4 lights.  
 After the 4th light, follow from ► above.

#### From Rt. 287 North

Take exit 13A for Union Ave. (Rt. 28 East) toward Bound Brook. Proceed through 3 lights. After the 3rd light, follow from ► above.

**\*\* Visit us at: [beesharps.org](http://beesharps.org) \*\***

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

**1 & 3 Wed. All Year****VFW, 6 Veterans Pl. 07407****Arlene Remington: 201-444-9071****Cell for dance: 201-264-7698**

Belles and Beaux has reinstated the Dancer Loyalty cards. If you have not done so already, be sure to get your card at one of our dances from our treasurer, Joan Pujol. After attending 10 Belles & Beaux dances and having your card punched, the 11th dance will be free. Belles & Beaux is one of the few clubs that dance in the summer, so take advantage of this great deal!

Promoting square dancing is a priority with Belles & Beaux. We find our best form of advertising comes from our members. Our tee-shirts and jackets spark interest, and our members are always willing to share information and their experiences with others. All our efforts have paid off – in April, nine enthusiastic students completed Mainstream lessons with Fran Wadel. We are happy to welcome the new and eager dancers into our club.

The Soup's On dance was certainly a hit with those who braved the cold weather. We enjoyed wonderful homemade soups prepared by Roz Altman, Maryjane Clewell, and Claire Zimmerman. The soup and the dancing warmed us from head to toe, and helped us fight the "wintertime blues." Kudos to the cooks and to all our members who contribute their time and effort for our delicious and interesting refreshment table.

A sure-fire way to see a smile on a dancer's face is to hand him or her a dangle. Belles and Beaux continues to have dangle and theme dances throughout the year. A doubleheader event was our Dangle and Progressive Squares dance on April 15. Howard Richman did a great job getting us back to our starting point. As always, Howard called a delightful dance and we look forward to having him again.

If you have never gone on a Mystery Bus Raid, the one Belles & Beaux is planning for September 19 could be your first. See our ad on page 15.

**Ads on pages 15, 31**     *Vicky Proskey (vpsunshine@gmail.com)     201-264-0977*

### **TIPS FOR THOSE WHO BOOK CALLERS**

Thank you to all club members who take on the task of booking callers. What would a dance be without them?! Some tips to ensure a smooth process:

- Hire each caller/cuer at least one year in advance.
- Provide at least two cell phone numbers that can be used in case of emergency en route to a dance.
- Obtain the caller's cell phone number.
- Contact the caller two weeks prior to the dance to verify or update all details, ensure that cell phone numbers for club and caller are current, and provide driving directions if needed (especially if construction has caused detours).

Following these suggestions could save both the caller/cuer and the club from potential problems on the day of the dance.

### **CLUB PRESIDENTS – CLEARANCE FOR NEW EVENTS**

If your club plans to hold an event outside its regular dance program, location, day, or time, *you must request clearance from the NNJSDA*. This helps to ensure that conflicts between events are minimized. Please check with the Recording Secretary for clearance or for regulations regarding new events. Contact information is on page 2 of every *Grand Square*.



# Belles & Beaux

DANCE HALL – Elmwood Park VFW Hall  
6 Veterans Place, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

BARN DANCE – Maywood Recreation Center

[Sardance.org/BellesBeaux](http://Sardance.org/BellesBeaux) [squaredancing123@gmail.com](mailto:squaredancing123@gmail.com)

1st and 3rd WEDNESDAYS 7:30 to 9:30	MS and a PL Tip VFW Hall All Year Air Conditioned	Arlene Remington (H) 201-444-9071 Night of dance call (C) 201-264-7698
<b>2015 DANCE SCHEDULE</b>		
May 6	Fran Wadel	Welcome, New Dancers
May 20	Rick Gittelman	Pajama Game
June 3	Dan Koft	National Donut Day
June 17	Clay Goss	Tropical Breeze
July 1	Larry Shipman	A Tribute to the 50 States <i>(Dangle Dance)</i>
July 15	Dan Tapper	Ice Cream Social
July 29	Bill Mager	Cartoon Character
August 5	Don Bachelder	Beach Party
August 19	No Dance	
September 2	Dennis Reardon	Vacation T-Shirts
September 16	Howard Richman	Night at the Opera
September 19	??	Mystery Bus Raid (Saturday)
October 7	Dan Tapper	Italian Night
October 21	Chuck and Gerry Hardy	Masquerade Party
November 4	Jim Snyder	Thank Heaven for Chocolate
November 18	Ed Foote	Snazzy Sneaker Night
December 2	Wayne Applegate	Circus, Circus <i>(Dangle Dance)</i>
December 16	Fran Wadel	Student Dance

FAD and Belles & Beaux FREE Barn Dance

Caller: Wayne Applegate

Sunday, August 23 @ 7:30 – Maywood Recreation Center  
346 Duvier Pl., Maywood, NJ 07607

[sqrdance.org/Circle8](http://sqrdance.org/Circle8)

4 Fri. Sept.-June (except Dec.)

VFW, 6 Veterans Pl. 07407

Rosemary Dunton: 201-265-3788

Cell for dance: 201-286-5214

We were truly thankful the day after Thanksgiving to end our 2014 dance season in a grand way with eight squares dancing to Howard Richman. Perhaps everyone was looking to dance off the pounds from celebrating the holiday. Pat Duemig, a Circle Eights member, was particularly grateful for winning the “Joker Jackpot” of \$331. This was the final cash pot as Joker Jackpot has been retired.

Circle Eights danced into the new year with a 13-member raid of the Rockland-Rockytops Plus Dance on January 2. Wearing black and white and marching under a black and red banner, the dancers enjoyed the calling of Mark Franks and fulfilled the club’s 200-mile raid quota for the year!

January also saw the start of our second session of square dance lessons under the teaching of caller Paul Ingis. The Circle Eights dance on January 23 with Dan Tapper rounded out the month.

The February weather caused the cancellation of four Mainstream classes, which will be made up in May. However, the cold and snow did not deter 14 members from enjoying the NNJSDA student-level Midterm Dance in Caldwell and earning One Square Is Fair, or a well-attended lively club dance on February 27 called by Dan Koft.

With the arrival of spring, Circle Eights was rewarded with a cheerful gathering at the club’s Member Luncheon at the Maywood Inn’s Twin Door Tavern on March 22. The club also hosted its annual Student Dance with Don Coy at \$2 admission, and all the seasoned dancers lent a hand to the students.

April has included dancing, dining, and game-playing with new members at the 2015 graduation ceremony. The club is also proud of five members who graduated from Fran Wadel’s Plus class.

We look forward to future events, especially our Ice Cream Social Dance on the third Friday of June – a change from the usual fourth-Friday schedule.

**Ad on page 33**Jeanne Weisman ([kreider99@aol.com](mailto:kreider99@aol.com))

201-722-0488

### CONGRATULATIONS TO 2015 COVER CONTEST WINNER: VICKY PROSKEY

The annual poster/flyer contest was changed this year. In the past, the winning entry was distributed in paper copies to member clubs for advertising classes and introductory dances in September, which is Square Dance Month in New Jersey. It was also used as the cover of the September *Grand Square*.

Because most clubs use their own custom-made flyers to promote events, the contest is now for the September magazine cover only. However, winning entries will continue to be available for clubs to download on the NNJSDA website: [nnjsda.org/covercontest/winner.php](http://nnjsda.org/covercontest/winner.php).

Thank you to all the participants in this year’s contest, and congratulations to Vicky Proskey (Belles & Beaux and Reelers) for the winning entry!

### IS YOUR CLUB CELEBRATING A MILESTONE?

We invite clubs to submit short articles on their history when reaching a milestone, such as a special anniversary. Photos can also be included. If your club would like to be featured, please email [editor@nnjsda.org](mailto:editor@nnjsda.org).



# CIRCLE EIGHTS 2015



Mainstream with Plus Tip

April 24 – Paul Ingis

May 22 – Stephen Ingis

June 19 – Nick Martellacci

*(Note – third Friday)*

Ladybug Dangle Dance

Wear Red and Black.

Sept. 25 – Wayne Applegate

Oct. 23 – Gerry Hardy

Food Basket Dangle Dance

Bring a non-perishable  
food item to donate.

Nov. 27 – Howard Richman

Dec. 18 – Dennis Reardon

*(Note – third Friday)*

**\$4 \$4 \$4 SAME LOW PRICE FOR ALL \$4 \$4 \$4**

ELMWOOD PARK VFW HALL  
6 Veterans Place, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

Dances 7:30-10:00 PM • Plus tip 8:45 PM  
4th Friday except where noted • No dances July and August

Info: Rosemary Dunton 201-265-3788 • Dance night directions: 201-286-5214

### Just for Fun!

Several of us had just graduated from Plus lessons and were attending our very first Plus dance, to the calling of Glenn Matthew. We found ourselves in an almost all “newbie” square, and unfortunately, were breaking down a bit more than anticipated. One of our group was especially being challenged. All of a sudden, I realized that we were actually dancing more than not, and looked up to see that we had become a square of nine instead of eight. Glenn (with his portable mike) was calling from our square, while simultaneously helping the challenged dancer through the paces!

*Pat and Tom Duemig, Circle Eights*

“Just for Fun!” is a new feature in *Grand Square*.

If you’ve had a good laugh at a square dance, please share your anecdote with us!



## Square Dancer? Camper?

The Garden State Square Dance  
Campers Association is looking for **YOU!**



We have one MS/PL campout a month, April to October, in Pennsylvania. **Join us!**

Campgrounds – Otter Lake: April, May, September, October / Appalachian: June, July, August

*Don't camp? At Appalachian, rent a cabin (Deluxe or Rustic) or stay at a nearby motel!*

**April 24-26 (Don and Dot Coy); May 15-17 (Len Anfinson); June 12-14 (Joe Landi);**

**July 10-12 (Howard and Donna Williamson); August 14-16 (Mark Franks);**

**September 11-13 (Jim Snyder); October 2-4 (Betsy and Roy Gotta)**

Visit us at [gssdca.wix.com/gssdca](http://gssdca.wix.com/gssdca) or call Pauline/Ron Vande Vrede: 973-503-1925

# MINI-FESTIVAL 2015 BIOS



## Jet Roberts

- Started calling in 1971 at age 8; became full time at 19
- Calls Basic through A2
- Has taught beginner classes continuously since age 10
- International caller since 1993 (Denmark, Finland, Germany, Holland, New Zealand, United Kingdom, and two years full time in Australia)
- Recording artist for Rhythm Records since 2011
- Married to Sylvia Bjork from Sweden; resides in California

## Pat Carnathan

- Began square dancing in 1977 with his parents
- Called for the club's Amateur Caller Night in 1980
- Became professional caller in 1981
- Calls Mainstream through A2 (more than 200 dances annually)
- Pianist since age 6 and member of California square dance band "Shakedown"; arranges/performs most of their music
- Employs various musical genres including techno and jazz
- Dated Monica 30 years ago; married in 2008



## Jeremy Butler



- Started square dancing in 1994
- Started calling in 1996
- Calls Basic through C1
- Teaching Basic through Advanced weekly since 2000
- Club caller for Capitol Squares (A2) and Square Edges (Plus) in Virginia
- Recording artist for Crown Records (his first release, "Bed of Roses," was #1 best seller for the month)
- Member of CALLERLAB and its Advanced Committee

