



Foundation News

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



President's Message

In the spirit of the season, the SDFNE Officers and Board of Directors wish to thank all the supportive Members, generous Donors, and wonderful Volunteers. Their dedication makes it possible for the doors of the SDFNE's Charlie & Bertha Baldwin Library and Museum to be open to the dance community and the public.

Since 1973, the Square Dance Foundation of New England, Inc., has been dedicated to ensuring that the recordings of square dance music and the stories of events and people who shaped Square Dance History are never forgotten.

We want square dancing to always remain relevant and inspire as many people as possible. To use a quote by Oliver Wendall Holmes, "The great thing in the world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving".

For 35 years the SDFNE has provided an interactive environment where people of all ages gained an enjoyable, educational experience at the Library and Museum – and had fun learning about the rich history of Square Dance. It is imperative that we continue to engage visitors to become acquainted with square dancing and its rewards. So much has been lost since the public schools discontinued square dancing as part of their physical education program. Today, very little is known about the art of square dancing, even though some of the New England States have it as their State Dance.

At present, the SDFNE collections have grown to the extent that storage and display space is no longer adequate. We are searching for alternate solutions to this challenge which includes the possibility of relocating. Our search to relocate has to be economically affordable. Your continued financial and donation support is needed.

It is our desire to continue the service we are providing the square dance community. We are always looking for materials of historical significance; we know there are valuable treasures out there that we would welcome. If anyone has a "Club Costume", please call me at 781-944-4416, as we are looking for them to use in the upcoming 51st NESRDC's Fashion Show, whose title is "Celebrating With Club Spirit".

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CALLERLAB FOUNDATION DIRECTORS AWARD

The Callerlab Foundation Directors Award was presented by Jim Mayo, Past Callerlab Chmn., to a very surprised couple at the March 2008 Tri-State Callers' meeting at the Mill-A-Round Dance Center in Manchester, New Hampshire.



This Award was received by Anna & Mil Dixon, SDFNE President. It was presented with sincere appreciation in recognition of exceptional and extremely outstanding service to The Foundation and To Square Dancing – dated March 19, 2008 – by THE CALLERLAB FOUNDATION.

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During the coming year, we are taking major steps to digitize as much of our collections as possible. This is being done by our Library Associates, Jim Mayo, Johnny Wedge, Joe Casey, Walt Bull and Paul Cote. Many Thanks to these wonderful volunteers. We are also continuing our relationship with the University of New Hampshire, in Durham, NH, to transition portions of our collections to their library, where their book collection on Square Dance will become the largest in the world. It will be accessible to all interested parties, thus maintaining our vision of preserving our great dance heritage into the future.

You understand the importance of this square dance treasure, and you know the importance this square and round dance information has for the future. We hope you will continue to be a part of this legacy, and make square dance history come alive for others by participating in our Fundraisers. We thank you again for your commitment to the SDFNE vision!

Anna Keenan Dixon

YANKEE CLIPPER AWARD

During the Celebrity Hour at the 50th NESRDC, the prestigious Yankee Clipper Award given by CO-OP (New England Square and Round Dance CO-Operation Committee, founded in 1961) to well-deserving couples:



Bud & Judy Clifford of Vermont and Johnny & Barbara Wedge of Massachusetts. They received this award for distinguished service to Square and Round Dancing in New England. The CO-Operation Committee makes these awards acting in the name of the square and round dancers in EDSARDA, callers in NECCA, and round dance teachers in NECORTA. To read about these 2 couples, please go to www.sdfne.org.

TRIBUTES

Ken & Carol Leighton (MA) gave an SDFNE Tribute to their friends, Ron & Goldie Clifford. The Cliffords were celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations, Ron & Goldie!

Kappy & Norma Kaplow presented Jane Carlson an SDFNE Tribute at her 80th Birthday Celebration. Wishing you many more happy years, Jane!

In Sept. 2008, a Tribute was presented to Dick Severance, SDFNE Archives Director, on his landmark 75th birthday by the SDFNE Bd. of Directors. To mark this occasion, Doug Ross, Tribute Chmn., read his unique poem honoring Dick.

