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Sophomore Dance 2018 Hosted by Y-Knots

Reported by Barbara MacDonald Secretary of WPSRDF and President of Y-Knots

> The Sophomore Dance for 2018 was hosted by Y-Knots. It was great to see so many folks there on one of the beautiful spring days of 2018 (April 15th). Jim Yoest and Brad Deibert were revved up and ready to go with wonderful music and interesting figures. Brad also led us in some of our favorite rounds. Parkwood Presbyterian Church was the



Thanks to all the clubs who provided free passes and finger foods to

help us celebrate this day. Thanks to Y-Knots and others for tearing down tables, setting chairs, setting up refreshments, and all those dancers who helped us clean up and reset the tables.

Thanks to Sharon Kopp and Mountainview Squares for bringing all the wonderful square dance clothes at very reasonable prices. I hope you found something new to take home with you.

The following students earned purple hearts which will be delivered to clubs at the June federation meeting. From Mountainview squares-Lois Jean Stiffey and Nancy Shull, from Y-Knots-Mary Haley, from Friendly



Squares-Betty Harbaugh, Dale Wyels, Dave Williams and Sue Pisowicz and from Peanut Squares -Juanita and Ken White. It is always great to see so many students at this sophomore dance designed for students. The attendance for this dance, consisted of 66 folks (58 angels and 7 students and one guest), Franklin-6 Friendly Square



Franklin-6, Friendly Squares-13, Happy Go Lucky-2, Iron City-2, Mountainview Squares-6, North Hills Squares-16, Peanuts-4, The Spinners-3 and Y-Knots-13. We also had 1 observer.

It was wonderful at this Federation Dance to see all of our new officers: Mick Hopf as president, Joe Nardi as Vice-President, Dick McCracken, treasurer and Barb MacDonald, secretary. Thanks to the Federation for donating to the dance to keep this as a buy one, get one dance. This is WPSRDF way of giving back to the dancers and to keep prices low.



Our next Federation Dance is the Fall Festival Sponsored by North Hills Squares on Saturday October 13 with Howard and Donna Williamson at St. Paul's Methodist Church (where North Hills dances). Put it on your calendar now because we all know how fast time flies.



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FOOTE STEPS What Does Graduation Mean (Part 1)? by Ed Foote

(reprinted from American Square Dance Magazine)

A common statement for years has been: "Anyone can learn to square dance." Is this statement true? No!

My observation is that about 3% of all those who try square dancing can not make it. This is not because of any physical impairment. It is just that mentally they can not combine the call name with putting their body in the correct place.

What do we do with this 3%? We graduate them. What does "graduation" mean? Graduation in any activity means one has achieved a minimum level of skill required to perform the activity. So, we are saying to these 3% that they have achieved the minimum skill needed to square dance.

Whether because we say "everyone can square dance" and therefore it is socially unacceptable not to graduate someone, or because with the decline in square dancing clubs are so desperate for bodies that they will take anyone no matter how bad they are, the result is that people who have no idea what is going on are being told they "belong" and that it is proper for them to be on the dance floor.

EXAMPLES OF THIS. On a recent calling trip I witnessed a new graduate square up in the #3 position and then ask someone: "Is this the head position?" This couple had been dancing 7 months and they don't even know where the heads are? You can imagine how this couple did with the calls - it was a disaster.

I have seen people who have been dancing for 9 months and have been given a diploma have no idea how to do a Square Thru from the standard position, have no idea how to Circulate from waves, break down on Right & Left Thru, and have no idea what hand to put up for a Star Thru. These people just wander around the square with a blank look and wait to for someone to put them in place, which is necessary on almost every call. Of course, they are also moving very slow, so this impacts everyone in the square - even those who are not helping them at the particular moment.

I heard a great description of these people: they are like liquid cement, because you never know where they are going to set up.

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WPSRDF Standard Weekly Dance Schedule

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st	Friendly Squares	Dance-A-Round (Round Dance)	North Hills Squares Peanut Squares Thunderbolts (Advanced 1&2)	Iron City Squares (DBD)	Y-Knot Dance Club	Mountainview Squares The Spinners (Advanced 1&2)	
2nd		Dance-A-Round (Round Dance)	North Hills Squares Peanut Squares Thunderbolts (Advanced 1&2)	iron City Squares (DBD)	Y-Knot Dance Club	Happy-Go-Lucky Mountainview Squares The Spinners (Advanced 1&2)	Franklin Squares
3rd	Friendly Squares	Dance-A-Round (Round Dance)	North Hills Squares Peanut Squares Thunderbolts (Advanced 1&2)	iron City Squares (DBD)	Y-Knot Dance Club	Mountainview Squares The Spinners (Advanced 1&2)	
4th		Dance-A-Round (Round Dance)	North Hills Squares Peanut Squares Thunderbolts (Advanced 1&2)	iron City Squares (DBD)	Y-Knot Dance Club	Happy-Go-Lucky Mountainview Squares The Spinners (Advanced 1&2)	Franklin Squares
5th		Dance-A-Round (Round Dance)	North Hills Squares Peanut Squares Thunderbolts (Advanced 1&2)	Iron City Squares (DBD)	Y-Knot Dance Club	Mountainview Squares	

WPSRDF CLUB LISTING INFORMATION

Dance-A-Round: Round Dance Club Featuring Phases II, III, IV, and Workshops. **Dance Information:** Every Monday 7:30 to 9:50 PM. Located at: Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1146 Greentree Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220, (At the terminus of Potomac Ave). Cuer and Instructors: Bob and Patsy Heath. Cell: 214-354-5084 President: Jim Brown, 412-561-9153, Cell: 412-841-7535. Treasurer: Bev Bauman, 412-367-1029 Vice President: Lee Stout, 412-279-9046 Secretary: Bob Heath, 724-269-7313.

