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# NNJSDA EVENTS

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

## May

- 18 **Club Presidents Dinner** (Sat.)  
Bridgewater, 3:30-6:30
- 18 **NNJSDA Dance** (Saturday)  
Bridgewater, 7:30-10:30  
MS/PL/RD (early RD)  
Howard/Donna Williamson (PA)  
Hosts: Circle Eights, Reelers

## June

- 08 **NNJSDA Dance** (Saturday)  
Montville, 2:00-5:00  
MS/RD (clothing sale)  
Ralph Peacock (NH)/Steve Bradt (PA)  
Hosts: Rockytops, WW/H&C

## July

- 10 **NNJSDA Dance** (Wednesday)  
Bridgewater, 7:30-10:00  
MS/RD  
Jay Silva (NH)/Mary Pickett (NJ)  
Hosts: M. Ramblers, Y Squares
- 24 **NNJSDA Dance** (Wednesday)  
Elmwood Park, 7:30-10:00  
MS/RD  
P., S. Ingis (NJ)/Ron Rumble (NJ)  
Hosts: Belles & Beaux, Circle Eights

## August

- 14 **NNJSDA Dance** (Wednesday)  
Montville, 7:30-10:00  
MS/RD  
Virgil Forbes (MD)/Ron Rumble (NJ)  
Hosts: Kittatiny, Lakeland

## August

- 28 **NNJSDA Dance** (Wednesday)  
Elmwood Park, 7:30-10:30  
MS/PL/RD (early PL)  
Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta (NJ)  
Hosts: Cross Trails, WW/H&C  
*Grand Square* distribution

## September

- 07 **Delegates Meeting** (Saturday)  
Bridgewater, 4:00
- 07 **NNJSDA Dance** (Saturday)  
Bridgewater, 7:30-10:30  
MS/PL/RD (early PL)  
Ken Ritucci (MA)/Steve Bradt (PA)  
Hosts: Bee Sharps, Rutgers Prom.

## October

- 05 **NNJSDA Dance** (Saturday)  
Montville, 7:30-10:30  
PL/A2 (early C1)  
Dayle Hodge (MD)  
Hosts: Motiv8ors, Times Squares

## November

- 10 45th Mini-Festival (Sunday)  
Location TBA, 1:00-6:30  
MS/PL/ARD-C  
Jet Roberts (CA), Bill Harrison (MD),  
Red Bates (ME)/Tom Denniston,  
Ellen McCabe (PA)

## Notes:

- June 1 – Club questionnaires due  
July 7 – *Grand Square* deadline

**Bridgewater:** PeopleCare Center, 120 FINDERNE AVE. 08807

**Elmwood Park:** VFW, 6 VETERANS PL. 07407

**Montville:** Senior House, 356 MAIN RD. (RT. 202) 07045

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

**Dance Inquiries:** Carol Casale 908-399-3490 or Vic Ammons 908-763-4593

**Note:** At age 60, *Grand Square* is transitioning to an exciting new format – see page 66 for details. Comments from readers are scattered throughout this issue!

**FANTASTIC JOB!** All square dancers owe you a big round of applause for giving us our "Bible"! Thanks.

## NNJSDA Presidents' Message



This letter is dedicated to all our new graduates. We hope you will become regular dancers and active members of the club(s) where you learned to dance, and enjoy dancing for years to come. A big THANK YOU to all the teachers, class coordinators, and angels.



The purpose of the Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association is to promote square dancing in a variety of ways. One is to offer four Mainstream dances during the summer, when many clubs do not dance regularly. They are specifically geared to provide you, our newer dancers, with enjoyable opportunities to keep those skills you worked so hard to learn! This issue of *Grand Square* can help you find dates, times, and locations of the NNJSDA dances as well as other events this summer. A few tips about being a square dancer:

1. First, you have to come to the dance. Even if you feel too tired, the dancing and camaraderie will energize you.
2. When you get to the dance, sit near the front so that you can get in squares close to the caller. Don't be afraid; he or she wants you to succeed.
3. Get up as soon as the music starts to be sure you get in a tip; no one needs to be a wallflower at a square dance. That goes for single dancers, too!
4. Don't be shy; get in a square even (especially) if you don't know anyone else. Generally, other dancers will read your name tag or ask your name, and make you feel welcome.
5. If the square breaks down, don't apologize or get discouraged. It is not necessarily your fault. We all mess up from time to time.
6. Have fun and *smile!*

Visit [nnjsda.org](http://nnjsda.org) for information about the Association, member clubs, calendars, and more. Receive up-to-date information from clubs and the Association by subscribing to the email list (link in upper right corner of website).

Planning to travel any time soon? Get information about square dances being held in the location where you are traveling by using this great resource: [wheresthedance.com](http://wheresthedance.com). You can find dances throughout the world!

We hope both new and experienced dancers recognize that your clubs as well as the Association need dedicated volunteers to fill the many roles that allow square dancing to thrive. You will receive so much more by getting involved; it will actually help you become a better dancer. Having a "job" led us to dance more often than if we didn't "have" to be there. The same small group has kept some clubs operating for too long. If you have not stepped up, why not? Too busy? Umm ... others are, too. Volunteer, and help your club to live and grow.

Mark your calendar for the 45th Mini-Festival on Sunday, November 10, from 1-6:30. We have a solid afternoon of squares (Mainstream through C1) with Red Bates, Bill Harrison, and Jet Roberts, as well as rounds cued by Tom Denniston and Ellen McCabe. See page 35 for more information; check email and the website for the location.

*Nancy Ammons and Ralph Serio*



## Welcome, Graduates!

Congratulations and a warm welcome to the following dancers who have completed (or are soon expected to complete) Mainstream and are ready to enjoy the wonderful benefits of square dancing – kudos to our member clubs and angels!

- Belles & Beaux** – Estelle Ahrens, Vincent DeSio, Carole Finkelstein, Diane Gaydos, Tom Gemski, Terri Mierswa, Smith Weygant
- Circle Eights** – Lorraine Coppola, Linda Kawash, Rose Lisi, Vernice Miller, Karla Norfleet, Rosetta Slattery, Frieda Trichter, Terry Wunk\*
- Hunterdon Flutterwheels** – Jim Bunce, Joanne Bunce, George Cerny, Susan Cerny, Karen Chinich, Lois Corso, Anthony DeStefano, Regina DeStefano, Michelle Garay, James Heaphy, Marie Honachefsky, Frank Laritz, Wen-Hwa Li, Jeanne Mauriello, Harry Mazujian, Ruth Mazujian, John McGinnis II, Harish Narayanan, John Newton, Laura Newton, John Pawlo, Karen Pawlo, Cathy Pecka, Carmine Picone, Craig Walling, Sue Walling, Bruce Warrington, Linda Warrington, Bob Wolfe, Bonnie Jean Yashinovitz
- Kittatinny Rangers** – Karen Alonge, Ann Bain, Cathy Feenstra, Karen Hartman, Trevor Johnson
- Lakeland Squares** – Norma Jones, John Krayniak, Sorky Lampe, Robert Ljubicich, Ralph Lohr, Nina Nasser, Anne Marie Pentland, Rae Wilhalme
- Middletown Ramblers** – Betty Brock, Ester Carballo-Jane, Lynn Case, Dennis Hunsberger, Paul Jansen, Kathleen Kelley, Theresa Levy, Agnes Shanley
- Reelers** – Gina Algeri, Linda Jagels, Mary Malangone, Lisa Mauriello, Peggy Wing, Tom Wing
- RocklandRockytops** – Michael Benzwie, Beatrice Bernstein, Robert Harkin, Mark Kantrowitz, Meryl Kantrowitz, Laurie Lieberman, Marie Monti, Gerard Riconda
- Times Squares** – Greg Leake, Jon Lonoff, Jeremy Newman, Michael Reid
- Y Squares** – Kathy LaMaster

## PLUS GRADUATES

- Bee Sharps** – Susan Allen, Gary Bergman, Don Novy, Marla Novy, Ere Saar, Dave Tien, Gina Zbikowski, Ted Zbikowski
- Hunterdon Flutterwheels** – Jean Agostinelli\*, Jeff Bell\*, George Cerny, Susan Cerny, Marianne Fimbel, Eileen Levin, Joe Levin, Heather McGinnis, Diane Mulvey, Harish Narayanan, Jim Novak, Don Novy, Marla Novy, Bette Perlman, Eric Turnquist, Gerry Turnquist, Juanita Valentine, Amy Wolfe, Carol Wolfe
- Middletown Ramblers** – John Benjohn, Buddy Franklin, Cheryl Franklin, Charlie Gavinelli, Leigh Gavinelli, Diedre Keeran, Elaine Lukacs, Cathy Trivett, Miles Winship, David Woodward, Gina Zbikowski, Ted Zbikowski
- Reelers** – Rose Cemprola, Alan Gerber, Janet Gerber, Evelyn Primo, Luke Primo, John Sheppard, Patricia Sheppard

*\*Experienced dancers who took lessons again to learn the other position*

## In Memoriam: Carol (Rusty) Ball and Anthony Casale

*Carol (Rusty) Ball gave more to the NNJSDA than is possible to convey in a short article. Anthony Casale was a rising caller and member of several NNJSDA clubs. We are grateful for their lives, love, and contributions.*



**Rusty Ball** wanted to remain as active as possible in square dancing despite the pain of fibromyalgia. She and her husband, Richard, organized and ran the Belles & Beaux Mystery Bus Ride beginning in 1998. After her stroke in 2012, they were honored as life members of the club, and Richard always got Rusty's advice when writing the annual Murder Mystery. She passed away in December 2018.

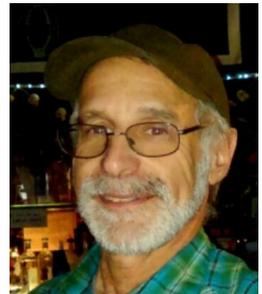
The Balls were also active in NNJSDA: State Outfit Coordinators, first and second vice presidents, presidents (2007-09), chairs of The Gathering (1996, 2007) and on the committee (2008). Then Rusty became NNJSDA treasurer so that others could dance. In addition, she provided generous, invaluable service as an advisor for *Grand Square*, the Association, and anyone who asked.

"You may wonder if she enjoyed anything during her stroke years," said Richard. "Yes, especially food. She enjoyed catfish from a restaurant in Montclair and cheesecake from the Cheesecake Factory, and loved to have me take her to Cracker Barrel for Uncle Herschel's breakfast; she would eat the whole thing." Richard noted that Rusty also liked listening to audiobooks. "If food was mentioned in one of the books, she insisted that I make it for her. You'd be surprised how much food is mentioned in detective books!"

Rusty and Richard were featured in the *Grand Square* biography series (issue 51.3, May 2009), where readers may learn much more about how the couple met and later became integral to square dancing in northern New Jersey. Excerpts from friends' comments upon Rusty's passing: smart, energetic woman who cared about the Association and all dancers ... beautiful, giving person ... she greeted me with a smile and took me into a square ... very talented, giving, and special ... she gave so much to the square dancing community ... my mentor and my friend ... taught, inspired, challenged, stretched, and encouraged me ... quick to volunteer cheerfully for any project.

**Anthony Casale** had an email address matching his approach to life: "The Fun Factory." With his sudden passing in August 2018 during vacation in Canada, the square dance community lost a talented, inspirational friend and caller.

In addition to his professional work in real estate ownership and management, Anthony had many hobbies including buying and restoring interesting items such as amusement rides and Batmobiles. He also



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## In Memoriam (continued from page 6)

repaired homes for the Appalachia Service Project along with his wife of 30 years, Carol, and their children, Ben and Julia. In addition, he participated in various civic organizations.

The Casales started square dancing in 2010 with Hunterdon Flutterwheels, and soon joined Belles & Beaux and Reelers. They enjoyed the Garden State Square Dance Campers, dance/travel trips, and dance cruises. Anthony became a budding caller, delighting dancers with his wonderful voice and even recording a song, "Someday, Someway." He loved the fun of dance themes; even more, he and Carol loved their dance friends, who became like family.

Carol observed that many people loved Anthony in return because he was supportive, appreciative, encouraging, knowledgeable, and always ready to debate issues. "We will miss terribly his warm and loving presence, his wonderful sense of humor, and his smile that could light up a room," she said. Carol is co-1st vice president of the NNJSDA and former 3rd vice president.

*Lise Greene, Editor*

### *Farewell to Our Friends*

Square dancing is "friendship set to music." We have shared wonderful friendships with many dancers, and acknowledge here current and former NNJSDA club members who passed away during the last year. *Thanks for the memories.*

**Carol (Rusty) Ball**, Belles & Beaux,  
12/28/18

**Barbara Berger**, Belles & Beaux,  
WW/H&C, 10/23/18

**Anthony Casale**, caller, Belles &  
Beaux, Hunterdon Flutterwheels,  
Reelers, 8/30/18

**Norman Cohen**, Motiv8ors, Times  
Squares, 1/26/19

**Charlie Faulkner**, Y Squares, 11/21/18

**Edna Franz**, Belles & Beaux, 10/11/18

**Ken Franz**, Belles & Beaux, 4/22/18

**Joe Frey**, Kittatinny Rangers, 6/6/18

**Nina Gerhold**, Rutgers Promenaders,  
1/4/19

**Florence Margo**, Y Squares, 10/5/18

**Marty Millman**, RocklandRocky-  
tops, 4/19/18

**Dick Pasvolsky**, caller, 10/13/18

**George Pfersch**, Reelers, 3/23/19

**Pauline Plummer**, Motiv8ors, Times  
Squares, 8/23/18

**Harvey Schachter**, AleMo Squares,  
3/14/18

**Barry Schoenhaut**, Rockland-  
Rockytops, 11/30/18

**Harry Van Luvender**, Reelers,  
11/22/18

**Teddy Von Zwehl**, Rockland-  
Rockytops, 5/5/18

**Thank you and your team for doing another great job. We know, as former members of the staff of Grand Square, how much love goes into it, and how much time it takes to put each issue together. We also know that the team is aided by the clubs getting their reports in either before or at least on time.**

## Tips for Enjoying Conventions

The Belles Run convention will take place in Philadelphia this Fourth of July weekend ([www.philadelphia2019.com](http://www.philadelphia2019.com)). For members of my club and others who do not travel long distances to dance, this will be their first time attending an event that could host up to 1,000 people. At Times Squares, we were looking for something to help them get the most out of the event.

