

Grand Square

Keeping the Square Dance Community Informed

Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association

The mission of NNJSDA is to promote square and round dancing by creating and maintaining a favorable public image, encouraging the recruitment of new dancers, and providing support with special activities and programs for our member clubs in the northern



We're Back! Square It Up!



We are pleased that the print edition of *Grand Square* is back to serve the square and round dance community.

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Meet the Editor

My wife, Barbara (Bobby), and I were introduced to square dancing by our friends Matica and Harris Bierstein circa 2017. I had heard the term "Grand Square" and assumed it was an organization or event of some kind. Now I know it's the publication that some dancers refer to as their "bible."

My background in technology and 10 years' experience in producing the newsletter for my synagogue helped prepare me for taking on this role as editor of *Grand Square*. But nothing can teach more about how an organization works than putting together the articles and ads of its membership.

This is more than just a pastime. It's a way for me to work with people who are a lot more experienced than I am and have dedicated their time and effort to see the square dance community thrive. I hope we have created something valuable enough for you to keep and refer to often. As always, the most up-to-date information can be found at nnjsda.org. They said I could name my own salary if I took this position. I named mine "Fred." See you on the dance floor.



Gary Bergman

NNJSDA President's Message

I would like to begin by thanking Gary Bergman (Rutgers Promenaders, Y Squares) for stepping up as the new *Grand Square* editor. Through his leadership and the efforts of the entire editorial team, our magazine is back in circulation!

When regional rules prohibited gathering in person due to Covid, square dancing went “underground.” Mike Dusoe, who had called for our last NNJSDA dance before the shutdown in March 2020, was also (to my knowledge) the first caller to go virtual. He launched what became a worldwide phenomenon: two-couple square dancing online. Soon there were virtual dances on Zoom nearly every day, and sometimes two or three per day. Virtual dancers kept up with their moves and took online lessons with callers from around the globe, interacting with people from many countries.



Joanna Lieuallen

On the home front, some of our own callers and cuers became part of the Zoom movement: Mark Franks, Betsy and Roy Gotta, Greg Moore, Karin Rabe, and Howard Richman. Greg and Karin have offered ongoing virtual dances (replete with props) and lots of support and workshopping, to the delight of attendees.

Even though live dancing had gone dormant in our area, the NNJSDA executive board was working in the background by monitoring the situation, checking on available venues, and maintaining insurance to avoid any lapse in policy. RocklandRockytops held the first in-person dance in June 2021 with safety precautions such as vaccination and masking requirements. Shortly after, most clubs followed suit.

It has been thrilling to return to live square dancing. In many cases, clubs have scrambled to find new venues and stretched budgets. To keep our activity alive and well, we need the continuing return of experienced dancers and ongoing efforts to recruit new dancers. As the pandemic wanes and vaccination requirements are eventually ended, our entire community will once again be able to dance in unison. In the meantime, we all need to be patient, understanding, and respectful of one another.

What can we do to help our clubs? First, get out and dance as often and at as many clubs as possible. The NNJSDA has canceled its own fall 2022 events to encourage attendance at more club dances instead. Talk with and encourage your square dance friends who have not yet returned. Many who are concerned that they've forgotten too much find that the calls come back quickly. Be sure to invite people to your club's beginner dances, too. Personal invitations go a long way.

Although holding a Mini-Festival will have to wait another year, we have the opportunity to be part of rejuvenating and growing square dancing in other ways.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Jean Agostinelli, our assistant president, for her gracious investment of time in advancing the NNJSDA from afar and for supporting me as I have learned the ropes. Happy dancing, everyone.

Congratulations to Our Recent Graduates

Hunterdon Flutterwheels – Plus: Susan Allen, Gary Bergman, Arlene Beroff, Howard Beroff, Betsy Buchanan, Jim Bunce, Joanne Bunce, Susan Cerny, Marie Honachefsky, Brian Horowitz, Frank Laritz, Jeanne Mauriello, Harry Mazujian, Ruth Mazujian, Mary Moody, Rich Moody, John Newton, Laura Newton, Cathy Pecka, Bette Perlman, Jon Perlman, Jim Stamets, Mary Stamets, David Tien, Gerri Vitovitch, Nick Vitovitch

Middletown Ramblers – Mainstream: Toni Gahn, John Luard, Kristen Palermo, Melissa Pina, Kathie Stringer

RocklandRockytops – Mainstream: Vincent DeSio, Janice Golda, John Hecht, Theresa Kane, Kristen Rabeler

Times Squares – Mainstream: Peter Chace, Elinor Dei Tos Pironti, Gail Lemelbaum, Mary Tsujimoto; Advanced 2: Jim Babcock, Marshall Butow, Ray Emrich, Howard Handler

Y Squares – Mainstream: Attilio Aloia, Debbie Bjornstad, Henry Blajek, Rose Brinker, Barbara Donzella, Sara Murphy, Karen Snyder, Beth Zwirn

NNJSDA Special Incentive Programs

Patron

- Download the Patron form at nnjsda.org (see Documents for Dancers).
- Visit nine different NNJSDA member clubs and have an officer sign the form.
- You may work on multiple forms at the same time, but obtain only one signature per visit. There's no limit to the number of dangles you can earn.
- Submit completed forms to the NNJSDA secretary.
- You will receive a dangle and a coupon for a free NNJSDA dance.

Freeloader

- Download the Freeloader form at nnjsda.org (see Documents for Dancers).
- Attend at least three qualifying NNJSDA dances and another event, according to current NNJSDA requirements, and have an authorized person sign the form.
- You will receive a dangle and a coupon for a free NNJSDA dance.

One Square Is Fair

You can benefit your club with a dues reduction by having at least eight club members (one square) attend five of the scheduled NNJSDA dances in one season. For the Midterm Student Dance only, officially registered students of the club may be counted.

Raid

You can benefit your club with a dues reduction by having at least eight club members (one square) visit other member clubs at their regularly scheduled dances (not specials) in one season, accumulating a minimum of 200 miles as indicated on the form. The program may be completed twice per season.

Farewell to Our Friends

Square dancing is “friendship set to music.” We have shared wonderful friendships with many dancers, and acknowledge here our current and former NNJSDA club members who have passed away.

Thanks for the memories.

Bernie Beck - 6/7/21
Belles & Beaux, Hi Taws, Motiv8ors

Mal Blotner - 10/7/21
Motiv8ors, RocklandRockytors

Monty Burton - 4/26/20
Hunterdon Flutterwheels

Sheila Flynn - 10/1/20
FAD

Lillian Kinney - 4/30/20
Kittatinny Rangers, Reelers

Jeff Lewis - 8/31/20
Rutgers Promenaders

Mickey McFarland - 6/25/20
caller

John McGrory - 7/2/21
Motiv8ors, RocklandRockytors

Betty Scharmann - 1/19/22
Middletown Ramblers

Roy Some - 8/15/21
Rutgers Promenaders

Mike Szekula - 1/28/22
Kittatinny Rangers

Frank Testa - 8/25/20
Cross Trail Squares

Alice Vealey - 10/8/21
Kittatinny Rangers

Tom Wazny - 10/13/20
Bee Sharps

Dick White - 5/13/22
NNJSDA president, 1991-93

Shirley White - 10/26/2020
NNJSDA president, 1991-93

Remembering Shirley and Dick White, NNJSDA Past Presidents

Former Association presidents Shirley and Dick White passed away on October 26, 2020, and May 13, 2022, respectively.

Shirley and Dick were NNJSDA presidents from 1991-1993, advisor/trustees, Raid program founders, Mini-Festival chairs, and much more. After moving to New England, they served as officers in their club, delegates to their association, committee chairs for four New England Conventions, and eastern district vice presidents in the United Square Dancers of America. They attended 22 National Conventions and were instrumental in bringing the 2015 convention to New England.



Shirley and Dick White

In 2013, the Whites received the Yankee Clipper Award honoring “those who, by their unselfish dedication to the advancement of square and round dancing in the New England area, have set a standard by which all participants in the square dance activity may be judged.” They were equally dedicated to dancing in New Jersey – and managed to dance in all 50 states!

The Whites will be fondly remembered by all of us who had the pleasure of knowing them.

Lise Greene

Remembering Mike Szekula, NNJSDA Past President

Mike Szekula passed away on January 28, one day before his 80th birthday. He served the NNJSDA as president, 1st vice president, recording secretary, insurance coordinator, and *Grand Square* proofreader. In addition, he maintained the Raid forms, updating them annually. Mike and his partner, Donna Poyer, were on the leadership team of every NNJSDA Mini-Festival since 1988, and Mike co-chaired three of them (2007, 2008, 2016).



Mike Szekula

Mike was an active member and officer of Kittatinny Rangers. His previous clubs include Lakeland Squares, Reelers, Leisure Squares, and Garden State Square Dance Campers. He and Donna were involved with USA West and were directors of United Square Dancers of America. They attended 15 National Conventions throughout the United States, serving on the Ways and Means Committee for the Springfield, Massachusetts, convention. They attended five Canadian National Conventions. Mike enjoyed round dancing in addition to squares.

An avid computer game-player, sailor, and shortwave radio operator, Mike was also known for his wry sense of humor. For more information about Mike's life, visit *Newbaker Funeral Home*.

Lise Greene

Introducing Karin and Greg

I first met Karin Rabe and Greg Moore a few short years ago when we were all taking Mainstream lessons with Betsy Gotta and Dan Koft at Rutgers Promenaders. I took an instant liking to them. Aside from being tall in stature, they stood out for being enthusiastic and creative within our small group of beginners. I politely complained that I found it a bit confusing when they danced as opposite gender. It was hard enough for me to tell my left from my right without Karin's dancing the "man's part" and having to swing with Greg.



Greg Moore and Karin Rabe

Later I learned that both of them are physicists – straight out of *The Big Bang Theory*. They brought their instinctive mathematical and creative skills to each dance. By the time I was taking Plus lessons at Bee Sharps, they were already at callers' school. Karin and Greg really showed off their ingenuity during Covid-19 when they devised single/couple virtual dances via Zoom. Soon after, I had to ask, "Did you just take singing lessons?" It was obvious that they did. I have a list of favorite callers for whom I'm willing to drive a longer distance. Karin and Greg are now on that list.

