President’s Message: Maye Wegner

Did you see more, do more, and dance more in Claremore? I want to compliment Holiday Inn Conference Center Staff for being the friendly and helpful host venue. Even the monsoon style weather could not dampen the fun, and high spirits of the dancers, and callers.

Perhaps you did not get to enjoy all that Claremore offers; don't worry you will have an opportunity to do it again next year when we return to Claremore for another Festival with an all new caller/cuer staff of Andy Allemao, Shane Greer, Dan Sahlstrom and Jim and Georgianne Couey. The hotel and I are ready to take your reservations for the last weekend in April 2018!

I am just back from Cincinnati OH and the National Square Dance Convention. Lots of positive comments on the new ideas to make Nationals more solo dancer friendly. HASSDA handed out the pink/blue/purple position/level ribbons to solo dancers, and with the "Find a Partner for the Next Tip Here" signs in most of the halls, solo dancers were able to find partners and dance…dance…dance!

As the Director of Solos for the 67th Nationals in Kansas City, I am excited to tweak the Solo Hall with the constructive comments received and make it even better next year! Hope you are registered, but if you are not, please do so, it promises to be the supreme dancing experience!

If it's a square I'M THERE!

Maye

Vice-President’s Message: Kelly Bockover

Hello all! Well 2017 was another great Festival. I had so much fun, and from all the comments that I received, so did most all the dancers. I would like to thank everyone who helped with the festival, all the dancers that came, and a big hand to Scott Bennett, Jeff Holley, Noah Siegmann, and Sonya Savell-Jones for the wonderful calling & cueing.

I know that the 67th NSDC will be in Kansas City in 2018, just a couple of months after the HASSDA Festival, and I hope that all our members are planning on attending. If you are planning on attending the convention, please don’t let that keep you from attending the HASSDA Festival as well. It is just that much more dancing fun.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the 2018 Spring Festival again in Claremore, OK. Please be sure to spread the word. Remember, the bigger the festival, the bigger the fun!!! Yellow Rocks. Kelly
**Newsletter Editor: Louise Coleman**

My goodness, how time flies when we’re having fun! First, our 2017 HASSDA Festival was another really great Festival! I did not get to see much of Claremore as I was busy dancing with those that do not have partners because I wear a Purple Plus ribbon and as an Officer of HASSDA, that is one of my responsibilities. What a wonderful way to perform my duties! The General Meeting was well attended and lots of good input/feedback was garnered. We also are privileged to add additional people to the State Coordinator listing. Welcome aboard!

I am still hoping for input from more of our State Coordinators and HASSDA dancers in general for this Newsletter. If it gets boring, then perhaps you-all need to help me out with a few comments. I did have one man tell me that he always tells new members of their club that if they can only attend one weekend festival each year, make it the HASSDA Festival. He came to me on the last day at the Trail Out dance and said that we had far exceeded his expectations this year! He said the Callers were all great, they all worked together with respect for each other, & they had a great program planned and another couple told me the A-level dancing was superior this year! I think everyone enjoyed the Ice Cream Sundaes as well. The only comment I heard that was even close to a negative was that there was supposed to be a “Smoothie Hall” somewhere. Several people thought that it was way too fast in that hall.

I didn’t get this out before I attended the National in Cincinnati. What a fantastic group of Solo dancers we had. There were at least 15 squares at the Thursday Morning Meet & Greet! That is Fantastic! I was thrilled and I believe that all had a really great time the rest of the week. Did anyone get to see the Photo Album that was in the HASSDA display? Carol had a 4” binder filled with pictures from the 2017 HASSDA Festival!

If anyone is interested in volunteering to assist me with the Coordination Room for the 67th National Convention to be held here in Kansas City, MO in June 2018, please contact me. There are probably other committee’s that could use some extra help as well. Maye Wegner is in charge of the Solo activities for the 67th NSDC. Don’t hesitate to contact any of the HASSDA Board members or the 67th NSDC for information regarding the 67th National. HUGS!! Louise

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**Secretary: Vicky Zeller**

I want to thank all the members at our General Meeting 2017 for reinstating the entire HASSDA board.
Also thank you all for making this year's festival the best yet. We all made new friends and had a great time dancing.

