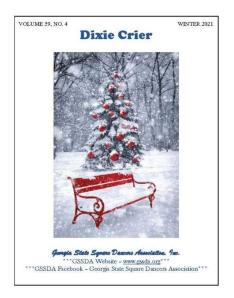
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DIXIE CRIER NEWSLETTER

The Dixie Crier Newsletter is an educational bulletin of the Georgia State Square Dancers Association, Inc. Each issue contains Georgia and regional club information to include general club contact information, dances, and more.

The Dixie Crier is produced four (4) times a year and distribute electronically:

- Spring Issue (March, April, May, some of June)
- Summer Issue (June, July, August. some of September)
- Fall Issue (September, October, November. some of December)
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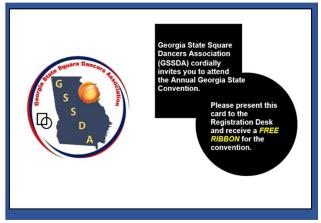
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President's Message . . .



Is your club graduating a class? Please invite us to the graduation ceremony, we would like to present the new dancers with a certificate to the upcoming Georgia State Convention and information on the Georgia State Square Dancers Association (GSSDA).



Invite your new members to join you at the Spring Sashay and Georgia State Convention.



Spring Sashay Weekend Rome GA May 5 & 6, 2023

We hope you will make plans to join us for the Spring Sashay Weekend. It's a fun weekend with Rounds and Square Dance Workshops on Saturday. The Callers always have some fun square for us.

Western Promenaders will host the Concession Stand again this year, providing some grab and go snacks throughout the event.

September 15 & 16, 2023 52nd Georgia State Convention



Ribbons can be purchased:

- Online at <u>www.gssda.org</u>
- By mail
- Area Representative has ribbons.

Get Your Ribbon Today!

Thank you for your support.

Thursday, September 14th Trail End Dance – details to be announced.





Volunteers – we need 'em! Will you volunteer a few hours of your time to help at the State Convention? We need your help!!

GSSDA Board – do you have ideas to grow square dancing in Georgia? We are looking for

new GSSDA Board members. Most of our meetings are held via Zoom, making it much easier for Board members to meet. Please let us know if you are interested and we'll add you to the meeting notification email.

2023 Meeting Schedule:

- March 12th
- May 6th Spring Sashay, Rome (Saturday)
- July 9th
- August 13th Convention Walk Thru & Officer Election, Gainesville Civic Center
- September 16th (Friday) Georgia State Convention
- October 8th Installation of New Officers

Louis & Angie McClure, GSSDA Presidents

JANUARY WINTER DANCE UPDATE

Wow, what a dance! The GSSDA January Winter Dance was held in Macon, Georgia hosted by the Heart of Georgia Federation. Tony Oxendine kept the floor moving and shaking. Aneesa Barge and Peggy Ellington provide rounds. We had thirteen squares on the floor dancing. Peggy Ellington graciously stepped in providing rounds after Aneesa was injured and left for medical treatment.





Roundtable Discussion "Strategies for Success, growing Square Dancing"





We had approximately 35 attend the Roundtable. Great exchange of ideas and conversation. The participants shared ideas for marketing and recruiting for new students. The consensus is there are no silver bullet, you have to market your class through many different avenues such as Facebook, Next Door, post flyers around town where permitted, community centers, and word of mouth, etc. Several commented that paid advertisement did not get the return for the costs. Raiford Peacock encouraged leaders to get involved in your community and get to know your local officials. Bartow Dixie Grands Club has started an outreach program in their community sponsoring lessons in a different location other than their regular dance location, eventually hoping to start a new club.

Thank you to the Heart of Georgia Federation and GSSDA Board for all you do.

John & Nancy Feek

The legislation that led to the designation of the square dance as the "official Georgia folk dance" was introduced to the Georgia General Assembly in 1996.

John and Nancy Feek, chairpersons for American Folk Dance of Georgia, brought the proposal to legislators in Atlanta. They persuaded J. Max Davis to sponsor a bill and guide it through the State House of Representatives. To ensure success of the bill in the Senate, they successfully enlisted the aid of Senator Joseph Burton. But, to coin a phrase, that was the easy part. The future of the measure was unknown.

