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NNJSDA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What an exciting time to be part of the square dance community! The National Convention, held this year in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was an event I personally experienced for the very first time, despite having been a square dancer for more than two decades. Not only was Milwaukee a surprisingly nice place to visit, but dancing with people from across the United States and the world and touring the area with square dance friends was amazing.



I encourage all of us to consider broadening our horizons and heading out to dance beyond our “norm” on occasion. Of course, support your own club with your presence first and foremost. But if you’ve never explored further, try an NNJSDA dance or another club’s dance, near or far away. Attend a dance festival in a neighboring state or a square dance campers’ weekend. Visit a dance while on vacation. And definitely add a National Convention to your bucket list.

What an exhilarating experience it was to be part of a crowd of more than 150 attending the Rutgers Promenaders anniversary dance in June, and more than 80 at the NNJSDA dance in July. It would be wonderful to have everyone come out for the Mini-Festival on November 10 as well. There’s just something special about dancing with a multitude of squares. The enthusiasm grows and spirits soar. There’s a great lineup for the Mini-Festival: callers Ken Burke (TN), Dan Koft (PA), and Cameron Harnish (PA) plus cuer Steve Bradt (NJ). See the flyer on page 40 and mark it on your calendar now!

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as president of the NNJSDA for the past three years. It was not always easy, but I learned a lot and did my best. We’ve come a long way in healing and regrowing our activity since the pandemic. All 13 NNJSDA clubs remain active and ready to begin a new dance season. Let’s continue to foster and grow relationships among dancers through positivity and kindness; let’s work to grow our ranks by introducing those not yet privileged to have square danced to our activity. I congratulate and welcome the 69 Mainstream and 48 Plus graduates of NNJSDA clubs.

I extend my heartfelt thanks, admiration, and appreciation for my fellow board members. Many thanks to departing officers Carol Casale and Tony Milito; assistant officers Jim Barnish, Janet Gerber, and Merrill Hodder; trustee/advisors Larry Bugal, Greg Kushla, and Donna Poyer; and *Grand Square* editor Gary Bergman. I am excited to welcome new board members: presidents Richard Ball and Chris Wadel; 1st VP Nancy Ammons; assistant 2nd VP Donald Lane; recording secretary Ellen Taylor; *Grand Square* editor Jim Babcock; and trustee/advisor Jim Stamets.

Please join me in applauding them along with our current board members and all those who take on leadership roles, in NNJSDA as well as in our clubs. Your dedication and service are inspiring.

~Joanna Lieuallen

BEE SHARPS



50TH

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MEET THE NEW EDITOR

Hello! For those who have not met me yet, I am the new editor in chief of this publication. Expanding on the lovely article Jan Thompson provided [see page 42], I serve as the NNJSDA delegate for Times Squares. I have been contra dancing for more than two decades, and square dancing became my newest favorite hobby in 2017. My other favorite hobby is genealogy – ask me about my family tree! Though my home is in Orange, NJ, I commute into New York City, where I work as a supervisor for Columbia University Libraries. I hope to meet many of you at NNJSDA dances somewhere soon.

~ Jim Babcock



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Hunterdon Flutterwheels:	Marie Honachefsky
Kittatinny Rangers:	Tina Ammerman, Carol Barry, Tom D'Alessandro, James Finan, Pat Mascenik, Libby Rieger, Ryan Rieger
Reelers:	Tom D'Alessandro

PLUS

Bee Sharps:	Harry Mazujian, Ruth Mazujian, Elizabeth Plastina, Rana Slosberg, Ronald Slosberg, Domecq Smith
Belles & Beaux:	Rosann Flynn, Diana Garcia, Diane Gaydos, Anne Pace, Mary Scanlon, Kathy Smolen, Bea Sparber, Rina Williams
Hunterdon Flutterwheels:	George Cerny, Susan Freund, Pat Hennessy, Marie Honachefsky, Mark Kubinak, Frank Laritz, Paula Lawrence, Jeanne Mauriello, Marja van Ouwkerk, Bette Perlman, Diana Reinhardt, Gene Reinhardt, Gerri Vitovitch, Nick Vitovitch
Middletown Ramblers:	Kelsey Kazmac, Leslie Knott, Janice Krilla, Laurie Roth, Paul Roth, Sandra Stewart
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ONLINE STUDY RESOURCES

All dancers, whether new or experienced, can find something useful on these websites.

Ceder Chest	ceder.net/def
Dehn Base	dehnbase.org/sd/tutorial/#gdp
How to Square Dance	videosquaredancelessons.com
Open Squares	opensquares.de/basic.html
Taminations	tamtwirlers.org/taminations

Autumn Leaves Festival

October 18-19, 2024

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

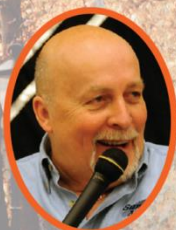
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FAREWELL TO OUR FRIENDS

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Ben Albertson – July 14, 2024

RocklandRockytops

Arlene Beroff – April 7, 2024

Bee Sharps, Hunterdon Flutterwheels

Eddie Careri – January 3, 2024

Times Squares

John Hecht – June 14, 2024

RocklandRockytops

Valentino Ianetti – April 9, 2024

Kittatinny Rangers, Reelers

Jean Koenig – April 18, 2024

Y Squares

Joan Morgan – January 23, 2024

Reelers

Bob Nilan – May 10, 2024

Y Squares

Ernest Park – June 5, 2024

Belles & Beaux, Cross Trail Squares,
Motiv8ors, Times Squares

Patrick Ross – March 29, 2024

Times Squares

Fernando Soto – April 4, 2024

Times Squares

Stephen Thaler – March 25, 2024

Times Squares



Thanks for the memories.



ANOTHER PRAYER GETS ANSWERED

Back in the Covid days, our square dancing was put on hold, like many things we held dear. (During that time my wife, Sheila, succumbed to cancer and left me devastated.) RocklandRockytops was the first club to resume dancing for those who were vaccinated and wore a mask. Guess what – the dancers came back! I was thrilled to be with people I liked and to show my stuff until ...

Another tragedy hit: My son died only seven months later. Stricken with grief, I could barely stand. My head was so messed up that I asked God to do something. The answer came as I sat in a hot tub: Become a square dance caller! What do I need? Where will we dance? How much to charge? Who will come?

My pastor said that if our members were dancing, we could have the church fellowship hall for free. So I asked the members to participate, and we gathered our dancers. Then I needed calling equipment. Donna Poyer and Mike Szekula offered to give me a full set. Betsy and Roy Gotta sent videos and records to guide my progress and improve my abilities. I set the class into motion with the help of Rosetta Guidice. Everything was going well until ...

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FOR DANCERS

Freeloader Awards of a dangle and a coupon for a free NNJSDA dance are earned by attending at least three qualifying summer NNJSDA dances and the Mini-Festival in the same year.

Patron Awards of a dangle and a coupon for a free NNJSDA dance were earned by the following dancers for having attended at least eight different NNJSDA member club dances:

Mark Bippes: 7, 8
Larry Bugal: 42, 43
Carol Casale: 1, 2, 3
Pat Duemig: 10, 11, 12

Tom Duemig: 8, 9
Bonnie Jean Mac Yash: 2
Ann Rothfuss: 14, 15
Ellen Ward: 23, 24, 25

FOR CLUBS

The programs below cover a dance year from June 1 through the following May 31. Awardees shown are for the 2023-24 dance year.

One Square Is Fair benefits your club with a dues reduction when eight club members (one square) attend at least five of the scheduled NNJSDA dances. Officially registered students may be counted at the Midterm Student Dance.

Bee Sharps
Belles & Beaux
Hunterdon Flutterwheels (2x)

Rutgers Promenaders
Y Squares

Raids benefit your club with a dues reduction when at least eight club members (one square) attend other member clubs' eligible dances. The program is based on reaching at least 200 miles between clubs.

Belles & Beaux
Circle Eights

Hunterdon Flutterwheels
Lakeland Squares

Visitations benefit your club with a dues reduction when at least five club members (who are not also members of the visited club) attend other member clubs' eligible. Points are awarded for each visit, based on the number of club members visiting, with a requirement of 60 points.



Download the Freeloader, Patron, One Square Is Fair, Raid, and Visitation program forms at nnjsda.org (see Documents tab). Forms are verified and signed by an officer (usually treasurer or president) at the dances attended and forwarded to the NNJSDA corresponding secretary upon completion.

**SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 23, 2025**

MAINSTREAM

MULTIPLE CALLERS

**2:00-
4:30PM**

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 Early Rounds 7:30 (7:00 for 50th Anniversary dance)
 Square Dancing and Rounds 8:00–10:15 (7:30–10:15 for 50th)
 Advanced tip 10:15, if dancers are present and caller agrees

September 2024–June 2025

PeopleCare Center

120 Finderne Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ

QUESTIONS: CALL DAVE @ 908-500-6111

Website/Facebook: beesharps.org /@BeeSharps

<i>Date</i>	<i>Caller</i>	<i>Cuer</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Dance Theme</i>
Sept. 14	Howard Richman	Ron Rumble	MS / Plus / RD Early RD 7-7:30	Bee Sharps 50th Anniversary
Sept. 27	Randy Longobucco	Mary Pickett	MS / Plus / RD	Oktoberfest
Oct. 11	Betsy Gotta	Roy Gotta	MS / Plus / RD	Take Me Out to the Ball Game
Oct. 25	Jenn Engimann	Steve Bradt	MS / Plus / RD	Costume Party
Nov. 8	Paul Ingis	Mary Pickett	MS / Plus / RD	Honoring Our Veterans
Nov. 22	Karin Rabe & Greg Moore	Ron Rumble	MS / Plus / RD	The 1980s
Dec. 13	Betsy Gotta	Roy Gotta	MS / Plus / RD	Silly Songs and Ugly Sweaters
Dec. 27	Howard Richman	NO ROUNDS	Class-Level MS	Holiday Hoedown
2025				
Jan. 10	Dane Bragg	Ron Rumble	MS / Plus / RD	All the Colors of the Rainbow
Jan. 24	Paul & Steve Ingis	Steve Bradt	MS / Plus / RD	Crazy Hats
Feb. 14	Mark Franks	Mary Pickett	Alternating Plus & Advanced / RD	Bee My Valentine
Feb. 28	Howard Richman	Steve Bradt	MS / Plus / RD	Mardi Gras
March 14	Jeff Kaufman	Ron Rumble	MS / Plus / RD	Pi (Pie) Night
March 28	Karin Rabe & Greg Moore	Mary Pickett	MS / Plus / RD	Disney Night
April 11	Dan Koft	Steve Bradt	MS / Plus / RD	'50s and '60s
April 25	Mark Franks	Ron Rumble	MS / Plus / RD	Cowboys and Cowgirls
May 9	Howard Richman	Mary Pickett	MS / Plus / RD	Broadway Musicals
May 23	Karin Rabe & Greg Moore	NO ROUNDS	MS & Class-Level Plus	Ice Cream Social
June 13	Howard Richman	Steve Bradt	MS / Plus / RD	Hawaiian Leis and Luau

beesharps.org

Cell for dance: 908-500-6111

2, 4 Fri. Sept.-June

Vic Ammons: 908-763-4593

PeopleCare Center
120 Finderne Avenue

Bee Sharps will start the new dance season by looking BACK at our 50 years of square and round dancing and FORWARD to 50 more years. We invite you to join us at our 50th Anniversary Dance with Howard Richman calling and Ron Rumble cuing at the PeopleCare Center on Saturday, September 14. Check out our *Grand Square* ad and put this special date in your calendar now!

In addition to four Mainstream graduates who finished in March, we recently graduated six Plus dancers: Harry and Ruth Marzujian, Elizabeth Plastina, Rana and Ron Schlosberg, and Domecq Smith. Thanks to Wes Thielke, who taught both groups at Wednesday classes and workshops. We continued with four more workshops over the summer for Mainstream and Plus at the PeopleCare Center.