HAPPENINGS... YEAR 2008



SDFNE's 35th Anniversary Celebration

October 25th was a gorgeous day. From far and near 95 people attended this celebration. The SDFNE had the honor of Charlie & Bertha Baldwin's two sons, Peter and Theodore and his family being present. It was a great reunion – visiting with people who have supported Charlie Baldwin's vision for many years. This was made a memorable day by callers and cuers who were past SDFNE Officers, Directors, Organizational Representatives, and Library Associates. *Many Thanks to: Mil Dixon, Art Anthony, Pat Anthony, Joe Casey, Paul Cote, Bucky Donaher, Jennie Frisella, Charlie McLeod, Birgit Maguire, Dennis Marsh, Jim Mayo, Al Rouff, France Rouff, Jay Silva, Darrell Sprague, Doc Tirrell, Peg Tirrell, Johnny Wedge, Jo Yakimowski.* Art Anthony and Mil Dixon as MCs did a great job keeping the afternoon program running smoothly. An added attraction was the display of 45 colorful and interesting Square Dance History Panels by Dick Severance. These will be on display in the Education Room at the 51st NESRDC in Sturbridge, MA in April 2009. Do plan to see them. Of course the refreshments were delicious. Thanks to all who brought "goodies", and to Dorothy Gulliford, refreshment chairman for the day.

Did you see the announcement of the SDFNE 35th on the covers of the CO-OP Yr. 2009 Directory, the SEMCA Calendar, the Northeast Square Dancer Magazine, and the Square & Round Dance Foundation of Rhode Island? "Kudos" to France Rouff for the computer artwork and composition. The great flyers announcing the event were composed by Peg Tirrell and

The Baldwins



Peter and Theodore



France Rouff. Thanks, gals! We also appreciated the honor of being asked to have the SDFNE 35th on the cover of Year 2009 CO-OP Directory. Many Thanks to EDSARDA, NECCA, NECORTA, CO-OP; and to Ed Juairé for his great help.

The Anniversary Celebration was made memorable when the SDFNE received a Proclamation from Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick and from New Hampshire Gov. John Lynch, both proclaiming the week of Sept. 19 to the 25th "Square Dance Heritage Week"! Also commemorating the SDFNE's 35th, the Massachusetts House of Representatives issued a Citation congratulating our efforts in preserving Square Dance History.

Also, to remember the SDFNE's 35th, Bernadette Bennett, Museum Gift Shop Chmn., had on display the **NEW 35th Anniversary Tee**. This tee is a Serene Green with the names of all SDFNE members in dark green lettering. It looks spectacular! To order, send your check (\$20.00 for 1 or \$35.00 for 2) with the sizes you need to the SDFNE Office. There is an order form enclosed in this newsletter-



Buy & find your name(s)!



Anna Dixon introducing Phyllis Casey (NH). There are 2 surviving signers of the SDFNE 1973 Articles of Incorporation, Phyllis Casey (NH) and Vera Smith (FL).

Freeman the Robot

Once again, Freeman marches on. Due to the NH volunteer team of Manchester Central High School students, Dillon Sinotte, Mike Lazos, Nihco Gallo, Nick Ambrogio, Zak Binns, Steven Kroh, Riley Larkins, Nate Cuhna and Kyle O'Dowd, Freeman moves freely with all new electrical parts and software. This team was lead by Andy Grady, PSNH. On the SDFNE's 35th Anniversary Celebration, 10-25-08, Science Teacher, David Kelso, and his wife Nancy, Family and Consumer Science Teacher, with the help of students Mike Lazos and Steven Kroh, gave the dancers demonstrations of Freeman's new abilities. All were amazed and delighted by Freeman's movements. Freeman had been donated to the SDFNE by the Minuteman Squares of Lexington, MA. Thanks to Ray Gonzalez for bringing him and his box of antique parts, just in case someone could make him move once more, to the museum. And the Manchester Central High students, with their teacher's vision, did just that. Many, many thanks to all.



SEMCA'S King & Queen Ball

The newly crowned King & Queen, Ed & Ruth Kdonian are members of the Swinging Squares of Warwick, RI. Congratulations to the Kdonians. Happy Dancing!