House Bill No. 1519 (HB1519) was introduced on January 30, 1996 and referred to the House State Planning & Community Affairs for processing.

HB 1519 LC 22 2072 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT To amend Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state symbols, so as to designate the official folk dance of the State of Georgia; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA: SECTION 1. Article 3 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state symbols, is amended by inserting a new Code section to be designated Code Section 50-3-73 to read as follows: "50-3-73 Square dancing is designated as the official Georgia folk dance." SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed. Office of the Clerk of the House Robert E. Rivers, Jr., Clerk of the House

On February 14th, the committee issued a favorable opinion of the measure which allowed HB1519 to proceed to a vote on the floor of the State House of Representatives.

On February 26, 1996, House Bill No. 1519 was approved in the House by a majority vote; 153 yeas to 12 nays. Now the bill was forwarded to the state Senate where Sen. Burton took the reins.

Following normal protocol, HB1519 was referred to a committee; the Senate Youth, Aging & Human Ecology Committee which issued a favorable report on March 6, 1996.

A majority vote on the floor of the Senate, 48 yeas to 1 nay, sent House Bill No. 1519 off to the governor's desk.



Georgia State Folk Dance: Square Dance square dancing with Jimmy Carter

Governor Zell Miller, joined by around twenty enthusiastic square dancers including *John and Nancy Feek*, signed House Bill No. 1519 on April 8. 1996. Act No. 803, designating the square dance the official folk dance of the State of Georgia went into effect on July 1, 1996.

The square dancers of Georgia succeeded. They fulfilled a pledge and added another state to the list of states which, it was hoped, would ensure a title for the square dance as the official folk dance of the United States of America. With the winning legislation in Georgia, over half of the states had added the square dance to their "official" roster.

Since the square dance was anointed in Georgia only two more states, <u>Nebraska</u> (1997) and <u>Louisiana</u> (1999), took the plunge stion from the governor

and the Nebraska designation was by a proclamation from the governor.

Since 1996 and through 2015, only a few other states have declared <u>official dances</u>, perhaps in an effort to stave off the powerful lobbying of square dancers; <u>Hawaii</u>, not surprisingly chose the hula. Not one state has honored the square dance in 18 year.











Nancy Jean Feek

SEPTEMBER 19, 1931 - FEBRUARY 17, 2023

Age 91. John & Nancy Feek were very active in Georgia Square Dancers Association (GSSDA). They both are sorely missed.





Classic City Squares Wants You to Help us Celebrate

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY! Mike Michel







March 26, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. 780 Timothy Road, Athens Sam Rowan Cueing Rounds and Calling MS & Plus

Even if you no longer dance, we hope you'll come to congratulate Mike on 50 years of Dancing

Burlyn "Mike" Everett Michel Classic City Squares Celebrating 100th Birthday



Born March 7, 1923, Burlyn "Mike" Everett Michel will celebrate his 100th birthday with his growing family who will travel to Athens, GA, where he has lived for 65 years.

Married in 1946, he and his wife, Florence "Mary" Schalkle Michel, met at a dance in South Dakota where she was born and raised and where he was stationed with the Army. Interestingly, Mary was born April 15, 1923 in South

Dakota only 7 weeks after Mike had been born in Indiana. They moved to Athens in 1958 when Mike started teaching Plant Biology, a major in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences at UGA, until he retired in 1988.



of that class.

Mike and Mary also took Round Dance waltz lessons from Delmar and Joyce Allison, who were long time caller and cuer respectively, for Happy Squares, first club in Athens. Later in the 1970s Mike started cueing rounds and lines.

Mike and Mary served as Co-Presidents of the Northeast Georgia Federation of Square Dancers. He also served as President of Classic City Squares and Happy Squares, the two Athens clubs. Mike danced and cued until the covid pandemic shut down all area clubs in March 2020.