Franklin Squares Contact Information: Brad & Lenore Deibert 724-309-8270 Dance Information: 8:00-10:30 PM. 2nd & 4th Saturdavs 7:30-8:00 early rounds Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 4503 Old Wm. Penn Highway Monroeville, PA Corner of Rt. 48 North & Old Wm. Penn Hwy. Caller: Brad Deibert 724-309-8270 Cuer: Brad & Lenore Deibert Level: Plus Squares & Rounds Attire: Casual, June, July & August

Friendly Squares **Contact Information:** Susan Hopf 412-606-8819 Louise Stewart H-(412)276-3751 C-(412)302-1960 Email: louisestewart@verizon.net **Dance Information:** 7:00-9:30, 1st & 3rd Sundays St Benedict the Abbot Church 80 Friar Lane. McMurray, PA 15317 Callers: Jim Yoest & Brad Deibert Cuer: Brad Deibert. Level: Plus Comments: Check calendar for Summer schedule Attire: Casual, June, July & Auqust

Happy-Go-Lucky Squares Contact Information: President: - Fran Reynolds 724-882-9924 **Dance Information:** 8-10:30 PM, 2nd & 4th Fridays Pine Run United Methodist Ch. 901 North 6th Street Clairton, PA 15025 (Wilson section of Clairton) Caller: Brad Deibert & guests Cuer: Brad Deibert Level: Mainstream & Plus Attire: Casual: June, July & Auaust

Iron City Squares Contact Information: Helen Naimark & Joe Nardi 412-372-1450 ajnardi@msn.com Dance Information: 7:15-9:30 PM, Wednesdays Calvary United Methodist Church Allegheny and Beech Avenues (Northside) Pgh, PA 15212 (Use Beech Avenue entrance) Caller: Blaine Knupp Level: Mainstream through Plus Comments: All dancing is DBD/ qay & lesbian club Attire: Casual: Year Round

Mountainview Squares

Contact Information: Floyd and Jan Bottom 724-459-7434. Dance Information: 7:30-10:00 PM, Every Friday Blairsville High School 102 School Lane Blairsville, PA 15717 Caller: Norm Shaffor 724 388-1909 Level: Plus Comments: Casual or Formal attire welcome Attire: June through September, casual only

President: Chester & Dottie Kletke **helped by:** Ron Harris. **V-President:** Tina Stover **helped by:** Jim Sullivan.

North Hills Squares

Secretary: Sue Korinchak Joe continues with caller contracts. Treasurer: Linda Womsley. helped at club by: Irene Rudy & Sharon Kopp. **Delegate:** Kletkes Reporter: Sharon Kopp Banner Raids: Sharon Kopp. **Contact Information:** Sharon Kopp 724-266-3232 Patty & Ken Adams 412-487-2901 Dottie & Chet Kletke 412-486-8243 **Dance Information:** 8:00-10:30 PM, Every Tuesday (2nd & 4th Tuesdays during January, February & March) St. Paul's Methodist Church 1965 Ferguson Rd Allison Park, PA 15101 Caller: Ed Foote & guest callers Cuer: Guest cuers Level: Plus Comments: Air-Conditioned Hall

Attire: Casual– June, July & August; Square wear or casual the rest of the year

Peanut Squares Scott Township, PA Contact Information:

Paul Rinald (President) (412) 735-2423 pmarinald@aol.com John and Diana Serpa (V P) (412) 343-4088 home (412) 478-7719 cell johnserpa@comcast.net Sara Frey (Secretary) (412) 835-1783 Bob & Beth Hoppe (Treasurers) (412) 835-4303 **Dance Information-2016** Squares Plus, Rounds on request 7:30-10:00 pm. Every Tuesday Except for the summer months of June-August: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays \$4, includes refreshments **Covenant Community** Presbyterian Church 1630 Greentree Road Pittsburgh, Pa. 15220 Caller: Steve Staub Guest callers as scheduled (best callers in SW PA) Cuer: occasional, call for information Level: Mainstream & Plus Attire: Casual dress

The Spinners

Contact Information: Contact Information Rich Williams 412-915-4333 Ron Giuliana 724-861-5884 Cell: 412-554-1809 Dance Information: 8:00-10:30 PM, Every Friday Linway United Presbyterian Ch. 600 Greensburg Ave. (Rte 30) North Versailles (East McKeesport) PA 15137 Hall Phone: 412-824-3555 Caller: Ron Giuliana, Jim Yoest, Rich Williams & Brad Deibert Caller Emeritus: Phil Way Level: Advanced 1 & 2 Comments: call first (Rich or Ron) Attire: Casual year round

