

Heart of America Singles Square Dance Association



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FROM THE PRESIDENT – Marilyn's Notes:

This is the last newsletter before the Spring Festival; so if any of you have been putting off registering, it's time to get that done! The host hotel is booked solid, but there are other fine hotels which are giving discounts to the square dancers for the weekend. Because there are other events in town that weekend, some of the hotels have informed us they will be letting their rooms go to other patrons soon if not booked, so please get your hotel reservations made soon! You can absolutely be assured of a great time, considering the callers and cuers we have lined up for you. And what better way to start the weekend than at the Trail-In Dance on Thursday night with Darryl Lipscomb! You may want to spend additional time in Grove and the surrounding area,

as it's such a recreational area in the State of Oklahoma. See HASSDA Editor Jim Faurote's article herein about Grove and the surrounding area. You just can't miss this year's Festival!

Another item on the agenda for the Festival in Grove is the General Meeting of the HASSDA organization. Again, we encourage all of you who plan to attend to come to the General Meeting on Saturday. We will be electing officers and planning for the 2011 Festival, and we always need the input of all of you to continue the operations of HASSDA!

HASSDA will be sponsoring an after-party on Thursday night at Nationals in Louisville in June, so please come join us to make it a rocking after-party!! In the meantime, see you in Grove – I can hardly wait – what a cast!!

HASSDA FESTIVAL 2010 – CALLER MIKE HOGAN!

by Lee Williams



Mike began square dance lessons in the fall of 1975 and began calling in early 1976. He met his wife, Denise, when they were members of the Boots and Belles teen club and began dating. They later married and have two children – Rachel, born in 1990, and Ryan, born in 1993.

Over the past 34 years, Mike has been the club caller for the teen club and six other square dance clubs. He currently is the club caller for the Merry Mixers in Omaha and teaches four sets of lessons each year. Mike has called at festivals and conventions in several states, including having been featured caller for the Minnesota and Illinois State Conventions. Many of you have fun memories of Mike as a featured caller at the 2009 SSDUSA Festival in Davenport, Iowa, last fall.

Mike has served on the Board of the Omaha Caller's Association a total of 20 years, and is currently serving as Secretary and Treasurer. He has conducted many education workshops for the Association, authored an education grant program for the Association's members, and introduced the concept of the Sweetheart Ball, the Association's annual event, with funds going primarily for caller/cuer education.

Mike joined the Nebraska Caller's Association in 1978. The Hogans have served as Vice President for 4 years, assisted in creating the guidelines for the Caller/Cuer Hall of Fame, and created an education grant program for its members. Mike also served for three years on the State Convention Programming committee and as Chairman of the committee one year.

Outside of the square dancing world, Mike is a full-time Senior Account Manager for Journal Broadcast Group and with his wife stays extremely busy supporting their childrens' academic and athletic activities.

This multi-faceted man, an entertainer who combines smooth and interesting choreography with outstanding vocal talents, will be one of our featured callers at HASSDA in April.

WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE YOUR NEWSLETTER ELECTRONIC?

We again are encouraging everyone to receive their newsletter electronically. By choosing to receive the newsletter by email, you will be helping us cut expenses. If you would prefer to receive your newsletter by email, please notify Marilyn at MarilynGraham@mchsi.com.

HASSDA FESTIVAL 2010 – CALLER SHANE GREER!

By Linda Curran



Shane is beginning his 27th year of calling and teaching square dancing. He currently calls for the Twilight Twisters and Tea-Cup Chains both in Shane's home town of Wagoner, OK. He has called in 44 States including Alaska, and at 10 National Square Dance Conventions calling mainstream through advanced II. Shane's square dance calling career has also taken him to London, England; Brussels, Belgium; Stockholm, Sweden; Hamburg, Germany; the Netherlands; and Canada. Shane is a two time past president of the Tulsa Area Callers and Teachers Association and a member of Callerlab, the international association of square dance callers. He was a full-time caller for 10 years and recorded several square dance songs on Quadrille Records. During Shane's last three years of full time calling, he and his wife, Missy, lived in Tucson, AZ and called a full winter square dance program at Rincon Country West RV Resort.

