



April 2009

# Round the Capitol Square

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April showers bring May flowers; however, we were glad to see the gentle rain in mid March. Several Austin and surrounding area dancers made the drive to Lubbock for the Conclave meeting and dance on March the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. There were 12 squares in the Grand March on Friday evening, and a total of 21 squares were there for the evening. The group was energetic and lively. Saturday's meeting was shorter than most. Jon and Veronica Steffens were elected Treasurer for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Saturday night's dance was well represented. The Grand March had 13 squares and at least as many dancers as Friday night. The West Texas Callers & Teachers Association did a fantastic job calling and cueing both nights.

We want to thank those who helped with the Serene Hills Elementary School's exhibition on March the 5<sup>th</sup>. A special thank you goes to Martha Burghart for bringing her second graders out to the exhibition. The second graders performed square dancing for the kindergartners, followed by members of ASRDA. The kindergartners got to do the "Chicken Dance" and then did some square dancing of their own. The association appreciates those who find the time in their busy schedule to help with exhibitions. It is a way to let people know about square dancing.

Thanks Gonzales' Come 'N Take Squares for throwing a good dinner and dance. There were 166 square and round dancers signed in with a total of 20 squares dancing. The country store and door prizes were fantastic. The Apache Raindancers put on a good spaghetti dinner and dance. The Texas Bluebonnets Anniversary dance was well attended. And of course, Waterloo Squares Anniversary dance was high energy.

On Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> of April the Kingsland Country Cuzzins is having their 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wildflower dance and afternoon square and round workshops with Joe Saltel, caller and Adrienne Nelson, cuer. On Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> Buckles & Bows is having their 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dance with Tony Oxendine calling. On Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> Heart of Texas is having their Teen Scholarship dance in Waco.

May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will be here before you know it. Mid-Tex's theme this year is "The Best Little Barn Dance in Texas". Local callers and cuers will perform on Friday night. The Saturday night caller is Mike Bramlett and the cuers are Kay and Joy Read. The committee's goal is to have more people enjoy this event. The clubs are donating baskets for a silent auction and all proceeds from the basket sales are going to the Teen Scholarship fund. The requested dance donation for the entire event is \$12 per person, \$4 per person for Friday night, \$4 per person for Saturday afternoon, \$7 per person for Saturday night, and \$10 per person for both nights.

We look forward to seeing you around the squares.

*James and Theresa*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Send information on your special event to Social Secretary Howard & Bonnie Bounds  
1912 Cannonwood Lane, Austin, Tx 78745-3607 – [sqbounds@austin.rr.com](mailto:sqbounds@austin.rr.com)

**2009**

- Apr 3-5 Eagles Rockport FunFest
- Apr 18 Buckles & Bows 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance – caller Tony Oxendine
- Apr 25 ASRDA meeting – **election of officers** – Hyde Park Christian Church, 4 PM
- Apr 25 Presidential Advisory Committee (Dancer of the Year) Hyde Park Christian Church
- Apr 25 Heart of Texas Teen Scholarship Dance
- Apr 29 Shirts N Skirts 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Plus Dance, caller Jim Hayes
- May 1-2 Mid-Tex Festival, caller Mike Bramlett, cuers Kay & Joy Read
- May 13 Swinging Lakers Anniversary Dance, Charles Quisenberry
- June 11-14 State Festival in Waco
- June 24-27 National Convention in Long Beach, CA
- July 8 Shirts N Skirts Ice Cream Social, caller Jim Hayes, cuers Jerry & Lucy Pate
- July 29 Shirts N Skirts 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Plus Dance, caller Jim Hayes
- July 30 Merry Mixers 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Root Beer Float Special, caller Brad Caldwell
- Aug 15 Texas Bluebonnets' Luau Dance
- Sept 12 Buckles & Bows 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Happy Every Holiday Dance" – caller Mike Seastrom
- Sept 30 Shirts N Skirts 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Plus Dance, caller Jim Hayes
- Oct 3 Buckles & Bows Special – caller Mike Sikorsky

**2010**

- Mar 6 LaGrange Roadrunners Annual Independence Day Dance, caller The Poor Boys, cuer John Becker
- Mar 27 Come & Take It Squares Anniversary Dance
- Apr 1 Merry Mixers Special Dance – Caller Andy Petrere
- Apr 17 Buckles & Bows 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance – caller Tim Crawford from Ontario, Canada
- Apr 23-25 Eagles Rockport FunFest

**2011**

- Mar 19 Buckles & Bows 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance, caller Jerry Story

**BUCKLES & BOWS – OUR 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration ARRIVES!**

***BUCKLES & BOWS CELEBRATES OUR 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DANCE*** on Saturday **April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009**, and we are thrilled to welcome back Tony Oxendine as our special International Guest Caller. The last time we had Tony, 37 Squares attended! He called a fabulous dance. He can move you smoothly around the square and has a wonderful singing voice. He is co-owner of Royal Records and calls full-time all over the world. He is also an accredited Caller Coach teaching other callers how to call. We hope to get a large crowd this year and hope YOU will be a part of it. This dance will be Mainstream with Announced Plus.

