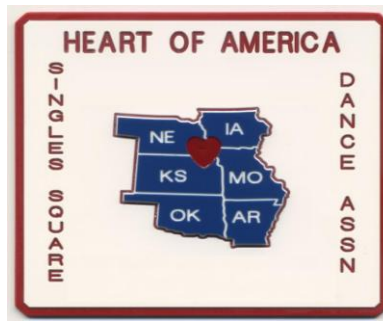



HEART of AMERICA SINGLES SQUARE DANCE ASSOCIATION



September 2010

HASSDA Officers 2010 – 2011

<p>President Maye Wegner 685 Newman Havensville, Kansas 66432-9567 785.948.3600 MayeWegner@yahoo.com</p>		<p>Treasurer Kathy Mears 2604 West 27th Terrace Lawrence, Kansas 66047-3006</p>	
<p>Vice President/ Festival Advisor Christine Batz 4855 Horton Street Mission, Kansas 66202 816.805.5482 hassda.festival@yahoo.com</p>		<p>Historian Lee Williams 911 West 90th Terrace Kansas City, Missouri 64114-3518 816.361.6881 Lee.Williams@gsa.gov</p>	
<p>Secretary Linda Curran 8302A North Everton Kansas City, Missouri 64152-4102 816.914.6076 Linda.Curran@ogletreedeakins.com</p>		<p>Editor Jim Faurote 14260 W. 49th St Shawnee, KS 66216 cattleva526@gmail.com</p>	
<p>WWW.HASSDA.WeSquareDance.com</p>		<p>Past President Marilyn Graham 1703 Thompson Street Jefferson City, Missouri 65109-2423 573.634.7918 MarilynGraham@mchsi.com</p>	

FROM THE PRESIDENT – Maye’s Notes:

Hope you all had a pleasant summer, and were able to attend some of the season’s dances and conventions. Let’s all promote Square Dancing by recruiting, attending, and supporting classes in our areas this fall.

We had a wonderful and very successful festival in Grove, Oklahoma. Thanks to all of you for attending, and a HUGE thanks to all of those that volunteered and worked so hard. By the way, we always can use more help! So feel free to contact any HASSDA Board Member to volunteer , we need your ideas and skills.

For such a tiny little thing, Marilyn Graham has left me a huge pair of shoes to fill. She is a very special friend to square and round dancers. As your new president, I will try my best to be worthy of the position. Marilyn, you set the bar high, and I am confident I can count on you to boost me over.

Are you excited yet? Well you should be! Just take a look at what we have coming up in Lebanon, Missouri on April 15-16, 2011. Our 31st HASSDA Festival features callers Randy Dougherty, Joe Saltel, Hunter Keller and cuer Patti Wheelington. Let's all support our festival chairperson, Christine Batz by distributing flyers and registrations at local dances, as we all know the key to a successful festival is dancers so get the word out! Most of all, we can all have a wonderful time if we work together!

Party On in Lebanon! ~Maye

2011 FESTIVAL CALLER AND CUER PROFILES

by Linda Curran

Trail-In Dance.....RANDY DOUGHERTY!

Randy comes from a Minnesota square dance family (which includes his sister, Dee Dee Dougherty). At age 15, the restriction imposed by a broken leg got him to try calling. While in high school and college he called dances throughout the Midwest. In 1979, he left his mathematics teaching position to devote full time to his calling career. Until 1986 he called on a regular basis for seven clubs in the Twin Cities area. At the same time he broadened his national and international calling exposure.

Randy now splits his winter calling time between Mesa, Arizona and the Rio Grande Valley in Texas; calling dances from ABC level through C3A. During the summer he calls at dances, festivals, and national conventions both in the U.S. and abroad. He has made many trips to Canada, Mexico, Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands, Japan, Saudi Arabia, England, Germany, the Czech Republic, Australia, and New Zealand.

Randy thinks putting the 3 Fs back into square dancing "Fun, Family & Fellowship" will be the salvation for our activity. We look forward to having Randy as one of our callers for the HASSDA festival and the trail-in.

Festival Cuer...PATTI WHEELINGTON!

Patti first met Ray (Wheelington) at a set of square dance lessons he was teaching in 1986 and then dragged him into Round Dance lessons in 1987 to make sure he would learn to Waltz, Two Step, and Jive. She eventually picked up the microphone at an Amateur Callers/Cuers night in fun. After Ray heard her cue, he offered to pick up a few records for her and soon Patti was cueing for those clubs who had Round Dancers present but no cuer contracted. It wasn't much longer before she began to get her own bookings for dances, weekend retreats, and festivals.

