

Heart of America Singles Square Dance Association



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FROM THE PRESIDENT – Maye’s Notes:

As I watch my Memory CD from Angelia’s Photography of the 2011 HASSDA Festival in Lebanon, many things run through my mind. First, what a great time I had, thanks to three entertaining callers and a fantastic cuer that made the memories “once in a lifetime” experiences. These experiences range from laughing at Randy’s “Elvis”....to dancing to Joe’s intricate DBD calls....to wrapping Hunter up in crepe paper while he was calling a Plus tip.... to learning a new waltz with Patti....to seeing old friends and meeting new ones....AND being invited to take a picture with the Happy Time Squares Club of Lawrence. Each memory is savored and revisited over and over. You, the Dancers, are what makes the Festival special and Make It Special you did!

Many of you have complimented me on a great festival; but the thanks goes out to many people, including Marilyn Graham for hiring the callers and cuer during her presidency, Christine Batz for chairing the festival, the HASSDA Board for all their hard work, plus the volunteers for working the registration desk and helping with the set-up and tear-down of the festival. Each of you deserves the credit for making the festival run smoothly. A special treat for

me was to visit with Bill Adcock, the first president and one of the original founders of HASSDA, and to introduce him to you at the Saturday night dance.

Some things I see on the CD make me go OOPS - like I do NOT know how to run a Grand March! Believe me I have a WRITTEN plan for next year! I am sure there are many other things that could be done better, and I welcome your ideas.

One of the biggest joys I had from the Festival was receiving the letters you will find in this newsletter from Randi (age 12) and Rilee (age 10) Greenfield, who are two young dancers from the Swingin' Singles of Shawnee, KS. Their enthusiasm and excitement are infectious and the best advertising ever!

We welcome our newest Board member Dee Proctor, Vice-President, and look forward to working with her as she performs the duties of the Festival Chair for next year's festival in Midwest City, Oklahoma.

Can't wait to do it again! See you in Midwest City in 2012!

Maye

LETTER FROM A YOUNG SQUARE DANCER by Randi Greenfield (age 12)

My experience at HASSDA was the best time of my life!!!

I loved having it be out of town, staying in a hotel was awesome, and meeting new people was the best thing of all! Hunter, Randy, and Joe were tremendous and I loved every word that came out of their mouths. I met so many nice and sweet people, and the best thing of all was the dancing. I loved all the smiling faces and all the singing. Also, I loved the square dance shop and I loved all the choices that I had. I had no disappointments with any part of it. However, the one thing I liked the best was the picture booth and having pictures with the callers. So thank you for such a great time and I loved every minute of it.

Square Dancer

Randi Greenfield
Swinging Singles



Randi Greenfield, Hunter Keller, Rilee Greenfield (L to R). Joe Saltel (sitting)

LETTER FROM AN EVEN YOUNGER SQUARE DANCER
by Rilee Greenfield (age 10)

Dear Square Dancers,

First of I want you to know that if you didn't go to Hassda last year, well you might want to give it a try.

The drive down to Lebanon,

The drive was really long but the truth is that it was so worth it. We had such a good time talking about how much fun we were going to have. And we talked about how great meeting new people was going to be.

The Hotel,

WOW, so much to say about the Hotel, it was such a neat place. The people were so nice and polite. We stayed at the Super 8. We had a two-bedroom suite. We were on the main floor. Room 136.

First night dancing,

The first night dancing was so great. Yes I was very shy but I knew that I would have a wonderful time. The people that I was dancing with were so very nice and so very good at dancing. We made some mistakes but everyone makes them. I met so many new people.

Second night dancing,

The second night dancing I was not shy at all. I had more fun than the first night. Even though people left, we still had a good time. And this is to the people that left; you SHOULD have stayed.

That night,

The second night after we were done dancing, I went to the hotel and drank coffee with my sisters and my grandma's friends, Frances and Jim Tiller. They were so much fun to dance with and to hang out with after we were done dancing.

The day we left,

We were sad that we had to leave and we know that we could not wait till next year to come around. We left at 9:00am we got home at 7:00pm. . We had a lot of fun and I can't wait until next year's festival. I didn't want to tell you everything that went on at the HASSDA Festival because I want to see if you enjoyed it.

This is Rilee Greenfield

And my grandma is Glenda Danner

My sister is Randi Greenfield

*Editor's note. Randi and Rilee's letters are printed as they sent them. We wanted to preserve the charm of these wonderful letters from two very special young dancers.



Randi Greenfield, Glenda Danner, and Rilee Greenfield (L to R)

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO SHARON WHITE AND KOUNTRY KUZINS

by Maye Wegner

HASSDA would like to give a special THANK YOU to Springfield's Kountry Kuzins for hosting the Trail In dance on Thursday night before the Festival. Carolyn Ahart started it all with beautiful rounds, and Randy Dougherty kept it rockin' with some fun squares. Great people, Awesome dance, Tasty treats and a rain storm! Sharon White and the Kountry Kuzins put on a stellar dance!

