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These are full page ads that relate to Square Dancing. They are to be used for "Spotlighting" Dancers, Callers, Cuers, or Clubs. They may incorporate pictures and text. The cost is \$15.00. There is a limit of one Spotlight Ad per issue.



Who

Should

Be In The

Spotlight

Today?

E-*edition* **E***xtras*

The Modern Square is now available ONLINE in addition to your printed copy. The full printed issue appears with the following **E**xtras:

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President's Message



Hello once again Square dance friends. What about Mike Bramlit... excellent caller, we enjoyed him immensely. The Fall Festival was a wonderful dance and we enjoyed every part of it, including decorating, the dance itself and even clean-up!! A Special Thank You to everyone who helped set up and stayed to help clean-up. Very odd to say I am looking forward to the next one, even though I had a sigh of relief when this one got underway. To my best account I came up with 15 Squares. I hope you all enjoyed the dance as much as we did!

Two months prior to the Fall Festival, every club received a packet of proposed changes to the by-laws. We are happy to say all the proposed were passed.

We are excited that we have a new club in Batesville.

Wayne and Lura Wade are the new 2nd Vice Presidents and Editors of the ASSDF.

We want to thank everyone that put their trust in us as Presidents for one more year. We are looking for a Club to host the Fall Festival and Trail End Dance also a location to have them. If you have any ideas or want to do it, please call us before the end of the year.

Hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather, and hope to see you in our Square soon!!

Scott & Angela Blackshear
President – 2016

CIRCULATION NOTES

CLUBS! CALLERS! CUERS! LINE DANCE PROMPTERS!

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How would you like some free advertising?

Email your Website and Facebook info to the editor at

ASSDFModernSquare@gmail.com

and to the webmaster at

wx1der@gmail.com

We will post your link in the

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FROM THE EDITOR



How about that ... This is my last official issue of the Modern Square. Next month I will be showing Wayne Wade the intricacies of this operation as he prepares the January 2017 issue for publication. Please be patient with him. It took me a couple of months to get the hang of this and now with the E-edition, there are a few more steps to learn!

When I became editor I set a few goals for myself.

1. Cut the cost of publishing the Modern Square.
2. Update the software/methods used.
3. Modernize the overall appearance of the Modern Square.
4. Expand the publication by using the internet.

I believe I have succeeded on all these points. Wayne, with a new perspective and vision, will certainly find more ways to continue and expand upon these improvements.

In becoming editor one also has to assume a more active role on the Board. As a quasi-outsider who never paid a great deal of attention to the ASSDF and its workings, that was an eye opener.

What I observed was an organization and, frankly, a dancer community with its head in the sand unwilling to meet the challenges endangering its future. There was in my mind a desperate need for someone to ask the questions that no one wanted to discuss, to challenge the status quo, to push for change, and to take an active role in that change. Definitely not a role that will win you friends.

Like it or not ... I took on that role. I became the “pain in the neck”. I challenged our thoughts on our dancing ability and how we recruit and maintain the FUNdamentals for those new dancers. I challenged EVERY dancer to take on an active role in there club and in the ASSDF. I

challenged the “same old same old” of the bylaws and how we operate. Yes ... sometimes I was over the top. However ... if that is what it took to wake people up, so be it. The Letter to the Editor from Ron Wise shows me that there are more voices out there that see the need to question the basis on which the ASSDF is operating and the need to find new ways to move forward. Take the time to read it. It is worthwhile.

Unlike many who sit around the snack table and complain, I got active. We now have a new set of By-laws. They are more representative of the situation we are in than the old. The new system will allow the organization to be more nimble and more focused. Thank you all for voting it into place at the Fall Delegates Meeting.

NOW ... If there is something you do not like and wish to change, GREAT! The amendment process is detailed in the new By-laws and ANYONE can submit an amendment.

GET OUT THERE AND BE ACTIVE!

If nothing else that was the most important thing I wanted to impart to the Arkansas Dancer Community.

Dancing is an activity.

You can't dance without being active!

Get Involved!

It has truly been a pleasure these last two years being your editor. I will leave you with the following thought. It means a lot to me and I hope to you as well.

... there are shortcuts to happiness

AND dancing is one of them!

