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NNJSDA EVENTS

(MS = Mainstream, PL = Plus, A = Advanced, C = Challenge, RD = Round Dancing)

(New MS and PL calls – details on page 9)

SEPTEMBER

26 **Delegates Meeting** (Saturday)
Virtual, 7:00-9:00

OCTOBER

3 **NNJSDA Dance** (Saturday)
Bridgewater, 7:00-9:30, MS/PL *(early MS)*
Stephen Ingis
Hosts: Belles & Beaux/Kittatinny Rangers

NOVEMBER

8 **50th Mini-Festival** (Sunday)
Location TBA, 1:00-6:30, MS/PL/A/C1/RD
Don Moger, Dave Eno, Betsy Gotta/
Roy Gotta

JANUARY 2027

24 **Delegates Meeting** (Sunday – hybrid)
Bridgewater, 1:00-3:00
NNJSDA Student MS Dance
3:30-6:00, Class Instructors
Hosts: Hunterdon Flutterwheels

MARCH

13 **NNJSDA Dance** (Saturday)
Bridgewater, 3:30-6:00, MS/PL *(early MS)*
Clay Goss
Hosts: Rutgers Promenaders/Times Squares

APRIL

17 **Delegates Meeting** (Saturday – hybrid)
Bridgewater, 12:00-2:00
NNJSDA Dance
2:30-5:00, MS/PL/RD *(early PL)*
Dan Koft/Kathy Koft
Hosts: Lakeland Squares/Reelers

MAY

22 **Presidents' Reception** (Saturday)
Bridgewater, 5:00-6:30
NNJSDA Dance
7:00-9:30, MS/PL/RD *(early RD)*
Elaine Mikenas/Dennis Viscanti
Hosts: Circle Eights/Bee Sharps

JUNE

12 **NNJSDA Dance** (Saturday)
Bridgewater, 2:30-5:00, MS/PL/RD
Ed Foote/Mary Pickett
Hosts: Middletown Ramblers/Motiv8ors

Details for following events TBD

JULY

14 **NNJSDA Dance** (Wednesday)
28 **NNJSDA Dance** (Wednesday)

AUGUST

11 **NNJSDA Dance** (Wednesday)
25 **NNJSDA Dance** (Wednesday)

OCTOBER

9 **NNJSDA Dance** (Saturday)
24 **NNJSDA Dance** (Sunday)

NOVEMBER

14 **51st Mini-Festival** (Sunday)
1:00-6:30, MS/PL/A/C1/RD
See page 42 for details!

Notes:

March 7 *Grand Square* deadline
June 1 Club questionnaires due

Bridgewater: PeopleCare Center, 120 Finderne Avenue 08807
Other locations will be announced when finalized.

Dance Inquiries: Nancy Ammons (*firstvp@nnjsda.org*, 908-566-7580)

One Square Is Fair: All NNJSDA dances, including the Mini-Festival and Midterm Dance, count toward OSIF – support your club!



MINI-FESTIVAL 2026

We're celebrating half a century of fine and fun festival dancing on November 8, 2026!

See page 42



NNJSDA Presidents' Message





Hello! There are two subjects we need to talk about!

The first is officers. Neither the clubs nor the NNJSDA can operate without these important volunteers. When we started dancing 30+ years ago, there were more than 35 clubs. Most of them folded because they could not find officers.

Well, we are having that same problem today with the NNJSDA. We need volunteers to be officers, and in case you've wondered: Yes, there are perks! The major one is to secure the future of the NNJSDA and your club. Because of committed leaders from our member clubs, we can continue to dance. Other perks include a discounted fee at NNJSDA events and the opportunity to work with dedicated people who enjoy dancing as much as you do.

The second subject is new dance programs. Starting in September, Mainstream classes will include fewer (only 50) calls, with 14 of them being moved to the Plus program. In addition, to even out the number of calls between the Mainstream and Plus programs, eight former Advanced 1 calls have been added to Plus. This enables current Plus dancers to expand their repertoire without having to learn the entire current Advanced program – although they may now be tempted to do so!

So when the NNJSDA begins using the rearranged calls in all programs at all its dances, we expect to have many eager new dancers who have taken lessons at their home clubs and are ready to go. See the article on page 9 with more information.

If you are a Plus dancer and do not yet know the calls that have been added to the program, learn them by angeling at a Plus class where they are being taught. It will be a win-win for you and the students. The 50th Anniversary Mini-Festival will also include a teaching session on the new Plus calls.

The NNJSDA second vice president has provided clubs with the preferred teaching order for workshopping the eight new calls. We encourage all current Plus dancers to take advantage of the various opportunities to learn.

~ Richard Ball and Chris Wadel, NNJSDA Presidents

FINDING DANCES ONLINE

NNJSDA: *nnjsda.org* – click on "Events Calendar"

Where's the Dance: *wheresthedance.com* – click on "Events" or other links

Square Dance Resource Net: *ceder.net* – click on "Event" or "Club"

Any website is only as good as the information provided – confirm events in advance!

Clubs: Designate a member to keep *your* events updated on all sites, including *nnjsda.org*.

"There are shortcuts to happiness and dancing is one of them." – Anonymous

NNJSDA: FOUR INCENTIVE PROGRAMS!

The NNJSDA offers four great programs as incentives to visit other clubs as well as NNJSDA dances, plus earn financial awards and dangles.

For Individual Dancers

Patron: visit eight member clubs
Freeloader: attend three NNJSDA summer dances and Mini-Festival

For Clubs

(at least one square of members – complete program once or twice a year)

Raid: visit other member clubs totaling 200 miles
One Square Is Fair: attend five NNJSDA dances

For program rules and awards, visit *nnjsda.org* and click on "Documents."

CONGRATULATIONS, PATRONS!

Visited at least 8 NNJSDA member clubs; earned free dance coupon and dangle Number indicates how many times award has been earned.

Larry Bugal – 52
Diane Coffman – 8
Lise Greene – 11
Susan Horowitz – 1
Curtis Kraut – 8
Ken Kuter – 3
Bonnie Jean Mac Yash – 4
Tony Milito – 10
Susan Nicolich – 1
Dave Tien – 1
Ellen Ward – 31

CONGRATULATIONS, RAIDERS!

Clubs that visited other NNJSDA member clubs totaling at least 200 miles in 2025-26; earned discount in club's dues for 2026-27

Bee Sharps – 235 miles
Belles & Beaux – 225 miles
Circle Eights – 215 miles
Hunterdon Flutterwheels – 245 miles
Reelers – 235 miles

CONGRATULATIONS, ONE SQUARE IS FAIR CLUBS!

Clubs that had at least one square of official members at five or more NNJSDA dances in 2025-26; earned discount in club's dues for 2026-27

Bee Sharps
Belles & Beaux
Hunterdon Flutterwheels
Reelers
Rutgers Promenaders



Welcome, Graduates!

Congratulations and a warm welcome to the following dancers who have completed (or are soon expected to complete) their classes – and kudos to our member clubs and angels!

Mainstream

Bee Sharps – Laura Berman, Kendall Cole, Trey Cole, Laurel Dobalo, Bonnie Jensen, Sonny Sliwka, Terry Woltman

Hunterdon Flutterwheels – Dar Calkin, Sakina Cole, Cindy Dix, Rick Klepp, Shelley Klepp, John Pamula, Nancy Pamula, Bob Saultz, Diane Talan, Doreen Trontell, John Trontell

Plus

Belles & Beaux – Mimi Corpel, Diana Garcia, Tom Gemski, Gary Gorski, Denise Holzsager, Gloria Huberman, Lou Malone, Susan Malone, Susan Nicolich, Anne Pace, Beth Parrillo, Jack Pigut, Michael Royster, Susan Shlanger, Rina Williams

Hunterdon Flutterwheels – Karen Bent, George Cerny, Susan Cerny, Craig Cutler, Sondra Epstein, Leala Gonzales, Tomas Gonzales, Marie Honachefsky, Mark Kubinak, Frank Laritz, Paula Lawrence, Jeanne Mauriello, Tiiu Monnone, Cathy Pecka, Bette Perlman, Diana Reinhardt, Gene Reinhardt, Jim Stamets, Mary Stamets, Sharon Stevens, Donna Torczon, Marja van Ouwerkerk, Gerri Vitovitch, Nick Vitovitch

Middletown Ramblers – Paula Corrie, Diana Falls, Ken Falls, Art Reiff, Fran Reiff, Michelle Rivera

Challenge 1

Motiv8ors – Bernadine Icklan, Cathy Schlesinger, Don Schlesinger, May Tamanaha

Farewell to Our Friends

We have shared wonderful friendships with many square dancers,
and acknowledge here our current and former NNJSDA
club members who have passed away.
Thanks for the memories.

Diane Festa – Belles & Beaux, Reelers, 5/23/26
Inars Gruntals – Reelers, 3/6/26
John Lovatt – Kittatinny Rangers, Lakeland Squares, 6/17/26
Herb Trauth – Circle Eights, 5/4/25



NEW MAINSTREAM CLASSES

(CC = Class Coordinator)

Sunday 1:30-2:30 start September 20 **Rutgers Promenaders**
Betsy Gotta/Dan Koft CC: Ken Robinson *(908-963-2447)*
PeopleCare Center, 120 Finderne Avenue, Bridgewater

Monday 7:00-8:15 or 9:00 start September 14 **Lakeland Squares**
Fran Wadel CC: Chris Carter *(lakelandsquares@hotmail.com)*
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 9 Two Bridges Road, Towaco

Tuesday 7:00-9:00 start September (TBD) **Bee Sharps**
Karin Rabe/Greg Moore CC: Heidi Garcia, Lauren Haas *(beesharpssquaredance@gmail.com)*
Adamsville School, 400 Union Avenue, Bridgewater

Tuesday 7:00-9:00 start September 22 **Circle Eights**
Fran Wadel CC: Kim and Rich Ferrentino *(kimpossiblesf@gmail.com)*
Hillsdale Methodist Church, 349 Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale

Tuesday 7:00-9:00 start September 22 **Hunterdon Flutterwheels**
Mary Moody CC: Regina DeStefano/Sharon Stevens *(sharon.stevens@comcast.net)*
Hunterdon Senior Center, 4 Gauntt Place, Flemington

Tuesday 9:00-11:00 AM/7:00-9:15 PM start September 29 **Middletown Ramblers**
Doug Kauffman CC: Kelsey Kazmac and Patty Ross *(kkazmac@gmail.com)*
Henry Hudson Activity Center, 945 Highway 36, Leonardo

Tuesday 7:00-9:00 start September 22 **Reelers**
Ed Crowley CC: Karen Condon *(201-841-7523)*
Berkshire Valley Presbyterian Church, 635 Berkshire Valley Road, Wharton

Tuesday 7:00-9:00 start September 22 **RocklandRockytops**
Chris Wadel CC: Don and Cathy Schlesinger *(DSchles@aol.com)*
Clarkstown Community Learning Center, 9 Lake Road, Congers, NY

Tuesday 6:30-9:00 start January 5 **Times Squares**
Howard Richman CC: John Paine *(superman.3000+TimesSquares@gmail.com)*
Location TBA

Thursday 7:30-9:30 start September 3 **Belles & Beaux**
Fran Wadel CC: Diane Gaydos and Richard Ball *(rebtama@gmail.com)*
Glen Rock Central School, 600 Maple Avenue, Glen Rock

Thursday 7:00-9:00 start September 10 **Kittatinny Rangers**
Joanna Lieuallen CC: Tina Ammerman *(570-856-0512)*
Halsted Middle School, 59 Halsted Street, Newton

Belles & Beaux
Mystery Bus Trip

Saturday, October 17, 2026

Bus leaves 11:00 am; returns by 11:45 pm
Come early to board the bus!

