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FROM THE PRESIDENT – Maye's Notes:

It is that time of year when our clubs are doing demos and recruiting for new dancers. If you have a success story to share, please send it to me! Dancer numbers are down in general, and we want to keep this wonderful activity alive! If you are a new dancer, what enticed you to take lessons? If you were "running the show," what would you change? I would like to share some of these personal stories in the HASSDA newsletter.

The HASSDA FESTIVAL offers ALL DANCERS an opportunity to dance all weekend and brush up their skills by attending workshops, have fun dancing with other dancers and callers that they don't normally get to dance with/to, and make LOTS of new friends!

Looking forward to seeing you in a square in Midwest City!

Maye

HASSDA FESTIVAL 2012

“OKIE STYLE”

by Dee Proctor, Festival Chair

HASSDA Festival 2012 is off to a great start with a number DANCERS already signed up for the festival. Thank you! The HOST hotel is filling up fast, so if you have not made your reservations yet, please do so soon. (See flyer attached to this newsletter for hotel info.)

We have a whole weekend of dancing lined up to keep your little toes tappin' and your fingers snappin'. We kick off the weekend with a Trail-in Dance Thursday evening (payable at the door).

Friday and Saturday you can attend workshops and dancing including rounds, mainstream, plus, A & C levels. This year we are adding another level of dancing!

Save some energy for the After Party! Enjoy some 2-steppin', waltzes and rock-n-roll; there will even be a cash bar for your pleasure...AND you don't have to drive! It is all located at the Reed Conference Center!

Sunday morning, we will say our Good-byes at the Trail-Out dance - wishing everyone Happy Trails 'til we meet again next year.

It promises to be a full weekend of fun-fellowship-dancing, and did we mention shopping? Lowells of Moore, Oklahoma, and Sew and Saw will be available for your shopping pleasure. And we will have a photographer capturing your Kodak moments!

FUN IN 11

KANSAS STATE SQUARE DANCE FESTIVAL

by Christine Batz

The Kansas State Square Dance was held on June 3rd and 4th at the Bicentennial Center in Salina, KS. Great weather! This year everything was on the first floor. It was so good to see and catch up with old friends and make some new friends. This year our own 2009 HASSDA Festival caller Nasser Shukayr was the featured caller. It is always a good time with his fantastic calling and intricate choreography. His wife, Jeanna, joined him on a couple of calls for some wonderful harmony - a real treat for the dancers.

Thanks to the local Kansas State callers for filling out the program with all levels of dance and instruction.

A special exhibition by three clogging groups entertained the crowd of over 500 dancers. A group of young ladies from the Topeka area proved that there is a future generation of dancers. When the Air Cap Tappers performed, they had the audience on their feet cheering with their high kicks and enthusiasm. WOW! Was I impressed!

This year Kansas joined several other states in the “last square standing” competition dancing. All participants worked hard, but there could only be one winner. Congratulations to all that participated.

After a great weekend of friendship and dancing, it was time to head home and get some much needed rest! Until next year...

See you in a square!

MEET THE 2012 HASSDA FESTIVAL CALLERS

by Dee Proctor

Jeff Holley comes from a family of Square Dance Callers. Both his father and brother blazed a path before him in square dance calling. Jeff would rush home after school and practice calling and singing. His father's club was having lessons when after much pestering by Jeff, he relented and let Jeff call a patter call and then a singing call. Jeff was so nervous he did not look at the dancers; and after he would call promenade, he did not use any fill in lyrics - going directly to the next figure. He was calling so fast the dancers had to run to keep up! After his singing call, he was having so much fun he wouldn't stop...his father finally walked on stage and unplugged his equipment to make him quit. Some 20+ years later a dancer that had been on the floor that infamous night reminded Jeff of his first calling experience.

Jeff and his wife Nancy have five children and own Hometown Foods in Crescent, OK. Jeff recalled a time when he was booked for an out-of-town dance. Like most callers, he kept his equipment in his truck but had taken it into the house to practice some new songs for this particular dance. While reloading the equipment, one of the children needed help with something. After helping the child, he loaded the family in the truck. As he was pulling into the dance, he realized he had forgotten to finish loading the calling equipment - every caller's nightmare! Luckily, the people that hired him had a turntable and some records and the dance went on as scheduled.