Patti is a member of Roundalab, East Texas Callers Association, North Texas Callers Association and served five years as Round Dance Chair for the Arkansas State Square Dance Federation up through October 2005. She teaches Round Dance on Monday evenings in Texarkana.

Patti has previously cued for HASSDA in Oklahoma and we look forward to her as part of our festival this year. She said she had never done any dances with any of our 2011 callers so I know she has much to look forward to!!

Editor's Note: Look for more caller profiles in future newsletters!!!

MEET OUR NEW HASSDA PRESIDENT...MAYE WEGNER

by Jim Faurote

Maye's first memories of square dancing are as a child going with her family to old fashioned square dances at little country schools around rural Onaga, Kansas. Most of the time she spent playing with the other kids; but occasionally she would get to dance. Maye said "I remember the thrill of being twirled and swung till my feet literally left the floor. Now it is over 50 years later and while I can no longer be twirled till my feet leave the floor, I still feel the thrill."

Maye took Modern Square Dance lessons in 1982 at Manhattan, Kansas with the K-Laires, one of the K-State clubs. She then joined the Twilight Twirlers of St. Marys, KS where her sister Pat, and her brother-in-law Richard (Nott) were president. She was No. 10 that first year in KSDA for miles traveled. That is what she gets for living "in the middle of nowhere" as she described it. (Actually it is Havensville, KS which is about 50 miles northwest of Topeka.)

"My memories of square dancing at my first Nationals in Oklahoma City; dancing inside the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.; dancing in a swimming pool; leading a Conga Line at an After Party that got everyone on the floor and "in the line"; and so many many more make me giggle with delight. That is what Square Dancing is to me.....FUN MEMORIES and more to be made!"

She joined HASSDA in 2000, and thanks each friend that has graced her by being her partner, her corner, her "Siamese Twin" or just another dancer on the floor sharing the fun. She is proud to serve as your new HASSDA president and her goal is to keep the "fun" in Square Dancing....thus vowing that we will Party On in Lebanon!

Editor's Note: Maye was the one who was instrumental in getting me involved in HASSDA, which I had never heard about, back in 2008.

MEET OUR 2011 FESTIVAL CHAIR..CHRISTINE BATZ!

by Jim Faurote

Christine has a long and varied history with square dancing. She has been square dancing since 1992 and has danced at a variety of clubs in the greater Kansas City area. She dances up through the Advanced level. She is also a long-time HASSDA member and is no stranger to the HASSDA Board as she served on the HASSDA Board during the mid-90s. We welcome her institutional experience and HASSDA knowledge and expertise. She said it is an honor to serve as the vice president and to chair the 2011 Festival and looks forward to seeing everyone there.

Now living in suburban Kansas City she is a native of the St. Louis area. She is still an avid St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan, a quality that by itself should endear her to much of our HASSDA membership.

ROAD TRIP TO NATIONALS!

by Mary Sue Darwent

Four females hit the road to Nationals last June. One from suburban Omaha, NE, one from Jefferson City, MO and two from Moberly, MO. When you are single and love to dance, it pays to

go in a bunch. You don't have to worry about a partner on the other end if you can go in a group and at least two of you can dance both lead and follow.

We met up in Jefferson City. We packed the car but had to stop 20 miles down the road to re-pack so I could see out the rear view mirror. Luckily we were driving a Subaru Forrester or else we would never have been able to hold it all. You have not lived until you pack one car with enough clothes for four women along with various HASSDA essentials that had to be carried along since one of the women was retiring HASSDA president, Marilyn Graham.

After the re-packing packing, we made it the rest of the way; across half of Missouri, and across Illinois and Indiana, without incident. Louisville is a beautiful city on the Ohio River, not that we saw much of it. Most of what we saw was between the hotel and the convention center because we did not want to miss a single tip if we could help it. We danced to a lot of different callers; many similar to the ones we left at home. Some were good, some "not so good", and some were GREAT. One in the GREAT new caller in particular was Hunter Keller who will be calling next April at the HASSDA Festival in Lebanon, MO. We were excited to get a preview of what was to come! We knew Joe Saltel and Randy Dougherty were going to be good but Hunter was an unknown. NO LONGER! We are in for a treat!

It always amazes me to be so far from home and find so many familiar faces. The National Convention was no exception. As we walked between halls, I don't think we made a single trip without running into someone we know from another weekend or a dance some place in the past. That is the neatest thing!!

Four women in one room with just one bathroom is another interesting story but I won't go into that - suffice to say, these four women had a ball and would do it all again (and probably will do it again) in the future.

Editor's Note: Mary Sue is an officer for Little Dixie Squares in Moberly, MO where she resides. She is also President of the Northeast Missouri District. She is a great promoter of square dancing, single's square dancing, and HASSDA, in "Mid-Missouri".