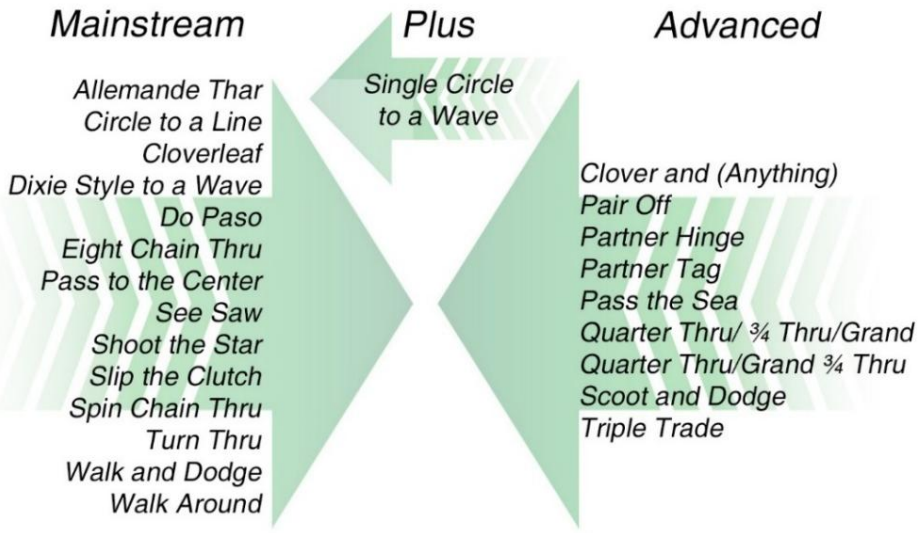
TOWACO TRAIN STATION
627 Main Road, Towaco (Montville)

Ticket Fee $115 per adult
payment by CASH or CHECK (payable to Belles & Beaux)
Trip Includes: Charter Bus, Touring, Dangle, Dinner, Dancing
Ticket Sale Deadline: SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER
WALKING SHOES SUGGESTED
BROWN BAG A LUNCH OR SNACK FOR THE TRIP

CONTACT CHRIS WADEL
WITHIN 48 HOURS IF YOU ARE
UNABLE TO ATTEND THE BUS TRIP

QUESTIONS? CALL:
Chris Wadel 201-835-7726 or
Vicky Proskey 201-264-0977



New Mainstream and Plus Programs!

September 1 is almost here, and I hope you are all excited for our new Mainstream and Plus programs! The changes (see above) include equalizing Mainstream and Plus to 50 calls each. Fourteen have moved from Mainstream to Plus, one from Plus to Mainstream, and eight from Advanced to Plus.

While not all clubs have reported as of this writing, it is expected that most will start using the new (reduced) Mainstream program upon completion of their fall classes. However, note that because Times Squares will start the new Mainstream program after its class graduates in October, NNJSDA will do the same to allow for inclusion of their dancers.

The Association and several clubs have provided lessons/workshops for the eight calls moved from Advanced to Plus. If you have not yet taken advantage of a session, please do so. It is expected that clubs will continue to roll out the new calls through December and begin using all of them in January. The NNJSDA will begin to introduce them in October, with plenty of workshopping as needed. A teaching session for the new calls will be offered at the Mini-Festival.

How will we know what program will be called at a dance?

For advertising their dances in the current season, clubs have been asked to label each one clearly in their ads in this issue: Mainstream, New Mainstream, Plus, New Plus. Those that have not labeled their ads are expected to have the information included in the club's email notices.

Do you have questions? Please contact me at *secondvp@nnjsda.org*.

~ Susan Horowitz, NNJSDA 2nd VP

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



Waco, Texas – Wow, what a great time at the 75th National Square Dance Convention from June 24-27! New Jersey dancers included Arlene Remington, Jose and Debbie Obarrio, Dennis Hunsberger, Carol Casale, Jane Mastrolia, and Joanna Lieuallen (pictured above l-r). In addition, Katie Wilson, her dad, Ed Crowley, and their family attended (pictured right). (Not pictured: Betsy and Roy Gotta.) More than 3,000 people from 48 states and 12 countries enjoyed a fabulous time. Everyone should try to make at least one convention!





Many of us added stops: San Antonio with its amazing River Walk, art scene, and the Alamo; Austin with its beautiful lakes, state capitol, Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum, BBQ, and music scene; Fort Worth with the cowboy-themed Stockyards; and Waco – home of Dr. Pepper, Mammoth National Park, and Magnolia Market. We found beautiful Japanese gardens, rodeos, underground caves, gorgeous sunsets, and more. Oh … and did I mention BBQ?!

~ Jane Mastrolia (Middletown Ramblers)

Pennsylvania Also!

1. Delaware Valley Square and Round Dance Federation Spring Fling in Lansdale – The one-day event on May 31 had more than nine squares dancing with Mark Franks and Rick Gittelman.

2. Cherry Ridge in Honesdale – The first Plus weekend was June 5-7 and another will be held September 18-20. Cherry Ridge offers rooms with shared kitchens, modern cabins, campsites, and a restaurant. And next year they are offering a Mainstream/Plus weekend in June for the first time ever!

3. Garden State Square Dance Campers in Shartlesville – At Appalachian Campground (see photo below), only one hour from New Jersey, we danced Mainstream and Plus: June 12-14, July 17-19, and August 7-9. They have a pool, restaurant, modern and rustic cabins, and campsites.

~ Jane Mastrolia (Middletown Ramblers)



The Circus Comes to Town in Pennsylvania

In March, Independence Squares hosted its annual fly-in. This year's event, in Langhorne, Pennsylvania, was the circus-themed "Spin the Big Top." Costumes were encouraged but not required over the weekend. The dancers' creativity was on display when lions, leopards, rabbits, and clowns took to the dance floor on Saturday evening.

"Spin the Big Top" offered great variety throughout the event. The schedule included a wide range of dance programs (SSD through C2) with energetic calling by three national callers and several up-and-coming guest callers.

See page 38 for details about the Philadelphia Freedom Fly-In, "Shoot for the Stars," in 2027. It promises to be out of this world!

~ George Voorhis (Motiv8ors, Times Squares)



Frank and Susan Dreifus, Ken Braidi, Daryl Murphy, Rick Massi, Dom Ponsades

Where in the world will YOU be dancing this fall and winter?

BEE SHARPS



- Fridays (see below) *except* *Thursday, September 10
- Early Rounds 7:30 *except* ^May 14: Early Plus DBD
- Square and Round Dancing 8:00-10:15
- Advanced tip 10:15 with 8+ dancers (if caller agrees)

September 2026 – June 2027

PeopleCare Center

120 Finderne Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ

***beesharps.org*, @BeeSharps, 908-500-6111**

Date	Caller	Cuer	Format	Theme
Sep. 10*	Don Bachelder	Steve Bradt	MS/PL/RD	Back to School
Sep. 25	Mark Franks	Ron Rumble	MS/PL/RD	Pirates of the Caribbean
Oct. 9	Dan Koft	Mary Pickett	ALL MS/RD	Wild, Wild West
Oct. 23	Joanna Lieuallen	Steve Bradt	MS/PL/RD	Safari Night
Nov. 13	Betsy Gotta	Roy Gotta	MS/PL/RD	Planes, Trains, and Automobiles
Nov. 27	*Happy Thanksgiving*		🦃	* *NO DANCE* *
Dec. 11	Howard Richman	Steve Bradt	MS/PL/RD	Sensational Superheroes
Dec. 25	*Happy Holidays*		🎄 🌟	* *NO DANCE* *
2027				
Jan. 8	Betsy Gotta	Roy Gotta	MS/PL/RD	ecnaD yaD sdrawkcaB
Jan. 22	Karin and Greg	Steve Bradt	MS/PL/RD	1970s and 1980s
Feb. 12	Mark Franks	Mary Pickett	A2/PL/RD	Valentine's Day Dance
Feb. 26	Stephen Ingis	Steve Bradt	MS/PL/RD	Cartoons and Comic Books
Mar. 12	Karin and Greg	Mary Pickett	ALL MS/RD	Beatlemania
Mar. 26	*Good Friday*		🙏	* *NO DANCE* *
April 9	Mark Franks	Ron Rumble	MS/PL/RD	Spring Formal
April 23	Betsy Gotta	Roy Gotta	MS/PL/RD	The Ol' Ball Game
May 14^	Dane Bragg	Mary Pickett	MS/PL/RD ^Early PL DBD	Alice in Wonderland
May 28	Karin and Greg	Russ Booz	ALL MS/RD	Graduation Dance
June 11	Howard Richman	Steve Bradt	MS/PL/RD	Ice Cream Social

BEE SHARPS – Bridgewater **MS/PL/RD-A tip**

beesharps.org

2, 4 Fri. Sept.-June **PeopleCare Center, 120 Finderne Avenue**

Vic Ammons: 908-763-4593 **Cell for dance: 908-500-6111**

The 2025-2026 dance season ended, but the dancing fun continued through the summer with Bee Sharps workshops. They offered not only review of Mainstream calls, but also introduction to the eight calls moving from Advanced to Plus. We welcomed new dancers and angels from neighboring clubs to join us in June, July, and August.

We finished the year with a talented and enthusiastic group of new Mainstream dancers. The picture below includes the graduates (holding certificates, left to right): Laura Berman, Sonny Sliwka, Bonnie Jensen, and Kendall Cole, along with class coordinators Heidi Garcia (left) and Lauren Haas (right). Not shown are graduates Trey Cole, Laurel Dobalo, and Terry Woltman. Our gifted "professors," Karin Rabe and Greg Moore, were sartorially elegant in their academic robes for our graduation ceremony!



In July, Bee Sharps members Holly and Bill Smythe and Dave Tien joined many New Jersey dancers at the Star Spangled Banner Festival in Maryland. Shortly before, the Smythes had returned from a trip to Pennsylvania to greet Big Boy No. 4014, the only massive steam engine train still operational, on its coast-to-coast trip to celebrate America's 250th anniversary.

We will be starting our next square dance season with a very special caller, Don Bachelder, who was so well received when he called for the NNJSDA dance in June. Note that this dance will be held on THURSDAY night, September 10 (not our usual Friday night). We love visitors and hope to see you all often throughout the coming season! For details, see our ad for the coming season.