Friendship Festival

On November 09, 2008, NSSARDA held their Friendship Festival 2008 at the Mill-A-Round Dance Ctr. in Manchester, NH. At this Festival, twenty-two NSSARDA Clubs can nominate a couple for the "Friendship Couple" drawing. This year's event had twelve squares attend, and the winners for "Friendship Couple" were Kathi Butt & Wendell Woodward. They are members of Border City Squares in Nashua, NH. NSSARDA Pres. Bob & Doris Moore were in charge of this very successful Festival.

Certificates of Appreciation

from SDFNE were presented to 50th Anniversary Square Dance Clubs: **Hobomock Hoedowners** - On April 05th, in Braintree, MA, square & round dancers, joined in wishing the Hobomock Hoedowners continued success. Bucky Donaher and past Club Callers, and Harriett Clarke - did their calling and cueing magic for an appreciative crowd. **Border City Squares** - On May 10th, in Nashua, NH, a jubilant crowd turned out to wish the Border City Squares continued longevity. Patty Greene flew in from NC to Call, and Marilyn Rivenburg drove from MA to Cue. A local newspaper reporter was on hand to chronicle the event.

IN MEMORIAM Year 2008

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

Claire Belaski
Wally Burke
Stanley Dojny
Culver Griffin
Ronald Nickerson
Arthur Vachon

Warren Blake
Bill Chadwick
Judy Smith Foley
Alice Kardentz
Bob Paris
Dick Willard

Robert Brown
James Demos
Annette Gibavic
Edmund Mack
Ed Reed

Tex Brownlee
Russell Dixon
Sharon Golden
John Miller
Marie Shipman

Continuing To Be Remembered...

Charlie & Bertha Baldwin

Bonney Burns
Louise Griffin

Ernie Chase
Shirley Kippax

Diane Downing
Bill Tracy

When you make a donation in memory of someone, the SDFNE will send a card to his or her family acknowledging your gift. This memorial gift expresses a deep regard for others, and helps support the educational efforts of the Baldwin Library and Museum. To make your contribution in memory of someone write to the SDFNE office or fill out the form on insert page.

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

...AND THE WINNER IS.....

20/50 MONTHLY RAFFLES – WINNERS

Year 2007 Nov. June Williams (RI) Dec. Glenn Kippax (RI)

Year 2008 01=Eleanor Manning (MA) 02=Thomas Tihen (RI) 03=Wm & Delores O'Leary (MA) 04=George & Marge Barrett (RI)
05=Jim Mayo (NH) 06=Bertha Kenney (MA) 07=Peg & Doc Tirrell (VT) 08=Bob Silva (FL) 09=Bernadette Bennett (MA)
10=Jennie Frisella (NH) 11=Josephine Thibodeau (CT)

As those of you know who participate in this 20/50 SDFNE Monthly Fundraiser, cost of 1 ticket is \$20.00 – and gives you the chance to win the monthly drawing for the whole 12 months, the remainder 20/50 drawing is held at the SDFNE Annual Meeting held on the third Saturday of May. You do not have to be present to win. Your winner's check is sent to YOU. The lucky WINNERS on May 17, 2008: \$100.00 – Patricia Barry (NH) \$50.00 – Mary Castonguay (NH) \$25.00 – Virginia Pickering (NH) \$25.00 – Bob Griffin (NH).

It turned out to be NH by a landslide! Many thanks to Jean Stahl, Chmn., for this fantastic fundraiser!

"SPECIAL DRAWING" – WINNERS

On April 26, 2008 at the 50th NESRDC's Celebrity Hour, the following persons had the surprise of their life!

\$1,000.00 – Betty Lou Bolster (NH) **\$300.00** – Marla D. Curley (CT) **\$200.00** – Jean Tierney (MA).

We wish to thank ALL who supported this SDFNE fundraiser. You are true supporters of the Preservation of Square Dance!

These annual fundraising tickets will either be emailed by SDFNE Treas. France Rouff – if people want to receive them by email; or will be mailed to your home address. Your participation supports square dance preservation.