The dance is April 18<sup>th</sup>, the Saturday after Easter. It will be held at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, 1101 W. New Hope Road from 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. The church hall is large, has excellent Air Conditioning and lighting, so please mark your calendar and join us. You can easily reach the church by driving 183 N, pass FM 1431, and about a mile up 183, turn left on New Hope Road. The church is on the right just after you cross Bagdad Road. If you are headed south from IH-35, turn Right on FM 1431, then N on 183 to New Hope Rd, Turn Left. If you are coming from Lago Vista headed on 1431, turn left on Lakeline and a right on New Hope Road. Please see the flyer in this month's RCS.

We are also planning to welcome **MIKE SEASTROM** from California, for our "**Happy Every Holiday Dance**" on **September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 7:30 – 10:00 p.m.** As a special dance opportunity, we have added an AFTERNOON DBD Plus dance with Mike Seastrom from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. This will be for experienced plus dancers. It will be DBD plus as only Mike Seastrom can call it. We will be offering a special combined ticket price for both dances. All dancing will be at Hyde Park Christian Church in Austin.

We have also booked **MIKE SIKORSKY** from Mesa, Arizona, for a "Special Evening with Mike Sikorsky" dance on **October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009**. Mike is a dancing, singing, record producing caller. Mike was last in the Austin Area at a Bastrop Anniversary dance 3 years ago, and called a fabulous dance! Many dancers who came to that dance have been asking when he would come again...well mark your calendars because Mike Sikorsky is coming again!

Buckles & Bows is going to offer an open Community Square & Line Dance on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month from April – September. The idea is to offer a free dance opportunity to the community to come and

enjoy the great activity we have. We will advertise it in the Cedar Park area, but it is open to anyone who wishes to try dancing. The dance will run from 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at our CP United Methodist Church, 610 West Park Street, Cedar Park. Please mention this to your friends and send them up for a FREE evening of Square and Line Dancing. Better yet, come with them. Angels will always be welcome to help them share in the fun! They can come as often as they wish as we will vary the routines each month. Our regular Club Lessons will begin in the fall.

We want to extend a special welcome to Lori Keefe and Casey Welch who graduated into our club in March. We are thrilled to have you dancing with us!

Hope to see you in a square soon and at our Anniversary Dance on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009!

**Slate of ASRDA Officers for 2009/2010**

**The nominating committee will present the following slate of officers at the 4pm April 25 meeting at Hyde Park Christian Church in Austin:**

**President: Ed and Martha Koslosky--current President of LaGrange Roadrunners**

**Vice President: Mary Alice Troxel--Lone Star Lambdas--current ASRDA Financial Advisor**

**Treasurer-- Bill and Myrna Thiessen--LaGrange Roadrunners--currently VP, past Treasurer. Both are retired bankers**

**Secretary--Lise Waring--Lone Star Lambdas, former ASRDA Secretary**

**Nominations will be taken from the floor. Please have a letter of consent from anyone that you nominate. Please note that only active members in good standing of member clubs in the Austin Square and Round Dance Association are eligible to hold an elected office.**

*Buckles & Bows*

*6th Anniversary Dance*

***Tony Oxendine***  
*International Guest Caller*

**Date: Saturday, April 18, 2009**

**Time: 7:30 - 10:00 p.m.**

**Location: St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church  
1101 W. New Hope Rd.  
Cedar Park, TX (Austin, TX Area)**

**Donation: \$8**

**FMI: Arnold or Marie Gladson  
512-914-1335  
or [www.glad2call.com](http://www.glad2call.com)**

### **SHIRTS 'N' SKIRTS**

This first weekend in March, some of us made the trek to Lubbock and Buddy Holly country for the TSFSRD Conclave. Along the route were acres of huge wind energy turbines whirling along over aging oil fields and rusted pumping stations. The scenery is a truly remarkable transformation from the days when Texas panhandle plains stretched as far as the eye could see.

Lubbock is a beautiful city and the Lubbock Area Square and Round Dance Federation is made up of wonderful people. The conclave was a memorable event hosted by a hospitable and generous community. Formal election of new TSFSRD officers went smoothly and we can rest assured the torch will pass to fully qualified and competent leadership.

Gleaming wooden floors in a recently redecorated LASRDAF dance hall supported more than twelve squares each evening. A number of excellent callers and cuers alternated entertaining and dancing. Two of our favorite dancers, Dan and Kathy Amburn could be seen enjoyably dancing nearly every square and round.