Ad on page 12 *~ Nancy Ammons (cearnach.dannsa@gmail.com)*

Belles & Beaux

1st and 3rd Wednesdays 7:15-9:30
Mainstream with one or two Plus tips
Maywood Recreation Center, 340 Duvier Place, Maywood, NJ 07607
DD = Dangle Dance

Chris Wadel
President
201-835-7726
cwadel@optimum.net



Claire Zimmerman
Caller Contact
201-291-8417
swissoctober@hotmail.com

Sept 2	Mark Franks	Farewell to Summer (DD)
Sept 16	Karin Rabe, Greg Moore	Favorite Team Jersey
Oct 7	Sandy Corey	Oktoberfest
Oct 17	?????????	Mystery Bus Trip
Oct 21	Larry Shipman	Wear Your Favorite Color
Nov 4	Dane Bragg	Let's Eat Pie (DD)
Nov 18	Jonathon Weiner	Mickey Mouse Day
Dec 2	Fran Wadel	Midterm Dance
Dec 16	Howard Richman	Holiday Cookie Swap
Jan 6	Jonathon Weiner	Who's Who: Guess Celebrities (DD)
Jan 20	Paul Ingis	National Cheese Lovers Day
Feb 3	Maryjane Clewell	Grooving to the '60s
Feb 17	Stephen Ingis	Super Bowl Wednesday: Wear Team Jersey
Mar 3	Karin Rabe, Greg Moore	Dr. Seuss Day
Mar 17	Sandy Corey	St Patrick's Day – Wear Anything Green
Apr 7	Mark Franks	Let Them Eat Cake: Chocolate, of Course!
Apr 21	NO DANCE	PASSOVER
May 5	Howard Richman	Murder Mystery
May 19	Fran Wadel	Graduation – All Graduates Welcome
June 2	Rick Gittelman	Rick Is Back and So Is Our Pajama Dance!
June 16	TBD	You Are the Apple of My Eye (DD)
July 7	Stephen Ingis	Purple Heart (DD)
July 21	Sandy Corey	Hawaiian Luau
Aug 4	Paul Ingis	Ice Cream Social
Aug 18	Dan Koft	You Are the Sunshine of My Life – Wear Yellow

BELLES & BEAUX – Maywood **MS-PL tip**

sqrdance.org/BellesBeaux

1, 3 Wed. All Year **Maywood Recreation Center, 340 Duvier Place**

Chris Wadel: 201-835-7726 **Cell for dance: 201-835-7726**

The 15 students in the Belles & Beaux Plus class taught by Fran Wadel graduated at the end of July. They were encouraged to go to as many Plus dances as possible to become confident dancers. Chris Wadel, who is studying to become a caller, had the opportunity to practice by teaching a couple of the calls during Fran's class.

The Belles & Beaux Murder Mystery was a big success with various clubs attending. The sets and costumes were awesome. This time there was a double murder, and six people guessed who the murderers were. Howard Richman, with his great calling and fantastic outfits, did not disappoint as master of ceremonies.

There was a special Belles & Beaux surprise theme dance in June. The caller, Fran Wadel, was the one surprised: the dance was in her honor! She has taught thousands of students Mainstream and Plus over the years, and a special dangle ("Celebrating Fran Wadel") was given to everyone attending. Fran's son, Chris, made a speech in recognition of all she has done for square dancing; others shared their memories. There was a special cake, and Fran regaled the dancers by yodeling a singing call.

What is coming up? Glad you asked. Don't miss the Belles & Beaux Mystery Bus Trip on Saturday, October 17. (Please see the ad on page 8.) It is an all-day event during which we will tour exciting places, perhaps do a square dance tip at one of them, have a delicious dinner, and top it off with dancing in the evening. The deadline to purchase tickets is September 27.

Ad on page 14 *~ Amy Golden (argolden@optonline.net)*



76th National Square Dance Convention

Embassy Suites and Conference Center
4705 Clydesdale Parkway, Loveland, Colorado 80538

June 23-26, 2027

For registration and more information, visit:

https://76nsdc.com

CIRCLE EIGHTS

2026-2027

Mainstream with Plus Tips

Dancing one Sunday per month from 2-4 PM at the
Maywood Recreation Center
340 Duvier Place, Maywood, NJ 07607

9/13/26	**Howard Richman** *See you in September – Memorable vacations*
9/18/26	**FREE INTRO DANCE: Bring your friends!** **Friday 7-9 PM Caller: Howard Richman** **Hillsdale Community Center, 137 Patterson Street, Hillsdale, 07642**
10/11/26	**Betsy Gotta** *Monster Mash – Halloween fun*
11/22/26	**Maryjane Clewell** *What are you thankful for?*
12/13/26	**Karin Rabe/Greg Moore** *Here comes Santa*
1/10/27	**Paul Ingis** *New Year's Baby – Bring your baby photo; we'll guess who's who*
2/14/27	**Fran Wadel** *Valentine's Day – Love is in the air*
3/14/27	**Betsy Gotta** *Happy Leprechauns – Wear green*
4/11/27	**Mark Franks** *Bunny Hop*
5/2/27	**Howard Richman** *Memorial Day – Wear red, white, and blue*
6/13/27	**Rick Gittelman** *Ice Cream Social – Party on the beach*

MAINSTREAM BEGINNERS CLASS WITH TEACHER FRAN WADEL
Hillsdale United Methodist Church, 349 Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale 07642
Tuesday nights beginning September 22, 2026 7-9 PM
To register, call class coordinator Kim at 201-694-1491

Information: Pat and Tom, 201-955-1495 ***circle8s.nnjsda.org***

CIRCLE EIGHTS – Maywood **MS-PL tips**

circle8s.nnjsda.org

Various Sun. Sept.-June **Maywood Recreation Center, 340 Duvier Place**

Pat and Tom Duemig: 201-955-1495 **Cell for dance: 201-744-6463**

In March, Circle Eights welcomed 11 graduates who jumped right in by attending dances and raids. After turning our clocks ahead, we were on time for the March 8 Everyone Is Irish dance called by Howard Richman.



Pictured L-R: Lois Graney, Denise Green, Head Angel Kim Ferrentino, Barbara Donizetti, Avi Lewinson, Laura Carney, Sara Pafford, Instructor Fran Wadel, Tye Nelson, Gerry Riconda, Cyril Burke, Denise Kehoe (missing: Dora Windecker, Head Angel Rich Ferrentino)

In April, Mark Franks called for Celebrating the Earth with our new graduates, and all attendees received a dangle. The same month, 21 members showed up in a BIG way for a Steal the Banner raid to Belles & Beaux with caller Larry Shipman. Raid chairs Kim and Rich Ferrentino led us across the river in May to complete the Raid program at Times Squares with Betsy Gotta calling. In June, Betsy called to patriotic Flag Day tunes as Belles & Beaux raided to retrieve their banner. All attendees received a choice of ice cream treats – seconds also!

The June dance was followed by our membership meeting with board election for 2026-27: Presidents Pat and Tom Duemig, 1st VPs Gerry and Rick Savino, 2nd VPs Kim and Rich Ferrentino, 3rd VPs Debbie and Jose Obarrio, Secretary Rina Williams, Treasurer Arlene Remington. We welcomed the Savinos as Raid chairs and the Ferrentinos as class coordinators. Alicia and David Weschler are on a well-deserved break after 10 years as class coordinators and/or head angels.

Arlene Remington and the Obarrios attended the National Square Dance Convention in Waco, Texas, with stops in San Antonio and Austin. They had all been frequent dancers at Cherry Ridge in Pennsylvania and, for the first time, the Weschlers joined them for an intense (but enjoyable) Plus weekend called by Mark Franks. On a sad note, we learned that our 2017 graduate Herb Trauth, who had been a Circle Eights member through 2020, passed away last year.

We plan to hold Mainstream classes again at the Hillsdale United Methodist Church – see details on page 7.

Ad on page 16 *~ Jeanne Weisman (weisman.jeanne@gmail.com)*

HUNTERDON FLUTTERWHEELS

Hunterdon County Complex Building 1
314 Route 12, Flemington, NJ 08822
Web: *hunterdonflutterwheels.nnjsda.org*
Contact # night of dance: 908-458-6387

Date	*Theme*	*Caller*
9/13/26	***DANCE PARTY*** *2:00-4:00 PM*	Mary Moody
9/18/26*	**How Do You Like Them Apples?** *(International Apple Day)*	Mary Moody
10/2/26	**Won't You Take Me to Funky Town?**	Dan Koft
10/16/26	**Live Music Dance** *(Square dance attire encouraged)*	Howard Richman
11/6/26*	**Honoring Armed Forces** *(Bring a holiday card for the troops)*	Mark Franks
11/20/26*	**Just a Bunch of Wild and Crazy Guys and Gals**	Mary Moody
12/4/26^	**Heigh-Ho, Heigh-Ho: It's Off to the Mines We Go!**	Paul Ingis
12/18/26^	**Double the Fun: Holiday Cheer Twin Dance!**	K. Rabe/G. Moore
1/1/27	***Happy New Year NO DANCE***	
1/15/27^	**Nothin' but Dancin'** *(National Nothing Day)*	Betsy Gotta
1/29/27^	**Everything Is Awesome!**	Mary Moody
2/5/27	**Souper Bowl XII** *(Homemade soups and halftime snacks)*	Howard Richman
2/19/27	**Love and Kindness**	Dane Bragg
3/5/27	**Barbie Land Blast** *(National Barbie Day)*	Mark Franks
3/19/27	**French Language Day**	Jenn Engimann
4/2/27	**Tartans and Plaids**	Mary Moody
4/16/27	**Artists and Admirers Alike**	K. Rabe/G. Moore
5/7/27	**Down the Rabbit Hole**	Dan Koft
5/21/27	**Star Wars Galaxy Gala**	Dane Bragg
6/4/27	**Happy Trails** *(Ice Cream Social)*	Paul Ingis

Alternating New Mainstream and Plus Tips
1st and 3rd Fridays 8:00-10:15 PM
(New Plus calls taught two per dance, New Plus dancing begins at the 1/15/27 dance)

MS Classes Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 PM start in September and January

PL Classes start in October

For Information:
908-458-6387
hunterdonflutterwheels.nnjsda.org
facebook.com/hunterdonflutterwheels

*HC Senior Center, 4 Gauntt Place, Flemington

^Student-level Mainstream/Plus

HUNTERDON FLUTTERWHEELS – Flemington **MS/PL**

hunterdonflutterwheels.nnjsda.org

1, 3 Fri. Sept.-June **Hunterdon County Complex, Building 1**

Frank Laritz: 908-458-6387 **314 State Route 12**

The Aloha! National Lei Day dance was held on May 1 with spirited calling by Howard Richman. He patiently coached new Mainstream dancers and showed off his impressive Hawaiian shirt collection by changing between tips.

The Itza Pizza Party theme brought several visitors from other clubs so that we had six squares dancing Mainstream. There were red, white, and green decorations with lots of yummy pizza for snacking. Dane Bragg, our Plus teacher, called the dance, and we held a graduation ceremony for our 24 Plus students.

We celebrated our 11 Mainstream graduates on May 29 as they received diplomas from teachers Mary Moody and Joanna Lieuallen. The theme, Under the Sea Soirée, highlighted World Sea Turtle Day with sea creature decorations, novel music, and dancers dressed in blue, green, and aquamarine. During the last tip, callers Karin Rabe and Greg Moore swapped calling and dancing since one square needed an eighth dancer!

The final dance of the season was an ice cream social with a Drive-In Movie Night theme. Caller Paul Ingis played nostalgic music to accompany the theme.

Our summer workshops were called by Mary and Joanna. They taught and reviewed the new calls for Mainstream and Plus.

Flutterwheels attended NNJSDA summer dances at the PeopleCare Center, including the one on July 22 called by Howard Richman, who is always interesting and entertaining.

The past year was successful for our raiders, who earned 245 points by visiting six fellow NNJSDA clubs with as many as 24 dancers. Raid coordinator Bonnie Jean Mac Yash knows how to enthuse our members by arranging carpooling and dinner locations, and she trains us for the raid march – "Way to Go, Flutterwheels!"