Gary Bergman

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Open to all – No obligation to take the class

Mainstream classes every Monday beginning September 26

7:00 to 9:00 PM; 2nd and 4th Mondays classes end at 8:15 PM so students
can be included in the first tip of the regular club dance

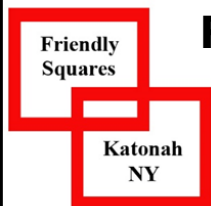
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Teacher: Fran Wadel

Couples and singles welcome ♦ ♦ ♦ Dancers of any age ♦ ♦ ♦ Casual dress

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Friendly Squares Dance Club

2022-2023 Dance Schedule

Alternating Mainstream and Plus

Saturday dances are from 7:30-9:30 PM

More info contact Tee 914-433-2919 or go to friendlysquares.org

**Katonah United Methodist Church Parish Hall
44 Edgemont Rd., Katonah, NY 10536**

Date	Caller
September 24	Sandy Corey
October 29 – Halloween Dance	Bill Mager
November 19	Kevin Bersing
December 3 – Student MS/Student Plus	Sandy Corey and Ron McMurdy
January 28	Matt McGovern
February 25	Howard Richman
March 25	Bill Mager
April 29	Don Bachelder
May 20 – Student MS/Student Plus	Sandy Corey and Ron McMurdy

Autumn Leaves Festival

October 14-15, 2022

*Dancing begins Friday afternoon at 2 pm
and ends Saturday night at 10 pm.*

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Squares



Bill Harrison



Don Moger

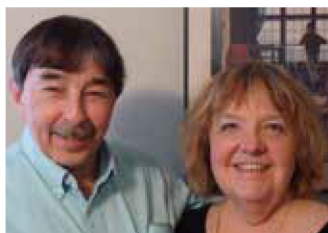


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Those from far, those from near,
 Welcome all, this time of year.
 For on April Fools', a deadly show of ghouls.
 Xs & Os are divine, usually in a valentine!
 But this night it's for sure,
 Xs & Os bring a different lure.
 Jealousy and rage fester below.
 Who committed murder? Will we know?
 Come May 3rd and you'll find out.
 Let's all pray the lights don't go out!
 C. wadel

BELLES & BEAUX PRESENTS THE CASE OF THE



MURDER

AN NNJSDA MURDER MYSTERY

(Northern New Jersey Special Detectives Association)

Director Richard Ball Caller Howard Richman

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

**The Maywood Recreation Center
 340 Duvier Place, Maywood, NJ 07607**

Doors Open 7:00 Show Time 7:30 \$8 Admission at the Door

An Evening of Suspense and Square Dancing ... Come Join in the Fun!
Questions (but no answers) >>>> Contact Richard Ball 973-838-0312

2, 4 Fri. Sept.-May
Vic Ammons: 908-763-4593

beesharps.org

PeopleCare Center, 120 FINDERNE AVE.
Cell for dance: 908-566-7580

Bee Sharps started its dance season in September 2021 in our new, yet familiar, location: PeopleCare Center in Bridgewater. Most dances alternated Plus and Mainstream (to welcome those who were not yet comfortable dancing Plus), with rounds during the square dance breaks. We were pleased to have visitors from many clubs, as more and more people returned to this exciting activity. In addition to dancing, we enjoyed an Easter egg hunt, Halloween contest, crazy hat dance (pictured here), and ice cream social.



After the enforced period of isolation and travel restrictions, our club members are back on the move. Jane Ross proudly attended her grandson's graduation from Bates College in Maine. During a great family vacation on Cape Cod, she even found time to square dance with her son, Larry.

Barbara and John Marlowe enjoyed quality time with their granddaughter, Chloe. To say John is smitten is an understatement. Sharon Duncan had serious surgery on her neck a few months ago, but still loves to attend dances when possible to be with friends – we love to see her and her partner, Bob Moore.

Irma Huhn traveled with two of her daughters and a granddaughter on an epic 10-day trip covering more than 2,500 miles. They visited Mount Rushmore, the Badlands, Yellowstone National Park, Crazy Horse, Jenny's Lake, and the Grand Tetons. They also took a hot-air balloon ride, floated down the Snake River, and bathed in the world's largest mineral hot springs. Irma says, "It was a once-in-a-lifetime trip." You rock, Irma!

Holly and Bill Smythe have experienced frequent local travel and have become master gardeners, with bountiful and healthy crops throughout the summer. I love to see their pictures on [Facebook](#).

Vic and I have spent time with kids and grandkids in special places including the Poconos, a house on Brigantine Island once occupied by Frank Sinatra, and a cliffside home in Costa Rica overlooking the Pacific Ocean. We also danced at Cherry Ridge, WASCA, and the Star Spangled Banner Festival.

The 2022-23 season will continue to showcase our favorite regional callers and cuers for fun and fellowship at PeopleCare Center. Follow us on Facebook for pictures and up-to-date information. We look forward to seeing you in a square!

Nancy Ammons

BEE SHARPS OF SOMERVILLE



- Friday Dances (see schedule below for dates/format)
- Early Rounds 7:30 PM
- Square Dancing and Rounds 8:00-10:30 PM

We may offer an Advanced tip at 10:15. We may from time to time switch the program from MS/Plus to all Plus if all dancers present can dance at that level, but will check with dancers.

September 2022-May 2023

**NEW LOCATION: PeopleCare Center,
120 Finderne Ave., Bridgewater, NJ**

CALL VIC OR NANCY WITH QUESTIONS: 908-566-7580 OR 908-763-4593

Date	Caller	Cuer	Format	Dance Theme
9/9	Mark Franks	Ron Rumble	MS/PL/RD	Vacation T-Shirts
9/23	Ken Ritucci	Mary Pickett	MS/PL/RD	Apple Fest
10/14	Betsy Gotta	Roy Gotta	MS/PL/RD	Cowboys and Cowgirls
10/28	Howard Richman	Mary Pickett	MS/PL/RD	Halloween Contest
11/11	Clay Goss	Ron Rumble	MS/PL/RD	Denim and Diamonds: So Much BLING!
12/9	Dane Bragg	Steve Bradt	MS/PL/RD	Holiday Dance: Collect Toys for Children's Specialized Hospital
1/13 2023	Karin Rabe & Greg Moore	Ron Rumble	MS/PL/RD	'50s and '60s Sock Hop
1/27	Clay Goss	Steve Bradt	MS/PL/RD	Wear White or Black
2/10	Mark Franks	Mary Pickett	PL/A/RD Early C1 tip	Be My Valentine
2/24	Howard Richman	Steve Bradt	MS/PL/RD	Presidents Dance: Club Presidents Dance Free
3/10	Betsy Gotta	Roy Gotta	MS/PL/RD	"Irish Eyes Are Smiling"
3/24	Howard Richman	Mary Pickett	MS/PL/RD	Wear Gear from Your School or Favorite Sports Team
4/14	Karin Rabe & Greg Moore	Steve Bradt	MS/PL/RD	Disney Night
4/28	Mark Franks	Ron Rumble	MS/PL/RD	Hawaiian Leis and Luau
5/12	Betsy Gotta	Roy Gotta	MS/PL/RD	Crazy Hat Night
5/26	Karin Rabe & Greg Moore	Steve Bradt	Class Level MS and Rounds	Ice Cream Social

1, 3 Wed. All Year
Chris Wadel: 201-522-4778

sqrdance.org/BellesBeaux

Maywood Recreation Center
340 Duvier Pl.

Students in the Belles & Beaux fall 2019 Mainstream class had finished all the calls and were getting ready for their celebratory graduation dance just as the Covid-19 pandemic hit in early 2020. Like all other clubs, we suspended classes and dances. The students were considered full members of the club although their “official” graduation celebration was postponed until restrictions were lifted and dancing could safely resume. We also had to cancel our much-anticipated annual murder mystery, disappointing not only our cast of actors but our guests from other clubs.

When vaccines were readily available in the fall of 2021, restrictions were relaxed and people felt more comfortable engaging with their fellow dancers. Belles & Beaux started a Mainstream class on Thursday nights with a mix of new and former students. The “retreads” came to refresh their skills and help the new dancers to have a more fulfilling experience. We were also thankful for the angels who came out each week. Our instructor was Jonathon Weiner, who drove in for every class from New York City. All attendees greatly appreciated his presence and efforts. The graduation ceremony, which was held on March 31, 2022, celebrated this year’s class and the 2020 class.

To make the graduation and dance more memorable, we had two special tips. For the first, participants were invited to dance wearing blindfolds, which certainly made for an interesting (and “bumpy”) experience. For the second, participants danced with a shopping bag on their foot, which required sliding that foot along the floor for the entire tip. It was great fun, and everyone had a good laugh. Special dances were given to all graduates and those who participated in, and survived, the special tips.

Belles & Beaux resumed regular dances in the fall of 2021. Our former location, the VFW hall in Elmwood Park, was one of the many pandemic casualties. After much searching, Claire Zimmerman, our club president, secured a nice location with a well-lit facility, good parking, and easy access: Maywood Recreation Center, 340 Duvier Place, Maywood, NJ 07607.

Belles & Beaux has dances on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. We dance all year and don’t stop during the summer months. So, bring a friend or two or three along, and come join us. We would love to have you!

We are kicking off our fall 2022 square dance classes this year with a FREE introduction to square dancing on September 15. It will be held at the Glen Rock Central School, where we normally hold classes. So, if you know anyone who might be interested or curious about square dancing or if you just want to refresh your own dancing skills, come and join us from 7:30-9:30.

Andy Cilderman



Belles & Beaux

1st and 3rd Wednesdays
Dance 7:15-9:30 PM, Mainstream with a Plus Tip
Maywood Recreation Center
340 Duvier Place, Maywood, NJ 07607

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cwadel@optimum.net



Claire Zimmerman
Caller Contact
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swissoctober@hotmail.com

9/7/22	Dane Bragg	Grandparents Day <i>(Bring pictures of your grandbabies)</i>
9/21/22	Sandy Corey	Last Day of Summer <i>(Ice cream social)</i>
10/5/22	NO DANCE	<i>(Yom Kippur)</i>
10/19/22	Maryjane Clewell	Breast Cancer Awareness Month <i>(Get and wear your pink ribbon)</i>
11/2/22	Betsy Gotta	It's Pumpkin Time <i>(Wear orange)</i>
11/16/22	Karin Rabe/Greg Moore	Support the Local Food Bank <i>(Please bring a canned item to donate)</i>
12/7/22	Mary Moody	Holiday Sweater Dance
12/21/22	NO DANCE	
1/4/23	Jonathon Weiner	Trivia Day <i>(Bring a trivia fact to share)</i>
1/18/23	Maryjane Clewell	Winnie the Pooh Day <i>(Wear a teddy bear shirt or bring your teddy bear to the dance)</i>
2/1/23	Larry Shipman	World Read Aloud Day <i>(Bring a children's book to donate to the local library)</i>
2/15/23	Karin Rabe/Greg Moore	Valentine's Day Dance
3/1/23	Dane Bragg	Mardi Gras
3/15/23	Sandy Corey	Everything You Think Is Wrong Day <i>(Wear mismatched clothes)</i>
4/5/23	NO DANCE	<i>(Passover)</i>
4/19/23	Mark Franks	April Showers Bring May Flowers
5/3/23	Howard Richman	Murder Mystery and Dance
5/17/23	Rick Gittelman	Pajama Dance <i>(Don't forget to wear your PJs)</i>
6/7/23	Maryjane Clewell	Ice Cream Social – National Chocolate Ice Cream Day <i>(FAKE Day created by Richard Ball just so he can indulge)</i>
6/21/23	Dane Bragg	First Day of Summer <i>(Casual wear but NO bathing suits!)</i>
7/5/23	Sandy Corey	Celebrate Our Independence
7/19/23	Mary Moody	National Junk Food Day
8/2/23	Howard Richman	Hawaiian Luau
8/16/23	Betsy Gotta	Black and White

If there is anything Circle Eights learned during the pandemic, it is the power of Zoom! The club conducted its first Zoom general membership meeting. We teamed up with Maryjane Clewell for Zoom square dancing, learning the importance of “tape on the floor and numbers on the walls” and how to dance with those pesky phantoms. Circle Eights members also participated in several Zoom socials.

Our longtime member Addie Johnson celebrated her 90th birthday on August 22. We wish her continued good health and thank her for baking sweet goodies for us and many other clubs over the years. Among our favorites were her chocolate chip meringues and cleverly themed cookies, such as mittens for winter dances and elephants and donkeys for Election Day.