Thunderbolts Contact Information: Emma Lou Shaffor 724-349-3998 Dance Information: 7:00-9:30 PM every Tuesday Blairsville High School 102 School Lane Blairsville, PA 15717 Caller: Norm Shaffor 724 388-1909 Level: Advanced 1 & 2 Attire: Casual year round

Y-Knot Square & Round Dance Club

President: Barbara MacDonald cell 412-629-7079 or home 724-776-2029 **Contact Information:** Sharon Kopp 724-266-3232 E-mail: sharon.kopp@yahoo.com Russ Stewart 412-780-0047 **Dance Information:** 7:30-10:00 PM, every Thursday 1st & 3rd Thursdays January-February & July-August North Hills Baptist Church 7801 Thompson Run Road North Hills PA 15237 Caller: Jim Yoest & Guests Cuer: Guest cuers Level: Plus & Rounds Attire: Casual: June, July & August

Date	Club	Dance	Caller	Cuer
6/12/2018	Friendly Squares	Graduation	Brad Deibert	
6/12/2018	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Ed Foote	
6/12/2018	Peanut Squares	Peanut Butter Cookie Dance	Tom Mohney	
6/12/2018	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
6/13/2018	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
6/14/2018	Y-Knots	Flag Day Dance	Jim Yoest	Bob & Patsy Heath
6/15/2018	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
6/15/2018	The Spinners (Call First)	Advanced 1 & 2	Jim Yoest & Ron Giuliana	
6/17/2018	Friendly Squares	Fathers Day Dance	Jim Yoest	
6/18/2018	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
6/19/2018	North Hills Squares	Crazy Hats Dance	Steve Staub	
6/19/2018	Peanut Squares	No Dance		
6/19/2018	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
6/20/2018	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
6/21/2018	Y-Knots	Summer Wear	Steve Staub	Steve Staub
6/22/2018	Happy-Go-Lucky	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
6/22/2018	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
6/22/2018	The Spinners (Call First)	Advanced 1 & 2	Ron Giuliana, Jim Yoest & Rich Williams	
6/23/2018	Franklin Squares	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
6/25/2018	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
6/26/2018	North Hills Squares	Amateur Caller & Cuer Night		
6/26/2018	Peanut Squares	Beauticians Day	Denny Steiner	
6/26/2018	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
6/27/2018	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
6/28/2018	Y-Knots	Independence Day Dance	Jim Yoest	Kathy Mansell
6/29/2018	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
6/29/2018	The Spinners (Call First)	Advanced 1 & 2	Rich Williams	
7/1/2018	Friendly Squares	Stars & Stripes Dance	Jim Yoest	
7/2/2018	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
7/3/2018	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Ed Foote	
7/3/2018	Peanut Squares	No Dance		
7/3/2018	Thunderbolts	No Dance		
7/4/2018	Iron City Squares			
7/5/2018	Y-Knots	Red White & Blue Dance	Jim Yoest	Nathan Parrott
7/6/2018	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
7/6/2018	The Spinners (Call First)	Advanced 1 & 2	Jim Yoest & Rich Williams	
7/9/2018	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
7/10/2018	North Hills Squares	German Night	Ed Pabst	Nathan Parrott
7/10/2018	Peanut Squares	Red White & Blueberry Day	Gene Hammond	
7/10/2018	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
7/11/2018	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
7/12/2018	Y-Knots	No Dance		
7/13/2018	Happy-Go-Lucky	Watermelon Night	Steve Staub	Steve Staub
7/13/2018	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
7/13/2018	The Spinners (Call First)	Advanced 1 & 2	Ron Giuliana, Jim Yoest & Rich Williams	
7/14/2018	Franklin Squares	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
7/15/2018	Friendly Squares	Picnic	Brad Deibert	

Dance Calendar

Date	Club	Dance	Caller	Cuer
7/16/2018	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
7/17/2018	North Hills Squares	Club Picnic North Park Lodge	Ed Foote	
7/17/2018	Peanut Squares	No Dance		
7/17/2018	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
7/18/2018	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
7/19/2018	Y-Knots	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
7/19/2018	Hunt valley MD	Star Spangled Banner Festival	See Special Dance Sch.	
7/20/2018	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
7/20/2018	The Spinners (Call First)	Advanced 1 & 2	Ron Giuliana, Jim Yoest & Rich Williams	
7/23/2018	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
7/24/2018	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Ed Foote	
	Peanut Squares	Open House	Shawn Brown	
7/24/2018	Thunderbolts	No Dance		
7/25/2018	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
7/26/2018	Y-Knots	No Dance		
	Happy-Go-Lucky	No Dance		
	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
7/27/2018	The Spinners (Call First)	Advanced 1 & 2	Jim Yoest	
7/28/2018	Franklin Squares	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
7/30/2018	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
	North Hills Squares	Christmas in July	Denny Steiner	
7/31/2018	Peanut Squares	No Dance		
7/31/2018	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
8/1/2018	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
8/2/2018	Y-Knots	Beach Party	Jim Yoest	
8/3/2018	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
8/3/2018	The Spinners (Call First)	Advanced 1 & 2	Ron Giuliana, Jim Yoest & Rich Williams	
8/5/2018	Friendly Squares	Hawaiian Luau	Brad Deibert	
8/6/2018	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
8/7/2018	North Hills Squares	Crazy T-Shirt Night	Ed Foote	,
8/7/2018	Peanut Squares	No Dance		
8/7/2018	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
8/8/2018	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
8/9/2018	Y-Knots	No Dance		
8/10/2018	Happy-Go-Lucky	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
8/10/2018	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
8/10/2018	The Spinners (Call First)	Advanced 1 & 2	Ron Giuliana, Jim Yoest & Rich Williams	
8/11/2018	Franklin Squares	Regular Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
8/13/2018	Dance-A-Round	Round Dance		Bob & Patsy Heath
	North Hills Squares	Regular Dance	Ed Foote	,
8/14/2018	Peanut Squares	Crazy T-Shirt Night	Susan Elaine Packer	
8/14/2018	Thunderbolts	Advanced 1 & 2	Norm Shaffor	
8/15/2018	Iron City Squares	DBD	Blaine Knupp	
8/16/2018	Y-Knots	Regular Dance	Jim Yoest	Nathan Parrott
8/17/2018	Mountainview Squares	Regular Dance	Norm Shaffor	Records
8/17/2018	The Spinners (Call First)	Advanced 1 & 2	Ron Giuliana, Jim Yoest & Rich Williams	
8/19/2018	Friendly Squares	Regular Dance at Peace Lutheran Church	Jim Yoest	