## Tim Eum (with Cindy Hadley)

- Started round dancing in 1973 in California and teaching in 1976 in Germany
- Cues and teaches all phases and rhythms
- With Cindy Hadley: chairs two RD organizations
- Roundalab: various leadership positions
- Has taught and cued at every National Convention since 1998; throughout the US, including state conventions; and internationally (Australia, Canada, Germany, Japan)





41st ANNUAL  
MINI-FESTIVAL



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2015

1:00-6:30 PM

Jet Roberts (CA)

Pat Carnathan (CA) Jeremy Butler (VA)

Rounds by

Tim Eum (AL)

LOCATION: To Be Announced

Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Rounds

DBD and Fast Mainstream, DBD and Fast Plus, Challenge

*"ONE SQUARE IS FAIR" EVENT FOR NNJSDA MEMBER CLUBS*

Info: Donna Poyer 908-852-9285 or Greg Kushla 973-593-8440

[minifestival.info@nnjsda.org](mailto:minifestival.info@nnjsda.org)

Cell for day of festival: 908-619-2296 or 732-947-2035

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

For latest updates, directions, and caller bios: [NNJSDA.org](http://NNJSDA.org)

*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:** Georgi Flandera, 34 Devoe Place, Hawthorne, NJ 07506 (973-427-2889)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

In advance	\$15 adult (\$18 at the door)	# _____	\$ _____	<b>PLEASE ...</b> Enclose a stamped, self-addressed, legal-size envelope with your order.
(through 11/5)	\$7.50 child (\$9 at the door)	# _____	\$ _____	
1st Time Badge	\$3 each (optional)	# _____	\$ _____	
2015 Bar	\$1 each (optional)	# _____	\$ _____	

*No refunds after 11/5/15.*

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you.

[crosstrailsquares.org](http://crosstrailsquares.org)

2, 4, &amp; 5 Wed. Sept.-June

Grover Cleveland School, 36 Academy Rd. 07006

Alice De Lancey: 973-618-9025

Cell for dance: 973-618-9025

Cross Trail Squares, once again, completed its Raid program before winter, thanks to raid chairs Eleanor and Steve Frank. Although the raid travel has ended for a few months, that hasn't stopped our officers from seeking out-of-state opportunities to dance. Mary and Neil Aharra, treasurers, recently attended the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg. Although visitors could not jump into the square dancing fun, they were able to enjoy watching youths to seniors perform for the cheering observers.

Alice De Lancey, president, combined business with pleasure on the west coast. After a few days in California in January, she continued on to the Tucson Area Square Dance Festival, where national callers Andy Allemao, Rick Gittelman, Mike Kellogg, and Tom Miller kept the floor twirling. She then accepted invitations from members of Independence Squares to join them in March at their Wilmington, Delaware, fly-in. From there, she headed to Washington, DC, to visit her daughter. Doris Fera and Charlie Krueser, secretaries, flew south again this winter for a few months and continued dancing in Boynton Beach, Florida.

Members who are recovering from illnesses have enjoyed NNJSDA well-wishes as they gain back their strength. After successful knee surgery, Mary Alessi is focused on physical therapy and recovery at her son's home in Randolph. Susie Gerish has completed her treatments and is doing some rehab with assistance from club members who have provided transport.

We look forward to seeing everyone at CTS.

Ad on page 37

Alice De Lancey ([delanceyal@aol.com](mailto:delanceyal@aol.com))

973-618-9025

### Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association

Caller: PL and A2	<b>Mark Franks (NJ)</b>
Round Dance Cuer	<b>Steve Bradt (PA)</b>
Date/Time	<b>Saturday, May 2, 2015</b> 7:30-8:00 PL DBD 8:00-10:30 PL/A2/RD
Location	<b>PeopleCare Center</b> 120 Finderne Ave., Bridgewater, NJ 08807
Inquiries	<b>Nancy Ammons: 908-566-7580</b> <b>Cell for Dance: 908-763-4593</b>

### FAREWELL, MOUNTAIN SQUARES

One of our longtime clubs, Mountain Squares, found it necessary to stop dancing a year ago, in the hope of reorganizing if possible. Sadly, it was not to be, and so we bid farewell to our sister club.

Mountain Squares joined NNJSDA in 1966. Beginning in 1980, it offered Advanced dancing. Joe Landi was the caller for 32 years.

Thank you to the club leaders and members who provided an opportunity for all dancers to enjoy Advanced for many years.



## **CROSS TRAIL SQUARES**

2nd, 4th, and 5th Wednesdays  
7:15-9:45 \$5 per person

**Plus Tip:** 7:15-7:30  
**Alternating Mainstream/Plus:** 7:30-9:30  
**After Tip (Fast Plus):** 9:30-9:45

Where Fun  
Meets Friendship

[crosstrailsquares.org](http://crosstrailsquares.org)

**Grover Cleveland Middle School**  
**36 Academy Road**  
**Caldwell, NJ 07006**

**Additional Information:** Alice De Lancey, President  
973-618-9025 – Schedule Your Raid!

### ***FORMAT: ALTERNATING MAINSTREAM AND PLUS***

May 13	Rick Gittelman (AZ)	Spring Flower Time
May 27	Ken Ritucci (MA)	Join Ken in His Travels (favorite travel tee)
June 10	Dayle Hodge (MD)	Ice Cream Social (casual attire)
	<b>SUMMER BREAK</b>	<b>SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!</b>

### **Mark Your Calendars for GREAT Callers at CTS**

Sept. 9	Ted Lizotte (NH)	We're back with a national caller! * <sup>+</sup> (First time ever in the NNJSDA area!)
Sept. 23	Dean Singleton (MD)	Another caller new to NJ this year!! <sup>+</sup>
Oct. 14	Dan Tapper	Wear Your Favorite Sports Attire

*\*Raid marches may be limited to ensure maximum dancing time.*

*<sup>+</sup>Bring your friends and little black books to obtain new caller signatures!*

**Join us at Cross Trail Squares for:**

***GREAT CALLERS + GREAT DANCERS = GREAT DANCING!***

***Carpool with others or raid with your club.***

***We welcome ALL DANCERS and you'll love dancing with us!!***

**Contact Alice to arrange your raid: 973-618-9025**

**1 & 3 Sun. All Year** [sqrdance.org/fad](http://sqrdance.org/fad)  
**Barn Dance 4 Sun. 6 Times a Year** Maywood Recreation Center, 346 Duvier Pl. 07607  
**Jim Van Rensalier: 201-388-6314**

These past two winters have not been among the favorites of square dancers or many others, I'm sure. There have been numerous cancellations due to snow, hazardous driving conditions, and frigid temperatures. Now, the holidays of winter will just be a memory (good or bad) for you: Hanukkah, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Presidents Day, Groundhog Day, and St. Patrick's Day.

By the time you read this, the first days of spring, with Passover and Easter, will be behind us as well, and we'll all be dancing in squares again. Congratulations to the recent and soon-to-be graduates. Welcome aboard!

FAD has one more barn (beginner) dance left before August. It will be the fourth Sunday in April – great timing, as our new dancers (recent graduates) can get in some practice. Remember, barn dances are free, fun for the *whole* family, and non-committal. Your friends can see why you like square dancing so much, so bring them along! No experience needed! Future barn dances will be held the fourth Sundays of August, September, and October.

Remember, FAD's hall is air-conditioned, so we dance all summer. See you soon!

**Ad below** Diana LePore ([lady93di@aol.com](mailto:lady93di@aol.com)) 201-337-7528

*Fun at Dancing*

## FAD SQUARES

7:30 to 10:00 PM – MS with ½ hour Plus at 9:30 – First and Third Sundays

7:30 to 9:30 PM – Free Barn Dance 4th Sunday – April and September

April 19	Ed Foote (PA)
April 26	Wayne Applegate – FREE BARN DANCE
May 3	Paul Ingis
May 17	Rick Gittelman (AZ)
June 7	Joe Landi
June 21	Howard Richman
July 5	No dance
July 19	Roy Leber (PA)
August 2	Don and Dot Coy (NY) – LINE DANCING WITH DOT COY
August 16	Howard Richman
August 23	Wayne Applegate – FREE BARN DANCE WITH BELLES & BEAUX
September 6	No dance
September 20	Dean Singleton (MD)
September 27	Wayne Applegate – FREE BARN DANCE

*Maywood Recreation Center, 346 Duvier Place, Maywood, NJ 07607*

*For more information, call James Van Rensalier 201-388-6314*

### LOOKING FOR NEW DANCE HALLS

Do you know of a church, civic group, school, etc. that might have a great dance hall? Let us know and we'll check it out. Please email [firstvp@nnjsda.org](mailto:firstvp@nnjsda.org).

[sqrdance.org/Hi.Taw.Twirlers](http://sqrdance.org/Hi.Taw.Twirlers)

Various Tues. All Year Paramus Senior Center, 93 [North] Farview Ave. 07652  
 Ad below Sandy and Bernie Beck: 201-447-0538

## Hi Taws – A Challenge Club

Various Tuesdays

Paramus Senior Center – 93 Farview Ave., Paramus, NJ 07652

Challenge Dancing: C2 – 7 to 8 PM C1 – 8 to 10 PM

Information: Bernie and Sandy 201-447-0538 Fred 201-797-3421

### GIVE A DANCE COUPON AS A GIFT OR AWARD

Looking for a gift for dancers or a door prize for your club event? Consider an NNJSDA dance coupon. They can be purchased at the current dance fee; their value will never expire; and they will be accepted at any NNJSDA dance.

You can use dance coupons as door prizes, as gifts to fellow dancers, to thank your hardworking officers, or as special incentives to recruiters – the possibilities are endless! See the treasurer at any NNJSDA event to purchase the coupons.



	<b>HUNTERDON FLUTTERWHEELS</b> Echo Hill Park, 43 Lilac Dr., Flemington, NJ 08822 Web: <a href="http://hunterdonflutterwheels.nnjsda.org">hunterdonflutterwheels.nnjsda.org</a> Contact # night of dance: 908-328-3875	
<u>2015</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Caller</u>
May 1	Derby Day	Daryl Murphy
15	Graduation Dance – All Mainstream	Ed Kerns
June 5	Li'l Abner's Dogpatch	Don Coy
	<i>HAVE A NICE SUMMER!</i>	
Sept. 18	The Garden State	Ed Kerns
Oct. 2	"T" for Texas	Jim Snyder
Oct. 16	Square Crows and Bumpkins	C. and G. Hardy
Alternate Mainstream and Plus Tips Soft-Soled Shoes, Please! 1st and 3rd Fridays 8:00-10:15 PM		 For Information: Tomás and Leala 908-689-4678 Pat 908-806-7147 Ralph and Donna 908-236-7270

1 &amp; 3 Fri. Sept.-June

Echo Hill Park Lodge, 43 Lilac Dr. 08822

Tomás Gonzales: 908-689-4678

Cell for dance: 908-328-3875

What a cold winter season! We finally bade the snowfalls and bitter cold farewell, and welcomed the nice, temperate weather of early spring. Bring out those flip-flops!

Our 2015 dances have been well attended, even with the terrible weather. On January 2, we danced to a pajama party theme. We had a terrific time and great laughs seeing all the nightgowns, “jammies,” bathrobes, and slippers. This is definitely a theme that we should schedule again. Then on January 16, another interesting dance theme was tried. The organizing team asked everyone to bring a baby picture, and a table was set up to see if attendees could match the picture with the dancer.