It is wonderful to see clubs working together to support our shared love of square dancing. On July 2, we had the opportunity to perform a demo at the Somerset Patriots baseball game against the Reading Fightin Phils. About 50 dancers from various clubs attended, sitting together. Wes Thielke called a demo dance with two squares on the field. In the top picture, you see some of our dancers on the jumbotron! We were able to hand out many flyers providing QR codes for links to NNJSDA and club websites, upcoming dances, and classes. Susan Allen made a giant poster that included a map showing the locations of our 13 clubs; the bottom picture shows Dave Tien, Susan, and me standing by the poster with the map and being excited about square dancing!!



Dancers from Hunterdon Flutterwheels and Bee Sharps were saddened to hear that Arlene Beroff passed away this spring. She and her husband, Howard, were members of both clubs for many years. Howard and his family held a tender memorial for Arlene in June that was a bittersweet reminder of her talents, tenacity, and devotion to giving to her community, family, and friends.

Last but definitely not least, congratulations to first-time grandparents: Wes and Francesca Thielke welcomed darling Otto to their family, and Steve and Lois Autenrieth were blessed with the birth of sweet Cassidy Anne soon after they returned from a cruise on the Columbia River. Congratulations to all!

~ Nancy Ammons

Belles & Beaux

1st and 3rd Wednesdays
Dance 7:15-9:30 PM, Mainstream with a Plus Tip

Maywood Recreation Center
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Sep 4	Betsy Gotta	Mug Exchange – Bring a mug, take a mug
Sep 18	Mark Franks	Belles & Beaux 45th Anniversary Dance – Dangle dance
Oct 2	-----	NO DANCE – Happy Rosh Hashanah
Oct 16	Larry Shipman	National Learn-a-Word Day – Share an odd word and its meaning with your fellow dancers
Nov 6	Maryjane Clewell	National Nachos Day – Wear the colors of the Mexican flag (red, white, and green) and come eat nachos with us!
Nov 20	Jonathon Weiner	Falling Leaves – Dangle dance
Dec 4	Fran Wadel	Student Midterm Dance
Dec 18	Howard Richman	Holiday Dance – Wear your holiday colors
Jan 1, 2025	-----	NO DANCE – Happy New Year
Jan 15	Mystery Caller	Mystery Caller Dance – Dangle dance
Feb 5	Jonathon Weiner	Football Jersey Night – Represent your favorite team
Feb 19	Stephen Ingis	National Heart Month – Wear red
Mar 5	Mark Franks	Mardi Gras
Mar 19	Maryjane Clewell	Luck of the Irish – A St. Patrick's Day celebration
Apr 2	Dane Bragg	He He, She She Dance (one tip only) – Dangle Dance
Apr 16	Larry Shipman	Easter Parade – Wear your favorite hat
May 7	Howard Richman	Murder Mystery and Dance
May 21	Rick Gittelman	Pajama Dance – Come and dance in your PJs
June 4	Fran Wadel	Graduation Dance – Welcome and dance with the new graduates from all clubs
June 18	Paul Ingis	Flashlight Dance (please bring your own) – Dangle dance
July 2	Sandy Corey	Fourth of July Celebration
July 16	Karin Rabe and Greg Moore	Celebrate Pandemonium Day (7/14) – Wear mismatched outfits
Aug 6	Betsy Gotta	Ice Cream Social
Aug 20	Mary Moody	Vacation Dance – Wear your favorite vacation T-shirt, sweatshirt, or hat

1, 3 Wed. All Year

Maywood Recreation Center

Chris Wadel: 201-835-7726

340 Duvier Place

This year's Murder Mystery and Dance on May 1 was a great success, with 70 people attending and the culprit caught in the end. The entire NNJSDA (Northern New Jersey Special Detectives Association) had no "Clue" about the murder in Lord Tremaine's mansion, but our dancers followed the clues to discover the murderer. We danced between scenes with Howard Richman as host and caller. Check out the video at <https://youtu.be/so1voBFuSaM>!

We kicked off our new Raid year on June 2 with 13 members at the Rutgers Promenaders 70th anniversary dance. The event drew more than 150 square dancers! It was a wonderful time with Betsy and Roy Gotta and Dan and Kathy Koft calling and cuing to a live band.

We brought back our Plus class this year and graduated seven people. We were pleased to host the NNJSDA president and 2nd vice president at the graduation. If there is enough interest, we will hold another Plus class starting in April 2025, so contact us if you (or a friend) are interested.

Speaking of classes, we will once again hold our fall Mainstream class at Glen Rock Central School, with the stellar Fran Wadel returning as teacher. If you know anyone who is curious about square dancing, or want to refresh your own dancing skills, join us on Thursday nights from 7:15-9:30.

We dance all year long on the first and third Wednesday of every month at the Maywood Recreation Center – come join us!

~ Deb Stahl





CIRCLE EIGHTS

2024-25

Mainstream with Plus Tips



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

9/06/24	INTRO DANCE: Bring your friends! Friday, 7-9 PM Caller TBA HUMC, 349 Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale, NJ 07642
9/08/24	Howard Richman <i>NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY: Bring photos.</i>
10/13/24	Betsy Gotta <i>Wear navy blue for the BIRTHDAY OF THE NAVY.</i>
11/24/24	Maryjane Clewell <i>THANKSGIVING DANCE: Bring food pantry donations.</i>
12/08/24	Karin Rabe & Greg Moore <i>Celebrate with a festive or ugly HOLIDAY SWEATER.</i>
1/12/25	Howard Richman <i>Wear bells to RING IN THE NEW YEAR!</i>
2/09/25	Fran Wadel <i>STUDENT DANCE: All students \$5.</i>
3/09/25	Betsy Gotta <i>Meatballs will be served for NATIONAL MEATBALL DAY.</i>
4/13/25	Maryjane Clewell <i>THOMAS JEFFERSON'S BIRTHDAY: Wear red, white, and blue.</i>
5/04/25	Rick Gittelman (AZ) <i>Best joke gets a prize for WORLD LAUGHTER DAY.</i>
6/08/25	Paul Ingis <i>ICE CREAM SOCIAL. Enjoy your summer!</i>

*Circle Eights plans to offer a
MAINSTREAM BEGINNERS CLASS WITH TEACHER FRAN WADEL
Hillsdale United Methodist Church, 349 Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale, NJ
Tuesday nights beginning Sept. 17, 2024 7-9 PM
To register, call class coordinators Alicia and David at 201-926-5000.*

Information: Pat and Tom 201-955-1495

circle8s.nnjstda.org

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Cell for dance: 201-744-6463

Various Sun. Sept.-June

Maywood Recreation Center

Pat and Tom Duemig: 201-955-1495

340 Duvier Place

For Circle Eights, the year 2024 has been packed with raids. We are grateful for the raids to our club and enjoyed those in which we participated, as our coordinators, Gerry Beatty and Rick Savino, put it, “to bring us together for some fitness, fellowship, and fun.” Highlights included enjoying live music at the Rutgers Promenaders 70th anniversary bash and the Lakeland Squares Night at the Movies. At the latter, Circle Eighters garnered Oscars: Gerry Beatty for prettiest dress and Kim and Rich Ferrentino for best costume.

Within a two-month period, Circle Eights additionally raided Middletown Ramblers, Bee Sharps, Hunterdon Flutterwheels, Y Squares, and Reelers. Before the raids, attending members shared dinners to enhance their camaraderie and fun.

Congratulations to our newest members who graduated in April. Pictured below, left to right, Susan Taite-Malone, Lou Malone, Kim and Rich Ferrentino, Gene Brennan, instructor Fran Wadel, Susan Shlanger, Donna and Tony Fuscaldo (missing from photo: Ellen Lazzaro).

Our June dance and Ice Cream Social, called by our former class instructor Paul Ingis, welcomed visitors from six different clubs. The dance was followed by our general membership meeting at which the following board members were elected for 2024-25: president Pat and Tom Duemig, 1st VP Debbie and Jose Obarrio, 2nd VP Alicia and David Weschler, 3rd VP Gerry Beatty and Rick Savino, secretary Rina Williams, and treasurer Arlene Remington.

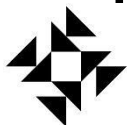
The New Jersey contingent of 23 dancers at the 73rd National Square Dance Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, included Circle Eights members Pat and Tom Duemig and Arlene Remington. In addition to dancing, they explored the sights of the city. [For more about the convention, see article on page 46.]

We’re looking forward to another great class in the fall and another year of “fitness, fellowship, and fun.”

~ Jeanne Weisman



HUNTERDON FLUTTERWHEELS



Hunterdon County Complex Building 1
314 Route 12, Flemington, NJ 08822

Web: hunterdonflutterwheels.nnjsda.org

Contact # night of dance: 908-458-6387



2024	Theme	Caller
Sep 8	DANCE PARTY 2:00-4:00 PM (Invite your friends.)	Mary Moody
Sep 20*	Welcome Back! (Wear a summer T-shirt.)	Mary Moody
Oct 4	Sherlock Holmes (Bring in a mysterious item.)	Dan Koft
Oct 18*	Jack O' Lantern Time LIVE MUSIC (Enjoy pumpkin snacks.)	Howard Richman
Nov 1	Celebrate Our Armed Forces (Bring in cards for troops.)	Mark Franks
Nov 15	Let's Go on a Safari! (Witness exotic sights and sounds.)	Mary Moody
Dec 6*	Thank You, Thomas Alva Edison (Dance with glow sticks.)	K. Rabe/G. Moore
Dec 20	Celebrate the Holidays (Bring in food pantry donations.)	Ted Lizotte
2025	Theme	Caller
Jan 3	Sci-Fi Fête (Come as your favorite sci-fi character.)	Mary Moody
Jan 17	Hats ON! (Wear your favorite chapeau for National Hat Day.)	Jenn Engimann
Feb 7	Souper Bowl X (Enjoy scrumptious homemade soups.)	Howard Richman
Feb 21	Beatlemania (Wear groovy 1960s garb.)	Doug Kauffman
Mar 7	In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb (Mane/fleece optional.)	Mark Franks
Mar 21	Curtains Up (Wear a costume for World Theater Day.)	Betsy Gotta
Apr 4	Over the Rainbow MS Graduation (Wear your hue.)	Mary Moody
May 2	Let's Travel Around the World (Share travel photos.)	Dan Koft
May 16	Scavenger Hunt (Gather clues and solve the puzzle.)	Dane Bragg
May 30	Viva Italia! (Dress, dance, and eat like Italians.)	Rick Gittelman
Jun 6	Cowabunga! Ice Cream Social (Let's head to the beach.)	Paul Ingis

Alternate Mainstream and Plus Tips
1st and 3rd Fridays 8:00-10:15 PM
Soft-Soled Shoes, Please!

MS Classes Tuesday evenings 7:30-9:00 PM
Plus Classes Spring 2025

Check Website for Venue Changes

For Information:
908-458-6387

hunterdonflutterwheels.nnjsda.org
facebook.com/hunterdonflutterwheels

*Alternate venue: PeopleCare Center, Bridgewater

1, 3 Fri. Sept.-June
Frank Laritz: 908-458-6387

Hunterdon County Complex, Building 1
314 State Route 12

The Hunterdon Flutterwheels are excited to square up for the upcoming dance season – so excited, in fact, that we’ve already racked up 80 raid miles!

Throughout the past spring, dancers arrived in amazing themed attire such as togas and bold floral prints, outfitted as superheroes, aliens, and marathon runners. Dancers donned traditional square dance outfits for our hoedown and took selfies in front of our 3-D “indoor-yet-outdoor barn door” backdrop. Speaking of tradition, our club’s annual Ice Cream Social featured over a dozen flavors of frozen fare.

With much gratitude, we recognize the tremendous generosity and love that you, the greater NNJSDA community, demonstrated for Rich and Mary Moody at the benefit dance on June 15. The transformation of the venue into an enchanting garden and the diverse and delicious goodies were made possible by the time and talents of many. Moody family members, including grandchildren, shared the dance floor with us that evening. We were able to present the family with a sizable monetary gift toward paying medical expenses. Thank you to all who participated in this loving gesture.

The club’s annual summer picnic was loads of fun and we kept cool by dancing tips in the pool! Our biweekly summer workshops kept dancers toned and their skills honed.