Vickie Baum

Fred Fisher

Letter To The Editor

From Ron Wise

Once upon a time in Arkansas there were over 90 square dance clubs. Nearly every community of any size had one. In the Little Rock/North Little Rock area there were about 30 clubs. All over Arkansas, there was a dance within a short drive every night of the week and some nights there were several. The Modern Square had over a 1000 subscriptions. This suggests there must have been about 4000 dancers in Arkansas at that time. To make some sense of the resulting chaos, an organization like the ASSDF was essential and in order to manage a membership of that size it had to be rather robust, with well written by-laws and rules of order. It apparently did a good job. It had a large pool of members to draw enthusiastic volunteers. The legacy of that time is a Modern Square publication second to none in the nation and a Fall Festival which still draws a large crowd of in and out of state dancers.

Folks...THE TIMES HAVE CHANGED! Out of the 90 clubs a few years ago, we are down to about 15 and several of those are holding on by a thread. It's a slow death. As one club folds, others nearby sometimes pick up a few homeless dancers and sustain themselves a little longer. Sometimes offering a class picks up a few more dancers and the club squeaks through for another year or two. BUT, overall, our membership continues to age, die, or dropout due to frailties faster than new dancers are coming in. There is something wrong with the picture where Arkansas clubs are dying while the ASSDF is operating "Business as Usual". It is as if the ASSDF doesn't realize it is about to go out of existence. Maybe we are all in a bit of denial. However, it is far too late to be worrying about revising the by-laws and making controversial rules about who can belong and who can't and who can be listed in the Modern Square and who can't and whether clubs have the recommended insurance or not. It is too late to worry about all those ASSDF offices that are really no longer needed and for which nobody wants to volunteer. None of that will be important when the ASSDF expires because there aren't enough clubs left to support it. The ASSDF was a good thing. Nobody wants to give up on a good thing.

But I think most of us suspect (perhaps subconsciously) that the remaining 15 clubs are not getting much from the ASSDF. With so few clubs operating, a single sheet monthly newsletter could adequately keep track of who is dancing and when. And now, we don't even need the Fall Festival to have great dances to attend with the nation's greatest of callers. For example: Branson Blow Out; Branson Square 'Em Up; Paris, TX Chaparral; Wagoner, OK; Lake Degray, AR; and many more. National callers are now even willing to come to our little towns all over Arkansas. If we are going to sustain square dancing in Arkansas, we need an organization which will focus on promoting square dancing to the general public. This can be done by promoting and advertising. Examples:

1. Put regular and recurring ads in newspapers (local & LR area).
2. Organize Flash Mobs at malls & shopping centers around AR.
3. Air promotional and news releases on local radio stations regularly.
4. Distribute signs, flyers, news releases to local clubs for their use.
5. Sponsor & heavily advertise special "NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED" dance events in several areas around AR where we still have existing clubs.

I am sure there is much more we could do. How do we fund these activities?

1. Have fund raisers.
2. Collect dues from clubs based on their membership size and sponsor Feature Dances with National callers like Fall Festival.
3. Organize/encourage raiding/visitations between clubs to boost club revenue.

Can the ASSDF refocus toward promoting square dancing to the non-dancers of Arkansas or do we need to form a new organization before it is too late?

By Ron Wise

ARKANSAS Square Dance Social Media

Clubs on Facebook:

Maverick Mixers Square Dance Club
Twirling Lariats Square Dance Club

Club Websites:

ConwayRounds.com

Caller and Cuer Websites:

Nelda Eaton
<http://sites.google.com/site/neldaeatonsquaredancecaller/>

We are so proud of these girls!

They came and danced for us on Saturday night before our ASSDF Dance.

We sure enjoyed your clogging your feet off for us.

We are looking forward to more of these dances from you two.

Royce and Cathy Beesley



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Daryl Stout

Our man behind the scenes!