To facilitate the needs of some members to travel to and from dances in daylight, Circle Eights changed its schedule from Friday nights to Sunday afternoons. The dances will generally be on the second Sunday of the month (with a few exceptions throughout the year) using an alternating Mainstream and Plus format. The location of our dances has also changed to Maywood Recreation Center; please check our email announcements and website for confirmation.



Addie Johnson's cookies

To kick off the 2022-23 square dance season, Circle Eights hosted an introductory dance on August 28, called by Howard Richman at United Methodist Church in Hillsdale. Welcome back to all!

Jeanne Weisman

CANCELLATIONS AND INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSURES

Contact clubs directly and/or visit [NNJSDA.org](https://www.njnsda.org) for updates
Clubs: email any cancellations to cancel_dance@njnsda.org



CIRCLE EIGHTS

2022-2023
Alternating MS/PL



***NEW! Circle Eights now dances
once a month on Sunday afternoon
at either HUMC or Maywood Recreation Center.***

8/28/22 Howard Richman, Caller

All dances will be from 1:30—3:30 p.m.

9/11/22	Maryjane Clewell
10/09/22	Betsy Gotta
11/27/22	Jonathon Weiner
12/11/22	Karin Rabe/Greg Moore
1/08/23	Howard Richman
2/12/23	Mary Moody
3/12/23	Betsy Gotta
4/16/23	Fran Wadel
5/07/23	Rick Gittelman
6/11/23	Maryjane Clewell

<i>Hillsdale United Methodist Church</i>	<i>Maywood Recreation Center</i>
<i>349 Hillsdale Avenue</i>	<i>346 Duvier Place</i>
<i>Hillsdale, NJ 07642</i>	<i>Maywood, NJ 07607</i>

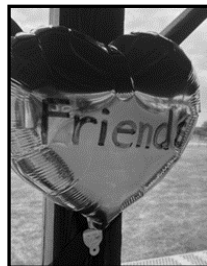
More information: Pat and Tom 201-955-1495 or circle8s.nnjstda.org

As we moved from the pandemic to dancing again, Hunterdon Flutterwheels offered a Mainstream refresher along with our regular dances on first and third Fridays. As spring rolled around, we stopped dancing for a month before returning with a fury. When our Plus class ended in June, we honored the graduates of both Mainstream 2020 and Plus 2022.

Hunterdon Flutterwheels celebrated 50 years of existence in 2022. We held an indoor dance celebration on May 20 with Karin Rabe and Greg Moore calling and an outdoor dance celebration on June 11 with our club caller, Mary Moody. Our emcee for these events, Jim Barnish, provided a history of the club. Established in January 1972 by a few members of Warren Wheelers, the Flutterwheels have flourished in the Northern New Jersey Square Dancers Association. Committees did a wonderful job of putting together decorations, entertainment, and a photo show. With cake, special presentations, and skits, everyone had a great time.

Over the summer we held workshops, enjoyed a club picnic, and had two squares participate in our first raid of the season, which led to much fun and readiness for the fall dance schedule.

Jim Stamets



Anniversary Entertainment Committee (pictured left to right): Joanne and Jim Bunce, Jeanne Mauriello, Geoff and Nan Brown, Ruth and Harry Mazujian, Mary Moody, Jim Barnish, and Pat Hennessy. **The anniversary committees were led by Bette Perlman and Cathy Pecka and also included Donna Besignano, Hillary Hill, Joe Kwiatek, Laura and John Newton, Diana Reinhardt, Irene Stoller, and Gerri Vitovitch.**

HUNTERDON FLUTTERWHEELS

Bethlehem Presbyterian Church – 2 Race St., Pittstown

Web: hunterdonflutterwheels.nnjsda.org

Contact # night of dance: 908-458-6387



<u>2022</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Caller</u>
Sept. 10	Beginner Dance*	Mary Moody
Sept. 16	Paint the Town Red (<i>Don't be blue – wear red and dance.</i>)	Mary Moody
Oct. 7	What's Your Favorite Movie? (<i>Dress up or bring props.</i>)	Jay Silva
Oct. 21	Witches, Goblins, and Warlocks (<i>Be scary and spooky.</i>)	Howard Richman
Nov. 4	Time for Heroes (<i>Honor our forces and veterans.</i>)	Karin Rabe and Greg Moore
Nov. 18	Turkey Trot (<i>Bring your favorite side dish or dessert.</i>)	Mary Moody
Dec. 2	Sherwood Forest (<i>Think Robin Hood and Maid Marian.</i>)	Dan Koft
Dec. 16	Ho-Ho-Holiday Dance (<i>Candy canes and latkes</i>)	Ted Lizotte
<u>2023</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Caller</u>
Jan. 6	Abominable Snowman (<i>Be the Yeti or the Yeti Hunter.</i>)	Mary Moody
Jan. 20	Tired of Winter – Head to Hawaii (<i>Wear Hawaiian shirts.</i>)	Howard Richman
Feb. 3	Souper Bowl (<i>Wear team colors or dress as the mascot.</i>)	Dane Bragg
Feb. 17	Have a Heart (<i>Wear red and bring a buck for the AHA.</i>)	Betsy Gotta
Mar. 3	Read Across America (<i>Come as your favorite character.</i>)	Mark Franks
Mar. 17	Irish Festivities (<i>We found the Leprechauns' stash – wear gold.</i>)	Howard Richman
Apr. 7	No Dance (<i>Good Friday</i>)	
Apr. 21	Earth Day (<i>Wear green. Bring a buck for the Arbor Day Fdn.</i>)	Mary Moody
May 5	Cinco de Mayo (<i>Mexican traditions, foods, and costumes</i>)	Betsy Gotta
May 19	Time Machine (<i>Set the time machine to your favorite time in the past. Dress or bring in something from the era.</i>)	Dane Bragg
June 2	Ice Cream Social (<i>What new flavors will there be?</i>)	Rick Gittelman

Alternating MS and PL Tips
1st and 3rd Fridays 8:00-10:15 p.m.
MS Classes Tuesday evenings 7-9 p.m.
*Living Waters Lutheran Church
11 Old York Rd., Ringoes, NJ
Plus Classes Spring 2023

For information:

908-458-6387

hunterdonflutterwheels.nnjsda.org



facebook.com/hunterdonflutterwheels

Greetings from the Kittatinny Rangers!

Fifty years ago, in 1972, Sussex Spinners was the only square dance club in Sussex County. Their caller, Dick Pasvolsky, wanted to have another club in the county and met with some of the members to begin a new club. Sally McGrath told me that the new club was not named for rangers as in “armed men” or “keepers of the forest,” but for the mountain range. Kittatinny comes from a Lenape Native American word, Kitahtene, meaning “endless hill” or “great mountain.”

Eddie Mindlin and Sally both relayed many interesting stories about the early days. One time, Sally and her husband, Harold, called their close friends, Eddie and his wife, Estelle, to tell them they were at a fabulous dance weekend in Atlantic City. Eddie and Estelle immediately drove down to join them. On a personal note, Eddie and Sally were angels decades later in 2015 when Ken and I took lessons and joined the club. Eddie, now 96, continues to be an inspiration and a good friend.

Friendship, camaraderie, and respect for one another have always been hallmarks of the club. We appreciate our current members and sincerely miss those who are no longer members. During 2021, we mourned the death of our dear friend, Mike Szekula. We continue to miss his dedication to the club, his friendship, and his wry sense of humor.

In 2022, the club is led by longtime members Bob Leshnower and Donna Poyer (presidents). Newer members serving as officers are Don Lane and Karen Hartman (vice presidents), Connie Smith (secretary), and Cathy Feenstra (treasurer). Kittatinny Rangers enjoyed a dinner meeting in October 2021, several Mainstream refresher dances, and annual summer picnics with the Reelers in 2021 and 2022.

Please look for our communication by email for the dates of classes and Mainstream dances starting in September. We want to ensure that both new and experienced dancers can enjoy every tip as we celebrate 50 years as the Kittatinny Rangers.

Connie Smith

KITTATINNY RANGERS 1972-2022

*We request the pleasure of your company as we celebrate 50 years
of fun, friendship, and dancing with Mainstream dances at
First Presbyterian Church, 100 Main Street, Stanhope, on the following Fridays:*

September 23 Karin Rabe/Greg Moore

November 11 Ed Crowley

October 28 Ed Crowley

December 9 Doug Kauffman

Mainstream classes will begin in September 2022.

*For further information on our activities during the 2022-2023 dance season,
please refer to emails that will be sent to the NNJSDA info-list.*

For more information go to
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The Pennsylvania Fabulous Fall Festival
September 15 - 18, 2022



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MARK FRANKS

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DAN KOFT

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Squares: SSD/Mainstream Through Challenge — Rounds: Phase II Through V
Various Dance Packages Available—Youth Under 18 Discount

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pafabfallfest.com/documents/pa-fab-fall-fest-registration-form-2022.pdf
or contact Naomi Fisher at 717-629-8581 or at
ButterflyTwist01@gmail.com

LAKELAND SQUARES – Towaco

MS/PL

lakelandsquares.wixsite.com/lakeland

2, 4 Mon. Sept.-July

Kathy Keener: 973-229-0698

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
9 Two Bridges Rd.

Ahoy from Lakeland! We were thrilled to get back to dancing. Most of our dancers have returned and our club is financially sound. Sadly, we lost our oldest member, Eleanor Edwards, at age 98 on December 24. Janet and Monte wish to thank everyone for their cards and expressions of sympathy.

Our club is now dancing twice a month. Attendance with members and visiting dancers has made our return a success. We had a very good turnout for our May 9 dance celebrating our 49th anniversary. Rick Gittelman from Arizona called, and we all enjoyed cake.

The most successful dance so far was Night at the Movies. Howard Richman was excellent, making several costume changes and singing tunes from memorable movies. In addition to raiders from Hunterdon Flutterwheels and Reelers, there were visitors from five other clubs. Everyone enjoyed viewing all the costumes and the judges awarded seven Oscars. The parade of stars:

Monte Montagnino – Charlie Brown (winner of Best Cartoon); Janet Montagnino – Wonder Woman; Harry Mazujian – Johnny Castle from *Dirty Dancing*; Ruth Mazujian – Frances Houseman (Baby) from *Dirty Dancing* (winner of Best Teen Star); Joanna Lieuellen – Gretl von Trapp from *The Sound of Music* (winner of Best Actress); Lois and Steve Autenrieth – Sandy and Danny from *Grease*; Gary Bergman – Spider-Man from *Spider-Man: Far from Home*; Bob Reip – Blackbeard from *Blackbeard, the Pirate*; Ann Lovatt and Eddie Mindlin – Hot Lips Houlihan and Frank Burns from *Mash* (winner of Best Duo); Nancy Jacobs – Dorothy, Kristen Rabeler – Scarecrow, and Chris Wadel – Flying Monkey from *The Wizard of Oz* (winners of Best Costume); Merrill Hodder – Bombalurina from *Cats* (winner of Best Animal); Ruth Lufkin – cheerleader Martha from *Poms*; Rick Lufkin – Robin Hood from *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves* (winner of Best Actor).



Thank you to all those who dressed, cheered, or judged. You gave Lakeland an event to be remembered.