Belles Run is this year's annual convention sponsored by the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs (IAGSDC). The following tips are adapted from a brochure for the 1990 convention in Vancouver, Canada. This good advice is universal, but particularly relevant for a large event.

**DANCE FOR FUN!** Everyone attends conventions to have a good time. If the square dancing isn't great, people aren't going to enjoy it. You may have just learned a new level and are not very good at it yet, or maybe you have not danced in a long time. You should be aware that if you break down squares, you are causing seven others to not have fun. So ... *Dance at the highest level you are good at, not necessarily the level you just learned.*

**MIX!** There's no better and easier way to meet new friends than square dancing. While it's nice to dance with people from your own club, you should consider the positive possibilities that arise from forming a square with total strangers. Start introductions if no one else does. And let's continue that good old tradition of talking to people after the tip. *Mix, and you may find a match!*

**MIX LEVELS!** Sometimes the most fun you will have at a convention is venturing into the levels you used to dance and seeing all those up-and-coming dancers. *Mainstream is fun, too!*

**TRY OUT ALL THE CALLERS!** Your host club invited these particular local and international callers because they are considered the best. You may find a new personal favorite. *Test run a new caller today!*

**BE PATIENT AND TOLERANT!** Any large convention has the potential for a few things to go wrong. Not everything is foreseeable and not everything is preventable. Imagine the biggest party you ever put on, multiply it by 10 or 20, and extend it over four days. Then try to imagine that everyone is happy with everything that goes on. *Remember that your hosts are doing their best.*

*Warren Livesley (Times Squares)*

***We so enjoy reading every copy of Grand Square.***

### FINDING A DANCE ONLINE

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"

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

# **BELLES & BEAUX**

**CELEBRATES 40 YEARS!**

**Sunday, September 15, 2019**

**Time: 1 to 5 PM**

## **The Hermitage**

**335 North Franklin Turnpike, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ 07423**

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**Includes Mainstream and Plus dancing and light-fare food  
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#### **TICKET ADMISSION \$18**

**(DANCERS AND NON-DANCERS)**

Available at Belles & Beaux dances  
or mail payment and ticket requests to:

Mimi Corpel  
230 Colonial Ave.  
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663  
Questions: 201-745-5698



**Free tours of the Hermitage house available.  
If interested, pre-schedule your tour time  
at Belles & Beaux summer dances.**

## Advanced Ambitions

Over the summer of 2018, 12 ambitious students plus their dedicated teacher (himself a student, as well!) embarked upon the exciting and challenging journey of learning the entire Advanced program (A1 and A2).

The idea originated when a few experienced Plus dancers, frustrated not to find a suitable Advanced class locally, took matters into our own hands and approached Paul Ingis with a bold idea: Convene at his home, once a week on Tuesday evenings, and teach *ourselves* A1 and A2. Paul would select in “advance” the calls to be learned for the coming week, and it was up to each student to arrive well prepared, with definitions dutifully memorized. For his part, Paul would scour the internet for dance sequences and choreography that contained the calls on each night’s agenda. Because he was learning, too, several of us took turns calling the tips so that all could participate.

For 17 weeks, averaging about five calls per evening, we made our way through the two programs. Motiv8ors president Maryjane Clewell and several club members provided wonderful assistance as angels. Toward the end, Maryjane was also extremely thoughtful in scheduling a few student tips at regular Motiv8ors dances. This enhanced our experience and gave us valuable floor time, so vital for beginners learning a new program.

Finally, thanks are in order to Paul’s son Stephen (who both called and danced with us) and his wife, Joanne, also a student, for their gracious hospitality in opening their home to us.

*Don Schlesinger (RocklandRockytops)*

### Using the NNJSDA Website for Finding Dances

The NNJSDA offers options for finding dances at our member clubs and the NNJSDA: announcements via the email list, ads and the calendar in *Grand Square*, flyers, and postings on our website. This article focuses on the website.

The first stop is “The Next Seven Days” section on the homepage, which is especially helpful in planning your dance week. Clicking on any date for an event in the upcoming week will show you the details. This is also a good spot to check before leaving your house to see if a dance has been canceled.

The next stop is the visual events calendar. (Select “Events Calendar” on the site menu.) You can view a month’s color-coded dance events and click on any entry for details: club = **blue**, student level = **purple**, NNJSDA other than student level = **green**, introductory dance = **orange**, canceled = **red**.

The final stop is on each club’s information page. (Select “Our Clubs” on the site menu and then select “Details” for a club.) On the details page, you can check when a club is holding its next dance and find a flyer listing all scheduled dances for a particular time period.

If you haven’t joined our email list and/or viewed our website, I suggest you do so to get the full complement of tools for finding dance events. While *Grand Square* is an excellent source, the website and email list provide more up-to-date information such as cancellations and changes (location, caller, etc.).

For comments, suggestions, and questions about the website, please contact me at [webmaster@nnjsda.org](mailto:webmaster@nnjsda.org).

*John Hill, Webmaster*

# *Five Clubs...*

**We are hanging up our  
Summer hat ...**



**... but keeping our Party hat.**



**After 25+ years, the Five Clubs will  
no longer host summer dances.  
We thank you for your friendship  
and support these many years.**

**The Five Clubs New Year's Eve  
Dinner-Dances are still on tap!**

**Come join us December 31, 2019.**

## Our *Grand Square* History – 60 Years!

(information provided by former and current editors)



Peg and Doc Tirrell

### **The Tirrells, 1965-1990**

*Grand Square*, the official publication of the NNJSDA, was born in April 1959. The Association's second president, Bob Keck, did the lion's share of the writing and set-up for the triannual 8.5 x 11" publication, which was filled with local and national square dance news and mailed individually to every dancer. In 1963, Bill Geler

became editor, and *Grand Square* was distributed via the club delegates.

The number of pages increased with square dancing's growth. When Bill resigned in 1965, the NNJSDA presidents, Peg and Doc Tirrell, searched unsuccessfully for a replacement. So Peg moved from "northern reporter" to editor, and Doc joined the team. Charlie Bogart, a local square dancer who was also a printer, volunteered to help turn the newsletter into a true magazine.

A corner of the Tirrells' living room became an office. Charlie was their mentor, supplying them with specially marked paper on which to type articles and create ads, critiquing, and then running the presses. The northern and southern reporters and an advertising editor completed the staff. Hot wax made it easier to add artwork and corrections, and a file of clip art was begun.

As the NNJSDA expanded, the team added a western area reporter, associate editor, and distribution coordinator. Manny Amor and Clete Polk volunteered their artwork humor, and poster contest entries became covers. Traveling dancers brought back stories and articles to share, and the manual typewriter was eventually replaced by an electric model. NNJSDA displays at the national conventions included *Grand Square*. In the mid-1980s, Peg received typing help from Donna Anderson, Dot Loewenstein, MaryAnne Mosseau, Kathy Porter, and Shirley Sherlock. The production staff proofread, hot waxed in the ads, made corrections, and inserted clip art before the final document went to the printer. From this hardworking group came the next editors, Kathy and Charlie Porter, who brought *Grand Square* to a new high.

Peg and Doc Tirrell treasured the sign they were given for their front door: "WORK HAZARD! Stay around here long enough and you'll have to work."

### **The Porters, 1990-2000**

In 1987, Kathy Porter joined the staff of *Grand Square*; in 1989, Charlie Porter became responsible for the ads. In 1990, after nearly three years of traveling from Staten Island, New York, to Cresskill, New Jersey – toting a memory typewriter – the Porters became editors. Although both worked full time, they were committed to taking the magazine into the computer generation. The NNJSDA bought a Mac computer, software, and printer that were donated to a school after almost 10 years of use.

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Kathy and Charlie Porter

The Porters made many changes that were well received. The biggest addition was the Calendar of Advertised Dances, which elicited rave reviews from dancers. They also instituted indexes for advertisers' ads and the articles in each issue. Issues were standardized so that the NNJSDA presidents' letter, calendar of events, and ads appeared in the same places in each one.

*Grand Square* was made all the better by its fine staff including Karen Kushla, Lois and Leo Bichler, and many others who served for 10 years.

Reducing the publication frequency from five to three issues a year lowered the printing costs and the fees for club ads, and enabled the Porters to continue as editors. After a long search for new editors, they retired and moved to Florida, thrilled that two very capable couples would assume the reins in 2000: Barbara and Norman Kanter and Jan and Louis Thompson.

### The Kanters and the Thompsons, 2000-2010

Barbara and Norman Kanter and Jan and Louis Thompson inherited a wonderful publication. Their most dramatic change was the digitalization of the magazine's production. Thanks to countless hours of hard work and perseverance over two years by Rusty Ball and Lise Greene, the magazine became completely assembled on computers. Despite headaches galore, the result was a superior product with more high-quality photographs.



Barbara Kanter, Jan Thompson

With Lise Greene as official reporter, a biography series was begun to highlight people active in the NNJSDA. *Grand Square* received recognition at the National Square Dance Convention, winning second place in a contest for best publication in the country. Dedicated proofreaders over the years included Mary and Sal Alessi, Bernadette and Stan Bevan, Catherine and Jim Douglas, and Ruth Edison and Ron Kapnick.

The Kanters and the Thompsons continually aimed to make issues more dancer-friendly and useful. Club article headers in all issues included the club's website, zip code, contact name and phone number, and cell number for dance night. Revisions were made to the Calendar of Advertised Dances to standardize the listing of the dance program offered by each club.

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I can't even imagine all the work that goes into *Grand Square*. It's such a great aid for our square dancers. Thanks.

## Our *Grand Square* History (continued from page 13)

### Chris Beck Patrick and Mary Ann Ryan-Erdek, 2010-2013

In 2010, Chris Beck Patrick took over as editor for two issues. At the suggestion of caller Joe Landi, the first *Grand Square* Benefit Dance was held in 2010; proceeds enabled the clubs' magazine assessment to be reduced.

In 2011, Mary Ann Ryan-Erdek became editor. Club maps were compiled into a supplement for use throughout the year. Caller Gardner Patton scanned all issues from the beginning through digitalization in 2007, and webmaster Ken Robinson posted them to the NNJSDA website in fully scannable format. Jan Thompson began a series titled "Tips for Your Tips." In 2012, the second *Grand Square* Benefit Dance was held.



Chris Beck Patrick



Mary Ann Ryan-Erdek



Lise Greene

### Lise Greene, 2013-present

A new series was instituted in 2013 titled "Where in the World Have Our Dancers Been?" Lise Greene became co-editor in 2013 and sole editor in 2014. New positions were created for article editor, ad editor, and head proofreader.

In 2015, the annual "Farewell to Our Friends" column was initiated. The same year, the third (final) *Grand Square* Benefit Dance was held. Increased revenue from many new ads solicited from outside organizations combined with favorable rates negotiated with the printer resulted in significant profits from each issue. Surplus funds are used for general NNJSDA expenses.

When the January issue was discontinued in 2016, the September calendar included events from September through June, and the May issue included May through September. Other content was incorporated into one of the other issues.

The NNJSDA poster contest was changed to a *Grand Square* cover contest. Two new features were introduced: "Caller Crowd-Pleasers" and "Just for Fun."

In 2018, the map supplement was discontinued following a survey showing that most dancers preferred online resources or GPS for directions to events.

The current editorial team is working with NNJSDA webmaster John Hill to maximize use of the new website to make information available to all dancers and minimize the number of pages needed in a print publication. In the fall of 2019, a new print magazine/newsletter format will be introduced in conjunction with a digital "flipbook" for easy online viewing of all ads.

Sixty years of continuous publication – happy anniversary, *Grand Square*!

Just wanted to thank you for the great job you do. I love reading *Grand Square* and realize it takes a lot of work to bring it to print.



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## Caller Crowd-Pleasers

Dayle Hodge: Dayle devotes energy to dancing! After getting up at 4 a.m. to drive here and stopping to work a full day remotely, he called a fantastic dance with numerous patterns I had never done. Then he called three more times in our area the same weekend. Also, he remembers the names of many dancers.

Clay Goss: It's fun to dance to a caller who is new to our area. Clay has a beautiful singing voice and keeps the dancers moving and entertained.

Paul Ingis: At Cross Trail Squares, we like to challenge our callers and dancers to be their best. So at our January dance we challenged Paul to call multiple Plus calls in a row. His record was nine, and we all had a fantastic time!

Joe Landi: You have to smile when Joe calls to "Rubber Duckie"! It's such a youthful tune with happy associations – and at the same time, incongruous that adults are performing complicated steps in rhythm to its lyrics.

Howard Richman: When Howard was calling, he sang a song about latkes (potato pancakes). Whenever he mentioned latkes, everyone laughed. Needless to say, it was a very enjoyable performance.

Ed Kerns: Ed was the club caller and class instructor for Hunterdon Flutterwheels for more than 10 years until his retirement in 2018. One of my favorite memories is when he donned coconut bra, wig, and parachute-string "grass" skirt for a Hawaiian theme dance. He also loved to change the calls for his signature sign-off, "Happy Trails," if he caught a dancer singing them like lyrics.

Todd Fellegly: I really enjoyed Todd's use of left-handed Spin Chain and Exchange the Gears, especially when the guys took the lead.

Dane Bragg: Before he started the singer "The Lion Sleeps Tonight," Dane gave some background on the song, which I appreciated.