The past four years on the board has been a privilege for me. I will continue to work with the board to make next year's festival even better. I want to thank all the board members for their hard work each year.

For our new members, I will give a little background about myself. I have been square dancing since the early 1990's. I first learned to square dance in grade school. I have loved square dancing ever since grade school. I enjoy line dancing also. As a retired science teacher, I have been substitute teaching for the past five years. I love working with students and have narrowed my teaching to high school.

Please spread the enthusiasm and information about square dancing and next year's HASSDA festival. As Maye keeps saying your personal touch makes all the difference. I hope to see you soon in a square. Vicky
Treasurer: Dee Proctor

First of all, I would like to thank all of the dancers that braved the horrible weather that we experienced in Claremore, Oklahoma to attend our festival. The only positive thing was that there was not a tornado. But rain, rain and more rain did not seem to dampen the spirits of the dancers. I heard nothing but positive comments all weekend. I was sorry that the attendees were not able to get out and see more of the sights in Claremore, but then there is next year when we will have our fingers crossed for better weather.

We did have more dancers at this festival from Oklahoma than in the past, and also more dancers that had never attended a HASSDA Festival before. To the Coordinators that are working hard in their areas to spread the word, I say a great BIG THANK YOU.

I hope to see all of your smiling faces again next year, along with some new ones, for another fun filled weekend with even more great Callers and Cuers. Again; THANK YOU to everyone for making my weekend so enjoyable. I hope I did the same for yours. See you next year. Dee

Historian: Carol Hershey

Claremore, Oklahoma, 2017 HASSDA Festival, there are a lot of good memories. It was a high energy dance and it didn’t matter if you were a “Smoothie,” “Plus,” “Round,” or “Advance” dancer, there was dancing and fun for everyone.

Thank you everyone who attended, we got nice feedback at the General meeting as to things that could be changed or things that should remain the same and the Board will try to implement your suggestions.

If you attended the Festival, you probably have a picture on Facebook. If you haven’t had an opportunity to take a look you need to go to Heart of America Singles Square Dance Association (https://www.facebook.com/Heart-of-America-Singles-Square-Dance-Association-153382783569979/) I will be sending Dan Wheeler pictures to post on the HASSDA website, so keep a look out there also.

Next year’s festival is at Claremore, OK, April 27-28 with a Trail-In on the 26th and Trail-Out on the 29th. If you missed this year’s festival, mark your calendars for 2018.

2019 and 2020 Festival will be in Manhattan, Kansas so you can put them on your calendar also. 40th HASSDA Festival is July 26-27, 2019 and the 41st HASSDA Festival is July 24-25, 2020. Plans are being made for these festivals now.

The Website for HASSDA is: www.HASSDA.WeSquareDance.com Festival information, newsletters, pictures thru 2016, etc., lots of information. See you in a square! Carol

2018 SPRING FESTIVAL UPDATES

1. **Reservations can now be made** at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites host hotel. You can call them directly at 918-283-4877 and be sure to mention that you want the HASSDA Festival pricing. They will only have a limited number of rooms for us so you might want to go ahead and book now. However, if they are sold out of our rooms, they have offered to assist in finding rooms for our dancers at area motel/hotels.

2. **Pre-Registration**. Please remember that not only does this help us in planning and up-front expenses, it is also a great way for you to save $10.00 on registration. So, if you have not done so, we urge that you think...
of pre-registering.

3. **April 26th, 2018** don’t forget the Thursday night Trail-In dance with callers: *Shane Greer and Dan Sahlstrom* and cuer: *Jim Couey*. The dance will start with mixers from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm with dance to follow until 10:00 pm. This will be one great dance and a really fun way to get the weekend started.

4. **April 29th, 2018** ADDITIONAL TRAIL-OUT DANCE. Finish out your weekend by dancing to gospel singing calls Sunday morning with callers: *Andy Allemao and Dan Sahlstrom* and cuer: *Jim Couey*. The dance will be from 9:30 AM to Noon.

***PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TRAIL-IN AND TRAIL-OUT DANCES ARE BOTH $7.00 DONATION PAYABLE AT THE DOOR***

**OUT AND ABOUT**

**47th** Singles Square Dancers USA (SSDUSA) Dance-A-Rama
Callers: Shane Greer - OK, Tim Tyl - TX, Mike Hogan – NE, Dan Sahlstrom - MN, Jerry Junck – NE and Cuers: Cathy & Fred Fisher - AR, Pat & Joe Hilton - MO, Carolyn & Tony Ahart – MO
August 31 - September 3, 2017
Wyndham Riverfront Hotel
North Little Rock, AR
For more information view website [www.ssdusa.org](http://www.ssdusa.org)

**47th** Nebraska State Square & Round Dance Weekend
W/Caller: Jerry Story and Cuers: Jim & Carol Tucker
September 15 & 16, 2017
Adams County Fairgrounds
Hastings, NE
For more information view website [www.squaredancene.org](http://www.squaredancene.org)

Arkansas Fall Festival
W/caller: Dave Towry & Tim Tyl on Thursday night
W/caller: Dan Nordbye on Friday night
Oct 12, 13 & 14, 2017
Betty’s Big Country Dance Hall
Caddo Valley, AR
For more information view website [www.assdf.com](http://www.assdf.com)

**58th** Missouri State Festival
W/Feathered Caller: Justin Russell & Featured Cuers: Carolyn and Tony Ahart
October 20, 21 & 22, 2017
Cowan Civic Center
Lebanon, MO
For more information view website [www.Festival.SquareDanceMissouri.com](http://www.Festival.SquareDanceMissouri.com)
39th HASSDA Festival
W/Callers: Andy Allemao, Shane Greer & Dan Sahlstrom and Cuers: Jim & Georgianne Couey
April 27-28, 2018
Holiday Inn Express & Conference Center
Claremore, OK
For more information view website www.HASSDAFestival.WeSquareDance.com

67TH National Square Dance Convention
“Show Me Dance”
June 27, 28, 29, 30, 2018
Kansas City Convention Center
Kansas City, MO
For more information view website www.67nsdc.com

NOTE: IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LIST A SPECIAL DANCE THAT YOU’RE SINGLES DANCE CLUB IS HOSTING/SPONSORING, OR IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION ON A STATE LEVEL DANCE OR FESTIVAL IN ONE OF THE SIX HASSDA STATES, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO LIST IT FOR YOU IN THE “OUT AND ABOUT” SECTION. PLEASE JUST EMAIL THE BASIC INFORMATION (IN FORMAT ABOVE) WITH A NOTE TO PLEASE LIST IN THE “OUT AND ABOUT” SECTION TO OUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR AT HASSDA-Newsletter@WeSquareDance.com

Members, please check this list! If there are any clubs no longer dancing or if there are Singles clubs we don’t have, or changes that are needed, please let us know so we can update this list.

SINGLE SQUARE DANCE CLUBS IN THE HASSDA AREA

IA - 1st, 3rd, 5th Fridays – Mainstream/Plus Dance. Sponsored by Merry Mixers at IOOF Hall, 29th and Kingman, Des Moines, IA. 7:30 – 10:00 pm. Website: www.IowaSquareDance.org/Clubs/Central/CE_MerryMixers.html. Caller: Guest; Cuer: Jo Saffell.


IA – 2nd 4th Fridays – Mainstream/Plus Dance. Sponsored by Triple G Square Dance Club at Gilbert Elementary School, Gilbert, IA Website: www.IowaSquareDance.org/Clubs/Central/CE_TripleG.html. Caller: Guest Caller; Cuer: Guest Cuer

KS – 2nd/4th Saturdays – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by Lone Wranglers at Riley County Senior Center, 412 Leavenworth, Manhattan, KS. Rounds 7:30 pm Square Dancing 8:00 pm. Facebook. Caller Guest Callers. Cuer Joyce Juhler.