Janet and Monte Montagnino

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

Alternating MAINSTREAM and PLUS
2nd & 4th MONDAYS (8:00-10:00 PM)

SEPTEMBER 2022

- 12 Howard Richman
- 19 Fran Wadel: **7-9 PM**
Free Intro Class Dance
No experience necessary!
Bring your friends!
- 26 Mary Moody

OCTOBER 2022

- 10 Howard Richman
- 24 Karin Rabe/Greg Moore
- 31 Howard Richman: *Halloween Dance Party – No experience necessary! Bring your friends!*

NOVEMBER 2022

- 14 Ed Foote
- 28 Howard Richman:
Thanksgiving Dance

DECEMBER 2022

- 12 Howard Richman:
Holiday Dance
- 26 No dance – *Winter Break*

JANUARY 2023

- 9 Fran Wadel
- 23 Howard Richman

FEBRUARY 2023

- 13 Howard Richman:
Valentine's Day Dance
- 27 Karin Rabe/Greg Moore

MARCH 2023

- 13 Howard Richman:
St. Patrick's Day Dance
- 27 Betsy Gotta

APRIL 2023

- 10 Howard Richman
- 24 Fran Wadel: *Graduation*

MAY 2023

- 8 Howard Richman: *Anniversary Potluck/Dinner-Dance*
- 22 Rick Gittelman

JUNE 2023

- 12 Howard Richman:
A Night at the Movies
- 26 Mary Moody

JULY 2023

- 10 Howard Richman
- 24 Betsy Gotta: *Ice Cream Social*

More Information: Kathy Keener: 973-229-0698 (C)
Monte/Janet: 973-546-3092

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Website: lakelandsquares.wix.com/lakeland



Hello to everyone from the Ramblers. We have survived the pandemic a little battered and bruised.



Middletown Ramblers Beach Party - Ice Cream Social - July 8, 2022

Our first dance back was in August 2021 with one square, and it was not until December that we had a second square. In early April 2022, our “Disney Night” dance was called by Howard Richman. In the photos, the lady in the evening gown is actually Howard as Snow White.

Fifty members have paid their dues. Many of them are still not back to dancing, but they are with us in spirit. We have five students, which augurs well for the future.

Come dance with us at Croydon Hall in Leonardo. We dance every Friday except holidays, and hope to see you all soon.

Joe Vapnar



Howard Richman as Snow White



Middletown Ramblers

MS & Plus Club

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

middletownramblers.org

	2022	Feb. 3	Betsy Gotta
Sept. 9	Ed LaPlante	Feb. 10	Howard Richman
Sept. 16	Jenn Engimann (PA)	Feb. 17	Mark Franks
Sept. 23	Howard Richman (Open House)	Feb. 24	Betsy Gotta (Class)
Sept. 30	Karin Rabe/Greg Moore	Mar. 3	Doug Kauffman
Oct. 7	Betsy Gotta	Mar. 10	Howard Richman
Oct. 14	Karin Rabe/Greg Moore	Mar. 17	Betsy Gotta
Oct. 21	Doug Kauffman	Mar. 24	Doug Kauffman (Class)
Oct. 28	No Dance (Voting – Raid)	Mar. 31	Betsy Gotta
Nov. 4	No Dance (Voting)	Apr. 7	No Dance – Good Friday
Nov. 11	Karin Rabe/Greg Moore	Apr. 14	Howard Richman
Nov. 18	Doug Kauffman	Apr. 21	Mark Franks
Nov. 25	No Dance – Thanksgiving	Apr. 28	Karin Rabe/Greg Moore (Class)
Dec. 2	Jenn Engimann (PA)	May 5	Rick Gittelman (AZ)
Dec. 9	Howard Richman (Movie Night)	May 12	Howard Richman
Dec. 16	Karin Rabe/Greg Moore	May 19	Mark Franks (Class)
Dec. 23	No Dance	May 26	No Dance
Dec. 30	No Dance – Happy New Year	June 2	Betsy Gotta
	2023	June 9	Howard Richman
Jan. 6	Doug Kauffman	June 16	Howard Richman
Jan. 13	Howard Richman	June 23	Jenn Engimann (PA)
Jan. 20	Mark Franks	June 30	Mark Franks
Jan. 27	Karin Rabe/Greg Moore (Class)		

Dance Level: 1st, 3rd, 5th Fridays – Alternating MS and Plus
2nd, 4th Fridays – Alternating 2 MS with 1 Plus

Guests Free September 9

Larry Sherwood, President: 732-319-8920

Various Sun. All Year*motiv8ors.nnjsda.org***Maryjane Clewell: 551-206-7905****American Legion Post 171****17-08 River Rd.**

Welcome back, *Grand Square*! We missed you.

In August 2021, we gratefully saw the return of Advanced and Challenge dancing to the Motiv8ors hall. We have had the pleasure of dancing to live calling by Daryl Murphy (NJ), Betsy Gotta (NJ), Mark Franks (NJ), Ken Ritucci (MA), Mike Sikorsky (AZ), and Dave Eno (NY). Remote calling via Zoom has also allowed us to enjoy the talents of Dayle Hodge (MD), Ett McAtee (MD), and Don Moger (Quebec, Canada).

Earlier this year, our club received two generous donations – one from former member Peggy Koehler and one given anonymously. We thank both donors for their support. Motiv8ors will also be selling ShopRite gift cards as a means to supplement our treasury.

Our sincere thanks go out to the members of our executive board, who have been reelected for the coming year. In addition, we welcome Susan Adam to the board. Our hardworking officers are Maryjane Clewell (president), Fred Meyer and Susan Adam (co-1st vice president), Jan Thompson (2nd vice president), Rich Baumeister (treasurer), Sue Baumeister (assistant treasurer), and Chariss Smith (past president).

We enthusiastically welcome new members Jan and Jim Galloway, Susan and Jeff Kaufman, and Bernadine Icklan. It is a pleasure to have them as part of the Motiv8ors family.

Susan and Jeff celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in November 2021 with a one-week cruise, a family Sunday brunch, and hosting a dance at Club Sashay. Betsy Gotta used love-based singing calls and Russ Booz cued their favorite rounds.

Over the last few years, the stork has been busy visiting the families of our members: Jan and Louis Thompson welcomed Yosef Reuven “Yossi,” Miriam Esther “Miri,” and Sapir Emet; Cathy and Don Schlesinger welcomed Ethan Jeffrey; and Maryjane Clewell welcomed Oaklin Aura.

Both George Voorhis and Maryjane have undergone knee surgeries. We wish them all the best with their rehab and cannot wait for them to return to the dance floor full time.

Fred Meyer has faced some serious medical challenges. We continue to send healing energy his way, along with the hope that he will once again join us in one of his favorite pastimes: dancing.

It is with a heavy heart that we note the passing of three members of our Motiv8ors family: Bernie Beck (June 2021), John McGrory (July 2021), and Mal Blotner (October 2021). Their friendship and that of their spouses will be missed.

Jan Thompson



Motiv8ors

motiv8ors.nnjsda.org



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

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

Sept. 11	Betsy Gotta	Feb. 5	Jenn Engimann (remote)
Sept. 25	Canceled	Feb. 19	TBA
Oct. 9	Dayle Hodge (remote)	Mar. 5	Betsy Gotta
Oct. 23	Daryl Murphy	Mar. 19	Dave Eno (remote)
Nov. 6	Dayle Hodge (remote)	Apr. 16	Barry Clasper (remote)
Nov. 27	Betsy Gotta	Apr. 30	Betsy Gotta
Dec. 4	Ett McAtee (remote)	May 7	Don Moger (remote)
Dec. 11	Caller Showcase (various)	May 21	Betsy Gotta
Jan. 15	Mark Franks	June 11	Ett McAtee (remote)
Jan. 29	Dave Eno (remote)		

Singles Welcome ** Vaccination/Masks Required ** Computer Squares
Maryjane: 551-206-7905 Rich: 845-735-3222 *cmimigirl@aol.com*



Presents

Mid-Winter Mania

Class-Level Mainstream Program
CCNJ Callers

Sunday, February 26, 2023
2:30-5:00 PM **\$4/Dancer**

PeopleCare Center
120 Finderne Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

1, 3 Fri. Sept.-June
Bob Turner: 973-216-4524

reelersnj.nnjsda.org

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

The Reelers' large and eager Mainstream class that started in January 2020 was unfortunately halted by Covid. Developing a pipeline of new dancers is urgent if square dancing is to remain a vibrant activity, and we plan to resume lessons in September with Ed Crowley returning as our enthusiastic and effective teacher. Mark Bippes and Kathy Fetch will have assistance from our prior class coordinator, Janet Gerber, whose excellent management and motivational skills have been instrumental in making our classes so successful.

Our cuer, Mary Pickett, will continue round dance lessons at various levels. Please see our ad for information on both square and round dance classes.

In addition to word of mouth and publicity in local publications and social media, we participate in demos when possible to create awareness of and interest in square dancing.

Until we can all develop new dancers, raids are essential to help clubs have sufficient turnout to operate successfully. The Reelers have been pursuing an active raid schedule since before the "official" NNJSDA program began on June 1. We welcome other clubs to raid or visit us in return.

We were delighted to resume our annual joint Reelers/Kittatinny Rangers club picnic, which was once again graciously hosted by Lise Greene and Mark Bippes at their lovely home on Lake Hopatcong. Food, camaraderie, and views were superb and enjoyed by everyone. Mark thanks all the square dance friends who supported him in many ways following his diagnosis of Ramsay Hunt syndrome last summer.

Members of Reelers are keeping busy and active. Cindy and Dave Whalen celebrated their 40th anniversary with a trip to Maine, including hiking and biking at Acadia National Park and other scenic places. They eagerly anticipate more trips after Dave retires at the end of the year. Congratulations to Bob Turner on the recent wedding of his daughter, Courtney. If you want to read a wonderful book, a combination of heartwarming tribute to Mor (mother) and travelog in Denmark (Mor's homeland), go on Amazon to order *Mor and Me* by Lise Greene. Carla and Stephen Holusha continue running races most weekends, garnering prizes and supporting charities. We sorely miss and keep in our thoughts several longtime members who can no longer dance with us.

The Reelers continue to support our community and show appreciation for being able to meet at a public school by collecting food at every dance and donating it to local food pantries.

Our club's 60th anniversary was in 2021, but the celebration will be held on Saturday, September 10, to begin the new dance season. With Mark Franks, Mary Pickett, cake, ice cream, and special activities, it will be a memorable event. Please check our ad and help us celebrate! We hope you will join us for a good time of square dancing with a variety of callers (many from out of state), round dancing and friendship. Please visit our website at *reelers.nnjsda.org*.

Irene Stoller



REELERS

Plus Club with Rounds

Ironia School, 303 Dover-Chester Road (Route 513)
Randolph, NJ 07869

Info:

Bob Turner

973-216-4524

bvcturner@msn.com

reelers.nnjdsda.org

1st and 3rd Fridays

7:30 – Early Rounds 8:00 – Plus/Rounds

10:00 – “Enhanced Plus” tip (caller’s choice)

For Mainstream class info: Kathy Fetch (973-366-2472, honeyken@outlook.com)
or Mark Bippes (973-476-8844, markbippes@yahoo.com). For info on round
dance classes at various levels: call or text Mary Pickett (908-419-3605).