Howard Williamson: Yes, he is fast and there were some breakdowns. But it was worth it to hear such a fabulous and energetic caller! His vocal range is astounding. We loved the great variety of music, especially when he slipped in J.Lo's "On the Floor." Usually the singers are R&R time, but not with Howard!

Dan Koft: It was exceptionally easy for us to dance smooth Plus in exact rhythm with the music when Dan called – very gratifying.

Howard Richman: How do I love Howard Richman? Let me count the ways: personality, humor, friendly teasing and sarcasm, creativity, originality, outside-of-the-box song choices, unusual calls. Howard is so much darn fun. We will travel far for the chance to dance to his calling.

*More caller crowd-pleasers coming in the next issue. Add yours!*



Fragrance-free reminder for all dancers:

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

**Active Adults:** While vacationing in Hilton Head, South Carolina, we attended a dance in Sun City, a large “active adult” retirement community (about 16,000 residents and still building). After attuning our ears to the caller’s southern drawl and learning their variation on computer squares, we enjoyed dancing and talking with the diverse people. Most of them had retired from other places, including many from the northeast. It was interesting to hear their various views of life in the community. After the dance, most hopped into their golf carts to head home. *Irene and Hal Stoller (Reelers)*

**Brownies:** Southern hospitality was on display over Martin Luther King weekend, when Kian Kho and I attended Promenade Down Peachtree: Flip Back to the ’60s. The fly-in was hosted by Hotlanta Squares, the gay club in Atlanta, Georgia. Tie-dye, love beads, and bell bottoms ... it was like an acid flashback. My favorite part, however, was Friday night’s dessert table, where club members provided no fewer than eight types of brownies. EIGHT! *Warren Livesley (Times Squares)*



**Summer Magic:** After years of seeing ads for the Summer Magic weekend in Cornwall, Canada, we finally experienced the magic for ourselves last August – great square dance callers, round dancing, delicious meals, and a beautiful location right on the St. Lawrence River. We enjoyed dancing with several NNJSDA friends, including Carol and Anthony Casale. Following the final yellow rocks, we drove north to explore Québec City and the surrounding mountains, while the Casales headed off to vacation in another part of Canada. None of us knew that it was the last time we would ever dance with Anthony. I am so grateful for square dance friendships ... and precious memories.

*Lise Greene (Reelers, Kittatinny Rangers)*



**California Dreamin’:** I visited my son and his wife in California for a month from December to January. We also went to Las Vegas over the Christmas holiday to visit my grandchildren. Carol Casale joined me in California from January 16-26 for touring and dancing. We enjoyed the wonderful southern California weather and had the pleasure of dancing with the Valley Trailers in Sherman Oaks.

Valley Trailers alternates Plus and Mainstream with rounds and one Advanced tip. It’s a very friendly club; their president, Don, welcomed us with open arms, and we received Rover badges for dancing more than 2,000 miles from home. We enjoyed the calling of Lanny Weakland from Omaha, Nebraska.

*Arlene Remington (Belles & Beaux, Western Wheelers/Hix & Chix)*

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April 10	Pirates	Mark Franks (NJ)
April 17	Easter Parade	Joe Bradshaw (DE)
April 24	Animation Nation	Jenn Engimann (PA)
May 1	Kentucky Derby	Marilyn Warmerdam (PA)
May 8	Tulip Festival	Doren McBroom (MD)
May 15	Western	Art LaVigne (MD)
May 22	Memorial Day	Kevin Bersing (MO)
May 29	Broadway	Rick Gittelman (AZ)
June 5	Hawaiian Luau	Jay Silva (NH)
June 12	Cookie Night	Ken Bower (CA)
June 19	Strawberry Festival	Ron Reardon (FL)
June 26	Disney	Howard Richman (NJ)
July 3	Independence Day	Ralph Trout (NJ)
July 10	Blueberry Festival*	Howard Williamson (PA)
July 17	Southwestern	Tom Miller (PA)
July 24	Christmas in July	Dennis Reardon (PA)
July 31	I Love Chocolate	Clay Goss (DE)
August 7	Beach Party	Cameron Harnish (PA)
August 14	Hippy**	Tom Nickel (WI)
August 21	Back to School	Betsy Gotta (NJ)
August 28	Ice Cream Social	Virgil Forbes (MD)
Sept. 4	High School Photo	Don Bachelder (MA)
Sept. 11	Harvest Moon	Mike Sikorsky (AZ)
Sept. 18	Black and Yellow	Randy Longobucco (CT)
Sept. 25	Apple Festival	Bob Avery (PA)

\*Cuer – Donna Williamson

\*\*Cuer – Kathy Nickel

## Letters from Readers

**Gratitude:** I want to express my gratitude and deep-felt appreciation for the many cards, calls, and sentiments I received following my rather serious equestrian accident. While home recuperating, it was an unexpected surprise and smile-maker to get such good wishes and encouragement from so many friends and acquaintances. There were folks I don't even know well, so I appreciate all the more the wonderful thoughts that came my way. I tried to make it to some activities with different clubs as soon as I could get out a bit, but not being able to dance was a hard pill to swallow! There was no way to personally contact everyone whose gracious and successful efforts cheered a laid-up bronco buster, so this letter is for all of you. I am humbled to be the recipient of such kindness. *Hillary Hill (Hunterdon Flutterwheels, Reelers)*

**Consideration:** I wish we could have a rule in square dancing that offensive and/or political T-shirts and other clothing are off limits. We went to an NNJSDA club where one of the members wore a T-shirt that had big political symbols and slogans on both the front and back. Since politics is such a personal, sensitive, and controversial subject, it can be very upsetting when people wear such clothing to dancing activities. While there is no way to regulate and monitor what people wear, perhaps the NNJSDA can issue a statement, similar to the one reminding people not to wear fragrances, that it is inappropriate to wear politically related clothing to square dance events.

*Name withheld by request*

*[Editor's note: Dancers, consider yourselves reminded!]*

GRAND SQUARES of Katonah, NY, invite you to dance *Advanced* and *Challenge* with caller Todd Fellego on various Thursday nights. Singles/couples are welcome to join us. For more details and actual dates, contact Marie Gower at [brightstarising@gmail.com](mailto:brightstarising@gmail.com).

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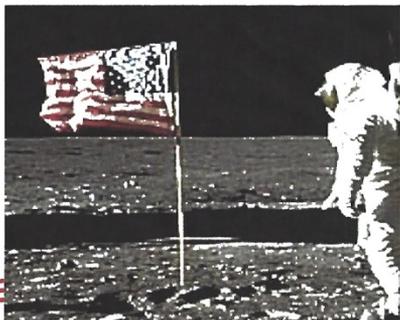
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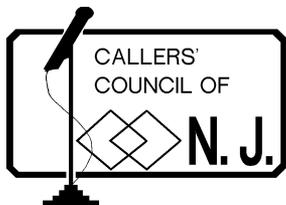
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## CCNJ President's Message



*Note: For a roster of the Callers' Council of New Jersey, including contact information, see page 34 or visit [ccnjcallers.com](http://ccnjcallers.com).*

We sadly acknowledge the passing of Anthony Casale, a member of CCNJ. Many dancers especially appreciated his beautiful singing calls. Anthony is greatly missed by all of us.

Best wishes to our longtime member, Ed Kerns, who has retired from calling and teaching. Welcome to our newest member, Maryjane Clewell.

The CCNJ is an association of callers from New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania. Our mission is to educate callers, improve their skills, and in general promote square dancing in our community. We meet four times a year and welcome anyone interested to attend our meetings. The CCNJ regularly hosts two "Mania" dances annually with a variety of its member callers, primarily to give new dancers the chance to experience different callers.

Our Mid-Winter Mania Mainstream dance was held on February 24 at the PeopleCare Center in Bridgewater. It was led by several of our local callers and, as always, there were lots of new dancers and great support from our dancing community. Please welcome all these friendly new faces into your squares!

The Mid-Summer Mania dance is scheduled for July 28 at the PeopleCare Center. This will be an excellent opportunity for newly graduated Mainstream dancers to get into squares during the summer.

We also sponsor occasional new caller schools under the leadership of our own certified caller-coach, Betsy Gotta. I have seen several newer callers practicing their skills around the area. Here's a bit of background on four of them:

Greg Moore and Karin Rabe – This husband and wife team got hooked on dancing at Rutgers Promenaders, and then enrolled in the fall 2017 CCNJ Caller School ... and got hooked on calling. The mathematics and puzzle solving of dance choreography have a particular appeal for Karin and Greg as theoretical physicists. Planning and practicing patters and singers, along with dancing, are great ways for them to spend time together, sharing the challenges and the fun.

Ed Crowley and Katie Wilson – Ed first called in 1995. After one year, he took a break for almost two decades. Since his daughter, Katie, started calling four years ago, they have worked as a team. Katie develops choreography and lesson plans; father and daughter both teach classes based on her plans. In addition, they are the incoming presidents of CCNJ.

Please welcome and encourage all of our new callers as they gain the experience they need.

**Ad on page 24**

*Wes Thielke, Outgoing President*

908-547-0472

### LET'S HELP OUR NEW DANCERS

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

Anne Uebelacker

Barry Clasper

Betsy Gotta

Bill Eyler

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# Mid-Summer Mania

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I was not going to write an article for this issue of *Grand Square*, because I felt we did not have anything significant to share. But after speaking with the editor, I realized that there is something important to say.

After 40 years of dancing, we are hoping that AleMo will still be around next year. This is the first time that we do not have a graduating class.

Our membership has been getting smaller and smaller over the years. Many of our members have moved away, and others are not able to dance due to health reasons. When I joined square dancing in 2001, AleMo was a large club – at least eight squares on a Wednesday night! Now we are thankful to have two squares. We are a closer-knit club and we have fun, but what will be in September is unknown just now. We hope to be dancing as long as we can.

A few of our members attended the Mini-Festival and had a good time. On May 22, our members will have a chance to show off their cooking skills at our potluck dinner-dance. Everyone wants to be the next “Lidia”!

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June 12, 2019	Summer Dance	Don Coy
June 19, 2019	Last Dance Until ...	Don Coy
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**Always a good read. Thanks for all your efforts!**

### Square Dance Night vs. Kryptonite

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Bee Sharps congratulates its recent Plus grads, pictured below. Kudos to their instructor, Wes Thielke; class coordinators, Lynn and Dave Kleszyk; class treasurer, Phyllis Perlowitz; and the many angels who came out to assist the class. Welcome to Plus: Susan Allen, Gary Bergman, Marla and Don Novy, Ere Saar, Dave Tien, and Gina and Ted Zbikowski! Use or lose it, as they say – come use your free dance ticket to Bee Sharps.



We added a special all-Mainstream dance the week between Christmas and New Year's that was very well attended and featured three callers: Wes Thielke, Karin Rabe, and Greg Moore. At the other end of the dance spectrum, the Bee Sharps Plus/Advanced dance with rounds in early February included a raid from Motiv8ors and a Challenge 1 tip with two squares at the end of the night. Dancers, many dressed in Mardi Gras colors, enjoyed high-level square dance calls with Mark Franks and smooth, precise cuing from Mary Pickett.

The normal Bee Sharps schedule continues to offer high-quality Plus dancing, round dancing, and an Advanced tip at the end of the night. But our last two dances of the season will feature Mainstream with rounds. We hope that one or more Mainstream clubs will choose to finish their Raid program at our hall in May, when we feature Betsy and Roy Gotta and Howard Richman with Steve Bradt (see ad). We will all scream for ice cream and Mainstream!

**Ad on page 31** Nancy Ammons ([cearnach.dannsa@gmail.com](mailto:cearnach.dannsa@gmail.com)) 908-566-7580

### **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***

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Raid: visit member clubs totaling 200 miles

One Square Is Fair: attend six NNJSDA dances

For program rules and awards, visit [nnjsda.org](http://nnjsda.org) and click on "Documents."

# BEE SHARPS



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

## DANCE SCHEDULE

**April, May, AND September 2019**

**JOIN US AT NNJSDA DANCES**

**JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Caller</i>	<i>Cuer</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Dance Theme</i>
April 12	Mark Franks	Mary Pickett	PL/RD-A2 tip	Pajama Party!
April 26	Joe Landi	Ron Rumble	PL/RD-A2 tip	Spring Flowers
May 10	Betsy Gotta	Roy Gotta	MS/RD-A2 tip	Take Me Out to the Ball Game
May 24	Howard Richman	Steve Bradt	MS/Rounds	Ice Cream Social

### SUMMER BREAK

Sept. 13	Mark Franks	Steve Bradt	PL/RD-A2 Tip	Beach Party Dance
Sept. 27	Paul Ingis	Ron Rumble	PL/RD-A2 Tip	TBA

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

**Contacts:** Vic and Nancy Ammons (908-566-7580 or 908-763-4593)

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

**From Rt. 22 East and 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) \*\***

Belles & Beaux had three beginner events that resulted in 11 students, including couples, for the first semester of our class starting in September. It was one of our best turnouts in years. Eight students continued for the second semester, and they are very excited to be joining us on the dance floor.

In October, for the second year, Belles & Beaux participated in the Mary Therese Rose fundraiser for children with disabilities. We spent a wonderful afternoon with the children, filled with smiles, high fives, and square dancing.

Our November dance featured Jim Snyder and had seven squares, with three clubs raiding. We had a special cake to thank Jim for his many years of calling. The song *Fisherman's Luck* will always remind us of Jim.

December was a month of celebrations. We started by celebrating the life of our member Barbara Berger, who passed away unexpectedly. We also ventured out for an enjoyable club holiday dinner and sing-along at Rivara's Restaurant. Then we had our annual student dance with Fran Wadel calling. The last week of December, we had a mystery caller. For those of you who did not make that dance, the caller was Jonathon Weiner.

The year also included some sadness for our club, as we lost five great Belles & Beaux members. We will always remember Carol (Rusty) Ball, Barbara Berger, Anthony Casale, and Edna and Ken Franz (two original club members). All of them touched our hearts and will be missed.

