

Heart of America Singles Square Dance Association



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FROM THE PRESIDENT – Maye's Notes:

The HASSDA Board met on Sunday, January 31st and went over the final plans to Party On in Lebanon! Pre-registrations are pouring in and it looks like we will have a great turn-out. A couple of the motels are already full, so make sure you get your hotel/motel reservations booked asap!

Remember to register before March 1st and save 25%! That is a \$10 per person discount for a FUN weekend of GREAT square dancing!

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you and dancing with Randy Dougherty at the Trail In Dance on Thursday night at the Franciscan Villa, 620 W. Scott Street, in Springfield, MO, just down I-44 from Lebanon. We will have a table set up for those that didn't remember to mail in their registrations early or just want to check in early for the weekend.

Friday we will Party On at the Kenneth E. Cowan Center in Lebanon, MO. Registration tables will open at 10 AM and the dancing will start with all three featured callers calling alternating mainstream/plus tips in the main hall on Friday afternoon from 2 to 4 PM.

Looking for you in my square!

Maye

A FEW WORDS FROM THE FESTIVAL CHAIR

by Christine Batz

Here are a few words to update you on the Festival preparations in Lebanon. All aspects of the festival have really come together. We have five top-notch vendors that will be at the Festival. They are: Marie's Catering, Paragon Engraving, Sandy's Square Dance Shop, Sew and Saw Boutique and Angelia's Photography.

Marie's Catering was at the 2010 Missouri State Festival and got favorable remarks from the attendees for the good food and reasonable prices. She will have hot dogs, chili dogs, pulled pork sandwiches, desserts, sodas, bottled water, and of course coffee. The bottled water is because the Civic Center requires covered containers in the hall areas. This means, unlike previous Festivals in recent years, we won't be able to provide water service inside the dance halls.

Partying On After the Dance: The Ringside Bar and Grille, just a mile from the Civic Center has offered their "Club Brooklyn" as a location for the HASSDA dancers to continue to enjoy country/old time rock-n-roll dancing, food, and beverages. Wear your dance ribbon so they will know you are a square dancer and no cover charge. They have a large variety of food from appetizers to steaks. In fact, they are open for your dinning pleasure 11am - 1:30 AM! Directions will be on the back of the schedules available at the festival.

AND WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS...

Will you be needing a break during the Festival??? We could use more volunteers at the registration table. This is a Board-run Festival, and we could really use and would greatly appreciate the help. Contact me at hassda.festival@yahoo.com; or when you check-in at the registration table, let me know your availability.

HASSDA IS ON FACEBOOK!

by Jim Faurote

Thanks to the efforts of our Kansas coordinator, Curtis Northrop, HASSDA has a profile on the planet's largest and fastest-growing social network; Facebook. HASSDA will be glad to "Facebook friend" you. Just create a Facebook account, if you are not already one of the 500 million people worldwide on it, and put "HeartofAmerica Singlesquaredance" in the search box. Click on the profile and click on "Add as Friend". After a short period your friend request will be accepted and then you can view hundreds of photos from previous festivals. Also, you can post or respond to comments on the HASSDA "Wall". Finally, after less than a month in existence, you will notice HASSDA already has well over 80 "Facebook friends" from throughout the USA. Chances are you will know some of them and can be-friend, share photos from the HASSDA profile, and just plain keep in touch until the next Festival with those new friends you met in Grove last year or will be meeting in Lebanon this year.

HASSDA TRAVEL DISPLAY IN THE SUNFLOWER STATE

by Jim Faurote

Curtis Northrop, the Kansas Area Coordinator for HASSDA, has been taking a HASSDA travel display to the regional dances/festivals throughout Kansas. Unable to attend these events I recently asked him about the travel display. Curtis said "at each square dance festival that I attend I either take pictures or buy a picture CD from a professional photographer. Last years HASSDA Festival was no different. I bought a photo CD from "Square Shots by Polly". As I looked at the pictures on the CD, I realized that there were a lot of pictures of people that I knew from Kansas. I realized that most of the people did not know that they were on the CD and thought that it would be a different way to advertise for the next HASSDA Festival."

Curtis continued saying "the pictures were already in a PowerPoint presentation as I edited out several pictures and replaced them with 3 slides I created. The three slides state where the pictures were taken as people want to know and to give credit to the photographer. I always put flyers out in front of my laptop so people can register for the festival. I have always asked permission to put up my display and have not been rejected yet." People seem to enjoy looking at the pictures and seeing if they recognize themselves or other dancers.

HASSDA is lucky to have a great State Coordinator like Curtis promoting singles in square dancing and the HASSDA Festival!