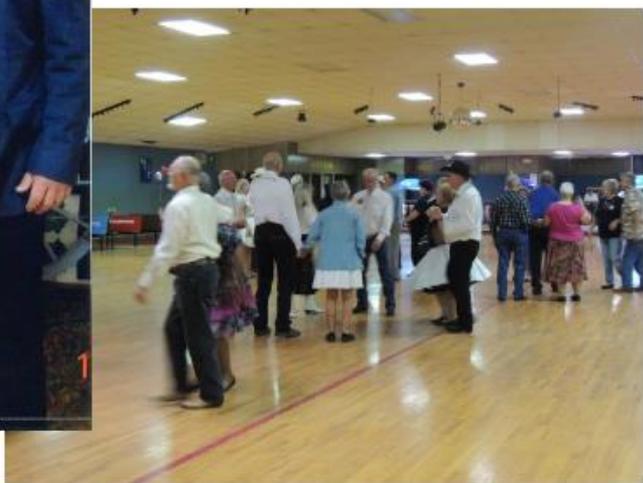
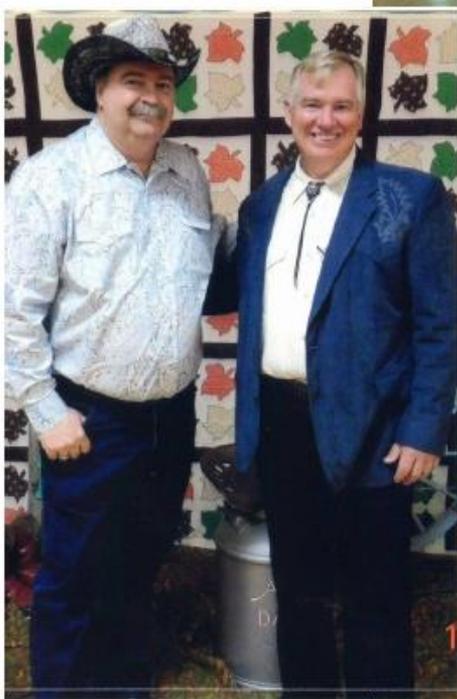
Web Master ... Circulation Manager ...

These are only titles. Daryl is an active part of the Dancer Community in Arkansas. We all recognize and appreciate his service. Most of all we wish to say ...

Thank you!

The ASSDF Board and Arkansas Dancers

MAVERICK
MIXERS
TRAIL END
DANCE



67TH FALL FESTIVAL



WHERE IS THE DANCE TONIGHT?

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st	Bella Vista Pine Bluff	Conway Kibler	Hot Springs Village Mountain Home	Charleston Conway Jonesboro Little Rock Hot Springs Village	Little Rock Royal	
2nd	Bella Vista Pine Bluff	Conway Kibler	Hot Springs Village Mountain Home	Charleston Conway Jonesboro Little Rock Searcy Hot Springs Village	Royal Texarkana Rose Bud	Little Rock
3rd	Bella Vista Pine Bluff	Conway Kibler	Hot Springs Village Mountain Home	Charleston Conway Jonesboro Little Rock Hot Springs Village	Little Rock	Harrison
4th	Bella Vista Pine Bluff	Conway Kibler	Hot Springs Village Mountain Home	Charleston Conway Jonesboro Little Rock Searcy Hot Springs Village	Royal Texarkana Rose Bud	Little Rock
5th	Bella Vista Pine Bluff	Conway Kibler	Hot Springs Village Mountain Home	Charleston Conway Jonesboro Little Rock Searcy Hot Springs Village	Little Rock	Harrison Little Rock



"Special Events"

DECEMBER 2016

9th Heber Springers

Start Time – 7:00

Location – Rose Bud Community Center, 5916 Hwy 36W Rose Bud

Christmas Dinner Dance

Caller – Ron Wise

10th Blue Belles & Beaus

Start Time – 7:00

Location – Judsonia Community Center, 601 Judson St. Judsonia

Christmas Dance

Caller – Phil Moorehouse

12th Star Steppers

Start Time – 7:00

Location – Central Presbyterian Church 6300 Trinity Dr. (Exit 42) Pine Bluff

Graduation & Christmas Dance

Caller – Phil Moorehouse

14th Twirling Funtimers

Start Time – 6:00

Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

Holiday Celebration Party Dance

Caller - James "Jammer" Cochran

17th Maverick Mixers

Start Time – 7:00

Location – American Legion, Mann Rd & Leah La, Mabelvale

Christmas Dance

Caller – Phil Moorehouse

23rd	Heber Springers	DARK
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24th	Maverick Mixers	DARK
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30th	Twirling Lariats	New Year's Dance
Start Time – 7:30		Caller – Tim Tyl & Dave Towry
Location – Mabelvale Legion Hut, Mann Road & Leah Lane, Mabelvale		