One last thing (okay, two). Don't forget that Belles & Beaux is the "mystery club," with the annual Murder Mystery and Mystery Bus Ride. Hope you were able to attend at least one, if not both, of these fun events. Watch for announcements about upcoming mysteries.

**Ads on pages 9, 33**

*Richard Ball ([rebtama@gmail.com](mailto:rebtama@gmail.com))*

973-838-0312

**Thank you (and your organized group) so much for your hard work on Grand Square. I upload it on my iPad so it is always available to me.**

### **Just for Fun!**

**Where's Home?** Alan was a few minutes late to the intro square dance, and they had just started a tip when he arrived. Being short on men, someone pulled him right into a square, mid-step. A bit disoriented, he turned to his partner and asked, "Where's home?" She stared at him suspiciously, then answered, "Morristown."

*Janet Gerber (Reelers)*

**If you've had a good square dance laugh, please share your anecdote!**

**Just wanted to tell you that I am enjoying reading all the interesting articles in the new GS. You did your usual excellent job of a series of diverse articles. Thank you - there are many of us who appreciate all your hard work.**

# Belles & Beaux

1st and 3rd Wednesdays      Workshop 7:15 PM  
 Dance 7:30-9:30 PM      MS and a Plus Tip

## Elmwood Park VFW Hall

6 Veterans Place, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

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



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Claire Zimmerman

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## 2019 Dances and Special Events

April 17	Dayle Hodge	Tribute to Rusty Ball Dance "Roses Are Red, Violets Are Blue"
May 1	Paul Ingis	Tribute to Anthony Casale Dance Lids (wear your favorite cap)
May 15	Rick Gittelman	Mexican Hat Dance
May 29	Fran Wadel	Post-Graduation Dance (wear your club colors)
June 5	Mark Franks	Black and White Dance
June 19	Mary Moody	Ice Cream Social
<b>July 3</b>	<b>NO DANCE</b>	<b>NO DANCE</b>
July 17	Don Moger	Blueberry Fest
July 31	Fran Wadel	Sherbet Square Dance Social <b>INTRO DANCE</b>
Aug. 7	Don Bachelder	Purple Heart Day! <b>Dangle Dance</b>
Aug. 21	Dayle Hodge	Senior Citizen Day
Sept. 4	Todd Fellego	Margaritaville
Sept. 15	Howard Richman	B&B Celebrates 40 Years! (The Hermitage, Ho-Ho-Kus)
Sept. 18	Chuck and Gerry Hardy	Kings and Queens
Oct. 2	Open Mic	Breast Cancer Awareness (wear pink) <b>Dangle Dance</b>
Oct. 16	Dane Bragg	World Food Day (food collection)
Nov. 6	Howard Richman	Turn Back the Hands of Time
Nov. 20	Joe Landi	Thanksgiving Food Collection
Dec. 4	Betsy Gotta	National Cookie Day <b>Dangle Dance</b>
Dec. 18	Fran Wadel	Student Dance (wear holiday colors)

# CALLERS' COUNCIL OF NEW JERSEY: MAY 2019

\*Callers currently available for booking

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Cell for day of festival: 908-763-4593

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Thank you.

Circle Eights has been enjoying its new location, Hillsdale United Methodist Church. Our 50/50 has been replaced with mystery door prizes, which have become a big hit with our members and guests.

Paul Ingis is leading two Mainstream classes this year at East Brook Middle School in Paramus. One group began in September and the second joined them in January. The combined class will graduate together in June.

Thanks to our Raid coordinators, Gerri and Rick Savino, we hit the ground running over the summer and completed the program by the end of September.

Mark Franks called a lively first dance in September. In October, Circle Eights was happy to have Jim Snyder calling one of his last dances, including raids by Lakeland Squares, RocklandRockytops, and Western Wheelers/Hix & Chix. We drank (root) beer, enjoyed lots of Bavarian goodies, and even had a chance to take photos of ourselves dressed in Bavarian garb. The club is grateful to all those who contributed to our annual food drive, and a free dance coupon was awarded to one of the donors.



Joe Landi was the caller for our November dance, while Howard Richman called our Crazy Sweater dangle dance in December. We welcomed a raid by Belles & Beaux and awarded prizes for the “wackiest” sweaters.

Speaking of “crazy,” we had not one but two callers at our January dance: Jonathon Weiner and Larry Shipman. Dancers got a taste of both the “new” and the “old” (more experienced) calling, which was a fun contrast of styles. Because a couple of other callers (Paul Ingis and Fran Wadel) were also in attendance, many members and guests earned Purple Heart dangles that night!

Everyone shared the love at our February one-day-past Valentine’s Day dance with Fran Wadel. The scheduled caller was Anthony Casale; a moment of silence was observed in his memory. Did we “beware the Ides of March”? No! We enjoyed dancing to Betsy Gotta at our March 15 dangle dance.

Circle Eights looks forward to relaxing and socializing with current and former members at our annual luncheon in the spring. Membership anniversary dangles will be awarded and the Member of the Year announced. Stay tuned for information about our 60th anniversary dinner-dance in 2020.

**Ad on page 37**

*Jeanne Weisman ([kreider99@aol.com](mailto:kreider99@aol.com))*

201-722-0488

### 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 [fristvp@nnjsda.org](mailto:fristvp@nnjsda.org).



# CIRCLE EIGHTS 2019



Third Fridays  
Mainstream 7:30-9:30 PM  
Plus 9:30-10:00 PM

5/17/19 • Rick Gittelman (AZ)  
6/21/19 • Jonathon Weiner (NY)  
*Ice Cream Social:  
Help celebrate Jonathon's  
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No Dancing in July and August

9/20/19 • Sandy Corey (NY)  
10/18/19 • Paul Ingis  
*Oktoberfest*  
11/15/19 • Howard Richman  
*Donate food for a chance  
to win a free dance*  
12/20/19 • Joe Landi

Hillsdale United Methodist Church  
349 Hillsdale Ave., Hillsdale, NJ 07642

### FALL 2019 MAINSTREAM CLASS WITH TEACHER PAUL INGIS

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Information: Pat and Tom 201-955-1495 – [circle8s.nnjstda.org](http://circle8s.nnjstda.org) – Dance night call: 201-446-1703



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## **CROSS TRAIL SQUARES**

2nd and 4th Wednesdays 7:15-9:45 PM

MS or Plus Workshop: 7:15-7:30  
Alt. Mainstream/Plus: 7:30-9:30  
Fast Plus: 9:30-9:45

Grover Cleveland Middle School  
36 Academy Road, Caldwell, NJ 07006  
(entrance is 130 Prospect Street)

For additional information or raids, call Alice De Lancey at 973-650-9377

May 8 Rick Gittelman (AZ) '60s Dance – Bring a New Dancer  
May 22 **EVAN PAULEY** TN Caller – First time in NJ!  
June 12 Betsy Gotta Ice Cream Social  
Sept. 11 Dayle Hodge (MD) Baseball Attire Encouraged  
Sept. 25 Jay Silva (NH) Friendship Dance – Invite a Friend  
Oct. 9 **INTERNATIONAL CALLER – NEVER IN TRI-STATE AREA!**  
Oct. 23 Mark Franks Halloween Celebration – Dress Up

**ENJOY NATIONAL CALLERS AND CASUAL ATTIRE AT OUR DANCES**

Cross Trail Squares started its 51st year of dancing in September; however, many of our club members prepared themselves by dancing in other locations starting in August. Prior to our first dance of the season, seven of our members attended the NNJSDA event at the Elmwood Park VFW and helped by providing refreshments. One week earlier, Judy Solomon joined Kittatinny Rangers for their special summer dance with Johnny Preston in Bridgewater, and told us how much fun she had had.

We have enjoyed a variety of local and out-of-state callers at our dances. On two separate occasions, last-minute cancellations by the scheduled caller led to some frantic phone calls by our president to find replacements. Thank you to both Mark Franks and Jay Silva for filling in on short notice, providing fun evenings and excellent calling for our Mainstream and Plus dancers.

Cross Trail Squares has been supported by many other clubs that raided us during this dance season. Thank you to Circle Eights, RocklandRockytops, Belles & Beaux, Y Squares, Reelers, and Western Wheelers/Hix & Chix – along with all the other dancers who have joined us on the dance floor. We enjoyed having you visit and entertain us with your raid marches.

Away from the dance floor, Liz Zazzi starred in the off-Broadway play *Wolf at the Door* at the New Jersey Repertory Company in Long Branch. Betsy Knudsen welcomed her eighth grandchild (Simon James) on September 10. Longtime members Russ and Laura Safar have had their hands full tending to their adult son, Robert, who has been struggling with medical issues. Please keep them in your thoughts and pray for a full recovery.

It was very sad to lose dance friends Carol (Rusty) Ball, Barbara Berger, and Anthony Casale. They were all very special people whom we enjoyed seeing at our club's dances and NNJSDA events. They are missed.

We welcome Lacey and John Hill as our newest members. We look forward to the rest of our scheduled dances and hope to see you in a square.

**Ad on page 37**      *Steven Frank (stevenfrank5656@gmail.com)*      973-626-2357

### Emergency Call for Medical Aid (ECMA)

1. When a dancer goes down during a tip, a second dancer attends to him/her.
2. The remaining couples join hands and take a step backward. This provides the injured person and the attendant with air and space.
3. Raise joined hands as high as possible in the form of an arched circle.
4. On seeing this signal, the caller immediately asks for medical assistance. Club officers should know the location of the AED (Automated External Defibrillator).
5. If 911 help is required, a club member calls (providing the exact address) and waits outside the building to direct responders into the hall.
6. In general, the caller and remaining squares continue dancing while aid is administered.



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

On August 30, heaven gained another angel, Anthony Casale. He was a great mentor, so much fun and full of life. Anthony’s advice to all dancers was to “get involved in your club.” He practiced what he preached, holding a number of positions on the Flutterwheels board over the years. Anthony will truly be missed by all, and never forgotten. He is pictured below left.



*Anthony Casale      Ed Kerns      2018-2019 Mainstream Class with Instructor Mary Moody*

Alexandria Township mayor Michelle Garay proclaimed September 2018 Square Dance Month and attended the Flutterwheels introductory dance with a crowd of nearly 100. Mary Moody, with support from class coordinators Jean Agostinelli and Joanna Lieuallen, did a fabulous job teaching Mainstream to 30 wonderful students, pictured above.

In November, nearly four squares of Flutterwheels attended the Mini-Festival, many after enjoying lunch together. Also that month, we hosted a retirement party for Ed Kerns. He called with Mary Moody for the evening and signed off with his signature “Happy Trails” one last time. Ed is pictured above, second from left.

The Flutterwheels figured out how to stay warm on cold winter nights. Two perfect examples are the Chill Out and Keep Warm chili cook-off on January 4 and Flannel Night on January 18. But Souper Bowl VI on February 1 proved to be an all-time favorite for many. The men – or, as we call them, *soupermen* – stirred the soup. And, if I do say so myself, we did a *souper* job.

This summer, the Flutterwheels will host two special programs at Hunterdon County Building 1 (314 Route 12, Flemington). Mary Moody will lead a “Mainstream Extreme” workshop series on Sundays: June 2, 16, and 23. Mary will also lead our regular summer workshop series, which will highlight Mainstream with a dash of Plus, on Friday, June 14, and Saturday, July 13; Dane Bragg will lead on the following Fridays: August 2, August 9, and September 6. See our ad and website for further details.

**Ad on page 44**

*Paul Brown ([paulbrown@live.com](mailto:paulbrown@live.com))*

*610-360-7784*

**Thanks to all involved for the tremendous amount of time (and talent) that goes into our wonderful “Bible” each year!**

**Thanks for putting *Grand Square* together. It is such a huge undertaking. This issue was wonderful as always.**

# APPALACHIAN CALLERS SCHOOL



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**2019**

## **School Information**

### **Tuition:**

**\$375**

No charge for accompanying partner.  
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### **Dates:**

Starts Sunday, Nov. 10, at 3:00 PM  
Ends Thursday, Nov. 14, at noon

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Or contact Betsy Gotta at [ugottadance@optonline.net](mailto:ugottadance@optonline.net) or 732-249-2086.

Greetings from the Kittatinny Rangers!

We enjoyed our new location, Sheridan’s Lodge in Newton, for our annual event ending the holiday season. Members and students enjoyed dinner, socializing, and a club meeting.

We proudly welcome our newest members from the Mainstream class: Karen Alonge, Ann Bain, Cathy Feenstra, Karen Hartman, and Trevor Johnson. It has been an adventure getting to know each of them, including their individual strengths and attributes. We look forward to sharing their experience as they square dance with familiar faces and new partners.

Reviewing rosters from 2016-18, it is heartening to see that our Mainstream graduates are willing to participate in club leadership. Beth Benson and John Franzetti (co-presidents) and Barbara Cathcart (assistant treasurer) are three of our newer members who have been voted into key positions.

Longstanding members maintain our club’s traditions, and we are so appreciative of their continuing efforts. Some strong contributors have moved out of the area; we wish them well in their new homes and look forward to reuniting with them at special events or when they visit. Thank you to Donna and Ron Kornmiller, presidents 2017-18, Barbara and Jay Ten Eick, who held various positions during their long association with the Rangers, and Judy and Frank Sharkey, who graciously angeled for several years.

Club members have been in close touch with our dear friend Lillian Kinney, and we are all glad to hear that her insurmountable spirit, family, and friends are helping in her fight to regain health.

You will find current information on our Facebook page and website ([kittatinnyrangers.com](http://kittatinnyrangers.com)). We invite you to visit and raid at every opportunity – we look forward to sharing laughs, dancing, and delicious refreshments.

**Ad on page 43**

*Connie Smith (casglass@gmail.com)*

973-383-9430

## USE THE NNJSDA EMAIL INFO-LIST

Did you ever forget about a dance you planned to attend, or go to the wrong location, or arrive to discover that an event was canceled? It’s easy to keep informed about updates to club, Association, and other events in our area. Simply subscribe to the free NNJSDA email info-list.