LETTER FROM SINGLE SQUARE DANCERS USA (SSDUSA)

by Larada Horner

As president of Single Square Dancers USA, I hope you are a member of our organization and that your club is a member club. Our mission is to promote and stimulate interest in square dancing in the singles community. We also welcome married couples to join us.

Our organization has its roots in the heartland of America with the first and second Dance-a-Ramas being hosted in Oklahoma City in 1971 and 1972 and was chaired by Joe B. Ellis. From there it has been hosted all over the USA – always on Labor Day weekend. It was in HASSDA

territory as recently as 2009 – in Davenport, IA and will be back in the Hawkeye State in 2012 being hosted by Des Moines (editor's note).

This year is our 41st Dance-a-Rama and it will be in Indianapolis, IN September 1 – 4, 2011. We are looking forward to another great time of dancing, sightseeing and renewing friendships that span the country.

As president, I have focused on growth and promotion, so take this time to consider joining us. When you register for the current Dance-a-Rama, individual membership is included in the fee. With that membership, you will receive a quarterly newsletter, The Intercom, informing you of what is happening in the single square dance world of SSDUSA (Single Square Dancers USA). Also you will become a part of a caring, fun-loving community that enjoys your favorite pastime – square dancing!

A service provided by SSDUSA free to all dancers is a bimonthly electronic listing of single-friendly square dance events all over the USA and the world. This publication is currently sent to 900-plus dancers. If you do not receive the SSDUSAGram, email me at the following address, promosssdusa@earthlink.net and you will be added on and will receive this publication regularly as a service of SSDUSA.

Join us – as an individual and/or as a club and help us spread the news – Single Square Dancers USA and single square dancing is fun for all! If you would like more information about SSDUSA please email me at Larada@earthlink.net.

Larada Horner

President, SSDUSA

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.

THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN LEBANON MO!

By Jim Faurote

If you are staying an extra day or two or wanting to do something different during the afternoon there are several things to do; both indoor and outdoor in the Lebanon area. In the Lebanon area you can fish for rainbow trout in one of Missouri's impressive trout parks, hike along scenic trails, kayak or go tubing, camp out in your tent or RV, enjoy a wildflower walk or bird outing (it will be the height of Spring!), or play golf.

The YMCA (connected to the Kenneth E. Cowan Civic Center) is offering a special rate for those that would like to swim in their indoor pool of \$5 per person per day. (Does not include beach towels so bring your own if you want to swim!) The \$5 does include access to the exercise equipment if you don't get enough of a workout on the dance floor!

Historic Route 66, the Mother Road, passes through Lebanon; and you can still drive over part of it or stay in an authentic Route 66 era neon-lit motel. You can also shop at antique malls or specialty shops, and dine at good restaurants dishing up catfish and barbeque.

Bennett Spring State Park, located just 12 miles outside of Lebanon, offers awesome trout fishing, camping, hiking, and floating. The Spring rises out of a narrow cave with an output of over 100 million gallons of water per day. The Native Americans called it “the eye of the sacred one”. The park contains 12 miles of hiking trails, an interpretive center, and a rustic stone 1930-s-era dining lodge where trout is always on the menu. As this will be springtime, you can count the dozens of different species you will see on a wildflower walk, and revel in the beauty of the redbuds and dogwoods that dot the Ozark hills.

On your way to Bennett Spring State Park? Stop in at MacCreeds Art Gallery which offers wildlife art, pottery, jewelry, and inspirational gifts.

Lebanon is also proud of its history as a significant stop along Route 66. The city celebrates the “Mother Road” and invites visitors to the impressive Route 66 Museum located inside the Lebanon-LaClede County Library. There you’ll see authentic recreations of a 1950’s gas station and a classic diner, as well as antique cars, photos, maps, memorabilia and more. You can also experience driving along the real thing which is accessible from either Exit 127 or Exit 135 from I-44 - just follow the signs.

Are antiques your interest? Lebanon has the largest antique mall between Joplin and St. Louis, the Heartland Antique Mall, which features 250 dealers, a Russell Stover Candy outlet, a cheese outlet, knife store with Western horse tack, crafts mall, and a Missouri wine outlet.

For more information, check out the website www.lebanonmissouri.org/index.aspx?NID=107.

INVITATION FROM THE “LAND OF ENCHANTMENT”

By Larada Horner

Join us at the 31st Annual Duke City Singles Spring Fling May 13 – 15, 2011 at the Albuquerque Square Dance Center, 4915 Hawkins NE, Albuquerque, NM. Our staff will keep you dancing up a storm and laughing a lot! Our callers are Richard Lane from New Mexico and Tim Tyl from Texas. Bob and Sally Nolan from New Mexico are the cuers.