\$\$\$ FINANCIAL DONATIONS \$\$\$

Without Financial Donations, your Square Dance Library and Museum could not exist. Membership dues alone do not cover the rent, or the expenses that accompany running it. We sincerely "Thank" all of you who so generously give your hard-earned money to support the SDFNE's mission of Preserving, Promoting, and Perpetuating Square Dancing:

Tri-State Callers Association, CT Dept. of Economic & Community Development, NH Dept of Agriculture, Markets & Food, MA Department of Food & Agriculture. Diane M. Kelly, Ken & Carol Leighton, Kappy & Norma Kaplow, Lonnie S. Ligon, Joseph & Lorraine Pellon, Allan A. Seroll, Barbara C. Brooks, Jane A. Carlson, Dave & Nancy Kelso, Betty Williams, and Don & Beulah O'Bryant.

INTERESTING DONATIONS -2008

Space limits enumerating all the donations by these wonderful people. The ongoing support of the SDFNE ensures that Square Dance and the values it represents will never be forgotten, and will continue to reach future citizens of New England and our country.

An attractive 50th NESRDC Quilt, made by Betty Williams (VT). **Banners/Pennants:** Sheila Goodwin (MA), donated 52 from clubs no longer in existence. Steve Park (MA) banner of the Garden City Squares (MA). **Books:** Bob Brundage (NM) softcover, I Flew Them First – a Test Pilot's Story by Don Armstrong; Paul Channell (MA) books by Lawrence Loy; Joe Casey (NH) 2 boxes of Charlie Baldwin's books; Betty & Irv Easterday (MD) Lloyd Shaw's Round Dance book, small paperback by Fred Leifer; Gail Seastrom (CA) Bob Osgood's complete bound set of his "Sets In Order"; Al Brundage (FL) small red Pocket Book of Calls that Al & Earl Johnston put together. **CD/Video/Cassette:** Jim Mayo (NH) his Yr.2005 CD History of Square Dancing; Art McMullen (AZ) video of the opening ceremonies at the Calgary Winter Olympics; Paul Trowbridge's wife (CT) his collection of over 200 video tapes. Paul taped dances in CT which he edited into 30 minute shows that were broadcast on local TV for years. **Vintage Clothing:** Club Costumes- Yankee Twirlers from Bob & Doris Moore (MA), Queen City Promenaders from Joe Belaski (NH), Hickory Hills Squares from Don & Beulah O'Bryant (NH). **Club History/Newsletters:** Colleen Irish (ME) Central Maine Sq's Newsletter; Lois Stalling (ME) Sunset Squares History as written by Sheila Chisholm on Jan. 16, 1971. It was interesting to read that the Purple Heart Badge was a part of square dancing in 1970, just as it is today. Great Plain Squares (MA), newsletters; Al Brundage (CT-FL) Historical Review of Square Dance; Ron & Goldie Clifford (MA) Square Riggers' meeting minutes, 25th Anniversary Program with the club's history. EDSARDA- Gov. Proclamations for Square Dance Week. **Photos:** Using digital cameras, or just regular cameras, Art & Pat Anthony (RI), Ellie Sturges (CT), Peg Tirrell (VT), and George & Marge Barrett (RI) have provided us with many pictures of square & round dance events. Some of them are shown in this "Foundation News" issue. George Haile (MA) and Joe Casey (NH), a large framed photograph of Joe calling a "duck" square – many years ago; Bob Brundage (NM) 8 pictures of well known callers (1960's); Steve Park (MA) photo album of the Garden City Squares (MA); Rocking Roosters SDC, photo of their longtime club caller, Bob Paris (CT). **Music Records:** Ruth Petrin (NH) an autographed cover of Frannie Heintz's record, Modern Square Dance, an autographed cover of Joe Lewis' record J-L-Bar-L Band; Bob Brundage (NM) seven records by him; Ruth Belding (NH) many square & round dance records, a Hilton Micro 75 sound system; Richard Gesner (NH) records and albums. There is so much to see at the SDFNE's Charlie & Bertha Baldwin Library and Museum. Do make plans to visit.

50TH New England Square and Round Dance Convention

55 Happy Models in "Celebrations" Fashion Show Finale.

All the events offered at the 50th NESRDC were FABULOUS. Sandi & Jay Silva and their committee chmn. deserve a big round of applause! Thanks to All.



