



Foundation News

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SDFNE MEMBERS TO BE HELD MAY 21, 2016

The 43rd Annual Meeting of the Square Dance Foundation of New England, Inc. will be held in Room 2009 of the Waumbec Mill, 250 Commercial Street, Manchester, New Hampshire, on Saturday, May 21, 2016 starting at 2:00 p.m.

At the meeting we plan to:

1. Elect Officers to hold office until the annual meeting in 2017.

Slate of Officers

President	Sheila M. Moody
Vice President	TBA
Clerk	Philip Alton
Treasurer	France C. Turgeon
Recording Secretary	Lisa M. Breault

2. Approve the Board of Directors decision to close the Square Dance Museum in Manchester, NH.
3. Transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

You are cordially invited to attend this important meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

The Square Dance Foundation of New England, Inc. enjoyed many accomplishments in Yr. 2015. What's most important about that year is the sweeping change in how vital square, round, and folk dance history is being preserved by the SDFNE. We would like to clear up some of the confusion about our actions, and leave you with a better picture of the SDFNE's Mission you are supporting,

Preservation – Promotion – Perpetuation.

In order to bring to fruition Charlie & Bertha Baldwin's vision of preserving square dance history, the SDFNE Officers and Board of Directors had been searching for an educational institution that valued the art of dance. We found that institution, The University of New Hampshire, in Durham, NH. A decade ago, historical dance collections from the SDFNE's Research Library were donated to UNH's Library for their Milne Special Collections Library which houses what is probably the largest collection of square dance related materials anywhere in the world. As the SDFNE's Research Library closed, UNH took a huge amount of books, documents, recordings, photographs, and other items.

The task of organizing and cataloging this material will take years. On September 29, 2015, the SDFNE made a contribution of \$5,000.00 to help the University's work on this

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task. As everyone knows, libraries and museums are constantly in need of financial support. In 2009, the SDFNE donated twenty-four square dance costumes to the University of New Hampshire's Museum.

Many of the books and records that we have donated have already been cataloged and are listed on the UNH web site.

To search for books use the web address:

<http://www.library.unh.edu/> then enter the keyword SDFNE.

To look for records, use the address:

<http://www.library.unh.edu/special/search/advanced.php?t=nhltmd>

and then enter the collection name SDFNE.

If you are searching for other types of materials, or need help with searching donation lists that the SDFNE has on its computers, please call Jim Mayo or John Wedge.

It is important to realize that a large collection of materials from the SDFNE collection are available on the SDFNE web site
www.sdfne.org.

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Using this web site, you can access the full set of Caller, Bob Brundage's interviews with more than 100 leading square dance people from the past 60 or more years and the complete digitized issues of the New England Caller/Northeast Square Dancer magazines. The complete publications of 5 major Caller Note Services are also available on the web site.

Not only can everyone visit the UNH Library in Durham, NH, but also access information via their web site. Indeed, we hope you will agree that the future looks bright for anyone wanting square dance information.

The Square Dance Foundation of New England, Inc. is now at the threshold of the next phase – continuing to support preservation to institutions that house our square dance materials with financial contributions; to honor couples and individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the overall growth of the dance activity; and to continue Charlie & Bertha Baldwin's vision of promotion and perpetuation of Square Dance.

New ideas will allow the SDFNE new growth opportunities. We've journeyed from the pioneering days of square dance into a new world of information technology. Despite the pride we take "in where we've been", our excitement comes from "where we're going" because of your continued membership and financial support. "Many Thanks to all SDFNE Members!"

Question: What will happen to all the square & round dance memorabilia that is currently in the SDFNE Square Dance Museum?

In contacting all the New England States' Historical Societies to see if they would be interested in photo albums from their State, sadly only NH wanted the albums from NH. But Connecticut told Dick Severance about the National Museum on Dance located in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Dick contacted them and they are pleased to accept all square dance memorabilia and some clothing from the SDFNE because at present they have no artifacts that represent Square Dance in their museum.

If you have donated some article to the SDFNE and would like it returned, please contact Dick Severance immediately at 603-623-2692 or email: sunrise105@comcast.net

Whatever square dance clothing is not donated to the UNH Museum, in Durham, NH, or, to the National Museum on Dance will be offered to the dance community in a Special Clothing Sale.

Notification of this sale will be on the SDFNE web site.

Anna K. Dixon

IN MEMORIAM

*There are those whose lives death cannot diminish
For their light shines on
In the lives of their families and friends.*

Bucky Donaher (MA)
March 17, 2016

Dave Hass (CT)
January 03, 2016

Sheldon "Kappy" Kaplow (MA)
March 19, 2016

Norma Alexander (RI)
December 26, 2015

Tom Dutton (NH)
April 29, 2015

Bolded names indicate SDFNE Officers, Board of Directors, Hall of Famers.

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Year 2015 "Special Drawing" Winners

Congratulations to the following lucky people!