Subscribers may send and receive messages (on dance-related topics only). The list of members is never shared, although your address will be visible when you send a message. To subscribe, go to the website and click on “Join Our Email List” at top right.

**New dancers:** This is a great way to find out about events throughout the region, as well as cancellations or changes in location, caller, time, etc. Please subscribe!

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.

# Square Dancing Fun

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## **KITTATINNY RANGERS**



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

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

<b>2019</b>	<b>CALLERS</b>	<b>THEMES</b>
April 26*	Howard Richman	Celebrate America
May 10	Dennis Reardon	Ice Cream Social (bring favorite topping)
May 24**	Ron McMurdy	Potluck Dinner

PeopleCare Center  
120 Finderne Avenue  
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Friday, August 16, 7:00-9:30

# Johnny Preston

*Look for flyers or call Mary at 973-960-5944 (cell)*

September 13	Paul Ingis	Welcome Back/Helping Others (bring non-perishable food item)
September 27	Howard Richman	Kittatinnny Rangers 47th Birthday
October 11	Joe Landi	Lavender – Cancer Awareness
October 25	Paul Ingis	Halloween Fun – Costume Contest
November 8*	Daryl Murphy	Celebrate Veterans Day
November 22	Doug Kauffman	Fall Festival
December 13***	Howard Richman	Celebrate the Holidays

\*Dance Location – Harmony Lodge, 519 Route 206, Newton, NJ 07860

\*\*Potluck Dinner 6:00, Annual Meeting 6:45, Dance 7:30

\*\*\*Student-Level Mainstream

Mainstream class starting in September: date and location TBA

Info: Beth Benson, 201-787-2038

Cell for dance night: 201-787-2038

**1, 2, 3, 4 Mon. Sept.-July**

**Good Shepherd Episcopal Church**

**Barn Dance 5 Mon.**

**9 Two Bridges Rd. 07082**

**Kathy Keener: 973-366-8064**

**Cell for dance: 973-229-0698**

Ahoy from Lakeland! It has been an easier year: no power outages or flood damage, air conditioning fixed, and parking lot light now beaming brightly.

Fran Wadel is teaching Mainstream to eight hard-working students. The class will end several weeks before the anticipated date.

Our Halloween dance party was a huge success, with many guests new to square dancing. Once again, Howard Richman was excellent as our caller. Most dancers came in costume, and some were quite elaborate! The most outstanding and unique was a Mexican old man's dance costume worn by Jane Fisher.

Another season highlight was the annual Chinese New Year dinner. Members, guests, and friends enjoyed appetizers, salads, four entrees, and dessert. Yum!

We thank our visitors for their positive comments on our hall decorations. We really appreciate visitors, especially because many of our members have not been able to dance. Tina McDaniels and Chick Cicalo spent November to April in Florida. Delores and Jim Schlegel traveled in Florida and elsewhere for two months. Merrill Hodder was out for more than two months due to surgery. Several other members are dealing with painful ailments.

**Ad on page 45** Janet and Monte Montagnino ([montebearsden@aol.com](mailto:montebearsden@aol.com)) 973-546-3092

# HUNTERDON FLUTTERWHEELS



**Echo Hill Park, 43 Lilac Drive, Flemington, NJ 08822**

[hunterdonflutterwheels.nnjtsda.org](http://hunterdonflutterwheels.nnjtsda.org)

**Contact # night of dance: 908-458-6387**



**2019**

**Theme**

**Caller**

May 3

Derby Day with a Dixie Chain (Hat contest)

Betsy Gotta

May 17\*

Balance Awhile Blue Moon Style (Wear blue)

Mary Moody

May 31\*

Life's a Beach (Beachwear)

Paul and Stephen Ingis

June 7\*

Birdies, Bogies, and Box the Gnat (Ice cream social)

Virgil Forbes

**SUMMER WORKSHOPS – see our website for more information**

**Series 1: Mainstream Extreme Workshops:** June 2\*, 16\*, 23\* Instructor: Mary Moody

*For proficient Mainstream dancers who want to learn how to "do THAT from HERE"*

**Series 2: Summer Square Dance Workshops:** June 14\*, July 13\*, Aug. 2\*, Aug. 23\*, Sept. 6

Instructors: Mary Moody (June, July) and Dane Bragg (August, September)

*For new Mainstream graduates and those who want to refresh their skills*

Sept. 20

Welcome Back, Square Friends

The Hardys

Alternate Mainstream and Plus Tips

1st and 3rd Fridays 8:00-10:15 PM

Soft-Soled Shoes, Please!

Follow us on  **facebook:**

[facebook.com/hunterdonflutterwheels](http://facebook.com/hunterdonflutterwheels)

For Information:

Jeff and Jean Bell

908-458-6387

*\*These dances held at: Hunterdon County  
Bldg. 1, 314 Route 12, Flemington, NJ 08822*

# LAKELAND S



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

*Alternating MAINSTREAM and PLUS: MONDAYS (8:00-10:00 PM)*

*Mainstream Class (Fran Wadel) beginning on September 9, 2019 (6:30-8:00 PM)*

*Dance Party (8:00-10:00 PM): 5th MONDAYS – open to the public – bring your friends!*

<b>April 2019</b>	<b>July 2019 (cont.)</b>	<b>October 2019 (cont.)</b>
15 Dennis Reardon	8 Betsy Gotta	21 Betsy Gotta
22 Fran Wadel: <i>Graduation!</i>	15 Fran Wadel	28 Howard Richman: <i>Halloween Dance</i>
29 Howard Richman: <i>Dance Party</i>	22 Paul and Stephen Ingis <i>Ice Cream Social</i>	<b>November 2019</b>
<b>May 2019</b>	29 Howard Richman: <i>Dance Party</i>	4 Ed Foote
6 Ed Foote: <i>46th Anniversary</i> <i>6:30 Potluck</i> <i>8:00 Dance</i>	<b>August 2019</b>	11 Dennis Reardon
13 Rick Gittelman	26 Fran Wadel: <i>Intro Dance 7:30 PM</i> <i>Bring your friends –</i> <i>No experience needed!</i>	18 Howard Richman
20 Howard Richman	<b>September 2019</b>	25 Mary Moody: <i>Thanksgiving Dance</i>
27 No Dance: <i>Memorial Day</i>	2 No Dance: <i>Labor Day</i>	<b>December 2019</b>
<b>June 2019</b>	9 Dennis Reardon	2 Larry Shipman
3 Dennis Reardon	16 Chuck/Gerry Hardy	9 Fran Wadel: <i>Student MS Dance</i>
10 Betsy Gotta	23 Fran Wadel	16 Paul Ingis: <i>Holiday Dance</i>
17 Howard Richman: <i>A Night at the Movies</i>	30 Howard Richman: <i>Dance Party</i>	23 No Dance
24 Chuck/Gerry Hardy	<b>October 2019</b>	30 No Dance
<b>July 2019</b>	7 Paul Ingis	<b>January 2020</b>
1 Paul and Stephen Ingis	14 Mary Moody	6 Betsy Gotta
		13 Dennis Reardon
		20 Larry Shipman
		27 Howard Richman

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



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

Hello from the Ramblers, who have been very busy! Congratulations to our 12 Plus graduates: John Benjohn, Cheryl and Buddy Franklin, Leigh and Charlie Gavinelli, Diedre Keeran, Elaine Lukacs, Cathy Trivett, Miles Winship, David Woodward, Gina and Ted Zbikowski.

In September, we danced to live music with O’Neill & Martin and calling by Howard Richman. Circle Eights and Belles & Beaux were well represented. We had a big turnout at our annual introductory dance at Thompson Park, again with Howard Richman calling. The 105 people in attendance included 40 Ramblers, 50 adult visitors, and 15 teens. The fall brought 17 new students.

At St. Mary’s Fair, we put on a square dance demonstration with Ed LaPlante calling for 15 Ramblers plus three dancers from Y Squares. This very enjoyable demo had a dozen first-time dancers giving it a try.

Our Halloween Dance did not disappoint. Most Beautiful or Charming: Pat and Joe Ross; Most Alarming or Scary: Mary Trossello; Funniest: Carmen Benimeli and Walter Kopek. In November, Larry Sherwood obtained a bus for the NNJSDA Mini-Festival, making the trip very pleasant for 16 Ramblers. At our annual covered dish holiday dance, members and students enjoyed delicious homemade specialties and shared laughter to music provided by Joe Landi. Our thanks to Pat Ross and Patty Sherwood for organizing the event.

As we approach our 50th anniversary, we want to celebrate our special members. Betty Scharmman joined the club in 2001 and has held several offices, including president and class coordinator. Werner Aehlich joined in 2004 and assisted with the class for several years. They have made contributions that continue to benefit us today.

Another special member, Agnes Brunner, became a student in 1974, so 2019 marks her 45th continuous year as a Rambler. Her dance partner, Alfred Peskoe, started dancing in 1954, then stopped for a few decades due to the press of business. He joined the Ramblers in 2003. Both Agnes and Al have served in various capacities, including president.

New officers are Mary Trossello, president, and Joe Vapnar, vice president. Mary Batistick remains treasurer and Bruce and Lynne Noel secretary.

An interesting tidbit: Johnny Unitas, one of the greatest football players, received an athletic scholarship from the University of Louisville and majored in physical education. In his second year, the new president reduced athletic aid and tightened academic standards for athletes. Several players lost scholarships, but Unitas maintained his by taking on a new elective: square dancing. After quarterbacking for the Louisville Cardinals, he was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers and later signed by the Baltimore Colts. The rest is history!

**Ad on page 47**

*Joseph Vapnar ([joevapnar@gmail.com](mailto:joevapnar@gmail.com))*

*732-500-0391*





# Middletown Ramblers

## Plus Club

Fridays 7:30-9:45 PM  
 Croydon Hall – Middletown Senior Center  
 900 Leonardville Rd., Leonardo, NJ 07737

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

2019

2019

May 3 <sup>1</sup>	Rick Gittelman (AZ)	July 19 <sup>3</sup>	Mary Moody
May 10	Daryl Murphy	July 26	Howard Richman <i>(For club members only)</i>
May 17	Joe Landi	Aug. 2	Betsy and Roy Gotta (cuer)
May 24	Jonathon Weiner (NY)	Aug. 9	Chuck and Gerry Hardy (VT)
May 31	Howard Richman	Aug. 16	Dave Perrault (MA)
June 7	Mark Franks	Aug. 23 <sup>3</sup>	Howard Richman
June 14	Betsy and Roy Gotta (cuer)	Aug. 30	Labor Day Weekend <i>(No dance)</i>
June 21 <sup>2</sup>	Chuck and Gerry Hardy (VT)	Sept. 6	Mark Franks
June 28	Dave Perrault (MA)	Sept. 13	Chuck and Gerry Hardy (VT)
July 5	<i>No dance</i>	Sept. 20	Mary Moody
July 12	Joe Landi	Sept. 27 <sup>4</sup>	Ed Crowley

<sup>1</sup>May 3: Dress as a Superhero Dangle Night

<sup>2</sup>June 21: Summer Solstice Theme Dangle Night  
 Dance with tube on for dangle

<sup>3</sup>July 19 and Aug. 23: Intro to Square Dance

<sup>4</sup>Sept. 27: Intro to Square Dance (free) – Thompson Park Barn  
 805 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft, NJ 07738

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.

NOTE: Hearing enhancement system available.

Mary Trossello, President: 732-429-8260  
 Larry Sherwood: 732-319-8920

**Various Sun. All Year****American Legion Post 171****Maryjane Clewell: 551-206-7905****17-08 River Road 07410****Rich Baumeister: 845-735-3222****Cell for dance: 551-206-7905, 845-629-5032**

Our alternate location, the American Legion in Fair Lawn, is now our new home. It is a wonderful, larger space with both heat and air conditioning for comfortable dancing throughout the year. We always have the welcome mat out for all Advanced and Challenge dancers – solos and couples, new and experienced – and our computer squares guarantee that everyone gets to dance.

Our club happily supported Paul Ingis's Advanced students, offering helping hands and encouragement as they gained valuable floor time at our dances. In the fall, a big "Thank you!" went to Curtis Kraut for organizing two full-day workshops for the new A2 dancers. Caller Daryl Murphy and a total of 17 angels helped them increase their understanding of the calls and build confidence. We welcome new members Susan Adam, Lacey and John Hill, Eleanor Jass, Mary Lundin, Phyllis and John McGrory, Debbie and Jose Obarrio, Arlene Remington, Cathy and Don Schlesinger, and Claire Zimmerman.

In February, two squares of Motiv8ors raided Bee Sharps at their annual Plus/Advanced dance. Mark Franks topped off the evening with a C1 tip.

Fred Meyer once again participated in the annual Memory Walk for the Alzheimer's Association, supported by many of our members.

At the end of September, Barbara and John Marlowe traveled for two weeks in Ireland and Scotland. They visited a sheep farm, explored several castles, and enjoyed spectacular panoramic views. An unexpected treat was hearing bagpipers greeting guests for a Scottish wedding at one of the castles.

Fred Meyer and Rochelle Honigsfeld once again crossed the Atlantic on the Queen Mary 2. They took in the new Titanic Museum in Southampton, Stonehenge, and the beautiful Belgian countryside.

After participating in two series of CCNJ-sponsored classes taught by Betsy Gotta, Maryjane Clewell attended the Appalachian Callers School, which she declared "amazing!" After countless hours of daily preparation and mentoring by Paul Ingis back home, Maryjane was given the opportunity to call for Paul's Mainstream class in his absence. Congratulations, Maryjane!

The entire Schlesinger family joined Cathy and Don in Aruba for a week in December to celebrate their 40th anniversary and Cathy's special birthday.

Jan and Louis Thompson are thrilled to announce the engagement of their son Scott and the birth of a baby boy to their older son, Brian, and his wife.