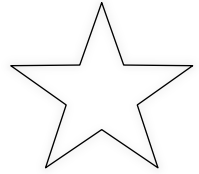
May our new themes entice you to join us for camaraderie, food, fun, and, of course, dancing!

~ Gerri Vitovitch



KITTATINNY RANGERS

MAINSTREAM DANCE CLUB



2nd and 4th Friday 7-9 PM
\$7 Admission Light Refreshments

First Presbyterian Church, 100 Main Street, Stanhope, NJ 07874
Parking in rear of church; enter through red door

COME DANCE WITH US

9/13	Ed Crowley & Katie Wilson
9/27	Paul & Stephen Ingis
10/11	TBA
10/25	Jeff Kaufman
11/8	Ken Burke
11/22	Ed Crowley & Katie Wilson
12/13	Doug Kauffman
1/10	Jeff Kaufman
1/24	TBA

2/14	Dane Bragg
2/28	TBA
3/14	TBA
3/28	Doug Kauffman
4/11	Jeff Kaufman
4/25	Howard Richman
5/9	TBA
5/23	Paul & Stephen Ingis

Questions? 973-248-2604

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9 TWO BRIDGES ROAD, TOWACO, NJ 07082
(Air-Conditioned Hall)

Mainstream classes every Monday beginning Sept. 9, 2024

7 to 9 PM on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Mondays

7 to 8:15 PM on the 2nd & 4th Mondays

(Students included for the first tip on the regular club dance nights)

Cost \$100 per semester; semesters begin Sept. 9, 2024 & Jan. 2025

Teacher: Fran Wadel

*Couples and Singles are welcome *** Dancers of any age *** Casual dress*

Do you know someone who would like to join this FUN activity?

Call Kathy Keener at 973-229-0698 for more information.

kittatinnyrangers.org

Cell for dance: 973-248-2604

2, 4 Fri. Sept.-May

First Presbyterian Church

Connie Smith: 973-202-9493

100 Main Street

Greetings from Sussex County and the Kittatinny Rangers. If you would like tips on where to visit to enjoy beautiful autumn scenery, antique stores, flea markets, apple picking, great places to eat, and, of course, a wonderful dance experience, let us know and we will be glad to make suggestions.

May 2024 saw the Kittatinny Rangers enjoy two wonderful Mainstream dances to finish off the season. On May 10, there was lots of love along with hugs, memories, and cake as we celebrated our two favorite nonagenarians – Betty Harris and Eddie Mindlin – with a birthday dance celebration. Howard Richman called memorable tips as the two danced the night away together with many of their closest friends.

On May 24, caller Mary Moody played the “Pomp and Circumstance” march as class coordinators Karen Hartman and Don Lane presented our new graduates. They surprised us with an old-time square dance, “Rip and Snort.” It was called by one of our graduates, James Finan, under the guidance of our teacher, Ken Smith. James was joined by fellow grads Tina Ammerman, Carol Barry, Tom D’Alessandro, Pat Mascenik, Libby Rieger, and Ryan Rieger, the latter two being the grandchildren of longtime members Francine and Bob Leshnowar.

The Rangers stepped back in time on July 19 to participate in a fun barn dance at the invitation of the host at historical Vass Farmstead in Hardwick. It was a great opportunity to take part in what felt like the “real thing” in a renovated red barn.

What a wonderful summer! We are grateful to our officers (Donna Poyer, Karen Hartman, Donald Lane, Connie Smith, and Cathy Feenstra), members, and outstanding graduates who have willingly joined in club activities. This included a project to replace and install floor protectors on the metal chair legs at our venue, First Presbyterian Church in Stanhope.

We invite you to join old friends and new graduates every second and fourth Friday from September through May of this new square dance season.

~ Connie Smith



LAKELAND SQUARES



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)

SEPT.	9	Howard Richman	<i>Primary Colors Theme</i>
	23	Paul Ingis	<i>Black and White Theme</i>
OCT.	14	Howard Richman	<i>Fall Colors Theme</i>
	28	Karin Rabe & Greg Moore	<i>Halloween</i>
NOV.	11	Ed Foote	<i>Veterans Day – Food Donations</i>
	25	Howard Richman	<i>Denim Theme</i>
DEC.	9	Stephen Ingis	<i>Toys for Tots</i>
	16	Howard Richman	<i>Holiday Dance Party – No Experience Necessary!</i>
	23	No Dance	<i>Winter Vacation</i>
JAN.	13	Fran Wadel	<i>Student Dance MS</i>
	27	Betsy Gotta	<i>Sports Theme</i>
FEB.	10	Mary Moody	<i>Valentine's Day – Wear Red</i>
	24	Karin Rabe & Greg Moore	<i>Crazy Hat and Shoes Theme</i>
MAR.	10	Maryjane Clewell	<i>St. Patrick's Day – Wear Green</i>
	24	Fran Wadel	<i>Mainstream Graduation</i>
	31	Howard Richman	<i>Hoedown – No Experience Necessary!</i>
APR.	14	Stephen Ingis	<i>Cowboys and Cowgirls Theme</i>
	28	Betsy Gotta	<i>Spring Fling Theme</i>
MAY	12	Ed Foote	<i>Anniversary Potluck Dinner and Dance</i>
	26	No Dance	<i>Memorial Day</i>
JUNE	9	Howard Richman	<i>A Night at the Movies</i>
	23	Paul Ingis	<i>Vacation T-Shirt Theme</i>
JULY	14	Howard Richman	<i>Beach Theme</i>
	28	Maryjane Clewell	<i>Ice Cream Social</i>

For more information: Kathy Keener 973-229-0698

Monte/Janet: 973-546-3092

Email us at lakelandsquares@hotmail.com

Visit our website at lakelandsquares.wix.com/Lakeland





MIDDLETOWN
RAMBLERS
 SQUARE DANCE CLUB
 MIDDLETOWN, NEW JERSEY



Dancing from 7:30-9:30 PM

middletownramblers.org

Alternating Plus & Mainstream

wheresthedance.com

Dance Schedule

Middletown Senior Center—Croyden Hall
900 Leonardville Road, Leonardo, NJ 07737

Air-Conditioned Hall—Water and Snacks Provided—Hearing Enhancement Equipment Available

July–December 2024	
7/12	Jenn Engimann— Ice Cream Social
7/19*	Jeff Kaufman
7/26	Howard Richman— Vacation T-Shirts
8/2	Betsy Gotta
8/9*	Ed Crowley
8/16	Paul Ingis
8/23	Howard Richman— Alumni Reunion
9/6	Mark Franks
9/13*	Karin Rabe & Greg Moore
9/20	Paul Ingis
9/27	Howard Richman— Barn Dance
10/4*	Betsy Gotta
10/11	Jenn Engimann
10/18	Maryjane Clewell
10/25	Howard Richman— Halloween Costumes
11/1	Betsy Gotta
11/8	Doug Kauffman
11/15	Karin Rabe & Greg Moore
11/22	Howard Richman— Fall Colors
12/6	Mark Franks
12/13	Howard Richman— Holiday Dance
12/20	Betsy Gotta

January–June 2025	
1/3	Howard Richman— Happy New Year
1/10	Jenn Engimann
1/17	Mark Franks
1/24	Betsy Gotta— Western Night
1/31	Doug Kauffman
2/7	Karin Rabe & Greg Moore
2/14	Howard Richman— Valentine's Day
2/21	Mark Franks
2/28	Doug Kauffman
3/7	Howard Richman— Movie Night
3/14	Betsy Gotta— Wear Green
3/21	Howard Richman
3/28	TBA
4/4	Maryjane Clewell
4/11	Howard Richman— Superhero
4/25	Doug Kauffman
5/2	Howard Richman
5/9	Betsy Gotta
5/16	Rick Gittelman— Red, White, and Blue
5/30	Karin Rabe & Greg Moore
6/6	Betsy Gotta
6/13	Howard Richman— Disney Night
6/20	Paul Ingis
6/27	Howard Richman

*Guests Free Date Contacts:
 Larry Sherwood 732-319-8920
 Cyndy Allen 732-995-8949

middletownramblers.org

Every Fri. All Year

Middletown Senior Center at Croydon Hall

Larry Sherwood: 732-319-8920

900 Leonardville Road

The Middletown Ramblers dance all year round on Fridays at Croydon Hall from 7:30-9:30 PM. Our format is alternating Mainstream and Plus. We always provide water and light snacks. During the summer, while the Garden State Square Dance Campers hold their weekend events, we offer free admission dances for visitors. Please check our schedule in *Grand Square* or go to *middletownramblers.org* and *wheresthedance.com*.

Theme dances occur every four weeks. Upcoming fall events include a Halloween Costume Contest, a raid in November, a bus trip to some of the NNJSDA dances, and a Holiday Covered Dish dance that will also be open to past members as a social reunion.

This year we started quarterly alumni events – free social gatherings for retired dancers. They have been a big hit, with more than 40 members joining us for conversation and light dancing.

We continue to take advantage of Shamrock Stagecoach's generosity in providing a bus for our travels to other clubs, such as the Rutgers Promenaders 70th anniversary dance. Pictured below: Jesse Bloch, Toni Gahn, Lisa Bloch, Kelsey Kazmac, Dennis Hunsberger, Jane Mastrolia, Mike O'Farrell, Rich Yackel, Martin Hatcher, Larry Sherwood, Cyndy Allen, Karen Berner, Maureen Crist, Paul and Laurie Roth, and John Luard.

We hope you get a chance to visit our club soon!

~ Jane Mastrolia and Larry Sherwood





Motiv8ors

motiv8ors.nnjsda.org



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

Full C1 6:00-6:30

C1 Teach 7:00-7:30

Class Level C1 6:30-7:00

Advanced+New Calls 7:30-9:00

Sept. 8	Betsy Gotta	Jan. 19	Jenn Engimann
Sept. 22	Jenn Engimann	Feb. 2	Jenn Engimann
Oct. 6	Mark Franks	Feb. 23	Betsy Gotta
Oct. 20	Betsy Gotta	Mar. 9	Betsy Gotta
Nov. 3	Dayle Hodge	Mar. 30	Betsy Gotta
Nov. 17	Jenn Engimann	Apr. 13	Karin Rabe & Greg Moore
Dec. 1	Mark Franks	Apr. 27	Betsy Gotta
Dec. 15	Dayle Hodge (remote)	May 4	Ed Foote
Jan. 5	Mark Franks	May 25	Jenn Engimann

Singles Welcome

Computer Squares

Maryjane: 551-206-7905

Rich: 845-735-3222

cmimigirl@aol.com

Bee Sharps Introduction to Square Dance

Come try Square Dance, New Jersey's official dance!

Wednesday, September 18 & 25, 2024
7:00 to 8:30 PM

Adamsville School, 400 Union Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ

No dance partner or experience needed!

Adults, teens, seniors all welcome!

Casual dress!

BeeSharpsSquareDance@gmail.com

BeeSharps.org / @BeeSharps

Various Sun. All Year
 Maryjane Clewell: 551-206-7905

American Legion Post 171
 17-08 River Road

Our heartfelt thanks go to our hardworking board for their continued service: President Maryjane Clewell, 1st VP Susan Adam, 2nd VP Jan Thompson, Treasurer Rich Baumeister, Assistant Treasurer Sue Baumeister, and Past President Chariss Smith.

We welcome Karen Paffendorf as the newest member of Motiv8ors.

Motiv8ors members helped two clubs celebrate their very special anniversaries: Rutgers Promenaders (70th) and Independence Squares (35th). What a joy to reconnect with friends, familiarize ourselves with each club's history, and dance!

Ed Guckin took a memorable trip to southern Africa. He saw penguins along the southern tip, enjoyed a wine country tour, and viewed wild animals and rare birds while on safari. Thrilling moments included a helicopter ride over Victoria Falls and seeing parades of elephants coming to a river for water and play. Ed was also struck by the extraordinary beauty of the natural landscape.

Maryjane shared a week at the beach with her daughter and granddaughters. The gorgeous weather allowed them to enjoy many fun activities. Four-year-old Dublin flew her first kite, and it took flight on the first try!