Many of you may remember Jeff from the 2004 and 2005 HASSDA Festivals in Muskogee, OK, where he was one of our featured callers. Jeff says he loves to teach, whether it is brand new dancers or something new to seasoned dancers.

Jeff currently calls for three clubs in the OKC area: Spirit of 76, Single Squares, and the Okie Diamonds, which is a plus club.

Bobby Willis comes with a list of credentials for square dance calling, but we would rather share some of the colorful events in his career.

Very early in Bobby's calling career he was hired by the Singles to call a Pajama Dance in Enid, OK. A "support group of dancers" from his home area went with him. Being "supportive dancers," they decided to break him in and plotted to pull a prank on him. After the Grand March, they positioned themselves in the front square; and when he started to call, they all sat down and played a game of Jacks!

Bobby recalled when he used to fill in for Jerry Linduff at Silver Dollar Squares. One night he was filling in for Jerry and was on-stage calling a tip when in walked two Oklahoma City Police Officers. They proceeded to walk on-stage and handcuffed him to haul him off to jail. "I was told I was being arrested for 'impersonating a professional square dance caller'". Fortunately neither the judge nor jury knew what a "square dance caller" was supposed to do; and, therefore, all charges were dismissed and the dance continued. "Until I realized I had been set up, I was more than a little concerned!" It turned out one of the couples had a daughter that was an OKC police officer.

Editors Note: Look for more about the callers in the next newsletter.

SSUDSA 2011 DANCE-A-RAMA

SLIP THE CLUTCH IN INDY

by Cathy Bellinger

The 2011 Dance-A-Rama (**SLIP THE CLUTCH IN INDY**) is now HISTORY -- but what wonderful memories were left behind for approximately **550 dancers** that attended. **The featured callers were: John Marshall (VA), Tom Miller (PA), Tom Davis (IL), Wes Dyer (KY), Kenny Jarvis (KY), Nick Hartley (IN), Jimmy Robison (IN) and Dennis Clark (IN).** **Wes Dyer and Kenny Jarvis also called together for us as Big 'n Lil Ennis.** What a talented lineup of callers for us to enjoy! **The featured cuers were Barbara & Wayne Blackford (FL/AZ), Dave & Judy Mouton (IN) and Bonnie Lawrence (IN).** They had a special hall for just round dancing, or you could do square and round both in other halls.

DANCE-A-RAMA 2011 took place from September 1-4 at the Marriott Hotel in east Indianapolis. Fireball Squares hosted the entire event, and did a wonderful job keeping us entertained and everything well organized.

The Labor Day weekend started off with a Trail-in Dance on Thursday night featuring **Tony Oxendine**. The cuers were Dave & Judy Mouton (Indiana) and Bonnie Lawrence (Indiana). There were approximately 350 dancers for Thursday night, and everyone was having a great time dancing mainstream for the evening.

The Friday dancing kicked off at 10:00 a.m. During the three days, there was Mainstream and Plus dancing, but the dancers were also offered the choice to do Round Dance workshops, DBD workshops, intro to A1 and intro to C1. There was also a hall for Line Dancing. Evening dancing was Plus (large hall), Mainstream and Round Dancing in their own halls.

There were some clothing shops brought in to accommodate any shopping needs, and also a badge shop.

There were several tours offered during this time, and were well attended. We were too late to get on the "Indy Speedway" tour, but opted to do it on our own, and it was wonderful! There was a lot to do in Indianapolis if you needed to take a break from dancing.

Labor Day 2012, the Dance-A-Rama will be held in Des Moines, IA at the Airport Holiday Inn and Conference Center. **The featured callers will be Tom Miller (PA), Art Tangen (NM), Hunter Keller (MT), Gary Kincade (OH), Mike Magnant (IA) Jack O'Leary (IA) and Jim Logan (IA).** **The featured cuers will be Rey & Sherry Garza (CA), John & Karen Herr (CO) and Jo Saffell (IA),** **The featured line dance instructor will be Barbara Harrison (IA).** It looks like it is shaping up to be another great Dance-A-Rama. And again, it will be a great chance to connect with old friends and make new ones! That's one of the special "perks" of these Dance-A-Rama dances – all coming together for friendship, fun and especially lots of dancing!