We mourn the loss of Pauline Plummer, who will be remembered for her warm personality, bright smile, and beautiful handmade outfits. We were also saddened to learn of the passing of Norman Cohen, who always had a smile and hug at the ready.

The entire square dance community mourns Lee Kopman, the world renowned caller who wrote so many of the calls we currently dance.

**Ad on page 49***Jan and Louis Thompson ([ljt1@yahoo.com](mailto:ljt1@yahoo.com))***732-577-9413**



# Motiv8ors

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



Sundays at American Legion Post 171  
17-08 River Road, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

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

Apr. 28	Dave Eno (NY)	Aug. 18	Mike Sikorsky (AZ)
May 5	Ed Foote (PA)	Sept. 8	Ken Ritucci (MA)
May 19	Dayle Hodge (MD)	Oct. 6	Daryl Murphy (NJ)
June 9	Daryl Murphy (NJ)	Oct. 27	Betsy Gotta (NJ)
June 23	Jim DeNigris (CT)	Nov. 3	Ed Foote (PA)
July 14	Don Moger (Canada)	Nov. 24	Dave Eno (NY)
July 28	Dave Eno (NY)	Dec. 8	Betsy Gotta (NJ)
Aug. 11	Johnny Preston (CA)	Dec. 15	Jim DeNigris (CT)

**Singles Welcome    Casual Attire    Computer Squares**

Maryjane: 551-206-7905, Rich: 845-629-5032    [cmimigirl@aol.com](mailto:cmimigirl@aol.com)



# REELERS

*Plus Club with Rounds*

Ironia School, 303 Dover-Chester Rd. (Rt. 513), Randolph 07869

**1st and 3rd Fridays**

**7:30 Early Rounds    8:00-10:15 Plus/Rounds**

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

Info:  
Bruce and Helen  
Haskell  
929-373-3537

**New: Beginner round dance class 6:30-7:30 before each dance.**

## 2019

05/03  
05/17  
06/07\*

## Caller

Jim Schell (MA)  
Ted Lizotte (NH)  
Ed Crowley (NJ)

## Theme

Ice Cream "Fridae"  
Red, White, and Blue  
Graduation

*ENJOY THE SUMMER!*

09/20  
10/04  
10/18  
11/01  
11/15  
12/06  
12/20

Jay Silva (NH)  
Mark Franks (NJ)  
Bill Mager (CT)  
Ed Foote (PA)  
Todd Fellegly (CT)  
Don Bachelder (MA)  
Dane Bragg (PA)

Welcome Back (club colors)  
Ice Cream "Fridae"  
Book and Puzzle Exchange  
Palindromes (backward clothes)  
Lucky Las Vegas (win a gift card)  
Books for Kids  
Holiday Cookies

**Cuer: Mary Pickett**

**\*Mainstream/Rounds with 1 Plus tip**

In December, our annual holiday party was a great success, with delicious and varied food and a rollicking Yankee gift exchange emceed by our president, Bruce Haskell. Our thanks go to Bob Turner, host extraordinaire, who greeted all of us into his beautifully decorated large home with hugs and smiles, and graciously turned over his kitchen to dedicated gourmet helpers.

We celebrated the graduation of our seven Plus students at our December holiday dance, which was held at the scenic Chester Barn. The father-daughter teaching team of Ed Crowley and Katie Wilson did a fantastic job; Katie did not let a momentous event like giving birth to Adorable Son #2 interfere with her dedication to teaching. Thanks to all three generations! We also appreciate our angels and class coordinators, Valerie Lehnert and Victoria Solecki, whose organizational and motivational skills helped make the class so successful.

Our January free introductory dances attracted many interested people. Some saw the announcements on Meetup, a new method of reaching potential students. We are fortunate to have Ed and Katie continuing as our teachers.

Congratulations to our former presidents, Cindy and Dave Whalen, on the birth of their first grandchild, Tanner, who weighed in at more than nine pounds. Helen Jacobson was a lovely mother of the bride at her daughter's recent wedding. Carla and Stephen Holusha both won awards for their running abilities. Mark Bippes was presented with Morris Habitat for Humanity's inaugural 30-year service award.

We mourn the untimely loss of Anthony Casale – a fellow Reelers member, good friend, and melodic caller whom we were lucky enough to enjoy.

Some of our members tried to escape winter by traveling to warmer climates: Nancy and Jim Anderson, Av and Bear Brady, Helen Jacobson, and Arlene and Tom Simansky to Florida; Irene and Hal Stoller to Arizona; and Merrill Hodge to California. As in past years, the Reelers had a large contingent at WASCA in March, with almost a dozen attending.

For dancers interested in beginning round dance lessons, Mary Pickett has a new class on various Fridays from April through June. This is a great opportunity to combine a round dance lesson with a fun evening of square dancing. We hope you will join us for enjoyable square dancing (to a variety of callers, many from out of state), round dancing, delicious food, and friendship.

**Ad on page 49***Irene Stoller ([histoller@live.com](mailto:histoller@live.com))*

908-823-4565

Dance can reveal everything mysterious that is hidden in music, and it has the additional merit of being human and palpable. Dancing is poetry with arms and legs. ~ Charles Baudelaire, *La Fanfarlo* (1847)

**We would like to thank everyone for all the time and effort that you put into Grand Square for all of us to enjoy.**

# Harvest Moon Classic

**November 22-24, 2019**  
**The Crowne Plaza Hotel**  
**Harrisburg, Pennsylvania**

**Four Full-Time Halls: Plus, A2, C1, and C2**

**Dancing Friday 7:30 PM to Sunday 11:30 AM**  
**Computer square rotation in A2, C1, and C2**

**Send registration and check to:**

Roy Gotta, 2 Laurel Place  
 North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Make check payable to  
**Harvest Moon Classic**

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

**Make room reservations at**

**Crowne Plaza**

23 South Second Street  
 Harrisburg, PA 17101

Phone: 717-234-5021

Request the  
 HMC

room block for  
 \$91 + tax room rate.

## Calling Staff



Ron Libby



Bill Harrison



John Marshall



Tom Miller



Steve Kopman



Rounds in the Evening by Roy Gotta



## Dance Registration "Harvest Moon Classic" November 22-24, 2019

	<u>Through Nov. 1, 2019</u>	<u>After Nov. 1, 2019</u>
Full Dance Package	___ \$55 p/p	___ \$65 p/p
Sat. All Day/Evening Package	___ \$45 p/p	___ \$55 p/p
Last Name _____	His _____	Hers _____
Street _____		
City _____ State _____ Zip _____		
Phone _____ Email _____		
Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Circle preferred dance program Plus A2 C1 C2		

**Website: [gottadance.eboard.com](http://gottadance.eboard.com) (click on Special Events)**

**2 Fri. All Year: MS-PL tip****Congers Community Center****4 Fri. All Year: PL-DBD Plus tip****6 Gilchrest Rd. 10920****Mal Blotner: 845-638-4393 (alt.: 845-553-5002)****Cell for dance: 914-450-2724**

The 2018-19 Rockytops season started with a raid to Cross Trail Squares, where we danced to one of our favorite callers, Mark Franks. Our own first event of the season, a Mainstream dance, had four squares enjoying another of our favorites, Howard Richman. In September, 50 attendees participated in our annual introductory dance, which featured our inspirational caller/teacher Fran Wadel and a delicious array of refreshments provided by our members. Our new Mainstream class began in October and, thanks to Fran and a large number of devoted club angels, we expect to graduate eight enthusiastic new dancers (see their names on page 5).

The highlight of our October Mainstream dance was a duet of our theme song, “Rocky Top,” by two lovely ladies: our caller, Sandy Corey, and our own Fran Wadel. Also in October, Rockytops raiders joined two other clubs at Circle Eights, where Jim Snyder called one of his last dances before retiring. The refreshments that evening were a veritable Oktoberfest feast. The November Mainstream dance featured our annual turkey raffle and fun caller Ed Foote.

Plus dances in the fall found us dancing to popular Don Coy and Howard Richman. Eleven Rockytops members attended the NNJSDA Mini-Festival. More than four squares and caller Betsy Gotta spread good cheer at our annual free Holiday Spirit dance in December. That month also found 12 Rockytops dancers on the move to raid Western Wheelers/Hix & Chix.

Congratulations to Cathy and Don Schlesinger, who observed a special wedding anniversary by taking their family in December to Aruba, where they had spent their honeymoon 40 years before. Also, happy anniversary to Sue and Ken Ehnenn, who celebrated an impressive 55 years in December.

Joan Schierlitz and Perry Didriksen took a respite from the cold and snow in February to attend the Florida State Square Dance Convention in Daytona Beach, Florida.

On a sad note, we extend deep sympathy to Pat Lutter on the loss of her mother.

Rockytops kicked off 2019 with a large turnout at our first dance, called by popular Paul Ingis and raided by Western Wheelers/Hix & Chix. You gotta dance to Betsy Gotta, and we had fun doing so at our Plus dances in January and March. Other callers who have enriched our spring dancing thus far are Fran Wadel (annual Student/Valentine dance), Todd Felleggy, and Howard Richman. We look forward to Sandy Corey, Ed Foote, Don Coy, and our annual visit from Arizona’s Rick Gittelman, in addition to return appearances by Howard Richman and Paul Ingis.

Rockytops continues to dance in the summer; check our ad for the schedule and locations. We look forward to welcoming you in a square.

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

# RocklandRockytops

SINGLES WELCOME

<p><b>MAINSTREAM</b>  <b>Second Friday 7:30-9:45 PM</b>  <b>(All Year Round)</b>  <b>Plus Tip During Dance</b></p>	<p><b>PLUS</b>  <b>Fourth Friday 7:30-9:45 PM</b>  <b>(All Year Round)</b>  <b>DBD Plus Tip During Dance</b></p>
<p>04/12/19<sup>1</sup>                    <b>SANDY COREY</b></p>	<p>04/26/19<sup>2</sup>                    <b>PAUL INGIS</b></p>
<p>05/10/19<sup>1</sup>                    <b>ED FOOTE</b>  <i>Ice Cream Social</i></p>	<p>05/24/19<sup>1</sup>                    <b>RICK GITTELMAN</b></p>
<p>06/14/19<sup>1</sup>                    <b>DON COY</b>  <i>Las Vegas Night</i></p>	<p>06/28/19<sup>1</sup>                    <b>HOWARD RICHMAN</b></p>
<p>07/12/19<sup>1</sup>                    <b>SANDY COREY</b></p>	<p>07/26/19<sup>1</sup>                    <b>MARK FRANKS</b></p>
<p>08/09/19<sup>1</sup>                    <b>HOWARD RICHMAN</b></p>	<p>08/23/19<sup>1</sup>                    <b>MARK FRANKS</b></p>
<p>09/13/19<sup>1</sup>                    <b>SANDY COREY</b></p>	<p>09/27/19<sup>1</sup>                    <b>FRAN WADEL</b>  <i>Free Introductory Dance</i>  <i>(No Plus dance in September)</i></p>
<p>10/11/19<sup>1</sup>                    <b>TBA</b></p>	<p>10/25/19<sup>2</sup>                    <b>SANDY COREY</b></p>
<p>11/08/19<sup>2</sup>                    <b>ED FOOTE</b>  <i>Turkey Raffle</i>  <i>(bring canned goods – receive ticket)</i></p>	<p>11/22/19<sup>1</sup>                    <b>HOWARD RICHMAN</b></p>
<p>12/13/19<sup>2</sup>                    <b>SANDY COREY</b>  <i>Holiday Spirit Dance</i>  <i>(free admission to all dancers!)</i></p>	<p>12/27/19  <i>(No Plus dance in December)</i></p>

1. Congers Community Center – 6 Gilchrest Rd., Congers, NY
2. St. Paul Lutheran Church – 323 S. Main St., New City, NY

Directions to Congers and St. Paul: page 16 of *May 2017 Map Supplement*

For further information: Don 845-623-2772

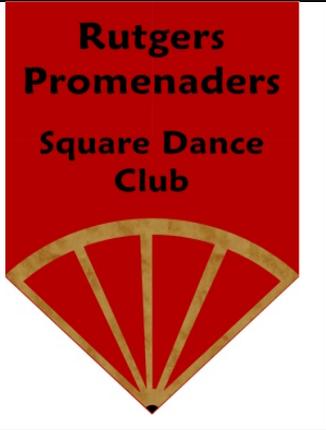
It's been another fun-filled dance season here in North Brunswick, starting with our regular August dance and September intro dance. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of our new Raid coordinators, Tony Milito and Maureen Moynihan, we've actively stepped up our game. So far, we have raided Hunterdon Flutterwheels, Middletown Ramblers, and Western Wheelers/Hix & Chix.

In November and December, we held our traditional Thanksgiving food drive and Toys for Tots dances.

Winter has brought some sad and significant losses to our club and the square dance community. International caller Lee Kopman passed away in November. Many Promenaders had the great pleasure of dancing to his innovative choreography, whether at regular events or one of the many festivals and conventions where he performed. In January, longtime member Nina Gerhold passed away unexpectedly. Her kind nature and love of dancing will always be remembered. Our deepest condolences go to her husband, Albert, and son, Joseph.

Keep us in mind if you are looking for Sunday afternoon dancing pleasure – we're always happy to have visitors. The more, the merrier!