February hosted our annual open house the Sunday after the Super Bowl. Six squares of dancers enjoyed the event, allowing about 25 new people to try out the activity. We now have a Mainstream class of more than 20 students in progress, with Rich Moody and Anthony Casale at the helm. The super Souper Bowl dance on February 6 appears to have evolved into an annual event. The caller for this great dance was our own club member, Mary Moody. This year, seven chefs brought an array of flavorful soups. All were excellent and not much was left by night’s end. Loads of thanks to the chefs, shown left to right in the photo below: Laurie Rapkin, Pat Hennessy, Tomás Gonzales, Betty Brown, Colleen Head, Marja van Ouwkerk, and Nancy Newton.



Mary Moody has been busy on the caller scene with her own caller education and bookings, filling in as the need arises and recently teaching the Somerset County handicapped class for six Thursday evening sessions. We thank our club members who were angels at this class: Jean Agostinelli, Jeff Bell, Arlene and Howard Beroff, Donna Besignano, Anthony Casale, Kathleen and Ken Heaphy, Joe Kwiatek, Joanna Lieuallen, Rich Moody, Nancy Newton, Linda Passe, and Laurie and Harry Rapkin.

Our March potluck dinner/club meeting unfortunately was canceled due to the snowstorm on (none other than) the first day of spring. But the Flutterwheels were able to partner with the Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation to celebrate Earth Day in April with a square dance demonstration and barn dance in our wonderful Lodge.

Come join us at our Little Lodge in the Woods with the great dance floor! The food’s not bad, either.

**Ad on page 39**Donna Besignano ([donnabes@att.net](mailto:donnabes@att.net))

908-526-7496

# APPALACHIAN CALLERS SCHOOL



**Betsy Gotta**  
New Jersey  
CALLERLAB  
Accredited  
Caller-Coach



**Tom Miller**  
Pennsylvania  
CALLERLAB  
Accredited  
Caller-Coach



**John Marshall**  
Virginia  
  
International  
Caller-Coach

## 2015 School Information

**Tuition:**

**\$350**

No charge for accompanying partner.  
Food and lodging not included (see below).

**Dates:**

Starts Sunday Nov. 8 at 2:00 PM  
Ends Thursday Nov. 12 at noon

**Location:**

Cacapon Resort  
818 Cacapon Lodge Drive  
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

**Lodging:**

\$72 + tax in the Cacapon Lodge  
*Pet-friendly cottages also available.*

**Food:**

Full restaurant on site and many local restaurants

*The program is designed to encourage you and challenge you, not only in the way you call and teach, but in the way you approach the activity and your profession.*

Everything under ONE roof!!!  
School – Lodging – Restaurant  
at the beautiful  
Cacapon Resort State Park  
Berkeley Springs, West Virginia

For more information  
about the facility:

[cacaponresort.com](http://cacaponresort.com)

To download full brochure and registration form, go to [gottadance.eboard.com](http://gottadance.eboard.com).  
Or contact Betsy Gotta at [ugottadance@optonline.net](mailto:ugottadance@optonline.net) or 732-249-2086.

[kittatinnyrangers.com](http://kittatinnyrangers.com)

**2 & 4 Fri. Sept.-May** Florence Burd School, 219 Newton-Sparta Rd. 07860

**Mary and Paul Olsen: 973-361-3798** Cell for dance: 973-960-5944

“Announced by all the trumpets of the sky / Arrives the snow ...”

– Ralph Waldo Emerson, *The Snow-Storm*

We certainly never intended to get involved in setting records for bitterly bone-chilling cold, but it looks like we did. And we thought last winter was brutal! When both Alaska and Antarctica report warmer temperatures than we do in New Jersey, we know Mother Nature has taken the Garden State to record-breaking weather extremes.

Happily, our dances and classes gave us a cozy place to go on those dark, bleak nights where we could bask in warm-hearted friendships and good-natured dancing.

We thank our talented and terrific teacher and caller, Wayne Applegate, for another marvelous season, and congratulate our impressive Mainstream class of 2015: Emily Bazelewich, Nancy Iknen, Marilyn Indano, Lorraine and Jim McGovern, Denise Penicaro, Judy and Frank Sharkey, Connie and Ken Smith, Susan Sorensen, and Karen Verge. Welcome to the fabulous world of square dancing!

Our members proudly paraded their cultural heritages at our Around the World dance on January 9; and for our Super Bowl Party on January 23, they came out cheering in their favorite team colors. On January 25, our Mainstream students joined us for our annual club dinner-dance, festively featuring a sumptuous meal and even more enjoyable dancing.

On February 14, Valentine’s Day, we reveled in the wonderful union of our members Betty Harris and Joe Frey, who tied the knot in a beautiful commitment ceremony. Even snowy skies could not dampen the warmth of this special occasion.

We kicked up our heels at our rowdy Mardi Gras dance on February 13. For our student-level Pajama Party on February 27, our members and students donned their most comfy pajamas, and even bathrobes, for a snug evening of romp and rollick.

As we enthusiastically greet spring’s long-awaited beauty and blossoms, we invite you to a welcoming atmosphere of friendly dancers, outstanding callers, and a bountiful refreshment table. Be sure to celebrate spring with us at one of our dances!

**Ad on page 43**

*Robin Friedman ([floweringgarlic@yahoo.com](mailto:floweringgarlic@yahoo.com))*

<b>Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association</b>	
<b>Caller: MS and PL</b>	<b>Howard Williamson (PA)</b>
<b>Round Dance Cuer</b>	<b>Donna Williamson (PA)</b>
<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Saturday, June 6, 2015</b> 7:30-8:00 MS 8:00-10:30 MS/PL/RD
<b>Location</b>	<b>PeopleCare Center</b> 120 Finderne Ave. Bridgewater, NJ 08807
<b>Inquiries</b>	<b>Nancy Ammons: 908-566-7580</b> <b>Cell for Dance: 908-763-4593</b>

# Square Dancing Fun

with the

## **KITTATINNY RANGERS**

**ALTERNATING MAINSTREAM AND PLUS  
2ND and 4TH FRIDAYS, 7:30-10:00 PM**

Florence M. Burd School  
219 Newton-Sparta Road  
(Route 616)  
Andover, New Jersey

<b>DATES</b>	<b>CALLERS</b>	<b>THEMES</b>
April 24, 2015	Wayne Applegate	The Roaring '20s: Gangsters and Flappers
May 8, 2015	Wayne Applegate	Ice Cream Social
May 22, 2015	Dennis Reardon	Potluck Dinner* (dress down)
August 19, 2015 (Wed.)	Johnny Preston	At the PeopleCare Center
September 11, 2015	Wayne Applegate	The Wild West: Cowboys and Indians
September 25, 2015	Wes Thielke	Superheroes Spectacular
October 9, 2015	George Icenhower	Think Pink: Breast Cancer Awareness Month
October 23, 2015	Dennis Reardon	Trick or Treat: Halloween Costumes
November 13, 2015	Dan Tapper	Veterans Day Celebration: Honoring Our Service Men and Women
December 11, 2015	Howard Richman	Joy to the World: Celebrating the Holidays**

\*Casual Dress – Supper 6:00, Annual Meeting 6:45, Dance 7:30  
\*\*Student Level

Mainstream class continues Tuesdays  
at Halsted School, Newton; next class starts September 15

For information: Mary and Paul Olsen, 973-361-3798,  
[kittatinnyrangers.com](http://kittatinnyrangers.com)

For internet/GPS directions:  
219 Newton-Sparta Road, Newton, NJ 07860

[lakelandsquares.wix.com/lakeland](http://lakelandsquares.wix.com/lakeland)

**1, 2, 3, & 4 Tues. Sept.-July**  
**Barn Dance 5 Tues. Sept.-July**  
**Kathy Keener: 973-366-8064**

**St. Gregory's Episcopal Church**  
**480 S. Beverwyck Rd. 07054**  
**Cell for dance: 973-229-0698**

Lakeland Squares was saddened by the passing of its longtime member, Howard Schulien.

Our Mainstream class continues to progress very well, despite the cancellation of classes due to the many storms this winter.

We are truly fortunate to have so many members making delicious foods for our weekly lessons and dances. When Taimi Reip returned from a trip to her homeland, Finland, she brought back cold smoked reindeer steak. These thin slivers of meat were enjoyed by all at our Mainstream lessons. While fresh reindeer meat can be very tender and lean, canned reindeer meat has a different taste. In addition to this delicacy, Connie Smith made sure that we had an array of special treats at our Mainstream lessons, including blackberry-raspberry crisp, apple crisp, applesauce cookies, and pumpkin pie.

Speaking of refreshments, Monte Montagnino always fills our dance table with goodies. He bakes a special type of brownie consisting of dark chocolate flavored with coffee and mixed with walnuts. Monte also makes an unusual dish called Navajo Fry Bread, and everyone says that it is delicious.

Janet Eid creates desserts that reflect each holiday. Her creations are pleasing both to the eye and the taste buds.

All of us, members and guests alike, are happy with our new location. It is easy to find and the parking is excellent. The facility has a good heating system and we are anticipating the air conditioning for those hot, sticky nights.

Our anniversary potluck dance will be on May 5 at the Senior House in Montville, and A Night at the Movies will be held on June 2 at St. Gregory's. See our ad for details.

**Ad on page 45**     *Dolores (Lynch) Schlegel* ([lynchdl@juno.com](mailto:lynchdl@juno.com))     973-625-4924  
    *Monte Montagnino* ([montebearsden@aol.com](mailto:montebearsden@aol.com))     973-546-3092

<b>Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association</b>	
<b>Caller: All MS</b>	<b>Don Coy (NY) – Live Band</b>
<b>Line Dance Leader</b>	<b>Dot Coy (NY)</b>
<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Wednesday, July 8, 2015</b> <b>7:30-10:30 MS/Line Dancing</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>St. Aloysius Church</b> <b>219 Bloomfield Ave., Caldwell, NJ 07006</b>
<b>Inquiries</b>	<b>Nancy Ammons: 908-566-7580</b> <b>Cell for Dance: 908-763-4593</b>

**EASY DOES IT**

When taking another's hand during a call, please take hold loosely and gently ... and then release quickly. Never grip a hand or continue holding while going on to the next dancer or call. Very loose holds will keep hands happy and the square moving.