George Voorhis enjoyed an unforgettable trip to Ireland. While staying with friends in Dublin County, he visited sites of natural beauty (Glendalough) and Irish history (the General Post Office), as well as lots of pubs! Devout opera lover George was thrilled to attend the wedding of a renowned mezzo soprano.

Don Schlesinger recently took the Immaculate Heart Academy's sprinters and jumpers, whom he has coached for the past five years, to the state track competition, where they finished second in their group. The school currently ranks #10 out of more than 100 schools in New Jersey. Don began his 60-year involvement in track and field as a sprinter in college.

Jan and Louis Thompson made sightseeing a part of attending the fun-tastic IAGSDC Convention in Durham, NC. They visited a historic former plantation, where they learned about the lives of the slaves who labored there; a tobacco museum; and the Duke Lemur Center, where they enjoyed learning about and watching some of the 200 lemurs who live there. [For more about the convention, see article on page 46.]

We were sorry to learn that Ernest Park passed away in June. In addition to square dancing, he enjoyed playing chess and took college courses when they became available to seniors.

~ Jan Thompson

Have you ordered your Mini-Festival ribbon?
 [See ad on page 40.]



REELERS

Plus Club with Rounds

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

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

1st and 3rd Fridays

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

For Mainstream class info, contact Karen Condon:
201-841-7523, kmc07834@yahoo.com
For info on round dance classes at various levels,
call or text Mary Pickett: 908-419-3605

Cuer: Mary Pickett unless noted

2024-25

Caller

Theme

09/06	Howard Richman (NJ)	Ballads and Beatles
09/20	Jenn Engimann (PA)	Wear Club Colors
10/04 ¹	Mark Franks (NJ)	Book and Puzzle Exchange
10/18	Clay Goss (DE)	Spooktacular (wear costume)
11/01	Ed Foote (PA)	Veterans Appreciation
11/15	Doug Kauffman (NJ)	Give Thanks (food donations)
12/06	Dave Black (PA)	Books for Kids (new books)
12/20	Paul Ingis (NJ)	Holiday Dance
01/03	Betsy Gotta (NJ)	Treasure Hunt
01/17	Howard Richman (NJ)	Sportsmania
02/07	Mark Franks (NJ)	Souper Bowl (canned soup)
02/21	Doug Kauffman (NJ)	Heart 2 Heart
03/07	Dan Koft (PA) – Kathy cuing	Popcorn and Potato Chips
03/21 ²	Dane Bragg (PA)	Welcome, Students
04/04 ³	Clay Goss (DE)	Treasurers' Break
05/02	Ed Foote (PA)	Hawaiian Holiday
05/16	Sandy Corey (NY)	Ice Cream Social
05/30	Betsy Gotta (NJ)	Movie and Show Tunes
06/06	TBA	Hello, Summer

¹Location TBA ²Student Mainstream, no rounds ³Club treasurers free

reelers.nnjstda.org

Cell for dance: 973-216-4524

1, 3 Fri. Sept.-June

Ironia School

Don Lane: 973-454-2084

303 Dover-Chester Road (Route 513)

The Reelers celebrated the graduation of our Plus class (nine new students and five “retreads”) at our last dance in May. They performed a skit and presented their teacher, Ed Crowley, with a gift and creative thank you note. In addition to Ed’s effective teaching, the success of this class was attributable to the tireless efforts of our class coordinator, Mark Bippes, and the angels who came each week to help. We are happy and excited to welcome our graduates to dance at the Plus level with us, other clubs, and NNJSDA.

After evaluating our trial format of including Mainstream tips during the second half of the past dance year, we are returning to our longstanding format of alternating Plus with Rounds. Quite a few dancers prefer this format and we are currently the only NNJSDA club offering it.

Our annual combined Reelers and Kittatinny Rangers picnic was once again hosted by Mark Bippes and Lise Greene at their lakefront home. The weather and views were perfect, the camaraderie was heartwarming, and the food contributions were delicious – including two big cakes to celebrate summer birthdays. We were especially happy to have our three nonagenarians there – Betty Harris, Eddie Mindlin, and Sig Eisele.



Many of you know Len and Joan Anfinsen, who recently moved to North Carolina to be near their son. Both were active members of Reelers, and Len was an excellent and fun regional caller. They would be happy to hear from their square dance friends by email to DL5HMOL4@gmail.com or by snail mail to 380 Country Day Road, Goldsboro, NC 27330.

We are saddened by the passing of two former members: Joan Morgan, who served with her husband, Roger, as our club presidents from 1988-90, and Valentino Ianetti. We extend our sympathy to their families.

The Reelers have already raided several clubs this summer and look forward to raiding more throughout the dance year. It is an excellent way to dance with members of other clubs and increase attendance at all dances. We welcome raids by other clubs; if there are Mainstream-only dancers, please contact our president in advance so that we can accommodate them.

We are happy to have regular guests at our dances who come to enjoy not only a variety of callers, but also our excellent round dance cuer, Mary Pickett.

For more information, please visit our website at reelers.nnjstda.org.

~ Irene Stoller

RocklandRockytops

SINGLES WELCOME

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

09/13/24 FRAN WADEL

09/27/24 SANDY COREY

10/11/24 *No dance – Yom Kippur*

10/25/24 RANDY LONGOBUCCO

11/08/24 ED FOOTE

11/22/24 JIM EMORY

12/06/24 HOWARD RICHMAN
Free Holiday Spirit Dance
Note special date: first Friday

12/27/24 *No dance*

2025

01/10/25 HOWARD RICHMAN

01/24/25 RANDY LONGOBUCCO

02/14/25 FRAN WADEL
Student/Valentine's Day Dance

02/28/25 BETSY GOTTA

03/14/25 HOWARD RICHMAN

03/28/25 JIM EMORY

04/11/25 RANDY LONGOBUCCO

04/25/25 SANDY COREY

05/09/25 ED FOOTE
Ice Cream Social

05/23/25 RICK GITTELMAN

06/13/25 JIM EMORY

06/27/25 MARK FRANKS

07/11/25 HOWARD RICHMAN

07/25/25 SANDY COREY

08/08/25 BETSY GOTTA

08/22/25 MARK FRANKS

Directions to Congers: page 16 of *May 2017 Map Supplement*
For further information: Don 845-623-2772 or 845-642-5624

sqrdance.org/RocklandRockytops

Cell for dance: 845-642-5624

2, 4 Fri. All Year

Congers Community Center

Don Schlesinger: 845-623-2772

8 Gilcrest Road

We appreciate the continued support of dancers from New Jersey, Katonah, and Connecticut, and occasional visitors from farther afield – like the couple from Wisconsin who joined us at a recent dance.

Thank you to our callers: Howard Richman, Fran Wadel, Sandy Corey, Betsy Gotta, Ed Foote, Mark Franks, Jim Emory, and Randy Longobucco. We were disappointed not to dance to Rick Gittelman in May as he could not make the trip from Arizona this year. Best wishes to Rick for good health, and thank you to Sandy Corey, who was able to fill in on short notice. Heartiest congratulations to Betsy and Roy Gotta, who recently celebrated 50 harmonious years of wedlock!

At our February dance, Howard Richman's new speakers worked very well. Our four squares enabled Howard to call Progressive Squares, something the newer dancers had never done. All did well and enjoyed the novelty of something different.

A big thank you to the clubs that raided us this spring (Lakeland Squares on April 26 and Y Squares on June 28) and to Reelers for their visitation (on May 10). We greatly enjoyed dancing with you!

Deepest sympathy to Arthur Leibowitz and Vicky Ficco-Panzer on the sudden passing in March of Vicky's daughter, Catherine, at age 54. Our hearts go out to all the family. Our condolences, as well, to Miriam Edelstein on the passing of her husband, John Hecht, in June. Although John was no longer dancing, he would accompany Miriam to Rockytops and enjoy visiting with other club members. Thank you to Nancy Jacobs, who often picked up Miriam and John to bring them to Rockytops. Another Rockytops member whom we were happy to welcome even when he was no longer dancing was Ben Albertson. Ben passed away on July 14. We extend our sympathy to his partner, Lea Fleckenstein, and all of Ben's family.

Members and visitors alike enjoyed our annual Ice Cream Social on May 10. Cathy Schlesinger and her team of scoopers (including delightful Schlesinger grandchildren) provided delectable flavors and toppings to tantalize and cool our palates. A delicious and fun evening was had by all!

We are thankful for the air conditioning that is once again working well for our summer dances, and look forward to squaring up with you in the 2024-25 season.

~ Joan Schierlitz





2024-25 Mainstream Dances/Class Schedule

Pioneer Grange #1, 410 Ridge Road, Dayton, NJ 08810

1st, 3rd, some 5th Sundays, Class 1:30, Dance (Mainstream and Rounds) 2:30–5:00

Class members are invited to stay for the dances.

Guests: \$8 (adult), \$4 (under 18)

2024	Theme	Caller / Cuer
September 15	Welcome Back/Open House	Dan & Kathy Koft
September 29	Broadway/Movies	Betsy & Roy Gotta
October 6		Betsy & Roy Gotta
October 20	Halloween – come in costume	Dan & Kathy Koft
November 3	Food Bank – bring canned goods	Dan & Kathy Koft
November 17	1950s Dance	Betsy & Roy Gotta
December 1	Holiday Party/Toys for Tots	Gottas & Kofts
December 15		Dan & Kathy Koft
2025		
January 5	Happy New Year! – semiformal dress	Dan & Kathy Koft
January 19		Betsy & Roy Gotta
February 2	Sports Jerseys	Betsy & Roy Gotta
February 16		Dan & Kathy Koft
March 2	1960s Dance	Betsy & Roy Gotta
March 16	Tropical Island	Dan & Kathy Koft
March 30		Betsy & Roy Gotta
April 6	Cowboy & Western	Dan & Kathy Koft
April 20	[NO DANCE – EASTER]	
May 4	Spring/Maypole	Betsy & Roy Gotta
May 18		Dan & Kathy Koft
June 1	Novelty Songs	Gottas & Kofts
July 20	Summer Dance #1	Betsy & Roy Gotta
August 3	Summer Dance #2	Dan & Kathy Koft

rutgerspromenaders.org

other locations in Central NJ – check website

1, 3 Sun. All Year

Ginny Platania: 732-690-5280

Pioneer Grange

410 Ridge Road

You have probably heard about (if you didn't attend) our 70th Anniversary Dance with a live band in June. More than 170 people attended and six clubs raided, although the traditional Raid formalities were dispensed with for this special event. Our regular calling/cuing staff, the Gottas and Kofts, performed at their very best, and the crowd danced and responded enthusiastically. A fantastic afternoon was had by all! The photo shows all current and past club members who attended.

We held a successful demo for Western Day at the Milltown Public Library on May 11 with two squares of volunteers in attendance, along with guests participating in a tip. The weather was gorgeous and helped contribute to a successful event.

We were also invited to participate once again in a dancing demonstration at the Middlesex County Fair. This is a great opportunity to have people see the activity first-hand.

As we sought relief from the summer heat waves, we took time out for our annual picnic. Thanks to Rosemary and Mickey Biggs for graciously hosting.

We successfully completed another enjoyable dancing season with summer sessions at our new venue, the Pioneer Grange in North Brunswick. The wood floor makes for a very enjoyable dancing experience. Please consider joining us in a set or two – or more! You won't regret it!

~ Mary Ann Ryan-Erdek





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Various Tues., Thurs., Sat. All Year

PS 3

Kim Norland: 347-581-3228

490 Hudson Street

It's been a busy summer for Times Squares! We kicked it off with a special Saturday afternoon dance with Ted Lizotte. He was a real draw, bringing out many dancers from Times Squares as well as the Boston area and southern New Hampshire.

June is Pride Month, and Times Squares added to the New York City festivities with a Pride club night dance and a Pride open house that was co-sponsored by the Brooklyn Meeting of Friends. The Friends co-sponsored a second open house in July. These events helped generate a lot of interest for our Mainstream class that began at the end of July. Those who started this class will graduate just in time to dance at Peel the Pumpkin in October.

