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FROM THE PRESIDENT – MARILYN'S NOTES:

The summer is rushing on – Can you believe it's August already! Hope to see many of you over Labor Day Weekend at the Dance-A-Rama in the Quad Cities.

As you can tell from our flyer herein, our HASSDA Festival in Grove next year is shaping up well. We're excited about having the three specific callers together – they're each so much fun

individually – having them together will be great! You might take note of the difference in pre-registration costs and waiting until after March 1 next year. Also, in case you haven't been to Grove before, the Best Western Timber Ridge Inn (the Host Hotel on the back of the flyer) is right across the street from the Grove Civic Center, which is the Festival facility. It would be good to get your reservations called in for the host hotel if you want to be within walking distance. I believe it is a 43-room facility, and the price is right! Please note next year will be our 30th Anniversary – it all started in Independence, Missouri, in 1980 – so be planning your red, white and blue outfits, HASSDA's official colors.

The HASSDA Board met the first weekend in June at the Kansas State Square Dance Convention in Salina, Kansas. We finalized details of the Excelsior Springs Festival, discussed details of how the 2010 Festival is shaping up, and rushed back out on the dance floor. Dee Dee Dougherty did a great job as the featured caller that weekend.

One last thought – the enclosed flyer is on our HASSDA web site; so please, either copy the enclosed one or get some copies off the internet and take with you in the coming months to help make next year a great HASSDA Festival in Grove! Thanks – and hope you're enjoying the summer!!

HASSDA Festival 2010 – Getting Excited About Grove

by Maye Wegner

We are already thinking about and planning for the HASSDA 30th Anniversary Festival in Grove, Oklahoma, in April 2010.

We have such a great line-up of callers, cuers, and activities planned for you in Grove. Please see the enclosed flyer. Even better: please see the enclosed flyer, complete the registration, and send it back to us. From Mainstream to Advanced levels, you will be able to dance the long weekend away!

Beyond that, we have the wonderful town of Grove itself! It is a beautiful town located on the Grand Lake O' the Cherokees amid the green hills of Northeast Oklahoma. Tourism is a vital part of the local economy due to Grove's location on a large fishing-renown lake at the edge of the rugged Ozarks. The people of Grove know how to make visitors feel welcome with friendly, courteous service at restaurants and stores, plus fabulous facilities for the square dancing crowds. The HASSDA Festival is no stranger to Grove as we were there in 2008, and a wonderful time was had by all. You can stay at a campground, get a cabin at the lake, or book a room at one of the clean motels. It is all GOOD! Please note the Best Western is the hotel that is next to the square dance activities at the Convention Center and rooms are booking fast. Come join us, have fun, dance, dance, dance.... and relax, relax, relax!

See you there in a square!

WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE YOUR NEWSLETTER ELECTRONIC?

By Jim Faurote

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 our president, Marilyn Graham, at 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.

ADVENTURES AT THE KSDA FESTIVAL IN SALINA

By Jim Faurote

The Kansas Square Dance Association hosted their annual festival in the Great Plains city of Salina, smack-dab in the middle of the state, over the weekend of June 4. In years past I have avoided the various state festivals, not having a committed partner for the entire weekend and thinking they were exclusively for married dancers. Anyway, a decision was made to hold the quarterly HASSDA board meeting there; and so I went.

A large group of single dancers set out from both Kansas City and Mid-Missouri areas that Friday. We checked into our hotel, hurried through dinner, and headed to the Bicentennial Center. Friday night dancing featured a slew of various Kansas callers. All of them were good, and the evening was fun!

What I did notice Friday was when we registered for the Festival we were given ribbons that said "Solo Dancer." I was not sure about the purpose of them but then concluded they were given to help us identify other dancers that needed partners. Then, inside the main dance hall there was a section with a large sign over it that stated "Dancers without Partners." We congregated near that section during most of the Saturday evening dance and danced not only within our own group but with other singles that we had not met until that point. Both the "solo dancer" ribbon and having a section for "dancers without partners" are ideas that other large square dance festivals and larger square dance clubs (including the "singles" clubs) can take note of to make single dancers feel more welcome at their functions. I have heard several stories from dancers that go alone to a dance, including a single's club dance, and end up sitting by themselves during most of the tips.