The event starts with a Trail-In Dance on Thursday, May 12, 2011 from 8:00 – 10:00 pm at the square dance center. The dance level is mainstream with announced plus with the cost of \$5 per person.

This is a mainstream with announced plus weekend. There are pre-rounds both Friday and Saturday nights and after-parties both nights. Square and round dance workshops will be offered during the day on Saturday. For the advanced dancer, there is a workshop Saturday afternoon, too. On Sunday for the Trail-Out dance coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

There is limited free RV parking in the parking lot for self-contained RVs.

The cost is \$30 per person before May 12; \$35 at the door. Make checks payable to: Duke City Singles. Mail to: Duke City Singles, c/o 15 Calle Pueblo Pinado NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120. For more information, call: Gerry Dunbar, 505.839.4962 or e-mail: fling@dukecitysingles.com.

Editor’s Note: Larada Horner is the President of Single Square Dancers USA (SSDUSA) and lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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HOW ABOUT YOU?

By Maye Wegner

1. Do you consider Square Dancing important in your life?
2. Have you met new friends through Square Dancing?
3. Have you enjoyed traveling to and from dances?
4. Is Square Dancing worth promoting as a social activity for Singles?
5. Has Square Dancing helped your physical and mental health?
6. Do you have ideas that you feel would help Square Dancing?

.....If you answered yes to any of the above questions, we have one more for you.

7. Would you consider serving for a year as a HASSDA officer or State Coordinator?

It is only through the participation of the membership that HASSDA can continue to survive. Please let us know by contacting HASSDA at HASSDA.Festival@yahoo.com or contacting any of the current Board Members. Contact information is listed at top of the newsletter.

Remember all single members in the HASSDA six state area are eligible to serve as officers and vote at the General Membership Meeting in Lebanon which will be held on Saturday, April 16th, 4:30 PM in Hall C.

Let your ideas be heard. Campaign for a position on the Board! We welcome new people and the fresh new ideas they bring to this wonderful organization!

Proposed changes to the Festival Bylaws
Vote to be at General Membership Meeting
April 16, 2011~ 4:30 PM ~ Hall C

Current Language

Financing

Distribution of Income

Five percent (5%) of all registration fees or \$0.50 per registrant, whichever is greater, shall be paid to HASSDA within thirty (30) days following the Festival, regardless of the profitability of the Festival. This amount is not to be considered part of the net profits.

In addition, one-third (1/3) of the net profits shall be paid to HASSDA within thirty (30) days following the Festival, provided there is a net profit. If there is a loss, HASSDA agrees to share one-third (1/3) of the loss, provided the host club has stayed within the budget approved by the HASSDA Board* and has submitted the required reports within 30 days following the Festival.

Two-thirds (2/3) of the net profits shall be retained by the host club of the Festival.

Proposed New Language

Financing

Distribution of Income

- A. The annual membership dues for Individual and Associate Membership are to be included in the registration fee for the annual HASSDA Spring Festival. This amount is not to be considered part of the net profits.

Anyone not attending the Spring Festival may pay membership dues directly to the HASSDA Treasurer, as stated in Article IV, Section 2 of the HASSDA General By-laws.

- B. In addition, one-third (1/3) of the net profits shall be paid to HASSDA within thirty (30) days following the Festival, provided there is a net profit. If there is a loss, HASSDA agrees to share one-third (1/3) of the loss, provided the host club has stayed within the budget approved by the HASSDA Board* and has submitted the required reports within 30 days following the Festival.
- C. Two-thirds (2/3) of the net profits shall be retained by the host club of the Festival.

* Article V – Financing, Section 1, Par. B amended 8/6/95

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. Cuer **Jo Saffel**. 7:30 – 10:00pm. Website www.IowaSquareDance.org/Clubs/Central/CE_MerryMixers.html. Callers: **Guest Callers**.

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 Curt Braffett on Marc 31 and Mike Richard on May 26. Cuer Charlie Swanson Mar 31 and May 26. No dance on Apr 21.** 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/Workshop) on Mar 29.** 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 – 2nd Tuesdays – IAGSDC Dance (Plus and A-2). Sponsored by **Gateway Squares**, IAGSDC club, at St Louis Senior Center, 5602 Arsenal St, St Louis MO. Casual attire. No rounds. 7:15pm – 9:00pm. Singles, same-sex couples and opposite-sex couples all welcome. Callers **Guest Callers**. Website www.GatewaySquares.50megs.com

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

MO – Alternating Saturdays – Plus-Level Dance. Sponsored by **Singles and Doubles** at Webster Groves Christian Church, 1320 Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves MO. 730pm – 1000pm. Caller: **Guest Callers**. Cuers: **Gene and Del McGinty**.. Check www.Singles.SquareDanceMissouri.com or call Dan Kramme 636-225-5378.