One event, the 50th Fashion Show, narrated by SDFNE President, Anna Keenan Dixon showed some spectacular square dance costumes. Past Conventions were either modeled by their Chairmen, or if they were from earlier conventions, then the lovely volunteer models did them justice. Interspersed with convention costumes, vintage costumes from the 1950's to the 2000's were modeled. The fashion show Program booklet was ably depicted by using pictures taken by Dorothy Gulliford, and then computerized by France Rouff. Lots of compliments were received on the Programs.



Individual pictures of the models were taken by convention photographer, Amanda Corthell. Video taping was done by Judy Severance and when he wasn't modeling, Dick Severance. The audience was surprised to see Charlie & Bertha Baldwin, SDFNE's Founders, being brought to life by Dick Severance and Pauline Barkalow. They wore the 1976 Bi-centennial costumes that Bertha Baldwin made for herself and Charlie. A big "Yellow Rock" to the following models: Pat & Art Anthony (RI), Pauline & Tom Barkalow (MA), Donna & Moe Bracken (MA), Martha & Rev. Bob Carpenter (VT), Judy & Bud Clifford (VT), Christine Curley (CT), Marla Curley (CT), Evy & Allan Dean (CT), Norene & Dan Foley (CT), Sandie & Phil Gatchell (MA), Barbara & Bob Graybill (NH), Connie & Len Houle (MA), Carol Lang & Paul Howard (MA), Norma & Kappy Kaplow (MA), Ellen & Richard Knowlton (NH), Dianna & John Maurice (MA), Marilyn Medler (MA), Liz Prescott (ME), Marion Rooney (MA), France & Al Rouff (MA), Dick Severance (NH), Sandi & Jay Silva (NH), Pat Spinney & Mike Arsenault (MA), Ellie Sturges (CT), Madeline Whitney (ME), Joe Arsenault (ME), Peg & Doc Tirrell (VT), Gloria & Fran Vivier (MA), Concetta Williams & Paul Barnum (RI), Merna & Jack Wilson (MA). Models received attractive turquoise oval dangles, featuring a dance couple in gold, made by Steve and Peggy Schevis of Majestic Badge in Lynn, MA. Judy Severance caught the whole event on video. Thanks to Judy and to Majestic Badge!



In April of 2009, the fashion show will feature Club Costumes. If any of you who are reading this have a Club Costume, or know of someone who still has one, please contact Anna Dixon at 781-944-4416. We would love to have the costume in the fashion show.

WELCOME !

NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS

Ken & Denise Carbonell (ME) – Dan Foley (CT) - Lee & Kay Kennedy (ME) – Ed & Ruth Kdonian (MA) – Frank LeBrun (ME) – Steve Park (MA) – Laura Perrault (MA) - Judith Plantier (CT) – Frank & Kathleen Rice (CT) - *Single Squares SDC* (MA) – Jack & Merna Wilson (MA).

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Jean Soper Lee (CT) – Beverly MacKay (MA) – Tim & Donna Marriner (SC) - John Sherman (CT)

MANY THANKS !

TO MEMBERS WHO RENEWED

(If your name is not listed, please call: France Rouff, membership 978-975-2619 to straighten things out.)

CT: Bishel, Art & Pat – *Cheshire Cats SDC* - Cohen, Gary & Marcia – *CT Assoc of Sq. Dance Club Inc.* - Dojny, Florence – Helm, John & Elaine – Humiston, Hugh & Marjorie – Opalak, Donna – Ort, Thomas & Carol Ann – Pellon, Joe & Lorraine – Sturges, Eleanor – Thibodeau, Leo & Josephine – Tyler, Mel & Skip.

MA: Arndt, Gervase - Baumgarten, Samuel - Boyer, Frank - Brunt, Gloria – Champagne, Richard – Chase, Paul & Barbara – Cormier, Nancy – Crowther, Tom & Sue – Dakin, Jim & Betsy – Dougherty, Evelyn – Downing, Charlie & Patt – Duchesne, Normand & Rose – Farquhar, James – Gadon, Fredric & Nancy – Gray, Russell & Sally – Gschwind, Eugene & Paula – Guy, Jim & Carol – Hagman, Frederick – *Happy Rounds RDC* – Hayes, Bill & Joan – Howard, Paul & Lang, Carol – Hoyt, Kathleen – Hoyt, Sally – Jervis, Ed & Margene – Kenney, Bertha – Kerr, Duncan & Carol – King, Gene – Lane, Richard – Latawiec, Eleanor - LeClerc, Richard – MacKay, Robert - Maglio, Vincent & Ann - Marsh, Dennis & Peggy – McNie, Althea – Miller, C. Bill – Morton, Larry & Becky – Murphy, Frank – Natale, Jane & Benito – Olney, Dave & Peg - Orrell, Charles & Jean – Peeler, Matthew & Nancy – Perrault, Dave – Poyant, Roger & Linda – Pike, Dorothy - Schell, Jim & Joyce – Segal, J.B. – Seroll, Allan – Serwetman, Richard & Christina - Soini, Richard & Rita – Sullivan, Ed & Phyllis – Suydam, Bill & Ada – Szpakowski, Stan & Marilyn – Webb, Frederick & Cynthia.

ME: Belanger, Jim & Patricia - Brown, Skip & Betty Ann – Deshaies, Gerry & Denise – *Nubble Lighthouse Keepers* - Parks, Larry & Sally – Whitney, Jack & Madeline.

NH: Arvidson, Dick & Louise – Dagenais, Helen – Demos, Alexander – Fortnam, Robert & Janet – Gotham, Howard & Kathleen - Graybill, Barbara – Greene, Kenneth & Patricia – Hayes, Marlene - Kay, George & Karen - Kelly, Diane – Knowlton, Richard & Ellen – Laufman, Dudley & Jacqueline – McCallan, George & Shirley – McGibbon, George & Gayle – O'Bryant, Donald & Beulah - Peacock, Ralph & Cheryl – St.Onge, Richard & Lucille - White, Dick & Shirley – Yelle, Leo & Jean.

RI: Barker, Bill & Norma - Barnum, Paul – Courtois, Gloria – Gordon, Norman – Haupt, Bob – Mackin, Everett & Arline – Williams, Concetta.

VT: Heroux, Ron & Georgette – Smith, Ardis – St.Cyr, Henry & Cornelius, Donna.

Out of New England:

CA: Van Antwerp, Bob & Linda

NY: Corey, Sandy – Millar, Peg & Push, Pat -

SC: Oxendine, Tony

VA: Marshall, John



CONGRATULATIONS!

NEW GRAND SQUARE SOCIETY MEMBER - Al & France Rouff (MA)

ANNUAL MEETING

On a bright and sunny day, many SDFNE members gathered to hear what is happening at the SDFNE's Charlie & Bertha Baldwin Library and Museum and to congratulate, after the induction, the new Hall of Famers, John Hendron (MA) and Norma & Bob Silva (FL). A moment of silence was held to recognize Armed Forces Day. Anna Dixon introduced the Volunteer Officers and Board Members and thanked them for their dedicated work. She then presented Dick Severance with a Certificate of Appreciation for his 2 years of research and compiling display boards depicting the history of square dancing. These 45 attractive and informative display boards, "A Walk Through History", were lined up the whole length of the Mill-a-Round Dance Center for attendees to read and enjoy. Videos and photo's are being made for permanent record. An article from the boards will be on the web site monthly. Tri-State Callers are lending a helping hand to photograph items in the Library and Museum. Since the Annual meeting, Paul Cote has taken hundreds of pictures of the 45 display boards. Special Thanks to Paul! Anna encouraged members to seek new members - \$12.50 ea. - for a year. A small price to pay for a treasure!



Johnny Wedge continues to update the web site. He has over 101 interviews by Bob Brundage on the web site. Kathryn Charron, Nominating Chmn. read the SDFNE Slate of Officers for 2008-09. The Guest Speaker for the Annual Meeting was Johnny Wedge. His talk was on his "Square Dance Days in Saudi Arabia". Everyone enjoyed hearing about his adventures over there. The business meeting ended with President Anna Dixon explaining the reasoning behind the logo of the Square Dance Foundation of New England. Everyone was then invited to enjoy refreshments. We hope on May 16, 2009 many more members will be in attendance. Mark your calendars!