Classic City Squares will celebrate Mike Michel's 100th Birthday at their dance on Sunday, 26 March 2023 with Sam Rowan calling and cueing. The festivities begin at 3:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Athens, 780 Timothy Road, Athens, GA 30606

Mike and Mary enjoyed ballroom dancing during their courtship and continued dancing through their 70-year marriage. Mary passed away in 2016 at age 93. Their family includes three children, eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

They graduated from the former Oconee Whirlers Square Dance Club's class (taught by Rudy Saunders) on their classmate, Sam Rowan's, 16th birthday, June 22, 1973. Sam and his entire family took lessons and belonged to Oconee Whirlers for many years with Mike and Mary. Sam and Mike have remained friends and dance colleagues. Next Mike and Mary learned Round Dance 2-step from Sis Morgan, an honorary member of Classic City, and Laurin Morgan; they were selected as valedictorians

GEORGIA STATE SQUARE DANCERS ASSOCIATION (GSSDA) PRESENTS

MAY 5 & 6, 2023

ADMISSION \$7.00 PP AT THE DOOR EACH DAY Youth: Free Dance Friday & Saturday Evenings 6:30 - 7:00 PM - Early Rounds - 7:00 - 10:00 PM Dance Saturday Workshops, Fun Squares, & More 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM



Location: Western Promenaders 327 Woods Rd NW, Rome, GA 30165



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National Square Dance Convention® News



Did you receive your electronic copy of the National Squares *E-Magazine*, an online publication? The National Squares E-Magazine is the who, what, when, where, and how of the 72^{nd} National Square Dance Convention® (72^{nd} NSDC).

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Tentative Schedule

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FEDERATION NEWS

HEART OF GEORGIA FEDERATION, MACON, GA

Location:	Howard Community Club
	5645 Forsyth Road, Macon, GA
Dance Night:	5 th Friday
Dance Times:	7:00 pm
Caller:	Federation Callers and Cuer
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Information:	Darlene Wood 478-718-8052
Email:	woodt1@att.net
Mar 31	Cherry Blossom Dance. Wear Pink and Geta Wink!! Cost \$8.0

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METRO ATLANTA SQUARE DANCERS ASSOCIATION, MARIETTA, GA

Location:	Mountain View Community Center
	3400 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta, GA
Dance Nights:	5 th Saturday
Dance Times:	7:00 – 7:45 pm – Early Rounds
	8:00 – 9:30 pm - Dancing Mainstream/Plus alternating with Rounds
Caller:	Various Callers
Cuer:	Various Cuers
Information:	Bill Jarrett 770-361-3711 or Bob & Marilyn Mintz 770-428-8730
Website:	www.MASDA.net

Apr 29 Callers: Clyde Couch and John Norris. Cuer: Carlene Bohannan

NORTHEAST GEORGIA (NEGF)

Location:	Various Locations in the Northeast Georgia Federation Area
Dance Nights:	5 th Saturday
Dance Times:	7:00 – 9:00 pm - Dancing Mainstream/Plus alternating with Rounds/Lines
Information:	Sherry Turner 404-693-4268
Email:	<u>hess1965@gmail.com</u>
Apr 29	The Roaring Twenties. Cost \$8.00 Caller: Dan Mitchell. Cuer: Aneesa Barge Location: Bethesda Senior Center, 225 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville, GA Host Clubs: Silver Stars & Happy Squares

Please check our website <u>www.negf.net</u> for update



Please check with clubs before attending dances.

BARTOW DIXIE GRANDS, CARTERSVILLE, GA

Location:	Bartow County Senior Center
	102 Zena Dr., Cartersville
Dance Nights:	1 st , 3 rd , and 5 th Monday
Dance Times:	7:30 – 9:30 pm – Dancing Mainstream/Plus alternating Lines & Rounds
Caller:	Clyde Couch – 1 st & 3 rd Mondays
Guest Caller:	Guest Caller 5 th Mondays
Line Instructor:	Melba Trapp
Information:	Raiford Peacock, President 678-425-4256
Email:	raiford.peacock@yahoo.com
Facebook:	Bartow Dixie Grands
Website:	BartowDixieGrands.com

BELLES & BEAUX SQUARE DANCERS, VALDOSTA, GA

Location:	Valdosta Senior Center
	1360 East Park Ave. (next to a fire station), Valdosta, GA
Dance Nights:	Tuesday (every unless otherwise announced)
Dance Times:	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm – Dancing Beginners/Mainstream/Plus alternating lines
Caller:	George Lavender
Information	George home 229-241-1484, Cell 229-460-2755 or VLPRA Senior Center 229-253-1266
Email:	glavender@mchsi.com

If you are travelling a distance, we suggest you call George in advance (229-241-1484) to be sure we are dancing as we sometimes have a schedule conflict with Senior Center activities and have to cancel!