Our HASSDA Gang of Four was obviously enjoying Nationals

WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE YOUR NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY?

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. See notice on back of newsletter as far as receiving the newsletter in the future!

HASSDA AFTER-PARTY AT NATIONALS! IT WAS GREAT!

By Marilyn Graham

As with all Nationals, the venue is so big and there are so many opportunities to dance that one would expect everyone to be too tired to dance from 10:00 p.m. until after 11:30 after going all day long, but not so with our HASSDA friends and supporters, plus others from around the country, who attended the HASSDA After-Party on Thursday night in Louisville! Our thanks go to all of you who came and enjoyed the dancing and also to the great callers who helped make this a fun time for all: Ken Burke, Elmer Sheffield, Tim Marriner, Tom Miller, Hunter Keller, Justin Russell, and several others who so graciously came and gave their time!! I am especially pleased that all of our dancers had the opportunity to hear Hunter call (and call he did!) as Hunter is one of our three featured callers for the 2011 HASSDA Festival in Lebanon, Missouri. I hope you all had as much fun as I did, and I really am looking forward to next year's Festival now!!



HUNTER KELLER..A HIT AT THE HASSDA AFTER-PARTY AT NATIONALS..AND ONE OF OUR 2011 FEATURED CALLERS!

A LETTER FROM THE KANSAS STATE SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION

By Chris Wildhagen

Hi HASSDA friends,

I have been asked to write a little revue on the Kansas State Square Dance Convention. I can tell you it was a HOT time in Salina, Kansas June 4th and 5th of 2010 with temperatures climbing above 100 degrees both days. The facilities were alright and the temperature inside felt cool; that is until you danced a couple tips. The concrete floors and the heat soon caused some dancers to ease off a bit.

It was good to see a lot of dancers that I haven't seen for a while. There were quite a few out of state dancers, many of whom had attended the HASSDA weekend last April in Grove. I heard a lot of good comments about the HASSDA Festival and no negatives. Several dancers asked about the next singles convention and I was eager to tell them where and when (Kenneth E. Cowan Civic Center, Lebanon, MO, April 15-16, 2011).

After dancing all weekend (I think I missed only one tip!) I was pretty well worn out. The weather cooled down and I was able to relax and reflect on the convention. The big problem with any big undertaking is trying to cram everything into the schedule. Times conflict, and you can't be in two places at one time. I do not know how well some of the events were attended; from what I heard, some halls had small attendance. I suppose a larger crowd with more squares on the floor would solve a lot of problems in square dancing... HINT HINT so KEEP ON PROMOTING!

Your friend, (I hope)

Chris (The Grove Water Boy)

Editor's Note: Chris is the caller for St. Joe Squares in his hometown of St. Joseph, MO; and also Riverbend Promenaders in Atchison, KS, where he has also taught several classes of new square dancers.

HASSDA AREA COORDINATORS

ARKANSAS: Bud Cude, 223 Highway 370, Mena, AR 71953, 479-384-2816
KANSAS: Diana Wagner, 3717 SW Cambridge, Topeka, KS 66610, 785-266-9442
IOWA: Jo Saffel, 3910 80th Street, Urbandale, IA 55702, 515-276-9034
MISSOURI: Louise Coleman, 10000 NW 86th St., Kansas City, MO 64153, 816-880-0713
NEBRASKA: Jim and Cathy Bellinger, 8605 A Street, Omaha, NE 68124, 402-393-4194
OKLAHOMA: Delores Chambers, 1051 SW 4th St., Jones, OK 73049

UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS OF INTEREST

IA - 1st 3rd, 5th Fridays - Mainstream and Plus Dance. Sponsored by Merry Mixers at IOOF Hall, 29th and Kingman, Des Moines, IA. Cued by Jo Saffel. 7:30 – 10:00pm. Website www.iowaSquareDance.org/Clubs/Central/CE_MerryMixers.html. Callers Sep 3 (Hutchinson), Sep 17 (Dederman), Oct 1 (Young), Oct 15 (Grow), Oct 29 (Keesler), Nov 5 (LaLone), Nov 19 (Wilson).