I chose to spend part of Saturday exploring some of the sights of Salina. There is a regional historical museum downtown that was especially noteworthy. Also, for a city of its size (fifty thousand) and location (hours away from any "large" city), it has several art galleries. The temperature climbed above ninety degrees, so I went to the Bicentennial Center just in time to catch the Air-Cap cloggers from Wichita. They did a wonderful exhibition, with much talent and energy; and I wished they could have danced all afternoon.

Saturday evening featured the Grand March of all Kansas clubs, and then dancing with Dee Dee Dougherty from Minneapolis, MN, as the featured caller. I had never danced to her before; thus, I did not know what to expect. She was fun. She was energetic. I loved the combination of big ole Texas hat and Texas cowgirl getup with the bright blonde hair and talk that was pure Minnesota.

After the almost 100-degree day, a big thunderstorm broke out at the end of dancing on Saturday. Fortunately, it was brief and afterwards many of us ended up at Brahm's for ice cream sundaes and more visiting. The dancers filled up the place and kept it open long past its 11:00 p.m. closing time. I think most people left there, and left Salina on Sunday, with fond memories of the 2008 KSDA Festival.

WANTED: A NEBRASKA COORDINATOR AND ARTICLE ON NEBRASKA FESTIVAL

By Jim Faurote

There are two Nebraska-specific requests. The first is that we still need an area coordinator for the state of Nebraska. The job description is not onerous at all. The main responsibility is to take the HASSDA Festival flyers to all the dances you might attend in the Cornhusker State. (You would have the distinction of setting the best-looking flyer out on the table.) As time gets closer to the Festival, you might possibly briefly announce the Festival during the dances you attend. Being area coordinator would not entail traveling the state, but would entail making an effort to advertise our Festival each year. The other thing an area coordinator does is notify the HASSDA Editor of any special events of interest to single dancers in the state. This might be taken from the state publication in Nebraska each quarter or the website www.SquareDanceNE.org

The other request involves writing a short article, just a few paragraphs, on your experiences at the Nebraska State Festival in Hastings in September. Anyone who attends can write this article. Just notify me by email at jfaur526@hotmail.com in advance if you intend to write one. The article deadline would be around October 24. The main reward is seeing your name in the byline and getting yourself published, i.e., no monetary stipend.

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- OKLAHOMA:** Delores Chambers, 1051 SW 4th St., Jones, OK 73049
- NEBRASKA:** It could be you, if you live in Nebraska. Contact Jim, newsletter editor, at jfaur526@hotmail.com if you would agree to serve in this function. We need you to report events and promote HASSDA in your state!!

Meet the Missouri Coordinator – Louise Coleman

By Lee Williams

Louise grew up on a farm near the isolated Sand Hills community of Arnold, Nebraska. She was introduced to barn dancing by her father while still in grade school. She later married and moved to the Kansas City area where she eventually started dancing the “real thing,” and has been square dancing since 1972.

Louise currently belongs to two clubs; the Unicorns and Crosstrailers. She also frequently dances with Swingin’ Singles. Louise has taken an active part in promoting square dancing by

holding various offices through the years. She served as Corresponding Secretary and Insurance Coordinator with the Kansas City-area Heart of America Federation from 2007 to June of this year. She is currently the Recording Secretary for the Crosstrailers.

Louise keeps a busy schedule as a part time Office Manager for Silk Paint Corporation and with her hobbies. Besides square dancing, her other interests include ballroom dancing, sewing, and cooking (especially trying new recipes). She has four grandchildren and one great-grandchild for which I am sure she gets plenty of cookie-baking experience.

Louise is not exactly new to the position of Area Coordinator as she was co-Coordinator with Julie Lemke last year. Louise, you are a great asset to our Association, and we thank you!

UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS OF INTEREST

IA - Every Thursday (except Sept 3) – 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. Website www.IowaSquareDance.org/central/merrym.html

KS – 1st/3rd 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

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**. Website www.Swingin-Singles.org

NE – 1st/3rd/5th Tuesdays – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by **Single Wheelers Squares** at Pufahl Barn on Aug 4 and 18 and at Norfolk Junior High, 510 Pasewalk Ave, Norfolk NE during school year. Callers: **Nebraska Federation callers**. 8:00 - 10:30pm. Website www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/swheelers or call Gerry & Janet Mansfield at 402-565-4247.

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 – 10:30pm. Caller **Al Block**. Cuer **Jim Windhausen**. Check www.Promenaders.WeSquareDance.com or call Ralph Morast 816-737-5185. No August Dance.

MO – 1st 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. Caller **Guest Callers (Dunbar-August, Cutter-September, Betzelberger-October)**. Website www.GatewaySquares.50megs.com

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/metrok

NE – 2nd/4th Saturdays – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by **Swinging Squares** at Rockbrook Methodist Church, 9855 West Center Rd, Omaha NE. Caller **Lanny Weaklend**. Cuer **Bob Raasch**. 8:00 - 10:30pm. Website www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/wswingin or call Bob Welshinger at 402-339-5405. **Note the August Dance is on August 1. No Aug 8 or 22 dance.**

IA - August 7, 2009 – Mainstream and Plus Dance. Sponsored by **Merry Mixers** at IOOF Hall, 29th and Kingman, Des Moines, IA. Caller **Chuck Veldhuizen**. Cuer **Jo Saffel**. 7:30 – 10:00pm. Website www.IowaSquareDance.org/central/merrym.html.

NE – August 11, 2009 – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by **Heartland Singles Square Dance Club** at Rockbrook Methodist Church, 9855 West Center Rd, Omaha NE. Caller **Lanny Weakland**. Cuer **Bob Raasch**. 7:30 - 10:00pm. Website www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/heartland or call Diane Krebs at 402-734-4761.

MO – August 15, 2009 – Plus-Level Dance. Sponsored by **Singles and Doubles** at Webster Groves Christian Church, 1320 Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves MO. 730pm – 1000pm. Caller: **Mike Kelly**. Cuer: **The Tevlins**. Check www.Singles.SquareDanceMissouri.com or call Dan Kramme 636-225-5378.

NE – August 25, 2009 – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by **Heartland Singles Square Dance Club** at Rockbrook Methodist Church, 9855 West Center Rd, Omaha NE. Caller **Dee Dee Dougherty**. Cuer **Bob Raasch**. 7:30 - 10:00pm. Website www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/heartland or call Diane Krebs at 402-734-4761.

MO – August 29, 2009 – Plus-Level Dance. Sponsored by **Singles and Doubles** at Webster Groves Christian Church, 1320 Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves MO. 730pm – 1000pm. Caller: **Curt Braffet**. Cuer: **Pat Hilton**. Check www.Singles.SquareDanceMissouri.com or call Dan Kramme 636-225-5378.

IA -- September 3 to 6, 2009 - [The 39th Annual National Singles Dance-A-Rama](#) in Davenport, IA! Callers: **Bill Harrison - MD, Matt Worley - VA, Mike Hogan-NE, Ken Burke-IN, Curt Braffet-IL, and Don & Doug Sprosty-IA**. Eat, Sleep, and Dance at the Davenport Clarion Hotel. Check the website, www.dar2009.ssdusa.org, for more information on the dance, the hotel, and the area!

IA – September 4, 2009 – Mainstream and Plus Dance. Sponsored by **Merry Mixers** at IOOF Hall, 29th and Kingman, Des Moines, IA. Caller **Jim Logan**. Cuer **Les LaLone**. 7:30 – 10:00pm. Website www.IowaSquareDance.org/central/merrym.html

MO – September 12, 2009 – Plus-Level Dance. Sponsored by **Singles and Doubles** at Webster Groves Christian Church, 1320 Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves MO. 730pm – 1000pm. Caller: **Tom Roper**. Cuer: **Pat Hilton**. Check www.Singles.SquareDanceMissouri.com or call Dan Kramme 636-225-5378.

