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FROM THE PRESIDENT – Marilyn’s Notes:

The HASSDA By-Laws state the newly elected officers each year will not take office until the first Board Meeting after the Spring Festival. Since the Board will not be able to meet until mid-June, I have the honor of saying Goodbye officially through this column. As we all know, change is inevitable; the time always comes to move on or away or back, whatever. And it is my time to do just that. Indulge me to reminisce a moment; my history with HASSDA began with the first Festival I attended after finishing square dance lessons (I could not believe people actually danced all weekend!) The HASSDA Festival that year was in Topeka, and besides dancing all weekend, we spent some time in the basement because of tornado warnings! Remember? I have

missed one HASSDA Festival since. When I accepted the position as Secretary of HASSDA in 2006, I had no idea where that might lead – in fact, I didn't even think about it. I just agreed to fill a position that needed filling. Two years later, Dave Hitchcock, HASSDA President at the time, married the HASSDA Treasurer, Ruth Oller, so it was time to rethink the positions. (By the way, it was good to see Dave and Ruth at our Grove Festival on Saturday night!) I agreed to take the President's role. It's been a great two years serving in this position and working with the excellent Board that we have. It was difficult deciding to step down. However, after four years as an officer, it was time. I am proud of the support all of you have given to the organization, and I value the friendships I have made because of it. Excelsior Springs and Grove 2010 Festivals will always be special to me! I'll see you in Lebanon next year – in the meantime, thank you for the opportunity to serve! Marilyn

30TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL – A GREAT TIME HAD BY ALL!

by Maye Wegner

What started out as a vision of the HASSDA Board at the 2009 Festival in Excelsior Springs, MO, is now just a wonderful memory for 316 dancers from 18 states! There are many people that need to be recognized for making the HASSDA 30th Anniversary Festival a success.

First, a thank you goes to the Green Country Squares of Grove, OK, for sponsoring the Trail-In Dance with National Caller Darryl Lipscomb on Thursday night. One hundred eighty-seven dancers were on the floor to start the weekend off in grand style.

Second, a HUGE thank you goes to our three high-energy callers: Shane Greer, Mike Hogan and Tim Tyl for keeping three floors, with three levels (Mainstream through Advanced) of square dancing, and Pam and Tom Young for Beginning through Phase IV rounds full of fun. It was exciting and entertaining everyone....whether a dancer or a watcher. Smiles could be seen everywhere!

The Festival had something for everyone! Besides plenty of dancing, it had shopping, riverboat trips on Grand Lake O' the Cherokees, and fine restaurant dining. A thank you goes to Dorothy Claussen of Ye Ole Sew-n-Sew for furnishing the dancers with a positive shopping experience at the festival; Ken and Pat Herring of Paragon Engraving for making badges, dangles and jewelry available; and to Polly Wilkerson for documenting all the memories with her magnificent photographs. To see HASSDA Festival pictures go to www.SquareShotsByPolly.com. We also thank Polly for the pictures below that she provided to us from her many excellent Festival pictures. Thanks, Polly!!

Thank you to the HASSDA Board and their friends for manning the registration desk, making sure the dancers had water and snacks available, and for cleaning up afterwards.

Thank you to the Moose Club for hosting the After-Parties so that those that wished to continue dancing could do so in a casual atmosphere.

Most of all, THANK YOU to all the dancers because without you there is no festival! We had fun and hope to see you again next year in Lebanon, MO!



Grand March, Saturday Night



Square Dancing at all levels + Rounds!



WHAT A TEAM! Thank you for a wonderful Festival!

HASSDA FESTIVAL 2011- MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

by Kathy Mears

While the dance floors in Grove have barely cooled down from this year's Festival, the planning for next year is already under way. Mark your calendars and make plans for another great HASSDA Festival in 2011! The 2011 HASSDA Festival will take place in Lebanon, MO, in the scenic Ozarks, on Friday and Saturday, April 15-16, 2011. The dancing will be at the Ken E. Cowan Civic Center at 500 E. Elm Street. We bring you an exciting line-up of callers that will feature Joe Saltel, Hunter Keller, and Randy Dougherty, plus Patti Wheelington as the round dance cuer. The trail-in dance will be down I-44 in Springfield, MO, on Thursday evening, April 14, from 7:30 to 10:00 pm and will feature Randy Dougherty as caller. The Trail-In dance is being sponsored by the Kountry Kuzins square dance club of Springfield, MO.

