

FOOTNOTES

July 2024

Let the Fourth of July always be a reminder that here in this land, for the first time, it was decided that man is born with certain God-given rights; that government is only a convenience created and managed by the people, with no powers of its own except those voluntarily granted to it by the people. We sometimes forget that great truth, and we never should. Happy Fourth of July.

- Ronald Reagan

President's Note

A big shout out to our fathers, hoping you all have a wonderful Father's Day!

I was listening to one of our great Square Dance callers given a speech, if you want to call it that, to a group of Square Dance callers at the CALLERLAB Convention this spring. His talk was actually to introduce the callers to a new idea about what is needed to be taught to new students. He asks the audience to tell him, "What is the reason that Square Dance is declining?" There is no one main reason. Each area and each club have their reasons as to why the club is declining. Some of the reasons we may be able to repair, but unfortunately some we may not. It is not just in the MASDA area. Across the United States callers are hearing the same thing from their clubs, "We aren't as big as we use to be."

What are we doing wrong in getting more people to try Square Dance? Several things have been done, such as letting dancers dress casually and not have to spend money on Western clothes. The music has gotten more modern, and not the banjo picking country it once was. Callers have slowed the music slightly, to make it easier to get thru a figure. And the last thing, which I am not sure is helping, is cutting the number of lessons from the 30 weeks recommended, to the 13 to 15 that are generally offered, so we can "GET THE STUDENTS DANCING QUICKER." When most of these "new" dancers start dancing, many are not familiar enough with the calls to do a Mainstream tip, and when they continually break down, then many of the older dancers get upset with them, and the "new" dancer stops dancing. And if the student is pushed into Plus, then this really causes problems.

One thing I have noticed in our MASDA area is the fact that we have such a large area, and might I say a very congested area, that clubs are not visiting each other as we once did. Some of the more senior dancers do not like to drive at night, and going across town to Conyers, or over to Gwinnett County, even going to Rome can be a challenge. We are very thankful to the group of dancers we have that travel from club to club in our area. You can usually find them at the various clubs in Bartow, Cobb, Cherokee, and Paulding counties.

We all dream of the time when Square Dancing returns to the way it was when most of us started dancing with anywhere from 8 to 12 squares at a dance. The question is, "What can we do as Square Dancers to help get the pastime we love back to the way it once was?" Please give suggestions to your club president or caller. We need to hear from you!

See you in a Square soon!
Bill and Julie

UPCOMING MASDA DANCES

All Dances are Sunday 2:00-5:00pm

July 28th Tony Oxendine

Sept 22nd Danny Weeks & Dan Campbell

Nov 10th Pam Courts

FOOTNOTES ads are due by the 15th of every month. Delivered by email, Independents and Non-Dancers may receive a copy by sending an email address to Karen Mann at kjmann1@att.net.

7 July

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28	29	30	31			

8 August

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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

MASDA Event of the Summer

*****Sunday, July 28*****

Featuring the *LEGENDARY TONY OXENDINE*



Widely regarded as the world's greatest square dance caller.

2 – 2:45 p.m. – Advanced

3 – 5 p.m. – Mainstream, Plus, and Rounds

Admission: Free for MASDA members; \$10 for visitors



And on rounds ...

**the *AMAZING ANEESA BARGE*, one
of America's most talented cuers.**

You don't want to miss this dance. 😊

**Mountain View Community Center
3400 Sandy Plains Road
Marietta, GA**



Kennesaw Square Dealers



Square Dance Club
www.squaredealers.com



Friday, June 21st: KSD 50th Anniversary!

Join KSD Members in celebrating at this special dance!



Friday, July 5th:
Independence Day
Dance!



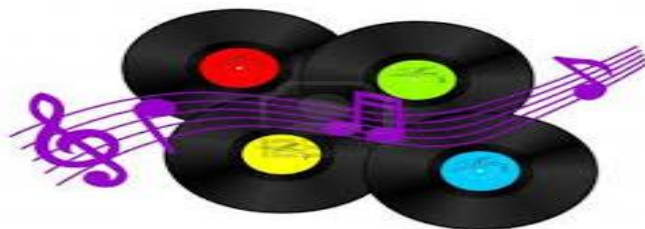
HAPPY
Independence Day!



Thursday, July 18th:

Yes, on Thursday!

Regular Dance
Join us for some of
Shawn's favorites!



KSD August 2024 Preview

Friday, August 2nd: 80's Bash!