31st	Blue Belles & Beaus	Black Light Dance
Start Time – 8:00		Caller – Phil Moorehouse
Location – Judsonia Community Center, 601 Judson St Judsonia		

31st	Maverick Mixers	DARK
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FEBRUARY 2017

13th	Star Steppers	Valentine Dance
Start Time – 7:00		Caller – Phil Moorehouse
Location – Central Presbyterian Church 6300 Trinity Dr. (Exit 42) Pine Bluff		

MARCH 2017

22nd	Twirling Funtimers	Roll Your Own Sundaes
Start Time – 6:00		Caller – Calvin Hollis
Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home		

APRIL 2017

12th	Twirling Funtimers	April Showers
Start Time – 6:00		Caller – Ron Wise
Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home		

MAY 2017

10th	Twirling Funtimers	Spring Fling
Start Time – 6:00		Caller – Phillip Moorehouse
Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home		

JUNE 2017

14th Twirling Funtimers

Flag Day

Start Time – 6:00

Caller – Jay Wright

Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

JULY 2017

12th Twirling Funtimers

Watermelon Splash

Start Time – 6:00

Caller – James “Jammer” Cochran

Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

AUGUST 2017

9th Twirling Funtimers

“Hot & Dry” Ice Cream Floats

Start Time – 6:00

Caller – Doug Mallory

Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

SEPTEMBER 2017

13th Twirling Funtimers

Autumn Fest

Start Time – 6:00

Caller – Dave Roush

Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

OCTOBER 2017

4th Twirling Funtimers

Club Anniversary

Start Time – 6:00

Caller – Pat Christie

Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

NOVEMBER 2017

8th Twirling Funtimers

“Honor Veterans”

Start Time – 6:00

Caller – “Cherokee” Bill Cochran

Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

DECEMBER 2017

13th Twirling Funtimers

Holiday Celebration Party

Start Time – 6:00

Caller – James “Jammer” Cochran

Location – Van Matre Senior Center, 1101 Spring Street Mountain Home

Order of Listings for Special Events Section

Date, Club Name, Dance Name, Start Time, Caller, Location

Where are your special events?

Please notify the *Modern Square* Editor of your club's special events (up to one year in advance) with all information included as listed above. The earlier **all** information is provided, the earlier the listing will appear.

National Square Dance Convention®



Square Dance

2017 - June 21 – 24

Cincinnati, Ohio

2018 - June 27 – 30

Kansas City, Missouri

2019 - June 26 – 29

Atlanta, Georgia

2020 - June 17 – 20

Spokane, Washington



Ugly sweater
contest

&

Line dancing with
Martha Wyre

Maverick Mixers
Christmas Dance

DECEMBER 17

7 to 7:30 workshop 7:30 to 9:30 dance

Callers:

Phil Moorehouse & Carolyn Birdsong



Bring on
the
NEW YEAR!

WITH

TIM TYL

DAVE TOWRY

&

THE TWIRLING LARIATS

Dec 30th 7:30 to 9:30 \$7.00 per person

Location –

Mabelvale Legion Hut, Mann Road & Leah Lane, Mabelvale

Star Steppers
Valentine Dance





\$6
per person



Featuring Caller
**PHIL
 MOOREHOUSE**

Monday, February 13, 2017
7 - 9:00 pm

Central Presbyterian Church
 6300 Trinity Drive in Pine Bluff
 Contact: Bill Petrie 870-540-6773



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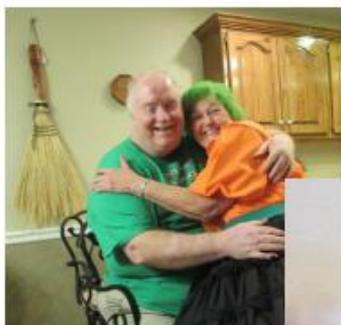


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HEBER SPRINGERS 3rd Annual Dan Nordbye Dance



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Club Reports

BLUE BELLES & BEAUS

Judsonia

CIRCLE UP SQUARES

Charleston

CONWAY ROUNDERS

Conway

DIAMOND SQUARES

Hot Springs

Diamond Squares has combined with Ouachita River Squares of Malvern to form a new club. We also combined the names. **Ouachita Diamonds Square Dance Club** dances 6:30-8:30 pm on first, third, fourth and fifth Tuesdays at Oaklawn United Methodist Church, corner of Woodlawn and Higdon Ferry Road in Hot Springs. It is across from the race track. Gordon White is caller. We'd love to see you in our squares!

