



# Foundation News

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## Being Thankful!



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The SDFNE has much to be thankful for –

- **Dedicated & hard-working Board of Directors.** In May 2011 the following persons were re-elected to serve as Officers: Anna K.(Mil) Dixon, Pres., Sheila M.(Ken) Moody, V-Pres., Kappy Kaplow, Clerk, France T.(Al) Rouff, Treas., Catherine Persson, Recording Secretary. Committee Chairpersons: Dick & Judy Severance, Archives Director, France Rouff, Membership, Peg Tirrell, Publicity, Dorothy M. Gulliford, Tributes & Memorials, Bob & Barbara Graybill, Recognition Awards, Pat Anthony, Trail-Out Dance, France & Al Rouff, Annual Special Drawing, Jean Stahl, 20/50 Monthly Raffle, Board of Directors, Museum Gift Shop, Johnny Wedge, Computer Operations, UNH Liason, Jim Mayo, Patty Greene, SDFNE Webmaster, Anna & Mil Dixon, and France Rouff, "Foundation News". Representatives to SDFNE: NECORTA, Pat Anthony, NECCA, Jim & JoAnn Mayo, EDSARDA, Rita & Corey Wood, CO-OP, Johnny & Barbara Wedge. Library Associates: Art & Marge Dugas, Bob Brundage, Dennis Coruth, Joe Casey, Walt Bull, Paul Cote, Mal Cameron, Neil Hawley, Jay & Sandi Silva.
- **Members who volunteer on SDFNE Work Session Days.** We could use more volunteers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays and 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays. Time: 10:am to 3:pm. Even 1 hr. will be very helpful. Because of unexpected date cancellations, you must call Dick 603-623-2692 to tell him you will be there.
- **Annual Members who have renewed their memberships.** New Annuals: Linda Fowler (MA), Richie Janerico (ME), John & Teresa Sousa (RI), Martyn & Marion Vanwart (ME), Jay & Penny Bickford (MA), Robert Fantelli (MA), Betsy McPhee (MA), Lloyd Sharp (CT). Silva Swingers SDC (NH), 4 C's Square Dance Club (CT)..
- **Life Members (445) who support SDFNE activities.** New Life: Alice Daugherty (NH), Richard Lane (MA), Birgit Maguire (MA), Andreas Macke (Germany).
- **500 Club Members.** Anyone who donates \$500.00 has their name(s) engraved on a brass bar attached to a plaque in the Library. At present there are 136 engraved

brass bars on the plaque. New 500: Sally Ann & Larry Parks (ME).

- **The 19 Grand Square Society Members who continue to give financial support.**
- **The above group of square and round dancers who are aware of the value of preserving vital Square Dance History.** They realize that 1 person can make a difference. And that they are leaving a legacy for future generations.
- **For dance leaders who paved the way for a splendid successful social dance, called Square Dance.** This year, 4 more persons were inducted into the SDFNE Hall of Fame: Birgit & Richard Maguire (MA) and Peg & Doc Tirrell (VT). Also, SDFNE Local Legend Awards were presented to Bruce McCue (CT), Sheila Goodwin (MA), and Paula Allen (MA). Please visit our website: [www.sdfne.org](http://www.sdfne.org) to see photos and read about their lives.
- **Material and Financial Donations continue to be received. To name a few:** Stew Shacklette, contra video tapes, Donna Swift (CT), daughter of the late Don Swift, per her father's request donated all his calling equipment, square dance records and papers. Thanks to Lori & Dave Morin & Jay Silva for getting all of this to the Baldwin Library & Museum. Custom designed holiday dresses with man's matching vests from daughters of the late Marion & Howard Bradley (CT). Financial donation from Twin State Squares SDC as a final disbursement of the clubs' funds. Jim & Marianne Fassett (NH) plan to deliver the TSS memorabilia to the SDFNE Library and Museum. Connie Bugbee, the late Don Scott's daughter, is bringing to the SDFNE her father's paper work relating to square dancing in New England in the 1960's. Pam Clasper of Toronto, Ontario donated information on the Trans Canada Centennial Square Dance Train of 1967.