Special Dance Schedule

Date	Club	Dance	Caller	Cuer
7/19-21/2018	Hunt Valley MD	55th Star Spangled Banner Festi- val	Tom Miller, Bill Harrison, Sandie Bryant etc.	
8/21/2018	North Hills Squares	Pie Night	Johnny Preston	Carla Eilenfeld
9/15/2018	Good Shepherd Lutheran Ch.	Autumn Fest 2-6PM DBD tip at 3 Surprise Event at 4 Discount coupon on Flyer	Norm Shaffor & Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
	WPSRDF Hosted by North Hills Squares	Fall Festival 2-6PM at St Pauls United Methodist Church DBD tip at 3:30 Advance at 4:30	Howard Williamson	Donna Williamson
11/18/2018	Friendly Squares	Johnny Appleseed Dance	Ron Anderson	Bob & Patsy Heath
12/14/2018	Happy-Go-Lucky Squares	Christmas Dinner Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
12/15/2018	Franklin Squares	Christmas Dinner Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
12/16/2018	Friendly Squares	Christmas Dinner Dance	Brad Deibert	Brad & Lenore Deibert
12/18/2018	Peanut Squares	Christmas Dance	Steve Staub	

To schedule a special dance, please contact the editor.

Visitation Program

Update

Spring has Sprung and dancers are dancing. Friendly and Mountainview were the biggest movers with Happy-go Lucky just a touch behind while Franklin seems to be in a bit of a slump.

MV had two visits and they were big ones sending 8 members to Franklin on April 28th and 8 to Happy on May 25th needing only a visit to Friendly to complete their third round.

Friendly meanwhile had a fourth round sweep in eight days with a 10 member banner raid to Happy on 4/27, 5 to Franklin the next night and 7 to MV the following Friday.

HGL finished their third round visiting Mountainview with 5 members, now ready to start round 4.

After all visitations both visiting club and host club PLEASE email the names and date as soon as possible to jcfrk1@verizon.net. Thank you

CLUB	ROUND COMPLETED	NEXT ROUND VISITS	TOTAL POINTS
Franklin Squares	2 rounds	1 visitations	9 points
Friendly Squares	4 rounds	0 visitations	20 points
Happy-Go-Lucky Squares	3 rounds	0 visitation	13 points
Mountainview Squares	2 rounds	2 visitations	13 points

Club Reports

Dance-A-Round

Reporter: No report submitted.

Franklin Squares

Reporter: Brad Deibert

Franklin Squares is alive and well and dancing in Monroeville. We have small crowds but continue to dance the second and fourth Saturdays and welcome guests!

Our upcoming summer dances are June 9 and 23, July 14 and 28, August 11 and 25. Brad Deibert will be calling and cueing with early rounds at 7:30, squares with rounds 8:00 to 10:30.

If you are looking for some dancing on Monday night, you can always join Franklin Squares in Trafford for our class/ workshop night. We are currently not teaching any new dancers, so we are just dancing and enjoying the activity. We will accept any new dancer at any time if you know of someone interested. The place is St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 324 Fairmont, Trafford, PA 15085. Round workshop is at 6:30 and squares are from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Call Brad at 724-309-8270 for more details.

Hope to see you at Franklin Squares at an upcoming dance. Happy Dancing!

Friendly Squares

Reporter: Joanne Petrillo

In March we had a great dance with three squares plus, for



our Belated St Patrick's Day dance. A good time was had by all with Jim Yoest calling. We had a lot of good food. Thank you all who provided in anyway.

May 20th was to be our Graduation Day Dance but due to complications we will NOT have GRADUATION until June 12th. June 3rd is our RED, WHITE and

BLUE dance with Brad Deibert calling. No Cueing. June 17th a regular dance with Jim Yoest calling. No Cueing.

July 1st STARS and STRIPES with Jim Yoest calling. No Cueing. July 15th is our PICNIC Dance with Brad Deibert calling. No Cueing.

August 5th is our HAWAIIAN LUAU with Brad Deibert calling. No Cueing. August 19th a regular dance with Jim Yoest calling. No Cueing. This dance will be at PEACE LU-THERAN CHURCH.

