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## Heart of America Singles Square Dance Association



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### FROM THE PRESIDENT – Marilyn's Notes:

The HASSDA Board met on Saturday, September 19, in Independence, Missouri, on a beautiful, almost-Fall day. Plans are moving along well for next year's Spring Festival in Grove. Needless to say, we're all very excited about it and working on details now! What we need is **VOLUNTEERS** to help with manning the front registration tables on Friday night, Saturday and Saturday night, checking people in, handing out gift bags, managing the door-prize table, etc. We're asking for one- to two-hour timeframes. If anyone is interested, please contact Maye Wegner, Festival Chairperson, and let her know when you might be free for a one- or two-hour shift. We will let

everyone know when they're scheduled prior to the Festival. As you all know, the HASSDA Board is sponsoring the dance this year, which is why we need extra volunteers; and this brings me to the next item:

We are looking for a club that would be interested in just helping with the dance in 2011, such as the volunteers we are asking for above. In addition to the above, the club would help promote the dance, help decorate, take care of the registration tables for the weekend, and help clean up after it is all over. The HASSDA Board would do all the planning, contracting, obtaining vendors, etc. The club might view this as a money-making project, as they would receive one-third of the profits from the weekend for their help in making it all happen. Please contact me if you are interested in this idea. We are already planning for the 2011 festival, and plan to announce place and callers for it in Grove! If there is any singles' club (or it might be a couples' club since we changed our by-laws), who would like to host the 2012 dance and share two-thirds of the profit, we would be glad to visit with you about it at any time in the coming months – and would be more than pleased if your club would let that be known at our 2010 Festival in Grove. Our by-laws allow a \$500 loan to the host club to begin the process. In the meantime, may you all have a delightful Autumn and Winter – and we'll see you in Grove after the snow melts!!

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### HASSDA FESTIVAL 2010 – CALLER TIM TYL!

by Jim Faurote

Tim grew up in a square dance family and began dancing in his early teens. In 1974, at age 15, Tim began calling and has been actively calling ever since. He calls and teaches lessons at all levels through A-2. He has called throughout the United States and in Germany.

Tim has been a featured caller for numerous national, state, and regional conventions and festivals. He is a charter member of the East Texas Callers Association, member of Texas State Callers Association, and has been a member of Callerlab since 1980.

Tim is known for his highly energetic and exciting style of calling while using a wide variety of calls and musical styles. Add to that his quick wit and humor, and the dancers are laughing at all times. He is also known for his unique performances of specialty songs.

Tim has served on numerous panels and clinics at Callerlab and National Square Dance Conventions. He currently serves on Callerlab's Youth Committee and is also training committee chairman of the East Texas Callers Association. He currently serves as secretary of the Texas State Callers Association. Our other two featured callers for our 2010 HASSDA Festival will be in our February newsletter.



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## WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE YOUR NEWSLETTER ELECTRONIC?

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 Marilyn at [MarilynGraham@mchsi.com](mailto:MarilynGraham@mchsi.com). By choosing to receive the newsletter by email, you will be helping us cut expenses. If we do not hear from you, you will continue to get a paper copy.

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## DISPATCH FROM THE NEBRASKA STATE SQUARE DANCE FESTIVAL

By Jim and Cathy Bellinger

We held our Nebraska State Square Dance Festival on September 18 and 19 in Hastings, NE. Our featured callers were John and Deborah Jones from Arlington, TX; and our featured cuers were Ray and Virginia Walz from Green Valley, AZ. Both of these couples were featured the entire weekend and did a wonderful job. We also had many of our State callers & cuers performing in various halls, and many dancers danced to them, also. Our theme was "The Roaring 20's" which brought out a lot of amazing outfits for the weekend!

Our attendance was down some from last year, but those that were there said they had a really great time. We had 417 dancers in attendance, and 76 of those dancers came as "singles". They were all given "solo" ribbons to wear. There weren't a lot of people sitting out, as everyone wanted to enjoy the time they had to dance to these wonderful callers & cuers.

On Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. we tried something new and decided to have a dance competition. People were given the rules when they came in Friday night in case they wanted to put a square together to compete the next morning. We thought only a few people would participate. However, we were pleasantly surprised when eight squares showed up to compete, and many more dancers crowded into the hall to watch. A judge (square dance caller) was assigned to watch each square compete. A square was allowed two warnings (yellow flags) if there was a mistake, and after that, if the square got the "red" flag, it was OUT. John Jones was the caller, and the dancing was Mainstream level. We practiced for a few minutes and then got started. It did not take long to get down to just one square. We didn't realize that Mainstream could be so tough. Since this was all done in just good FUN, the winning square was awarded LOLLIPOPS as their prize.

Next year our State Festival will again be in Hastings, NE, on September 17 and 18. The theme is "Dancin' in a Winter Wonderland." The featured caller will be Gary Shoemake from Tennessee, and the featured cuers will be Warren and Jeanne Shane from Kansas.

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## ROAD TRIP TO THE 2009 SSDUSA FESTIVAL

By Linda Curran

Cries of "road trip" were heard around the world (OK, well maybe not the world, but certainly around Columbia, Missouri) as a group of square dancers met and carpooled to the 2009 SDUSSA festival held this year in Davenport, Iowa, the largest of the Quad Cities straddling the Mississippi River in Iowa and Illinois. With 3 cars and 8 dancers and pit stops to rotate passengers, we finally made our way into Davenport around 4:00 on Friday evening, September 4,

to settle in for three days of dancing, catching up with old friends, meeting new ones and dancing to callers we've perhaps never danced to before.

The Clarion Hotel was a wonderful setting for the dancing with plenty of space for dancers and vendors, having gotten practice hosting the Illinois State Square Dance Convention a month before. For myself, I have to say this year's staff of callers and cuers was one of the best that I have ever danced to at a national singles event. As Matt Worley and Bill Harrison are both from the eastern area of the country, I had never had the opportunity to dance to them before but was thoroughly delighted.

Mike Hogan, as always, stole the show with his great voice and showmanship, plus it doesn't hurt to throw in Pink Cadillac as an encore performance. We in the Midwest have been lucky enough to dance to Mike for several years. In fact, I had to stop and think that Mike was probably only in his 20s when I first started dancing to him (I'm NOT revealing my age).

Add in Doug and Don Sprosty, Curt Braffett and Ken Burke, plus cuers Natalie Sprosty and Adrienne and Larry Nelson, and you had the makings of a truly memorable weekend.

A fairly new dancer attended the festival with us and with this staff, I believe she had a truly great time. You could see her confidence building as the weekend progressed until by Sunday night, she was leading the way onto the dance floor. For her, I hope she will be ready to come back again another time.

We were sad to see it all end, but during the last hour on the drive home, I do believe Marilyn and I did our best to keep our car entertained with our singing along with the radio. I know everyone was sorry to see it end when we pulled into the driveway.

For those interested, next year's event will be held in Alexandria, Virginia, across the Potomac from beautiful Washington D.C., with another crack staff.

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## MEMORIES FROM THE 2009 MISSOURI STATE FESTIVAL

By Lee Williams/Jim Faurote

It was great to see so many local people at the state dance and see again other friends from across the state a couple of weeks ago, October 16-18. The facility at the Raymore-Peculiar school complex was fabulous with its shiny floors and clean halls. As a single, I was a bit skeptical about going without a partner, but the area with a large sign "Dancers Without Partners" was well visited by the Solo dancers. Having the single dancers' area was a plus in finding partners for both the evenings I attended. Jerry Junck was the featured caller this year; and, of course, he made each and every tip interesting and fun. His afternoon workshop was somewhat challenging but soooo much fun. Pam and Tom Young were the featured cuers from Topeka, Kansas. It's great to have that talent in our HASSDA area. (They will be our featured cuers again in Grove at our HASSDA Festival in 2010.) Thirty-two square dance callers and eight cuers from throughout the Show-Me state were showcased throughout the festival, along with three callers from surrounding states. There is truly a wealth of calling talent in the Show-Me State. If you did not make the Missouri State Dance, you missed a great time! It's always held the third weekend in October, and we're looking forward to the 2010 Festival in Lebanon, MO, in the central part of the state! We'd be happy to have you join us!!