CHEROKEE PROMENADERS, CALHOUN, GA

Location:	Calhoun Recreation Department
	601 S. River St., Calhoun, GA
Dance Nights:	Thursday (every)
Dance Times:	7:00 – 9:00 pm - Dancing Mainstream/Plus
Classes:	Beginners classes start March 2. Time 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Caller:	Charlie Petrea (1 st & 3 rd)
Caller:	Dan Campbell (2 nd & 4 th)
Lines:	Sandy Campbell (2 nd & 4 th)
Information:	Wanda Sheriff 770-266-7284
Email:	wandasheriff@icloud.com
Facebook:	Cherokee Promenaders – Calhoun, GA
Admission:	\$6.00
Mar 16	St. Patrick's Day Dance
Mar 30	Guest Caller: Danny Weeks
Apr 27	Sock Hop Dance
May 25	Memorial Day Dance
Jun 15	Halfway Dance
Jun 29	Guest Caller (to be announced)

Visit us in Calhoun! We would love to see you in a square!

CLASSIC CITY SQUARES, ATHENS, GA

Location:	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
	780 Timothy Road, Athens, GA.
Dance Nights:	2 nd & 4 th Sunday
Dance Times:	3:30 0 5:30 pm Dancing Mainstream/Plus
Caller:	Bob Morrison
Cuer:	Rounds if 2 more couples present
Information:	Susan Derrick –770-315-9319
Email:	sderrick9319@gmail.com
Facebook:	https://www.facebook.com/groups/classiccitysquares
Mar 12	Pajama Dance.
Mar 26	MIKE MICHEL'S CENTENARIAN DANCE. Guest Caller/Cuer Sam Rowan.
	Please join us to celebrate his 50 years dancing and cueing! (see flyer)
Apr 9	No Dance. Happy Easter!
Apr 23	Special Dance – Club's 50 th Anniversary. Cost \$7.00
-	Caller: Charlie Petrea. Cuers: Mike McDonald & Debbie McClain
May 14	No Dance. Mother's Day!
May 28	Remembering and Honoring our Veterans.

COASTAL GEORGIA SQUARES BRUNSWICK, GA

Location:	Christian Life Center in the back of College Place United Methodist Church
	3890 Altama Ave., Brunswick, GA
Dance Nights:	Thursday (every week except the 3rd)
Dance Times:	7:00 – 9:00 pm - Dancing Mainstream/Plus and some Lines
Caller:	Don Heins
Information:	912-269-1504 or 912-269-7909
	(Please call Don to be sure we're dancing the evening you may want to visit.
Email:	donheins@msn.com

Visitors are always welcomed, but please call or text Don at 912-269-7909 to be sure we are dancing!

DANC'N SINGLES SQUARE DANCE CLUB, MARIETTA, GA

Location:	Living Stone Church 545 Lorene Drive SW, Marietta, GA 30060 Facility: Family Center Gym (Building 6)
Dance Nights:	2 nd Saturday
Dance Times:	7:30 – 9:30 PM - Dancing Mainstream/Plus alternating with Rounds
Caller:	Buddy Trundle
Cuer:	Aneesa Barge
Information:	Pat Inglis – 404-932-5512
Email:	pinglis@agnesscott.edu
Mar 11	St. Patrick's Day Dance – Wear Your Green
Apr 8	Dance into Spring
May 13	50's Sock Hope

GOLD COUNTRY, DAHLONEGA

Location:	Lumpkin County Senior Center 266 Mechanicsville Rd, Dahlonega, GA
Dance Nights:	1 st & 3 rd Friday
Dance Times:	6:30 until 7:00 pm - Workshop
	7:00 – 9:00 pm – Dancing Mainstream/Plus
Caller:	Ricky Simpson
Information:	Arthur Sheehan @ 678-227-2689
Email:	asls@windstream.net
Facebook:	Gold Country Squares
Website:	www.goldcountrysqures@weebly.com
Mar 3	Just a Fun Night of Dancing
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day
An Easter Celebration
Bear on the Square
GSSDA Spring Sashay Weekend – Rome, GA
Memorial Day