September 16th. is our FUN DANCE - Everyone is invited. Everything is free. Good food, Good friends. Bring your friends to Dance! This is a SUNDAY and will be at Peace Lutheran Church. October 7th a regular dance with Jim Yoest calling. No Cueing. October 21st is our 46th ANNIVERSARY DANCE with Brad Deibert Calling and Cueing.

Every dance will be at St Benedict's unless otherwise noted on schedule. Watch your emails for changes and additions to this news letter. ANY QUESTIONS: Please Call Louise Stewart 412-302-1960 or Sue Hopf 412-606-8819.

Happy-Go-Lucky Squares

Reporter: Mary Ann Markowitz

Happy Go Lucky lost a devoted dancer on May 3rd. Clara Protheroe has been a member of our club for many years. Prior to joining us, Clara was a member of Footloose Squares in Murrysville until they closed. Clara rarely sat out a dance. She was always ready to dance the girls or the boy's part.

Happy's spring dances were all fun dances but attendance was low. I think all the rainy days kept a lot of people at home. Now that summer is almost here, the snow birds will be returning and all of the clubs should see an upturn in attendance. Our new dancers are out there dancing now, so remember my yearly admonition: Welcome the new dancers into your square and make them feel welcomed. Remember you were a new Dancer once.

We have a good lineup of dances scheduled for the summer. June 8th we'll have Denny Steiner calling and Brad Deibert cueing. Father's day is June 17th but we're celebrating it early. Then on the 22nd of June, Brad will be calling & cueing. Steve Staub will call & cue on July 13th. That is our Watermelon night so come join us for this delicious treat. On July 27th there will be <u>no dance</u>. That weekend is the West Virginia Convention. Many of our club members have been attending this convention for over 20 years. It's not too early to put these August dates on your calendar. Friday, August 10th will be a regular dance night and Sunday, August 19th is our Cover Dish picnic. All dancers are welcome to attend the picnic. Reservations are appreciated. More information will be on google and on our fliers.

Our dances are held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of every month from 8:00 until 10:30 pm. Brad Deibert, is our club's caller and he will call & cue every dance except when we have a guest caller/cuer. We dress in Square wear from June 1^{st} to August 31^{st} . Most dancer dress in casual clothes for the summer but Square Wear is welcomed at any of our dances throughout the year. We don't turn anyone away. Our dances are held at the Pine Run United Methodist Church, 901 North 6th Street, Clairton Pa 15025. The church is assessable from either Rt. 837South or Rt.885South. The church is in the Wilson area of Clairton. We dance in the churches Fellowship Hall. Parking is in the rear of the church where there is a well lighted lot. Enter by the rear door. For more information, call our President Fran Reynolds at 412 882-9924 or our Vice President Jean Napiecek at 724 872-1509.

June 08 Denny Steiner – Father's Day June 22 Brad Deibert – Regular Dance

Club Reports

July 13 Steve Staub – Watermelon Night July 27 NO DANCE SCHEDULED Aug 10 Brad Deibert – Regular Dance Aug 19 Brad Deibert – Club Cover Dish Picnic "If I could catch a rainbow, I would do it just for you and share with you its beauty on the day your feeling blue."

Iron City Squares

Reporter: Joe Nardi No report submitted.

Mountainview Squares

Reporter: Jan Bottom

Hi from Blairsville.

We installed our new officers in April. Thanks go to last year's officers for a great job and congratulations to our new officers who are:

Presidents Vice Presidents Secretary Treasurer Gil and Sally Lanzarotti Jan and Floyd Bottom Jean Heberling Emma Lou Shaffor

Federation Representatives Floyd and Jan Bottom Lots of thanks to go around in regard to our 40th club anniversary dinner and dance: to Margaret and Carl Schrecengost and their committee for a great job hosting; to everyone for the delicious food; to all our visitors for helping us all to have an enjoyable evening eating, socializing and dancing; and last but not least to 'Stormin'

Norman Shaffor for his great calls. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for these coming events:

Aug 24th – ALL SINGING CALLS & ICE CREAM SUNDAES – If you like dancing to singing calls, and who doesn't, please join us for a night of all singing calls with Norm Shaffor calling. Also who doesn't like ice cream with all the fixings? Come join us for a fun night of socializing and dancing.

Aug 31st – Labor Day Weekend – NO DANCE Sept 14th – NO DANCE

Sept 15th – AUTUMN FEST – Please see the flyer elsewhere in this issue and plan to join us in Monroeville where Franklin dances for an afternoon of fun dancing, socializing, eating, etc.

Reminder: As usual the school where we hold our dances will be redoing the floors this summer and we move our dances to the Presbyterian Church in Blairsville while this is happening. We will post it on the Google list and feel free to call if you plan to come out this way 724-459-7434.

Our club has dances every Friday night with Norm Shaffor calling except as noted above. Check us out on Facebook by typing Mountainview Squares in the search box.

North Hills Squares

Reporter: Sharon Kopp

North Hills' big event was the graduation of 4 new dancers on May Day. Welcome Nancy Pifulco, Julie



Kaigler, Mary Ann Muenz and Regina Plut to the world of square dancing. It is exciting to have new talent in the club. Be sure to introduce yourself when they are in your square.