Our board members deserve a shoutout for their outstanding work in keeping our club growing and vibrant. Co-epicureans Gerri Vitovich and Cathy Pecka have planned fun themes and coordinated decorations and delicious snacks. Kudos to our Mainstream class coordinators, Regina DeStefano and Sharon Stevens, and Plus class coordinators, Nan and Geoff Brown, for arranging the squares with angels. We enjoyed fun, games, swimming, and dancing at the Flutterwheels picnic on August 1. It was another great year!

Ad on page 18 *~ Marja van Ouwerkerk (pamarjavo@gmail.com)*

SECRET FOR NEW DANCERS

As you venture from your home club to other club and Association dances, here's a secret for good dancing: *Try to square up with experienced dancers* rather than with your classmates and other recent graduates. They will help you!

Square Dancing Fun with the

KITTATINNY RANGERS 2026-2027

MAINSTREAM WITH ONE PLUS TIP – 2ND and 4TH FRIDAYS, 7-9 PM
First Presbyterian Church, 100 Main Street, Stanhope, NJ 07874

September 11	Ed Crowley	February 12	Doug Kauffman
September 25	Joanna Lieuallen	February 26	Ed Crowley, Katie Wilson
October 9	Howard Richman	March 12	Sharon Trimble
October 23	Betsy Gotta	April 9	Maryjane Clewell
November 13	Cameron Harnish	April 23	Paul Ingis, Stephen Ingis
December 11	Dave Hartman	May 14	Ed Crowley
January 8	Dane Bragg	May 28	Howard Richman
January 22	Sharon Trimble	June 11	Joanna Lieuallen

Note: No dances on November 27, December 25, March 26

MAINSTREAM CLASSES WITH TEACHER JOANNA LIEUALLEN
Thursday evenings September 2026–June 2027; Intro on September 10
Halsted Street Middle School, 59 Halsted Street, Newton 07860

TO RAID: CALL PRESIDENT DONNA POYER, 908-619-2296

Info: *kittatinnyrangers.com*



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Garden State Square Dance Campers Association is looking for YOU!

We have a MS/PL campout in Pennsylvania every month, May to September. **Join us!**
For registration forms, see website: *gssdca.wixsite.com/gssdca*
Questions ? Pauline/Ron Vande Vrede : 973-343-3152

*Appalachian Campground, 60 Motel Drive, Shartlesville, PA 19554
Don't camp? At Appalachian, rent a cabin (deluxe or rustic) or stay at a nearby motel!

Campout Schedule 2026/2027

Sept. 11-13: Bob Engel We are joining Square Up Campers *To register, call campground directly at 717-949-3177*	Shady Oaks Campground 40 Round Barn Road, Newmanstown, PA 17073
Sept. 18-20: Dane Bragg/Jenn Engimann *To register, call campground directly at 570-488-6654*	Cherry Ridge Campsites 147 Camp Road, Honesdale, PA 18431
April 30-May 2, 2027: Bob Engel We are joining Square Up Campers *To register, call campground directly at 717-687-6207*	White Oak Campground 3156 White Oak Road, Quarryville, PA 17566
June 11-13, 2027: Dave Black	Appalachian Campground*
July 16-18, 2027: Bob Engel	Appalachian Campground*
August 13-15, 2027: Mark Franks	Appalachian Campground*

KITTATINNY RANGERS – Stanhope **MS-PL**

kittatinnyrangers.com

2, 4 Fri. Sept.-June **First Presbyterian Church, 100 Main Street**

Connie Smith: 973-248-2604 **Cell for dance: 973-248-2604**

Greetings from the Kittatinny Rangers! Did you have the most wonderful spring and summer? We did! In the spring, we danced to callers Maryjane Clewell, Katie Wilson, Doug Kauffman, Stephen Ingis, and Howard Richman to themes of vibrant colors (always fun to see on the dance floor), which culminated in red, white, and blue for Memorial Day.

Throughout the summer we were aware of these same hues as the United States celebrated 250 years, reminding us that square dancing also has a rich history. It evolved in the colonies from 17th and l8th century European dances, Scottish reels, and the French quadrille. Thirty-one states have designated square dancing as their official dance or folk dance. This includes New Jersey! In May 1983, a thank you dance was organized in Trenton by the NNJSDA to celebrate Governor Thomas Kean's signing into law a joint resolution.

Our March Mainstream graduates – Heidi Conklin, Cathy Garrison, Milton Jager, Connie O'Grady, Karen and Dave Penicaro, Ed Scott, and Sue Van Sickle – have enjoyed meeting and dancing with so many of you. They appreciate your attendance at Kittatinny events and your enthusiastic welcome for them at yours.

Lise Greene and Mark Bippes graciously hosted a summer picnic at their home in Lake Hopatcong for Kittatinny Rangers and Reelers (see photo below). It was another delightful experience with good friends and a delicious variety of food. Thank you to everyone who participated in making this annual event a success.

Every year in May, the Rangers and other clubs celebrate Eddie Mindlin's birthday, and this year was no exception. Eddie was joined on May 8 by many dancers, his son (Gary), other family, and friends as he reached the 100 years milestone. It was a privilege to be present for the blessing by his rabbi and touching tributes from family members. Eddie so enjoyed his party and cake. His favorite gift was a beautifully framed picture of him with his wife, Estelle, that was taken at a square dance event years ago.

It was hard to say goodbye to our dear friend John Lovatt, who died on June 17, 2026. It was always a pleasure to dance with John and Ann, who met through square dancing and were also avid round dancers. He will be deeply missed.

The Rangers look forward to dancing with you every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at First Presbyterian Church in Stanhope. Mainstream classes are held in the fall and spring in Newton. Our next class begins on September 10.

Ad on page 20 *~ Connie Smith (casglass@gmail.com)*



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

2nd/4th MONDAYS* Alternating MAINSTREAM and PLUS
May-August 7:30-9:30 September-April 8:00-10:00

SEPT.	14 Dan Koft – *Inside Out: inspired by movie and wardrobe* 28 Howard Richman – *Star Trek 60th Anniversary*
OCT.	12 Paul Ingis – *Music and Bands* 26 Karin Rabe/Greg Moore – *Halloween Hoedown: no experience needed!*
NOV.	9 Paul Ingis – *USA 250th Anniversary* 23 Sandy Corey – *Autumn/Fall*
DEC.* ***1st/3rd***	7 Betsy Gotta – *Stars, Stripes, and Harbor Lights* 21 Howard Richman – *Ugly Sweater Holiday Dance*
JAN.	11 Fran Wadel – *Student Mainstream Dance* 25 Howard Richman – *Superhero*
FEB.	8 Karin Rabe/Greg Moore – *Sports* 22 Karin Rabe/Greg Moore – *Aprons, Oven Mitts, and Promenades*
MAR.	8 Fran Wadel – *Mainstream Graduation* 22 Dan Koft – *Birds and Bees/Spring* 29 Stephen Ingis – *Western Wear Hoedown: no experience needed!*
APR.	12 Betsy Gotta – *National Scrabble Day* 26 Karin Rabe/Greg Moore – *Furry Friends Frolic: dress as an animal*
MAY	10 Howard Richman – *Anniversary Potluck Dinner 6:00, Dance 7:30* 24 Sandy Corey – *Disco*
JUNE	14 Howard Richman – *A Night at the Movies* 28 Stephen Ingis – *Milky Way Mixer (outer space)*
JULY	12 Betsy Gotta – *Hawaiian Luau* 26 Paul Ingis – *Ice Cream Social*

Info: *lakelandsquares8@gmail.com* – *lakelandsquares.wixsite.com/lakeland*

LAKELAND SQUARES – Towaco **MS/PL**

lakelandsquares.wixsite.com/lakeland

2, 4 Mon. All Year **Good Shepherd Church, 9 Two Bridges Road**

Gale Frankle: 973-978-8229 **Cell for dance: 973-978-8229**

Ahoy! In May, Lakeland Squares celebrated 53 years as a club and then in June, we saw a transformation in leadership! With relief and some reluctance, our longtime co-presidents and committee chairs, Kathy Keener and Monte Montagnino, announced that they were retiring. Between them they had contributed more than 70 years of work in shepherding and growing the many aspects of our club. Thankfully, they are still active and supportive, so Lakelanders will continue to enjoy dancing with them and benefiting from their expertise.

We welcome Gale Frankle as our president. Many other members always step up, eager to continue providing essential support to our adventurous group.

In case you missed it in April, our good friend who is always good for a hug, Eddie Mindlin, celebrated his 100th birthday. His usual friendly self was shining as square dancers from four clubs came to wish him well.

The tie dye theme at our May hoedown brought people from four different clubs plus 38 others learning the introductory moves from Howard Richman.





Photos: Celia Longendyke

Howard's calling for our famous "A Night at the Movies" drew another delightful turnout, including 12 from Hunterdon Flutterwheels and two from Belles & Beaux. The show included 26 "movie stars" in costume who took to the red carpet. The following "Academy Awards" were given by our prestigious judges, Richard Ball and Helen Leba: Best Group to the cast from *Gilligan's Island* (Celia, Doina, Ellen, Gale, JP, Lisa, Marie), Best Costume to *Mary Poppins* (Ruth), Best Animated Cartoon to *Inside Out* (Montagnino family expressing the emotions anger, sadness, and disgust), Best Duo to the two Dorothys from *The Wizard of Oz* (Sharon, Tina), Best Animal to Wookie from *Star Wars* (Martin), Best Actress to Luise Rainer from *The Great Ziegfeld* and *The Good Earth* (Mary), and Best Actor to Bluto from *Animal House* (Monica). The night ended – too soon! – with everyone feeling like a school kid.

Fun times continued throughout the summer with more themed dances and a hoedown. Join us!

Ad on page 22 *~ Monica Wilson*

Middletown Ramblers

Alternating Mainstream and Plus Square Dance Club
Fridays 7:30-9:30 PM

Croydon Hall Gym (Middletown Township Senior Center)
900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo, NJ 07737
***9/18** Thompson Park Activity Barn, 805 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft
(near the dog park)

***middletownramblers.org* or Facebook**

2026	Caller/Theme	2027	Caller/Theme
Sept 11	Howard Richman	Jan 29	Doug Kauffman **Crazy Hat Day**
Sept 18 *7:00**	Mark Franks **Family Night Barn Dance**	Feb 5	Betsy Gotta **Ice Cream**
Sept 25	Betsy Gotta	Feb 12	Howard Richman **Valentine's Dance**
Oct 2	Doug Kauffman **Ice Cream**	Feb 19	Mark Franks **Birthday Cake**
Oct 9	Betsy Gotta	Feb 26	Doug Kauffman
Oct 16	Mark Franks **Birthday Cake**	Mar 5	Doug Kauffman **Ice Cream**
Oct 23	Paul Ingis	Mar 12	Mark Franks **St. Patrick's Day**
Oct 30	Howard Richman **Halloween Costume Party**	Mar 19	Howard Richman **Birthday Cake**
Nov 6	Betsy Gotta **Ice Cream**	April 2	Dan Koft **Ice Cream**
Nov 13	Doug Kauffman	April 9	Howard Richman
Nov 20	Howard Richman **Birthday Cake**	April 16	Mark Franks **Take Me to the Ball Game!**
Dec 4	Mark Franks **Ice Cream**	April 23	Doug Kauffman
Dec 11	Betsy Gotta	April 30	Howard Richman
Dec 18 *6:30*	Howard Richman **Holiday Covered Dish**	May 7	Howard Richman **Ice Cream**
2027 Jan 8	Karin Rabe, Greg Moore	May 14	Betsy Gotta **Armed Forces Day**
Jan 15	Howard Richman **Birthday Cake**	May 21	Rick Gittelman **Birthday Cake**
Jan 22	Doug Kauffman	May 28	Paul Ingis

Contacts: Jane Mastrolia 732-406-1450 or Cyndy Allan 732-995-8949

MIDDLETOWN RAMBLERS – Leonardo **MS/PL**

middletownramblers.org

Every Fri. All Year **Croydon Hall Gym (Senior Center, 900 Leonardville Road**

Cyndy Allan: 732-995-8949 **Cell for dance: 732-406-1450**

The Middletown Ramblers are geared up for the new dance season!