July brought record temperatures for much of the country, and Durham, North Carolina, was no exception. The International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs held its annual convention there during the first weekend of July. Temperatures that soared as high as 107° did not deter loyal Times Squares dancers from enjoying 16 full-time callers and a number of Gay Callers Association members who filled in during breaks. Half of all Times Squares club members attended, making us the third most represented club there.

Rounding out the month of July, we were challenged at a Challenge 1 workshop and then delighted by one of our favorite club nights, Christmas in July, with Betsy Gotta. Thank goodness PS 3 is now air-conditioned, so we didn't melt in our ugly Christmas sweaters!

As busy as summer was, the fall and winter look even busier! Our signature event, Peel the Pumpkin, returns for its 40th year October 25-27. And what a celebration it will be! Featured callers are Betsy Gotta, Chris Phillips, Howard Richman, and Ted Lizotte.

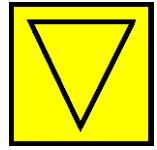
Events sponsored by other clubs will keep Times Squares members traveling to Albuquerque, Portland, Chicago, Harrisburg, and other cities before returning to New York for the holidays. Capping off the year will be our annual Boxing/Boxer Day dance with Howard Richman on December 26 – a chance for more holiday wardrobe!

2025 will see many exciting events. We'll be starting the first of two Mainstream classes for the year, as well as offering a Plus class. Also returning next year will be our monthly Saturday dances, rotating through Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, and Challenge 1.

All this and more is on our website (*timessquares.nyc*). Come visit us online – or better yet, in person!

~ Kim Norland

Y Squares



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

Hehnly School, 590 Raritan Road, Clark, NJ
Questions: Call Maureen Moynihan at 732-259-1559

Date	Caller	Cuer	Theme
Sept. 12	Mike Sikorsky	Mary Pickett	Welcome Back to our Beach Boys BBQ We welcome all new graduates
Sept. 26	Howard Richman	Mary Pickett	ABCs (Apples, Blueberries, Cantaloupe) <i>You get the idea...</i> Straight up <i>or</i> in a pie
Oct. 10	Dane Bragg	Mary Pickett	Take Me Out to the Ball Game World Series
Oct. 24	TBA	Mary Pickett	Witches, Goblins, and Ghosts, Oh My!
Nov. 14	Doug Kauffman	Mary Pickett	Turkey Trotters Steps Contest We'll also celebrate our veterans
Dec. 12	Betsy Gotta	Roy Gotta	Holiday High Tea Bring a toy for a boy and/or girl
Jan. 9	Dane Bragg	Mary Pickett	Breakfast for Dinner Treasurers' Break Invitees Dance
Jan. 23	Doug Kauffman	Mary Pickett	Snow "White" Dance
Feb. 13	Howard Richman	Mary Pickett	Paint the Town Red for Heart Health Presidents' Break Invitees Dance
Feb. 27	Doug Kauffman	Mary Pickett	Death by Chocolate
Mar. 13	Howard Richman	Mary Pickett	Dancing in the Moonlight
Mar. 27	Betsy Gotta	Roy Gotta	Café Italiano
Apr. 10	Howard Richman	Mary Pickett	Tropical Isle Breeze
Apr. 24	Dan Koft	Mary Pickett	Cow Ranchers and Indigenous People! Get it?
May 8	Mark Franks	Mary Pickett	Sock Hop
May 22	Mark Franks	Mary Pickett	Anchors Aweigh with a Half Sashay Ice Cream Social

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2, 4 Thurs. Sept.-May
Maureen Moynihan: 732-259-1559

Hehnly Elementary School
590 Raritan Road

We're back! Our finances were a bit scary in the last few years, and we thought we might need to dissolve the club. However, because of our efforts to increase attendance (hence income), we enjoyed a successful year. Paul Sanderson has booked callers and cuers for 2024-25. We want to thank Mary Pickett for her loyalty as our club's main cuer.

In order to increase attendance, we worked diligently to develop creative themes. We went over the top with Oktoberfest, enticed our gentlemen to don tutus for an evening, and celebrated the Chinese New Year and Kentucky Derby. The most illustrious dance was our 60th anniversary celebration on November 2.

In the spring, four Y Squares couples traveled to the annual WASCA festival (Washington Area Square Dancers Cooperative Association). The theme was the Great Gatsby ... and what a party he threw!

We would like to memorialize Bob Nilan, a longstanding member who passed away this year. He was also a member of Country Promenaders. Bob's legacy was running the Five Clubs New Year's Eve dinner-dances for many years. He was a well-rounded individual who also enjoyed golf, bowling, and the Mets. Our sincere condolences to Bob's wife, Mary.

We also lost Jean Koenig, who died at 90. She was a longstanding treasurer for Y Squares. Jean and her husband, Eugene, also danced all over the world with different clubs. She was a nursing home activities director until retiring at age 80. Jean and Gene founded the Cranford Recycling Center. She volunteered with the Cranford Historical Society, library, animal shelters, and Girl Scouts.

Many in the square dance community will miss both Bob Nilan and Jean Koenig for their kindness and generosity to others.

We are a Mainstream club with one Plus tip and round dancing. It is a great environment for new dancers, providing an opportunity to see what square dancing can offer them in the future. We welcome all graduates.

~ Maureen Moynihan





48th ANNUAL
MINI-FESTIVAL



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024

1:00-6:30 PM

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Dan Koft (PA)

Cameron Harnish (PA)

Rounds **Steve Bradt (PA)**

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GOLDEN GOTTA CELEBRATION

On Saturday night, July 27, Betsy and Roy Gotta hosted a celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary in a suite at the TD Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater. Although the home team, Somerset Patriots, lost the game, it did not dampen a night of revelry. Throughout the game, the scoreboard flashed anniversary wishes and milestone images of Roy and Betsy's 50 years of togetherness.

Roy (with Betsy cheering on) threw the honorary first pitch. During the seventh inning stretch, Betsy and some of the guests led the ballpark in a rousing rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." Betsy and Roy were also generous in sponsoring the beautiful fireworks after the game – which was a perfect ending to a perfect night.

Rather than gifts, guests were asked to donate to the Callerlab Foundation for the Preservation and Promotion of Square Dancing. The guests brought their A-Game and donated a total of \$1,500, more than surpassing the golden couple's goal of \$1,000.

Times Squares is proud to wish Betsy and Roy a wonderful golden wedding anniversary. Thank you for your pioneering and continued support of Times Squares, the IAGSDC, and the LGBTQ+ community. Your active and visible allyship is a treasured gift.

~Dom Ponsades and Rick Massi (Times Squares)



JIM BABCOCK RECEIVES GOLDEN BOOT



One of the highlights of the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs Convention is the presentation of the Golden Boot Award. This honor is given to a person or group who has made significant contributions to LGBTQ+ square dancing.

This year's recipient was our very own Jim Babcock: the new editor of *Grand Square* and member of Times Squares and Motiv8ors, as well as two other clubs. (Jim is pictured on the right.)

For Times Squares, Jim was president for five consecutive years and is currently treasurer. In addition, he serves as IAGSDC secretary, does research for their History Project, and has created multiple videos. Jim is a most worthy recipient of this honor.

~ Jan Thompson (*Motiv8ors*)

REMEMBERING CALLER DENNIS REARDON

In 2001, Dennis Reardon and his calling buddy, Jim Snyder, took the NNJSDA clubs by storm and became favorites throughout the region for many years. Dennis passed away on March 10, 2023, leaving dancers in our area with many fond memories.

Donna Poyer recalled: "When Dennis and Lori came into the area from New England, everyone was awed by his calling ability and deep, rich voice. I remember one time when Dennis and Jim Snyder were calling together for the NNJSDA at the VFW in Elmwood Park. Lori told me they had practiced a new song all the way from Quakertown, Pennsylvania, where they both lived. At the end of the dance, the two of them sang 'Light the Candles Round the World' and made the walls shake. It was a spectacular performance!



"Dennis and Jim often called at the annual Kittatinny Rangers dinner-dances that were held at Vasa Park with lots of decorations, good food, and great dancing. One of the many events they called had a jungle theme. My son brought his Jeep all decked out like a safari vehicle where pictures could be taken. Lori had hers taken lying across the hood of the Jeep with Dennis standing next to her.

"Another time, Mike [Szekula] and I drove to Quakertown to help Dennis and Lori build a fence around their lawn. Lori and I used the two-person gas-powered post hole digger on a few holes, just to say we did it. The guys actually did most of the harder work."

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SIG EISELE | THAAAAAAAAAAAAANK YOU!



Anyone who has attended an NNJSDA dance will recognize this smiling face from the sign-in table. Sigrid (Sig) Eisele cheerfully served as the Association's assistant treasurer for a dozen years.

Sig was raised in Newark, spent summers in Towaco, and moved there year-round in the 1950s when her father built a house. She has a son, John, a daughter, Kathy, and two granddaughters.

Her career involved bookkeeping, accounts payable and receivable, and "trying to keep agents happy" by serving as an expeditor for an insurance company and other businesses. "Numbers were my thing," she said.

In addition to her professional expertise, Sig has been involved with many hobbies over the years: rink roller skating, league bowling, choral singing, camping, swimming, and biking. She is a longtime member of First Presbyterian Church in Rockaway, where she served on various leadership boards.

Sig began dancing in 1986 at Reelers, completing Mainstream with Wilson Hoff and Plus with Bob Tarrant. She later joined the Garden State Square Dance Campers Association and Lakeland Squares, where she was a longtime vice president. She also enjoyed many years of square dance travel with her partners, first Pete and then Al. Pete was a "fun-level" caller who introduced square dancing to church members and at various recreational locations.

Sig participated in countless other activities with dance friends over the years – and reminded me of a particular car ride (among many) that we shared to an NNJSDA meeting. Upon discovering that my battery had died on a bitterly cold day, we encountered a friendly stranger who came to our rescue with jumper cables. So many memories!

Sig has now moved to Pennsylvania to be near her son and his wife; the new address is 825 North Hanover Street, Apartment 303, Carlisle, PA 17013. At a summer party, Kathy Fetch provided a beautiful cake celebrating Sig's 96th birthday in August and wishing her well in her new home.

Many organizations have benefited from Sig's participation: Senior Friends, Fox Hills Singles, Saint Mary's Seniors, Rockaway Borough Seniors, and more. But dancing has a special place in her heart. "Square dancing is my happy place," she said. "It keeps the mind and body working. Volunteer where needed – there's always a spot. Yellow Rocks to all."

Surely speaking for many, I offer a huge THAAAAAAAAAAAAANK YOU to our friend. We will miss you ("and stuff and that"), Sig.

~ Lise Greene (Reelers, Kittatinny Rangers)



WHERE IN THE WORLD HAVE OUR DANCERS BEEN?

Memorable Dance Moments Submitted by Our Readers

ARC Dance: Last fall, I joined Mark Bippes (Reelers/Kittatinny Rangers) and Connie Smith (Kittatinny Rangers) at an intro to square dance event at the Sussex County ARC. It was held on November 29 – National Square Dance Day – for attendees in a day program. Caller Hillary Hill used very basic calls, with therapists and aides guiding the participants' wheelchairs. The dancers reacted much as we all do: they smiled, laughed, bobbed, and clapped in time to the music. The lights overhead, spinning and twirling around, and seeing new faces made for a very enjoyable hour and a half for everyone who took part. Well done, Hillary!

~ Karen Condon (Reelers)

Celia and David Visit England: My son (David) and I feel incredibly fortunate to have enjoyed an unforgettable trip to England this year. A highlight was attending square dances at three different clubs! We were warmly welcomed by the friendly locals and had a blast dancing the nights away.

The first club was Heyford Hoofers in Bicester, Oxfordshire. We were picked up at the train station by Chris and Julie, who welcomed us into their home for a delightful English tea and delicious bites to eat. Chris explained that square dancing was introduced to England in 1951 after Prince Philip and Princess Elizabeth tried it during their royal tour of Canada. It spread widely, with US service members integrated with local communities. At the dance, we conversed with caller Bob Billingham – took us a bit to get used to the accent! We were pleasantly surprised when the club presented us with guest badges.