KS – 1st/3rd/5th Tuesdays – Mainstream and Plus Dance. Sponsored by Swingin’ Singles at Old Shawnee Town Hall, 11600 Johnson Dr, Shawnee KS. Casual attire. Pre-Rounds 7:00 – 7:30 Lines/Rounds between tips. 7:30 – 9:45 pm. Caller Jay Krebs. Cuer Pam Young. Website: www.Singles.WeSquareDance.com

KS – One Friday a month – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by Shawnee Swingers at Croco Hall, 6115 SE Hwy 40, Tecumseh KS (just east of Topeka). Caller Guest Callers. Cuer Lalla Steenbock. 7:30 – 10:00 pm. Website: www.Shannee.WeSquareDance.com or call Sharon Kay Jones-Ray at (785) 286-0554

KS – 2nd/4th Sundays – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by Circle 8 Square Dance Club, Chisholm Middle School, Newton, KS, Caller: Guest Caller; Cuer: Guest Cuer. Pre-rounds 7:00 pm; Squares 7:30 – 9:30 pm. Website www.Circle8SquareDance.com or call Bob or Sandy McVey at (620) 983-2929 email – SandyMcVey@hotmail.com

KS – 2nd/4th Fridays - Mainstream Dance Sponsored by Good Time Squares Dawson United Methodist Church Wichita, KS Caller: Guest Callers; Cuer: Joe Dawley. Contact Marcie Myers 316.990.4549

KS – 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday Mainstream Dance with plus tips Sponsored by Wichita Solo’s Square Dance Club, Wichita, KS, dances at 7:00 p.m. Southwest Presbyterian Church, 1511 West 27th St. South, Wichita. Guest callers, rounds by Frank Morrell

KS – Every Tuesday – Mainstream Workshop Sponsored by Good Time Squares at Dawson United Methodist Church
Wichita, Ks Caller -- David Myers, Barbara Whitehead Cuer – Joe Dawley. Contact Marcie Myers 316.990.4549

MO – 2nd Tuesdays – IAGSDC Dance (Plus and A-2). Sponsored by Gateway Squares. IAGSDC club, at St Louis Acitivity Center, 5602 Arsenal St, St Louis MO. Casual attire. No rounds. 7:15 – 9:00 pm. Singles, same-sex couples and opposite-sex couples all welcome. Callers: Aaron Wells & Guest Callers. Website: www.Gateway.SquareDanceMissouri.com

MO – 1st/3rd Fridays – Mainstream/Plus Continuous Dancing. Sponsored by St. Joe Squares at St. Peter Lutheran Church, 3524 St. Joseph Avenue, St. Joseph, MO. Casual attire. Chris Wildhagen Caller. 7:30 – 10:00 pm. Contact: Bill and Marilyn Robinson (816) 233-9096. Website www.StJoe.WeSquareDance.com

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MO – Alternating Saturdays – Plus-Level Dance. Sponsored by Singles and Doubles at Webster Groves Christian Church, 1320 Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves MO. 7:30 – 10:00 pm. Caller: Guest Callers; Cuer: Gene and Del McGinty. Check Website: www.Singles.SquareDanceMissouri.com or call Dan Kramme 636.225.5378

NE – 1st/3rd/5th Tuesdays – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by Single Wheelers Squares at Pufahl’s Barn in Norfolk, NE during summer months (Norfolk Jr High School on Aug 30. 8:00 – 10:30 pm. Website: www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/wheelers or call Gerry and Janet Mansfield 402.565.4247

NE – Alternating Tuesdays – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by Heartland Singles Square Dance Club at Rockbrook Methodist Church, 9855 West Center Rd, Omaha NE. 7:30 - 10:00 pm. Website: www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/heartland or call Diane Krebs at 402.734.4761.

NE – Alternating Fridays (Sept thru May) – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by Belles N Beaus at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4117 Terrace Dr., Omaha, NE. 8:00 - 10:30 pm. Website: www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/belles. Call Jim & Cathy Bellinger 402.393.4194 or 402.639.9228.

NE – Alternating Saturdays – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by Amazing 8’s at Rockbrook Methodist Church, 9855 West Center Rd, Omaha NE. 8:00 - 10:30 pm. Call Bob Welshinger at 402-339-5405.