We have been proactive in our recruitment efforts by offering not one but three open houses this summer, as well as our annual barn dance in September.

Doug Kauffman is returning as our instructor and has added a new dimension to our lessons! We plan to have two Mainstream sessions in the 2026-2027 season. Kelsey Kazmac and Patty Ross are our class coordinators.

Jane Mastrolia and Cyndy Allan have re-introduced theme dances that include interactive activities. Over the summer, Howard Richman called for Beach Party (check out the photos below), Disney Night, and Twins Night. Betsy Gotta called for Pirate Night. Fun was had by ALL!







We have ice cream on the first Friday of every month and birthday cake on the third. And, of course, we look forward to our annual Halloween Costume Party with Howard Richman on October 30.

We want everyone to enjoy dancing Mainstream and Plus at our club on Friday nights, so come and have some fun with the Ramblers!

Ad on page 24 *~ Jane Mastrolia (j.mastrolia@comcast.net)*



Come to the kick-off dance on November 22!

To register for the convention (April 23-24): *www.nesrdc.org*

For Marriott Shelton hotel reservations: *tinyurl.mhbj95se*.

MOTIV8ORS – Fair Lawn **A, C1**

motiv8ors.org

Various Sun. All Year **American Legion Post 171, 17-08 River Road**
Maryjane Clewell: 551-206-7905 **Cell for dance: 845-735-3222**



Our big news: The long-awaited Challenge 1 graduation was held in August! Hearty congratulations to (l-r) Bernadine Icklan, Don and Cathy Schlesinger, and May Tamanaha. Reaching this milestone is a huge accomplishment of which they are deservedly proud. It took two and a half years to complete the full C1 program with our club's format of two new calls or concepts taught at each dance. Now, that is dedication! The evening festivities included dinner, complete with a graduation cake. Representatives from the NNJSDA board presented our new C1 dancers with their certificates.

We welcome Kim Norland to our Motiv8ors family and Maureen Pedersen to our board as secretary. She joins our other hardworking officers: Maryjane Clewell, Susan Adam, Rich and Sue Baumeister (and yours truly).

Times Squares, the only other A2/C1 club in the NNJSDA, raided us at the end of April. We welcomed them with open arms and extra-special refreshments. In May, six Motiv8ors attended Wheel Around New Jersey, a predominantly Mainstream/Plus special dance.

In their quest for fun times, Motiv8ors members could be found up and down the east coast on the dance floors of Pass the Ocean, Hon! (Delaware); IAGSDC Convention (Montreal, Canada); Star Spangled Banner Festival (Maryland); Cherry Ridge Campsites (Pennsylvania); and Independence Squares fly-in (Pennsylvania). For more details about the great time at IS's fly-in, see George Voorhis's article in "Where in the World" on page 11.

In April, Don and Cathy Schlesinger celebrated Don's upcoming 80th birthday with a family trip to Phoenix, Arizona. Highlights included the Museum of Instrumental Music, Taliesin West (Frank Lloyd Wright's desert home and studio), and a Diamondbacks baseball game.

Louis Thompson took a two-week hiking trip of a lifetime with friends to the Isle of Skye, Scotland. They appreciated the magnificent scenery while climbing 3,000-foot-high mountains and visited a castle that is still occupied.

We welcome Marie Gower back to the dance floor after fracturing a bone in her foot. I thank my friends for their best wishes as I recover from back surgery.

Our hearts go out to Peter and Syl Collette upon the passing of their son after a prolonged period of medical issues. May he finally rest in peace.

Ad on page 33 *~ Jan Thompson (ltpt1@yahoo.com)*

REELERS

Now Including Mainstream

New Location
Church of the Saviour
155 Morris Avenue, Denville, NJ 07834

Winter/Spring location subject to change

1st and 3rd Fridays
7:30 – Rounds 8:00 – Mainstream/Plus/Rounds
Cuer: Mary Pickett unless noted

Info: Karen Condon
201-841-7523
kmc07834@yahoo.com
reelers.nnjsda.org

For Mainstream class info, call/text/email Karen Condon: see above
For round dance class info at various levels, call/text Mary Pickett: 908-419-3605

Date	Caller	Theme
09/18	**Dan Nordbye (AZ)** **Cheers to 65 Years!** **MS/PL/RD**	**65th Anniversary Dance** **PeopleCare Center** **120 Finderne Ave. Bridgewater 08807**
2026	***Format for the rest of 2026: Mainstream/NEW Plus/Rounds***	
10/02	Clay Goss (DE)	Take Me Out to the Ballgame
10/16	Karin Rabe/Greg Moore	Neckties and Scarves
11/06	Ed Foote (PA)	A Time for Giving (food donations)
11/20	Paul Ingis	Seuss on the Loose (Dr. S. books for kids)
12/04	Howard Richman	Golden Oldies
12/18	Mark Franks	All That Glitters
2027	***Unless noted, format for 2027: NEW Mainstream/NEW Plus/Rounds***	
01/15	Jenn Engimann (PA)	Woodstock Revisited
01/29	Karin Rabe/Greg Moore	Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory
02/05	Mark Franks	Mardi Gras
02/19	Howard Richman	Movie and Show Tunes
03/05	Dan and Kathy (cuer) Koft	Pies Galore
03/19	Dave Black (PA)	Wearing of the Green – ***NEW MS only***
04/02	Betsy Gotta	Night in Italy
04/16	Paul Ingis	Spring Fling
05/07	Ed Foote (PA)	Country/Western Jamboree
05/21	Karin Rabe/Greg Moore	Hawaiian Luau
06/04	Sandy Corey (NY)	Ice Cream Social

REELERS – Denville **MS/PL/RD**

reelers.nnjsda.org

1, 3 Fri. Sept.-June **Church of the Saviour, 155 Morris Avenue**

Karen Condon: 201-841-7523 **Cell for dance: 201-841-7523**

GET READY FOR OUR 65th ANNIVERSARY DANCE – CHEERS TO 65 YEARS! On September 18, we're celebrating at the PeopleCare Center with balloons, dangles, photo booth, and tasty food. *Dan Nordbye from Arizona*, who has called nationally and internationally, has more than 90 singing and patter recordings. Join us for a night of lively dancing, friendship, and laughter!

WHAT'S NEW: We are including *Mainstream tips at ALL our dances*. As a special welcome to Mainstream-only dancers, their entrance fee is discounted. Also, starting in October, we will use *New Plus*. And that's not all that's changing – our location is, too! Our spacious *new Denville hall* is about 15 minutes east of our former location, close to Routes 80 and 46.

REELERS ROUNDUP: Congratulations to our enthusiastic graduates, who have already jumped into dancing Plus without hesitation! Left to right in the photo below: Pat Mascenik, Martin and Sheryl Gurney, Lauren Haas, Helen Leba, Marie Abbey, Chris Carter, Tina Ammerman. Not pictured: Celia Longendyck, David Longendyck, John Plioplys, Doina Ralea.





On May 8, the Reelers celebrated Eddie Mindlin's 100th birthday along with many fellow square dancers, friends, and family. Eddie was all smiles and, of course, got plenty of Yellow Rocks!

Our May community dance with Betsy Gotta was well attended. Another one is planned for September 15 as we try to "reel" in new dancers. In July, we danced at the 4-H Fair in Mount Olive, showcasing that it's fun for all ages.

We were saddened to lose two Reelers: Diane Festa and Inars Gruntals. Diane and John were active members before moving to Florida. Inars and Jean served the club in countless ways for many years. We deeply miss them all.

SUMMER FUN: Linda and Rick Murphy attended the 75th National Square Dance Convention in Waco, Texas. Between square and round dancing, they were sure to return needing an R&R day. Where best to do that?! – Mark Bippes and Lise Greene's annual lakefront barbecue for Reelers and sister-club Kittatinny Rangers. (See photo on page 21.) Special thanks to Helen Jacobson for grilling dozens of burgers and hot dogs! We'll miss those sun-filled summer days, but the best is yet to come this fall. See you in a square!

Ad on page 28 *~ Phyllis Wooster*

RocklandRockytops

WELCOME TO OUR CLUB

ALTERNATING MAINSTREAM AND PLUS TIPS
Second and Fourth Fridays 7:00–9:00 PM (All Year Round)
Congers Community Center – 8 Gilchrest Road, Congers, NY

09/11/26	**NO DANCE**
	Rosh Hashanah
09/25/26	**PAUL INGIS**
10/09/26	**LARRY SHIPMAN**
10/23/26	**DAN KOFT**
11/13/26	**HOWARD RICHMAN**
11/27/26*	**STEPHEN INGIS**
12/11/26	**NO DANCE**
12/18/26	**SANDY COREY**
	Free Holiday Spirit Dance
12/25/26	**NO DANCE**
	2027
01/08/27	**PAUL INGIS**
01/22/27	**RANDY LONGOBUCCO**
02/11/27**	**FRAN WADEL**
	Student/Valentine's Day Dance
02/26/27	**HOWARD RICHMAN**
03/12/27	**DAN KOFT**
03/26/27	**NO DANCE**
	Good Friday
04/09/27	**BETSY GOTTA**
04/23/27	**MARK FRANKS**
05/14/27	**PAUL INGIS**
	Ice Cream Social
05/28/27	**RICK GITTELMAN**
06/11/27	**SANDY COREY**
06/25/27	**HOWARD RICHMAN**
07/09/27	**JIM EMORY**
07/23/27	**RANDY LONGOBUCCO**
08/13/27	**STEPHEN INGIS**
08/27/27	**BETSY GOTTA**
09/10/27	**FRAN WADEL**
	Intro Dance
09/24/27	**SANDY COREY**

Directions to Congers: See biweekly emailed dance announcements.

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

***11/27 venue**: *Maywood Recreation Center, 340 Duvier Place, Maywood*

****2/11 venue**: *Glen Rock Central School, 600 South Maple Avenue, Glen Rock*

Note special date (Thursday); cohosted with Belles & Beaux Class Dance

ROCKLANDROCKYTOPS – Congers, NY **MS/PL**

sqrdance.org/RocklandRockytops

2, 4 Fri. All Year **Congers Community Center, 8 Gilchrest Road**

Don Schlesinger: 845-623-2772 **Cell for dance: 845-642-5624**

In May, we were happy to once again enjoy the fun calling of Rick Gittelman, who had not been able to come east for several years.