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## **INTERNATIONAL SQUARE DANCE ORGANIZATION NOW IN OUR BACKYARD**

**By Kathy Mears**

As of spring 2009, the home office of a square dance-related organization that you may not have heard of was relocated right here in the "heart of America". CALLERLAB, an international organization of square dance callers, was moved to Topeka, KS, when Dana Schirmer became the new Executive Director.

In existence for over 35 years, CALLERLAB has provided its members with licensing (to use copyrighted music), insurance, bimonthly newsletters, annual conventions, and an extensive variety of publications and training materials. What does this mean to us as square dancers? CALLERLAB has worked to develop universal dance programs and call definitions so that we are all taught to square dance the same way anywhere in the world. The mission of CALLERLAB is to promote, preserve and improve the activity of square dancing by recruiting and teaching new dancers and callers with standard curricula. It also works cooperatively with other organizations promoting recreational dancing.

In an era of diminishing numbers of dancers, it's good to have an organization working hard to reverse that trend with new ideas and a collective vision.

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### **MEET THE NEW NEBRASKA COORDINATORS - JIM AND CATHY BELLINGER**

**By Jim Faurote**



Jim & Cathy Bellinger are from Omaha, NE. They have been members of the Belles N' Beaus Square Dance Club for three years. They have been vice-presidents and are currently presidents of the club. They were also co-chairs for the 2009 Nebraska State Festival in

September. They are caller/cuer contractors for Belles N' Beaus Club and for the Omaha Area Square Dance Council. They are state representatives for SSDUSA. Whew!

Cathy started dancing in 1999. She was a member of Heartland Singles Club for seven years and served as vice-president and president of the club. She also served as vice-president of the Omaha Area Square Dance Council for four years. Jim started dancing in 2005. He and Cathy met when he began taking lessons and Cathy was his angel. Jim was a member of Heartland Singles for one year. They now have been married for two years. They enjoy traveling to different cities for dances, camping, and Husker football.

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## UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS OF INTEREST

**IA - Every Thursday – Mainstream and Plus Dance.** Sponsored by **Solo Steppers** at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Davenport, IA. Callers **Don and Doug Sprosty**. 7:30 – 10:00pm. No dance on Nov. 26, Dec 24, and Dec 31. Website [www.IowaSquareDance.org/Clubs/Quad\\_Cities/QC\\_Solo\\_Steppers.html](http://www.IowaSquareDance.org/Clubs/Quad_Cities/QC_Solo_Steppers.html)

**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 **Bob Raasch**. 7:30 - 10:00pm. Website [www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/heartland](http://www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/heartland) or call Diane Krebs at 402-734-4761. **Dances scheduled for Nov 3 (Weaklend), Nov 17 (Orlowski), Dec 1 (Weaklend), Dec 15 (Hogan), Dec 29 (Weaklend), Jan 12 (Phillips) and Jan 26 (Weaklend).**

**KS – 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays – Mainstream Dance.** Sponsored by **Lone Wranglers** at Riley County Senior Center, 412 Leavenworth, Manhattan, KS. Casual attire. Rounds 7:30 pm Square Dancing 8:00pm. Caller **Guest Callers**. Cuer **Joyce Juhler**. Website [www.LoneWranglers.org](http://www.LoneWranglers.org)

**KS – 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> 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**. Website [www.Swingin-Singles.org](http://www.Swingin-Singles.org)

**NE – 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays – Mainstream Dance.** Sponsored by **Single Wheelers Squares** at Norfolk Junior High, 510 Pasewalk Ave, Norfolk NE. Caller: **John Orlowski**. 8:00 - 10:30pm. No Dec. 29 dance. Website [www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/swheelers](http://www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/swheelers) or call Gerry & Janet Mansfield at 402-565-4247.

**MO – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 – 10:30pm. Caller **Al Block**. Cuer **Jim Windhausen**. Check [www.Promenaders.WeSquareDance.com](http://www.Promenaders.WeSquareDance.com) or call Ralph Morast 816-737-5185. No December or January dance posted.