Friday, August 30th: Regular Dance



Mainstream/Plus/Rounds 1, 3, 5 Fridays 7:00-9:00pm



Caller: Shawn Butler Cuer: Aneesa Barge

Ben Robertson Community Center at 2753 Watts Drive, Kennesaw, GA

Please verify dances on www.facebook.com/KSDclub



Square dance attire optional
Presidents Bill & Julie Jarrett 770-354-5968





Square Dancing 2nd & 4th Saturdays 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Mainstream w/Announced Plus - Lines – Rounds

Always check our Web Site for Dance Status before Visiting

JULY 13th – Summer Picnic Dance

Caller: Troy Grooms

Rounds: Sandra Hirschler



JULY 27th – Hats and Tiaras Dance

Caller: Troy Grooms

Lines: Randy Bradberry



August 10th – Dance Leader Appreciation

Caller: Troy Grooms

Rounds: Sandra Hirschler

Lines: Randy Bradberry



Caller:

Troy Grooms

Lines:

Randy & Debbie Bradberry

Rounds:

Sandra & Gunter Hirschler

Visitors: \$7 Per Person

Square Dance Lessons

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>LESSONS</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>START</u>
Silver Stars	Beginner	Jon Martin	770-736-0810	Call



Contacts: Randy and Debbie Bradberry
770 466-8372

Bethesda Park Senior Center
225 Bethesda Church Rd SW
Next to Ronald Reagan Pkwy
Lawrenceville, GA

www.SilverStarsSquareDance.com





WHEEL AROUNDS

Mountain View Community Center
3400 Sandy Plains Road
Marietta, GA 30066

ALTERNATING
MAINSTREAM, PLUS, and
ROUNDS!
1st & 3rd Saturdays
7:30 to 9:30 P.M.



Dan Mitchell, Caller



Aneesa Barge, Cuer



July 6th Independence Day Dance

July 20th Ice Cream Dance

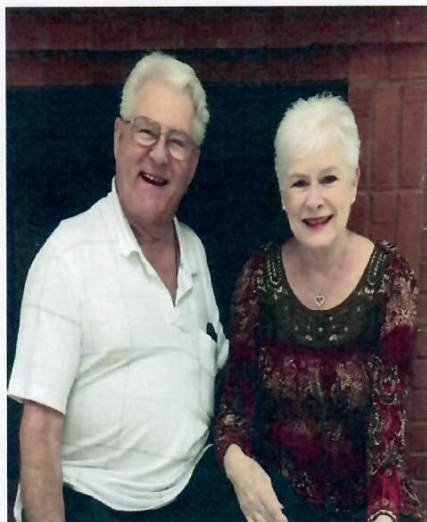
Sneak Peek....

August 3rd Dance Cancelled
Join us in Tennessee.



Roll with the Wheels @ www.wheelarounds.com.

Guy Lee - 770-693-1336 Pat Goldston- 770-565-2203



TWO-STEP ROUND DANCE LESSONS

TENTATIVELY BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 2024^{5th}

MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER

3400 SANDY PLAINS ROAD

MARIETTA, GA 30066

INITIALLY \$64 (8 lessons), THEN \$8.00/PERSON/LESSON FOR REMAINING WEEKS*

(Class will last for approximately 13-16 weeks.)

Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

770.265.5001 or 404.216.4621

EMAIL: sandrah@bellsouth.net

Teachers: Sandra & Gunter Hirschler

BE A PART OF THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF ROUND DANCING (CHOREOGRAPHED BALLROOM DANCING)!

PLEASE CALL TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE.

* Singles are welcome but partners will not be provided.

SQUARE DANCING at West Cobb Senior Center Active Adults 55+

DANCE 'N SQUARES West Cobb Senior Center

4915 Dallas Hwy Powder Springs

770-528-8200

Every Friday 11:45am – 1:45pm

Caller:

Frank Anderson

Mainstream/Plus



Club President:
Peggy Hines

Eight Reasons Why You Should Join Us on Friday:

- Square dancing is lots of fun
- Meet new friends
- Great exercise for body & mind
- Helps to keep your mind sharp
- We dance during daylight hours
- We often have refreshments
- We are a friendly club
- Pay only \$5 at the door

Got Questions, Call Our President:
Peggy Hines – 770-714-4035



**Thanks for sharing
the pictures,
Dance 'N Squares!!**



Woodstock Squares

Classic Car Dance

Friday, July 12th 7-9

Caller – Danny Weeks



Guest Caller Night!

Friday, July 26th

Dance 7-9

National Caller
Dan Nordbye

Woodstock Senior Center
223 Arnold Mill Road
Woodstock, GA 30188
\$7 admission



Woodstock Squares



Plus Classes

Mon, July 1 – Mon, Sept 16

No Class Aug 5 and Sept 2



Class 7-9 PM

Caller – Danny Weeks

First two classes \$7 per person at door.

Next 8 classes one payment of \$56 per person

Please call Hazel Stover at 404-408-3180

to pre-register



DANC'N SINGLES



July 13, Saturday

Rockets Red

Glare Dance

Guest Caller – Charlie Petrea

Casual Attire Permitted.

Our Dances Are Held At
Living Stone Church

545 Lorene Dr. SW

Marietta, GA 30060

Family Center (gym)

Building #6

770/434-1320

2nd Saturday

7:30 – 9:30 PM

Caller: **Guest Caller**

Cuer: **Aneesa Barge**

For More Information,

Please Call

Pat Inglis

404/932-5512 or

John Pardue

404/876-2155

August 10, Saturday

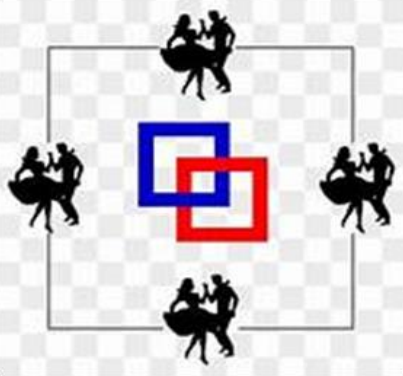
39th Anniversary Dance

Guest Caller – Danny Weeks

Please wear square

dance attire.