GUYS 'N DOLLS

Texarkana

HEBER SPRINGERS

Rose Bud

DEAR ARKANSAS SQUARE DANCERS:

Greetings from the Heber Springers! What a great time of the year this is! The changing seasons has folks moving around a little faster. The cool breezes allow you to dig down deep in the trunks and find warmer clothes. The leaves with their changing colors bring beauty to the hills, is not all just great?

October was a great month for dancing! I had the privilege of attending the State Convention, it was a great weekend!

Our Rose Bud dance hall was nearly full for Dan Norby's special!
What a nice treat!

The Halloween dance was fun, the hall was beautifully decorated,
thanks to Theresa.

A few thanks goes out for our club members who have kept things
going: Wilma Sanders and Theresa Holly for all the planning and
preparation for the dances. To Roger and Lueen Skipper for serving as
Presidents. To Ellen and James Hindman for keeping up with our
money, great job, all of you.

Also thanks to Ron Wise and his lady, Kathy for the callings, really
two swell people that I enjoy so much. And to all the club members who
pay their dues and show up to dance. If not for all of these folks being so
dedicated, our club would not exist.

Thank you, Mick Watts for all of the good dances you provide
between tips – and also a Happy Birthday to you on Dec. 11th.

A big THANK YOU to all of our many, fun visitors, we hope you
show up often.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and A GREAT NEW YEAR!

Happy Dancing Everyone!

Bob Hall

KINGSDALE SQUARES

Bella Vista

Kingsdale Squares will host dances on December 5 – Christmas Dance
(Caller – Johnny Eubanks); and December 12 (Caller – Jay Wright), We
welcome all square dancers to attend our 6:30 PM Plus workshops
preceding the dances at 7:00 PM. Merry Christmas to All!

Bill Allen

LEVIS & LACE

Royal

Merry, blessed Christmas from Levis & Lace to each of you! I pray you
are surrounded by friends & family!

The ASSDF dance was awesome, as was the Trail End Dance. We
had a fantastic time. Mike was great. Thanks to all the officers for
making it such a huge success!! MM's, with Phil & Joey calling &

Martha leading lines, put on an unforgettable dance! Our Gene did outstanding as the MC on Saturday. L&L are so proud of Gene & all he does for the square dancing community. We started out early Thursday, & did not let up until Sunday night. I think we are like children who feel we have to make every moment with our friends special. Eating, dancing & the close camaraderie are very unique among square dancers. We were blessed with an awesome 3 days!

We did an expo dance at the Farmers' Market. So many members of our club were unable to help because of health problems & commitments, but we have faithful friends who came to our rescue. Bob Robertson, Jim & Nancy Finney & Barbara Smith came. We are so grateful for their help. We got a list of names of people who might be interested in lessons. We are going to have lessons, but will probably put it off until the first of the year. There is so much going on right now, plus we have to make sure the church is available. I will let you know.

Jim & Nancy Cates joined our club last night. They are already family, but this makes it official.

Hoppie Hopkins is still recuperating. Juanice Chitwood is better, but her back is still keeping her out for now. She danced with us a couple of tips on Halloween as a beautiful Indian. We will be happy when Hoppie & Juanice are fully recovered. Our friend Bob Robertson had knee surgery before Halloween. We were concerned because we hadn't been able to get in touch with him. But guess who came to the Friday dance?!! There he came! Not to dance, but for fellowship us! Keep Diane Woepel in prayer. She has lots of pain with her knees. Looking forward to her dancing with us. She & fiancée James Webb are faithful members.

Juanice Chitwood celebrates her birthday on the 11th. Wanda Miller has a December birthday, too. So, let them know how much you care!