NE – September 18-19 – Nebraska State Square & Round Dance Convention. Adams County Fairgrounds, Hastings NE. Featured callers **Jon and Deborah Jones**. Cuers **Ray and Virginia Walz**. Grand March 730pm both nights. Square dance attire requested for all activities. Registration form is out on website www.SquareDanceNE.org/convention or call 402-493-2375.

IA - September 18, 2009 – Mainstream and Plus Dance. Sponsored by **Merry Mixers** at IOOF Hall, 29th and Kingman, Des Moines, IA. Caller **Dean Dederman**. Cuer **Jo Saffel**. 7:30 – 10:00pm. Website www.IowaSquareDance.org/central/merrym.html

MO – September 26, 2009 – Plus-Level Dance. Sponsored by **Singles and Doubles** at Webster Groves Christian Church, 1320 Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves MO. 730pm – 1000pm. Caller: **Doug Mallory**. Cuer: **Gene McGinty**. Check www.Singles.SquareDanceMissouri.com or call Dan Kramme 636-225-5378.

IA – October 2, 2009 – Mainstream and Plus Dance. Sponsored by **Merry Mixers** at IOOF Hall, 29th and Kingman, Des Moines, IA. Caller **Tommy Russell**. Cuer **Jo Saffel**. 7:30 – 10:00pm. Website www.IowaSquareDance.org/central/merrym.html

NE – October 6, 2009 – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by **Heartland Singles Square Dance Club** at Rockbrook Methodist Church, 9855 West Center Rd, Omaha NE. Caller **Steve Hackman**. Cuer **Bob**

Raasch. 7:30 - 10:00pm. Website www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/heartland or call Diane Krebs at 402-734-4761.

MO – October 10, 2009 – Plus-Level Dance. Sponsored by **Singles and Doubles** at Webster Groves Christian Church, 1320 Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves MO. 730pm – 1000pm. Caller: **Bo Semith**. Cuer: **Pat Hilton**. Check www.Singles.SquareDanceMissouri.com or call Dan Kramme 636-225-5378.

MO – October 16-18 – 50th Missouri State Dance Festival. Raymore-Peculiar High School, 20801 S South Rd, Peculiar MO. Featured caller **Jerry Junck**, Cuer **Pam Young**. Grand March 730pm both nights. Square dance attire required on dance floors. Registration form is out on website www.Festival.SquareDanceMissouri.com

IA – October 16, 2009 – Mainstream and Plus Dance. Sponsored by **Merry Mixers** at IOOF Hall, 29th and Kingman, Des Moines, IA. Caller **Gale Ramburg**, Cuer **Jo Saffel**. 7:30 – 10:00pm. Website www.IowaSquareDance.org/central/merrym.html

NE – October 20, 2009 – Mainstream Dance. Sponsored by **Heartland Singles Square Dance Club** at Rockbrook Methodist Church, 9855 West Center Rd, Omaha NE. Caller **Lanny Weakland**. Cuer **Bob Raasch** 7:30 - 10:00pm. Website www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/heartland or call Diane Krebs at 402-734-4761.

IA – October 30, 2009 – Mainstream and Plus Dance. Sponsored by **Merry Mixers** at IOOF Hall, 29th and Kingman, Des Moines, IA. Caller **Brian Keesler**, Cuer **Jo Saffel**. 7:30 – 10:00pm. Website www.IowaSquareDance.org/central/merrym.html

MO – October 31, 2009 – Plus-Level Dance. Sponsored by **Singles and Doubles** at Kirkwood Community Center, Kirkwood MO. 730pm – 1000pm. Callers: **Don and Doug Sprosty**. Cuer: **Judy Scherrer** Check www.Singles.SquareDanceMissouri.com or call Dan Kramme 636-225-5378.

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