A traditional highlight of our Rockytops season, also in May, was our Ice Cream Social with caller Ed Foote. Cathy Schlesinger and her team outdid themselves with an incredible assortment of ice cream flavors — Moose Tracks, Vienna Mocha Chunk, and more. The table of tantalizing toppings featured not only the usual whipped cream and sprinkles but also succulent strawberries and the largest blueberries I have ever seen. Cathy's team of super scoopers included Sue Ehnen, Lea Fleckenstein, Susan Greenstein, and three gifted Schlesinger grandchildren.

The evening also was special for celebrating the 80th birthday of our president, Don Schlesinger.

We are delighted to have added two new members to our club. Welcome to Denise Green and Debbie Krebs, recent Mainstream graduates from Circle Eights. After a several-year drought, Rockytops will once again have a Mainstream class this fall. Our teacher will be Chris Wadel, a new caller but experienced dancer, president of Belles & Beaux, and co-president of the NNJSDA. Thank you, Chris, for taking on this crucial role.

I cannot close without telling you my personal exciting news — I have become a first-time great-grandmother! I will have to travel to Texas to see my great-grandson, Graham. But nowadays, we have Facetime and Zoom, and my grandson and his wife have given me a Phunkee Tree Digital Picture & Video Frame, so these will help me be a part of Graham's growing up.

Here's to a wonderful year of square dancing ahead! We look forward to welcoming you to RocklandRockytops.

Ad on page 30 *~ Joan Schierlitz (dancingrandma@verizon.net)*

Online Study Resources

Useful for all dancers, whether new or experienced!
(Thanks to Jim Babcock for these recommendations.)

Ceder Chest: *ceder.net/def*

Dehn Base: *dehnbase.org/sd/tutorial/#gdp*

How to Square Dance: *videosquaredancelessons.com*

Taminations: *tamtwirlers.org/taminations*

Rutgers Promenaders
Square and Round Dance Club

www.rutgerspromenaders.org

2026-2027 Mainstream Dance/Class Schedule

***PeopleCare Center, 120 Finderne Ave., Bridgewater, NJ**
1st/3rd/5th Sundays, Class 1:30
Dance (Mainstream & Rounds) 2:30-5:00
Class members are invited to stay for the dances.
Guests: $8 (adult) / $4 (under 18)

2026	Theme	Caller/Cuer
September 6	*LABOR DAY WEEKEND—NO DANCE*	
September 20	Welcome Back / Open House	Dan & Kathy Koft
October 4		Betsy & Roy Gotta
October 18	Halloween	Dan & Kathy Koft
November 1	An Attitude of Gratitude (food bank)	Betsy & Roy Gotta
***November 15**	*North Brunswick American Legion* *1015 Linwood Pl., North Brunswick, NJ*	Dan & Kathy Koft
December 6	51st Annual Toys for Tots Dance	Gottas & Kofts
December 20		Betsy & Roy Gotta
2027		
January 3	Come Together (Beatles songs)	Betsy & Roy Gotta
January 17	The Happiest Dance on Earth (Disney)	Dan & Kathy Koft
January 31	Doin' the Neutron Dance (science/nerds)	Dan & Kathy Koft
February 7	Bourbon Street Boogie (Mardi Gras)	Betsy & Roy Gotta
February 21		Dan & Kathy Koft
March 7	Batter Up! (baseball and spring training)	Betsy & Roy Gotta
March 21		Dan & Kathy Koft
April 4	Rock 'n' Roll	Betsy & Roy Gotta
April 18		Betsy & Roy Gotta
May 2	Rock Around the Square (the 1950s)	Dan & Kathy Koft
May 16	Cowboys and Cowgirls	Betsy & Roy Gotta
June 6	All Singing Calls	Gottas & Kofts
July 18	Summer Dance #1	Betsy & Roy Gotta
August 15	Summer Dance #2	Dan & Kathy Koft

RUTGERS PROMENADERS – Bridgewater **MS/RD**

rutgerspromenaders.org

1, 3 Sun. All Year **PeopleCare Center, 120 Finderne Avenue**

Tony Milito: 848-391-2540 **Cell for dance: 732-690-5280**

During our last official dance of the past season, we elected our executive board for the new season: Tony Milito as president, Ken Robinson continuing as vice president, Mary Ann Ryan-Erdek continuing as secretary, and Rosemary Biggs returning to the position of co-treasurer with Susan Petroulas continuing in her second term.

For the second straight year, many Promenaders enjoyed a very fine Wheel Around New Jersey dance at the PeopleCare Center in May. It was hosted by Times Squares and Independence Squares, and called by our club's own Dan Koft.

This summer has been excruciatingly hot, but that definitely did not stop us from continuing with our July and August dancing!

Due to maintenance and repair work needing to be done at the Pioneer Grange, we have once again made arrangements to hold the majority of our dances for the upcoming season at the PeopleCare Center. The exception is November 15, which has been set for one of our past venues, the American Legion Hall in North Brunswick.

Ad on page 32 *~ Mary Ann Ryan-Erdek (merdek56@gmail.com)*

Motiv8ors

motiv8ors.org

Sundays at American Legion Post 171

17-08 River Road, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

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

Sept. 13	Karin Rabe/Greg Moore	Feb. 7	Jenn Engimann
Sept. 27	Betsy Gotta	Feb. 21	Betsy Gotta
Oct. 11	Betsy Gotta	Mar. 7	Jenn Engimann
Oct. 25	Mark Franks	Mar. 14	Betsy Gotta
Nov. 15	Karin Rabe/Greg Moore	Apr. 18	Karin Rabe/Greg Moore
Nov. 29	Betsy Gotta	Apr. 25	Betsy Gotta
Dec. 13	Betsy Gotta	May 16	Mark Franks
Dec. 20	Mark Franks	May 23	Betsy Gotta
Jan. 17	Mark Franks	June 13	Rick Gittelman
Jan. 31	Jenn Engimann		

Advanced and Challenge Club Singles Welcome Computer Squares

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

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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Most Tuesdays & Thursdays | 6:30-9:00 PM
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2026	**2027**
SEPT 3, 10, 17, 24, 26	JAN 5, 23
OCT 1, 8, 15, 22, 24, 29	FEB 20
NOV 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 21, 24	MAR 27
DEC 1, 3, 10, 17, 26	APR 24
	MAY 6, 13, 20, 27, 29

Mainstream class: Tuesdays, Aug 4-Oct 27; Jan 12-Apr 6
Plus class/Advanced workshop: Thursdays, Jan 7-Apr 29

Locations: Public School 3, 490 Hudson Street, New York, NY
St. John's Lutheran Church, 81 Christopher Street, New York, NY

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TIMES SQUARES – New York, NY **MS/PL/A/C1**

timessquares.nyc

Various Tues., Thurs., Sat. All Year **PS 3, 490 Hudson Street**

Kim Norland: 347-581-3228 **Cell for dance: 347-394-4950**

Spring and summer were busy seasons for us. Following a hopeful trend of increasingly larger classes, the club recently graduated a Mainstream class of 12. Trending toward the younger end of the age scale, these graduates are maintaining high participation and injecting fresh energy into our community.

During the first weekend in May, many Times Squares members traveled to Rehoboth Beach in Delaware for the annual Pass the Ocean, Hon! fly-in sponsored by Chesapeake Squares. It's always a joy to see our friends from up and down the east coast and dance to a great slate of callers.



The following week, Times Squares and Independence Squares co-sponsored Wheel Around New Jersey 3. Dan Koft called a fun afternoon for a room full of dancers from New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. The event's continued success has us already planning Wheel Around New Jersey 4 in 2027.

June is Pride Month, and Times Squares celebrated with two special events. In conjunction with Brooklyn Pride, we hosted Pride Open House at Camp Friendship in Park Slope, Brooklyn. It was wonderful to welcome so many new dancers – five squares in all – for a lively afternoon called by Howard Richman, including the Virginia Reel danced to a Beatles song. Later that month, we held our celebratory Rainbow Pride Dance, again featuring Howard Richman.

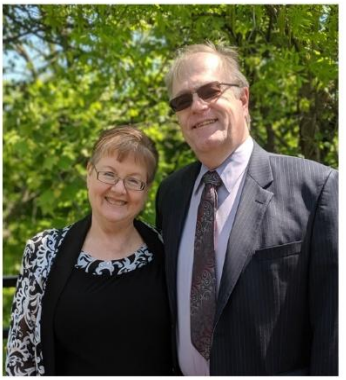
July's highlight was the annual IAGSDC Convention, Montreal Mix. Thirty-eight Times Squares dancers traveled to Montreal, Quebec, for more than four days of dancing and events with nearly 900 square dance friends from around the world. Five Times Squares members received medallions for convention attendance: George Santos (10 years), Kevin Gallagher and Gabriel Rivas (20 years), and Roy Gotta and Chip Prince (25 years).

We closed July with two successful events. Our ever-popular Christmas in July dance with Betsy Gotta brought out holiday sweaters and Santa hats despite the summer heat. We ended the month with another successful open house, also featuring Betsy Gotta, and welcomed a promising group of new recruits who began a Mainstream class in August. We look forward to welcoming these students into membership when they graduate in October.

Ad on page 34 *~ Kim Norland (krnorland@hotmail.com)*

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

DECEMBER 31, 2026 – 9:00 PM TO 12:15 AM



Kathy & Dan
Koft

WITH



Betsy & Roy
Gotta

PeopleCare Center

120 Finderne Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ

Format: Equal time for Squares and Rounds
Between square dance tips, there will be 3 to 5 rounds
(depending on the length of the rounds).

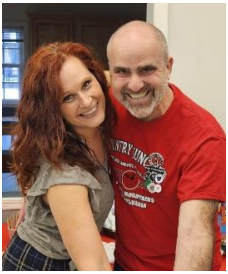
Program: 2 Mainstream tips followed by 1 Plus tip,
with rounds between.

This is a dessert dance, not a dinner dance.
You are welcome to bring a dessert to share,
but it is not required. Champagne at midnight.

Attendance is limited to 8 squares.
If you plan to attend, you must contact Roy Gotta at
roygotta@optonline.net or 732-718-2954.

Finding Joy and Connection Through Square Dancing

Joining the world of square dancing has been such a wonderful and unexpected gift in my life. What began as a fun activity for my husband and me quickly became so much more. Square dancing has given us something special to enjoy together – a chance to laugh, learn, stay active, and strengthen our bond as a couple. Along the way, we have also met so many amazing people and formed friendships that we truly treasure.



As we became more involved, Rich and I had the opportunity to serve as head angels and, more recently, as class coordinators. Helping new dancers learn the calls, gain confidence, and discover the fun of square dancing has been incredibly rewarding. There is something very special about watching people walk into class feeling unsure or nervous and then seeing them begin to relax, smile, and feel like part of the group.

For me, the best part of being a head angel and class coordinator is that it brings me back to exactly why we joined square dancing in the first place – the joy, the friendships, the laughter, and the feeling of belonging. Being able to share that experience with others and help them find the same happiness makes the experience even more meaningful.

Square dancing has enriched our lives in ways we never expected. It has drawn my husband and me even closer, introduced us to a wonderful community, and given us the opportunity to help others discover something that has brought us so much joy. Knowing that we may play even a small part in creating that experience for someone else makes me very happy.

~ Kim Schultz-Ferrentino (Circle Eights)



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Registration Fees:
Before May 5, 2026 and First Time Attendees - $95
May 5, 2026 to March 2, 2027 - $125
After March 2, 2027 - $145

Registration fees are non-refundable, but may be transferred to another 2027 attendee or carried over, one time only, to the 2028 Fly-In.