Please come & dance with us soon!

Phyllis Keeney

MAVERICK MIXERS

Little Rock

Feliz Navidad y Nuevo Año! Saint Nickolas, who would eventually be called Santa Claus, was originally the patron saint of children, thieves & pawnbrokers! “Jingle bells” was composed in 1857, not for Christmas –

it was meant to be a Thanksgiving song! Doris James is leaving to go to Louisiana to be closer to her family. We are sad she is leaving but understand. We have a new member Art Ritter. Make him feel welcome. Get out the pom poms!! Ra ! Ra! October 21, some traveled to Heber Springers for 3rd Annual Dance with Dan Nordbye traveling caller. Some stopped at Ramblers Café in Rosebud. He will be back next year in Oct. Nov 12th Open Mic Dance, with guest Caller Carolyn Birdsong. We danced so much we danced with a hole in our stockings. We have 3 demos this month. Demo at Presbyterian Village with Ron Wise, caller, at 2:30 on Nov 3rd. Some stopped at Homers West to eat. Second, demo dance with Carolyn Birdsong, caller, at Stan Stander's church "The Church of Jesus Christ Latte Day Saint" on Fri, Nov 18. They fed us at 6 p.m. and danced afterward. Dec 16, 3rd demo Phil Moorehouse, caller, for 50th wedding anniversary. Xmas Party is Dec 11, at 4pm., at Panda Chinese, Shackelford Crossing, exchanging gifts, fellowship & eating. Our Christmas Dance is on Dec 17, **TWO** fabulous callers: Phil Moorehouse, Santa & Carolyn Birdsong and the Elf. We will also have an **ugly sweater contest**. We will be dark on 24th and 31st. Some will travel to Blue Bells & Beaus on 31st @ Judsonia for their "Black Light Dance". Wear your black and white outfits! The Maverick Mixers had a lot of good times together this year. We travelled, we ate, we danced, and we laughed together. More great dances coming up in 2017. In January "The Amigos Dance". Empty Chair for our beloved caller, Bill Strawn. So watch the Modern Squares! Birthday for December is Alana Clegg. Dec gemstone is turquoise & flower is narcissus. We **love** our guests. **Come dance with us 2ⁿ, 4th & 5th Sat.** Grandma got run over by a reindeer. Watch out for those reindeers! This reporter loves scooping out news. Hope everyone enjoys them as much as "nosey news" lady does.

Ginny Short

PISTOLS & PETTICOATS

Jonesboro

It has been a while since we sent in a club report, so here's what's up. We still dance on Thursdays 7-9 at St. Paul's. Come join us. I sent some photos of our group with the baskets for ASSDF Fall Festival. Can you

find the difference in the two photos?

Club members Sandra and Randy had us over for a Halloween party with lots of good food. We danced in the garage. They went all out for Halloween by decorating their home with all kinds of pumpkins, spooks, spiders, skeletons and the whole works. Thanks to Sandra and Randy for everything!

We have plans for a Gobble and Wobble Fall Festival with the First Baptist Church Choir with lots of good food to gobble and then we wobble out to demonstrate square dance for the group. We hope they will join us in the wobbling, and maybe join us in the future.

Vaughndel Kiou, one of our members is gravely ill with a kidney infection and other issues. Please pray for him and his wife Linda. Also, our former caller John Williams has health issues. Please include him in your prayers also.

Birthdays for Nov/Dec are: 11/28 - Pat Billing; 11/30 - Cathy Beesley; 12/16 - Boyce Brownderville; 12/30 - Elby Lambert.

One Anniversary : 12/18 - John and Ruth Williams.

It will soon be time for our annual UCP benefit square dance. It will be in late January (either the 20th or 28th). More info forthcoming. Plan to join us for fun and fellowship and a worthy cause.

Yellow Rocks to all!

Bonnie Hallett

SKOKOS PROMENADERS

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STAR STEPPERS

Pine Bluff

"Merry Christmas" to all of you Square Dancers out there.

It is sneaking up quickly, Isn't it? I have my winter villages up and all on the tables, but I haven't gotten the people there yet. That is about the same as our retail businesses. Time will take care of that. We need to get more people to come to learn to square dance. Other than word of

mouth, tell us some other ways!