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*New Location (Air Conditioned Hall):  
ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
480 S. BEVERWYCK ROAD, PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054*

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*TUESDAYS: Alternating MAINSTREAM and PLUS (8:00 to 10:00 PM)  
5th Tuesdays: Barn Dance (8:00 to 10:00 PM)  
Plus Classes with Fran Wadel: 7:00 PM on dance nights*

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## May 2015

- 5 Rick Gittelman – Anniversary Dance**  
*Potluck at 6:45, dance at 8:00*  
*Montville Senior House*  
*356 Main Rd. (Rt. 202), Montville, NJ*
- 12 Howard Richman**
- 19 Chuck and Gerry Hardy**
- 26 Paul Ingis – Memorial Day**

## July 2015

- 7 Nick Martellacci**
- 14 Dennis Reardon**
- 21 Paul and Stephen Ingis**
- 28 Howard Richman**

## September 2015

- 1 NO DANCE – Summer Break**
- 8 NO DANCE – Labor Day**
- 15 Dan Tapper**
- 22 Mary Moody**
- 29 Barn Dance – Howard Richman**  
*Open to the public – bring your friends!*

## June 2015

- 2 Howard Richman – A Night at the Movies – costumes optional!**
- 9 Betsy Gotta**
- 16 Dan Koft**
- 23 Stephen Ingis**
- 30 Barn Dance – Howard Richman**  
*Open to the public – bring your friends!*

## August 2015

- 28 Barn Dance – Howard Richman**  
*Open to the public – bring your friends!*  
*Note: This dance is on a Friday.*

## October 2015

- 6 Dennis Reardon**
- 13 Roy Leber**
- 20 Chuck and Gerry Hardy**
- 27 Howard Richman – Halloween Dance**

Email us at:

[Lakelandsquares@hotmail.com](mailto:Lakelandsquares@hotmail.com)



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For Info – Kathy Keener: 973-366-8064 (H)  
973-229-0698 (C)  
Monte/Janet: 973-546-3092

Visit our website at  
[lakelandsquares.wix.com/lakeland](http://lakelandsquares.wix.com/lakeland)

[middletownramblers.org](http://middletownramblers.org)

Every Fri. All Year Croydon Hall, 900 Leonardville Rd. 07737  
 Beverly and Rich Yackel: 732-747-8505 Cell for dance: 732-319-8920

Cold and warm memories of winter: snowstorms and icicles, and warm friendships and sharing. The Ramblers had many wonderful experiences.

Winter was a good time to share with others. Lots of kids were made a bit happier as a result of the Toys for Tots drive. We were glad to be able to bring canned food for the Feed the Hungry collection. And we got a lot of laughs from the “treasures” we received at our White Elephant night. You have to be somewhat adventurous and a good sport to participate in that! Everyone relished our Christmas covered-dish dinner. Pictures with Santa came a little bit later. Then in February, Walter Cuje and Patti Meyer warmed our hearts by becoming engaged right at our dance! It was so romantic. We wish these two wonderful people a lifetime of happiness together.

Our students are amazing. They hardly paused for the blizzards. The 19 students now have a chance to review half an hour before the lessons on Tuesday nights. We are grateful to Ed Crowley for filling in when our instructor, Larry Sherwood, couldn't be there. And how about this? Ed Zampella is teaching seniors at the Bayshore Senior Center! For those of us dancing at Croydon Hall, our regular location, we have started having “featured calls” that are sure to improve our dancing skills.

As warmer weather arrives, we look forward to celebrating our club's 45th anniversary on July 17. For more information, please visit our website (see above).



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Virginia Daggett

<b>Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association</b>	
<b>Caller: All MS</b>	<b>Jay Silva (NH)</b>
<b>Round Dance Cuer</b>	<b>Mary Pickett (NJ)</b>
<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Wednesday, July 22, 2015</b> 7:30-8:00 MS 8:00-10:30 MS/RD
<b>Location</b>	<b>PeopleCare Center</b> 120 Finderne Ave., Bridgewater, NJ 08807
<b>Inquiries</b>	<b>Nancy Ammons: 908-566-7580</b> <b>Cell for Dance: 908-763-4593</b>

## **Congratulations, Patrons!**

*Visited at least 12 NNJSDA Member Clubs  
 (Note: Number of clubs to be visited is now 11.)  
 Earned free dance coupon and dangle*

Diane Coffman #6                      Mimi Corpel #3                      Curtis Kraut #6

*Download your Patron form at [NNJSDA.org](http://NNJSDA.org) (Documents).*



# Middletown Ramblers

**Plus Club + Rounds**

**Fridays 7:30-10:00 PM**

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

**[middletownramblers.org](http://middletownramblers.org)**

May 1	To be announced	July 17**	Joe Landi
May 8+	Don and Dot Coy (NY)	July 24	Betsy and Roy Gotta
May 15	Dan Koft	July 31	Nick Martellacci (NY)
May 22	Rick Gittelman (AZ)	Aug. 7+	Don and Dot Coy (NY)
May 29	Paul Ingis	Aug. 14	Dennis Reardon (PA)
June 5	Jim Snyder (PA)	Aug. 21	Wayne Applegate
June 12	Dan Koft	Aug. 28	Nick Martellacci (NY)
June 19*	To be announced	Sept. 4	No dance
June 26	Wayne Applegate	Sept. 11	Joe Landi
July 3	No dance	Sept. 18	Wayne Applegate
July 10	Howard Richman	Sept. 25***	Dan Koft

+Line Dancing      Note: Hearing enhancement system available

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



\* **June 19:** Dinner-Dance – limited to members only

\*\* **July 17:** 45th Anniversary Dance

\*\*\* **Sept. 25:** Open House – Thompson Park Barn  
805 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft NJ 07738

Al Peskoe, Co-President 732-741-0766  
Larry Sherwood, Co-President 732-319-8920

Patti Meyer 732-443-7123  
Betty Scharmann 732-291-1188

[motiv8ors.nnjnsda.org](http://motiv8ors.nnjnsda.org)

Various Sun. All Year

Our Savior Lutheran Church – Parish House

Chariss Smith and Carl Luhrs: 201-489-2498

1-22 Hartley Place 07410

Since our class-level C1 hour has been so successful, we have continued with this wonderful opportunity for C1 students, followed by our usual two hours of enjoyable Advanced dancing. This year, our talented callers have included Todd Fellegly, Betsy Gotta, and Roy Leber. Our traveling club members also enjoyed ACDC (Washington, DC) and the WASCA festival (Alexandria, Virginia).

In late November, Sue Baumeister and her daughter had the pleasure of traveling through Austria and Germany. They enjoyed a river cruise that visited the Christmas markets, a tour of an Austrian monastery, and the German cities of Nuremberg and Munich. The ladies were thrilled to share the sight of Austria and Germany dressed up in their finest for the holiday season.

In November, Peggy and Steve Koehler took their entire family – kids, spouses, and grandkids – to the Turks and Caicos in the Caribbean to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. The younger generation was told, “We’re spending your inheritance and will enjoy watching you do it!” It was a fantastic trip for all ages as they stayed at Beaches, an all-inclusive (almost) resort. Their family told them they want to celebrate their 51st anniversary the same way, to which Peggy and Steve responded, “LOL.”

Sylvia and Peter Collette will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary this June. They began their year-long celebration in June 2014 when the entire family, including members from London, enjoyed several days at a Pennsylvania resort. For 10 days in January, they danced twice a day in Mission, Texas, sometimes with 19-38 squares on the floor! Then a week in Las Vegas, which included an electric performance by Elton John, was followed by two months in Florida. And there’s more to come. ...

Jan and Louis Thompson once again spent January and the beginning of February in Mesa, Arizona, home to a plethora of excellent square and round dancing. They extended their four-week vacation another week when they saw the New Jersey weather forecast for single-digit temperatures and a blizzard. While they were away, Jan and Louis’s older son, Brian, called them with the joyful news of his engagement.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Bob Mulroony. He and his wife, Joan, were former members of Motiv8ors and Happy Squares, a demo group.

Congratulations, Fred Meyer, on your 80th birthday! His special friend, Rochelle, threw him a surprise party, where a number of square and ballroom dancing friends helped him celebrate this milestone occasion.

**Ad on page 49**     *Jan and Louis Thompson* ([ltpt1@yahoo.com](mailto:ltpt1@yahoo.com))     732-577-9413

## Advanced (A2) Dances

Every Other Monday 7:30-9:30 PM

Angels needed for C1 class on Alternate Mondays – C1 dances resume in June

*PeopleCare Center for Nonprofits*

*120 Finderne Ave., Bridgewater, NJ 08807*

Contact Daryl Murphy to confirm location, time, and schedule.

917-770-6754     [kenanddaryl@msn.com](mailto:kenanddaryl@msn.com)



# Motiv8ors



NEW JERSEY'S ADVANCED & CHALLENGE CLUB  
Sundays at Our Savior Lutheran Church – Parish House  
1-22 Hartley Place, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

**C1 Program 6:30–7:30 PM, A2 Program 7:30–9:30 PM**

May 3	Ken Ritucci, MA	Sept. 27	Ken Ritucci, MA
May 17	Betsy Gotta, NJ	Oct. 11	Barry Clasper, ON
June 14	Dayle Hodge, MD	Oct. 25	Todd Felleg, CT
July 26	Roy Leber, PA	Nov. 15	Betsy Gotta, NJ
Aug. 9	Ken Ritucci, MA	Nov. 29	Ken Ritucci, MA
Aug. 30	Dayle Hodge, MD	Dec. 13	Todd Felleg, CT

**For additional dances, go to [motiv8ors.nnjsda.org](http://motiv8ors.nnjsda.org)**

Singles Welcome    **\*\* SOFT-SOLED SHOES \*\***    Computer Squares  
Chariss and Carl: 201-489-2498, [charartist@aol.com](mailto:charartist@aol.com)



## *Farewell to Our Friends*

Square dancing is “friendship set to music.” We have shared wonderful friendships with many dancers, and acknowledge here those current and former NNJSDA club members who have passed away in 2014 and 2015. *Thanks for the memories.*

Audrey Bolin	Reelers (former)	03/02/15
Bill Bylewski	Times Squares	
John Callahan	FAD (former)	02/01/15
Joey Caputo	Times Squares	02/15/15
Harry Cook	Reelers (former)	10/27/14
Danny Garvin	Times Squares	12/09/14
George Meyer	Hi Taws	03/12/15
Grace Milazzo	AleMo Squares	
Joe Milazzo	AleMo Squares	03/18/15
Linda Millian	Belles & Beaux	10/20/14
Bob Mulroony	Motiv8ors (former)	03/27/15
Cheryl Rayden	AleMo Squares	05/27/14
Ruth Schmidt	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	01/07/14
Kay Schroeder	Y Squares	02/03/15
Howard Schulien	Lakeland Squares	01/13/15
Ruth Seaman	Kittatinny Rangers	11/11/14
Jane Sturdevant	Kittatinny Rangers	03/24/15

[reelers.nnjsda.org](http://reelers.nnjsda.org)

1 & 3 Fri. Sept.-June Ironia School, 303 Dover-Chester Rd. (Rt. 513) 07869  
 Helen Jacobson: 973-442-0836 Cell for dance: 201-230-4999

Reelers completed its Raid requirements with the leadership provided by Raid chairs Vicky and Ed Proskey, and the many members who participated. We also had two demonstrations that, hopefully, introduced many new people to the world of square dancing. Our first demo was held at Ironia School’s Winterfest, sponsored by the PTA. Reelers danced in front of several hundred students and parents, and the applause was almost deafening. We also had a demo at a Girl Scout party at Benedict Cucinella School in Long Valley. Howard Richman did a wonderful job of calling and getting everyone out on the dance floor.

We were fortunate to avoid having to cancel any winter dances due to the weather. But on the first day of *spring*, our dance was canceled because of a snowstorm.

This spring, Reelers will graduate both Mainstream and Plus dancers! Our new Mainstream graduates are Marilyn and Bruce Auriemma, Helen, Bruce, and Liza Haskell, and Bill Thompson. Our Plus graduates are Beth and Bruce Bauman, Rose Cemprola, Barb and Steve Cook, Lynn Gannet, Jo Tapper, and Valentino. We look forward to seeing all these new dancers in squares in the near future.

