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Wow! It's hard to believe that is 2018 already!

GSSDA is still working on better communication with our clubs, callers, cuers, and dancers, so please keep us posted of any changes in officers, dance nights, dance locations. We want to help get the word out there of when and where you dance. We also need this information to ensure that your club or federation (if a member of GSSDA) receives the electronic issue of the Dixie Crier.

Spring is just around the corner, and GSSDA is hosting the Blairsville Spring Sashay Callerama. This is a fundraising dance that is scheduled for May 4th and 5th at the Blairsville Civic Center at 185 Wellborn Street, Blairsville, GA (flyer attached). Please encourage your caller, cuer, and dancers to come up and dance with us this weekend.

Yes, it is several months off, but it is never too early to start planning for our state convention. The theme this year is Let's Sail Away! The convention is scheduled for September 21 & 22, 2018 at the Classic Center in Athens, GA. The cost involved in renting a nice facility large enough to have more than one dance hall and an area for the vendors is extremely expensive, so we are asking assistance from the clubs. We would appreciate your club donating a gift basket that we can raffle off. Since GSSDA is a family-oriented organization, we ask that no alcohol or tobacco products be in these baskets. Please let us know by August 1st if your club is willing to donate a raffle basket. We always need greeters at the convention so if you have any members that would like to donate an hour of their time, please have them contact Darline Barge at shirleysangel3@gmail.com or Willis Crump at williscrump@yahoo.com (or any GSSDA Board member – email addresses on our website www.gssda.org).

GSSDA wants to see square dancing grow, so please encourage your members to attend as many dances as they possibly can and to also give us feedback on ways they think we can grow square dancing in Georgia (and surrounding areas). We are always looking for members to serve on the Board – so if you have any members interested in assisting GSSDA, have them contact us.

Thank you,
GSSDA Board