Cuer: Mary Pickett unless noted

2022-23

Caller

Theme

09/10 ¹	Mark Franks (NJ)	SPECIAL: 60th ANNIVERSARY!
09/30	Sandy Corey/Roy Gotta cuing	Welcome Back (club colors)
10/07	Clay Goss (DE)	Book and Puzzle Exchange
10/21	Betsy Gotta (NJ)	Autumn Festival
11/04	Jay Silva (NH)	Ice Cream Night
11/18	Ed Foote (PA)	Give Thanks (food donations)
12/02	Dayle Hodge (MD)	Books for Kids
12/16	Howard Richman (NJ)	Holiday Cookies
01/06	Ted Lizotte (NH)	Win a Prize
01/20	Doug Kauffman (NJ)	Get Your Sparkle On
02/03 ²	Mark Franks (NJ)	Souper Bowl (bring canned soup)
02/17 ²	Clay Goss (DE)	Presidents and Pies
03/03	Dan Koft (PA) – Kathy cuing	Bolos and Skirts
03/17 ³	Dane Bragg (PA)	Welcome, Students (no rounds)
04/21 ⁴	Howard Richman (NJ)	Treasurers’ Break
05/05	Sandy Corey (NY)	Sports Night
05/19	Ken Ritucci (MA)	Screaming for Ice Cream
06/02	Chris Stacy (VA)	Beach Party

¹Special Saturday event, 7-10 PM, watch for flyer for details

²Location TBA

³Student Mainstream, no rounds

⁴NNJSDA club treasurers dance free

Welcome back! RocklandRockytops was the first club to resume square dancing following the onset of the pandemic. Our all-Mainstream dance in June 2021 attracted 62 people from near and far in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut who were anxious to get back to this activity that we love. Our caller, Mark Franks, patiently reviewed calls while we were dancing, as many feared being rusty. Everyone did quite well and had a wonderful time.

Howard Richman called our next dance, also Mainstream, and we again had a large turnout of 52. The following dance was our first Plus night since resuming, with Sandy Corey calling.

We were glad to welcome back Fran Wadel after her surgery. She called an experimental alternating MS/PL dance in the fall and then our annual Student/Valentine's Day dance.

We miss Rockytops members Arthur Leibowitz and Vicky Ficco-Panzer, who moved to Virginia during the pandemic, and are glad they have found square dance clubs in their area. Arthur and Vicky also recently resumed the traveling and cruises they enjoyed prior to the pandemic.

In June 2021, we were saddened to learn of the passing of club member John McGrory. Mal Blotner, founder of Rockytops, passed away in October 2021. His guidance over the years was instrumental to the success of our club. We hope the passage of time and the love and caring of family and friends are helping both Phyllis McGrory and Dotty Blotner in their losses.

In October, our president, Don Schlesinger, decided to "rescue" our stranded students from the spring of 2020 and started a class to finish the Mainstream program, which was held at a local library. All had a great time, with angels coming out in force. On January 4, 2022, we were proud to graduate five students: Vincent DeSio, Janice Golda, John Hecht, Theresa Kane, and Kristen Rabeler. Several of these graduates have become regular participants at our dances, and often attend other clubs' events as well.

This year, our club decided to change our longstanding policy of separate Mainstream and Plus dances. Beginning January 28, we held our first official alternating MS/PL dance with Betsy Gotta calling. This format seems to be working out very well.

In May, we had a double treat: the annual spring visit of Ed Foote and our first ice cream social in three years! Cathy Schlesinger and her committee doled out five of our favorite flavors with all the toppings. We had 42 in attendance, including our dear friend Eddie Mindlin, who was celebrating his 96th birthday! Later that month, another highlight of the season was the annual visit of Rick Gittelman from Arizona. He was joined by his friend, Connecticut caller Randy Longobucco, and the two did a duet.

Rockytots thanks the 48 dancers who turned out in June (including 14 from Belles & Beaux in the first official raid since the pandemic) to enjoy the expert calling of Mark Franks.

Joan Schierlitz

RocklandRockytops

SINGLES WELCOME

ALTERNATING MAINSTREAM AND PLUS TIPS

Second and Fourth Fridays 7:00–9:00 PM (All Year Round)

Congers Community Center – 6 Gilchrest Rd., Congers, NY
(except as indicated)

09/09/22	FRAN WADEL	09/23/22	SANDY COREY
10/14/22	HOWARD RICHMAN	10/28/22	SANDY COREY
11/11/22	ED FOOTE	11/25/22*	HOWARD RICHMAN
12/09/22*	BETSY GOTTA <i>Holiday Spirit Dance (free admission)</i>	12/23/22	No Dance
01/13/23	JIM EMORY	01/27/23	BETSY GOTTA
02/10/23	FRAN WADEL <i>Student/Valentine's Day Dance</i>	02/24/23	RANDY LONGOBUCCO
03/10/23	HOWARD RICHMAN	03/24/23	SANDY COREY
04/14/23	HOWARD RICHMAN	04/28/23	BETSY GOTTA
05/12/23	ED FOOTE	05/26/23	RICK GITTELMAN
06/09/23	SANDY COREY	06/23/23	MARK FRANKS
07/14/23	BETSY GOTTA	07/28/23	RANDY LONGOBUCCO
08/11/23	SANDY COREY	08/25/23	MARK FRANKS

*Hillsdale United Methodist Church – 349 Hillsdale Ave., Hillsdale, NJ – 7:30–9:45 PM

Directions to Congers: page 16 of May 2017 Map Supplement

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

1, 2, 5 Sun. All Year
Gary Bergman: 732-247-2727

rutgerspromenaders.org

Congregation B'nai Tikvah, 1001 Finnegans Ln.
PeopleCare Center, 120 FINDERNE AVE.

The Rutgers Promenaders club has been in existence since 1954, when many of our members were actually students and formed the club under the auspices of the university. According to records found by our president, the club separated from the university in 1989 and became a not-for-profit organization.

Many of the founding members have since raised their own children and brought them to the club to become members in their own right. Therefore, we have kept the tradition of being “family friendly” and encourage our members and guests to bring their younger relatives to experience the joys of square dancing.

We are also one of the few clubs that dance during the daytime on alternating Sunday afternoons. This makes it easier on older folks who sometimes have difficulty with night driving.

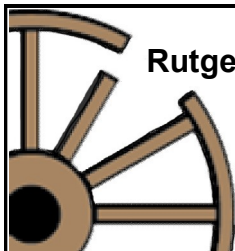
Another rather unique aspect of our club is that we have two famous callers who support us with their talents on a permanent basis: Betsy Gotta and Dan Koft. If you have been lucky enough to attend any of our annual Toys for Tots dances, you have had the wonderful experience of dancing to both of them at the same event. Betsy, who has been associated with the Promenaders for her entire career, considers it to be “her club” – and rightfully so.

In addition, we are proud that two of our graduates have “taken to the skies” and become members of Callerlab. When not busy calling for other clubs or earning a living as university professors, you can find them providing a guest tip at some of our dances. Yes, I’m referring to the dynamic duo whom our president has written about elsewhere in this issue: Karin Rabe and Greg Moore.

Even in normal times, students who take lessons at our club don’t have enough time to learn the entire Mainstream repertoire in a year because we hold classes only on our dance days. Most other clubs offer twice the number of lessons. In addition, emerging from the Covid pandemic drastically reduced the number of students available for lessons last year. Therefore, we have been holding “workshops” for our own students and those who have been taking Mainstream classes at other clubs. I enthusiastically encourage anyone who may be taking lessons elsewhere to join us for a Sunday early-afternoon workshop with some of the best callers and teachers in the industry – and bring your kids!

Note that several of our dances will be held at the PeopleCare Center in Bridgewater. Please check our schedule before heading out.

Mary Ann Ryan-Erdek



Rutgers Promenaders Square & Round Dance Club

Sunday Daytime Sessions

Family-friendly – Kids welcome

Basic/Mainstream Class: 1:30 p.m.
Mainstream and Rounds: 2:30-5:00 p.m.

Students encouraged to stay for class-level tips

Calling staff: Betsy Gotta, Dan Koft
Cuing staff: Roy Gotta, Kathy Koft
 Occasional tips by Karin Rabe and Greg Moore

TWO LOCATIONS IN CENTRAL NEW JERSEY

Congregation B'nai Tikvah
 1001 Finnegans Lane, North Brunswick

PeopleCare Center
 120 Finderne Avenue, Bridgewater

2022			Dec. 18	PCC	G	April 2	CBT	G
Sept. 18	CBT	G	2023			April 16	CBT	K
Oct. 2	PCC	K	Jan. 15	CBT	K	April 30	CBT	K
Oct. 16	CBT	G	Jan. 29	CBT	G	May 7	PCC	G
Oct. 30	CBT	K	Feb. 5	CBT	K	May 21	CBT	K
Nov. 6	CBT	G	Feb. 19	CBT	G	June 4	CBT both	
Nov. 20	CBT	K	March 5	PCC	K	July 16	CBT	G
Dec. 4*	CBT	both	March 19	CBT	G	Aug. 20	CBT	K

LOCATION – CBT: Congregation B'nai Tikvah **PCC:** PeopleCare Center

CALLER / CUER – G: Betsy and Roy Gotta **K:** Dan and Kathy Koft

***Toys for Tots** dance with Betsy & Roy and Dan & Kathy at B'nai Tikvah

Visit our website, rutgerspromenaders.org, for description of dance themes.

When Covid-19 came a-knocking, Times Squares kept a-rocking. Although it did seem pretty bleak in 2020, when our venue was closed and we stayed home to protect ourselves and one another, it would not take long for the club to embrace the new-at-the-moment Zoom lifestyle. Weekly chats provided connection, which turned into online activities – quizzes, photos, games, scavenger hunt (ask Joanna Lieuellen about that one), and virtual two-couple dancing. This allowed us to stay in shape, despite those pesky phantoms who sometimes got confused. Peel the Pumpkin 2020 was transformed into a virtual one-day event with Howard Richman calling and changing costumes.

As Covid cases plummeted in the spring of 2021, Times Squares organized a May Day picnic – our first in-person assembly in 14 months, with 35 attendees (but no maypole dancing). Two weeks later, we successfully experimented with using headphones connected to mobile phones, which connected to a Zoom meeting, where a caller from somewhere gave us much-needed direction to square up and get the rust out. About two squares danced the rest of the summer in that fashion.

In September, we resumed indoor dancing after extensive planning of health and safety protocols – proof of vaccination, face masks, and social distancing when not dancing. We danced steadily and more confidently for 17 weeks through the fall and winter, thanks to Betsy Gotta and Howard Richman. They called a mini Peel the Pumpkin in October at PS 3. On December 26, Ted Lizotte called our ever-fun Boxing Day event with dancers in boxer shorts. Despite concern over the Delta variant, life seemed on “Track 2” normal. And then came Omicron ...

It was inevitable, due to the variant’s hyper-contagiousness, that a dancer would test positive in early January 2022. We put dancing on hold until February. The club remains smaller, but a core dedicated dozen come out week after week. We graduated six Mainstream dancers in April and three Advanced in May – the longest class ever. Their journey began in fall 2019! We danced weekly during the summer in air-conditioned PS 3 with popular traditional themed nights like Rainbow Pride, Xmas in July, The White Party, and Wigstock. Occasional dancing to callers on Zoom provides variety at a reasonable price – no travel fees!

We will continue dancing weekly, rotating through Mainstream, Plus, and Advanced on Thursday and some Tuesday nights and a Saturday all-skate dance in September. C1 dancers will have to wait for the Saturday Specials in November and December. In October, Peel the Pumpkin has been replaced with Summer of ‘69: Sashay Away all day at our usual NYC location. It’s going to be a groovy time with Dayle Hodge and Howard Richman.