HAPPY SQUARES, ATHENS, GA

Location: Dance Nights: Dance Times: Caller: Lines: Information: Email:	The Smith House 1760 Old Epps Bridge Road, Athens, GA 2 nd & 4 th Thursday 7:00 – 9:00 pm - Dancing Mainstream/Plus. Lines at Designated Dances. Richard Smith Sue Blair Kathleen Deegan-Neal /Bob Neal 706-255-7929 (text only), 706-296-9867 kdeeganneal/@yahoo.com
Mar 9	Regular Dance
Mar 23	Western
Apr 13	Gospel Songs
Apr 27	Spring Fling!
May 11	Regular Dance
May 25	Proud to be an American (wear red, white & blue0
Jun 8	Regular Dance
Jun 22	Luau with Sue Blair / lines

HIGH MOUNTAIN SQUARES, FRANKLIN, NC

Location:	Robert C. Carpenter Community Building Highway 441, Franklin, NC
Dance Nights:	1 st , 3 rd and most 5 th Friday
Dance Times:	6:15 – 6:45 Workshop
	6:45 – 8:30 Dance
Caller:	Guest Callers
Cuer:	Michael McDonald
Line Instructor:	Debbie McClain
Information:	Betty @ 828-787-2324; Charles @ 828-226-2126 or Bob @ 828-332-0001
E-Mail:	donandbetty9126@frontier.com; charlesn36@yahoo.com eztoo@morrisbroadband.com
Facebook:	High Mountain Squares (Imason5@windstream.net)
Mar 3	March Winds. Caller: Keith Lester
Mar 17	St. Patrick Green. Caller: Tom Pustinger
Mar 31	Eve of April Fools. Caller: Ricky Simpson Cuers/Lines: Mike & Debbie
Apr 7	Dark (Good Friday)
Apr 21	Celebrate Earth. Caller Randy Ramsey
May 5	Cinco de Mayo. Caller: Ken Perkins
May 19	Salute to Armed Forces. Caller: Richard Smith
Jun 2	Rock Your Socks. Caller: Tom Pustinger

HILTON HEAD OCEAN WAVES, HILTON HEAD, SC

Location:	Palmetto Electric
	One Cooperative Way, Hardeeville, SC
Dance Nights:	3 rd Saturday
Dance Times:	6:30 pm Dancing Mainstream Plus, Rounds and Lines
Caller:	Various
Line Instructor:	Lisa Aldert
Information:	Linda Collins 843-757-2789
Email:	Lindacoolercollins@gmail.com
Facebook:	HH-Ocean Waves

IRISH REELERS, DUBLIN GA

Location:	Southwest Laurens County Elementary School 1799 Georgia Highway 117, Rentz, GA
Dance Nights:	2 nd & 4 th Friday
Workshops:	Tuesday following Friday dance;
Dance Times:	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm - Dancing Mainstream/Plus
Caller:	Tom Woods
Information:	Dee Padgett, President - 478-595-8895
Email:	janicehr@icloud.com
Mar 18	St. Patrick's Day Dance

JUG TAVERN SQUARES, WINDER, GA

Location: Dance Nights: Dance Times: Caller: Cuer: Lines: Information: Email: Website: Facebook:	YMCA 50 Brad Akins Dr. Winder, GA 2 nd & 4 th Friday 7:00 – 8:45 pm – Dancing Mainstream/Plus/Rounds/Lines Steve Holzhausen Bob Morrison Teresa McLocklin Presidents: Harry & Nancy Warren 770-633-0401 <u>memeanddado5@gmail.</u> <u>www.jugtavernsquares.org</u> Jug Tavern Squares
Mar 10	It's Greening UP! Spring is around the corner and St Patty's Day Too! Show up in Green!
Mar 24	Hello Spring Dance, wear your spring flowers and colors!
Apr 14	Easter Dance
Apr 28	Hippie Tie Dye Dance
May 12	Regular Dance
May 26	Y.M.C.A. / Village People Dance (Check out the video for ideas)
Jun 9	Hawaiian Luau Dance
Jun 23	Dance Cancelled NSDC in Mobile AL June 21-24