IA - Every Thursday – Mainstream and Plus Dance. Sponsored by Solo Steppers at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Davenport, IA. Callers Don and Doug Sprosty, except Mike Richard on Sep 16 and Mike Johnson on Oct 21. No dance on Thanksgiving. . 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. **Additional dance (Plus Dance) on Oct 26. No dance on Nov. 2.** 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

MO – 1st Tuesdays – Community Dance (Plus and A-2). 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 **Bud Cutter-Sep 7, Ron Betzelberger-Oct 5, Aaron Wells-Nov 2**. Website www.GatewaySquares.50megs.com

MO – Thursdays – Mainstream and Plus Dance. Sponsored by **Sho-Me Squares**, IAGSDC club, at Spirit of Hope Metropolitan Community Church, 3801 Wyandotte, Kansas City, MO. Casual attire. No rounds. 7:00pm – 9:00pm. Singles, same-sex couples and opposite-sex couples all welcome. Caller **Kevin Oneslager**. Website www.iagsdc.org/shome/

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

MO – Alternating Saturdays – Plus-Level Dance. Sponsored by **Singles and Doubles** at Webster Groves Christian Church, 1320 Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves MO. 730pm – 1000pm. Caller: **Mike Corns**. Check www.Singles.SquareDanceMissouri.com or call Dan Kramme 636-225-5378. **Callers Sep 11 (McRoberts), Sep 25 (Kelly), Oct 09 (Corns), Oct 30 (Roper), Nov 13 (Huff), and Nov 29 (Betzelberger)**. Cuers **Sep 11 (Tevlins), Sep 25 (Scherrer), Oct 9 (Hilton), Oct 30 (McGinty), Nov 13 (Scherrer), and Nov 29 (Landau)**.

MO – 3rd Saturdays – Mainstream and Plus Dance. Sponsored by **Solo Swingers** at Northview Center, 301 E Talmadge, Springfield, MO. Square Dancing 7:30 – 10:00 pm with Lines. Caller **Guest Callers**. Contact Ann Cook 417.848.4200. Website www.solo.SquareDanceMissouri.com.

NE – 1st/3rd/5th Tuesdays – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by **Single Wheelers Squares** at Norfolk Junior High School, 510 Pasewalk Ave., Norfolk NE. Website www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/swheelers or call Gerry and Janet Mansfield (402-565-4247). **Callers Sep 7 (Dederman/Roper), Sep 21 (Muehlmeier), Oct 5 and 19 (Orlowski), Nov 2 and 30 (Orlowski), and Nov 16 (Mary Channer Paul)**.

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 or call Diane Krebs at 402-734-4761. **Dances scheduled for Sep 7 (Weaklend), Sep 21 (Crady), Oct 5 (Weaklend), Oct 19 (Perry), Nov 2 (Weaklend), Nov 16 (Weaklend/Orlowski), and Nov 30 (Hogan)**.

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 or call Bob Welshinger at 402-339-5405. **Dances scheduled for Sep 11 and 25 (Weaklend), Oct 9 (Weaklend), Oct 23 (Phillips), and Nov 20 (Kingham)**.

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 Niccy Holley**. Cuers **JC and Elberta Johnson**. Website www.SquareDancing.com/singlesquares or call 405-399-3123.

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

NE – September 17-18, 2010 – Nebraska State Festival; Adams County Fairgrounds, Hastings, NE. **Featured Caller: Gary Shoemake. Featured Cuer: Warren and Jeanne Shane.** Contact Matt and Gloria Ostrander at (308) 381-8972 or nsdc2010register@gmail.com. Website www.squaredancene.org/convention.

AR – October 9 and 10, 2010 – Arkansas State Square Dance Festival; Best Western Inn, 207 W. Van Buren (Hwy 62), Eureka Springs, AR. **Featured Caller: Lottie Ainsworth and Arkansas State Callers. Featured Cuer: Arkansas State Cuers.** Website www.assdf.com/#festival

MO – October 15-17, 2010 – Missouri State Square and Round Dance Festival - "Dance Again in 2010". Location: Kenneth E. Cowan Civic Center, 500 E. Elm St., Lebanon, MO. **Featured Caller: Lanny Weakland. Featured Cuers: Judy and Hank Scherrer.** Website www.Festival.SquareDanceMissouri.com

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

TX – March 10-13, 2011 – 37th Annual TASSD RoundUp; Camino Real Hotel, 101 South El Paso Street, El Paso, TX. **Featured Callers – Brad Caldwell and Art Tangen. Cuers – David and Teri Meyer.** Additional Information contact: Patsy Nester (972) 754-9770. Website: www.tassd.org.

ATTENTION!! Those attending the Grove Festival this year paid HASSDA membership dues for the coming year as part of the registration. If you wish to join and continue receiving our newsletter, please go to our web site www.HASSDA.WeSquareDance.com to obtain a membership blank OR mail your name, address, city, zip code to HASSDA, P. O. Box 4586, Lawrence, KS 66046, with \$4.00 for the year's membership. In an effort to update our membership rosters if there is a row of XXXX's above your address label, this will be your last newsletter to be mailed.

**Jim Faurote
14260 W. 49th St.
Shawnee, KS 66216**

**First Class
ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED**