

# **Foundation News**

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### **President's Message**

It's January 2003, a time for good intentions and a time for new beginnings. Resolutions are made and the SDFNE is off and running. If you are reading this newsletter (instead of putting it aside to read later), you are also starting the New Year off on the right foot. Changes and challenges are already in the works. It's to your advantage to stay informed.

# What's New?

An SDFNE administration area. Approximately 600 sq.feet that is adjacent to the Baldwin Library/Museum. It is housing all the filing cabinets that were once in the library; the extra copies of square and round dance books and magazines; extra artifacts; clothing related to the vintage square dance costumes; office supplies; and many cartons of assorted materials waiting to be filed.

#### 💥 Extra heavy duty metal

**shelving** – donated by William Parry of Raymond, NH. Many thanks, William! We also owe a "big thanks" to Art Dugas & Dick Severance for hauling and installing the donated shelving in the administration area. Now, volunteers are needed to put magazines, etc., on the shelves. Want to help? Call Dick 603-623-2692 or Anna 781-944-4416. WE NEED YOU! CALL NOW!

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## **CELEBRATE LIFE AND A VISION IN 2003**

# **SDFNE 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Can you believe that Charlie Baldwin's vision of preserving and perpetuating square dancing is now in its 30<sup>th</sup> year! Many people helped Charlie & Bertha Baldwin in reaching this goal. The SDFNE will recognize them at our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on **Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2003** at the Mill-A-Round Dance Center, 250 Commercial Street, Manchester, NH.

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INTERACTIVE SQUARE DANCING AT THE BIG E, WEST SPRINGFIELD, MA - SEPTEMBER 2002: A FUN TIME FOR ALL!

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MA STATE DAY – Thurs. 09-19-02: On a covered trailer-stage, Caller Mil Dixon guided square dancers and visitors to a successful completion of dance figures. Beverly Boudreau cued easy rounds to toe-tapping music. Certificates of Appreciation were given to MA's Bldg. Mgr., Stephen Quinn, and State Day Coor, Steve Walsh.

#### What's New, from page 1

**Local Legend Award.** This new SDFNE award is designed to honor people who have gone the extra mile to help promote square or round dancing in their local area.

Memorial Envelopes. Joanne Martin, Memorials Chmn., has designed an SDFNE Memorial Envelope. It may be used by clubs or persons to make a donation in memory of their loved ones or dancer friends. When you remember a person with a Memorial Donation, their name is inscribed in the Memorial Book at the SDFNE's Baldwin Library/Museum. To request envelopes, call Joanne 508-399-7034, or type www.sdfne.org.

18 Month SDFNE Calendar. This new fundraiser has witty cartoons by the great cartoonist, Stan Burdick, from New York. Stan & his wife Cathy are SDFNE Life Members. Owning this great calendar will make you "feel special" and "happy" every time you look at it. They'll be ready in April. Joanne Martin and her son, Jack, are in charge of this win-win fundraiser.

**Library/Museum Flyer.** 500 Club member, Shawn Cuddy, has designed an attractive  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" flyer promoting visits to the SDFNE's Baldwin Library/Museum. This bright yellow flyer can be put on a club's bulletin board for their information. It can also be reproduced and handed out to club/class members. Many dancers are still unaware that there is a square dance library/museum! Let's inform them and the world.

Square dance record, "Timber", by caller Patty Greene. Just released by Royal Records. It's a winner!

Want to receive your Foundation News by email? If yes, contact www.sdfne.org and give us your email address.

## ANNUAL RAFFLE TICKETS

Become a winner! Chairpersons, Art & Marge Dugas, have mailed raffle books to all members. Be on the lookout for them. The funds raised from this event help with the SDFNE's educational programs, e.g. the Leadership Conference's play, "The Curse of Leadership", and requests for talks on the history of square dance. The funds provide operational expenses - space rental, insurance, and office supplies, just to name a few. Please return your books with a donation. We urgently need your financial help to keep square dance history alive. Thanks in advance for your support.

## 20/50 Monthly Raffle Winners

This is a very popular fund-raiser. Make out your \$20.00 check to SDFNE and mail it to Jean Stahl, c/o SDFNE Office, 238 Woburn St, Reading, MA 01867. Jean will assign you a number that gives you the opportunity of winning \$50.00 by the drawing on the last day of each month, from now until the last day of April 2003. Every ticket that is drawn, is put back into the basket, to allow the chance to be drawn again in all future drawings, until and including the final drawings at the Annual Meeting in May.