On the other hand, square dancers don't have to travel all across Texas to find some first-rate dances soon coming their way. The May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Austin Mid-Tex is planned and designed by diligent and dedicated people. The schedule promises a plethora of talented cuers and callers with workshops and fine dancing. Our State Festival in Waco in June is another opportunity. It brings a huge number of Texas finest dancers, callers and cuers to that fair city. Registration forms are available on the State Web site at <http://www.squaredancetx.com/>. It's easy to make plans to attend. Just sign up and dust off the dancing shoes.

Meanwhile back at the ranch, Shirts 'N' Skirts tries to offer each dancer a variety of interests throughout the month. Our caller, Jim Hayes calls classic mainstream with announced plus and every first Wednesday Martha Burghart leads us in her toe-tapping line dances. On 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, Lucy and Jerry Pate cue cool rounds. It all makes for a fun evening with good friends and fine dancing.

Here are a few more special dates for your calendar: April 29, July 29 and September 30. Our fifth Wednesday All-Plus dances have been well received and attended. Jim Hayes is always a heap of fun with his feisty figures. Not only that, but good dancers become great dancers after tasting a bit of Jim's spicy all plus. Discover more about Shirts 'n' Skirts square dance club by visiting our website at:

<http://www.asrda.org/clubs/shirtsskirts/>.

After a long dry spell, our little club has recruited some new students and aspiring square dancers. In February, the new Georgetown Recreation Center facility became the site for more of Jim's expert teaching for five squares of angels and dancers. Following two nights of introductory lessons the class is now committed and condensed into three teaching squares. Dancers and angels are enjoying the fun and fitness, socializing and sharing all the many benefits of our favorite activity. There's a rewarding feeling and a bit of a thrill seeing fresh folks acclimate and learn our square dance customs and culture. A huge Texas-sized "Thank you!" is due Dave & Ann Treadwell, Will & Carol Barnhart and all the dancers who volunteer as angels for our class.

On a truly somber note, our long-time member and dear friend, Claude Morrison is undergoing therapy with Scott & White physicians following a sudden stroke. The doctor's prognosis is promising and full recovery is anticipated. Meanwhile, we'll all hope for his swift recuperation and keep Claude and Jodie in our thoughts and prayers.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Shoemaker, Shirts 'N' Skirts Club Secretary

### **CLICKETY CLOGGERS**

As I write this article, I have just returned from an all day clogging workshop. In clogging, there are instructors who teach routines, but then we need to memorize them – a little like line dancing, but a whole lot more complex. Anyway, each hour of the workshop, we 'learn' a new routine. I use the term 'learn' loosely since it is more being exposed to a routine, perhaps learning a few new steps or sequences. If it is a good routine to bring back to teach the club we get the music and cue sheet and really learn it – later. All in all, it was an overwhelming, but fun day.

Beginner clogging lessons are well under way. Soon there should be some new cloggers in our community.

It is Springtime and we are performing at local festivals. Check out our website for details. [www.clicketycloggers.com](http://www.clicketycloggers.com) We would love to have you in the audience.

Jon Durbin



Heart of Texas  
Square and Round Dance Association  
presents



# TEEN SCHOLARSHIP Dance & Fundraiser

**Saturday, April 25, 2009**

Heart of Texas Callers and Cuers

7:30 pm Pre-rounds

8:00 pm Grand March

8:00 - 10:00 pm Dance

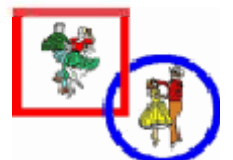


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Allemande Hall  
106 Westlake  
Speegleville, Texas

(West of Interstate 35 on Highway 6; South of Waco city limits)



**ASRDA Mid-Tex Festival**  
May 1-2, 2009 - St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Austin, TX

**"The Best Little  
Barn Dance  
in Texas!"**



Saturday Caller  
*Mike Bramlett*



Saturday Cuer  
*Karen Glodt*

*Schedule of Events*

**Friday Dance** May 1, 2009  
7:00 - 7:30 pm Early Rounds  
7:30 -10:00 pm Dance 2+2  
Callers: Gary Bible, Brad Caldwell,  
Al Frazier, Jim Hayes,  
Jimmy Johnson, Ed Larder,  
Chet Miles  
Cuers: Martha Koslosky,  
Jerry and Lucy Pate

**Saturday Afternoon** May 2, 2009  
12:30 - 2:30 pm Rounds Workshop  
3:00 - 5:00 pm Square Dance

**Saturday Dance** May 2, 2009  
7:00 - 7:45 pm Early Rounds  
7:45 pm Grand March  
8:00 -10:00 pm Dance 2+2

Thanks to our Friday night Callers and  
Cuers for donating their time and talent!