WELCOME TO HASSDA'S NEW VICE-PRESIDENT

by Jim Faurote

Dee Proctor first became interested in Square Dancing after becoming a widow because she loves to dance but did not want to do the bar scene. It offered a great outlet for new friends, fun and travel.

She was born and raised in northern Minnesota where she met and married her husband that was serving in the Air Force. He was originally from Norman, Oklahoma and that is how she ended up in the Sooner State. They have four children, twelve living grandchildren, one deceased grandchild, and five great-grandchildren..

Dee became widowed in 1987, and because of her children living near Norman, chose to stay in Oklahoma. She started taking Square Dance lessons in 1998 because a friend of hers was dating a square dancer and she did not want to take lessons alone. Unfortunately, the friend is no longer involved in dancing. However, Dee has stayed with it ever since, to the great fortune of the square dancing community.

She has held an office in a Square Dance Club at every level, since graduating from her first series of lessons. She has been Singles Coordinator for the Central District in Oklahoma five times, and is very much involved in Singles activities. In addition, Dee was the South Central Regional Director for SSDUSA for two years. Dee has attended a lot of the HASSDA Festivals, many SSDUSA Festivals, and several TASSDA (Texas) Festivals.



HASSDA FESTIVAL 2012

by Dee Proctor

HASSDA 2012 is under way with the theme of "Square 'Um Up Okie Style," and preparations are almost complete.

We have the dance schedule complete and ready to be posted on the website. We have 2 clothing vendors—Lowells Square Dance Shop and Sew and Saw Boutique.; ABC signs for badges, danglers, and etc.; and Angelia's Photography.

We have 4 great callers: Mike Bramlett from Texas; and Jeff Holley, Bobby Willis and Danny Payne all from Oklahoma. This group will call Mainstream, Plus, DBD Plus, A and C. Our Cuers are Jim and Georgianne Couey from Oklahoma.

Our host hotel is The Sheraton Midwest City. The Sheraton offers a full menu breakfast or a full buffet breakfast. The Sheraton Midwest City is connected to the Reed Conference Center where all the dancing will be held. Our Trail-In and Trail-Out Dances and After-parties will also be at this same facility.

Midwest City provides all the shopping pleasures to keep you busy with a Wal-Mart SuperCenter across the street, a complete shopping mall, and every type of restaurant to satisfy your taste-buds with reasonable prices, all within a mile of your host hotel.

We promise to show you a great time "Okie Style", so sign up now and join in the fun!

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 Jim Faurote at cattleya526@gmail.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 Jim Faurote at cattleya526@gmail.com by email for address changes.

TASSD 37th ROUND UP – EL PASO, TX

By Jim Faurote

Texas Association of Single Square Dancers celebrated our 37th Annual Round-Up in El Paso, TX on March 9-10, 2011. Our callers were Art Tangen of NM and Brad Caldwell of Georgetown, TX. Our cuers were David & Teri Meyer of San Antonio, TX. Art, Brad & David did an outstanding job entertaining us all weekend. The Camino Real Hotel is celebrating its 100th year and is a beautiful hotel. The ballroom was very beautiful with the chandeliers and mirrors.

We had a trail in dance sponsored by the South West Texas Area Square and Round Dance Association. The caller was Richard Lane of NM and cuers were David & Teri Meyer.

The flooring was provided by Ron Holland. Our vendor was Mondiki of Arizona. Ella Rogers also had her hand made watchbands, necklaces and bracelets.

We had a wonderful tour of the Missions that was enjoyed by all who attended.

After parties entertainment was provided by Richard Lane. There was an ice cream bar on Friday & Saturday nights.

Everyone who attended the round-up had a great time and everyone is looking forward to our 38th Round-Up in Dallas in 2012. Flyers are available at TASSD.org.

IOWA STATE CONVENTION

By Jo Saffell

Our Hugs and Fun in 2011 Convention was in Cedar Rapids this year at the Marriott Hotel April 8-9 and hosted by our East Central Federation.

Awarded to the Hall of Fame this year after 51 years of calling was Wiley Hutchinson with Ruth by his side. This should have happened the first year he started calling. It doesn't get much better than Wiley. Also Fred Grow with Jacquie by his side of Boone, IA was awarded the Hall of Fame award. Fred is a long-time caller also and has built up two clubs by both teaching and calling; one in Boone and the other in Gilbert, IA; with Jacquie teaching Rounds and cueing once in awhile. They are about the best clubs we have in the Central Iowa Federation.

We had some very good Callers, Cuers, Line Dance and Clogging instructors keeping everyone busy at the convention. This year we had callers from other states join us, which was a very welcome surprise. The Trail In dance with sign up callers and cuers brought us some new callers and cuers who did a very nice job and kept us in awe of what is coming in the future for our dancing pleasure. Some of these callers and cuers were very young, which was a welcome surprise.

Our attendance was UP this year by about 100 people. What a treat! We hope to continue this trend as we continue dancing and get the word out to family and friends about how much fun it is and healthy for your body and mind.

Our Merry Mixers Solo Club was very well represented at the convention and we all had a good time.