#### 2002 Winners:

×	Jun	Jim Schell (MA)
×	Jul	Frances St.Pierre (CT)
×	Aug	Ernest Lein (RI)
×	Sep	Ginny Valenti (CT)
×	Oct	Priscilla Belcher (MA)
×	Nov	John Page (RI)
×	Dec	Diane Kelly (NH)
2003	8 Winne	rs:

Jan Anthony Ruscetta (RI)

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**Dance Organization Historical Record Storage Service** 

**OUTREACH PROGRAM #1** 

The Square Dance Foundation of New England offers to all dance organizations a Record Storage Service. Minutes, records, and historical reference materials maintained by dance organizations are normally passed on from one Executive Board to another. As a result, there is a problem with permanent storage and club or organization records get lost in the shuffle. Your records can have a permanent home at our archive center in Manchester, New Hampshire. It will be your club's or organization's responsibility to maintain such files. You may have access to your files anytime you desire.

A single source for record keeping storage has significant merit for New England dance organizations. We provide the location, you provide the file cabinet - 4-drawer letter size, color: beige, with or without a lock. If with a lock, you retain one set of keys, the Foundation the second set. File your materials in accordance with your wishes. From time to time, add to and maintain your own organizational records. This is just another way the SDFNE can be of service to the New England dance community.

For further information, or to make arrangements to participate in this Historical Record Storage Service program, contact: Dick & Judy Severance, Archives Director, 105 Oak Hill Avenue, Manchester, NH 03104-4457, Tel: 603-623-2692.



NH STATE DAY – Fri. 09-20-02: On an elevated stage, square dancers and visitors danced to the great yodeling and calling of Charlie McLeod. He ended the program with Kate Smith's record, "God Bless America". The sounds of this record brought everyone and everything to a proud and respectful standstill. When the record ended, the applause from everyone in the vicinity was thunderous! Gail McWilliam Jellie was given a Certificate of Appreciation.

#### SDFNE'S NEXT TRAVEL FUNDRAISER: BRANSON, MISSOURI

*Come join the fun!* Even if you have been to Branson before, this will be a trip like no other! The area will be decorated with Christmas lights, and the performers will be doing special Christmas productions. Dick & Judy Severance have planned a custom-trip. Not only will you enjoy the theater shows in Branson, but you will take side-trips to unique places of interest.

You will be staying in a quality hotel with a majority of your meals provided. Flyers will be ready in April. All the details will be on the flyers. Trip will leave from Logan Airport, Boston, MA on Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Return date is: November 6<sup>th</sup>.

If you're interested in going on this trip, Dick Severance, the SDFNE Tour Planner will be away for the month of March, so instead call Anna Dixon 781-944-4416 for details.



RI STATE DAY – Tues. 09-17-02: On the grass, Callers Lori Morin & Art Anthony square up dancers and visitors for fun-filled dancing. Pat Anthony cued easy rounds to ear- pleasing music. Certificates of Appreciation were given to RI's Mark Brodeur and Lisa DiRaimo.

## BELGIUM & HOLLAND RIVER CRUISE TRAVELERS GET-TOGETHER

It was a fabulous trip! So many sights to see – city squares, church spires, museums, tulips, canals, small villages, folk costumes, cheese-making, lace-making, porcelain factory. All of this and more was caught on video and by cameras. This is one of the reasons we have our travelers reunion - so we can see each others developed pictures. It is so rewarding to recapture the beauty and the fun times we all had. Great stories surface at the get-togethers.

On the hottest day of the summer, 08-17-02, the Dixons opened up their home and pool yard to Betty & Howard Hunter, Audrey Thompsen, Neenie Durham, Dick & Judy Severance, Ernie & Terry St.Cyr, Art & Marge Dugas, Ken & Sheila Moody, Paul & Pat Channell, Angie & Bill Sutherland, Judy Hibbard and Ray Feeney.

After viewing each others pictures, a cook-out was enjoyed. Louise Sutherland, Angie & Bill's daughter, surprised everyone by sending a delicious, decorated chocolate cake for dessert. Thanks for your thoughtfulness, Louise!

## In Memoriam

**2002 - 2003\*** There are those whose lives death cannot diminish, for their light shines on in the lives of their families and dancer friends.