**Donation per Dancer**

\$12 all events  
\$10 both nights  
\$ 4 Friday night  
\$ 4 Saturday afternoon  
\$ 7 Saturday night



Silent Auction



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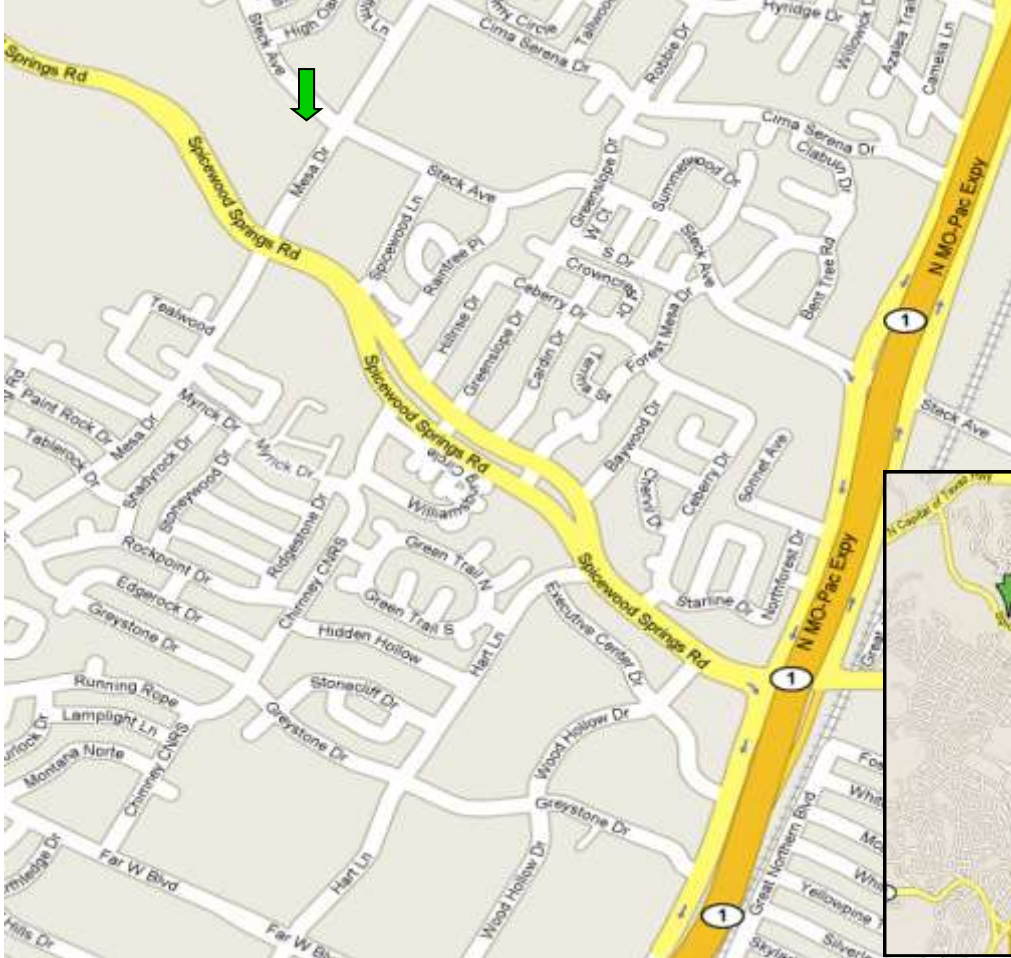
**Vendors**

*Rhythm Creations  
&  
Tag-Em! Engraving*

# ASRDA'S 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Mid-Tex Festival

Friday, May 1st and Saturday, May 2nd, 2009

Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church, 8134 Mesa Drive, Austin, Texas



## Schedule of Events

### **Friday Dance** May 1, 2009

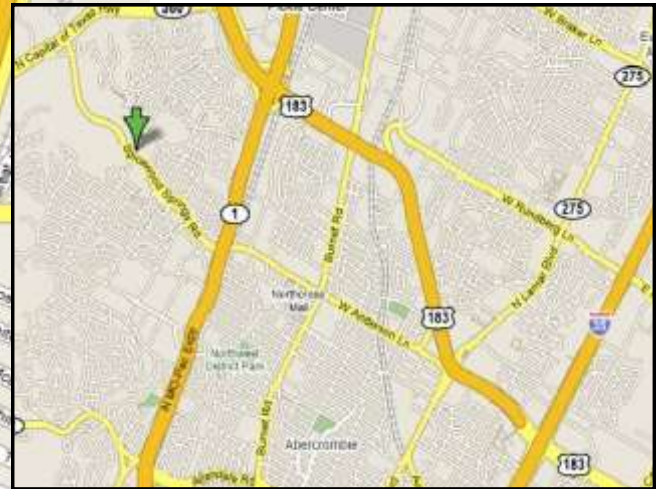
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7:30 - 10:00 pm Dance, 2+2