Name: _____ Primary Club: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Preferred Dance Program: _____ It's my first time attending: Y ☐ N ☐

Payment Method: _____ Payment Date: _____ Check # (if applicable): _____

I want to be a guest caller: Y ☐ N ☐ I want to call the following program(s): _____

Register on our website or mail registration form to: Independence Squares c/o Peg Wilsbach and Linda Bourdet, 6946 Weatham St, Philadelphia, PA 19119 (checks payable to Independence Squares)

www.independencesquares.org ✦ *independencesquares@hotmail.com*

Spotlight on – Joanna Lieuallen!

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



Joanna Lieuallen, a familiar face to dancers throughout northern New Jersey, is active in many roles. She has energy and enthusiasm for all things related to square dancing! She was president of the NNJSDA for three years and has held other positions, currently as assistant president. In her home club, Hunterdon Flutterwheels, Joanna has served as president and in nearly every other office. She also is the club webmaster.

Joanna's father was stationed in Germany after WWII and met her mother on a blind date. They married and moved to the United States but did two more tours of duty in Germany. Joanna was born on an army base outside Nuremberg. Upon returning to the USA, the family settled in Maryland. In college, Joanna majored in animal science. After moving to Ohio while her then husband attended veterinary school, they moved to New Jersey for work. Joanna has a son living in Maryland and a daughter and two grandsons in Pennsylvania.

After years as a graphic designer with Johnson & Johnson, Joanna joined the marketing team at PS&S, an architecture/engineering firm, and now works on proposal and compliance tasks with an attorney in their legal department.

Following her first exposure to square dancing in elementary school, Joanna took a class in college and then concurrent lessons at Bee Sharps and Hunterdon Flutterwheels in the fall of 2002. She danced Plus DBD at WASCA and, after recently completing a blast class, danced Advanced at the National Convention, the Star Spangled Banner Festival in Maryland, and the Tennessee State Convention this summer. In addition, many vacations included local dances in California, Kansas, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Germany, and more.

When Joanna's mother was diagnosed with serious medical problems and told she had only months to live, they lived together. Under Joanna's diligent care, her mother lived an additional six years. She often came to dances, where she enjoyed watching the squares as well as the camaraderie. Joanna cheerfully juggled her full-time job while maintaining her mom's Maryland home, her own home, and her mother's care. Many of us also remember Mac, Joanna's significant other, with whom she danced for more than 15 years. Their adventures took them to many places in New Jersey as well as other states.

Joanna enjoys angeling at lessons and has recently taken up calling. Last year, she stepped in to teach the Flutterwheels Mainstream class when Mary Moody had surgery. Since attending the Grand Square International Caller School prior to the 2025 National Convention, she has continued learning and practicing and called at the 2026 National Convention.

The square dance community has been immeasurably enriched in so many ways by Joanna. We appreciate all that she has done and continues to do, including her work on *Grand Square*. Now we look forward to dancing *to* her calling as well as dancing *with* her!

~ Irene Stoller

Mark Franks
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May 21-23, 2027



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- Large wooden dance floor
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Tips for Your Tips

A series devoted to helping you become a more confident dancer
Reprinted from *Grand Square* 55.3 – May 2013

The Sound of Music

To borrow from a famous song, the dance floor is alive with the sound of music. Music is what makes our activity *dancing*, not merely a caller moving human chess pieces around the floor.

First, there is the flavor of the music. Peppier tunes give a bounce to your step, while smooth tunes make you feel like you are gliding across the dance floor. Sometimes, familiar songs entice you to sing along with the lyrics.

Square dance music has a consistent beat. The beat helps keep you and your fellow dancers stepping at the same time. This is particularly evident during a Promenade; there is a rhythm and feeling of togetherness when everyone in the hall steps "squarely" on the beat.

Part of the mission of Callerlab, an international organization of square dance callers, is to maintain a list of the calls that are used in the various dance programs. For each call, there is a definition (how to execute the call) and a timing note (suggested number of steps to complete the call). Squares move more smoothly through the calls when dancers do not rush but instead spend the full count for each part of the call. A perfect example is Grand Square, where four beats/steps are allotted for each "side" of an individual's square. When executed accurately, nobody gets stepped on. This is particularly important if Grand Square is called from a starting position other than your standard static square. Interesting note: When Grand Square *is* called from a standard squared up set, you will have two facing lines after six steps, if done accurately! The proper execution of calls becomes even more necessary with the more intricately timed calls (such as Relay the Deucey and Teacup Chain, in the Plus program). In these cases, proper pacing helps to maintain the square's symmetry during the execution of the call's various parts.

Not all dancers are aware that singing calls have a structure to their choreography that corresponds to the structure of the song. A singer's structure is break, figure, figure, break, figure, figure, break. The break (frequently starting with Circle Left, Grand Square, or Ladies Chain/Promenade) is the "chorus" of the song. The figure (frequently starting with Heads/Sides Promenade Half, or Square Thru Three) is the "verse." A woman should be with her opposite man when the middle break is called, and should be back with her original partner for the end break. So, if your square breaks down during the figure choreography, the breaks are your opportunity to straighten things out, if you so choose. Also, since the breaks are during the song's chorus, they are opportunities for dancers to sing along during a Circle Left or Promenade home, which adds to the enjoyment of the dance.

Let the beat of the music guide you. Let the "feel" of the music move you. Enjoy the *dance!*

Jan Thompson (Motiv8ors)

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY SQUARE DANCERS ASSOCIATION

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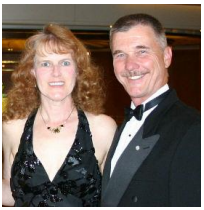
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026

1:00-6:30 PM

Don Moger (Canada)
Dave Eno (NY)
Betsy Gotta (NJ)

Rounds by **Roy Gotta (NJ)**

Location TBA



Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Challenge 1, Rounds

Special Tips – Watch for Announcements!

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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 are in NJ unless noted. A = Advanced; C = Challenge; MS = Mainstream; PL = Plus; RD = Rounds; TBA = To Be Announced; *italics* = student-level MS or intro/dance party; / = equal time; , = programs of differing length; - = one or two tips only.

Date	Club	Caller/Cuer	Location	Program
		SEPTEMBER		
2 W	Belles & Beaux	Franks	Maywood	MS-PL
3 Th	Times Squares	Franks	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
10 Th	Bee Sharps	Bachelder/Pickett	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	*Lieuallen*	*Newton*	*Intro*
	Times Squares	Gallina	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
11 F	Kittatinny Rangers	Crowley	Stanhope	MS-PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Richman	Leonardo	MS/PL
13 Su	Circle Eights	Richman	Maywood	MS-PL
	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	*Moody*	*Flemington*	*Intro*
	Motiv8ors	Rabe, Moore	Fair Lawn	A, C1
14 M	Lakeland Squares	Koft	Towaco	MS/PL
16 W	Belles & Beaux	Rabe, Moore	Maywood	MS-PL
17 Th	Times Squares	Richman	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
18 Fr	*Circle Eights*	*Richman*	*Hillsdale*	*Intro*
	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Moody	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	*Franks*	*Lincroft*	*Intro*
	Reelers	Nordbye/Pickett	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
20 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Koft/Koft	Bridgewater	MS/RD
24 Th	Times Squares	Gotta	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
25 F	Bee Sharps	Franks/Rumble	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	Lieuallen	Stanhope	MS-PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Gotta	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	P. Ingis	Congers, NY	MS/PL
26 Sa	Times Squares	Lizotte	New York, NY	MS/PL/A/C1
27 Su	Motiv8ors	Gotta	Fair Lawn	A, C1
28 M	Lakeland Squares	Richman	Towaco	MS/PL
		OCTOBER		
1 Th	Times Squares	Gotta	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
2 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Koft	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Kauffman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Goss	Denville	MS/PL/RD
3 Sa	**NNJSDA Dance**	**S. Ingis**	**Bridgewater**	**MS/PL**
4 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Gotta/Gotta	Bridgewater	MS/RD
7 W	Belles & Beaux	Corey	Maywood	MS-PL
8 Th	Times Squares	Gotta	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
9 F	Bee Sharps	Koft/Pickett	Bridgewater	MS/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	Richman	Stanhope	MS-PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Gotta	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	Shipman	Congers, NY	MS/PL
11 Su	Circle Eights	Gotta	Maywood	MS-PL
	Motiv8ors	Gotta	Fair Lawn	A, C1
12 M	Lakeland Squares	P. Ingis	Towaco	MS/PL
15 Th	Times Squares	Gotta	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
16 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Richman	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Franks	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Rabe, Moore/Pickett	Denville	MS/PL/RD
18 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Koft/Koft	Bridgewater	MS/RD
21 W	Belles & Beaux	Shipman	Maywood	MS-PL
22 Th	Times Squares	Gotta	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
23 F	Bee Sharps	Lieuallen/Pickett	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD

23 F	Kittatinny Rangers	Gotta	Stanhope	MS-PL
	Middletown Ramblers	P. Ingis	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	Emory	Congers, NY	MS/PL
24 Sa	Times Squares	Engimann	New York, NY	MS/PL/A/C1
25 Su	Motiv8ors	Franks	Fair Lawn	A, C1
26 M	Lakeland Squares	Rabe, Moore	Towaco	MS/PL
29 Th	Times Squares	Gotta	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
30 F	Middletown Ramblers	Richman	Leonardo	MS/PL

NOVEMBER

1 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Gotta/Gotta	Bridgewater	MS/RD
4 W	Belles & Beaux	Bragg	Maywood	MS-PL
5 Th	Times Squares	Gotta	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
6 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Franks	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Gotta	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Foote/Pickett	Denville	MS/PL/RD
8 Su	**Mini-Festival**	**Eno, Moger, Gotta/Gotta**	**TBA**	**MS/PL/A/C1/RD**
9 M	Lakeland Squares	P. Ingis	Towaco	MS/PL
10 Tu	Times Squares	Richman	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
12 Th	Times Squares	Gotta	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
13 F	Bee Sharps	Gotta/Gotta	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	Harnish	Stanhope	MS-PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Kauffman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	Richman	Congers, NY	MS/PL
15 Su	Motiv8ors	Rabe, Moore	Fair Lawn	A, C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Koft/Koft	North Brunswick	MS/RD
17 Tu	Times Squares	P. and S. Ingis	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
18 W	Belles & Beaux	Weiner	Maywood	MS-PL
19 Th	Times Squares	Gotta	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
20 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Moody	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Richman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	P. Ingis/Pickett	Denville	MS/PL/RD
21 Sa	Times Squares	Hartman	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
22 Su	Circle Eights	Clewell	Maywood	MS-PL
23 M	Lakeland Squares	Corey	Towaco	MS/PL
24 Tu	Times Squares	Richman	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
27 F	RocklandRockytops	S. Ingis	Maywood	MS/PL
29 Su	Motiv8ors	Gotta	Fair Lawn	A, C1