On June 5, the annual Reelers potluck dinner will be followed by a special dance format, with something for everyone – Mainstream, Plus, and Rounds! (See our ad.) Please join us and bring your recent graduates with you.

**Ad below** Nancy and Jim Anderson ([ReelersSqDance@gmail.com](mailto:ReelersSqDance@gmail.com)) 973-361-1038



Info: Helen Jacobson  
 973-442-0836 (h)  
 201-230-4999 (c)  
[reelers.nnjsda.org](http://reelers.nnjsda.org)

# REELERS

## *Plus Club with Rounds*

**Cuer: Mary Pickett**

Ironia School, 303 Dover-Chester Road (Route 513), Randolph, NJ 07869  
**1st and 3rd Fridays**  
**7:30 – Early Rounds**  
**8:00 – Plus/Rounds**

<u>2015</u>	<u>Caller</u>	<u>Theme/Notes</u>
05/01	Joe Landi	May Day
05/15	Bill Mager	Ice Cream “Fridae”
06/05	Dan Tapper	Welcome, Graduates*
09/18	Mark Franks	Vacation T-Shirts (casual dress)
10/02	Joe Landi	Denim Dance
10/16	Dennis Reardon	Halloween Costumes
11/06	Jim Snyder	Star Struck (dress like a movie star)
11/20	Dan Tapper	Mainstream and Rounds (with 1 Plus tip)
12/04	TBA	Circus
12/18	Clay Goss	Holiday Cookies

*\*Potluck 6:15, MS 7:30, MS/RD 8:00, PL/RD 9:30*

# Harvest Moon Classic

November 20-22, 2015

**\*\*\* NEW LOCATION \*\*\***

The Yorktowne Hotel – York, Pennsylvania  
 Three Full-Time Halls:  
 Plus, A2, C1 (w/extra C2 tips)

Dancing Friday 7:30 PM to Sunday 11:30 AM  
 Computer square rotation in A2 and C1/C2  
 2 wood floors and 1 composite floor

Send registration and checks to:  
 Roy Gotta, 2 Laurel Place,  
 North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Make checks payable to **Harvest Moon Classic**

For info: Roy Gotta 732-249-2086  
 or [hmc234@gmail.com](mailto:hmc234@gmail.com)

Make room reservations at

**Yorktowne Hotel**  
 48 East Market St.  
 York, PA 17401

Phone: 800-233-9324

Request the  
 Harvest Moon Classic  
 room block for  
 \$89 + tax room rate.

*Calling Staff*



Ron Libby



Tim Marriner



John Marshall



Tom Miller



Roy Gotta

*Cuer*

**Dance Registration "Harvest Moon Classic" November 20-22, 2015**

	<u>Through Nov. 1, 2015</u>	<u>After Nov. 1, 2015</u>
Full Dance Package	___ \$50 p/p	___ \$60 p/p
Sat. All Day/Evening Package	___ \$40 p/p	___ \$50 p/p

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_ Hers \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Circle preferred dance program Plus A2 C1 C2

Website [harvest.greatdances.net](http://harvest.greatdances.net)

## ROCKLANDROCKYTOPS – West Nyack, NY (dance program below)

[sqrdance.org/RocklandRockytops](http://sqrdance.org/RocklandRockytops)

MS – 2 Fri. All Year

PL – 1 Fri. Sept.-June, 3 Fri. July-Aug.

Mal Blotner: 845-638-4393 (alt.: 845-553-5002)

West Nyack Firehouse

42 Strawtown Rd. 10994

Cell for dance: 914-450-2724

With frequent snow and ice and unprecedented cold temperatures, this year's winter seemed never-ending. While many clubs had to cancel dances, Rockytops was fortunate to have been spared Mother Nature's wrath on our dance nights. We started the new year with a Plus dance on January 2. There were 44 attendees in festive attire for our "black and white" theme, including a raid from Circle Eights. Combined with the always enjoyable calling of Mark Franks, this was a spectacularly good dance. Congratulations, Mark, on reaching a milestone of 35 years of calling. January 9 found us dancing Mainstream to the smooth calling of Todd Felleggy.

Our February Plus dance featured the entertaining Roy Leber as caller. February Mainstream night was our student dance called by Fran Wadel and also a celebration of Valentine's Day, with a sumptuous refreshment table and numerous dancers dressed in red for the occasion. Many thanks to Belles & Beaux for raiding with their students, giving us a total attendance of 16 students and 32 angels, with five squares on the floor most of the evening.

We graduated nine Mainstream dancers this spring. Congratulations and welcome to RocklandRockytops to: Lynn Boulter, Sherry and Chris Carmichael, Rosetta Guidice, Georgiann and Paul Rapisarda, Victoria Rapisarda, Andrea Ritter, and Sally Willig. Heartfelt gratitude to the angels who supported our class and to their fabulous teacher, Fran Wadel.

Our March Plus dance once again featured the ubiquitous Todd Felleggy. [Yours truly danced to Todd at Strawberry Square in Plant City, Florida in January; Cathy and Don Schlesinger, along with our snowbirds Miriam and Dave Gurowsky, danced to Todd in St. Petersburg, Florida, in February. See "Where in the World" in this issue for details.] Our March Mainstream caller was the talented Dan Tapper. At our April Mainstream dance, we enjoyed the delightful Matt McGovern.

There is no doubt that square dancing enriches our lives, but there is indeed life outside of square dancing as well. Our own Don Schlesinger was inducted into the Blackjack Hall of Fame at the annual gathering of blackjack luminaries in Las Vegas in January. Congratulations, Don!

We would like to extend caring wishes to Merle Kelsey, who has not been dancing due to health issues. Rockytops misses you on the dance floor, Merle, and we appreciate the refreshments that you and your wife brought on your appointed night in February, even though you were not able to dance.

Don't forget to check the Rockytops ad in this issue for our summer schedule. We look forward to dancing with you in our air conditioned hall. Happy summertime!

**Ad on page 53** Joan Schierlitz ([dancinggrandma@verizon.net](mailto:dancinggrandma@verizon.net)) 845-353-2987

### LET'S HELP OUR NEW DANCERS

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

# RocklandRockytops

<b>PLUS</b> First Friday – 8:00-10:30 PM (Third Friday in July and August) DBD Workshop – 7:45-8:00 PM A1/A2 Tip – During dance	<b>MAINSTREAM</b> Second Friday – 8:00-10:30 PM (All year round) DBD Workshop – 7:45-8:00 PM Plus Tip – During dance
05/01/15 RICK GITTELMAN (AZ) 06/05/15 HOWARD RICHMAN <i>Casino Night</i> 07/17/15 KEN RITUCCI (CT) <i>Honor America*</i> <i>(wear red, white, and blue)</i> 08/21/15 BETSY GOTTA 09/04/15 <i>No Dance</i> <i>(Labor Day Weekend)</i>	05/08/15 PAUL INGIS <i>Ice Cream Social</i> 06/12/15 NICK MARTELLACCI (NY) 07/10/15 DAN TAPPER <i>Introductory Dance/MS**</i> 08/14/15 SANDY COREY (NY) <i>Introductory Dance/MS**</i> 09/11/15 HOWARD RICHMAN 09/18/15 FRAN WADEL <i>Special Introductory Dance***</i>

*\*Dangle Dance*

**\*\*7:30-8:30 Introductory Dance; 8:30-10:30 Mainstream (no Plus tip)**

**\*\*\*7:30-9:30 PM**

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

**SINGLES WELCOME**

**From Palisades Interstate Parkway (PIP):**

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

**From New York State Thruway 287/87:**

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

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

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

**From Kinderkamack Road (NJ):**

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

**For further information: Mal 845-638-4393; if no answer: 845-553-5002**

[rutgerspromenaders.org](http://rutgerspromenaders.org)

1 & 3 Sun. Sept.-June

Franklin Twp. Senior Center, 505 DeMott Ln. 08873

Wanda Eisenman: 917-676-6839

Cell for dance: 917-676-6839

We're plugging along and keeping the action going throughout the dance season. In fact, we're keeping the dance season itself going, with two summer dances – please check our ad on page 55.

Rutgers Promenaders continue to “think outside the box” in terms of getting the word out about our club. For example, in a specially prepared “flash” of creativity, several members put together an impromptu flash mob dance at Brunswick Square Mall on December 21, with an after-flash dinner at Ruby Tuesday's. The jolly event was captured on YouTube for all to enjoy ([youtube.com/watch?v=7vz3dyWzJkc](http://youtube.com/watch?v=7vz3dyWzJkc))!

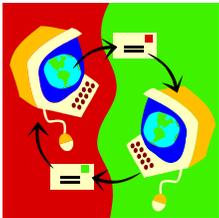
During the winter, we held our own despite the wicked mood of Mother Nature that, along with other events, presented us with potential parking challenges for our venue on occasion. Thankfully, we did not have to cancel any dances during this time.

Our club proudly continues to provide great entertainment, socializing, and exercise.

**Ad on page 55** Mary Ann Ryan-Erdek ([merdek56@gmail.com](mailto:merdek56@gmail.com)) 908-745-1659

<b>Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association</b>	
<b>Caller: All MS</b>	<b>Larry Shipman (NY)</b>
<b>Round Dance Cuer</b>	<b>Karen Kushla (NJ)</b>
<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Wednesday, August 12, 2015</b> 7:30-8:00 MS 8:00-10:30 MS/RD
<b>Location</b>	<b>PeopleCare Center</b> 120 Finderne Ave., Bridgewater, NJ 08807
<b>Inquiries</b>	<b>Nancy Ammons: 908-566-7580</b> <b>Cell for Dance: 908-763-4593</b>

**USE NNJSDA LISTS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES**



The following email lists are available for the convenience of dancers in communicating with various groups, as indicated: [squaredance\\_info@nnjsda.org](mailto:squaredance_info@nnjsda.org) – All dancers subscribed to the information list may send and receive messages (on dance-related topics only). To subscribe, send an email to [webmaster@nnjsda.org](mailto:webmaster@nnjsda.org). He will send you an invitation, which you must accept in order to join the list.

[club-presidents@nnjsda.org](mailto:club-presidents@nnjsda.org) – All presidents of NNJSDA member clubs are automatically subscribed. Presidents may use this address to send a message to their fellow presidents; copies are sent to the NNJSDA Executive Board.

[delegates@nnjsda.org](mailto:delegates@nnjsda.org) – All delegates from NNJSDA member clubs are automatically subscribed. Delegates may use this address to send a message to their fellow delegates; copies are sent to the NNJSDA Executive Board.

There are also generic email addresses you can use for communicating with NNJSDA officers. See page 2 of any *Grand Square* for all such addresses.

# Rutgers Promenaders

1st and 3rd Sunday afternoons  
2:30-5:00 PM

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

## **Family Friendly**

Mainstream dancing with Rounds for all ages

Note: There will be class-level tips during some dances.