This will be the HASSDA Festival's inaugural visit to Lebanon. However, having been host several times to the Missouri State Dance, we are sure that this community will welcome us with open arms. There are plenty of accommodation options to choose from within the area. Watch for more information as it becomes available on www.HASSDAFestival.WeSquareDance.com and from Sharon White of Kountry Kuzins at [redd_44@hotmail.com](mailto:red44@hotmail.com).

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 Marilyn at MarilynGraham@mchsi.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 SPONSORING AFTER-PARTY AT NATIONALS!

By Linda Curran

For those of you who are heading to Nationals this year in Louisville, Kentucky, please plan on joining us for an after-party sponsored by HASSDA on Thursday, June 24, in Room C203 of the Kentucky Exposition Center, beginning approximately 11:00 p.m. (as soon as the scheduled dancing is done!). Curt Braffett, Ken Burke, Hunter Keller, Tom Miller, Tim Marriner, and Elmer Sheffield have promised to come! Hunter is one of the featured callers for next year's HASSDA festival in Lebanon, MO, to be held on April 15-16, 2011, so it would be a great opportunity for you to stop by and meet him. I know the others will have plenty of antics up their sleeves that you will not want to miss. HASSDA always LOVES a great party!!

SINGLE'S SQUARE DANCE NEWS FROM THE LONE-STAR STATE

By Patsy Nester

Texas Association of Single Square Dancers (TASSD) will be hosting the Trail End Dance on Wednesday June 23, at the Kentucky Exposition Center from 7:30 – 10:00 pm for the 59th National Square Dance Convention in Louisville, KY. Please join us in the Solo Hall, Room C203, for the best dancing ever. We will have a great line up of callers and cuers. HASSDA (see above article) is hosting the After-Party on Thursday night; Duke City Singles from Albuquerque on Friday night; and SSDUSA on Saturday night.

Mark your calendar for the 2011 TASSD Round-Up in the beautiful desert city of El Paso next March. It will be from March 10-13 with Texan Brad Caldwell and Art Tangen of New Mexico as callers; and David and Terri Meyer of San Antonio as cuers – more details in the Events section of this newsletter.

SQUARE DANCING IN THE CORNHUSKER STATE

By Jim and Cathy Bellinger

It's all over but the shouting for HASSDA 2010. By shouting, we mean being able to tell everyone that did not attend, what a great weekend of dancing, friendship and fun they missed by NOT being in Grove, OK on April 23/24. What a wonderful time was had by all. The callers went all out to make this a memorable weekend for each and every one of us. We went home tired, but happy that we had been there. It was a good crowd, and we were able to catch up with some square dance friends we hadn't seen for a while, and also make some new friends. That's what square dancing is all about – the friends we make along the way – while enjoying what we love to do.

Most of the clubs in our area are getting ready to take a break for the summer months, but the singles club here in Omaha, Heartland Singles, dances year-round on every other Tuesday from 7:30-10:00 p.m. Their upcoming dances during the summer months are listed in the Events section of this newsletter. They dance at Rockbrook United Methodist Church in Omaha located at 99th and W. Center Road.

On the opposite Tuesdays that Heartland Singles dance, Lanny Weakland has a "plus" dance at the same location and same time. They also dance year-round.

We also have a "singles" club in Norfolk, in the northeast part of Nebraska, and they also dance every other Tuesday from 8:00-10.00 p.m. Their upcoming dances during the summer are listed in the Events section of this newsletter. If anyone is interested in the location of any of the Norfolk dances please contact Jeanne Henery (402-371-9200) or Mary Christensen (402-371-9376).