In 1999, Shane's full-time calling career ended and he moved back to Wagoner, OK to raise his family. Missy and Shane have four children, Kathleen, age 16; Jayme, age 15; Jacob age 13; and Steven, age 8. Shane is now employed with the State of Oklahoma and supervises child protective services in Wagoner County and has done so for the past 10 years. In 2006, Shane, Misty and family moved to 10 acres of land they had purchased in Wagoner County. They have built a home and started a small farm which has always been a dream of theirs. Shane and family raise registered full blood Nubian dairy goats and run a small dairy, along with growing and selling a variety of produce and fruits. They also raise chickens to sell eggs and meat. Shane's next venture will be in the hog business which should be up and running by the middle of 2010.

As you can tell, with family, square dancing, and the farm, Shane is very busy but very happy. Shane states: "We have been so blessed. What we love most about square dancing is the people. It seems no matter where you go in the world you have friends." Well said, Shane!

VENDORS AT THE HASSDA FESTIVAL – SHOP TILL YOU DROP!

By Maye Wegner

For your shopping pleasure Dorothy Claussen, owner and operator of The Ole Sew-n-Sew Square Dance Shop will be furnishing a full line of square dance apparel. Two piece ensembles, prairie ensembles (which can be split up if you only want the skirt or the blouse), skirts, blouses, pettupants (both cotton and nylon), slips, men's shirts, ties, elastic belts and shoes. "If I do not have what you want or need, I'll be happy to order and ship to you; and I do a lot of custom sewing!" says Dorothy. She accepts Visa, Master Card and Discover along with cash or a check.

Ken and Pat Herring of Paragon Engraving will be at the HASSDA Festival to give you the latest in name badges, dangles, etc. Check out their website at www.ParagonEngrave.com. HASSDA contracted with Ken to design the dangle for the HASSDA 30th Anniversary which will be available for sale at the registration table for \$2. All you dangle collectors be sure to add one to your collection!

Square Shots by Polly will be a valued vendor at the Festival. Polly will be available to take "posed pictures" in your finest Square Dancing attire AND will be taking candid shots during the Festival and After Parties! Besides printed pictures, Polly will be putting all the pictures she has taken over the weekend on a CD which can be ordered and shipped to you. Polly Wilkinson will make the Festival last forever with many memorable shots! Check out her website at www.SquareShotsByPolly.com to see some of her work at previous square dance festivals.

.....AND DON'T FORGET THE AFTER-PARTIES!

HASSDA has contracted with the MOOSE Lodge in Grove to let us continue our merriment and dancing well into the night! Make sure you join us after the Square Dance on Friday and Saturday night for an AFTER PARTY at the Moose Lodge, 61951 East 315 Road (directly behind the Cherokee Queen Motel). A DJ will be spinning all your favorite tunes and you will be able to dance, visit or just sit and enjoy the music! A cash snack/drink bar will also be open to serve you.

WANTING TO EXPLORE? THINGS TO SEE IN GROVE!

By Jim Faurote

Arriving a day or two early? Or leaving a day or two after the Festival? Or just want to get away from dancing for an afternoon? There are plenty of things to see and do in Grove and the surrounding area! Grove is a community of around 7,000 in Northeast Oklahoma, nestled in the foothills of the Ozarks and perched on the shores of the beautiful Grand Lake O' The Cherokees. During the Festival period, the average high temperature in the Grove area is in the upper 60's, which would be a definite plus to those traveling down from the northern parts of the HASSDA area.

Being in the prime of Spring would make one of the main attractions even more desirable. That is the Lendonwood Gardens. Over 1,500 different plants shaded by towering oak trees are displayed at this three-acre botanical garden. The grass pathways are lined by rhododendrons, azaleas, hostas, a cascading stream with nine waterfalls, perennials, roses and towering trees. Lendonwood Gardens also offers the Midwest's largest collection of rhododendrons. A traditional Japanese tea pavilion on the edge of a Japanese garden pond is stocked with thousands of koi fish. For further information, their website is www.Lendonwood.org.

There are five state parks in the area. They include Natural Falls State Park where the thrill of hiking under a waterfall and over a hanging bridge can be enjoyed south of Grove. There is also the Bernice State Park Nature Center which offers a 1,000 gallon aquarium, live animal exhibits, and guided tours on the other side of Grand Lake O' The Cherokees.

Speaking of Grand Lake O' The Cherokees, if you like to fish, then you'd better pack your fishing gear along with the square dance apparel. It is considered the best bass fishing lake in Oklahoma. Besides many types of bass, large numbers of crappie, catfish, and the world's largest population of paddlefish are also found in this fishing-popular lake.