Jim Babcock

NYC'S Times Squares 2022-23 Dances

timessquares.nyc

All-Skate Dance: Autumn Frolic

Saturday, September 24 MS/PL/A2/C1 3:00-9:00
Ken Ritucci

"Summer of '69: Sashay Away"

Saturday, October 15 MS/PL/A2/C1 \$25 admission
Doors open 9:30 AM / Dancing 10:00-6:00 PM with lunch break
Dayle Hodge and Howard Richman

C1 Dances: Saturdays 2:00-5:00

November 19 – Caller TBA
December 17 – Betsy Gotta

Weekly Dances: Thursdays with Various Callers

MS/PL/A2 6:30-9:00

Various Tuesdays: check website for details

Location: Public School 3, 490 Hudson Street, New York 10014

Just for Fun!

I took a mainstream refresher course and, toward the end of the season, decided to learn the part of the opposite gender. Thinking I had it nailed down, I decided to give it a try at my home club. Unfortunately, we were short of male dancers and one of the females was happy to dance the man's part to help me practice. At the end of the first tip, my partner told me that, for the woman's part, my dancing was too stiff. I told her, "Oh, you don't just want me to be a girl; now you want me to be a *loose* girl!"

Gary Bergman



The Middletown Ramblers hired a Stagecoach (Shamrock bus) when they raided the Hunterdon Flutterwheels' *Western Night* on June 3.

Y Squares is excited to introduce our Mainstream graduates for 2022: Attilio Aloia, Debbie Bjornstad, Henry Blajek, Rose Brinker, Barbara Donzella, Sara Murphy, Karen Snyder, and Beth Zwirn. They all worked very hard. Some of them have been taking lessons since 2019 and we're proud of their perseverance.



Special thanks go to our class instructor/caller, Ed LaPlante; class coordinator, Susan Short; and numerous angels. This really was a team effort. Our graduation was a fun event where the graduates and members alike proudly wore the club colors: black, white, and yellow. Diplomas were handed out and there was a special cake for all to enjoy. It was an enjoyable experience for our graduates when we raided Bee Sharps.

Y Squares held many themed dances in the past year: the '60s, Halloween, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, and an ice cream social, to name a few.

It's been a long time trying to get back to normal, and our members have been on the go: Gary Bergman celebrated his mom's 100th birthday in Florida. Ellen Ward vacationed in Hawaii. Maureen Moynihan and Tony Milito went to Texas, New Mexico, and Paris. Susan Short and Wayne Schroeder attended a family wedding in California. Jan and Paul Sanderson ventured to Germany and France.

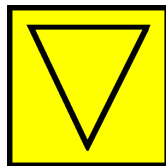
A huge THANK YOU to Jan and Paul, who served as co-presidents for many years. They were terrific leaders, caring friends, and gracious hosts during several barbecues at their home – very tough shoes to fill.

We look forward to seeing you at our dance on September 8 with the fantastic Mike Sikorsky from Arizona at the PeopleCare Center. Note the new location for this very special dance only.

Everybody stay safe and stay healthy!

Ellen Ward

Y Squares



2nd and 4th Thursdays – Mainstream with a Plus Tip
Rounds start at 7:30 PM; Dance from 8:00-10:15 PM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Caller</u>	<u>Cuer</u>	<u>Theme</u>
Sept. 8	Mike Sikorsky (AZ)	Mary Pickett	Welcome Back

Due to the late turnover of our executive board, as of this printing, we do not have our callers lined up yet. However, we do have the honor of Mary Pickett's presence to cue at all of the following 8 PM Thursday club dates:

Sept. 22	Jan. 12	Mar. 23
Oct. 13	Jan. 26	Apr. 13
Oct. 27	Feb. 9	Apr. 27
Nov. 3*	Feb. 23	May 11
Dec. 8	Mar. 9	May 25

Check *our website* or *nnjsda.org* for the current details at the Hehnly School.

*Note: November 3 is a 1st Thursday, as the 2nd and 4th are unavailable.



Mike Sikorsky

His 50th Year Calling!

September 8, 2022 - 7:30 PM

Save the date for this unique square dancing experience as **Y Squares** welcomes him at the PeopleCare Center.

PeopleCare Center
120 Finderne Ave.
Bridgewater, NJ

Rounds with Mary Pickett

Harvest Moon Classic

**Four Full-Time
Dance Halls**

**November
18 – 20,
2022**

**Plus, A2,
C1, and C2**

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Harrisburg, PA
Dancing from Friday 7:30 pm to Sunday 11:30 am
Computer Square Rotation in A2, C1, and C2



John
Marshall



Tom
Miller



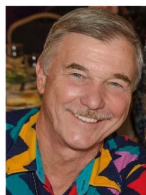
Betsy
Gotta



Bill
Harrison



Darryl
Lipscomb



Roy Gotta,
Cuer



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Celebrating 59 Years with Western Wheelers/Hix & Chix



Hix & Chix, the “mother” square dance club for my husband and me, was formed in or about 1963. Rich and I took lessons there and became members in March 1977. At that time, H&C danced Plus and rounds with three different club callers every Thursday except Thanksgiving. (For many years, Marshall Flippo called a special dance the Sunday after Thanksgiving.) Over the years, we cut back to twice a month. For a time, we tried alternating Mainstream and Plus, but attendance fell off and we resumed Plus only.

Club members enjoyed bus trips to various clubs in New Jersey as well as Dixie Derby Squares in Pennsylvania. Also, H&C “raided” other clubs before NNJSDA implemented its Raid program. Each year we had a dinner-dance at the Rustic Lodge in Elmwood Park before moving to The Brownstone in Paterson. Demonstrations were performed at nursing homes.

Western Wheelers Square Dance Club was formed in or about 1973. The Plus/rounds club danced on second and fourth Saturdays from September through June (later, through April). Many of the H&C dancers also danced at WW, which was known for its fabulous New Year’s Eve parties.

By 2011, H&C was dancing only in the summer and attendance started falling off at WW. The presidents of WW (Hilda and Bob Bachmann and Maria and Roger Hoernlein) and H&C (Connie and John Huettemann) guided the two clubs into a successful merger. Dances were held on second and fourth Saturdays from September through May and on various Thursdays from June through August. We continued having New Year’s Eve parties, and our annual meeting was a cookout at the Huettemann home. Plus workshops were held to interest dancers in Bergen County.

Eventually, WW/H&C cut the dance schedule to once a month, and then reduced the number of dance months. Still, few dances made a profit, and again a decision was made – to close the doors. If Hix & Chix had continued, Rich and I would have been the most longtime members.

We appreciate all the dancers who supported us over the decades.

Georgi Flandera

Mainstream Classes

Bee Sharps – Bridgewater

Class Coordinator: Susan Allen

Teacher: Wes Thielke

732-236-6587

Wednesdays, 7-9
susanwallen70@yahoo.com

Belles & Beaux – Glen Rock

Class Coordinator: Richard Ball

Teacher: Jonathon Weiner

973-725-9738

Thursdays, 7:30-9
rebtama@gmail.com

Hunterdon Flutterwheels – Ringoes

Class Coordinator: Mary Stamets

Teacher: Mary Moody

Intro Dance: September 10

908-328-3755

Tuesdays, 7-9
mrabbit67@yahoo.com

Kittatinny Rangers – Stanhope

Class Coordinator: Karen Hartman

Teacher: Ken Smith

Intro Dances: September 16 and 30

973-248-2604

Fridays, 7-9
hartmank70@gmail.com

Lakeland Squares – Towaco

Class Coordinator: Kathy Keener

Teacher: Fran Wadel

973-229-0698

Mondays, 7-9

lakelandsquares@hotmail.com

Middletown Ramblers – Leonardo

Class Coordinator: Beverly Yackel

Teacher: Larry Sherwood

Intro Dances: September 23 and 27 at Thompson Park

732-747-8505

Tuesdays, 7-9
bevyackel@gmail.com

Reelers – Randolph

Class Coordinator: Mark Bippes

Teacher: Ed Crowley

Intro Dances: September 13 and 20

973-476-8844

Tuesdays, 7-9
markbippes@yahoo.com

Rutgers Promenaders – Central NJ

Class Coordinator: Gary Bergman

Teachers: Betsy Gotta and Dan Koft

Intro Dance: September 18

732-247-2727

Sundays, 1:30-2:30
garyisfinally@gmail.com

Times Squares – New York City

Class Coordinator: Ray Emrich

Teachers: Betsy Gotta and Howard Richman

Various times on September 16, 17, 20, 27, 30, and October 4

646-600-2265

Various, 6 sessions
rayemrich@yahoo.com

Y Squares – Clark

Class Coordinator: Susan Short

Teacher: Ed LaPlante

908-705-7148

Tuesdays, 7:30-9
nellib113@gmail.com

Conventions, Festivals, Specials, and Weekends

SEPTEMBER

15-18 PA Fall Festival	Multiple Callers/Cuers	Gettysburg, PA	All Programs
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OCTOBER

14-15 Autumn Leaves	Multiple Callers	Brattleboro, VT	PL/A2/C1-C2
15 Summer of '69	Hodge and Richman	New York, NY	MS thru C1

NOVEMBER

18-20 Harvest Moon	Multiple Callers	Harrisburg, PA	PL/A2/C1/C2
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FEBRUARY 2023

26 Mid-Winter Mania	Multiple CCNJ Callers	Bridgewater, NJ	Class-Level MS
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MARCH

16-18 WASCA	Multiple Callers	Alexandria, VA	MS thru C
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MAY

3 Murder Mystery	Howard Richman	Maywood	MS-PL
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ALL NNJSDA DANCE EVENTS CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Please support your local club and
visit other NNJSDA clubs as often as possible.

Staying Home Due to Covid-19?

(Is that an excuse for not dancing?)

If you have access to a computer, or even a tablet, there are many ways to keep up your skills and meet new people in the process, while remaining in isolation from the outside world. Virtual square dancing via Zoom is being offered by a number of clubs and callers, both in our area and elsewhere.

Most of these virtual dances are designed to be danced by just one couple. However, some people participate alone while others may be part of a group of two (or more) real couples actually dancing together.

Several callers and organizations have assembled directories that may be useful to find dances matching your interests and schedule. A simple search for “virtual square dancing” will turn up hundreds of results. Note that many dances are attended by people from locations around the world, so be sure to note the time zone associated with the schedule.

Somewhere out in cyberspace are videos of me dancing alone with my Macaw, Martini, to the creative virtual calling of Karin Rabe and Greg Moore.

Gary Bergman

Calendar of Member Clubs' Advertised Dance Events

List of dance events prepared from member club ads that appear in this issue.