Another celebration in May was NHS 54th anniversary dinner/ dance. Good food, good dancing and good friends, many of them for many years.

Upcoming dances

Ed Foote is calling June 5 & 12.

Steve Staub on June 19.

On June 26 is something new. Any caller dance or anyone wanting to try to call is asked to come and show us your skills (or non-skills). Call Sue Korinchak 724-443-2802 for further information.

Ed Foote on July 3

On July 10 German Night with Ed Pabst calling and Nathan Parrott cueing.

Be sure to mark your calendar Tuesday, August 21 for our annual dance with Johnny Preston. Carla Eilenfeld will be cueing.

Peanut Squares

Reporter: Sara Frey

Peanut Squares has been offering PLUS lessons in Mt. Lebanon, taught by Shawn Brown. That new group of PLUS dancers will graduate in May and be ready for all kinds of calls! A reminder – Peanuts dances every other week in the summer on Tuesday nights. Check the schedule on

www.peanutsquares.blogspot.com.

Peanut Squares April Showers Dance lived up to its name – how did Paul know that when he was doing the planning? It poured rain that night, and in addition, there was thunder and lightning. It was one of the worst storms this spring! Nevertheless, we had fun dancing to the calls of Jim Yoest:



The Peanut Squares 'Pig in a Blanket Dance' (why is it called that?) had a very cute pig wrapped in a blanket on our main table to remind us to have fun. And fun we had, with caller Scott Brown: The May Day Dance, called by Gene Hammond, was held on a beautiful 80



HOSTED BY NORTH HILLS SQUARES

SATURDAY, October 13, 2018

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 1965 FERGUSON RD, ALLISON PARK. 15101



CALLER: HOWARD WILLIAMSON CUER: DONNA WILLIAMSON

2:00-6:00PM.

Squares and Rounds

DBD TIP at 3:30pm and ADVANCE tip 4:30pm.



SHARE the WEALTH

<u>MAP ON THE</u> BACK.

COST: FOR 2 DANCERS \$10.00 OR \$5.00 pp

FOR INFORMATION CALL: SHARON KOPP 724-266-3232

SQUARE WEAR ENCOURAGED



Club Reports

degree evening ushering in the beginning of May - we went from 30 degrees to 80 degrees all in the same week.

The Spinners

Reporter: Ron Giuliana

CONGRATULATIONS to our new club dancers! They have completed all A-1 calls and now we are into A-2. They have been work-



ing really hard and it shows. They have even had a chance to laugh and have a great time with us. We are so excited to have12 dancers with us at our club. We have extended the class time and they have danced the entire evening with the club and have had a chance to have a special workshop with Jim on April 29. All the hard work and studying has payed off. A special thanks to our angles who have come out each week to help assist. We really appreciate it.

Thunderbolts

Reporter: Emma Lou Shaffor No report submitted.

Y-Knot Square and Round Dance Club

Reporter: Jeanne Maier

It's summer time, fantastic. We look forward to seeing the new members of our club join us this summer. The club wants to thank everyone who attended the sophomore dance and the Howard and Donna Williamson dance. The Williamsons are scheduled for Saturday April 27th next year, so mark your calendars ahead of time.

Our 38th Anniversary Dinner/Dance was well attended, food was great. Time does fly when you have fun.



Remember that we only dance every other week in July and August since we all enjoy some vacation and travel time.

Check the list below for all the callers and cuers we will have in the next three months: JUNE 7^{TH} - "GIRLS NIGHT" - Club Meeting After the

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AUGUST 30TH - "RED, WHITE and BLUE" Steve Staub – Caller and Cuer

To all club reporters: Please submit your August reports by July 10.

Insurance Updates June 2018

Remember that: As students graduate, they need to be add-	I can anticipate your wishes. So please let me know.
ed to our insurance. They are covered by insurance until	Also if someone falls or get injured at a dance,
graduation, then they need to pay for the insurance. The cost	please let Barb know so we can file a claim. It is bet-
is \$4.75 it is not prorated.	ter to file the claim and not have them hurt—than to
If a person joins your club the cost of insurance is \$4.75.	forget and they run into problems later. Names of wit-
The insurance certificates changed for 2018. If your special	nesses are important to have for the form.
dance is at the same location an additional certificate is not	
needed, but it is a good idea to let Barb know.	Barbara MacDonald
Also if special dances are in the clubs' future at a different	160 Fox Run Rd.
location. We will need to get certificates. At least 30 days no-	Cranberry Twp. PA 16066
tice is preferred.	724-776-2029
I do try to anticipate your needs, but I cannot guarantee that	bmacd@zoominternet.net

Y-Knot's June, July and August 2018 Dances

JUNE 7th, 2018 "GIRLS NIGHT" Club Meeting After Barb and Sharon – Co-Callers Carla Eilenfeld – Cuer

JUNE 14th, 2018 "FLAG DAY" – Red, White and Blue Jim Yoest – Caller Bob Heath – Cuer

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JUNE 27th thru JUNE 30th ,2018 National Convention in Kansas City, MO. Nice place to visit and Dance