May 3, 2015	Dan and Kathy Koft
May 17, 2015	Betsy and Roy Gotta
May 31, 2015	Betsy and Roy Gotta – <b><i>Extra Class</i></b> (no regular dance)
June 7, 2015	Dan and Kathy Koft
July 19, 2015	Betsy and Roy Gotta/Dan and Kathy Koft
August 2, 2015	Betsy and Roy Gotta/Dan and Kathy Koft

## **Directions**

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

More information: Wanda Eisenman [president@rutgerspromenaders.org](mailto:president@rutgerspromenaders.org)  
or go to [rutgerspromenaders.org](http://rutgerspromenaders.org)

[timessquares.org](http://timessquares.org)

Various Tues., Thurs., &amp; Sat. All Year

PS 3, 490 Hudson St. 10014

Warren Livesley: 917-705-5243

Summer: CAP21, 18 W. 18 St. 10011

Cell for dance: 917-520-9688

George Voorhis, one of our longtime members, is always looking for new places to dance. He sent us this report of his latest travels.

*January 3-11, 2015, was the week of the Caribbean Square Dance Cruise with Bill Harrison, Tom Miller, and 175 of us lucky dancers.*

*Leaving from Fort Lauderdale, there were two MS/PL and A-Star tips, one in the morning and one in the evening, with some additional A2 in the afternoon. In-port days, the dancing was 10:00 PM to midnight. Highlights of the high-seas adventure included dancing with the fledgling San Juan Squares (SJS) and a flash mob square dance on the ship.*

*The folks at SJS were thrilled to be dancing with us. As they usually dance only to records, having two world-class callers and 150 experienced dancers (some of our group did not go) was wonderful for them. They were very hospitable and gave us a warm welcome, replete with swag bags and lunch.*

*Jeff and Susan Kaufman attended to every detail of our trip with many nice touches along the way, including commemorative T-shirts, badges, a cocktail reception, and in-room petits fours. The group was eclectic, with dancers attending from all over the United States and Canada. The dancing wasn't overly challenging, but who wants mental stimulation on a cruise, anyway?*

*Bill and Tom were in great form, and always entertaining. Ports included St. Maarten, St. Kitts, Puerto Rico, and Labadee, Haiti (private beach). Be on the lookout for details about next year's cruise from Travel Squared Travel, January 16-23, 2016. Happy dancing!*

The dates have been set, the hotel has been contracted, and the callers have been hired. Now all we need is you! Peel the Pumpkin 2015 is October 16-18 at the Hotel Woodbridge at Metropark in Iselin, New Jersey (same place as last year). For details, see our ad on page 19.

Ads on pages 19, 57

Warren Livesley ([wllivesley@gmail.com](mailto:wllivesley@gmail.com))

917-705-5243

<b>Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association</b>	
<b>Caller: All MS</b>	<b>Ken Ritucci (MA)</b>
<b>Round Dance Cuer</b>	<b>Mary Pickett (NJ)</b>
<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Wednesday, August 26, 2015</b> 7:30-8:00 MS 8:00-10:30 MS/RD
<b>Location</b>	<b>VFW</b> <b>6 Veterans Pl.</b> <b>Elmwood Park, NJ 07407</b>
<b>Inquiries</b>	<b>Nancy Ammons: 908-566-7580</b> <b>Cell for Dance: 908-763-4593</b>

# NYC's Times Squares 2015 Dances

[timessquares.org](http://timessquares.org)

## Club Night Dances – Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 PM

6/2	Todd Fellegy	7/28	Roy Leber
6/9	Nick Martellacci	8/4	Nick Martellacci
6/16	Betsy Gotta	8/11	Dayle Hodge
6/23	TBA		"The White Party"
6/30	Nick Martellacci	8/18	Betsy Gotta
7/7	Howard Richman	8/25	Don Coy
7/14	Dan Koft	9/1	Howard Richman
7/21	Betsy Gotta	9/8	Betsy Gotta
	"Christmas in July"	9/15	Roy Leber

## Mainstream Classes – Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 PM

9/29 Nick Martellacci "Open House"

## Peel the Pumpkin – "Foot Loose and Fancy Free"

October 16-18, 2015

Hilton Woodbridge Hotel in Iselin, NJ

Callers: Todd Fellegy, John Marshall, and Nick Martellacci

Check [timessquares.org](http://timessquares.org) for exact locations and event details.

## **WHERE IN THE WORLD WILL YOU BE DANCING THIS SUMMER?**

Check these great websites for finding dances wherever you travel:

Where's the Dance: [wheresthedance.com](http://wheresthedance.com) – click on "Events" or other links

Square Dance Resource Net: [ceder.net](http://ceder.net) – click on "Event" or "Club"

(formerly [dosado.com](http://dosado.com))

Remember: Any website is only as good as the information provided, so confirm events in advance. Clubs: Please designate a member to keep your events updated on all sites, including [NNJSDA.org](http://NNJSDA.org).

## **Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association**

<b>Callers: MS and PL</b>	<b>Kevin Bersing (MO)</b> <b>Dennis Mineau (MO)</b>
<b>Date/Time</b>	Sunday, October 11, 2015 2:00-5:00 MS/PL
<b>Location</b>	PeopleCare Center 120 FINDERNE AVE., BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807
<b>Inquiries</b>	Nancy Ammons: 908-566-7580 Cell for Dance: 908-763-4593

**WESTERN WHEELERS/HIX & CHIX – Maywood/Elmwood Park PL-A tip**

[sqrdance.org/Western.Wheelers](http://sqrdance.org/Western.Wheelers)

2 & 4 Sat. Sept.-April Maywood Recreation Center, 346 Duvier Pl. 07607

Various Thur. May-Aug. (with RD) VFW, 6 Veterans Pl. 07407

Georgi Flandera: 973-427-2889

Cell for dance: 862-452-5597

It was so sad to lose Glenn Matthew, but Joe Landi stepped in and carried on for our November dances. In December, we lucked out with the weather and danced to the calling of Jim Snyder and Ken Ritucci. But January came in with a vengeance, and we had to cancel our dances for that month. The Gottas were there on February 14 to welcome our new Plus graduates, and a delicious cake was served. Our February 28 dance had Dennis Reardon calling and Karen Kushla on rounds, giving Mary Pickett a night off. We thank Mary for cuing the rounds at most of our dances.

Thanks also go to our refreshment team, led by Georgi Flandera and Connie Huettemann, for all the goodies at our dances.

Barbara and Norman Kanter enjoyed their trip to the Winter Festival in Lakeland, Florida, which they combined with visits to their family.

We have good news on two of our members who had falls. Connie is feeling better and Mimi Corpel is back dancing. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mimi and her daughter, Jackie, who is recovering from leukemia. To all whose lives have been touched with illness: Hang in there; tomorrow is a new day; one step at a time.

We are looking forward to our summer dances at the VFW hall in Elmwood Park. Our ad lists the callers and cuers for all four events. Hope to see you in a square. Come raid us and have a great time with happy feet and warm smiles.

**Ad below** Maria Hoernlein ([rhoernlein@optonline.net](mailto:rhoernlein@optonline.net)) 201-384-0334

# Hix & Chix/Western Wheelers Special Summer Sizzler Dances

## 2015

Thursday 8-10:30 PM  
Plus with A1 Tip  
Pre-Rounds at 7:30 then 2x2

**MAY 7 MARK FRANKS (NJ) – MARY PICKETT ON ROUNDS**

**JUNE 11 KEN RITUCCI (MA) – MARY PICKETT ON ROUNDS**

**JULY 9 HOWARD WILLIAMSON (PA)  
DONNA WILLIAMSON ON ROUNDS**

**AUGUST 13 TODD FELLEGY (CT)  
MARY PICKETT ON ROUNDS**

VFW Elmwood Park  
6 Veterans Place  
Elmwood Park, NJ 07407  
**RAIDS WELCOME**

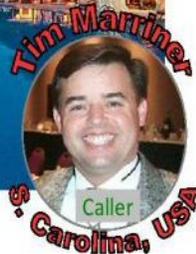
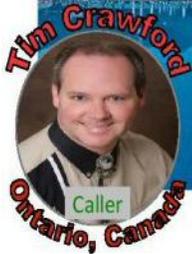


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John and Connie Huettemann 201-853-9689 (H) 201-852-7514 (C)

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Havertown, PA 19083

If you have questions,  
do not hesitate to call or email

**Jeff Kaufman**  
267-844-1544 or  
[jeff@travelsquaredtravel.com](mailto:jeff@travelsquaredtravel.com)

**Dancing Registration**

# Dancers \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Badge Name/Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Badge Name/Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Check# \_\_\_\_\_

*Please circle your preferred dance levels:*

**Mainstream Plus Advanced C1**  
**PH II PH III PH IV PH V**

2 & 4 Thurs. Sept.-May  
Ed LaPlante: 856-514-0713

[y-squares.org](http://y-squares.org)

Hehnly School, 590 Raritan Rd. 07066  
Cell for dance: 856-514-0713

We were saddened by the passing of longtime square dancer Kay Schroeder. So many of our larger square dancing family took the time to pay their final respects and offer condolences to her husband, Wayne, who was deeply moved by such a spontaneous outpouring of support.

The winter that we've just endured played havoc with so many club schedules, and we were not immune. In addition to some classes, we were forced to cancel our Valentine's Day theme dance for the second year in a row, which was a great disappointment. However, we quickly organized a "flash raid" to Cross Trail Squares as a substitute, and were treated to the experience of dancing to Todd Fellegly – the first time for many of us raiders. That brought us close to completing the NNJSDA's Raid program for this season.

AleMo Squares, Garden State Campers, and Western Wheelers/Hix & Chix delighted us by raiding our club. It's a great way to meet other dancers and experience different callers.

Our Mainstream class includes a couple of snowbirds who continued to take lessons in Florida while consulting our website to stay current with our teaching order. We are glad to integrate them back into our class.

Speaking of classes, with the wonderful cooperation of our stalwart cuer, Mary Pickett, we've experimented with holding a truly basic introductory round dance class prior to each of our dances, with some success. Those of us who have had to sit out rounds completely are now able to participate in simple cha-chas, at least. Thanks to Mary for her flexibility and perseverance.

As in past years, our club members provide a New Jersey presence at national events. Barbara and George Kuhne attended the WASCA festival in March, held near Washington in Alexandria, Virginia. During Presidents Weekend, they joined Jan and Paul Sanderson at the Lehigh Valley B&B weekend at Cacapon Resort State Park in West Virginia, with Howard Williamson and Roy Leber calling and Tim Eum cuing. The pretty, rustic setting was enjoyed as well as some terrific dancing. Jan and Paul also went to the Central Park Weekend festival in Virginia, called by Bill Harrison, Tim Marriner, and Tom Miller. During the off hours, they enjoyed good southern cooking and toured the Fredericksburg battlefield museum and national cemetery. Some of our members have been to spots as diverse as Colorado, Florida, and Maryland.

Along with our sister clubs, Bee Sharps and Rutgers Promenaders, we're looking forward to another summer of dancing with Five Clubs. We hope to see you there or earlier at one of our remaining dances.

**Ad on page 61**

Ellen Ward ([reporter@y-squares.org](mailto:reporter@y-squares.org))

856-514-0713

### BECOME A PATRON

Do you enjoy visiting other clubs? Earn a Patron award by getting a signature at 11 different NNJSDA clubs (including your own, if you wish).

Get a Patron form from your club, an Association dance, or the website ([nnjsda.org](http://nnjsda.org) – click on "Documents"). Upon completion and verification, you will receive a dangle, a free dance coupon, and your name in *Grand Square*.

There is no time limit on completing the form, and there is no limit on how often you can qualify for the program. Have fun!