Dick Delery Carrol Cass Ruth Tracy Elton Merritt

Ernie Chase Joe Hartka "Happy Hal" Petschke Kevin F. Dixon Jim Purcell Eddie Desmond Carl Swift Nina Chervenak

You can make a donation in memory of someone and the SDFNE will send a card to his or her family or to a friend acknowledging your gift in his or her memory. This memorial gift expresses a deep regard for others and helps support the educational efforts of the Baldwin Library/Museum. To make your contribution in memory of someone, contact the SDFNE Office or call Joanne Martin, Memorials Chmn, at 508-399-7034. \*since the last newsletter; **bolded** names signify Hall of Famers

# ARTIFACTS RECEIVED

To make history interesting, donated artifacts are vital. Looking and touching square or round dance memorabilia brings such joy. All of our members know about this important area of preserving dance history. We are most grateful to the following persons:

Gordon Brown, photos of 2002 Hall of Fame induction; Hal Petschke, his dad, "Happy Hal"'s sq.dance cassettes; Minutemen Squares SDC, Freeman the Robot – thanks to Ray Gonzalez for driving it up to the Library/ Museum. Kentucky Dance Foundation, replacement music records – thanks to Stew Shacklette; Lloyd Shaw Foundation, more music records – thanks to Bob Brundage and Bill Litchman; Alicia & Dick Morse, newspaper article from The Hartford Courant on "Happy Hal" Petschke; Frank Costa, Surfside 8's past newsletters; The Graphics Shop in Reading, MA, signs & posters for Leadership Seminar Play – thanks to Dan Doe & Sue; My Cleaners, special discount on drycleaning of 1940's teen square dance exhibition costumes – thanks to Sam Bejakian. These were costumes worn by Ginger Brown's troupe of boys and girls. They were donated by Ruth Johnson of Quincy, MA. Does anyone know the whereabouts of those teens, who are adults today? Give us a call if you do!

Stan Burdick, more sq.dance cartoons; Helen Mayall, colored photo of her husband, Eddie; Ed & Pat Juaire, every month they give 8 issues of The Northeast Square Dancer Magazine to the Library; Paul Hunt, VT Square Dance Calendar 2002-03; Pat Puma, sq.dance clothing; Lillian Keenan, newspaper article from The Patriot Leger about Bucky Donaher; Beni Bleyle, sq.dance clothing; Jack O'Leary, an original 1937 Dance Program by Gene Brundage, Al Brundage, and Guido (Al) Ruggiero for the Rural Youth Conference at Connecticut State College; Rev. Bob & Martha Carpenter, various publications and tapes of Sq.Dance Day; Lucy Hall, sq.dance jewelry and sq.dance patterns; Ron & Goldie Clifford, videos of Sq.Dance Awareness Day in Boston, 1988 etc.; Firesiders SDC, their club history, photo alburms, membership lists – thanks to Jerry & Grace Dufour.

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## 3 Notable Hall of Famers

#### 1993 Ernie Chase

- . One of the founders of the SDFNE
- 2<sup>nd</sup> SDFNE President
- Yankee Clipper Award in 1987
- . 37 yrs.of involvement in
- sq.dance leadership roles
- . Died 10-25-02 at 87 yrs.of age

#### 1998 Joe Hartka

- . SDFNE Clerk for 14 yrs
- . Yankee Clipper Award in 1992
- . 29 yrs. as a dancer-leader on
- local, regional & national levels
- . Died 07-13-02

#### 2002 "Happy Hal" Petschke

- . SDFNE 500 Club member
- . 32 yrs. as a square dance caller
- . Organized 12 senior citizens' sq.dance clubs throughout Connecticut
- Brought his sq.dance group to California's Rose Parade. They helped place the flowers on the National Square Dance Float.
  Died 07-09-02 at 79 yrs. of age

What "Extraordinary Lives" these men lived. They led by example. Their pioneering spirit has left its mark on New England's square dance scene, especially in the promotion, preservation, and perpetuation of our dance heritage. It's now our turn to carry on their vision.

CT STATE DAY – Wed. 09-18-02: Under a tent covered stage, square dancers and visitors enjoyed the singing calls & sq. dance patter of Callers Ed Rutty and Dave Hass. CT's Bldg. Mgr, Richard Emonds, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation.

## LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2002, over 30 people attended a new concept in Leadership Conferences – a mystery show combined with a luncheon.

Thanks to Connie Houle who provided a delicious luncheon. The mystery show was a 3-Act Play, titled: "The Curse of Leadership".

The play addressed leadership styles, negative and successful phrases, and the basic concerns of a person in a group. Len Houle was the Announcer. Leadership Styles were acted out by Anna Dixon, Bill Headen, Ron Clifford, Doc Tirrell and Goldie Clifford. Paul Channell was the square dance caller. The dancers were Grant & Swanee Gibby, Red & Bobbie Hebert, Bill & Marge Headen, Doug Ross & Kitty Charron. Basic Concerns were questioned by Joanne Martin, Jack Martin and Peg Tirrell. This play was a listen and learn production. Kudos to all the wonderful actors and actresses! In case you were unable to attend the

play, you have another chance to see it. And this time, there will be Q&A period built into the show's ending. "The Curse of Leadership" will be performed at the 45<sup>th</sup> New England Sq.&Rd. Dance Convention in Sturbridge, MA for the Education Program held at The Host Hotel. Date: Sat. 04-26-03 There'll be 2 shows in Seminar Rooms I & II. One at 1:00p.m., the other at 2:00p.m. See you there!