Keep Dancing and Shaking those Cares away.

Jo Saffell, HASSDA Coordinator for the State of Iowa

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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. Meanwhile, below are a few "memories" from the Festival.

SOME PHOTOS FROM HASSDA FESTIVAL 2011



Group photo of attendees from Happy Times Squares in Lawrence, KS



Linda and Maye wrapping up Hunter in crepe paper



Maye introducing the first HASSDA president, Bill Adcock

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)



Caller Randy Dougherty doing his Elvis routine



Caller Hunter Keller as the cowboy in black



Joe Saltel does some shopping at Sandy's



Where is Randy?

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. Cuer Jo Saffel. 7:30 – 10:00pm. Website www.IowaSquareDance.org/Clubs/Central/CE_MerryMixers.html. Callers: Gene Wilson on June 3, Wiley Hutchinson on July 15, and Mike Hogan on Aug 5. No dance on June 17, July 1, and Aug 19.

IA - Every Thursday – Mainstream and Plus Dance. Sponsored by Solo Steppers at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Davenport, IA. Callers Don and Doug Sprosty and Guest Callers during summer months. Cuer Charlie Swanson, except JoAnn Kirby on Jun 23 and Fred Friederichsen on Aug 25. 7:30 – 10:00pm. Website www.IowaSquareDance.org/Clubs/Quad_Cities/QC_Solo_Steppers.html

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 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. No dance on Aug 5.

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. August dances on Friday, Aug 12 and 26.

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. Callers: listed below. Website www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/swheelers or call Gerry and Janet Mansfield (402-565-4247). Dances scheduled for June 7 (Kinghorn), Jun 21 (Barker), Jul 5 (Veldhuizen), Jul 19 (Marks), Aug 2 (Orlowski), Aug 16 (Kinghorn), and Aug 30 (Hogan).

NE – Alternating Tuesdays – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by Heartland Singles Square Dance Club at Rockbrook Methodist Church, 9855 West Center Rd, Omaha NE. Callers: listed below. Cuer Pat Schrant. 7:30 - 10:00pm. Website www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/heartland or call Diane Krebs at 402-734-4761. Dances scheduled for Jun 14 (Hogan), Jun 28 (Weaklend), Jul 12 (Philips), Jul 26 (Nordbye), Aug 9 (Weaklend), Aug 23 (Poole).

NE – Alternating Saturdays – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by Swinging Squares at Rockbrook Methodist Church, 9855 West Center Rd, Omaha NE. Callers see below. Cuer Pat Schrant. 8:00 - 10:30pm. Website www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/swingsq or call Bob Welshinger at 402-339-5405. Dances scheduled for Jul 3 and Aug 6 (Weaklend)

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/metrok

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

KS - July 22 & 23, 2011 -- Kountry Kickin' Kansas, sponsored by Circle 8 Square Dance Club; West Side Church of God Family Life Center at 1900 W McCormick in Wichita KS. -- Featured callers Dee Dee Dougherty & Randy Dougherty. Cuer -- Kristi Kennedy for more information contact Bill & Tammy Gough phone: (316) 371-3991 or email: btsgough@yahoo.com. Website: www.WeSquareDance.com/NEKSDA/Flyers/KountryKickin

KS – August 7, 2011 – Sunshine Special; Croco Hall at 6116 SE Hwy 40 in Tecumseh KS (just east of Topeka) - Featured caller Mike Hogan. Cuer –Pam Young. Rounds 1:30 and 6:30pm. Plus 2:30pm and Mainstream 7:30pm. For more information contact Sharon Kay Jones-Ray phone (785) 286-0554 or email: kayjray@sbcglobal.net. Website: www.WeSquareDance.com/Flyers/ShawneeSwingers

IN - September 1-4, 2011 - [41st National Singles Dance-A-Rama](http://www.dar2011.ssdusa.org), Indianapolis, Indiana. "Slip the Clutch in Indy." Hosted by: Fireball Squares. Hotel: Marriott – Indianapolis East, 7202 E. 21st Street, Indianapolis, IN. Hotel contact: 1-800-228-9290. Contact: Chris Jones - Chairperson, 317-357-8581. Vanessa Haught – Vice-Chairperson, 317-357-8581. E-mail: dar2011@ssdusa.org - general questions. Reg2011@ssdusa.org - registration questions. Website: www.dar2011.ssdusa.org.

NE – September 16-17, 2011 – Nebraska State Square and Round Dance Convention; Adams County Fairgrounds, Hastings, NE. Featured Caller: Dee Dee Dougherty-Lottie. Featured Cuer: Pat and Mike Schrant. Contact Bob Kinghorn at (402) 310-4882 or rkinghorn@windstream.net. Website www.SquareDanceNE.org/convention.

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 Cuer: 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.Festival.SquareDanceMissouri.com

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 John & Karen Herr. For more information contact Bill & Tammy Gough phone: (316) 371-3991 or email: btsgough@yahoo.com Website: www.WichitaFestival.WeSquareDance.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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