Rainy day? Or just looking for an indoor activity? There is the Cayuga Mission Church. It is the only church in the U.S. built by a Native American with his own funds for the use of all people. Constructed in 1886, the inside is embellished with beautifully hand-carved imported wood, and 15 stones, each carved with an Indian symbol, form the arched doorway. The faithful are still called to worship today when the old mission bell rings for the Sunday services at 8:30 a.m. that are open to all. Website is www.CayugaMission.org.

More detailed information on things to do in the Grove area, including fishing licenses and regulations, can be found on the community website www.GroveOK.org.

HASSDA FESTIVAL 2010 – CUER PAM YOUNG!

By Kathy Mears



Pam Young, so popular at previous festivals, has been invited back to cue rounds for the 2010 HASSDA Spring Festival. Cuing and teaching rounds since 1985, Pam has traveled to and cued at many weekend round dance events as well as National and State Square Dance Conventions. With husband Tom, Pam teaches and provides instructional tips to other cuers, both new and experienced.

Pam has held many offices in square and round dance organizations including member of the Board of Directors for ROUNDALAB, president of the Mid-America Round Dance Teachers

Association, secretary and president of both the Kansas State Square Dance Callers and Kansas Round Dance Associations.

When not involved in dance activities, the Youngs enjoy traveling in their motor home on a camping outing or volunteering at their church. Tom also enjoys fishing and golf, while Pam is an avid seamstress and quilter. Pam and Tom are past Chairmen of Sew and Save for the 57th National Square Dance Convention.

HASSDA is proud to once again have Pam and Tom Young join us in Grove for another weekend of beautifully flowing round dancing.

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- ARKANSAS:** Bud Cude, 223 Highway 370, Mena, AR 71953, 479-384-2816
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- OKLAHOMA:** Delores Chambers, 1051 SW 4th St., Jones, OK 73049

UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS OF INTEREST

IA - 1st/3rd/5th Tuesdays - 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 **Feb 5 (Smith), Feb 19 (Veldhuizen), Mar 5 (Sprosty Brothers), Mar 19 (Grow), Apr 2 (McCart), Apr 16 (Young), Apr 30 (Hogan)**.

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 Apr. 1. 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. Casual attire. Rounds 7:30 pm Square Dancing 8:00pm. Caller **Guest Callers**. Cued by **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

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. Callers **Kevin Bersing-February, Dennis Minneau-March, Kate Garrison-April**. 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 – 10:30pm. Caller **AI 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 Feb 13 (Corns), Feb 27 (Mineau), Mar 13 (Semith), Mar 27 (Mallory), Apr 17 (Kelly).** Cuers **Feb 13 (The Tevlins), Feb 27 (McGinty), Mar 13 (McGinty), Mar 27 (Hilton) and Apr 17 (Hilton).**

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, 510 Pasewalk Ave, Norfolk NE. Website www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/swheelers or call Gerry & Janet Mansfield at 402-565-4247. **Callers Feb 2/Feb 16/Mar 2 (Orlowski), Mar 16 (Muehlmeier), Mar 30 (Dederman), Apr 6 (Barker), and Apr 20 (Roper).**

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 Feb 9 (Riley), Feb 23 (Weaklend), Mar 9 (Hackman), Mar 23 (Weaklend), Apr 6 (Stead) and Apr 20 (Kelly/Coster).**

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 Feb 13 (Orlowski), Feb 27 (Weaklend), Mar 13 (Weaklend), Mar 27 (Weaklend), Apr 10 (Hogan) and Apr 24 (Phillips).**

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 25-27, 2010 – East Texas Square and Round Dance Association Festival; Mineola Civic Center, 1150 N. Newsom St., Mineola, TX; **Callers: Dave Vieira, Nelda Eaton, Patti Wheelington, and Skip Gates.** Rounds between tips. Contact Jack Weatherby at 903-399-3119. Website www.etsrda.com/ETSRDAannualfestivals.html.

IA, April 8 & 9, 2010 – 48th Annual Iowa State Square and Round Dance Convention; Bridgeview Convention Center, Ottumwa, IA; Website www.IowaSquareDance.org.

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. www.WichitaFestival.WeSquareDance.com Additional Information contact: Tammy & Bill Gough 316-371-3991 or btsgough@yahoo.com

NM - April 30-May 2, 2010 - New Mexico Singles Spring Fling, Albuquerque Square Dance Center, 4915 Hawkins, NE, Albuquerque, NM. Callers Doug Davis, NV, Richard Lane, NM, Cuers Bob & Sally Nolen, NM. Contact Gerry Dunbar, phone 505-839-4982, email DukeDancer123@msn.com

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

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

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