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

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Summer 2019 Mainstream Dance/Class Schedule</h2> <p style="margin: 0;"><b>Location:</b> Congregation B'nai Tikvah 1001 Finnegans Lane North Brunswick, NJ 08902</p> <p style="margin: 0;"><b>Time:</b> 2:30-5:00 PM</p> <p style="margin: 0;"><b><u>Family Friendly</u></b></p>			
	<p style="margin: 0;">Mainstream with Rounds for all ages. Class-level tips during some dances.</p>			
<b>May 5</b>	<b>May 19</b>	<b>June 2</b>	<b>July 14</b>	<b>August 4</b>
<p style="margin: 0;"><b>Calling Staff: Betsy Gotta, Dan Koft</b></p> <p style="margin: 0;"><b>Cuing Staff: Roy Gotta, Kathy Koft</b></p> <p style="margin: 0;">For directions and more information, visit our website: <a href="http://rutgerspromenaders.org">rutgerspromenaders.org</a> or contact Matica Bierstein at 732-485-6277 or <a href="mailto:president@rutgerspromenaders.org">president@rutgerspromenaders.org</a></p>				



PEEL THE PUMPKIN 2019

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SWING BY

Betsy Gotta  
Bill Harrison  
Tom Miller

**NOVEMBER 1-3, 2019**

**DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON ★ FORT LEE, NJ**

MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTER ONLINE AT  
**[TIMESSQUARES.NYC/PTP](http://TIMESSQUARES.NYC/PTP)**

It was “all hands on deck” as Times Squares hosted a Bon Voyage dance for four squares of California dancers the night before they set sail on a fall foliage cruise. The trip’s organizer, caller David Mee, joined us for the dance and offered to call. It’s always fun to experience a new caller, and he has a great singing voice. David was challenging without being overwhelming. We hope he returns to New York soon, so we can dance to him again.

We have figured out the formula for a successful Peel the Pumpkin Fly-In: good dancing, good food, and a good theme. Sandie Bryant, Betsy Gotta, and Ted Lizotte were all in top form during “Under the Big Top,” providing hours and hours of great dancing for the 124 attendees. Compliments to the hotel chef, who supplied an abundance of delicious food for our buffet banquet. It’s nice to dine together with friends without having to scour the neighborhood for a good meal. Our circus theme inspired participants to create some colorful costumes for the Saturday night contest. We’re returning to the same hotel this year – hoping for more good food, and wondering what costumes will be created to reflect our “Sci-Fi Swing By” theme. See our ad for details.



*Peel the Pumpkin: “Under The Big Top” 2018*

Boxing Day in England, December 26, was when servants received gifts from their employers. For us, however, Boxer Day is when people can wear boxer shorts to the dance. Ted Lizotte, who was so much fun at our fly-in, returned to call. (He has nice legs for a caller.)

Public School 3, where we dance most of the year, is finally being air conditioned. So we will be dancing there year round – no more running all over town to find a summer venue!

**Ads on pages 55, 57**

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

*917-705-5243*

### **HANDHOLDS: 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.

# NYC's Times Squares 2019 Dances

[timesquares.nyc](http://timesquares.nyc)

## **Combo Dances** – Saturdays 4:00-6:30 A/C, 7:30-9:30 MS/PL

September 14 Kickoff Dayle Hodge (MD)  
December 14 Holiday Dance TBA

## **Summer Dances** – Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 MS/PL-A2

July 30 Christmas in July Betsy Gotta (NJ)  
August 13 The White Party Dayle Hodge (MD)

## **Square Up at Stonewall 50**

Friday June 28 Pride Square Dance Anne Uebelacker (WA)  
7:00-10:00 PM John Jay College  
Sunday June 30 Gay Pride March Howard Richman (NJ)  
*Square dance down the avenue with members of the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs (IAGSDC) and their friends.*  
Check [timesquares.nyc/stonewall50](http://timesquares.nyc/stonewall50) for event details.

## **Peel the Pumpkin 2019 – Sci-Fi Swing By**

**BILL HARRISON (MD) TOM MILLER (PA) BETSY GOTTA (NJ)**  
November 1-3 MS through C2  
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Fort Lee, NJ – For more information  
and online registration, go to [timesquares.nyc/ptp](http://timesquares.nyc/ptp).

Check [timesquares.nyc](http://timesquares.nyc) to confirm locations and event details.

# Hix & Chix/Western Wheelers 2019 Special Summer Dance

## Howard and Donna Williamson Thursday, July 11, 2019

7:30-10:00 PM Plus with Advanced After Tip  
Pre-Rounds 7:00-7:30 PM, then 2x2

**RAIDS WELCOME**

VFW Elmwood Park  
6 Veterans Place, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407



For more information: Georgi and Rich Flandera 973-427-2889  
John and Connie Huettemann 201-852-7514 (cell)

4 Sat. Sept.-April  
 Various Thur. May-Aug.

Maywood Recreation Center  
 346 Duvier Pl. 07607  
 Cell for dance: 201-852-7514

Raiders are always welcome! We dance the Plus program, alternating with Rounds when available and an A tip if possible. Welcome to our new Plus dancers – we are happy to report that they are doing great!

Georgi Flandera kept us moving with raids to Lakeland Squares, Reelers, RocklandRockytops, Belles & Beaux, and Cross Trail Squares. We usually meet before raids for dinner and friendship, and share some more between tips.

Jay Silva was our opening caller in September. He and his lovely partner, Tina, even joined us for a tip as we all enjoyed his energetic style. Calling and dancing at the same time ... wow! Just wow!

In January, Betsy and Roy Gotta called and cued for the evening. We were raided by Rutgers Promenaders, and Roy brought along his current round dance students. What a great pleasure it is to watch a new group of round dancers enjoying themselves. Dan and Kathy Koft visited us in February for a dynamic evening. Dan's energetic calling coupled with Kathy's melodic cuing enticed many to come out and brave the chilly weather.

Our members have been on the go. Deb and Jose Obarrio joined Lacey and John Hill at the Harvest Moon Festival in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for a weekend of Plus and Advanced dancing. Pat and Tom Duemig took a leisurely trip to the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, followed by an extended cruise to lovely Hawaii. On a stopover in California back on the mainland, they had a fun-filled evening with the Wranglers Square Dancers in the San Diego area.

Arlene Remington, another of our happy travelers, spent six weeks visiting with her son in Oxnard, California. After she was joined by Carol Casale, the NNJSDA 1st vice president, the two danced the night away with the Valley Trailers in Sherman Oaks. Georgi and Rich Flandera enjoyed a relaxing Rhine River cruise followed by an extended stay in Lucerne, Switzerland.

**Ad on page 57**

Lacey Hill ([laceyjhill@gmail.com](mailto:laceyjhill@gmail.com))

201-358-2629



I'm glad to download the new edition of *Grand Square* to my iPad. I can read it anytime and anywhere. Thank you for your dedication; it makes *Grand Square* the best newsletter I've ever read.

Every edition - so well done - we appreciate all your and your team's efforts.

I love the format of *Grand Square* with the clubs' ads near their news articles. So convenient! I don't know how much more work it is to do it that way, but I think it is great, so I just had to write and let you know.



# TUMBLING LEAVES 29th Annual *FESTIVAL*

October 18-20, 2019

**BENNINGTON COLLEGE – BENNINGTON, VT**



**CALLERS**  
**RED BATES**  
**BILL HARRISON**  
**JOHN MARSHALL**  
**DON MOGER**  
**KEN RITUCCI**



**CUERS**  
**STEVE AND IRENE BRADT**  
**BEVERLY BOUDREAU**

**4 HALLS**  
**PLUS**  
**A2**  
**PLUS DBD**  
**C1**  
**(LIMITED C2)**

**ROUND DANCE  
WORKSHOP**

**A2 AND C1  
COMPUTER  
ROTATION**

**PACKAGES  
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CAMPUS**

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

**RED BATES**

**CELL: 941-223-0987    EMAIL: [redbates@juno.com](mailto:redbates@juno.com)**

Congratulations to our newest graduates, who retook Mainstream lessons: Kathy LaMaster (as a “retread”) and Greg Moore and Karin Rabe (to learn the opposite part). A huge thank you to our class coordinator, Susan Short, who always had a kind word, smile, and hug for everyone who walked in the door. Our gratitude also goes to Daryl Murphy, our teacher, who is so full of good cheer. He would even stay and dance at the end of the lesson while Karin and Greg got practice with their calling careers. Thanks also to our angels who came week after week, sometimes staying even when they were not needed in a square just to make the lessons livelier.

On a sad note, we lost our longtime member, angel, and friend Charlie Faulkner. He danced with Y Squares for so many years that it’s hard to believe he is gone. His wife, Audrey, who predeceased him, was also a club member.

We had great Y Squares representation at the Garden State Square Dance Campers holiday dinner-dance and the Five Clubs New Year’s Eve party.

Our members have been very supportive of one another. Susan Short performed recently in a bell concert at a local church, and we had enough club fans there to make a square and more! Several of our members attended the Lehigh Valley B&B Presidents Day Weekend at Cacapon State Park in West Virginia and WASCA in Virginia.



Without even realizing it, Y Squares hit another milestone. Our club is now 55 years old! I guess we were too busy dancing and having a good time, but we are proud that our club has been in existence for so long. The photo above is from a recent raid. Kudos to our presidents, Jan and Paul Sanderson, and all members who have served on the board to ensure the club’s success. Here’s hoping for another 50-plus years!

**Ads on pages 27, 61**

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

856-514-0713

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

If your club plans to hold a dance event outside its regular dance program, location, day, or time, *you must request clearance from the NNJSDA*. (For details, see the [NNJSDA Constitution and Bylaws, section 8, page 8.](#)) This helps to avoid conflicts. Please check with the recording secretary for clearance; contact information is on page 2 of every *Grand Square*.

# Y Squares

2nd and 4th Thursdays – Mainstream w/1 Plus Tip  
 Early Rounds 7:30 PM; Dance from 8:00-10:15 PM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Caller</u>	<u>Cuer</u>	<u>Theme</u>
Apr. 11	Howard Richman	Mary Pickett	Death by Chocolate
Apr. 25	Joe Landi	Mary Pickett	Ice Cream Social
May 9	Ed Foote (PA)	Mary Pickett	Flower Power
May 23	Betsy Gotta	Roy Gotta	Sixties

\*\*\* *Summer Break* \*\*\*

Sept. 12	<b>Mike Sikorsky (AZ)</b>	Mary Pickett	Welcome Back
Sept. 17	Ed LaPlante (Tuesday)		Introductory Dance
Sept. 26	Daryl Murphy	Mary Pickett	Hawaiian Night
Oct. 10	Mark Franks	Mary Pickett	Apple Fest
Oct. 24	Howard Richman	Mary Pickett	Halloween
Nov. 14	Ed Foote (PA)	Mary Pickett	Thanksgiving Food Drive
Dec. 12	Daryl Murphy	Mary Pickett	Holiday Toy Drive
Jan. 9	Doug Kauffman	Mary Pickett	Casual Night
Jan. 23	Mark Franks	Mary Pickett	Sports Night
Feb. 13	Howard Richman	Mary Pickett	Valentine's Day
Feb. 27	Dane Bragg (PA)	Mary Pickett	Pie Night
Mar. 12	Doug Kauffman	Mary Pickett	St. Patrick's Dance
Mar. 26	Mark Franks	Mary Pickett	Spring Fling
Apr. 9	Dan Koft (PA)	Mary Pickett	Death by Chocolate
Apr. 23	Joe Landi	Mary Pickett	Ice Cream Social
May 14	Howard Richman	Mary Pickett	Flower Power
May 28	Betsy Gotta	Roy Gotta	Sixties

Hehnlly School, 590 Raritan Rd., Clark, NJ 07066

Contact: Jan Sanderson 908-233-2414 or visit [y-squares.org](http://y-squares.org)  
 Cell night of dance 908-612-6677



*Some of the dozens of New Jersey dancers among more than 1,000 at WASCA 2019*

### **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!

### **SEPTEMBER IS SQUARE DANCE MONTH IN NEW JERSEY**

The governor annually proclaims September as Square Dance Month. It's a good time to tell your friends, neighbors, and acquaintances about this wonderful activity. Give them information about new Mainstream classes in their area (check NNJSDA website). Word of mouth is a great recruitment tool!



*NNJSDA Executive Board at 2018 Mini-Festival*

## 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; L = Line; 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
<b>MAY</b>				
1 W	Belles & Beaux	P. Ingis	Elmwood Park	MS-PL
3 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Gotta	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Gittelman	Leonardo	PL
	Reelers	Schell/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
5 Su	Motiv8ors	Foote	Fair Lawn	A2, C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Gottas/Kofts	North Brunswick	MS/RD
6 M	Lakeland Squares	Foote	Towaco	MS/PL
8 W	Cross Trail Squares	Gittelman	Caldwell	MS/PL
9 Th	Y Squares	Foote/Pickett	Clark	MS/RD-PL
10 F	Bee Sharps	Gotta/Gotta	Bound Brook	MS/RD-A2
	Kittatinny Rangers	Reardon	Newton	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Murphy	Leonardo	PL
	RocklandRockytops	Foote	Congers, NY	MS-PL
13 M	Lakeland Squares	Gittelman	Towaco	MS/PL
15 W	Belles & Beaux	Gittelman	Elmwood Park	MS-PL
17 F	Circle Eights	Gittelman	Hillsdale	MS-PL
	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Moody	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Landi	Leonardo	PL
	Reelers	Lizotte/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
18 Sa	<b>NNJSDA Dance</b>	<b>H./D. Williamson</b>	<b>Bridgewater</b>	<b>MS/PL/RD</b>
19 Su	Motiv8ors	Hodge	Fair Lawn	A2, C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Gottas/Kofts	North Brunswick	MS/RD
20 M	Lakeland Squares	Richman	Towaco	MS/PL
22 W	AleMo Squares	Coy	Brooklyn, NY	MS/PL
	Cross Trail Squares	Pauley	Caldwell	MS/PL
23 Th	Y Squares	Gotta/Gotta	Clark	MS/RD-PL
24 F	Bee Sharps	Richman/Bradt	Bound Brook	MS/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	McMurdy	Newton	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Weiner	Leonardo	PL
	RocklandRockytops	Gittelman	Congers, NY	PL
29 W	Belles & Beaux	Wadel	Elmwood Park	MS-PL
31 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	P. and S. Ingis	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Richman	Leonardo	PL
<b>JUNE</b>				
2 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Gottas/Kofts	North Brunswick	MS/RD
3 M	Lakeland Squares	Reardon	Towaco	MS/PL
5 W	Belles & Beaux	Franks	Elmwood Park	MS-PL
7 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Forbes	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Franks	Leonardo	PL
	Reelers	Crowley/Pickett	Randolph	MS/RD-PL
8 Sa	<b>NNJSDA Dance</b>	<b>Peacock/Bradt</b>	<b>Montville</b>	<b>MS/RD</b>
9 Su	Motiv8ors	Murphy	Fair Lawn	A2, C1
10 M	Lakeland Squares	Gotta	Towaco	MS/PL
12 W	AleMo Squares	Coy	Brooklyn, NY	MS/PL
	Cross Trail Squares	Gotta	Caldwell	MS/PL
14 F	Middletown Ramblers	Gotta/Gotta	Leonardo	PL/RD
	RocklandRockytops	Coy	Congers, NY	MS-PL