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. 800pm – 1030pm. Callers: **listed below**. Website www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/swheelers or call Gerry and Janet Mansfield (402-565-4247). **Dances scheduled for Mar 1 (Orlowski), Mar 15 (Dederman), Mar 29 (Muehlmeier), Apr 5 (Junck), Apr 19 (Hanke), May 3 (Poole), and May 17 (Mohler).**

NE – Alternating Tuesdays – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by **Heartland Singles Square Dance Club** at Rockbrook Methodist Church, 9855 West Center Rd, Omaha NE. Callers: **listed below**. Cuer **Pat Schrant**. 7:30 - 10:00pm. Website www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/heartland or call Diane Krebs at 402-734-4761. **Dances scheduled for Mar 8 (Weaklend), Mar 22 (Hogan), Apr 5 (Weaklend), Apr 19 (Roper), May 3 and 17 (Weaklend) and May 31 (Junck).**

NE – Alternating Saturdays – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by **Swinging Squares** at Rockbrook Methodist Church, 9855 West Center Rd, Omaha NE. Callers **see below**. Cuer **Pat Schrant**. 8:00 - 10:30pm. Website www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/swingsq or call Bob Welshinger at 402-339-5405. **Dances scheduled for Mar 12 and 26 (Weaklend), Apr 9 (Barker), and May 21 (Weaklend).**

NE – 2nd Saturdays – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by **Pressey Promenaders** at Veterans Memorial Building, 416 S. 1st Ave., Broken Bow NE. Callers: **Guest callers.** 7:30 - 10:00pm. Website www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/pressey or call Duane Romans at 308-848-2554.

OK – 1st/3rd Fridays – Mainstream and Plus Dance. Sponsored by **Single Squares** at Bohemian Hall, 3800 S. Portland Ave, Oklahoma City OK. Rounds 7pm, Workshop 730pm and Grand March 8pm. . Callers **Jeff and Niecy Holley.** Cuers **JC and Elberta Johnson.** Website www.SquareDancing.com/singlesquares or call 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

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.

OK – April 1-2, 2011 - NEOSDA Festival. Sponsored by **Northeast Oklahoma Square Dance Association.** Glenpool Convention Center at 12205 S Yukon Ave in Glenpool, Okla. Additional information contact Larry Maddox at ismaddo@bartnet.net. Website: www.nesquaredance.com

IA – April 8-9, 2011 – Iowa State Convention. Marriott Hotel Convention Center, 1200 Collins Rd NE, Cedar Rapids IA. Additional Information contact: Joe Bromberg (309 447-2432. Website: www.IowaSquareDance.org/State/Iowa_State_Convention-2011.html

KS - April 22-23, 2011 -- South Central Kansas Square Dance Festival; West Side Church of God Family Life Center at 1900 W McCormick in Wichita KS. **Featured caller Jack O'Leary.** **Cuers -- Georgianne & Jim Couey,** Additional information contact Bill & Tammy Gough phone: (316) 371-3991 or email: btsgough@yahoo.com.

NM – May 13-15, 2011 – 31st Annual Duke City Singles Spring Fling; Albuquerque Square Dance Center, 4915 Hawkins NE, Albuquerque, NM. Featured callers: Tim Tyl and Richard Lane. Featured cuers: Bob and Sally Nolan. For more information call Gerry Dunbar at (505) 839-4962 or email: fling@DukeCitySingles.com. Website: www.dukecitysingles.com/The_Spring_Fling_.html

NE – May 28-29, 2011 – 28th Annual Memorial Weekend Festival. Sponsored by **Single Wheelers Squares** at Pufahl's Barn, Norfolk NE starting at 900am each day. Callers: **Jerry Junck and Shane Greer.** **Cuers: Pat and Michael Schrant.** Website www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/swheelers or call Gerry and Janet Mansfield (402-565-4247).

KS – June 3-4, 2011 – Kansas State Square Dance Convention; Bicentennial Center, Salina, KS. **Featured Caller – Nassar Shukayr.** **Cuers – Pat and Mike Schrant.** Additional Information contact: Forrest and Pat Haskins at <mailto:fphasksda@cox.net>. Website: www.KansasSquareDance.com/stateconvention.html

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

KS - October 28 & 29, 2011 -- South Central Kansas Square Dance Festival; West Side Church of God Family Life Center at 1900 W McCormick in Wichita, KS - **Featured caller Wade Driver.** **Cuers --n & Karen Herr.** For more information contact Bill & Tammy Gough phone: (316) 371-3991 or email: btsgough@yahoo.com



**Remember Saturday Night is RED, WHITE and BLUE Night!
Wear your Patriotic Colors!**

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**See you at the
Festival in Lebanon MO!**