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*(President's Message Continued)*

- **Fantastic Fundraisers organized by Fabulous people.**  
04-30, Special Drawing Winners: \$1,000.= Marilyn Medler (MA), \$300.= Priscilla Guild, \$200.= Fern Lewiston-Walker.  
05-01, Biddeford, ME-Trail-Out Dance. Volunteer Callers: Bucky Donaher, Steve Park, Don Bachelder, Ralph Peacock, Jim Schell, George McGibbon, Mil Dixon. Volunteer Cuers: Linda Moulton, Barbara Connelly, Margene Jervis, Lee Fremault.  
20/50 Club Monthly Raffle Winners: (since last newsletter) Anna Maglio (MA), Marilyn Medler (MA), Becky Morton (MA), Tom Tihen (RI), Dorothy Gulliford (MA), Bertha Kenney (MA), Len Houle (MA), Harriet Clarke (MA), Carol Paris (FL).  
20/50 Winners at the Annual Meeting: Dan & Margaret Faria (FL), Dave Hass (CT), Frances St. Pierre (CT).  
07-17-11, Appraise-A-Thon by John W. Bruno (NH) Professional Appraiser, at Waumbec Mill (NH). Watch SDFNE website for another fun Appraise-A-Thon in February 2012.
- **SDFNE Benefit Dances by Outstanding Organizers.**  
04-03-11 at Bay Path Barn, Boylston MA and 09-18-11 at The Hayloft, Sturbridge MA– by Renee Taylor (CT). Volunteer Callers and Cuers: Don Bachelder, Jim Schell, Bob Butler, Jay Silva, Steve Park, Charlie Trapp and Harriett Clarke, Margene Jervis, Red Bates, Kevin Bersing and Beverly MacKay; On 02-27-11 at Mill-A-Round, Manchester NH-by Tri State Callers Association-Chris Pinkham, Walt Bull, Darrell Sprague, Jim Mayo, Jay Silva, Skip Brown, Ralph Peacock, Don Bachelder, Norm Poisson and Marilyn Rivenburg, Betty-Ann Brown, Lee Fremault. Great callers & cuers at all dances!
- **Opportunities to spread the word that Square Dancing is alive.**  
Interactive Demonstrations at The Big E in West Springfield, MA in September 2011 on RI Day, CT Day and MA Day. Special thanks to the CT Dept of Economic & Community Development and to Professional Photographer, Neil Hawley (MA). RI Caller: Lori Morin – CT Callers: Ed Ruddy & Dave Hass – MA Caller: Gene King, MA Cuer: Beverly MacKay. The Manchester, NH Mayor Ted Gatsas visited the SDFNE Library & Museum in May. He personally has contacted the Manchester Superintendent of Schools with information from the SDFNE about Middle School visitations. Dick Severance was interviewed by a local reporter for an article in the New Hampshire Magazine.
- **Our wonderful website. And the many great interviews by Bob Brundage.** Pioneers and current dance leaders tell their stories. Click on our website, [www.sdfne.org](http://www.sdfne.org) to read or listen to them.
- **The friendship of dancers everywhere the SDFNE travels.**
- **The relationship the SDFNE has with the University of New Hampshire in Durham, NH.** A permanent home for all vital papers and information on Modern Western Square Dancing and Round Dancing has been achieved. The SDFNE has donated to UNH's library over 800 dance books, hundreds of square & round dance music records, magazines relating to Square and Round Dance, and Caller's News Notes. Let it be known that the general public, as well as dance researchers and dance historians are able to visit the Milne Special Collections at UNH. Anyone can access dance information on the UNH website as credit is given to the SDFNE for their donations.
- **For bequests to the SDFNE from callers, cuers, and dancers who loved square and round dancing.** The following Callers & Dancers had a passion for square dancing. During their lifetime they brought great joy to all who came in contact with them. They are truly missed.