The second club, Blue Diamonds, required a challenging two-hour journey on three trains. Arriving in the quaint town of Stone, we were greeted by Nigel and his son, Edward. (It was difficult to figure out which was the passenger door and which was the driver's.)



We had a fabulous dinner at Wetherspoons in an old post office building. I love those stone buildings, and my fish and chips were perfect. At the dance, the caller, Alan, kept us turning, twirling, and promenading. We heard stories of members' US connections – vacation, business, or having lived here; Edward met American friends through origami crafting. He had worked out a schedule that included the last train of the night. Since we did not want to miss it, Nigel drove us to the second station and we made it to the hotel by midnight.

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Our third dance, at Centre Squares in Winterbourne, was made possible by James and Caroline, who picked us up in Bath. It was raining steadily and would have meant another crazy multiple train ride to get somewhat close, so it felt wonderful to sit comfortably in a car with interesting people. All went well until the narrow, winding country roads began to do a number on



Caller Alan, David, Nigel

the back seat passengers' stomachs. Thankfully, our hosts were sympathetic and allowed for a couple of fresh air and water stops. The Easter holiday reduced attendance, including the club president who was on vacation ... I mean, on holiday. The caller, Colin Pett, used interesting (challenging but fun) sequences that were new to us. Can I blame some of my mistakes on his heavy accent? On our ride back to the hotel, I enjoyed Caroline's story of visiting California to meet someone in her online needlepoint group who helped her get around. She was happy to offer the same kindness to David and me.



I hope some of our new square dancing friends will hop over to this side of the Atlantic. We would love to show them our wonderful NNJSDA clubs and share a bit of our culture. Until then, cheerio!

~ Celia Longendyck (*Lakeland Squares, Reelers*)

From Your Regular Snowbirds: As the fall approaches and we think about going south again to the Florida Keys, we are struck by how fortunate we've been to come north to the open and welcoming arms of our NNJSDA clubs. It makes a tremendous difference to those of us who head south for the winter to return to such a vibrant, fun, and welcoming square dance environment up north. Thank you for always making us feel at home. See you on the dance floor – and some of you in Florida! If you find yourselves there, come dance with us in Long Key at Outdoor Resorts.

~ Sylvia and Ken Kaplan (*Hunterdon Flutterwheels, RocklandRockytops*)

WHERE IN THE WORLD HAVE OUR DANCERS BEEN?

Fun at the IAGSDC Convention: Louis and I once again attended the annual four-day International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs Convention, held this year in Durham, North Carolina. “Carolina Twirl” included the anticipated basket of goodies: fun dress-as-you-wish square dancing for programs SSD through C4, a caller school, specialized tips, the Honky Tonk Pageant, a banquet dinner, and a catered brunch. So much fun crammed into four days! Next year’s convention will be in San Francisco, July 3-6. We hope to share the excitement with you then!

~ Jan Thompson (Motiv8ors)



National Convention 2024: We had a great time in Milwaukee at the 73rd National Square Dance Convention, along with more than 20 other New Jersey participants! All square dancers should experience the convention at least once. In addition to squares (all levels from Social Square Dancing to Challenge), there is round, line, and contra dancing as well as sessions for solo dancers.

Workshops are offered during the day to brush up on your level, try a new level, learn a new kind of dance as mentioned above, or try variations such as Hex, Dance by Definition, Beyond Ordinary Plus, Polka, and even Scooter Dancing.



There are also shows, special events, exhibits, vendors, meet-and-greets for solo dancers, caller/cuer workshops, educational workshops, and leadership certificates. We attended workshops on marketing the club and gaining new dancers. And we brought back news from the national level and information on upcoming conventions.

We saw many people we knew and got to meet a lot more, too! Everyone is so friendly; there’s always a way to start up conversation because we already have things in common: square dancing, convention events, where we traveled from, and what we plan to do in the convention city.

~ Jane Mastroli and Dennis Hunsberger (Middletown Ramblers)

One More National Convention Note: We thoroughly enjoyed dancing and getting to know a bit about Milwaukee – a nice, walkable city. One evening, several of us had dinner at SafeHouse, a “spy” restaurant where patrons need to

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provide a secret password to gain entry. Since none of us knew the password, we had to perform a clearance test to prove we weren't double agents. We can't tell you what we had to do – but you can try to guess! Pictured, left to right: Amy Golden, Joanna Lieuallen, Carol Casale, Pat and Tom Duemig, and Arlene Remington.



~ Pat and Tom Duemig (Circle Eights)

Star Spangled Banner Festival: A dozen New Jersey dancers enjoyed an evening meal together at Jilly's on July 19 during the 1960s-themed Star Spangled Banner Festival in Maryland. The weekend featured dancing from Mainstream through Challenge, with rounds and specials such as line dancing and Plus DBD. Pictured, clockwise from bottom left: Brian Horowitz, Mary Stamets, Jim Stamets, Karen Kushla, Susan Allen, Joanna Lieuallen, Bill Smythe, Holly Smythe, Ed Crowley, Bonnie Crowley, Susan Cerny, and George Cerny.



~ Joanna Lieuallen (Hunterdon Flutterwheels)

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Submissions are encouraged about events and activities relevant to the square dance community. If you have an idea for a topic or would like to write an article, please send an email to editor@nnjsda.org.

Next Issue Submissions Due **March 7, 2025**

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	Quarter page	1.75" x 5"	\$15
	Eighth page	1" x 5"	\$10

ANOTHER PRAYER GETS ANSWERED

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I lost the ability to move my legs because of a spinal condition. Although these losses affected my desire to even attend a dance, I brought Rosetta to her first convention in Pennsylvania. But having my dream crushed left no desire to remind myself that I was now disabled, and the equipment went idle until ...

Donna came back with a smile and reported that someone else had shown interest in calling – how wonderful! She took the equipment back, and now we can encourage a new face in our fine activity. When this idea originally surfaced, I wrote this poem to capture my emotions.

~ Bill Flynn (RocklandRockytops)

DENNIS REARDON

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Many New Jersey dancers happily drove the extra miles to Pennsylvania for creative, delicious, and fun New Year's Eve dinner-dances as well as club dances called by Dennis. As Krista Tammaru said, the long drive was worth it because "he was a good caller and a really nice person." Lise Greene recalled how caring Dennis was during one of the long illnesses of her husband, Mark.

Dennis was a sheet metal mechanic and a Mason. His many hobbies included hunting and fishing – but especially square dancing and calling.

*Where oh where have you put that despair?
It seems to have disappeared
I don't know as I go to and fro
As the luminous light appeared
It was more than a lurch as I stepped into church
To be greeted with a smile and a hug
My spirit was lifted by the feelings that were gifted
To me from my prayers in the hot tub
Through the bubbling steam I let out a scream
For the Lord to give me a will
Onward I was told and there in the fold
Is your answer to give you a thrill
Amidst the soft chatter there came this next matter
Of something that came by chance
The people I see came up to me speaking about a dance
My ears perked up to hear such stuff
Because that is something to do
I said with a grin that if I come in,
I'll make it exciting for you
I was sent down the path with the rod and the staff
Lord, I'll do it for You but it's a bit much to chew
And was told to take the floor
The idea was set but there are things to get
I'll just need to get more
With the doors opened wide I swallowed my pride
And sent out some pleading questions
I need some things for the fun that it brings
And now I'm open to suggestions
Up came the chorus, I have something for us
Equipment that's ready and waiting
At 10:45 I went for a drive
To a friend back when I was dating
Here is the microphone, amp, and the speakers
Now I needed some square dance teachers
My mouth was aghast when a friend from the past
Asked for my mailing address
I'll send you all these, instructions to please
And make your venture a success
I give thanks to God for the wonderful job
He has placed upon my shoulders
Offer to teach after we preach
To all of our solemn faith holders
The square dance is planned and with God's mighty hand,
Our church will gather the people
When we get ready, we will stand strong and steady
And ring the bell in the steeple.*

2024-25 EVENTS | NNJSDA

A = Advanced, C = Challenge, MS = Mainstream, PL = Plus, RD = Rounds

August 28, 2024 (Wednesday)
 7:00 to 9:30 PM
 Bridgewater
 Karin Rabe and Greg Moore (NJ)
 MS/PL (early A)
 Set Up: Middletown Ramblers
 Clean Up: Reelers

January 26, 2025 (Sunday)
 3:30-6:00 PM
 Bridgewater
 Class Instructors
 Student Midterm Dance
 Clean Up: Hunterdon Flutterwheels

October 13, 2024 (Sunday)
 7:30-10:30 PM
 Bridgewater
 Virgil Forbes (MD)/Steve Bradt
 MS/PL/RD (early RD)
 Set Up: Belles & Beaux
 Clean Up: Bee Sharps

March 15, 2025 (Saturday)
 2:30-5:30 PM
 Bridgewater
 Mark Franks (NJ)/Mary Pickett
 MS/PL/RD (early MS)
 Set Up: Kittatinny Rangers
 Clean Up: Reelers

October 27, 2024 (Sunday)
 7:30-10:30 PM
 Montville
 Jenn Engimann (PA)
 PL/A (early A teach)
 Set Up: Motiv8ors
 Clean Up: RocklandRockytops

April 26, 2025 (Sunday)
 2:30-5:30 PM
 Bridgewater
 Howard Richman (NJ)/Steve Bradt
 MS/PL/RD (early RD)
 Set Up: Times Squares
 Clean Up: Rutgers Promenaders

November 10, 2024 (Sunday)
 1:00-6:30 PM
 Randolph
 Ken Burke (TN), Dan Koft (PA),
 Cameron Harnish (PA)/Steve Bradt
 48th Mini-Festival
 MS/PL/A/C1/RD

May 17, 2025 (Saturday)
 7:30-10:30 PM
 Bridgewater
 Betsy Gotta (NJ)/Roy Gotta
 MS/PL/RD (early PL)
 Set Up: Hunterdon Flutterwheels
 Clean Up: Bee Sharps

Bridgewater: PeopleCare Center, 120 Finderne Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ
Montville: Senior House, 356 Main Road, Montville, NJ
Randolph: Randolph High School, 511 Millbrook Avenue, Randolph, NJ

Other Noteworthy Dates



September 16: Delegates meeting
 November 1: Club roster due
 January 26: Delegates meeting
 March 7: *Grand Square* deadline
 April 26: Delegates meeting
 June 1: Questionnaire due

2024-25 CLASSES | MAINSTREAM

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CC = Class Coordinator

Because changes may occur, contact class coordinators to confirm dates, venues, and other details.

SUNDAY

Rutgers Promenaders – Betsy Gotta/Dan Koft	Starting: Sept. 29	1:30-2:30
Pioneer Grange #1, 410 Ridge Road, Dayton		
CC Ginny Platania	732-690-5280	jgplatania@comcast.net

MONDAY

Lakeland Squares – Fran Wadel	Starting: Sept. 9	7:00-8:15
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 9 Two Bridges Road, Towaco		
CC Kathy Keener	973-229-0698	lakelandsquares@hotmail.com

TUESDAY

Circle Eights – Fran Wadel	Starting: Sept. 17	7:00-9:00
Hillsdale United Methodist Church, 349 Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale		
CC Alicia & David Weschler	201-926-5000	aweschler@gmail.com

Hunterdon Flutterwheels – Mary Moody	Starting: Sept. 24	7:30-9:00
Hunterdon County Complex, Building 1, 314 State Route 12, Flemington		
CC Mary Stamets	908-328-3755	fw-lessons@nnjsda.org

Middletown Ramblers – Larry Sherwood	Starting: Oct. 1	7:00-9:15
Henry Hudson Activity Center, Route 36 North & Avenue D, Atlantic Highlands		
CC Beverly Yackel	732-747-8505	bevyackel@gmail.com

Reelers – Ed Crowley	Starting: Oct. 1	7:00-9:00
Ironia School, 303 Dover-Chester Road (Route 513), Randolph		
CC Donald Lane	973-454-2084	dblanc43@gmail.com

Times Squares – Howard Richman	Starting: Jan. 6	6:30-9:00
Public School 3, 490 Hudson Street, New York, NY		
CC Kim Norland	347-581-3228	krnorland@hotmail.com

WEDNESDAY

Bee Sharps – Wes Thielke	Starting: Oct. 2	7:00-9:00
Adamsville School, 400 Union Avenue (Route 28), Bridgewater		
CC Susan Allen	732-236-6587	beesharpssquaredance@gmail.com

THURSDAY

Belles & Beaux – Fran Wadel	Starting: Sept. 5	7:15-9:30
Glen Rock Central School; 600 Maple Avenue, Glen Rock		
CC Richard Ball	973-725-9738	rebtama@gmail.com

Kittatinny Rangers – Ken Smith	Starting: Sept. 12	7:00-9:00
Halsted Middle School, 59 Halsted Street, Newton		
CC Karen Hartman	973-383-9430	hartmank70@gmail.com

CALENDAR | MEMBER CLUBS' ADVERTISED DANCES

List of dance events prepared from member club ads appearing in this issue. See ads for details. All dances are in NJ unless noted.