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### **Saturday Dance** May 2, 2009

7:00 - 7:45 pm Early Rounds  
7:45 pm Grand March  
8:00 - 10:00 pm Dance 2+2



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## ASRDA's Mid-Tex Festival Committee

Joyce Adams  
Loren & Margaret Block  
Calvin & Ruby Buesing  
Howard Stier  
Chris Vandiver  
Jay & Sue Welch  
Morris & Ann Winkle

## To Contact Our Vendors

**Rhythm Creations:** see <http://www.squaredanceclothes.com>  
or call Jimette Smith at (713)682-7248.

**Tag-em! Engraving:** see <http://www.tagemengraving.com>  
or call Bruce Carter at (512)894-3634.

## For Nearby Hotel Information

See the map at <http://www.asrda.org/files/HotelsNearMid-Tex.pdf>

## For RV Park Information

Contact: Morris & Ann Winkle  
Phone: (512)244-9338 e-mail: [anmwink63@sbcglobal.net](mailto:anmwink63@sbcglobal.net)

## For Further Information

Contact: Howard Stier, Mid-Tex Festival Chairman  
Phone: (512)762-9133 e-mail: [hs4bernie@aol.com](mailto:hs4bernie@aol.com)  
or  
Contact: Chris Vandiver, Mid-Tex Festival Chairman  
Phone: (972)977-9677 e-mail: [christinevandiver@sbcglobal.net](mailto:christinevandiver@sbcglobal.net)

**COME AND TAKE IT SQUARES**

We wish every one of you a very blessed and happy Easter. We are very thankful for the wonderful rain we had. Some had more than others, but every drop was welcomed.

Another anniversary dance has passed. Now as we recover and nurse all of our aches and pains we look back and have only pleasant memories of a great dance. A big thank-you to all of those who came. We had 15 squares on the floor at one time with extras on the side.

Bill Wright and the Beckers did a great job. Now we are looking forward next year which will be March 27, 2010.

We apologize, we had advertized on our flyer there would be two vendors. As it turned out one was unable to come due to illness in the family. Hopefully everyone was able to get what they needed

Some of us attended LaGrange's dance with Lottie Ainsworth calling. It was a great dance and the food was delicious. If you were not there you missed a good one. We also had a very good turn out for Seguin's Happy Sole's graduation. They had six squares. There were quite a few there from Austin to support them also. They are a fun group and are trying really hard to get a group going.

We also want to thank everyone who came to dance with us on President's Day. Nassar Shukayr called for us. We had a good group of dancers and everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. We hope to have him call for us again sometime.

We just got an e-mail telling us that the Pine Knots have gone dark for good. We are very sorry to hear this. It is always sad when this happens because square dancing is such a fun thing. We welcome them to join us whenever they can. I am sorry to say we did not get to visit them much since we dance on the same night, however whenever we did visit we had a very good time.

Our sympathy is with Cecil and Jeannie Hall. Jeannie's mother passed away. Cecil and Jeannie were members of our club at one time and they still visit us whenever they can.

Our get well wishes go out to Neva Sackett. She had surgery on her shoulder recently

The callers for April are as follows. Cris is calling on the 2nd and 4th Mondays. April 6th and the 20th will be Wayne Weston.

Another reminder, we hope everyone is keeping May 1st and 2nd open for Mid-Tex. The price is right and fun and dancing will be the best.

See you in a square somewhere!

Calvin & Ruby

**ASRDA DANCER OF THE YEAR**

Nominations are needed for ASRDA Dancer of the Year.

Dancer of the Year award is given to a dancer/couple who has worked hard to promote and support the Austin Square and Round Dance Association.

To be eligible for this award a dancer must be a current member of an ASRDA club, cannot be a caller or cuer and active in the ASRDA.

There are many dancers who work very hard within their club but this does not qualify them for the ASRDA Dancer of the Year award. We have dancers who are very active in the Texas Federation but this does not qualify them for the ASRDA award. This is awarded strictly for service to the ASRDA.

Nominations need to be submitted in writing to any member of the Presidential Advisory Committee. This committee is made up of former winners of the award and you can identify them by the dangle they proudly wear.

Winners who are currently active include: Howard & Bonnie Bounds, Joe & Bonnie Lowe, Marvin & Dorothy Sandler, Jon & Veronica Steffens, Joe Brown, Calvin & Ruby Buesing, George Vacek, Hugh & Donna Woodard, Bob & Mattie Bartlett, Morris & Ann Winkle, Barney & Ann Bandekow, Chuck & Cheryl Sherman and Tony & Martha Burghart.

Nominations may be sent by email to [hugh1661@aol.com](mailto:hugh1661@aol.com) or by mail to Hugh & Donna Woodard, 10621 Denell Circle, Austin, TX 78753.