KENNESAW SQUARE DEALERS, KENNESAW, GA

Location: Dance Nights: Dance Times: Caller: Cuer: Information: Email: Facebook: Website:	Ben Robertson Community Center 2753 Watts Drive, Kennesaw GA 1 st , 3 rd & 5 th Friday 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm - Dancing Mainstream/Plus alternating with Rounds Shawn Butler Aneesa Barge Bill & Julie Jarrett at 770-354-5968 officers@squaredealers.com Kennesaw Square Dealers www.squaredealers.com
Mar 3	70's Disco
Mar 17	Luck of the Irish
Apr 14	Big Band – Note: It's the SECOND Friday!
Apr 21	Empty Pockets Dance
May 5	Dancing Through the Decades
May 19	Planes, Trains, & Automobiles
Jun 30	Anniversary Dance with Pam Courts – Plan Ahead!

LAKESHORE SQUARES, GAINESVILLE, GA

Location:	First Presbyterian Church 800 South Enota Drive, Gainesville, Ga	
Dance Nights:	1 st & 3 rd Saturday	
Dance Times:	7:00 – 9:00 pm	
Caller:	Randy Ramsey	
Cuer:	Mike McDonald	
Line Instructor:	Debbie McClain	
Information:	Louis & Angie McClure, Presidents - 678-956-0287	
Email:	L-Amcclure@charter.net	
Website:	www.lakeshoresquares.com	
Facebook:	Lakeshore Squares	

6:30 pm Free Round Dance lessons before the dance, instructors Mike & Debbie.

59 th Anniversary & Dance Leader Appreciation
St. Patrick Day Dance with Marty Northrup, Guest Caller
Let's Go Braves
Broke Again – Beans & Cornbread Dance
Lakeshore Square is Dark – join us in Rome for the Spring Sashay
National Pizza Day
National Rocky Road Ice Cream Scoops Dance
Purple Dance – Alzheimer Awareness

Mainstream Class Graduation late April 2023 New Mainstream Class Beginning early May 2023

MAGNOLIA SQUARES, CAIRO GA

Location:	Roddenberry Memorial Library (Note New Location)	
	320 North Broad Street, Cairo, GA	
Dance Nights:	Friday (every)	
Dance Times:	7:00 – 9:0 pm - Dancing Mainstream/Plus alternating Lines	
Caller:	George Lavender @ 229-241-1484	
Information:	Roscoe Johnson @ 229-377-9635	
Email:	<u>glavender@mchsi.com</u>	

If you are travelling a distance, we suggest you call George or Roscoe (see above) to be sure we are dancing. Sometimes we have a conflict and a dance must be canceled!

OCONEE RIVER BUSKERS, MILLEDGEVILLE, GA

Location:	Walter B. Williams Recreation Park, Baldwin County Recreation Department on Highway 22, Milledgeville, GA	
Dance Nights:	Monday (every)	
Dance Times:	6:30 – 8:00 pm - Dancing Mainstream/Plus alternating with Rounds	
Caller:	Bill Jones	
Cuer:	Peggy Doyle Ellington	
Information:	Bob Irvin lqbrrvin@gmail.com 478-804-1127	

SILVER STARS, LAWRENCEVILLE, GA

Bethesda Park Senior Center
225 Bethesda Church Road SW, Lawrenceville, GA
2 nd & 4 th Saturday
8:00 – 10:00 pm - Dancing Mainstream/Plus alternating with Lines/Rounds
See schedule below for Lines or Rounds Dates
Call Jon Martin 770-736-0810
Troy Grooms
Randy & Debbie Bradberry
Sandra Hirschler
JoAnne Johnson 678-682-8554 or Jon Martin 770-736-0810
David.JoAnnne@silverstarssquaredance.com
Silver Stars Square Dance Club
www.silverstarssquaredance.com

Dancers Vaccinated and Boosted for Covid 19 are Welcome!