**MO – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays – Community Dance.** Sponsored by **Gateway Squares**, IAGSDC club, at Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania Ave, University City MO. Casual attire. No rounds. 7:30pm – 9:30pm. Singles, same-sex couples and opposite-sex couples all welcome. Callers **Aaron Wells-November, Mike Corns-December**. No January dance posted. Website [www.GatewaySquares.50megs.com](http://www.GatewaySquares.50megs.com)

**OK – 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Niccy Holley**. Cuers **JC and Elberta Johnson**. Website [www.SquareDancing.com/singlesquares](http://www.SquareDancing.com/singlesquares) or call 405-399-3123.

**OK – 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Fridays – Mainstream and Plus Dance.** Sponsored by **Metro Singles of OKC** at Westside Lions Hall, 4135 NW 10<sup>th</sup> St, Oklahoma City OK. Pre-Rounds 7pm and square dancing starts



730pm. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> tips are Plus and Advanced will be called after regular dancing ends. Caller **Danny Payne**. Cuer **JC Johnson**. Website [www.SquareDancing.com/metrokc](http://www.SquareDancing.com/metrokc)

**NE – Alternating Saturdays – Mainstream Dance.** Sponsored by **Swinging Squares** at Rockbrook Methodist Church, 9855 West Center Rd, Omaha NE. Callers **see below**. Cuer **Bob Raasch**. 8:00 - 10:30pm. Website [www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/swingsq](http://www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/swingsq) or call Bob Welshinger at 402-339-5405. **Dances scheduled for Nov 21 (Kinghorn), Dec 5 (Weaklend), Dec 19 (Weaklend), Jan 16 (Weaklend) and Jan 30 (Barker).**

**IA - November 6, 2009 – Mainstream and Plus Dance.** Sponsored by **Merry Mixers** at IOOF Hall, 29<sup>th</sup> and Kingman, Des Moines, IA. Caller **Fred Grow**. Cuer **Jo Saffel**. 7:30 – 10:00pm. Website [www.IowaSquareDance.org/Clubs/Central/CE\\_MerryMixers.html](http://www.IowaSquareDance.org/Clubs/Central/CE_MerryMixers.html).

**MO – November 7, 2009 – Plus-Level Dance.** Sponsored by **Singles and Doubles** at Webster Groves Christian Church, 1320 Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves MO. 730pm – 1000pm. Caller: **Wayne Primeau**. Cuer: **Jacqui Landau**. Check [www.Singles.SquareDanceMissouri.com](http://www.Singles.SquareDanceMissouri.com) or call Dan Kramme 636-225-5378.

**IA – November 20, 2009 – Mainstream and Plus Dance.** Sponsored by **Merry Mixers** at IOOF Hall, 29<sup>th</sup> and Kingman, Des Moines, IA. Caller **Chuck Young**. Cuer **Jo Saffel**. 7:30 – 10:00pm. Website [www.IowaSquareDance.org/Clubs/Central/CE\\_MerryMixers.html](http://www.IowaSquareDance.org/Clubs/Central/CE_MerryMixers.html)

**MO – November 21, 2009 – Plus-Level Dance.** Sponsored by **Singles and Doubles** at Webster Groves Christian Church, 1320 Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves MO. 730pm – 1000pm. Caller: **Bud Cutter**. Cuer: **Gene McGinty**. Check [www.Singles.SquareDanceMissouri.com](http://www.Singles.SquareDanceMissouri.com) or call Dan Kramme 636-225-5378.

**MO – November 29, 2009 – Plus-Level Dance.** Sponsored by **Singles and Doubles** at Webster Groves Christian Church, 1320 Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves MO. 730pm – 1000pm. Caller: **Ron Betzelberger**. Cuer: **Jacqui Landau**. Check [www.Singles.SquareDanceMissouri.com](http://www.Singles.SquareDanceMissouri.com) or call Dan Kramme 636-225-5378.