**(June – continued)**

17 M	Lakeland Squares	Richman	Towaco	MS/PL
19 W	AleMo Squares	Coy	Brooklyn, NY	MS/PL
	Belles & Beaux	Moody	Elmwood Park	MS-PL
21 F	Circle Eights	Weiner	Hillside	MS-PL
	Middletown Ramblers	C. and G. Hardy	Leonardo	PL
23 Su	Motiv8ors	DeNigris	Fair Lawn	A2, C1
24 M	Lakeland Squares	C. and G. Hardy	Towaco	MS/PL
28 F	Middletown Ramblers	Perrault	Leonardo	PL
	RocklandRockytops	Richman	Congers, NY	PL
	Times Squares	Uebelacker	New York, NY	MS/PL/A-C1

**JULY**

1 M	Lakeland Squares	P. and S. Ingis	Towaco	MS/PL
8 M	Lakeland Squares	Gotta	Towaco	MS/PL
10 W	<b>NNJSDA Dance</b>	<b>Silva/Pickett</b>	<b>Bridgewater</b>	<b>MS/RD</b>
11 Th	Western Wheelers/H&C	H./D. Williamson	Elmwood Park	PL/RD-A
12 F	Middletown Ramblers	Landi	Leonardo	PL
	RocklandRockytops	Corey	Congers, NY	MS-PL
14 Su	Motiv8ors	Moger	Fair Lawn	A2, C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Gottas/Kofts	North Brunswick	MS/RD
15 M	Lakeland Squares	Wadel	Towaco	MS/PL
17 W	Belles & Beaux	Moger	Elmwood Park	MS-PL
19 F	<i>Middletown Ramblers</i>	<i>Moody</i>	<i>Leonardo</i>	<i>Intro</i>
22 M	Lakeland Squares	P. and S. Ingis	Towaco	MS/PL
24 W	<b>NNJSDA Dance</b>	<b>P., S. Ingis/Rumble</b>	<b>Elmwood Park</b>	<b>MS/RD</b>
26 F	RocklandRockytops	Franks	Congers, NY	PL
28 Su	Motiv8ors	Eno	Fair Lawn	A2, C1
29 M	<i>Lakeland Squares</i>	<i>Richman</i>	<i>Towaco</i>	<i>Dance Party</i>
30 Tu	Times Squares	Gotta	New York, NY	MS/PL-A2
31 W	<i>Belles &amp; Beaux</i>	<i>Wadel</i>	<i>Elmwood Park</i>	<i>Intro</i>

**AUGUST**

2 F	Middletown Ramblers	Gotta/Gotta	Leonardo	PL/RD
4 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Gottas/Kofts	North Brunswick	MS/RD
7 W	Belles & Beaux	Bachelor	Elmwood Park	MS-PL
9 F	Middletown Ramblers	C. and G. Hardy	Leonardo	PL
	RocklandRockytops	Richman	Congers, NY	MS-PL
11 Su	Motiv8ors	Preston	Fair Lawn	A2, C1
13 Tu	Times Squares	Hodge	New York, NY	MS/PL-A2
14 W	<b>NNJSDA Dance</b>	<b>Forbes/Rumble</b>	<b>Montville</b>	<b>MS/RD</b>
16 F	Kittatinny Rangers	Preston	Bridgewater	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Perrault	Leonardo	PL
18 Su	Motiv8ors	Sikorsky	Fair Lawn	A2, C1
21 W	Belles & Beaux	Hodge	Elmwood Park	MS-PL
23 F	<i>Middletown Ramblers</i>	<i>Richman</i>	<i>Leonardo</i>	<i>Intro</i>
	RocklandRockytops	Franks	Congers, NY	PL
26 M	<i>Lakeland Squares</i>	<i>Wadel</i>	<i>Towaco</i>	<i>Intro Dance</i>
28 W	<b>NNJSDA Dance</b>	<b>Gotta/Gotta</b>	<b>Elmwood Park</b>	<b>MS/RD</b>

**SEPTEMBER**

4 W	Belles & Beaux	Felleg	Elmwood Park	MS-PL
6 F	Middletown Ramblers	Franks	Leonardo	PL
7 Sa	<b>NNJSDA Dance</b>	<b>Ritucci/Bradt</b>	<b>Bridgewater</b>	<b>MS/PL/RD</b>
8 Su	Motiv8ors	Ritucci	Fair Lawn	A2, C1
9 M	Lakeland Squares	Reardon	Towaco	MS/PL
11 W	Cross Trail Squares	Hodge	Caldwell	MS/PL
12 Th	Y Squares	Sikorsky/Pickett	Clark	MS/RD-PL

**(September – continued)**

13 F	Bee Sharps Kittatinny Rangers Middletown Ramblers RocklandRockytops	Franks/Bradt P. Ingis C. and G. Hardy Corey	Bound Brook Newton Leonardo Congers, NY	PL/RD-A2 MS/PL PL MS-PL
14 Sa	Times Squares	Hodge	New York, NY	MS/PL, A/C
15 Su	Belles & Beaux	Richman	Ho-Ho-Kus	MS-PL
16 M	Lakeland Squares	C. and G. Hardy	Towaco	MS/PL
18 W	Belles & Beaux	C. and G. Hardy	Elmwood Park	MS-PL
20 F	Circle Eights Hunterdon Flutterwheels Middletown Ramblers Reelers	Corey C. and G. Hardy Moody Silva/Pickett	Hillsdale Flemington Leonardo Randolph	MS-PL MS/PL PL PL/RD
23 M	Lakeland Squares	Wadel	Towaco	MS/PL
25 W	Cross Trail Squares	Silva	Caldwell	MS/PL
26 Th	Y Squares	Murphy/Pickett	Clark	MS/RD-PL
27 F	Bee Sharps Kittatinny Rangers Middletown Ramblers RocklandRockytops	Ingis/Rumble Richman Crowley Wadel	Bound Brook Newton Lincroft Congers, NY	PL/RD-A2 MS/PL <i>Intro</i> <i>Intro</i>
30 M	Lakeland Squares	Richman	Towaco	<i>Dance Party</i>

**Conventions, Festivals, Specials, and Weekends**

<b>MAY</b>				
17-19	GS Campers	Avery	Pennsylvania	PL (MS)
18	<b>NNJSDA Dance</b>	<b>Williamson/Williamson</b>	<b>Bridgewater</b>	<b>MS/PL/RD</b>
31-6/2	Cherry Ridge	Harrison	Pennsylvania	C1
<b>JUNE</b>				
8	<b>NNJSDA Dance</b>	<b>Peacock/Bradt</b>	<b>Montville</b>	<b>MS/RD</b>
9-14	Cherry Ridge	Fellegly, Rubright	Pennsylvania	C1
14-16	Cherry Ridge GS Campers	Harrison, Miller Gittelman	Pennsylvania Pennsylvania	A2 PL (MS)
26-29	National Convention	Multiple Callers/Cuers	Georgia	All Programs
<b>JULY</b>				
4-7	IAGSDC	Multiple Callers	Pennsylvania	MS/PL/A/C1-4
10-12	Cherry Ridge	Moger	Pennsylvania	C1
10	<b>NNJSDA Dance</b>	<b>Silva/Pickett</b>	<b>Bridgewater</b>	<b>MS/RD</b>
12-14	GS Campers	H./D. Williamson	Pennsylvania	PL/RD (MS)
18-20	Star Spangled Festival	Multiple Callers/Cuers	Maryland	MS/PL/A/C1/RD
24	<b>NNJSDA Dance</b>	<b>P., S. Ingis/Rumble</b>	<b>Elmwood Park</b>	<b>MS/RD</b>
28	CCNJ Mania	Multiple Callers	Bridgewater	MS
<b>AUGUST</b>				
9-11	Cherry Ridge GS Campers	Fellegly Franks	Pennsylvania Pennsylvania	A2 PL (MS)
14	<b>NNJSDA Dance</b>	<b>Forbes/Rumble</b>	<b>Montville</b>	<b>MS/RD</b>
23-25	Summer Magic	Lipscomb, Moger	Canada	A2/C1-C2
28	<b>NNJSDA Dance</b>	<b>Gotta/Gotta</b>	<b>Elmwood Park</b>	<b>MS/RD</b>
8/30-9/2	Cherry Ridge	Gotta, Harrison/Gotta	Pennsylvania	PL/A/RD
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
7	<b>NNJSDA Dance</b>	<b>Ritucci/Bradt</b>	<b>Bridgewater</b>	<b>MS/PL/RD</b>
12	Y Squares	Sikorsky	Clark	MS/RD-PL
12-15	Cherry Ridge	Harrison, Ritucci, Fellegly	Pennsylvania	C1/C2
13-15	GS Campers	Gotta/Gotta	Pennsylvania	PL/RD (MS)
15	B&B 40th Anniversary	Richman	Ho-Ho-Kus	MS/PL
26-29	PA Fall Festival	Multiple Callers/Cuers	Pennsylvania	MS/PL/A/RD-C
27-29	Cherry Ridge	Reaske, Bragg	Pennsylvania	PL

## OCTOBER

4-6	GS Campers	Snyder	Pennsylvania	PL (MS)
5	<b>NNJSDA Dance</b>	<b>Hodge</b>	<b>Montville</b>	<b>PL/A2-C1</b>
18-20	Trumbling Leaves	Multiple Callers/Cuers	Vermont	PL/A2/C1/RD-C2

## NOVEMBER

1-3	Peel the Pumpkin	Gotta, Harrison, Miller	Fort Lee	MS/PL/A/C1/C2
10	<b>Mini-Festival</b>	<b>Roberts, Harrison, Bates/ Denniston, McCabe</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>MS/PL/A/RD-C</b>
22-24	Harvest Moon Classic	Multiple Callers/Gotta	Pennsylvania	PL/A2/C1/C2/RD

## DECEMBER

8	GSC Dinner-Dance	McGovern/Pickett	Paterson	MS/PL/RD
31	Five Clubs NYE	Landi/Booz	Springfield	MS/PL/RD

### **\*ATTENTION! NEW GRAND SQUARE FORMAT\* (COMING IN SEPTEMBER)**

*Grand Square* will soon transition to a smaller format, and much of the content will move to the NNJSDA website (see below). This will allow Association and club information and advertising to be posted, viewed, updated, and printed as needed while helping the environment by cutting down on paper (and saving money). The magazine will continue to be posted online, supplemented by a beautiful ad “flipbook” – a digital magazine in which pages can be “turned” by clicking.

**Online only:** ads, club articles

**Print only:** special articles, graduation lists, letters from NNJSDA and CCNJ presidents

**Both:** dance calendars, features, clubs/classes, NNJSDA contacts/announcements

**Next Submission Deadline: July 7 – include club name in email subject line**

**\*Email ads: [ads@nnjsda.org](mailto:ads@nnjsda.org)**

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

**Email special features and suggestions: [editor@nnjsda.org](mailto:editor@nnjsda.org)**

Ads: Email ad as a full-size 8.5 x 11” flyer, preferably using Word. Ads will be included in the flipbook on the NNJSDA website; event details will be in the online calendar and printed *Grand Square* calendar. Homepage banner ads are available (extra fee). For formatting help, contact the ad editor. For rates, see page 2.

\*NNJSDA member clubs must also post their events online by the deadline.

Club articles: Email your article, preferably using Word. Club articles will be posted on the NNJSDA website – not in the printed *Grand Square*.

Special features: Email contributions to the editor for regular columns (“Caller Crowd-Pleasers,” “Farewell to Our Friends,” “Just for Fun,” and “Where in the World Have Our Dancers Been?”). Article ideas are very welcome; contact the editor.

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.

### **FREELoader ALERT**

Pick up a new Freeloader form at your club, an Association dance, or the website ([nnjsda.org](http://nnjsda.org) – click on “Documents”). Attend three summer NNJSDA dances AND the Mini-Festival in 2019, have the form signed at each event, and earn a dangle plus a free dance coupon. Write your name on the form!

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## 68th National Convention Atlanta, Georgia June 26-29, 2019

### *Dance and Explore Georgia!*



The convention's "Peach Pits Team" is working hard to host a great convention in Georgia! All activities will take place in one convenient facility at the beautiful Cobb Galleria Convention Centre and adjoining Renaissance Waverly Hotel near Marietta, a charming and historic Civil War city 15 miles northwest of Atlanta. Dancers staying at any convention hotel or the RV park (check the housing page for a complete list) will have free parking at the hotels and the Convention Centre.

**Come early and stay late!** Georgia is a great vacation destination, and the convention offers a super selection of tours for every interest. Also, the new Atlanta Braves baseball stadium and the huge Cumberland Mall are attached by skywalk to the Cobb Galleria, and more than 325 restaurants are within two miles (including five inside the Centre). To register and get the latest updates, visit [68nsdc.org](http://68nsdc.org).

**Join dozens of fellow New Jerseyans in the Parade of States!** To get ideas for a green and white state outfit, visit [nnjsda.org](http://nnjsda.org) and click on "About Us - NJ State Outfit."

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