The award will be presented at the Installation of new officers by the outgoing president of ASRDA.

**GET THOSE LETTERS IN!**



58<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION®  
Long Beach, California June 24, 25, 26, 27, 2009  
*California Dreamin'* [www.58nsdc.org](http://www.58nsdc.org)

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**Cruise after the 58<sup>th</sup> NSDC**

This special 7-day Mexican Riviera cruise, on Carnival's newest ship, features stops in three ports of call. Boarding the Carnival Splendor will be next to the Queen Mary. Randy and Dee Dee Dougherty will be doing the calling (just in case you didn't get enough square dancing in Long Beach). Price for the cruise has just been lowered again by \$116. Check our website [www.58nsdc.org](http://www.58nsdc.org) for more details and pictures of the staterooms.

**Tour Opportunities While at the 58<sup>th</sup> NSDC**

The Social & Special Events Chairman and all their wonderful helpers have scoured the "southland" looking for great tours to make your "California Dreamin' adventure" more enjoyable. They have found many wonderful tour opportunities. You can see them online at [www.58nsdc.org](http://www.58nsdc.org). Some of the tours: Disneyland® Park & Disney's California Adventure® Park; Knott's Berry Farm; LA Fashion & Jewelry Districts; The Getty Museum; Catalina Island; Dolphin & Whale Watching Harbor Cruise. And, of course, the big one: The Post-Convention Mexican Riviera Cruise. Learn all about the many tours by logging onto the website.

**58<sup>th</sup> NSDC Program Book**

The Convention Program Book is one item that you want to leave the convention with. It will have information on when and where to dance Square, Round, country western, clog or contra dancing and also where the callers, cuers or instructors will be. You will find a schedule for the wonderful Educational program we have planned. Also included is a layout of the Convention Center showing who and where the vendors will be for your shopping pleasure; the committees that put this convention together; exhibitions and fashion show; planned ceremonies; plus information on the 59<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® in Louisville, KY in 2010. You are encouraged to place your order for the Program Book, which includes the three (3) dailies ASAP. Simply use a registration form to order your Program Book; you save money and you are guaranteed a copy. Very few will be available at Ways & Means so, order it now. At the same time, you may also order other items that you have not previously ordered.

**58<sup>th</sup> NSDC Registration Update**

At press time, there are 3,205 registered for the 58th NSDC. Dancers from almost every state and 12 foreign countries are planning to come to Long Beach. Don't you miss out on this fun, fellowship and fitness, all set to music! It's only \$50 for the entire convention. But the price goes up to \$60 on June 1<sup>st</sup>. **REGISTER NOW!**

**Emergency Phone Number at the 58<sup>th</sup> NSDC**  
**(562-628-8400)**

Give this number to your family in case they need to reach you for an emergency. This phone number is a direct line to the "main" Convention Security Personnel. The Convention Security will have direct contact with the Square Dance Security Force using 2-way radios. This number will be active beginning Monday, June 22, 2009. This is not a convention information phone number; it's an emergency number. Hopefully, you will never need these folks, but if you do, they are only a call away.

**The "Beach Buoys" at the 58<sup>th</sup> NSDC**

At long last the 58<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® can identify the members of its infamous "Beach Buoys" quartet. The group, which will perform at the 58<sup>th</sup>'s Opening Ceremony, will feature nationally-known callers Mike Seastrom, Ken Bower, Tony Oxendine, and Wade Driver. Their appearance will definitely be the highlight of the ceremony and worth the price of admission, which, of course, is free, as it's included in your admission price!

**Make plans now to come to Long Beach, California, in June, 2009  
for the "Greatest Square Dance Event In The World."**

**THE TEXAS BLUEBONNETS**

The Texas Bluebonnets meet on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 6800 Woodrow Ave in Austin. We dance Mainstream and Plus and our caller, Jimmy Johnson is great to help us with our moves and show us how fun square dancing can be. We go dark on the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays when we hope you will enjoy dancing with other clubs on these nights.

The Texas Bluebonnets are almost halfway through our mainstream lessons and hosted a St. Patrick's Day half-way dance for our class on March 17th, 2009. We have a small class but are having a great time and learning very quickly. Please visit our website ([www.asrda.org/clubs/bluebonnets](http://www.asrda.org/clubs/bluebonnets)) for further information. We would like to thank everyone in advance for anyone you may know and send to us for lessons and also all who help angel our new students.

Our next big club dance is our Anniversary Dance on Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at Hyde Park Christian Church located at 610 E 45<sup>th</sup> St. in Austin. We will have guest caller and cuer Gary and Linda Bible. Come help us Dance into Spring and celebrate our 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Visit the website for flyers and information.