We hope to see you in the future at a special dance – remember, **square dancing is friendship set to music!**

GETTING ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS DONE

With the ability to post and send printed material on the internet, many square dance organizations have gone to emailing their newsletters. HASSDA is no exception. If you would prefer to receive your newsletter by email, please notify us at HASSDA@rocketmail.com. By choosing to receive the newsletter by email, you will be helping us cut expenses.

Also, if you are planning to move and are having the newsletter mailed to you, let us know your new address as it may not get forwarded by the US Postal Service. Contact Kathy Mears at 2604 W 27th Terrace; Lawrence KS 66047-3006 by mail or by email HASSDA@rocketmail.com for address changes.

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MEMORY CD'S (PHOTOS) OF THE FESTIVAL

Did you forget to take a camera with you to the Festival, wished you were able to get pictures of the callers or your friends dancing but were too busy dancing yourself? It is not too late to get those memories. Our Festival photographer, Angelia's Photography, is offering memory CD's for sale. You can contact her at Angelia's Photography, Angelia Nott, 785-383-9643, or email her at angeliasphotography@yahoo.com for more info.

*Remember it is time to renew your HASSDA membership if you were NOT at the Festival.
(A complimentary HASSDA membership is included with each Festival registration)*

HASSDA NEEDS A NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Are you single? Would you like to be part of a GREAT organization? Would you like to make a difference? We are looking for a newsletter editor. Please let Maye Wegner (contact information in header of newsletter) know if you would be willing to serve in this very important position.

HASSDA publishes a newsletter four times a year. Articles are submitted by others, and the editor formats and researches upcoming dances of interest. Please consider filling this position! HASSDA needs you!

Our thanks to Jim Faroute for doing such a stellar job as the newsletter editor in the past.

UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS OF INTEREST

IA - 1st, 3rd Fridays - Mainstream and Plus Dance. Sponsored by Merry Mixers at IOOF Hall, 29th and Kingman, Des Moines, IA. 7:30 – 10:00pm. Website www.IowaSquareDance.org/Clubs/Central/CE_MerryMixers.html. Caller: Mike Magnant; Cuer Jo Saffe.

IA - Every Thursday – Mainstream and Plus Dance. Sponsored by Solo Steppers at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Davenport, IA 7:30 – 10:00pm. Website www.IowaSquareDance.org/Clubs/Quad_Cities/QC_Solo_Steppers.html. Callers Don and Doug Sprosty and Guest Callers. Cuer Charlie Swanson.

KS – 1st/3rd Tuesdays – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by Lone Wranglers at Riley County Senior Center, 412 Leavenworth, Manhattan, KS. Rounds 7:30 pm Square Dancing 8:00pm. Caller Guest Callers. Cuer Joyce Juhler. Website www.LoneWranglers.org

KS – 1st/3rd/5th Tuesdays – Mainstream and Plus Dance. Sponsored by Swingin' Singles at Town Hall, 11600 Johnson Dr, Shawnee KS. Casual attire. Line Dances between tips. 7:30pm – 9:45pm. Caller Jay Krebs. Cuer Pam Young. Website www.Swingin-Singles.org

KS – 2nd/4th Fridays – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by Shawnee Swingers at Croco Hall, 6115 SE Hwy 40, Tecumseh KS (just east of Topeka). Caller Guest Callers. Cuer Lalla Steenbock. 7:30pm – 10:00pm. Website www.topekasquares.com or call Sharon Kay Jones-Ray at (785) 286-0554.

MO – 2nd Tuesdays – IAGSDC Dance (Plus and A-2). Sponsored by Gateway Squares, IAGSDC club, at St Louis Senior Center, 5602 Arsenal St, St Louis MO. Casual attire. No rounds. 7:15pm – 9:00pm. Singles, same-sex couples and opposite-sex couples all welcome. Callers Guest Callers. Website www.GatewaySquares.50megs.com

MO – 1st/3rd Fridays – Mainstream and Plus Continuous Dancing. Sponsored by St. Joe Squares at St. Peter Lutheran Church, 3524 St. Joseph Avenue, St. Joseph, MO. Casual attire. Chris Wildhagen Caller. 7:30pm – 10:00pm Contact Bill and Marilyn Robinson (816) 233-9096

MO – 1st Fridays – Mainstream and Plus Dance. Sponsored by Single Promenaders at Ivanhoe United Church of Christ, 6512 Woodson Rd, KC (Raytown) MO. Line Dances between tips. 7:30pm – 10:00pm. Caller Al Block. Cuer Jim Windhausen. Check www.Promenaders.WeSquareDance.com or call Ralph Morast 816-737-5185.