JULY 5th, 2018 "RED, WHITE AND BLUE" Jim Yoest - Caller Nathan Parrott - Cuer

> JULY 12th, 2018 NO DANCE

> JULY 19th, 2018 Brad Deibert – Caller and Cuer

> JULY 26th, 2018 NO DANCE

AUGUST 2nd, 2018 "BEACH PARTY" Jim Yoest – Caller Bob Heath – Cuer

AUGUST 9th, 2018 NO DANCE

AUGUST 16th, 2018 Jim Yoest – Caller Nathan Parrott – Cuer

AUGUST 23rd, 2018 NO DANCE

AUGUST 30th, 2018 "RED, WHITE and BLUE" Steve Staub – Caller and Cuer

TIME: 7:30PM TO 10:00PM North Hills Community Baptist Church 7801 Thompson Run Road Pittsburgh, PA. 15237

Y-Knots 38th Anniversary















Y-Knots Williamson Dance















OUR NEW GRADUATES WITH SUE

North Hills



OUR NEW PRESIDENT, BRIAN WITH JOANNE HIS PARTNER.



Purple People Eater Dance

Sorry that we didn't have other clubs students join us for our Purple People Eater Dance. Steve did a good job calling to the music of this song and club members even given the words to sing along. There was a lot of purple food, members were very creative,

















St Patrick's Day

Dance



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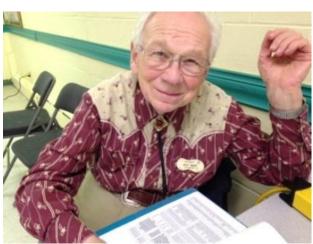














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Minutes for the April Federation Meeting

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE FEDERATION

Minutes of the APRIL 9, 2018 Meeting at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Monroeville

President Clyde Miles called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with a welcome, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE SQUARE DANC-ING EVEN BETTER

Barbara MacDonald, Secretary, called the roll. Dance A Round and Peanuts had no delegate present. The minutes of the previous meeting were sent electronically and mailed. They were approved.

Dick McCracken, (Treasurer), reported that the Income totaled \$137.75 and Disbursements totaled \$162.89. Balance on hand January 31, 2018 balance is \$7904.00. March 31, 2018 balance is \$7878.86. Emma Lou Shaffor moved and Dottie Kletke seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

West Pen News: Send any flyers as a jpg or tif file. Michael Hopf encouraged correspondence to be in terms of text, snail mail or emails since he cannot take notes while working. However, he will be happy to answer questions over the phone. All is well. Stay alert to the deadlines.

Sending Mick schedules in advance will help keep the calendar accurate.

Special Dance Coordinator: Michael Hopf reported all is well. Michael Hopf asks that the emails sent to <u>jcfrk1@verizon.net</u> to confirm special dances be noted in the subject line: Please <u>OPEN IMMEDIATELY</u>. Mick will acknowledge these emails as soon as possible. Other emails for WPN are filed for use in compiling the paper later. Please try not to conflict with other club schedules for special dances. If you want a dance to be listed as special, let Mick know.

West Pen News Subscriptions: - Dick McCracken reported 91 subscriptions for 2018. Dick has done some research about folks wanting hard copies vs getting them in an email. The printer indicated the cost is per copy and will not change based on less copies and is determined only by the number of pages. For the rest of 2018, we will send via of the google group an electronic copy for all registered to determine if this works before getting subscriptions for next year. Each club is encouraged to register their members and newer dancers to the google group.

Contact Tony Rock <u>The-rocks@verizon.net</u>.

Traveling Banner: The Traveling banner will go to the Sophomore Dance. Contact Barb MacDonald if desired at other locations.

Insurance: Peanut Squares graduated 11 students at the Mainstream Level and they have secured insurance. A reminder that as your club graduates students to be sure to submit \$4.75 per person to Barb MacDonald.

Friendship Club: Virginia Eighmy was not present. New Contact Information-Send requests for bars to Virginia Eighmy at: 3832 Ebonhurst Dr. Apt #258, Allison Park, PA 15101 phone 412-213-0132. We need to promote these dangles to encourage travel between clubs. If you need more cards, let Barb know.

Barb distributed student travel cards which requires students to attend 7 dances in the calendar year. You can date them back to any dances you know they attended.

Showcase of Ideas: Let Barb know if you would like this for a special dance. It will go to the sophomore dance.

State Federation: An electronic meeting was held April 8th with 6 in attendance. Clyde Miles and Tony Rock from our area. There was a concern about the lack of invites, so those of our federation who receive an invite are encouraged to post this on the google list. Joe Nardi suggested WPSRDF have a meeting during the state meeting to discuss any issues.

The PSRDF officers are: President: - Bob Lawn and Martha Thompson, Treasurer: - Truman and Diana Hershberger. The offices of 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President and Secretary are still open. Tony and Diana Rock are now past-presidents. They are still looking for officers.

Flooring will be rented to members of the federation for a \$250.00 rental fee. Non-members fee is \$500. This includes delivery, but no set-up.

PSRDF revisited the New dancer reward system. If your club graduated more than 3 members in May of 2017, you are eligible. Forms are available at psrdf.org and need to be submitted as soon as possible. There is a limit of \$2,000.00 across the state. New dancers do need to show some participation past graduation. \$990 was paid out including monies to Mountainview Squares and North Hills Squares. Clubs graduating students this spring can apply, but monies will not be released until January 2019 when membership is confirmed for 2019 in our clubs.