We would also like to give everyone a "heads up" on the Nebraska State Festival, which will be at the Adams County Fairgrounds in Hastings, NE on September 17 and 18. The caller will be Gary Shoemake from Tennessee and the cuers will be Warren & Jeanne Shane. This is always a great festival, and anyone is welcome and encouraged to come and join us. It was so great to see all of you in Grove, and we look forward to being in a square with you sometime in the near future.

IOWA STATE CONVENTION 2010

By Jo Saffel

The convention was at a new facility in Ottumwa, Iowa, this year at the Bridgeview Convention Center. The facility was a very nice place with all the halls very close - no walking two miles to get from one hall to the other. The acoustics were a little to deal with; but if you kept the music down and your voice a little more bass and down, the sound was fine. There was plenty of FREE parking. The style show was just right - not too long, and very nice. It gave you a chance to sit a bit and watch the show. We, of course, had some very good Callers, Cuers, Line Dance and Clogging instructors keeping everyone busy at the convention.

Cedar Rapids put on an excellent exhibition to advertise Hugs and Fun in 2-0-1-1. They had Round Dancers, Cloggers, Square Dancers, and Line Dancers all going at the same time. I thought it was very clever and just plain amazing how it was put together. It was a great advertisement for next year's Iowa Convention.

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UPCOMING SQUARE DANCE EVENTS OF INTEREST

IA - 1st 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.lowaSquareDance.org/Clubs/Central/CE_MerryMixers.html. **Callers Jun 4 (Ramberg), Jul 2 (Manning), Aug 6 (LaLone).**

IA - Every Thursday – Mainstream and Plus Dance. Sponsored by **Solo Steppers** at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Davenport, IA. Callers **Don and Doug Sprosty on Jun 3, 10, 17 and Jul 22, and Aug 19. Guest callers otherwise.** . 7:30 – 10:00pm. Website www.lowaSquareDance.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. 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

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 **Bo Semith-Jun 1, Stan Mangogna-Jul 6, George Dunbar-Aug 3**. 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 **Al Block**. Cuer **Jim Windhausen**. No dance in August. 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 **Jun 19 (Stuart), Jul 10 (Wells), Jul 31 (Betzelberger), Aug 14 (Oneslager), and Aug 28 (Brafet)**. Cuers **Jun 19 (The Tevlins), Jul 10 (Landau), Jul 31 (McGinty), Aug 14 (The Tevlins) and Aug 28 (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 Pufahl's Barn, Norfolk NE. Website www.SquareDanceNE.org/clubs/swheelers or call Jeanne Henery (402-371-9200 or Mary Christensen (402-371-9376). Callers **Jun 1 (Kinghorn), Jun 15 (Busboom), Jun 29 (Marks), Jul 20 (Peacock), Aug 3 (Barker), and Aug 17 (Hogan)**.

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 **Jun 1 (Weaklend), Jun 15 (Jones), Jun 29 (Schappell), Jul 12 (Weaklend), Jul 26 (Nordbye), Aug 10 (Weaklend), and Aug 24 (DeeDee Daugherty)**.

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 **Jul 3 (Weaklend) and Aug 7 (Bailey)**.

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. **Anniversary Dance on Jul 23**. Caller **Danny Payne**. Cuer **JC Johnson**. Website www.SquareDancing.com/metrokc

KY - June 23-26, 2010 - 59th National Square Dance Convention - "Louisville Again in 2010". Full time Solo Hall. Host Hotel for Solos, the Sleep Inn (item # 8 on the registration form - and put Ron Holland as the group leader). Website for convention www.59thnsdc.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.

VA - September 2-5, 2010 - 40th National Singles Dance-A-Rama (www.dar2010.ssdusa.org), Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, Alexandria, VA. Callers **Matt Worley, Tom Miller, Mike Callahan, Eric Henerlau, Butch Adams, Skip Cleland, Ken Ritucci.** Cuers **Butch & Peggy Bloxom, Dom & Joan Filardo, Phyliss & Doug Burdette.** Line Dancing with Doug & Donna Riley.

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.

KS – October 22 & 23, 2010 South Central Kansas Square and Round Dance Festival; Cessna Activity 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, 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. Otherwise, this will be your last newsletter to be mailed.

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**Thanks for a great
2010 Festival!**