MO – Alternating Saturdays – Plus-Level Dance. Sponsored by Singles and Doubles at Webster Groves Christian Church, 1320 Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves MO. 730pm – 1000pm. Caller: Guest Callers. Cuers: Gene and Del McGinty.. Check www.Singles.SquareDanceMissouri.com or call Dan Kramme 636-225-5378

NE – 1st/3rd/5th Tuesdays – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by Single Wheelers Squares at Pufahl's Barn in Norfolk NE during summer months (Norfolk Jr High School on Aug 30. 800pm – 1030pm. Website www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/swheelers or call Gerry and Janet Mansfield (402-565-4247

NE – Alternating Tuesdays – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by Heartland Singles Square Dance Club at Rockbrook Methodist Church, 9855 West Center Rd, Omaha NE. 7:30 - 10:00pm. Website www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/heartland or call Diane Krebs at 402-734-4761.

NE – Alternating Saturdays – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by Swinging Squares at Rockbrook Methodist Church, 9855 West Center Rd, Omaha NE. 8:00 - 10:30pm. Website www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/swingsq or call Bob Welshinger at 402-339-5405.

NE – 2nd Saturdays – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by Pressey Promenaders at Veterans Memorial Building, 416 S. 1st Ave., Broken Bow NE. Callers: Guest callers. 7:30 - 10:00pm. Website www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/pressey or call Duane Romans at 308-848-2554.

OK – 1st/3rd Fridays – Mainstream and Plus Dance. Sponsored by Single Squares at Bohemian Hall, 3800 S. Portland Ave, Oklahoma City OK. Rounds 7pm, Workshop 730pm and Grand March 8pm. Callers Jeff and Niecy Holley. Cuers JC and Elberta Johnson. Website www.SquareDancing.com/singlesquares or call Delores Chambers at 405-399-3123.

OK – 2nd/4th Fridays – Mainstream and Plus Dance. Sponsored by Metro Singles of OKC at Westside Lions Hall, 4135 NW 10th St, Oklahoma City OK. Pre-Rounds 7pm and square dancing starts 730pm. 3rd and 6th tips are Plus and Advanced will be called after regular dancing ends. Caller Danny Payne. Cuer JC Johnson. Website www.SquareDancing.com/metrokc

KS – June 3-4, 2011 – Kansas State Square Dance Convention; Bicentennial Center, Salina, KS. Featured Caller – Nassar Shukayr. Cuers – Pat and Mike Schrant. Additional Information contact: Forrest and Pat Haskins at mailto: fphasksda@cox.net. Website: www.kansassquaredance.com/stateconvention.html

AR – October 7 and 8, 2011 – Arkansas State Square Dance Festival; Fine Arts Building at the Four States Fairground, Texarkana, AR. Featured Caller: Mac Letson and Arkansas State Callers. Featured Cues: Arkansas State Cuers. Website www.assdf.com.

MO – October 21-23, 2011 – Missouri State Square and Round Dance Festival - Location: Black River Coliseum, 301 S. 5th St., Poplar Bluff, MO. Featured Caller: Lottie Ainsworth. Featured Cuers: Jim and Georgianne Couey. Website www.squaredancemissouri.com/Flyers/MissouriFestival/

KS - October 28 & 29, 2011 -- South Central Kansas Square Dance Festival; West Side Church of God Family Life Center at 1900 W McCormick in Wichita, KS - Featured caller Wade Driver. Cuers --n & Karen Herr. For more information contact Bill & Tammy Gough phone: (316) 371-3991 or email: btsgough@yahoo.com

TX – March 8-11, 2012 – 38th Annual TASSD RoundUp; Sterling Hotel, 1055 Regal Row, Dallas TX. Featured Callers – Ken Burke and Tim Tyl. Cuers – Christine and Theron Hixson. Additional Information contact: Patsy Nester (972) 754-9770. Website: www.tassd.org.

Have Fun ~ Stay Young ~ Go Dancing!

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