A=Advanced; C=Challenge; MS=Mainstream; PL=Plus; RD=Rounds,
TBA=To Be Announced; *italics*=student-level MS or intro/dance party

Date	Club	Caller/Cuer	Location	Program
SEPTEMBER				
4 W	Belles & Beaux	Gotta	Maywood	MS/PL
5 Th	Times Squares	Gotta	New York, NY	Intro A
6 F	<i>Circle Eights</i>	TBA	Hillsdale	<i>Intro</i>
	Middletown Ramblers	Franks	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Richman/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
8 Su	Circle Eights	Richman	Maywood	MS/PL
	<i>Hunterdon Flutterwheels</i>	<i>Moody</i>	<i>Flemington</i>	<i>Intro</i>
	Motiv8ors	Gotta	Fair Lawn	A/C
9 M	Lakeland Squares	Richman	Towaco	MS/PL
12 Th	Times Squares	Gotta	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
	Y Squares	Sikorsky/Pickett	Clark	MS/PL/RD
13 F	Kittatinny Rangers	Crowley & Wilson	Stanhope	MS
	Middletown Ramblers	Rabe & Moore	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	Wadel	Congers, NY	MS/PL
14 Sa	Bee Sharps	Richman/Rumble	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
15 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Koft/Koft	Dayton	<i>Intro</i> /MS/RD
18 W	Belles & Beaux	Franks	Maywood	MS/PL
19 Th	Times Squares	Richman	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
20 F	<i>Hunterdon Flutterwheels</i>	<i>Moody</i>	<i>Bridgewater</i>	<i>MS/PL</i>
	Middletown Ramblers	P. Ingis	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Engimann/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
22 Su	Motiv8ors	Engimann	Fair Lawn	A/C
23 M	Lakeland Squares	P. Ingis	Towaco	MS/PL
26 Th	Times Squares	Preston (remote)	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
	Y Squares	Richman/Pickett	Clark	MS/PL/RD
27 F	Bee Sharps	Longobucco/Pickett	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	P. Ingis & S. Ingis	Stanhope	MS
	<i>Middletown Ramblers</i>	<i>Richman</i>	<i>Leonardo</i>	<i>Intro</i>
	RocklandRockytops	Corey	Congers, NY	MS/PL
29 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Gotta/Gotta	Dayton	MS/RD
OCTOBER				
4 F	<i>Hunterdon Flutterwheels</i>	<i>Koft</i>	<i>Flemington</i>	<i>MS/PL</i>
	Middletown Ramblers	Gotta	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Franks/Pickett	TBA	PL/RD
6 Su	Motiv8ors	Franks	Hawthorne	A/C
	Rutgers Promenaders	Gotta/Gotta	Dayton	MS/RD
10 Th	Times Squares	Gotta	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
	Y Squares	Bragg/Pickett	Clark	MS/PL/RD
11 F	Bee Sharps	Gotta/Gotta	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD

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OCTOBER				
11 F	Kittatinny Rangers	TBA	Stanhope	MS
	Middletown Ramblers	Engimann	Leonardo	MS/PL
13 Su	NNJSDA Dance	Forbes/Bradt	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
14 M	Lakeland Squares	Richman	Towaco	MS/PL
16 W	Belles & Beaux	Shipman	Maywood	MS/PL
17 Th	Times Squares	Gotta	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
18 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Richman	Bridgewater	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Clewell	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Goss/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
20 Su	Motiv8ors	Gotta	Fair Lawn	A/C
	Rutgers Promenaders	Koft/Koft	Dayton	MS/RD
22 Th	Times Squares	Levy (remote)	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
	Y Squares	TBA/Pickett	Clark	MS/PL/RD
25 F	Bee Sharps	Engimann/Bradt	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	Kaufman	Stanhope	MS
	Middletown Ramblers	Richman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	Longobucco	Congers, NY	MS/PL
27 Su	NNJSDA Dance	Engimann	Montville	PL/A
28 M	Lakeland Squares	Rabe & Moore	Towaco	MS/PL
29 T	Times Squares	Richman	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
NOVEMBER				
1 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Franks	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Gotta	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Foote/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
3 Su	Motiv8ors	Hodge	Fair Lawn	A/C
	Rutgers Promenaders	Koft/Koft	Dayton	MS/RD
6 W	Belles & Beaux	Clewell	Maywood	MS/PL
7 Th	Times Squares	Gotta	New York, NY	Intro
8 F	Bee Sharps	P. Ingis/Pickett	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	Burke	Stanhope	MS
	Middletown Ramblers	Kauffman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	Foote	Congers, NY	MS/PL
10 Su	NNJSDA Mini-Festival	Burke, Koft, Harnish/ Bradt	TBA	MS/PL/A/ C1/RD
11 M	Lakeland Squares	Foote	Towaco	MS/PL
14 Th	Times Squares	Gotta	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
	Y Squares	Kauffman/Pickett	Clark	MS/PL/RD
15 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Moody	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Rabe & Moore	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Kauffman/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
17 Su	Motiv8ors	Engimann	Fair Lawn	A/C
	Rutgers Promenaders	Gotta/Gotta	Dayton	MS/RD
20 W	Belles & Beaux	Weiner	Maywood	MS/PL

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NOVEMBER				
21 Th	Times Squares	Bragg	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
22 F	Bee Sharps	Rabe & Moore/Rumble	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	Crowley & Wilson	Stanhope	MS
	Middletown Ramblers	Richman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	Emory	Congers, NY	MS/PL
24 F	Circle Eights	Clewell	Maywood	MS/PL
25 M	Lakeland Squares	Richman	Towaco	MS/PL
26 T	Times Squares	Richman	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
DECEMBER				
1 Su	Motiv8ors	Franks	Fair Lawn	A/C
	Rutgers Promenaders	Gottas & Kofts	Dayton	MS/RD
4 W	Belles & Beaux	Wadel	Maywood	MS/PL
5 Th	<i>Times Squares</i>	<i>Gotta</i>	<i>New York, NY</i>	<i>Intro</i>
6 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Rabe & Moore	Bridgewater	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Franks	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Black/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
	RocklandRockytops	Richman	Congers, NY	MS/PL
8 Su	Circle Eights	Rabe & Moore	Maywood	MS/PL
9 M	Lakeland Squares	S. Ingis	Towaco	MS/PL
12 Th	Times Squares	Richman	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
	Y Squares	Gotta/Gotta	Clark	MS/PL/RD
13 F	Bee Sharps	Gotta/Gotta	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	Kauffman	Stanhope	MS
	Middletown Ramblers	Richman	Leonardo	MS/PL
15 Su	Motiv8ors	Hodge (remote)	Fair Lawn	A/C
	Rutgers Promenaders	Koft/Koft	Dayton	MS/RD
16 M	<i>Lakeland Squares</i>	<i>Richman</i>	<i>Towaco</i>	<i>Dance Party</i>
18 W	Belles & Beaux	Richman	Maywood	MS/PL
19 Th	Times Squares	Gotta	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
20 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Lizotte	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Gotta	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	P. Ingis/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
21 Sa	Times Squares	McAtee (remote)	New York, NY	C
26 Th	Times Squares	Richman	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
27 F	Bee Sharps	Richman	Bridgewater	Student MS
JANUARY				
2 Th	<i>Times Squares</i>	<i>Gotta</i>	<i>New York, NY</i>	<i>Intro</i>
3 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Moody	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Richman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Gotta/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
5 Su	Motiv8ors	Franks	Fair Lawn	A/C
	Rutgers Promenaders	Koft/Koft	Dayton	MS/RD

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JANUARY				
9 Th	Times Squares	Richman	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
	Y Squares	Bragg/Pickett	Clark	MS/PL/RD
10 F	Bee Sharps	Bragg/Rumble	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	Kaufman	Stanhope	MS
	Middletown Ramblers	Engimann	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	Richman	Congers, NY	MS/PL
12 Su	Circle Eights	Richman	Maywood	MS/PL
13 M	Lakeland Squares	Wadel	Towaco	MS
15 W	Belles & Beaux	Mystery Caller	Maywood	MS/PL
17 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Engimann	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Franks	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Richman/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
19 Su	Motiv8ors	Engimann	Fair Lawn	A/C
	Rutgers Promenaders	Gotta/Gotta	Dayton	MS/RD
23 Th	Y Squares	Kauffman/Pickett	Clark	MS/PL/RD
24 F	Bee Sharps	P. Ingis, S. Ingis/Bradt	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	TBA	Stanhope	MS
	Middletown Ramblers	Gotta	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	Longobucco	Congers, NY	MS/PL
25 Sa	Times Squares	Franks	New York, NY	MS
26 Su	NNJSDA Midterm Dance	Class Instructors	Bridgewater	Student MS
27 M	Lakeland Squares	Gotta	Towaco	MS/PL
31 F	Middletown Ramblers	Kauffman	Leonardo	MS/PL
FEBRUARY				
2 Su	Motiv8ors	Engimann	Fair Lawn	A/C
	Rutgers Promenaders	Gotta/Gotta	Dayton	MS/RD
5 W	Belles & Beaux	Weiner	Maywood	MS/PL
6 Th	Times Squares	Gotta	New York, NY	Intro A
7 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Richman	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Rabe & Moore	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Franks/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
9 Su	Circle Eights	Wadel	Maywood	MS/PL
10 M	Lakeland Squares	Moody	Towaco	MS/PL
13 Th	Y Squares	Richman/Pickett	Clark	MS/PL/RD
14 F	Bee Sharps	Franks/Pickett	Bridgewater	PL/A/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	Bragg	Stanhope	MS
	Middletown Ramblers	Richman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	Wadel	Congers, NY	Student MS
16 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Koft/Koft	Dayton	MS/RD
19 W	Belles & Beaux	S. Ingis	Maywood	MS/PL
21 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Kauffman	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Franks	Leonardo	MS/PL

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FEBRUARY				
21 F	Reelers	Kauffman/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
22 Sa	Times Squares	Franks	New York, NY	MS
23 Su	Motiv8ors	Gotta	Fair Lawn	A/C
24 M	Lakeland Squares	Rabe & Moore	Towaco	MS/PL
27 Th	Y Squares	Kauffman/Pickett	Clark	MS/PL/RD
28 F	Bee Sharps	Richman/Bradt	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	TBA	Stanhope	MS
	Middletown Ramblers	Kauffman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	Gotta	Congers, NY	MS/PL
MARCH				
2 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Gotta/Gotta	Dayton	MS/RD
3 Th	Times Squares	Bragg	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
5 W	Belles & Beaux	Franks	Maywood	MS/PL
7 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Franks	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Richman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Koft/Koft	Randolph	PL/RD
9 Su	Circle Eights	Gotta	Maywood	MS/PL
	Motiv8ors	Gotta	Fair Lawn	A/C
10 M	Lakeland Squares	Clewell	Towaco	MS/PL
13 Th	Y Squares	Richman/Pickett	Clark	MS/PL/RD
14 F	Bee Sharps	Kaufman/Rumble	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	TBA	Stanhope	MS
	Middletown Ramblers	Gotta	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	Richman	Congers, NY	MS/PL
15 Sa	NNJSDA Dance	Franks/Pickett	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
16 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Koft/Koft	Dayton	MS/RD
19 W	Belles & Beaux	Clewell	Maywood	MS/PL
21 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Gotta	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Richman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Bragg	Randolph	Student MS
24 M	Lakeland Squares	Wadel	Towaco	MS/PL
27 Th	Y Squares	Gotta/Gotta	Clark	MS/PL/RD
28 F	Bee Sharps	Rabe & Moore/Pickett	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	Kauffman	Stanhope	MS
	Middletown Ramblers	TBA	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	Emory	Congers, NY	MS/PL
30 Su	Motiv8ors	Gotta	Fair Lawn	A/C
	Rutgers Promenaders	Gotta/Gotta	Dayton	MS/RD
31 M	Lakeland Squares	Richman	Towaco	Dance Party
APRIL				
2 W	Belles & Beaux	Bragg	Maywood	MS/PL