VT STATE DAY – Sat. 09-21-02: On an elevated stage, visitors and square dancers had fun dancing to the upbeat music of Caller Don Bachelder and Cuers, Peg & Doc Tirrell, and the whole Connolly family – Barbara, Jim, Paul & Crystal. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to VT's Bldg. Mgr., Ron Fisher.

#### 30th Anniversary, from page 1

Event is Open to All–members and non-members. Donation: \$5.00 per person. For easy traveling and participation, we have decided **to celebrate from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.** Tasty finger foods will be available. Of course, if you would like to bring your favorite cookies (bought or home-baked) to share, please do so!

The celebration will include a square dance in the large dance hall, and a "chat room" in the smaller hall. Do plan to come and reconnect with old friends and become acquainted with new members. Remember that saying, "a stranger is only a friend you haven't met". H.R. 645 "Promenade Act" Bill currently in Congress to designate Square Dance as the National Folk Dance. Call or write your Congressman. Urge him/her to co-sponsor this legislation.

#### Website-WWW.SDFNE.ORG

What a great job Patty Greene, our webmaster is doing! Thanks, Patty!

Hope everyone who is on the internet has looked us up. Why not be a web site SPONSOR? Only \$30.00 a month, and you can choose the month to have publicity, send greetings, or announce your special event. Give the SDFNE Office a call if you're interested. 781-944-4416 or type in www.sdfne.org

#### "WHY?" CONTEST- Win \$50.00 cash!

**In 50 words or less,** give us your reason(s) why SDFNE members should continue to support the Library/Museum, even if they no longer square or round dance. Send your contest entry to the SDFNE Office, 238 Woburn St., Reading, MA 01867-2838. Entries are the property of the Square Dance Foundation of New England, and may be used at the discretion of the SDFNE. Judges decision is final. *Contest Deadline: June 01, 2003.* **Winner's Prize: \$50.00 cash** (winner will be notified by mail).

Newsletter Editor

Anna Dixon **Contributing Staff** We need roving reporters from CT, MA, ME, NH, RI & VT. Call (781) 944-4416. **Production Assistance** MB Associates, Methuen, MA

#### WELCOME NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS!

(Since the last newsletter.) CT CT Assoc.of Dance Clubs Rocking Roosters SDC MA Kevin Bersing Raymond Gonzalez **Richard & Joan Jutras** Vernon Porter Guy Priel Pat Spinney NH David & Kathleen Lamoureux George & Shirley McCallan RI Richard & Carolyn Owens FL Pat S. Loy

Annual Membership \$10 per person. Club/Organization \$35 per group.

#### WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

(Since the last newsletter.) MA Norm Poisson NH Al Rouff CA Frank Lescrinier TX

Roberta Dixon Howard

Life Membership: \$100 per person. Club-Organization Life Membership: \$250 per group.

#### WELCOME 500 CLUB MEMBERS

(Since the last newsletter.)

MA Jane Carlson VT

Doc & Peg Tirrell

500 Club Membership: \$500 per family. Club-Organization \$500. With this membership your name is engraved on a brass bar that is displayed on a wooden plaque in the library/museum.

## FINANCIAL DONORS

Generous donations, that help the SDFNE preserve the rich history of square dancing, were received from the following: Massachusetts Dept. of Food & Agriculture, Connecticut Dept. of Economic & Community Development, New Hampshire Dept. of Agriculture, Markets & Food, Vermont Dept. of Agriculture, Food & Markets, Minutemen Squares SDC (MA), Pat S. Loy (FL), Jeanne Hannon (CA), Tom & Cheryl King (MA), Willem Agenant of The Netherlands, Apple Squares SDC (NH), Tri-State Callers Assoc.



#### ENDOWMENT FUND

The SDFNE's Endowment Fund plays a major role in securing permanency for the preservation of square dance history. With great appreciation, we wish to thank the following Donors: Parker & Midge Symmes (MA), and Frank Lescrenier (CA). Help keep the library/museum operational for all to enjoy. Send a donation to the Endowment Fund in any amount, small or large. We truly appreciate your support.

**SDFNE's Baldwin Library/ Museum in Manchester, NH:** visits by appointment. Call the SDFNE Office: 781-944-4416 or 603-623-2692 or www.sdfne.org.