Program Legend: A=Advanced; C=Challenge; MS=Mainstream; PL=Plus; RD=Rounds;
/=equal time; -=one or two tips; ,=differing length; *italics*=student-level MS or intro dance

Date	Club	Caller/Cuer	Location	Program
SEPTEMBER 2022				
7 W	Belles & Beaux	Dane Bragg	Maywood	MS-PL
8 Th	Y Squares	Mike Sikorsky/Pickett	Bridgewater	MS-PL/RD
9 F	Bee Sharps	Mark Franks/Rumble	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Middletown Ramblers	Ed LaPlante	Leonardo	MS, PL
	RocklandRockytops	Fran Wadel	Congers, NY	MS/PL
10 F	Reelers	Mark Franks/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
11 Su	Circle Eights	Maryjane Clewell	Maywood	MS/PL
	Motiv8ors	Betsy Gotta	Fair Lawn	A2, C1
12 M	Lakeland Squares	Howard Richman	Towaco	MS/PL
16 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Mary Moody	Pittstown	MS-PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Jenn Engimann	Leonardo	MS/PL
18 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	No. Brunswick	MS/RD
19 M	<i>Lakeland Squares</i>	<i>Fran Wadel</i>	<i>Towaco</i>	<i>MS</i>
21 W	Belles & Beaux	Sandy Corey	Maywood	MS-PL
22 Th	Y Squares	TBA/Pickett	Clark	MS-PL/RD
23 F	Bee Sharps	Ken Ritucci/Pickett	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	Karin and Greg	Stanhope	MS
	<i>Middletown Ramblers</i>	<i>Howard Richman</i>	<i>Leonardo</i>	<i>Intro</i>
	RocklandRockytops	Sandy Corey	Congers, NY	MS/PL
24 Sa	Times Squares	Ken Ritucci	New York, NY	PL/A2/C1
26 M	Lakeland Squares	Mary Moody	Towaco	MS/PL
30 F	Middletown Ramblers	Karin and Greg	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Sandy Corey/Roy Gotta	Randolph	PL/RD
OCTOBER				
2 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Dan Koft/Kathy Koft	Bridgewater	MS/RD
7 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Jay Silva	Pittstown	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Betsy Gotta	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Clay Goss/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
9 Su	Circle Eights	Betsy Gotta	Maywood	MS/PL
	Motiv8ors	Dayle Hodge	(remote)	A2, C1
10 M	Lakeland Squares	Howard Richman	Towaco	MS/PL
11 Tu	Times Squares	Howard Richman	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2
13 Th	Y Squares	TBA/Pickett	Clark	MS-PL/RD
14 F	Bee Sharps	Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Middletown Ramblers	Karin and Greg	Leonardo	MS, PL
	RocklandRockytops	Howard Richman	Congers, NY	MS/PL
15 Sa	Times Squares	Hodge/Richman	New York, NY	MS thru C1
16 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	No. Brunswick	MS/RD
19 W	Belles & Beaux	Maryjane Clewell	Maywood	MS-PL
21 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Howard Richman	Pittstown	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Doug Kauffman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Betsy Gotta/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
23 Su	Motiv8ors	Daryl Murphy	Fair Lawn	A2, C1

24 M	Lakeland Squares	Karin and Greg	Towaco	MS/PL
27 Th	Y Squares	TBA/Pickett	Clark	MS-PL/RD
28 F	Bee Sharps	Richman/Pickett	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	Ed Crowley	Stanhope	MS
	RocklandRockytops	Sandy Corey	Congers, NY	MS/PL
30 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Dan Koft/Kathy Koft	No. Brunswick	MS/RD
31 M	Lakeland Squares	Howard Richman	Towaco	Intro

NOVEMBER

2 W	Belles & Beaux	Betsy Gotta	Maywood	MS-PL
3 Th	Y Squares	TBA/Pickett	Clark	MS-PL/RD
4 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Karin and Greg	Pittstown	MS/PL
	Reelers	Jay Silva/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
6 Su	Motiv8ors	Dayle Hodge	(remote)	A2, C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	No. Brunswick	MS/RD
11 F	Bee Sharps	Clay Goss/Rumble	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	Ed Crowley	Stanhope	MS
	Middletown Ramblers	Karin and Greg	Leonardo	MS, PL
	RocklandRockytops	Ed Foote	Congers, NY	MS/PL
14 M	Lakeland Squares	Ed Foote	Towaco	MS/PL
16 W	Belles & Beaux	Karin and Greg	Maywood	MS-PL
18 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Mary Moody	Pittstown	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Doug Kauffman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Ed Foote/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
19 Sa	Times Squares	TBA	New York, NY	C1
20 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Dan Koft/Kathy Koft	No. Brunswick	MS/RD
25 F	RocklandRockytops	Howard Richman	Hillsdale	MS/PL
27 Su	Circle Eights	Jonathon Weiner	Maywood	MS/PL
	Motiv8ors	Betsy Gotta	Fair Lawn	A2, C1
28 M	Lakeland Squares	Howard Richman	Towaco	MS/PL

DECEMBER

2 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Dan Koft	Pittstown	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Jenn Engimann	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Dayle Hodge/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
4 Su	Motiv8ors	Ett McAtee	(remote)	A2, C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Gottas and Kofts	No. Brunswick	MS/RD
7 W	Belles & Beaux	Mary Moody	Maywood	MS-PL
8 Th	Y Squares	TBA/Pickett	Clark	MS-PL/RD
9 F	Bee Sharps	Bragg/Bradt	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	Doug Kauffman	Stanhope	MS
	Middletown Ramblers	Howard Richman	Leonardo	MS, PL
	RocklandRockytops	Betsy Gotta	Hillsdale	MS/PL
11 Su	Circle Eights	Karin and Greg	Maywood	MS/PL
	Motiv8ors	Multiple	Fair Lawn	A2, C1
12 M	Lakeland Squares	Howard Richman	Towaco	MS/PL
16 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Ted Lizotte	Pittstown	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Karin and Greg	Leonardo	MS/PL
16 F	Reelers	Richman/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
17 Sa	Times Squares	Betsy Gotta	New York, NY	C1
18 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	Bridgewater	MS/RD

JANUARY 2023

4 W	Belles & Beaux	Jonathon Weiner	Maywood	MS-PL
6 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Mary Moody	Pittstown	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Doug Kauffman	Leonardo	MS/PL

6 F	Reelers	Ted Lizotte/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
8 Su	Circle Eights	Howard Richman	Maywood	MS/PL
9 M	Lakeland Squares	Fran Wadel	Towaco	MS/PL
12 Th	Y Squares	TBA/Pickett	Clark	MS-PL/RD
13 F	Bee Sharps	Karin and Greg/Rumble	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	RocklandRockytops	Jim Emory	Congers, NY	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Howard Richman	Leonardo	MS, PL
15 Su	Motiv8ors	Mark Franks	Fair Lawn	A2, C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Dan Koft/Kathy Koft	No. Brunswick	MS/RD
18 W	Belles & Beaux	Maryjane Clewell	Maywood	MS-PL
20 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Howard Richman	Pittstown	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Mark Franks	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Kauffman/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
23 M	Lakeland Squares	Howard Richman	Towaco	MS/PL
26 Th	Y Squares	TBA/Pickett	Clark	MS-PL/RD
27 F	Bee Sharps	Clay Goss/Bradt	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	<i>Middletown Ramblers</i>	<i>Karin and Greg</i>	<i>Leonardo</i>	<i>MS</i>
	RocklandRockytops	Betsy Gotta	Congers, NY	MS/PL
29 Su	Motiv8ors	Dave Eno	(remote)	A2, C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	No. Brunswick	MS/RD

FEBRUARY

1 W	Belles & Beaux	Larry Shipman	Maywood	MS-PL
3 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Dane Bragg	Pittstown	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Betsy Gotta	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Mark Franks/Pickett	TBA	PL/RD
5 Su	Motiv8ors	Jenn Engimann	(remote)	A2, C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Dan Koft/Kathy Koft	No. Brunswick	MS/RD
9 Th	Y Squares	TBA/Pickett	Clark	MS-PL/RD
10 F	Bee Sharps	Mark Franks/Pickett	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Middletown Ramblers	Howard Richman	Leonardo	MS, PL
	<i>RocklandRockytops</i>	<i>Fran Wadel</i>	<i>Congers, NY</i>	<i>Student MS</i>
12 Su	Circle Eights	Mary Moody	Maywood	MS/PL
13 M	Lakeland Squares	Howard Richman	Towaco	MS/PL
15 W	Belles & Beaux	Karin and Greg	Maywood	MS-PL
17 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Betsy Gotta	Pittstown	MS/PL
17 F	Middletown Ramblers	Mark Franks	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Clay Goss/Pickett	TBA	PL/RD
19 Su	Motiv8ors	TBA	Fair Lawn	A2, C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	No. Brunswick	MS/RD
23 Th	Y Squares	TBA/Pickett	Clark	MS-PL/RD
24 F	Bee Sharps	Richman/Bradt	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	<i>Middletown Ramblers</i>	<i>Betsy Gotta</i>	<i>Leonardo</i>	<i>MS</i>
	RocklandRockytops	Randy Longobucco	Congers, NY	MS/PL
27 M	Lakeland Squares	Karin and Greg	Towaco	MS/PL

MARCH

1 W	Belles & Beaux	Dane Bragg	Maywood	MS-PL
3 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Mark Franks	Pittstown	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Doug Kauffman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Dan Koft/Kathy Koft	Randolph	PL/RD
5 Su	Motiv8ors	Betsy Gotta	Fair Lawn	A2, C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Dan Koft/Kathy Koft	Bridgewater	MS/RD
9 Th	Y Squares	TBA/Pickett	Clark	MS-PL/RD
10 F	Bee Sharps	Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Middletown Ramblers	Howard Richman	Leonardo	MS, PL

10 F	RocklandRockytops	Howard Richman	Congers, NY	MS/PL
12 Su	Circle Eights	Betsy Gotta	Maywood	MS/PL
13 M	Lakeland Squares	Howard Richman	Towaco	MS/PL
15 W	Belles & Beaux	Sandy Corey	Maywood	MS-PL
17 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Howard Richman	Pittstown	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Betsy Gotta	Leonardo	MS/PL
	<i>Reelers</i>	<i>Dane Bragg</i>	<i>Randolph</i>	<i>Student MS</i>
19 Su	Motiv8ors	Dave Eno	(remote)	A2, C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	No. Brunswick	MS/RD
23 Th	Y Squares	TBA/Pickett	Clark	MS-PL/RD
24 F	Bee Sharps	Richman/Pickett	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	<i>Middletown Ramblers</i>	<i>Doug Kauffman</i>	<i>Leonardo</i>	<i>MS</i>
	RocklandRockytops	Sandy Corey	Congers, NY	MS/PL
27 M	Lakeland Squares	Betsy Gotta	Towaco	MS/PL
31 F	Middletown Ramblers	Betsy Gotta	Leonardo	MS/PL

APRIL

2 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	No. Brunswick	MS/RD
10 M	Lakeland Squares	Howard Richman	Towaco	MS/PL
13 Th	Y Squares	TBA/Pickett	Clark	MS-PL/A2
14 F	Bee Sharps	Karin and Greg/Bradt	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Middletown Ramblers	Howard Richman	Leonardo	MS, PL
	RocklandRockytops	Howard Richman	Congers, NY	MS/PL
16 Su	Circle Eights	Fran Wadel	Maywood	MS/PL
	Motiv8ors	Barry Clasper	(remote)	A2, C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Dan Koft/Kathy Koft	No. Brunswick	MS/RD
19 W	Belles & Beaux	Mark Franks	Maywood	MS-PL
21 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Mary Moody	Pittstown	MS/PL
21 F	Middletown Ramblers	Mark Franks	Leonardo	MS/PL
	<i>Reelers</i>	Richman/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
24 M	Lakeland Squares	Fran Wadel	Towaco	MS/PL
27 Th	Y Squares	TBA/Pickett	Clark	MS-PL/RD
28 F	Bee Sharps	Mark Franks/Rumble	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	<i>Middletown Ramblers</i>	<i>Karin and Greg</i>	<i>Leonardo</i>	<i>MS</i>
	RocklandRockytops	Betsy Gotta	Congers, NY	MS/PL
30 Su	Motiv8ors	Betsy Gotta	Fair Lawn	A2, C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Dan Koft/Kathy Koft	No. Brunswick	MS/RD