Jim Wainwright II (MA) \$1,000.00

Cindy & Neil Hawley (MA) \$300.00

Donna Opalak (CT) \$200.00

20/50 Club Monthly Winners

Year 2016 Monthly -- \$50.00

Mar Harriett Clarke (MA)

Feb France Turgeon (MA)

Jan Dick & Judy Severance (NH)

Year 2015 At Annual Meeting

\$75. Ann Maglio (MA)

\$50. Al Brundage (FL)

\$25. Veronica McClure (MA)

Year 2015 Monthly -- \$50.00

Dec Ruth Johnson (MA) Aug Bob Clarke (MA)

Nov Carol Leighton (MA) Jul John Page (RI)

Oct Bud Clark (FL) Jun JoAnn Mayo (NH)

Sep Pauline St. Pierre (RI) May Bob & Martha Carpenter (FL)

TO SDFNE MEMBERS

"Many Thanks" To All who renewed their Memberships. We really appreciate your support of the SDFNE Mission- Preserve, Promote, and Perpetuate Square Dance.

"WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS"!

CT= Dana & Margaret Heckendorf, Ross & Susan Smith,
FL= Lucy Hall, MA= Hayloft Steppers, Barbara Nutting, Noah Nutting,
Richard Tobin, NH= Louise Maurier, Krista McCarthy, TX= Ron & Donna Hodges, VT= Bob Ropa, Pamela Nadeau.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

NH= Ted Lizotte, Cyndi Laplante, NJ= Donna Poyer, CT= Rich & Lynn Sbardella, RI = Paul Barnum, ME= Al Hipkins, MA= Ted & Tilda Baldwin, John & Betsy Baldwin Brink, Jo-Ann Sullivan, James T. Wainwright II, Ed & Margene Jervis.

BIG E SQUARE DANCE PERFORMANCES

***RI Day, 09-22-2015. Thanks to Caller, Rich Sbardella and his wife, Lynn, and the RI dancers who gave visitors to the Rhode Island Bldg. a wonderful performance. Many onlookers participated when the performance became "interactive". Kudos, Everyone!

***MA Day, 09-24, 2015. Caller, Cincy Hawley, and the Massachusetts dancers showed visitors to the MA Bldg. how square dancing can be fun! Thanks to All for the wonderful promotion and performance!

***NH Day, 09-25, 2015 Ralph Peacock, Caller, delighted the New Hampshire dancers and the audience when he called. Again, people watching wanted to try square dancing when it became "interactive". Thanks to Everyone!

HALL OF FAME AWARD



On August 01, 2015, Charlie & Paula Trapp were inducted into the Square Dance Foundation of New England's Hall of Fame. In 1966, Charlie began round dance lessons with Don & Hope Sargent and square dance lessons with Jack Bright. And two years later in 1968 started Calling. Over the years he has taught classes at Happy Squares, The Waltham Twirlers, Ramblin Hoedowners, Nauset Squares, Nautical Twirlers, Kramers Hayloft, Fan-C-Squares and many other clubs. He was always available to call for benefit dances, including the Yearling Dance, the Teen Carnival, SEMCA, and the SDFNE.

Charlie has attended a number of Caller Schools and learned from the best: Skip Smith, Kip Garvey, Earl Johnston, Al Brundage, Jack Larsy, Jim Mayo, Ron Schnider, and others. He continued his Caller education with Clinics by Clint McLean, Vaughn Parrish, Ed Foote, Bob Gambell, Dick Jones, Elmer Sheffield and many others. All of this education resulted in Charlie's twenty-nine successful Square Dance Weekends at East Hill Farm, Troy, NH.

In 1968, Charlie joined the Old Colony Callers Assoc. and served the organization as President, Vice Pres., NECCA delegate, and Education Chairman. At every OCCA meeting, training of callers is included. Since 1979, Charlie became a Callerlab member and has served on the Callerlab Advanced Selection Committee ever since. He has Called at every New England Convention since 1972, every SEMCA dance but one since 1970, and called at the 1977 and 2015 National Square Dance Conventions

Through all of these events, Paul has been at his side. They were married at a square dance 43 years ago. Fourteen squares were in attendance with Red Bates calling. Their marriage to each other and to square dancing is an inspiration to all of us. Charlie & Paula have dedicated themselves to the Preservation, Promotion and Perpetuation of Square and Round Dancing in New England. We applaud their generosity and talent.

Local Legend Award



Colleen Irish fits right into that special group of people who give their all for what they believe in. In 1993, Colleen and her husband, Gene, graduated from not one, but two square dance classes. After graduating, Colleen was elected Club Treasurer and served in that position for four years. She went on to become Club President and served until the early 2000's when Gene became ill. During the difficult time of taking care of Gene, Colleen developed a club newspaper, The Scoop, and is still compiling and printing it today.

After her husband's passing, Colleen went on to serve 3 terms as Club President; 5 terms as Dance Program Chmn. 3 additional terms as Club President and 4 years as Club Secretary.

This means Colleen has been promoting, preserving, and perpetuating square dancing for at least 22 years.

In 2008, she recognized a need to centralize the dance schedules of all Maine Clubs. She contacted all Maine Club Presidents and arranged a meeting. Out of that meeting in 2009, with Colleen's leadership, the Maine Federation of Square Dance Clubs was formed. She has served as the facilitator of this group ever since.

The Square Dance Community is extremely fortunate to have couples and individuals, like Colleen, who give so generously of their time and talents to support and perpetuate the legacy of square and round dancing in New England. We extend our appreciation and gratitude.

Year 2016 – We are sorry to announce no applications were received from Member clubs or SDFNE Members to recognize couples or individuals for the Hall of Fame or Local Legend Awards.

You will find a form for the Awards on the SDFNE web site: www.sdfne.org