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APRIL				
3 Th	Times Squares	Richman	New York, NY	Intro PL
4 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Moody	Flemington	MS
	Middletown Ramblers	Clewell	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Goss/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
6 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Koft/Koft	Dayton	MS/RD
10 Th	Y Squares	Richman/Pickett	Clark	MS/PL/RD
11 F	Bee Sharps	Koft/Bradt	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	Kaufman	Stanhope	MS
	Middletown Ramblers	Richman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	Longobucco	Congers, NY	MS/PL
13 Su	Circle Eights	Clewell	Maywood	MS/PL
	Motiv8ors	Rabe & Moore	Fair Lawn	A/C
14 M	Lakeland Squares	S. Ingis	Towaco	MS/PL
15 T	Times Squares	TBA	New York, NY	MS/P/A
16 W	Belles & Beaux	Shipman	Maywood	MS/PL
24 Th	Y Squares	Koft/Pickett	Clark	MS/PL/RD
25 F	Bee Sharps	Franks/Rumble	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	Richman	Stanhope	MS
	Middletown Ramblers	Kauffman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	Corey	Congers, NY	MS/PL
26 Sa	NNJSDA Dance	Richman/Bradt	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
27 Su	Motiv8ors	Gotta	Fair Lawn	A/C
28 M	Lakeland Squares	Gotta	Towaco	MS/PL
MAY				
1 Th	Times Squares	Richman	New York, NY	Intro
2 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Koft	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Richman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Foote/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
4 Su	Circle Eights	Gittelman	Maywood	MS/PL
	Motiv8ors	Foote	Fair Lawn	A/C
	Rutgers Promenaders	Gotta/Gotta	Dayton	MS/RD
7 W	Belles & Beaux	Richman	Maywood	MS/PL
8 Th	Times Squares	Gotta	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
	Y Squares	Franks/Pickett	Clark	MS/PL/RD
9 F	Bee Sharps	Richman/Pickett	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Kittatinny Rangers	TBA	Stanhope	MS
	Middletown Ramblers	Gotta	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	Foote	Congers, NY	MS/PL
12 M	Lakeland Squares	Foote	Towaco	MS/PL
15 Th	Times Squares	Franks	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
16 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Bragg	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Gittelman	Leonardo	MS/PL

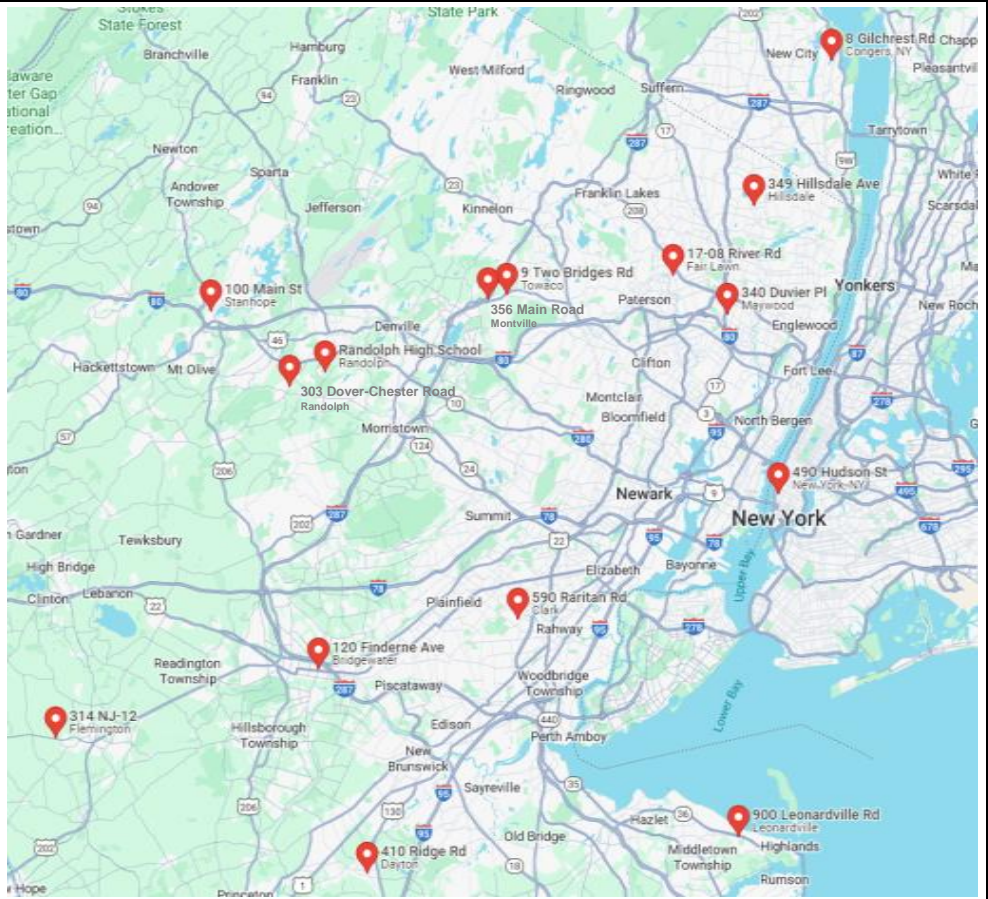
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MAY				
16 F	Reelers	Corey/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
17 Sa	NNJSDA Dance	Gotta/Gotta	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
18 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Koft/Koft	Dayton	MS/RD
21 W	Belles & Beaux	Gittelman	Maywood	MS/PL
22 Th	Times Squares	Gotta	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
	Y Squares	Franks/Pickett	Clark	MS/PL/RD
23 F	Bee Sharps	Rabe & Moore	Bridgewater	MS/Class PL
	Kittatinny Rangers	P. Ingis & S. Ingis	Stanhope	MS
	RocklandRockytops	Gittelman	Congers, NY	MS/PL
25 Su	Motiv8ors	Engimann	Fair Lawn	A/C
30 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	Gittelman	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Rabe & Moore	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	Gotta	Randolph	PL/RD
JUNE				
1 Su	Rutgers Promenaders	Gottas & Kofts	Dayton	MS/RD
4 W	Belles & Beaux	Wadel	Maywood	MS/PL
5 Th	Times Squares	Gotta	New York, NY	Intro C1
6 F	Hunterdon Flutterwheels	P. Ingis	Flemington	MS/PL
	Middletown Ramblers	Gotta	Leonardo	MS/PL
	Reelers	TBA/Pickett	Randolph	PL/RD
8 Su	Circle Eights	P. Ingis	Maywood	MS/PL
9 M	Lakeland Squares	Richman	Towaco	MS/PL
12 Th	Times Squares	Gotta	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
13 F	Bee Sharps	Richman/Bradt	Bridgewater	MS/PL/RD
	Middletown Ramblers	Richman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	Emory	Congers, NY	MS/PL
18 W	Belles & Beaux	P. Ingis	Maywood	MS/PL
19 Th	Times Squares	Hodge (remote)	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
20 F	Middletown Ramblers	P. Ingis	Leonardo	MS/PL
23 M	Lakeland Squares	P. Ingis	Towaco	MS/PL
26 Th	Times Squares	Richman	New York, NY	MS/PL/A
27 F	Middletown Ramblers	Richman	Leonardo	MS/PL
	RocklandRockytops	Franks	Congers, NY	MS/PL
28 Sa	Times Squares	McAtee	New York, NY	MS

CLEARANCE FOR SPECIAL DANCES AND 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. This helps to avoid conflicts. Please contact the corresponding secretary for guidance. For details, see the NNJSDA Constitution and Bylaws, section 14, page 4.

MAP OF VENUES



Venue

Address

City

American Legion Post 171	17-08 River Road	Fair Lawn
Congers Community Center	8 Gilchrist Road	Congers, NY
First Presbyterian Church	100 Main Street	Stanhope
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church	9 Two Bridges Road	Towaco
Hehny Elementary School	590 Raritan Road	Clark
Hillsdale United Methodist Church	349 Hillsdale Avenue	Hillsdale
Hunterdon County Complex, Building 1	314 State Route 12	Flemington
Ironia Elementary School	303 Dover-Chester Road	Randolph
Maywood Recreation Center	340 Duvier Place	Maywood
Middletown Senior Center	900 Leonardville Road	Leonardo
Montville Senior House	356 Main Road	Montville
PeopleCare Center	120 Finderne Avenue	Bridgewater
Pioneer Grange	410 Ridge Road	Dayton
Public School 3	490 Hudson Street	New York, NY
Randolph High School	511 Millbrook Avenue	Randolph

CONVENTIONS, FESTIVALS, SPECIALS, WEEKENDS

Date	Event	Caller/Cuer	Location	Program
OCTOBER				
10-14	Northeast Callers School	Student Callers	Sturbridge, MA	Learn to Call
18-19	Autumn Leaves Festival	Harrison, Moger, Ritucci/Williams	Brattleboro, VT	PL/A/C1/ C2/RD
25-27	Peel the Pumpkin	Gotta, Lizotte, Phillips, Richman	New York, NY	MS/PL/A/ C1/C2
NOVEMBER				
10 Su	NNJSDA Mini-Festival	Burke, Koft, Harnish/Bradt	TBA	MS/PL/A/ C1/RD
FEBRUARY				
23 Su	CCNJ Midwinter Mania	CCNJ Callers	Bridgewater	Student MS
APRIL				
4-6	Grease Is the Word	Butler, Ceder, Moger	Langhorne, PA	SSD/PL/A/ C1/C2
JUNE				
25-28	National Convention	Multiple Callers/ Cuers	Shreveport, LA	All Programs

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NNJSDA MEMBER CLUBS

nnjsda.org/member_clubs.php

MAINSTREAM

Sunday 1, 3 Sept.-June

Rutgers Promenaders* Dayton *rutgerspromenaders.org*

Friday 2, 4 Sept.-May

Kittatinny Rangers Stanhope *kittatinnyrangers.com*

MAINSTREAM + PLUS TIP

Wednesday 1, 3 All Year

Belles & Beaux Maywood *squdance.org/BellesBeaux*

Thursday 2, 4 Sept.-May

Y Squares* Clark *y-squares.org*

MAINSTREAM/PLUS

Sunday Various Sept.-June

Circle Eights Maywood *circle8s.nnjsda.org*

Monday 2, 4 Sept.-July

Lakeland Squares Towaco *lakelandsquares.wix.com/lakeland*

Friday 2, 4 Sept.-June

Bee Sharps* Bridgewater *beesharps.org*

Friday 1, 3 Sept.-June

Hunterdon Flutterwheels Flemington *hunterdonflutterwheels.nnjsda.org*

Friday Every Week All Year

Middletown Ramblers Leonardo *middletownramblers.org*

Friday 2, 4 All Year

RocklandRockytops Congers, NY *squdance.org/RocklandRockytops*

MAINSTREAM/PLUS/ADVANCED

Thursday Every Week All Year

Times Squares New York, NY *timesquares.nyc*

PLUS

Friday 1, 3 Sept.-June

Reelers* Randolph *reelers.nnjsda.org*

ADVANCED/CHALLENGE

Sunday Various All Year

Motiv8ors Fair Lawn *motiv8ors.nnjsda.org*

*Round Dancing (alternating or additional)