Mar 11	Pi€ Day with Lines
Mar 25	Springtime with Rounds
Apr 8	No Dance – Happy Easter!
Apr 22	Baseball/Hot Dogs with line
May 13	Train Day Dance with rounds
May 27	No Dance – Happy Memorial Day

SUN CITY SQUARES, BLUFFTON, SC

Location:	Pinckney Hall on Del Webb Blvd.
	Sun City Hilton Head Hwy 278, Bluffton, SC
Dance Nights:	Tuesday - Every
Dance Times:	6:30 – 8:00 pm - Dancing Mainstream
	8:00 – 9:00 pm - Dancing Plus
	Request Rounds & Lines
Caller:	Sam Rowan
Information:	John Rhyan JR4803@gmail.com_846-705-3214
	Susan Joy Rowan 843-705-6745 (leave message)

Gated Community – Call for gate pass

SWINGIN' HARTS SQUARE DANCE CLUB, HARTWELL, GA

Location: Dance Nights: Dance Times:	Hart County Recreation Center 200 Clay Street, Hartwell, GA 1 st & 3 rd Friday 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm - Workshop 7:30 – 9:30 pm - Mainstream/Plus with Rounds
Admission: Caller: Information: Email: Facebook:	 \$5.00 Bob Morrison Kathleen Neal, President – text - 706-255-7929 kdeeganneal@yahoo.com We regularly post to "Square Dance North Georgia" and "GSSDA".
Feb 17 Mar 3 Mar 17 Apr 7 Apr 21 May 5 May 19 Jun 2 Jun 19	Valentine's Love Songs Regular Dance St. Patrick's Dance No Dance – Good Friday Regular Dance Cinco de Mayo Armed Forces Day Regular Father's Day Celebration

WESTERN PROMENADERS, ROME, GA

Location: Dance Nights: Dance Times: Caller: Caller: Lines:	Western Promenaders Barn 327 Woods Road, Rome, GA 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th & 5 th Saturday 7:30 9:30 - Dancing Mainstream/Plus alternating with Rounds and Lines Clyde Couch – 2 nd , 4 th & 5 th Ronnie Langley 3 rd Lois Roberts 2 nd & 3 rd ; Allie Parnell 4 th & 5 th
Information:	Dick Lemelin at 706 409-2311 or Melba Trapp at 706-766-4418
Facebook:	Western Promenaders
Website:	westernpromenaders
Mar 4 Mar 11 Mar 18 Mar 25 Apr8 Apr 15 Apr 22 Apr 29 May 5 & 6	Class St. Patrick's Day 67 th Anniversary Dance. Guest Caller: Jet Roberts Cuer: Diane Martin Hamilton Garden Gala (Wear your favorite work outside clothes) Seed/Plant Swap. Graduation – Yay Students!!!! Scrabble Dance. Mexican Fiesta Build a Tree GSSDA's Spring Sashay at Western Promenades

WESTERN SQUARE DANCERS, MACON, GA

Location:	Howard Community Club
	5645 Forsyth Road, Macon, GA
Dance Nights:	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd & 5 th Thursday
Dance Times:	6:30–7:00 Plus Workshop
	7:00 - 9:00 pm – Dancing mainstream/Plus alternating with rounds
Caller:	Tom Wood
Cuer:	Peggy Ellington
Information:	Joyce Mosely 478-737-1565 or Tom Wood 478-718-0308
Email:	joyce.mosely@cox.net

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	1972	Wade & Gloria Driver
	1973	J.W. & Virginia McDonald (Completed
		Driver Term)
	1974	Dick & Lessie Gerfen
	1976	J.W. & Virginia McDonald
	1978	Dan & Mary Martin
	1980	Hardy &Kathryn Nixon
	1982	Kimsey & Mary Ann Dickey
	1984	Jack & Fran Line
	1986	Billy & Betty Stevens
	1988	
	1990	
		Ben & Lulline Cotton
	1994	Alex & Betty Sprayberry
	1996	Jack & Fran Line
	1998	5
	2000	
	2002	Bernard & Sandra Lowe
		Willis Crump (Completed Lowe Term)
	2004	1
	2006	1
	2008	Ben & Lulline Cotton
		Willis Crump
	2012	Vance & Theresa Donaldson
	2914	Rich & Shea Meineke
		Willis Crump(Completed Meincke Term)
	2016	1
	2018	1
	2019	
		Willis Crump's Term)
	2020	Louis & Angie McClure

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