# Y Squares

2nd and 4th Thursdays – Mainstream w/1 Plus Tip  
 Beginning Rounds Class 7:00 PM – Rounds 7:30 PM – Squares 8:00 PM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Caller</u>	<u>Cuer</u>	<u>Theme</u>
Apr. 23	Dan Koft	Mary Pickett	Flower Power
May 14	Betsy Gotta	Roy Gotta	Sixties
May 28	Jim Snyder	Mary Pickett	Hawaiian Night
Summer break			
Sept. 10	Dan Koft	Mary Pickett	Welcome Back
Sept. 15	Dan Koft (Tuesday)	none	Open House
Sept. 24	Mark Franks	Mary Pickett	Hawaiian Night
Oct. 8	Wayne Applegate	Mary Pickett	Apple Fest
Oct. 22	Howard Richman	Mary Pickett	Halloween
Nov. 12	Dan Tapper	Mary Pickett	Thanksgiving Food Drive

Hehnlly School, 590 Raritan Rd., Clark, NJ 07066  
 Contact: Ed LaPlante 856-514-0713 or [y-squares.org](http://y-squares.org)

## NEW JERSEY STATE OUTFIT



Square dance conventions and other gatherings hold a Parade of States or Grand March, during which dancers march in by state. Dancers from a given state usually wear the same outfit or color combination. Let's have a sea of green at the National Convention in Massachusetts this June!

The New Jersey state outfit colors are kelly green and white, based on the "Garden State" concept. (Examples of kelly green are the *labels* on Schweppes and Seagram's ginger ale bottles.) Each dancer should also have a New Jersey emblem (see picture on left). It can be purchased for \$7.50 at any NNJSDA dance or through the website.

The state emblem consists of a 9" kelly green and white embroidered outline of New Jersey, with an embroidered gold star (to be placed at the location of the dancer's home club) and an embroidered "NJ." The emblem should be sewn or pinned in a prominent, but tasteful, location such as:

- Back of a kelly green vest with white top-stitching, worn over a white shirt or blouse
- Back of a kelly green or white shirt or blouse
- Side or center front of a kelly green or white skirt or dress
- On a green overskirt/apron trimmed with white eyelet

Vest patterns (for men and women) can be borrowed from the Association's assistant treasurer. Pants for both men and women should be white, kelly green, or black. Possible outfits can be seen on the dolls on the NNJSDA carousel, which are displayed at each Mini-Festival. Photos are on the website ([nnjsda.org/state\\_outfit](http://nnjsda.org/state_outfit)).

## RAID CHAIRS – SEND COMPLETED FORMS

This season's NNJSDA Raid program ends on May 31. As soon as your club fulfills its mileage requirements, please mail the signed form to the NNJSDA Recording Secretary (address on page 2).

Check the dance calendar on the following pages to plan your club's raids for the new dance season, beginning June 1.

## “Where's the Dance” Website Update

*WheresTheDance.com* is a “one-stop” website that enables travelers and others to find dance events all over the United States and in 39 other countries! You can search for dances by zip code, address, type of dance, event type, and date range. The results can be viewed in list format, on a calendar, or on a map.

WheresTheDance has recently taken a big step forward to assist the Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association in helping its clubs promote their activities.

**View a selection of just NNJSDA clubs:** Use the *Clubs* menu bar link and then click on the *Modify Search Criteria* tab. You will now be looking at the *Find a Club* page. In the upper right corner, click on the *Advanced Search* button and then the *Select All in an Association* button. Use the drop-down menu to select *Northern NJ SD Assoc.* Press *Search*. You will now be looking at a list of all NNJSDA clubs. Note the last column (*Verified*). This is the date that the club last entered events. If your club does not have a recent date, please ask someone to add the upcoming dances.

**Add and edit your club's dance events:** Amazingly efficient forms enable clubs to do their own event entry and editing without outside interference. Many clubs are finding this helpful to get their dances on the calendar quickly and easily, often in less time than if they communicated it to WheresTheDance. If your club has not yet added any events to the calendar, send an email to [info@WheresTheDance.com](mailto:info@WheresTheDance.com) to get an invitation to add your events. This enables WTD to ensure that only authorized club representatives add events.

**Run a schedule for all NNJSDA clubs:** Another awesome new feature is the ability to run a schedule showing all dance events that an association's clubs have on the calendar. It is so very easy to coordinate big events in your area when you know what each club is doing and when! Simply click on the *Schedules* link and enter “Northern New Jersey” in the *Club Name* box.

**A final point:** Watch our Facebook page for announcements as we continue to spend more time coding new features and less time entering events.

*Robert Ameeti, Team Leader ([Robert@WheresTheDance.com](mailto:Robert@WheresTheDance.com))*

## FREELoadERS – GET READY FOR SUMMER!

The NNJSDA Freeloader program will be in full swing this summer. Pick up a form at an NNJSDA dance, from your club delegate, or on the website ([nnjsda.org/nnjsda\\_documents/FreeloaderForm2015.pdf](http://nnjsda.org/nnjsda_documents/FreeloaderForm2015.pdf)). Attend at least three of the four summer Association dances (July 8, 22; August 12, 26) plus the Mini-Festival on November 8, and have your form signed at each event. You will receive a dangle and a free dance coupon, and your name will be listed on the website and in *Grand Square*. Recent graduates: Take advantage of the Mainstream summer dancing!

## Calendar of Member Clubs' Advertised Dance Events

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

Date	Club	Caller/Cuer	Location	Program
<b>MAY 2015</b>				
1 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Murphy	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	TBA	Leonardo	PL/RD
	Reelers	Landi/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
	RocklandRockytops	Gittelman	W. Nyack, NY	PL-A
2 S	<b>NNJSDA Dance</b>	<b>Franks/Bradt</b>	<b>Bridgewater</b>	<b>PL/A2/RD</b>
3 SU	FAD Squares	P. Ingis	Maywood	MS-PL
	Motiv8ors	Ritucci	Fair Lawn	A2/C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Koft/Koft	Somerset	MS/RD
5 T	Lakeland Squares	Gittelman	Montville	MS/PL
6 W	Belles & Beaux	Wadel	Elmwood Park	MS-PL
7 TH	Western Wheelers/H&C	Franks/Pickett	Elmwood Park	PL/RD-A1
8 F	Bee Sharps	Landi/Bradt	Bound Brook	MS/PL/RD-A2
	Kittatinny Rangers	Applegate	Andover	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Coy/Coy	Leonardo	PL/Line
	RocklandRockytops	P. Ingis	W. Nyack, NY	MS-PL
12 T	Lakeland Squares	Richman	Parsippany	MS/PL
13 W	Cross Trail Squares	Gittelman	Caldwell	MS/PL
14 TH	Y Squares	Gotta/Gotta	Clark	MS/RD-PL
15 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Kerns	Flemington	MS
	Middletown Ramblers	Koft	Leonardo	PL/RD
	Reelers	Mager/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
17 SU	FAD Squares	Gittelman	Maywood	MS-PL
	Motiv8ors	Gotta	Fair Lawn	A2/C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Gotta/Gotta	Somerset	MS/RD
19 T	Lakeland Squares	C. and G. Hardy	Parsippany	MS/PL
20 W	Belles & Beaux	Gittelman	Elmwood Park	MS-PL
22 F	Bee Sharps	Richman/Pickett	Bound Brook	MS/PL/RD-A2
	Circle Eights	S. Ingis	Elmwood Park	MS-PL
	Kittatinny Rangers	Reardon	Andover	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Gittelman	Leonardo	PL/RD
26 T	Lakeland Squares	P. Ingis	Parsippany	MS/PL
27 W	Cross Trail Squares	Ritucci	Caldwell	MS/PL
28 TH	Y Squares	Snyder/Pickett	Clark	MS/RD-PL
29 F	Middletown Ramblers	P. Ingis	Leonardo	PL/RD
<b>JUNE</b>				
2 T	Lakeland Squares	Richman	Parsippany	MS/PL
	Times Squares	Felleg	New York, NY	MS/PL-A/C
3 W	Belles & Beaux	Koft	Elmwood Park	MS-PL
5 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Coy	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Snyder	Leonardo	PL/RD
	Reelers	Tapper/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
	RocklandRockytops	Richman	W. Nyack, NY	PL-A
6 S	<b>NNJSDA Dance</b>	<b>H./D. Williamson</b>	<b>Bridgewater</b>	<b>MS/PL/RD</b>
7 SU	FAD Squares	Landi	Maywood	MS-PL
	Rutgers Promenaders	Koft/Koft	Somerset	MS/RD

**JUNE (continued)**

9 T	Lakeland Squares Times Squares	Gotta Martellacci	Parsippany New York, NY	MS/PL MS/PL-A/C
10 W	Cross Trail Squares	Hodge	Caldwell	MS/PL
11 TH	Western Wheelers/H&C	Ritucci/Pickett	Elmwood Park	PL/RD-A1
12 F	Middletown Ramblers RocklandRockytops	Koft Martellacci	Leonardo W. Nyack, NY	PL/RD MS-PL
13 S	Five Clubs	Franks/Rumble	Springfield	MS/PL/RD
14 SU	Motiv8ors	Hodge	Fair Lawn	A2/C1
16 T	Lakeland Squares Times Squares	Koft Gotta	Parsippany New York, NY	MS/PL MS/PL-A/C
17 W	AleMo Squares Belles & Beaux	Coy Goss	Brooklyn, NY Elmwood Park	MS/PL MS-PL
19 F	Circle Eights	Martellacci	Elmwood Park	MS-PL
21 SU	FAD Squares	Richman	Maywood	MS-PL
23 T	Lakeland Squares Times Squares	S. Ingis TBA	Parsippany New York, NY	MS/PL MS/PL-A/C
26 F	Middletown Ramblers	Applegate	Leonardo	PL/RD
30 T	<i>Lakeland Squares</i> Times Squares	<i>Richman</i> Martellacci	<i>Parsippany</i> New York, NY	<i>Barn Dance</i> MS/PL-A/C

**JULY**

1 W	Belles & Beaux	Shipman	Elmwood Park	MS-PL
7 T	Lakeland Squares Times Squares	Martellacci Richman	Parsippany New York, NY	MS/PL MS/PL-A/C
8 W	<b>NNJSDA Dance</b>	<b>Coy/Coy</b>	<b>Caldwell</b>	<b>MS/Line</b>
9 TH	Western Wheelers/H&C	H./D. Williamson	Elmwood Park	PL/RD-A1
10 F	Middletown Ramblers RocklandRockytops	Richman Tapper	Leonardo W. Nyack, NY	PL/RD <i>Intro/MS</i>
11 S	Five Clubs	Landi/Kushla	Springfield	MS/PL/RD
14 T	Lakeland Squares Times Squares	Reardon Koft	Parsippany New York, NY	MS/PL MS/PL-A/C
15 W	AleMo Squares Belles & Beaux	Richman Tapper	Brooklyn, NY Elmwood Park	MS/PL MS-PL
17 F	Middletown Ramblers RocklandRockytops	Landi Ritucci	Leonardo W. Nyack, NY	PL/RD PL-A
19 SU	FAD Squares Rutgers Promenaders	Leber Gottas and Kofts	Maywood Somerset	MS-PL MS/RD
21 T	Lakeland Squares Times Squares	P. and S. Ingis Gotta	Parsippany New York, NY	MS/PL MS/PL-A/C
22 W	<b>NNJSDA Dance</b>	<b>Silva/Pickett</b>	<b>Bridgewater</b>	<b>MS/RD</b>
24 F	Middletown Ramblers	Gotta/Gotta	Leonardo	PL/RD
25 S	Five Clubs	Koft/Bradt	Springfield	MS/PL/RD
26 SU	Motiv8ors	Leber	Fair Lawn	A2/C1
28 T	Lakeland Squares Times Squares	Richman Leber	Parsippany New York, NY	MS/PL MS/PL-A/C
29 W	Belles & Beaux	Mager	Elmwood Park	MS-PL
31 F	Middletown Ramblers	Martellacci	Leonardo	PL/RD