## IN MEMORIAM – YEAR 2011

(since last newsletter)

*There are those whose lives death cannot diminish, for their light shines on in the lives of their families and friends.*

**Tom Potts Art Anthony** Everett Mackin Gloria Brunt Bob Berlin George Belt Don Swift Everett Hartmann  
George Barrett Eleanor Burnett Edna Brown Sadie Allen Cahill Goldie Clifford Ron Clifford Margaret Conaty  
Charlie Downing Joan Fowler Craig Gatchell Aldor Girard Kathy Kalley Larry Kilgallen John Reid Louis A. Rosato  
Dorothy Stark William "Bill" Tansey Jack Allen Wilson

*When you make a donation in memory of someone, the SDFNE will send a card to his/her family acknowledging your gift. Your Memorial Gift expresses a deep regard for others, and also supports the SDFNE's educational efforts of the Charlie & Bertha Baldwin Library & Museum. **Bolded Names** indicate SDFNE Officers, Board of Directors, Hall of Famers & Local Legends.*

## SDFNE Library and Museum Slide Show

*(A similar slide show was presented at the September 18, 2011 Fundraiser Dance at the Hayloft in Sturbridge MA)*

The [Square Dance Foundation of New England](#) (SDFNE) was founded in 1973 by caller and editor of [The New England Square Dance Caller Magazine](#), Charlie Baldwin, and his wife Bertha. It has a membership of individuals, clubs, and organizations who continue the legacy of traditional, ethnic and social dance and who promote the preservation of dance history and memorabilia in a central archive, consisting of collections from personal clubs and organizations involved in social dance.

*\*deceased.*



Charlie & Bertha Baldwin \*  
Founder & 1<sup>st</sup> President  
1973-1981

**Keeping current the SDFNE Mission - Preservation, Promotion & Perpetuation - of Square Dance History, the dedicated leadership of SDFNE Presidents, Severance, Dugas, and Dixon, continues to this day.**



Anna & Mil Dixon  
8<sup>th</sup> President  
From 1994 to Present



Art & Marge Dugas  
5<sup>th</sup> President  
From 1988 to 1990



Dick & Judy Severance  
3<sup>rd</sup> President  
From 1984 to 1987





All pictures on pages 4 to 7, and some on page 8, were taken by Professional Photographer, Neil Hawley from E. Longmeadow MA.





## Local Legend Award



## Current &amp; Past Presidents



## Some Hall of Fame Recipients













## THE BIG E – EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION in West Springfield, MA

### BIG E VOLUNTEER DANCERS

#### Rhode Island Day 09-20



John & Terry Sousa, Ernie & Joan Lein, Dana & Trudy Heckendorf, Stu & Joan DeNyse, Paul Barnum & Concetta Williams, Sally Humphrey & Lloyd Sharp, Lisa Breault & Jim Wainwright, Dave Morin.

#### Connecticut Day 09-21



Evy & Allan Dean, Betty & Armond Catelli, John Sherman & Judy Plantier, Ellie Sturges, Dan & Norene Foley, Hugh & Marjorie Humiston, John & Brenda Goodman, Cathy Grimes & Committee members for the 54<sup>th</sup> NESRDC to be held in Hartford CT.

#### Massachusetts Day 09-22



Jay & Penny Bickford, Bob & Sandy Noe, Becky & Lenny Stratton, Dick & Ruth Walker, Jude Houle & Mary Lou Gagliardi, Mike Wilzak & Peggy Gendreau, Vicky Dana & Ron Greeney, Brian & partner, Judith Plantier, Marilyn Szpakowski, Lori King, Robert MacKay.

### HALL OF FAME 2011

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*Birgit and Richard Maguire* started square dancing in 1970 at Kramer's Hayloft with Art Nurse, but the love of dancing started much earlier with Birgit when she was made an assistant teacher at the Institute of Ballroom Dancing in Copenhagen, Denmark in 1950. Birgit and Richard graduated from square dancing in 1971 and they started round dancing with Leo and Edie Mathieu in 1976. They are members of ROUNDALAB, NECORTA, delegates to CO-OP. In 1978 they started the BReasy Rounds RDC which continues today.



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To read more about these 2 wonderful Hall of Fame couples please visit our website at [www.sdfne.org](http://www.sdfne.org)

#### Paul Channell Memorial Plaque



*Memorial Plaques are given to SDFNE members when a total of \$1,000.00 is donated in their name. These donations may come from clubs, friends, family members or organizations.*

#### Appraise-A-Thon with John W. Bruno



Click on [www.sdfne.org](http://www.sdfne.org) "Awards" for more information.

Coming again at the SDFNE in February 2012

**Do you want to go on an SDFNE trip? Where would you like to travel?  
Call 603-623-2692 or email us [www.sdfne.org](http://www.sdfne.org) with your answers.**