MAY

3 W	Belles & Beaux	Howard Richman	Maywood	MS-PL
4 Th	Times Squares	TBA	New York, NY	MS/PL/A2
5 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Betsy Gotta	Pittstown	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Rick Gittelman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	<i>Reelers</i>	Sandy Corey/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
7 Su	Circle Eights	Rick Gittelman	Maywood	MS/PL
	Motiv8ors	Don Moger	(remote)	A2, C1
	Rutgers Promenaders	Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	Bridgewater	MS/RD
8 M	Lakeland Squares	Howard Richman	Towaco	MS/PL
11 Th	Y Squares	TBA/Pickett	Clark	MS-PL/A2
12 F	Bee Sharps	Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Middletown Ramblers	Howard Richman	Leonardo	MS, PL
	RocklandRockytops	Ed Foote	Congers, NY	MS/PL
17 W	Belles & Beaux	Rick Gittelman	Maywood	MS-PL
19 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Dane Bragg	Pittstown	MS/PL
	<i>Middletown Ramblers</i>	<i>Mark Franks</i>	<i>Leonardo</i>	<i>MS</i>
	<i>Reelers</i>	Ken Ritucci/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD

21 Su	Motiv8ors Rutgers Promenaders	Betsy Gotta Dan Koft/Kathy Koft	Fair Lawn No. Brunswick	A2, C1 MS/RD
22 M	Lakeland Squares	Rick Gittelman	Towaco	MS/PL
25 Th	Y Squares	TBA/Pickett	Clark	MS-PL/A2
26 F	<i>Bee Sharps</i> RocklandRockytops	<i>Karin and Greg/Bradt</i> Rick Gittelman	<i>Bridgewater</i> Congers, NY	<i>MS/RD</i> MS/PL

JUNE

2 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels Middletown Ramblers Reelers	Rick Gittelman Betsy Gotta Chris Stacy/Pickett	Pittstown Leonardo Randolph	MS/PL MS/PL PL/RD
4 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Betsy Gotta/Roy Gotta	No. Brunswick	MS/RD
7 W	Belles & Beaux	Maryjane Clewell	Maywood	MS-PL
9 F	Middletown Ramblers RocklandRockytops	Howard Richman Sandy Corey	Leonardo Congers, NY	MS, PL MS/PL
11 Su	Circle Eights Motiv8ors	Maryjane Clewell Ett McAtee	Maywood (remote)	MS/PL A2, C1
12 M	Lakeland Squares	Howard Richman	Towaco	MS/PL
16 F	Middletown Ramblers	Howard Richman	Leonardo	MS/PL
21 W	Belles & Beaux	Dane Bragg	Maywood	MS-PL
23 F	Middletown Ramblers	Jenn Engimann	Leonardo	MS, PL
23 F	RocklandRockytops	Mark Franks	Congers, NY	MS/PL
26 M	Lakeland Squares	Mary Moody	Towaco	MS/PL
30 F	Middletown Ramblers	Mark Franks	Leonardo	MS/PL

BUSY B's Plus Square Dance Club

Brooklawn Sr. Community Center, 101 2nd Street, Brooklawn, NJ 08030

2x2 Plus and Round Dancing
Every Wednesday 7:30-10 PM
Pre-rounds 7-7:30 PM Cuer Lou Torti

Caller Schedule at busybssquares.weebly.com/dances.html

Square Dance Lessons Thursdays 7-9 PM beginning 9/22/22
Pitman Road Church of Christ, Mantua Township, NJ
Round Dance lessons TBA

For more information:

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Alice: 609-221-0238 (President)

Bill: 856-769-1322 (Class Coordinator)

Email: busybssquares@gmail.com

Masks optional. First time dancers show a vaccination card and sign a waiver.

Square Dancing Comes to Teaneck

For the past several months, the sounds of dosado and allemande left have been heard at Arbor Terrace, an independent-living facility in Teaneck. Our fellow residents have been learning some basic square dance calls under the watchful eye of Howard Richman, the class caller.

As you can imagine, the participants are not young. They range in age from the 80s through 106, a person who happens to be one of the better dancers in the group. Howard is very patient with them and, in his invariably friendly manner, guides them through the various steps.

The sessions would not be the success they are without the Belles & Beaux members who come every month to make sure every resident is paired with an angel. All of us are very grateful for their participation.

If you are free on the third Wednesday of the month at 2:00, come and join us. Arbor Terrace is located at 600 Frank W. Burr Boulevard.

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Googlemaps of Northern Dance Venues

Congers, NY



Congers Community Center
6 Gilcrest Rd.

Fair Lawn



American Legion Post 171
17-08 River Rd.

Hillsdale



United Methodist Church
349 Hillsdale Ave.

Maywood



Maywood Recreation Center
340 Duvier Pl.

New York, NY



Public School 3
490 Hudson St

Randolph



Ironia Elementary School
303 Dover-Chester Rd

Stanhope



First Presbyterian Church
100 Main St.

Towaco



Good Shepherd Church
9 Two Bridges Rd.

Googlemaps of Central Dance Venues

Bridgewater



PeopleCare Center
120 Finderne Ave.

Clark



Hehnlly Elementary School
590 Raritan Rd.

Leonardo



Middletown Senior Center
900 Leonardville Rd.

Pittstown



Bethlehem Presbyterian Church
2 Race St.

North Brunswick

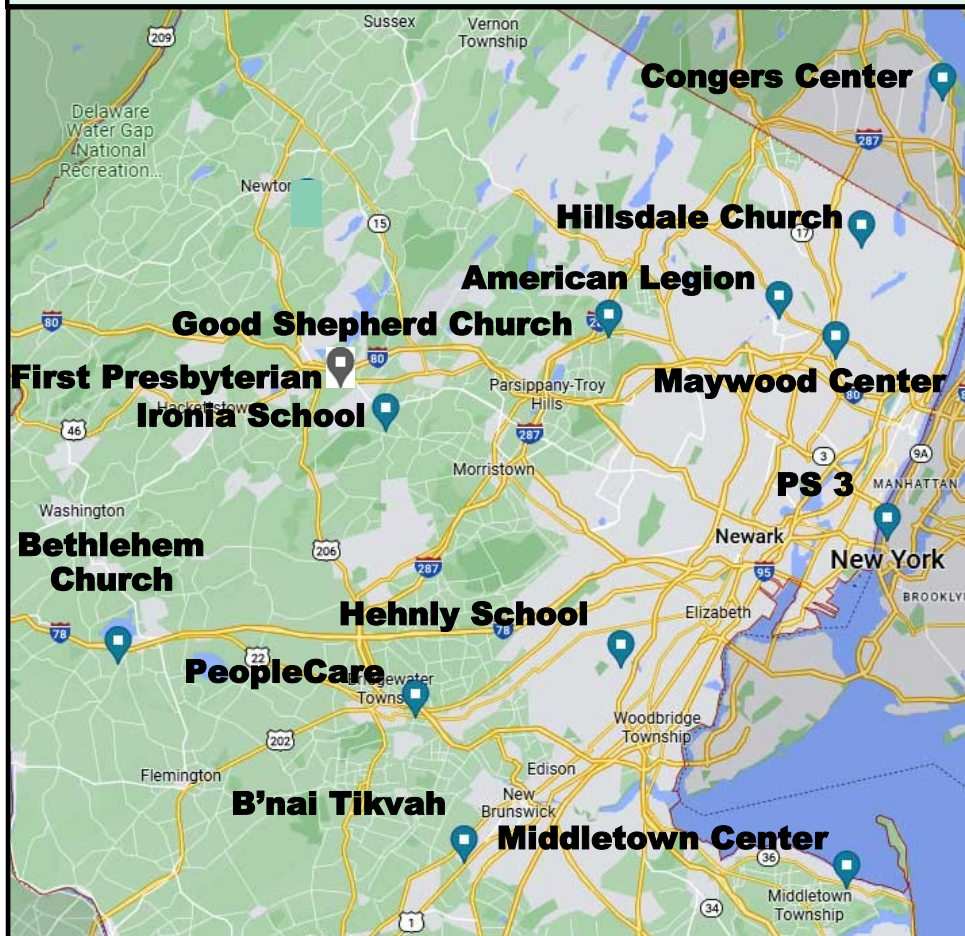


Congregation B'nai Tikvah
1001 Finnigans Ln

If you know of a venue that is willing to host square dancing, even occasionally, for one or more of our member clubs, please contact someone at NNJSDA.

Scan the desired QR code on these pages with your iPhone or Android device to access the Google Map. Share the directions with your vehicle (if so equipped).

Map of Dance Venues



Venue	Town	Club
American Legion Post 171	Fair Lawn	Motiv8ors
Bethlehem Presbyterian Church	Pittstown	Flutterwheels
Congers Community Center	Congers, NY	Rockytops
Congregation B'nai Tikvah	No. Brunswick	Promenaders
First Presbyterian Church	Stanhope	Kittatinny
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church	Towaco	Lakeland
Hehnlly Elementary School	Clark	Y Squares
Ironia Elementary School	Randolph	Reelers
Maywood Recreation Center	Maywood	Belles & Beaux
Middletown Senior Center	Leonardo	Ramblers
PeopleCare Center	Bridgewater	Bee Sharps
Public School 3	New York, NY	Times Squares
United Methodist Church	Hillsdale	Circle Eights

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NNJSDA MEMBER CLUBS

MAINSTREAM

Sunday	1, 3 All Year			
Rutgers Promenaders*		Central NJ	<i>garyisfinally@gmail.com</i>	732-247-2727
Friday	Various			
Kittatinny Rangers		Stanhope	<i>lesh323@aol.com</i>	732-697-9112

PLUS

Friday	1, 3 Sept.-June			
Reelers*		Randolph	<i>bvcturner@msn.com</i>	973-216-4524

MAINSTREAM – PLUS TIP

Wednesday	1, 3 All Year			
Belles & Beaux		Maywood	<i>cwadel@optimum.net</i>	201-522-4778
Thursday	2, 4 Sept.-June			
Y Squares*		Clark	<i>larry.bugal@hotmail.com</i>	732-319-3488

MAINSTREAM / PLUS

Sunday	2 Sept.-June			
Circle Eights		Hillsdale	<i>pwd0123@yahoo.com</i>	201-694-7797
Monday	2, 4 Sept.-July			
Lakeland Squares		Towaco	<i>lakelandsquares@hotmail.com</i>	973-229-0698
Friday	2, 4 Sept.-May			
Bee Sharps*		Bridgewater	<i>vammons@gmail.com</i>	908-763-4593
Friday	1, 3 Sept.-June			
Hunterdon Flutterwheels		Pittstown	<i>flutterwheels08822f@gmail.com</i>	908-328-3760
Friday	2, 4			
RocklandRockytops		Congers, NY	<i>dschles@aol.com</i>	845-623-2772
Friday	All Year			
Middletown Ramblers		Leonardo	<i>larry_shrwd@gmail.com</i>	732-319-8920

MAINSTREAM / PLUS / ADVANCED

Thursday	All Year			
Times Squares		New York, NY	<i>timesquaresclub@gmail.com</i>	212-749-4291

ADVANCED 2, CHALLENGE 1

Sunday	Various			
Motiv8ors		Fair Lawn	<i>cmimigirl@aol.com</i>	551-206-7905

CHALLENGE 1

Saturday	Various			
Times Squares		New York, NY	<i>timesquaresclub@gmail.com</i>	212-749-4291

*Round Dancing (alternating or additional)

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