**AUGUST**

2 SU	FAD Squares Rutgers Promenaders	Coy/Coy Gottas and Kofts	Maywood Somerset	MS/Line-PL MS/RD
4 T	Times Squares	Martellacci	New York, NY	MS/PL-A/C
5 W	AleMo Squares Belles & Beaux	Coy Bachelder	Brooklyn, NY Elmwood Park	MS/PL MS-PL
7 F	Middletown Ramblers	Coy/Coy	Leonardo	PL/Line

**AUGUST (continued)**

8 S	Five Clubs	P. Ingis/Bradt	Springfield	MS/PL/RD
9 SU	Motiv8ors	Ritucci	Fair Lawn	A2/C1
11 T	Times Squares	Hodge	New York, NY	MS/PL-A/C
12 W	<b>NNJSDA Dance</b>	<b>Shipman/Kushla</b>	<b>Bridgewater</b>	<b>MS/RD</b>
13 TH	Western Wheelers/H&C	Fellegly/Pickett	Elmwood Park	PL/RD-A1
14 F	Middletown Ramblers RocklandRockytops	Reardon Corey	Leonardo W. Nyack, NY	PL/RD <i>Intro/MS</i>
16 SU	FAD Squares	Richman	Maywood	MS-PL
18 T	Times Squares	Gotta	New York, NY	MS/PL-A/C
19 W	Kittatinny Rangers	Preston	Bridgewater	MS/PL
21 F	Middletown Ramblers RocklandRockytops	Applegate Gotta	Leonardo W. Nyack, NY	PL/RD PL-A
22 S	Five Clubs	Reardon/Pickett	Springfield	MS/PL/RD
23 SU	<i>Belles &amp; Beaux, FAD</i>	<i>Applegate</i>	<i>Maywood</i>	<i>Barn Dance</i>
25 T	Times Squares	Coy	New York, NY	MS/PL-A/C
26 W	<b>NNJSDA Dance</b>	<b>Ritucci/Pickett</b>	<b>Elmwood Park</b>	<b>MS/RD</b>
28 F	<i>Lakeland Squares</i> Middletown Ramblers	<i>Richman</i> Martellacci	<i>Parsippany</i> Leonardo	<i>Barn Dance</i> PL/RD
30 F	Motiv8ors	Hodge	Fair Lawn	A2/C1

**SEPTEMBER**

1 T	Times Squares	Richman	New York, NY	MS/PL-A/C
2 W	Belles & Beaux	Reardon	Elmwood Park	MS-PL
8 T	Times Squares	Gotta	New York, NY	MS/PL-A/C
9 W	Cross Trail Squares	Lizotte	Caldwell	MS/PL
10 TH	Y Squares	Koft/Pickett	Clark	MS/RD-PL
11 F	Bee Sharps Kittatinny Rangers Middletown Ramblers RocklandRockytops	Martellacci/Pickett Applegate Landi Richman	Bound Brook Andover Leonardo W. Nyack, NY	PL/RD-A2 MS/PL PL/RD MS-PL
15 T	Lakeland Squares Times Squares	Tapper Leber	Parsippany New York, NY	MS/PL MS/PL-A/C
16 W	AleMo Squares Belles & Beaux	Coy Richman	Brooklyn, NY Elmwood Park	MS/PL MS-PL
18 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels Middletown Ramblers Reelers <i>RocklandRockytops</i>	Kerns Applegate Franks/Pickett <i>Wadel</i>	Flemington Leonardo Randolph <i>W. Nyack, NY</i>	MS/PL PL/RD PL/RD <i>Intro Dance</i>
19 S	B&B Mystery Bus Raid	??	??	MS/PL
20 SU	FAD Squares	Singleton	Maywood	MS-PL
22 T	Lakeland Squares	Moody	Parsippany	MS/PL
23 W	Cross Trail Squares	Singleton	Caldwell	MS/PL
24 TH	Y Squares	Franks/Pickett	Clark	MS/RD-PL
25 F	Bee Sharps Circle Eights Kittatinny Rangers <i>Middletown Ramblers</i>	Richman/Rumble Applegate Thielke <i>Koft</i>	Bound Brook Elmwood Park Andover <i>Lincroft</i>	PL/RD-A2 MS-PL MS/PL <i>Open House</i>
27 SU	<i>FAD Squares</i> Motiv8ors	<i>Applegate</i> Ritucci	<i>Maywood</i> Fair Lawn	<i>Barn Dance</i> A2/C1
29 T	<i>Lakeland Squares</i>	<i>Richman</i>	<i>Parsippany</i>	<i>Barn Dance</i>



## Conventions, Festivals, Specials, and Weekends

<b>May</b>				
2	<b>NNJSDA Dance</b>	<b>Franks/Bradt</b>	<b>Bridgewater</b>	<b>PL/A2/RD</b>
15-17	GS Campers	Anfinson	Pennsylvania	MS/PL
<b>June</b>				
1-8	Cruise: Alaska	Multiple Callers/Gotta	Alaska	MS/PL/RD
6	<b>NNJSDA Dance</b>	<b>H./D. Williamson</b>	<b>Bridgewater</b>	<b>MS/PL/RD</b>
12-14	GS Campers	Landi	Pennsylvania	
13	Five Clubs	Franks/Rumble	Springfield	MS/PL/RD
24-27	National Convention	Multiple Callers/Cuers	Massachusetts	All Programs
<b>July</b>				
8	<b>NNJSDA Dance</b>	<b>Coy/Coy – Live Band</b>	<b>Caldwell</b>	<b>MS/Line</b>
10-12	GS Campers	Williamson/Williamson	Pennsylvania	MS/PL
11	Five Clubs	Landi/Kushla	Springfield	MS/PL/RD
22	<b>NNJSDA Dance</b>	<b>Silva/Pickett</b>	<b>Bridgewater</b>	<b>MS/RD</b>
25	Five Clubs	Koft/Bradt	Springfield	MS/PL/RD
26	Mid-Summer Mania	CCNJ Callers	Bridgewater	MS
<b>August</b>				
8	Five Clubs	P. Ingis/Bradt	Springfield	MS/PL/RD
12	<b>NNJSDA Dance</b>	<b>Shipman/Kushla</b>	<b>Bridgewater</b>	<b>MS/RD</b>
14-16	GS Campers	Franks	Pennsylvania	MS/PL
19	Kittatinny Rangers	Preston	Bridgewater	MS/PL
21-23	Summer Magic	Multiple Callers/Bradt	Ontario, Can.	PL/A1/A2/C1/RD
22	Five Clubs	Reardon/Pickett	Springfield	MS/PL/RD
26	<b>NNJSDA Dance</b>	<b>Ritucci/Pickett</b>	<b>Elmwood Park</b>	<b>MS/RD</b>
<b>September</b>				
4-7	Cherry Ridge	Gotta, Harrison/Gotta	Pennsylvania	PL/A/RD
11-13	GS Campers	Snyder	Pennsylvania	MS/PL
19	B&B Mystery Bus Raid	??	??	MS/PL
<b>October</b>				
2-4	GS Campers	Gotta/Gotta	Pennsylvania	MS/PL/RD
11	<b>NNJSDA Dance</b>	<b>Bersing/Mineau</b>	<b>Bridgewater</b>	<b>MS/PL</b>
16-18	Peel the Pumpkin	Multiple Callers	Iselin	MS/PL/A1-2/C1-4
16-18	Tumbling Leaves	Multiple Callers/Cuers	Vermont	PL/A1/A2/C1/RD
<b>November</b>				
8	<b>Mini-Festival</b>	<b>Butler, Carnathan, Roberts/Eum</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>MS/PL/A/RD-C</b>
20-22	Harvest Moon	Multiple Callers/Gotta	Pennsylvania	PL/A2/C1/RD-C2
<b>January</b>				
23-30	Cruise: Mexico	Crawford, Marriner/Temples	Mexico	MS/PL/A/C1/RD

### RAID AND OSIF PROGRAMS – UPDATED

In response to suggestions from dancers, the NNJSDA Raid and One Square Is Fair incentive programs were changed to allow clubs to complete each program twice per dance season. Completing either program once earns a club a 50¢ per member reduction in NNJSDA dues for the following season. Completing both programs once, or either program twice, earns a \$1 per member reduction (which currently equates to no dues at all). The new dance season begins on June 1, 2015.

Raid: The number of points remains 200. Clubs may complete the program twice by earning at least 400 points, using two separate forms.

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### MAINSTREAM

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Weeks of the Month</u>
FAD Squares <i>jvanrensalier@gmail.com</i>	1, 3 All Year
Rutgers Promenaders <i>president@rutgerspromenaders.org</i>	1, 3 Sept.-June
<u>Wednesday</u>	
Belles & Beaux <i>squaredancing123@gmail.com</i>	1, 3 All Year
<u>Thursday</u>	
Y Squares <i>info@y-squares.org</i>	2, 4 Sept.-May
<u>Friday</u>	
Circle Eights <i>rosemarydunton@gmail.com</i>	4 Sept.-June
RocklandRockytops <i>rocklandrockytop@aol.com</i>	2 All Year

### PLUS

<u>Thursday</u>	
W. Wheelers/Hix & Chix <i>rgflandera@gmail.com</i>	Various May-Aug.
<u>Friday</u>	
Bee Sharps <i>curtis.kraut@gmail.com</i>	2, 4 Sept.-April
Middletown Ramblers <i>byackel@verizon.net</i>	Every Wk. All Year
Reelers <i>midwifehel@aol.com</i>	1, 3 Sept.-June
RocklandRockytops <i>rocklandrockytop@aol.com</i>	1 Sept.-June 3 July-Aug.
<u>Saturday</u>	
W. Wheelers/Hix & Chix <i>rgflandera@gmail.com</i>	2, 4 Sept.-April

### ALT. MAINSTREAM AND PLUS

<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Weeks of the Month</u>
Lakeland Squares <i>lakelandsquares@hotmail.com</i>	1, 2, 3, 4 Sept.-July
<u>Wednesday</u>	
AleMo Squares <i>alemodancer@yahoo.com</i>	Various Sept.-June
Cross Trail Squares <i>delanceyal@aol.com</i>	2, 4, 5 Sept.-June
<u>Friday</u>	
Bee Sharps <i>curtis.kraut@gmail.com</i>	2, 4 April-May
Hunterdon Flutterwheels <i>gonzales.tomas1@gmail.com</i>	1, 3 Sept.-June
Kittatinny Rangers <i>maryandpaul43@gmail.com</i>	2, 4 Sept.-May
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Hi Taws (C1, C2) <i>bbeck123@aol.com</i>	Various All Year

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<u>Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday</u>	
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