OK – 1st/3rd Fridays – Mainstream/Plus Dance. Sponsored by Single Squares at Westside Lions Hall, 4135 NW 10th St, Oklahoma City, OK. Rounds 7pm, Workshop 7:30pm and Grand March 8pm. Callers Jeff and Niecy Holley. Cuer Jim & Georgianne Couey. Website www.cdsa.com

OK – 2nd/4th Fridays – Mainstream/Plus Dance. Sponsored by Metro Singles of OKC at Westside Lions Hall, 4135 NW 10th St, Oklahoma City OK. Pre-Rounds 7:00 pm and square dancing starts 7:30 pm. 3rd and 6th tips are Plus and Advanced will be called after regular dancing ends. Callers: Danny Payne. Cuer: Sonja Savell Jones. Website www.SquareDancing.com/metrokc

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AREA COORDINATOR’S CHATTER

Square Dancing is going strong in my area. We have just finished back to back lessons, so I will have a lot of new dancers to introduce to HASSDA. The attendee’s from last year, can help pass the word on what a great time they had at the Festival. There is also several Festivals from July to November to attend and advertise HASSDA.

Dee Proctor--Oklahoma Coordinator

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39th HASSDA FESTIVAL

April 27-28, 2018
Holiday Inn Express & Conference Center
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Andy Allemao  Shane Creer  Dan Sahlstrom  Jim & Georgianne Couey

TRAIL-IN DANCE with Shane Creer and Dan Sahlstrom, Callers and Jim Couey, Cuer
Thursday Evening – April 26, 2018 – 7:00 TO 10:30 PM (MIXERS 7-8 PM)

TRAIL-OUT DANCE with Andy Allemao and Dan Sahlstrom, Callers and Jim Couey, Cuer
Sunday Morning - Gospel Dance – April 29, 2018 – 9:30 AM to Noon
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS CONFERENCE CENTER
$7 Donation payable at the door

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Individual registration - please check appropriate blanks:

______ Friday & Saturday All Events Prior to April 1, 2018 $35.00
______ Friday & Saturday All Events payable at the door $45.00
______ One Day/Night Includes After Party $25.00
______ Individual Square/Round Dance Sessions $15.00

Total individual registration fees enclosed $______

Square dance attire admired, not required!

Cancellation Policy:
• Full Refund will be given if cancellation notice is received prior to March 1, 2018.
• One-half Refund will be given for cancellation between March 2 and April 20, 2018.
• No Refund will be given for cancellation after April 20, 2018.

All requests for cancellation must be in writing or e-mail to HASSDA Festival Contact.

Festival Contact: Maye Wegner -785-806-8314 or HASSDA-Festival@WeSquareDance.com

New Member [ ] Renewal [ ] Single [ ] Married [ ] www.HASSDAFestival.WesquareDance.com

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$89 single king or double queen / $99 Suites
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Kansas City, MO ......... 246 M Amarillo, TX ...... 393 M
Little Rock, AR .......... 321 M Memphis, TN .... 408 M

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918-341-8777 • Enterprise.com
Tulsa International Airport (TIA)
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“Show Me Kansas City in 2018” is the theme of the 2018 National Square Dance Convention to be held in Kansas City, Missouri on June 21 – 23, 2018.

As we design the activities for this national convention, excitement is building as we progress thru the planning stages. Many of you have been involved in a national convention in the past and are acutely aware of the many hours of planning that go into the execution of a memorable convention. It is with great gratitude that we “thank” the many folks that are working behind the scenes to provide you with the opportunity to enjoy square dancing and experience Kansas City in 2018. Your early registrations are extremely helpful in our planning process and translate to making your experience in Kansas City one for the memory book.

If you have not subscribed to the electronic National Square Dance Convention newsletter, please do so. This is a wonderful tool to keep you informed of the latest news for all upcoming national conventions. This publication is designed to keep dancers informed of opportunities for serving, participating, and enjoying your national convention. Please visit: natsq@nsdcnec.com and follow the link to subscribe. I strongly encourage everyone to do so. If you have fellow dancers that are not computer savvy, please be proactive and print your copy to share with them.

All roads lead to Kansas City; thus, we are extending a very warm welcome to you and yours to visit our city in 2018!

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67th NSDC
Publicity Chairman