We are also beginning our plans for our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Luau Dance Aug 15<sup>th</sup> at Hyde Park Christian Church located at 610 E 45<sup>th</sup> St. in Austin. Keep watching for information for this event. It should be plenty of fun.

See you around the squares.

Mike and Janet Tidwell: Secretaries

**SWINGING LAKERS**

The Swinging Lakers are busy planning their 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance to be held on Wednesday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. Our special guest caller will be Charles Quisenberry from Dallas, Texas. Between tips we will be playing some of your favorite Country and Western songs so plan on taking a whirl around our wonderful dance floor.

If you are looking for more than just dancing the night away, there will be split-the-pot, a country store and loads of goodies for snacking. We hope you can make the short trip out to Lago Vista and join us in celebrating this landmark occasion for our club. If you need directions or have questions, give Dave Smith a call at 512-494-4069.

The Lakers would like to extend a very big thanks to Sam Bloom, the Austin Waterloos and all of

you who came out to support us the night the Aggie Wranglers came out to visit. Sam was instrumental in getting the word out about the Wrangler's visit and we appreciate the Waterloos showing up in force to provide plenty of square dancers for all our non-square dancing guests. At the end of the evening, there were quite a few non-square dancers who made comments that they never knew square dancing was so much fun. These comments came from the Wranglers who were pretty tired and sore by the time they finished their performance with us and also from some teenagers who now have a totally different perspective on square dancing. It was a pleasure to spend an evening like this with dancers of different genres and ages coming together to celebrate the simple fact that we love to dance.

See you soon!

Debbie Wehner, Swinging Lakers Secretary

**MERRY MIXERS**

The Merry Mixers enjoyed the visits of the Waterloo Squares, Shirts and Skirts and Texas Bluebonnets during the months of February and March. The Merry Mixers paid a return visit to the Texas Bluebonnets for their anniversary dance on March 21st and retrieved one of our traveling banners. We owe visits to the Waterloo Squares and Shirts and Skirts.

The Merry Mixers graduated six students on March 26th and they are anxious to join the square dance community.

Our Regular Thursday night dance schedule will resume on April 2. Mainstream with announced plus and some line dancing between tips from 7:30PM to 9:30PM at the South Austin Senior Activities Center.

Birthdays for April include Arveda Mixon on the 3rd and Becky Kokel on the 20th.

April Wedding Anniversaries bring celebrated are Jim and Kathy Grosso on the 16th while Don and Monique Lehning celebrate on the 22nd.

Upcoming Square Dance Events of Importance:  
Mid-Tex Jamboree on May 1 & 2  
State Festival in Waco on June 11 - 14  
Nationals in Long Beach June 24-27  
MM Root Bear Float Dance with Brad Caldwell July 30  
MM April Fools Dance with Andy Petere on April 1, 2010

Merry Mixers who enjoyed traveling in March included Joe Lowe who went to the United Kingdom and Carolyn Brown who visited Africa and Singapore.

See you all around a square - Gene Tacchi

**APACHE RAINDANCERS**

Are you as confused by this spring weather as we are? One day the air conditioner is on and the next the heat. Hopefully everyone got some of the rain the last cold front brought us. But, we shouldn't complain, Summer is right around the corner, then we can enjoy endless heat and air conditioning. Thank goodness square dancing goes on regardless of the weather.

Jon and Veronica Steffens, Hugh and Donna Woodard, Jim Pender and Theresa Keane went to the State meeting in Lubbock on March 6-7. We were told that it was a great dance and it is a shame that more Austin square dancers could not make it. We are proud that Jon and Veronica are now the treasurers for the TSFRDA.

We enjoyed all of the guests at our Spaghetti Supper on Monday March 16th. What a nice variety of sauces and salads. And of course, Al called an interesting dance to work off all of those carbs. We look forward to our next special dance; Ice Cream Sundae on a Monday. Keep looking for the announced date.

We have also enjoyed some of our members-on-leave being able to visit with us this month. Joe and Nelda Magruder and Jim and Patsy Kuehn. Jim even managed to dance a little. Hope to see them all recovered and back with us full time in the near future.

We are looking forward to our new class of Main Stream lessons. There will be two free introductory lessons starting on March 23rd. They will be at Hyde Park Christian Church, 7PM to 8PM, with Main Stream and Plus dancing following till 9:30pm.

A group of Apaches attended Come and Take It Squares Anniversary Dance and had a very good time. We also attended the Texas Bluebonnets Anniversary Dance on March 21st, and are looking forward to the Waterloos' Anniversary Dance on March 24<sup>th</sup> and the Eagles Rockport Funfest on April 3-5.

The Mid-Tex committee is working hard to make the May Fest on May 1<sup>st-2nd</sup> a knock out weekend. Any excuse to get together and square dance is a good thing.

Others may think with their heart  
Apaches think with their feet  
Because that's the dancing part.  
So come join our little band  
We all dance on Monday night  
Al Frazier is our caller  
He will get you dancing right.