## WHY I VOLUNTEER

Taken from Promenade, Ohio May 1997

It's not for money, nor for fame, It's not for any personal gain, It's just for love of fellow man, It's just to lend a helping hand.

It's just to give a tithe of self, That's something you can't buy with wealth,

It's not for medals won with pride,

It's just for the feeling deep inside.

It's that reward deep in your heart, It's feeling you have been a part, Of helping others far and near, That makes you be a volunteer.

#### MANY THANKS! ANNUAL RENEWALS

(Since the last newsletter.) James Farquhar (MA), Larry & Sally Parks (ME), Gerry & Denise Deschaies (ME), Don & Pat Brann (ME), Jane & Benito Natale (MA), Marilyn Rivenburg (MA), Lori & Dave Morin (RI), John Helm (CT), Joe & Catherine Prendergast (MA), Parker & Midge Symmes (MA), James Chiasson (MA), Gerry Hardy (NY), Dick & Alicia Morse (CT), Richard & Christina Serwetman (MA), Dan & Nansi Sorano (MA), Lydia Brissette (MA), Linda & Roger Poyant (MA), James & Carol Guy (MA), Dennis & Stephanie Coruth (NH), Nubble Lighthouse Keepers SDC (ME), George & Alice Clattenburg (MA).



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#### Date Time Event Place/Contact Wed. 02-05 **Mailing of Annual Raffle Tickets** Art & Marge Dugas, Raffle Chmn. 603-623-8566 Sat. 03-15 SDFNE Bd. of Dir. Mtg. 10:am SDFNE Baldwin Lib/Museum, NH and after the meeting, a Workparty 2:pm If you plna to help, call Dick 603-623-2692 Sun. 03-16 35th CT S&R Dance Festival 11:am-6:pm Wilby H.S., 460 Bucks Hill Rd, Waterbury CT (stop by the sdfne exhibit table) Ginny: 860-571-8839 or sqdancer@peoplepc.com Sun. 03-30 50th Anniv.-Narragansett Callers Assoc 11:30am-4:30pm Venus de Milo Restaurant, Rt 6, Swansea MA Dinner and Dance Art Anthony 401-434-2309 45th NESRD Convention Trail-In Dance 8:pm-11pm Thurs. 04-24 The Host Hotel, Sturbridge MA Phil & Sandie Gatchell, Chmn. 781-933-6648 Fri. 04-25 & Sat. 04-26 45th NESRDConvention The Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA Phil & Sandi Gatchell: 781-933-6648 Sandi Simmons: 508-478-7008 Fri. 04-25&26 45th NESRDConvention SDFNE Exhibit booth-manned by the Board of Directors and Volunteer Members. Sat. 04-26 45th Convention's Fashion Show 9:am breakfast & The Host Hotel in The Terraces 10:am fashion show Marion Rooney, Chmn 781-444-8009 Anna Dixon, Commentator 781-944-4416 Sat. 04-26 45<sup>th</sup> Convention's Education Program The Host Hotel, Sturbridge MA Play - "The Curse of Leadership" In rooms Seminar I & II 1:pm Play - second seating 2:pm Sun. 04-27 **SDFNE Trail-Out Dance** 9:30am-noon Grand Ballroom of The Host Hotel Callers & Cuers are SDFNE Members 2+2 program Sqs-Rds Split-the-Pot If not attending, contributions are appreciated. Donation: \$5.00 per person Sun. 05-04 S.E.M.C.A King & Queen Ball 2:pm-6:pm Plymouth South High Sch., Plymouth MA Jean Stahl 508-668-2153 Sat. 05-17 Mill-A-Round Dance Ctr, Manchester NH **SDFNE Annual Meeting** 2:pm Election of Officers 250 Commercial Street 2<sup>nd</sup> FL Hall of Fame Induction Anna & Mil Dixon 781-944-4416 SAVE THIS DATE & Plan To Be In On The Celebration: Mill-A-Round Dance Ctr, Manchester NH Sat. 10-25 **SDFNE 30th Anniversary** 10:am-4:pm Thurs. 10-30 **Travel Fundraiser Departure** Branson, Missouri

#### YEAR 2003 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

To Become A Member: Fill out this section and mail to SDFNE Office, 238 Woburn St, Reading, MA 01867-2838. Make checks payable to Square Dance Foundation of New England, Inc. or S.D.F.N.E.

Name:	□ Annual Membership: \$10.00 per person
Address:	or \$35.00 Club/Organization\$
	I would like to make a gift
 T 1	to the Endowment Fund of \$
Tel:	□ I would like to make
Email:	a Memorial Donation in the name of
Signature:	in the amount of \$

To reach our goals, we need continuous financial support.