**IA – December 4, 2009 – Mainstream and Plus Dance.** Sponsored by **Merry Mixers** at IOOF Hall, 29<sup>th</sup> and Kingman, Des Moines, IA. Caller **Elaine Smuck**. Cuer **Jo Saffel**. 7:30 – 10:00pm. Website [www.IowaSquareDance.org/Clubs/Central/CE\\_MerryMixers.html](http://www.IowaSquareDance.org/Clubs/Central/CE_MerryMixers.html)

**MO – December 5, 2009 – Plus-Level Dance.** Sponsored by **Singles and Doubles** at Webster Groves Christian Church, 1320 Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves MO. 730pm – 1000pm. Caller: **Larry Dudgeon**. Cuer: **Gene McGinty**. Check [www.Singles.SquareDanceMissouri.com](http://www.Singles.SquareDanceMissouri.com) or call Dan Kramme 636-225-5378.

**IA – December 18, 2009 – Christmas Dance (Mainstream and Plus).** Sponsored by **Merry Mixers** at IOOF Hall, 29<sup>th</sup> and Kingman, Des Moines, IA. Caller **Mike Magnant**. Cuer **Jo Saffel**. 7:30 – 10:00pm. Website [www.IowaSquareDance.org/Clubs/Central/CE\\_MerryMixers.html](http://www.IowaSquareDance.org/Clubs/Central/CE_MerryMixers.html)

**MO – December 19, 2009 – Plus-Level Dance.** Sponsored by **Singles and Doubles** at Webster Groves Christian Church, 1320 Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves MO. 730pm – 1000pm. Caller: **Mike Corns**. Cuer: **Gene McGinty**. Check [www.Singles.SquareDanceMissouri.com](http://www.Singles.SquareDanceMissouri.com) or call Dan Kramme 636-225-5378.

**IA – January 15, 2010 – Mainstream and Plus Dance.** Sponsored by **Merry Mixers** at IOOF Hall, 29<sup>th</sup> and Kingman, Des Moines, IA. Caller **Gale Ramberg**, Cuer **Jo Saffel**. 7:30 – 10:00pm. Website [www.IowaSquareDance.org/Clubs/Central/CE\\_MerryMixers.html](http://www.IowaSquareDance.org/Clubs/Central/CE_MerryMixers.html)

**IA – January 29, 2010 – Mainstream and Plus Dance.** Sponsored by **Merry Mixers** at IOOF Hall, 29<sup>th</sup> and Kingman, Des Moines, IA. Caller **Lanny Weakland**, Cuer **Jo Saffel**. 7:30 – 10:00pm. Website [www.IowaSquareDance.org/Clubs/Central/CE\\_MerryMixers.html](http://www.IowaSquareDance.org/Clubs/Central/CE_MerryMixers.html)

**KS - April 16 & 17, 2010 South Central Kansas Square and Round Dance Festival;** Cessna Activity Center, Wichita, Ks; Featured Caller Jeff Palmer. Cuer Ed & Karen Gloodt. Additional Information contact: Tammy & Bill Gough 316-371-3991 or [btsgough@yahoo.com](mailto:btsgough@yahoo.com)

**OK – April 23 - 24, 2010, HASSDA Festival 2010, Grove, Oklahoma,**  
[www.HASSDAFestival.WeSquareDance.com](http://www.HASSDAFestival.WeSquareDance.com)

**CO – August 11 - 14, 2010 10<sup>th</sup> Annual USA West Square Dance Convention;** Union Colony Civic Complex, 651 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., Greeley, CO; Featuring National and Regional Callers and Cuers.. Additional Information contact: Ron and Jeanne Miller at [usawestco2010@aol.com](mailto:usawestco2010@aol.com) or [www.USAWest2010.net](http://www.USAWest2010.net).

**KS – October 22 & 23, 2010 South Central Kansas Square and Round Dance Festival;** Cessna Activity Center, Wichita, Ks; Featured Caller Marshall Flippo. Cuer Pat & Michael Schrant. Additional Information contact: Tammy & Bill Gough 316-371-3991 or [btsgough@yahoo.com](mailto:btsgough@yahoo.com)

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