**PINE KNOTS SQUARE DANCE CLUB**

It is with regret that the Pine Knots Square Dance club in Bastrop, Texas has folded. We have not had membership growth for the past year and do not have enough members to continue dancing weekly. Therefore, the remaining members decided that it was best to fold the club.

Hopefully, in the future, if there are enough dancers interested in dancing in Bastrop, the club can regroup and square dancing can resume.

It is hoped that the remaining Pine Knots members will continue dancing at other clubs in the area.

We want to thank the Austin Square Dance Community for your support of the club for the past 5 years. It was appreciated

**WHEEL N DEALS**

Wheel-n-Deals continues to enjoy good attendance at our dances. Our regular caller, Chet Miles, and such talented visiting callers as Wayne Weston, Cris Crisler and John Thompson really keep us hopping. Also, we are having a great time with our round dance lessons that are being taught by Cassandra and Robert Joy.

The annual election of officers was held on March 19 with the following being chosen to serve this year: Jim and Edel Meany, Presidents; Virginia "Gini" Aalen, Vice-President; Doris Smith, Secretary-Treasurer and Marvin and Dorothy Sandler to continue as Club Delegates. We expect a banner year under the leadership of these young, enthusiastic dancers.

Some people think with their head

**WATERLOOS**

Happy spring everyone! We at Waterloos celebrated our 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary on March 24! We are grateful to all our members and our many friends who have supported our club in numerous ways over the years. It is our hope that all of you will continue to join us for lots more great dancing and fun to come! We really appreciate you!

Our spring lessons are well underway. We are offering both mainstream and plus lessons with our caller, Gary Bible. Lessons are held Thursday nights at Faith Presbyterian Church on Oltorf and IH35 (just across the street from Travis High School). Mainstream lessons are from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm.. Plus lessons follow from 9:00 pm -10:00pm. We have had a good turnout and really appreciate our new students. We also thank the angels who come from not only Waterloos, but from a number of other clubs along with some independents as well. We could not do this without your help!

We also want to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to Gary Bible. He has been the instructor for Waterloos dance lessons for 8 years now. He is not only an excellent caller, but is a wonderful instructor as well. More than that he has been a faithful friend. We are sorry to say that Gary has decided to resign from his position as our instructor after the current set of lessons is completed. Gary and his wife Linda are looking forward to having more time together and to putting on their "traveling shoes"! Gary, we appreciate your dedication and commitment to Waterloos. Our club would not be what it is without you. We will miss you, but we won't say goodbye because we expect to see you calling for us and joining us on the dance floor often. Until then best wishes and much happiness to you and yours!

Much as we will miss Gary, we are excited to announce that we have another wonderful instructor signing on for our fall lessons. Caller Wayne Weston will be teaching our lessons beginning in September! Wayne and his wife, Luzia hail from Canyon Lake, Texas. They stay busy with children in school, a home improvement business and of course, square dancing. Wayne is a happy caller who makes lessons and dancing fun! Welcome to Waterloos, Wayne and Luzia! We are glad to have you!

We send birthday greetings to the following members: Nancy Olsen April 1; Jim Nienkark April 17; Ron Shumate April 23; Steve Andricak April 22; Romy Struthers April 26; Shari Archer April 29; Stacey Arnold April 30.

Happy anniversary to Ernie and Bobbie Saulmon on April 3.

Our mystery member for March was Jim Meany. Can you guess who was a diver for 18 years before retirement? If you can be the first to let me know and you will get a little surprise from me!

As usual April finds us with a full schedule of great callers and dances as you can see from the list below!

Tuesday, April 7 Caller Brad Caldwell

Tuesday, April 14 Caller Cris Crisler

Tuesday, April 21 Caller Chet Miles

Tuesday, April 28 Caller Nasser Shukayr

Waterloos dance at the South Austin Senior Activity Center (3911 Manchaca Road )beginning at 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

See you on the dance floor soon! Dolores Jameson

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<http://www.asrda.org/clubs/comentakeit/>

**LONE STAR LAMBADAS 1** Gethesemane Lutheran Church, 200 W. Anderson Lane, Gary Pritchett 418-1629  
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<http://www.lonestarlamdas.org/>

**MERRY-GO-ROUNDS-2** Hancock Recreation Center, 811 E. 41<sup>st</sup> St, Jerry & Lucy Pate cuers 250-5185  
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TUESDAY

**LA GRANGE ROADRUNNERS-3** Randolph Recreation Center, 653 E. Pearl St., La Grange. Pres Ed & Martha Koslosky 979-8364783. Callers Al Frazier, Traylor Walker alternating. 7:30 – 9:30, no fifth Tuesday.  
<http://www.asrda.org/clubs/roadrunn/>

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