Dec. 12, we are graduating a very dedicated and energizing couple, Mark and Tracy Stanfield, who are younger than we are! Wow! We are so proud of them! We seem to be learning, along with them with all of these new ways to dance basic movements.

After Christmas, comes our romantic Valentine Square Dance. I love to decorate and it will be remembered and treasured a long time. Couples or singles are invited . We share our dance partner with others. (That means that our feet hurt!) Ha! Let's fill the dance floor, have fun, and fill our hearts with love! (Feb. 13)

Roana Petrie

SIXTIES SWINGERS

Little Rock

The final report for 2016 for the 60's Swingers starts on a sad note...reporting the passing of longtime member Gertrude Thompson. Also, condolences to the family of Leon Baugh, who passed away in late October. He and his wife Nell, were long time square dancers with the Maverick Mixers. Both Gertrude and Leon will be sorely missed. Also, our own Sheila Hurt will be out for a while, due to medical issues. Speaking of which, bills from a procedure I had to have done in late September, caused me to miss the ASSDF Fall Festival in Caddo Valley, but I understand it was a good dance weekend...I'm just sorry I had to miss it.

The December Birthday Yellowrocks go to Erma Jean Carter, Mick Watts, Gloria Watts, and Bill McNeil. My apologies if I missed anyone.

Several members did a demo at the Presbyterian Village Nursing Home in Little Rock in early November, and some Maverick Mixers joined us for a square and a little bit more, so some dancers could rest between tips (it was hard dancing on carpeting). Our own Dorothy Pumphrey, 98 years young, even danced a few tips, much to the delight of the residents there. Our own Ron Wise called the demo, plus Carolyn Birdsong did a singing call, and some line dancing. The club will also do a demo at a North Little Rock church just before Thanksgiving.

Speaking of the holidays, we will be DARK on Dec. 22 and 29, for

the Christmas and New Year's Day Holidays...so our last dance of 2016 will be on Thursday, Dec. 15. There is still a possibility that we will reduce dancing to twice a month in 2017, due to a lack of members...but with the club report deadlines, the decision won't be in here until the February, 2017 report. Please check our Facebook page, and the ASSDF website for updates.

There are plenty of yellowrocks under the Christmas Tree, and at each dance. We invite you to join us, and our visitors each Thursday, at 2pm at The Centre At University Park, where our own Ron Wise always has a gift bag full of square dance fun.

Happy Holidays from the 60's Swingers!!

Daryl Stout

TWIRLING FUNTIMERS

Mountain Home

TWIRLING LARIATS

Little Rock

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. How many people have their Christmas shopping finished? Not me. I am always promising myself that I will do better next year. I guess I like the pressure of last minute shopping.

Our Christmas dinner was December 4 at the Hut. Thanks to the Veregge's for setting it up. Our gift exchange (Dirty Santa) went well with some getting to keep what they wanted and others maybe not so happy but there is always next year. The last one to choose is usually the happiest.

Mark your calendars for December 30 and help us bring in the 2017 a little early. This will be our normal 5th Friday dance. We will have blackeyed peas, cornbread and trimmings for refreshments that night.

We are beginning to line out our dance schedule for 2017 and I will be listing them when dates are firm. June Bug Jamboree, Dave & Tim Tyl want to have another dance, Benefit dance for the American Legion, just to name a few we are working on setting up. The Benefit dance for the American Legion is one that helps up keep our building in repair and

safe for us to dance in. More on these dances as we set our schedule.

We will be saying bye to a few couples that go to the Valley each year for a few months. They will be missed but we hope that they have safe travel there and back with a lot of wonderful dancing.

As we reflect on 2016, we realize how many visitors we have had and what an asset they have been to our dances. Thanks!!

I have talked to Faye Hallum and they have donated Hank's square dance turntable, records, clothing, etc. to a dance museum in New York state. His display will be rotated with other dance memorabilia from time to time. Also, Faye is recovering from some oral surgery.

Mary Green is doing better. Continue to pray for her and Bill Lehman.

Hope to see you in a square soon and enjoy the holidays with family and friends.

Dean Talley

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Hot Springs Village

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