DECEMBER

1 Tu	Times Squares	MS/PL/A	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
2 W	*Belles & Beaux*	*Wadel*	*Maywood*	*MS-PL*
3 Th	Times Squares	Gotta	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
4 F	*Hunterdon Flutterwheels*	*P. Ingis*	*Flemington*	*Student MS/PL*
	Middletown Ramblers	Franks	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Richman/Pickett	Denville	MS/PL/RD
6 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Gottas/Kofts	Bridgewater	MS/RD
7 M	Lakeland Squares	Gotta	Towaco	MS/PL
10 Th	Times Squares	Gotta	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
11 F	Bee Sharps	Richman/Bradt	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	Hartman	Stanhope	MS-PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Gotta	Leonardo	MS/PL
13 Su	Circle Eights	Rabe, Moore	Maywood	MS-PL
	Motiv8ors	Gotta	Fair Lawn	A, C1
16 W	Belles & Beaux	Richman	Maywood	MS-PL
17 Th	Times Squares	Gotta	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
18 F	*Hunterdon Flutterwheels*	*Rabe, Moore*	*Flemington*	*Student MS/PL*
	Middletown Ramblers	Richman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Franks/Pickett	Denville	MS/PL/RD

18 F	RocklandRockytops	Corey	Congers, NY	MS/PL
20 Su	Motiv8ors	Franks	Fair Lawn	A, C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Gotta/Gotta	Bridgewater	MS/RD
21 M	Lakeland Squares	Richman	Towaco	MS/PL
26 Sa	Times Squares	Richman	New York, NY	MS/PL/A

JANUARY

3 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Gotta/Gotta	Bridgewater	MS/RD
5 Tu	Times Squares	Richman	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
6 W	Belles & Beaux	Weiner	Maywood	MS-PL
8 F	Bee Sharps	Gotta/Gotta	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	Bragg	Stanhope	MS-PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Rabe, Moore	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	P. Ingis	Congers, NY	MS/PL
10 Su	Circle Eights	P. Ingis	Maywood	MS-PL
11 M	*Lakeland Squares*	*Wadel*	*Towaco*	*Student MS*
15 F	*Hunterdon Flutterwheels*	*Gotta*	*Flemington*	*Student MS/PL*
	Middletown Ramblers	Richman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Engimann/Pickett	Denville	MS/PL/RD
17 Su	Motiv8ors	Franks	Fair Lawn	A, C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Koft/Koft	Bridgewater	MS/RD
20 W	Belles & Beaux	P. Ingis	Maywood	MS-PL
22 F	Bee Sharps	Rabe, Moore/Bradt	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	Trimble	Stanhope	MS-PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Kauffman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	Longobucco	Congers, NY	MS/PL
23 Sa	Times Squares	Hodge	New York, NY	MS/PL/A/C1
24 Su	***NNJSDA Dance***	***Class Instructors***	***Bridgewater***	***Student MS***
25 M	Lakeland Squares	Richman	Towaco	MS/PL
29 F	*Hunterdon Flutterwheels*	*Moody*	*Flemington*	*MS*
	Middletown Ramblers	Kauffman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Rabe, Moore/Pickett	Denville	MS/PL/RD
31 Su	Motiv8ors	Engimann	Fair Lawn	A, C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Koft/Koft	Bridgewater	MS/RD

FEBRUARY

3 W	Belles & Beaux	Clewell	Maywood	MS-PL
5 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Richman	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Gotta	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Franks/Pickett	Denville	MS/PL/RD
7 Su	Motiv8ors	Engimann	Fair Lawn	A, C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Gotta/Gotta	Bridgewater	MS/RD
8 M	Lakeland Squares	Rabe, Moore	Towaco	MS/PL
11 Th	*RocklandRockytops*	*Wadel*	*Glen Rock*	*Student MS*
12 F	Bee Sharps	Franks/Pickett	Bridgewater	A/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	Kauffman	Stanhope	MS-PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Richman	Leonardo	MS/PL
14 Su	Circle Eights	Wadel	Maywood	MS-PL
17 W	Belles & Beaux	S. Ingis	Maywood	MS-PL
19 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Bragg	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Franks	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Richman/Pickett	Denville	MS/PL/RD
20 Sa	Times Squares	Engimann	New York, NY	MS/PL/A/C1
21 Su	Motiv8ors	Gotta	Fair Lawn	A, C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Koft/Koft	Bridgewater	MS/RD
22 M	Lakeland Squares	Rabe, Moore	Towaco	MS/PL
26 F	Bee Sharps	S. Ingis/Bradt	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	Crowley, Wilson	Stanhope	MS-PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Kauffman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	Richman	Congers, NY	MS/PL

MARCH

3 W	Belles & Beaux	Rabe, Moore	Maywood	MS-PL
5 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Franks	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Kauffman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Koft/Koft	Denville	MS/PL/RD
7 Su	Motiv8ors	Engimann	Fair Lawn	A, C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Gotta/Gotta	Bridgewater	MS/RD
8 M	Lakeland Squares	Wadel	Towaco	MS/PL
12 F	Bee Sharps	Rabe, Moore/Pickett	Bridgewater	MS/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	Trimble	Stanhope	MS-PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Franks	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	Shipman	Congers, NY	MS/PL
13 Sa	**NNJSDA Dance**	**Goss**	**Bridgewater**	**MS/PL**
14 Su	Circle Eights	Gotta	Maywood	MS-PL
	Motiv8ors	Gotta	Fair Lawn	A, C1
17 W	Belles & Beaux	Corey	Maywood	MS-PL
19 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Engimann	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Richman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Black	Denville	MS
21 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Koft/Koft	Bridgewater	MS/RD
22 M	Lakeland Squares	Koft	Towaco	MS/PL
27 Sa	Times Squares	Engimann	New York, NY	MS/PL/A/C1
29 M	Lakeland Squares	S. Ingis	Towaco	Intro

APRIL

2 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Moody	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Koft	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Gotta/Pickett	Denville	MS/PL/RD
4 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Gotta/Gotta	Bridgewater	MS/RD
7 W	Belles & Beaux	Franks	Maywood	MS-PL
9 F	Bee Sharps	Franks/Rumble	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	Clewell	Stanhope	MS-PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Richman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	Gotta	Congers, NY	MS/PL
11 Su	Circle Eights	Franks	Maywood	MS-PL
12 M	Lakeland Squares	Gotta	Towaco	MS/PL
16 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Rabe, Moore	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Franks	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	P. Ingis/Pickett	Denville	MS/PL/RD
17 Sa	**NNJSDA Dance**	**Koft/Koft**	**Bridgewater**	**MS/PL/RD**
18 Su	Motiv8ors	Rabe, Moore	Fair Lawn	A, C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Gotta/Gotta	Bridgewater	MS/RD
23 F	Bee Sharps	Gotta/Gotta	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	P. Ingis, S. Ingis	Stanhope	MS-PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Kauffman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	Franks	Congers, NY	MS/PL
24 Sa	Times Squares	TBA	New York, NY	TBA
25 Su	Motiv8ors	Gotta	Fair Lawn	A, C1
26 M	Lakeland Squares	Rabe, Moore	Towaco	MS/PL
30 F	Middletown Ramblers	Richman	Leonardo	MS/PL

MAY

2 Su	Circle Eights	Richman	Maywood	MS-PL
	Rutgers Promenaders	Koft/Koft	Bridgewater	MS/RD
5 W	Belles & Beaux	Richman	Maywood	MS-PL
6 Th	Times Squares	McAtee	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
7 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Koft	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Richman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Foote/Pickett	Denville	MS/PL/RD
10 M	Lakeland Squares	Richman	Towaco	MS/PL

13 Th	Times Squares	Franks	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
14 F	Bee Sharps	Bragg/Pickett	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	Crowley	Stanhope	MS-PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Gotta	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	P. Ingis	Congers, NY	MS/PL
16 Su	Motiv8ors	Franks	Fair Lawn	A, C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Gotta/Gotta	Bridgewater	MS/RD
19 W	Belles & Beaux	Wadel	Maywood	MS-PL
20 Th	Times Squares	Gotta	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
21 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Bragg	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Gittelman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Rabe, Moore/Pickett	Denville	MS/PL/RD
22 Sa	**NNJSDA Dance**	**Mikenas/Viscanti**	**Bridgewater**	**MS/PL/RD**
23 Su	Motiv8ors	Gotta	Fair Lawn	A, C1
24 M	Lakeland Squares	Corey	Towaco	MS/PL
27 Th	Times Squares	Lizotte	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
28 F	Bee Sharps	Rabe, Moore/Booz	Bridgewater	MS/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	Richman	Stanhope	MS-PL
	Middletown Ramblers	P. Ingis	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	Gittelman	Congers, NY	MS/PL
29 Sa	Times Squares	Lizotte	New York, NY	MS/PL/A/C1

Conventions, Festivals, Specials, and Weekends

9/11-13	GSSD Campers	Engel	Newmanstown, PA	MS/PL
9/18-20	GSSD Campers	Bragg, Engimann	Honesdale, PA	MS/PL
10/17	Mystery Bus Trip	???	???	???
11/8	**Mini-Festival**	**Eno, Moger, Gottas**	**TBA**	**MS/PL/A/C1/RD**
12/31	New Year's Eve	Gottas and Kofts	Bridgewater	MS,PL/RD
4/30-5/2	GSSD Campers	Engel	Quarryville, PA	MS/PL
6/23-26	National Convention	Multiple Callers/Cuers	Loveland, CO	All Programs

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* = Round dancing included + = Plus tip(s) @ = 1 Advanced tip

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MAINSTREAM

+ **Belles & Beaux –** *sqrdance.org/BellesBeaux* 1, 3 Wednesday All Year
Maywood Recreation Center, 340 Duvier Place, Maywood 07607

+ **Circle Eights –** *circle8s.nnjsda.org* Various Sunday Sept.-June
Maywood Recreation Center, 340 Duvier Place, Maywood 07607

+ **Kittatinny Rangers –** *kittatinnyrangers.com* 2, 4 Fri. Sept.-June
First Presbyterian Church, 100 Main Street, Stanhope 07874

* **Rutgers Promenaders –** *rutgerspromenaders.org* 1, 3, 5 Sunday All Year
PeopleCare Center, 120 Finderne Avenue, Bridgewater 08807

ALTERNATING MAINSTREAM AND PLUS

*@ **Bee Sharps –** *beesharps.org* 2, 4 Fri. Sept.-June
PeopleCare Center, 120 Finderne Avenue, Bridgewater 08807

Hunterdon Flutterwheels – *hunterdonflutterwheels.nnjsda.org* 1, 3 Fri. Sept.-June
Hunterdon County Complex Building 1, 314 State Route 12, Flemington 08822

Lakeland Squares – *lakelandsquares.wix.com/lakeland* 2, 4 Mon. All Year
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 9 Two Bridges Road, Towaco 07082

Middletown Ramblers – *middletownramblers.org* Every Fri. All Year
Croydon Hall (Senior Center), 900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo 07737

***Reelers –** *reelers.nnjsda.org* 1, 3 Fri. Sept.-June
Church of the Saviour, 155 Morris Avenue, Denville 07834

RocklandRockytops – *sqrdance.org/RocklandRockytops* 2, 4 Fri. All Year
Congers Community Center, 8 Gilchrest Road, Congers, NY 10920

Times Squares – *timessquares.nyc* Various Tues./Thurs./Sat. All Year
PS 3, 490 Hudson Street, New York, NY 10014

ADVANCED, CHALLENGE 1

Motiv8ors – *motiv8ors.org* Various Sun. All Year
American Legion Post 171, 17-08 River Road, Fair Lawn 07410

Times Squares – *timessquares.nyc* Various Thurs. and Sat. All Year
PS 3, 490 Hudson Street, New York, NY 10014

CANCELLATIONS AND INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSURES:

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