PSRDF is looking for delegates to attend the USDA meeting at the National in June. Let Tony and Diana know if you are planning to attend and can be at this meeting. The state membership is at 1254 members of which 1154 paid, and 88 are life members.

Sunshine Committee: Helen will send out 1 get well card. Contact her if you need the information. Let Helen know if you have information to share. Her email is <hnaimark@hotmail.com>. Although some past dancers have died recently, we do not go beyond 4 years with sympathy cards. Please continue to send her information.

Google Group: Tony Rock was not in attendance. To put your name on or take your name off the google list, send your

request to Tony at <u>The-rocks@verizon.net</u>. Mark your email as IMPORTANT to catch Tony's attention.

WPSRDF Web Site Coordinator: Roy Nagy can be contacted at, roynagy@verizon.net Please send any updated information for the website to Roy Nagy. If your club elects new officers, be sure to contact Roy so he can have them changed on the website. Roy has been working with Ken Adams (state webmaster) to keep WPSRDF information up to date.

Pittsburgh Area Caller/Cuer Association: The PACCA will hold their Spring Fling dance on May 26, 2018. It will include an afternoon and evening event. Be sure to stay tuned to more announcements.

Special Events Coordinator: This position is open.

Public Relations Person: This position is open. All members are involved in public relations. If you are not comfortable answering questions, please refer them to an officer.

Unfinished Business:

Visitation Program: Mick Hopf has placing the tracking system progress in the West Pen News. Both clubs should email Mick Hopf when they have completed a visitation. We need to secure dangles for members who participate in more than 5 visitations. These will be distributed with other awards at the Fall Festival. If you would like a copy of the electronic file, let Mick know.

New Business

Sophomore Dance 2018-Y-Knots will host this event. The date is Sunday April 15, 2018 at Parkwood United Presbyterian Church on Mt. Royal Blvd from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Jim Yoest and Brad Deibert will call with Brad also cueing. Cost will be \$4.00 and \$2.00 for new dancers. Put this day on your calendar. <u>There will be a used clothing</u> <u>sale.</u>

Fall Festival 2018- North Hills will be our host. Saturday October. 13th at St. Paul's Methodist Church 1965 Ferguson Rd., Allison Park, PA 15101. Howard Williamson to call and Donna Williamson to cue. WPSRDF will continue with buy one get one or reduced pricing to benefit all dancers. Check out the flyer in the West Pen News. <u>Add</u> to your calendar.

<u>WPSRDF officers:</u> Joe Nardi oversaw the nominations and election procedure. The following are the new officers:

President: - Mick Hopf, Vice-President:- Joe Nardi, Secretary:- Barbara MacDonald and Treasurer:- Dick McCracken. Our thanks to Clyde Miles for serving as president these last few years. A discussion was held on the terms of "New Dancer" vs. "Student dancer" since some confusion about our upcoming dances whether they were for folks who had not been at lessons. It was suggested we call them freshmen dances since they are prior to the sophomore dance.

President's Message:

Remember to invite your students and take them to dances. Make them feel welcome.

Upcoming Special Club Dance Announcements from the Floor:

Mountainview: - 40th anniversary May 4 at 6 p.m. with covered dish dinner. Club to provide meat and cake. Good food and great dancing. Please bring something delicious in your covered dish.

Mountainview:- AutumnFest- Sept 15 where Franklin dances. Look for flyers.

North Hills:- Anniversary Dinner and Dance-May 22.

Y-Knots:- Howard Williamson Dance- April 22, 2018 Anniversary Dinner and Dance- May 17

Future Dates to Remember

58th Ohio Convention May 4,5, 2018 in Columbus Ohio. (Brad Deibert should be sending an electronic copy out)

55th Star Spangled Banner Festival- July 19-21, 2-18 at Delta Baltimore Hunt Valley, 245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley MD 21031

Upcoming National Square Dance Conventions:

67th National Square Dance Convention- Kansas City, Mo June 27-30, 2018

68th National Square Dance Convention- Atlanta, GA June 26-29, 2019

69th National Square Dance Convention- Spokane, WA June 2020

Ron Anderson is hosting a dance November 1-3, 2018 at Lakeview Resort in Morgantown, WV. See flyers at your club. <u>Deposits are needed by July 1.</u>

Next WPSRDF meeting is Monday, June 11, 2018 at 7:30 PM.

It was moved by Martin Ray and seconded Jan Bottom to adjourn at 8:18 PM.

Thanks for help cleaning up. <u>Consider Volunteering for</u> <u>a more active role in square dancing.</u>

Respectfully submitted, Barbara MacDonald, Secretary

MOUNTAINVIEW SQUARES

Saturday, September 15, 2018

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 4503 Old Wm. Penn Hwy., Monroeville, PA 15146

Featuring NORM SHAFFOR and BRAD DEIBERT (calling & cueing)

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Dancing

DBD Tip at 3 PM Surprise Event at 4 PM

SHARE THE WEALTH and CHINESE AUCTION Cost PER PERSON: \$12.00

INFORMATION: Ed & Lynn 724 388-3291 or Floyd & Jan 724 459-7434





Clubs participating in the WPSRDF Visitation Program are encouraged to attend