**WE LOVE VISITORS,
COME DANCE WITH US!!**



THE DANCE FLOOR

Where the bills & responsibilities
don't matter. It's where the stress is gone.

My happy place, where my soul is free,
my smile is not fake, and I am my true self.

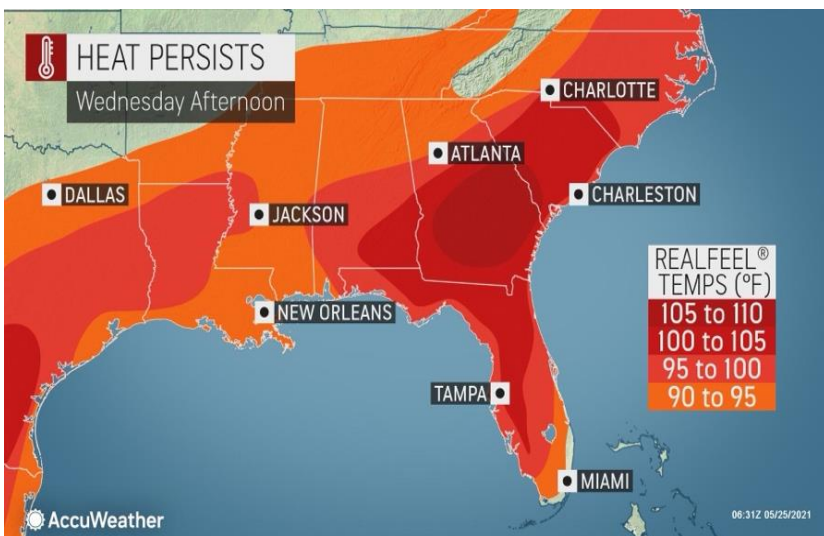
Nothing matters but me and the music.

The dance floor is my freedom.



Beat the heat
with guest caller
Marty
Northrup *(live!)*

Join us
Saturday, August 20th,
7 – 9:30 PM,
for an evening of dancing
at the Mainstream –
Advanced levels.



Admission
\$8 for HS members,
\$10 for non-members

at Peachtree Baptist Church
2108 Briarcliff Road NE
(at the intersection of Briarcliff Road and Lavista Road in Atlanta)

IF THERE'S A CURE FOR THIS



I DON'T WANT IT!

MASDA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL / CHANGE OF ADDRESS

MASDA Annual Membership is \$25.00 per person,
which includes all MASDA dances January – December and
annual insurance coverage with United Square Dance Association (USDA).

☐ New Member ☐ Renewal ☐ Change of Address ☐ Change of Email Address

PLEASE PRINT:

MEMBER(S): _____
LAST NAME FIRST NAME(S)

PRESENT ADDRESS: _____
STREET CITY ZIPCODE

OLD ADDRESS: _____
STREET CITY ZIPCODE

PRESENT EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

OLD EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PRIMARY PHONE: _____

Mail this form and check payable to **MASDA** to:

\$25 Per Person

Mike & Marcia Massey
1606 Brentwood Dr.
Marietta, GA 30062



2024 MASDA OFFICERS

PRESIDENT:	Bill & Julie Jarrett - 1129 Fairwood Close NW, Acworth, GA 30301 770-361-3711 (Bill); 770-354-5968 (Julie) - Kennesaw Square Dealers
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MASDA CLUB INDEX

CLUB	PHONE	LEVEL	DANCES
Bartow Dixie Grands	770-386-4437	M/P	M 135
Cherokee Promenaders	706-266-7284	M/P	
Dance 'n' Squares *	770-714-4035	M/P	F E
Danc'n Singles	404-932-5512	M/P/R	S 2
Diamond Turns	770-265-5001	R 2-5	Th E
Hotlanta Squares	Hotlanta.Squares@gmail.com	M/P/A/C	Various
Kennesaw Square Dealers	770-354-5968	M/P/R	F 135
Lads 'n' Lassies	770-351-7755	M/P	S 13
MASDA	770-361-3711	M/P/R	S 5
Matrix South	678-772-9047	A/C	Su E
Paulding Pioneers	214-729-2110	M/P	Tu 24
Silver Stars	678-682-8554	M/P/R	S 24
Western Promenaders	706-409-2311	M/P	S 234
Wheel Arounds	770-693-1336	M/P/R	S 13
Woodstock Squares	404-408-3180	M/P	F 24

LEGEND

LEVEL		DANCES	
A	Advanced	E	Every
C	Challenge	13	1st & 3rd
M	Mainstream	135	1st, 3rd, 5th
P	Plus	24	2nd & 4th
R	Rounds	234	2nd, 3rd, 4th
*	Active Seniors 55+		

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