HALL OF FAME AWARDS



John Hendron

The highlight of the SDFNE Annual Meeting on May 17, 2008 was the induction of Hall of Fame recipients who have dedicated years to promoting, and preserving Square and Round Dancing. This year was no exception. Bob & Barbara Graybill, Recognitions Awards Chmn. did the honors. John Hendron of Framingham, MA and Norma & Bob Silva of Naples, Florida became the SDFNE's Yr. 2008 Hall of Famers. Jay and Sandi Silva accepted the Hall of Fame personal plaque for Jay's parents who were unable to be present. John Hendron was present. After his many square



Norma and Bob Silva

dance accomplishments were revealed to the attendees, he said he was surprised to hear how many there were. For more details, please go to www.sdfne.org

LOCAL LEGEND AWARDS

The SDFNE cannot recognize people who by their actions benefit square and round dancing unless YOU write in and tell us about them. Forms can be downloaded from the SDFNE web site: www.sdfne.org

The local Modern Western Square Dance or Round Dance Club continues to be successful yearly and brings true enjoyment to dancers because of the efforts of club leaders, callers, and cuers. The longtime service of these individuals includes a dedication to preserve "Square & Round Dance", activities that are wholesome, healthy, and FUN!

It is with great pleasure that the Square Dance Foundation of New England awards the Local Legend to the following dedicated leaders, callers, and cuer: May Banks (VT), George & Marge Barrett (RI), Ron & Ellen Foster (MA), Bill & Norma Fulton (ME), John & Judy Thompson (ME), and Pat & Don Brann (ME).



Marge and George Barrett (RI)

(Editors would really appreciate clubs sending pictures when awards are presented at their dances.)

BIG E INTERACTIVE SQUARE DANCE PRESENTATIONS

A Million Thanks to all the Callers and Cuers who gave of their talent and time at these 4 presentations.

A Million Thanks also to all the volunteer dancers who helped make people aware that Square Dancing and Round Dancing is still alive! SDFNE President, Anna Dixon was in attendance at all of the interactive presentations. Mil Dixon, Art & Marge Dugas, and Sheila & Ken Moody were able to be present on MA State Day. The visitors who tried our wonderful activity, square dancing, had a great time!

For the first time in 14 years, the SDFNE's annual Big E Interactive Square Dance Presentations were held in the sun. Visitors to the State Buildings of Rhode Island on 09-16, CT (09-17), MA (09-18) and NH (09-19) and the volunteer dancers were delighted.



Bob Keith & Denise Caniglias and Eva Wayne. Callers were Art Anthony & Lori Morin, and Cuer was Pat Anthony.

RHODE ISLAND -- Jayne Panarello and Mark Brodeur of the RI Tourism Division were pleased to have the following RI dancers perform: Helen & John Page, George & Marge Barrett, Paul Barnum & Concetta Williams, Lisa Breault, Jim Ames, Randy & Debby Halback, Dana & Trudy Heckendorf, John & Terry Sousa, Louise Shelden & Don Reed,



CONNECTICUT -- Stuart Fitzgerald and Nick Karas of the CT Economic & Community Development were happy to see the CT volunteer dancers: Ellis Sturges & Natalie Krotzer, Dan & Norene Foley, Harvey & Calla Sellnor, Hugh & Marjorie Humiston, John Goodman & Brenda Sherwood, Beverly McKoene, Evy & Allan Dean, Lucille & Bill Bissette, John & Brenda Goodman, and Rachel Meeham. Callers were Ed Rutty and Dave Hass.



MASSACHUSETTS -- Steve Walsh, MA Office of Tourism & Travel, welcomed the arrival of volunteer dancers: Stan & Marilyn Szpakowski, Judith Plantier, Moe & Lil Deragon, Dick Walker, Jude Houle, Diane Allis, Bill Dalyrmple, Lucille Bissette, Mike Wilczak, Vicki Dana, Roy & Nancy Devol, Jay & Penny Bickford and Sheila & Ken Moody. Caller was Gene King, Cuer was Beverly MacKay. This year the SDFNE dancers were on a huge 5' high stage. Quite an experience for all.



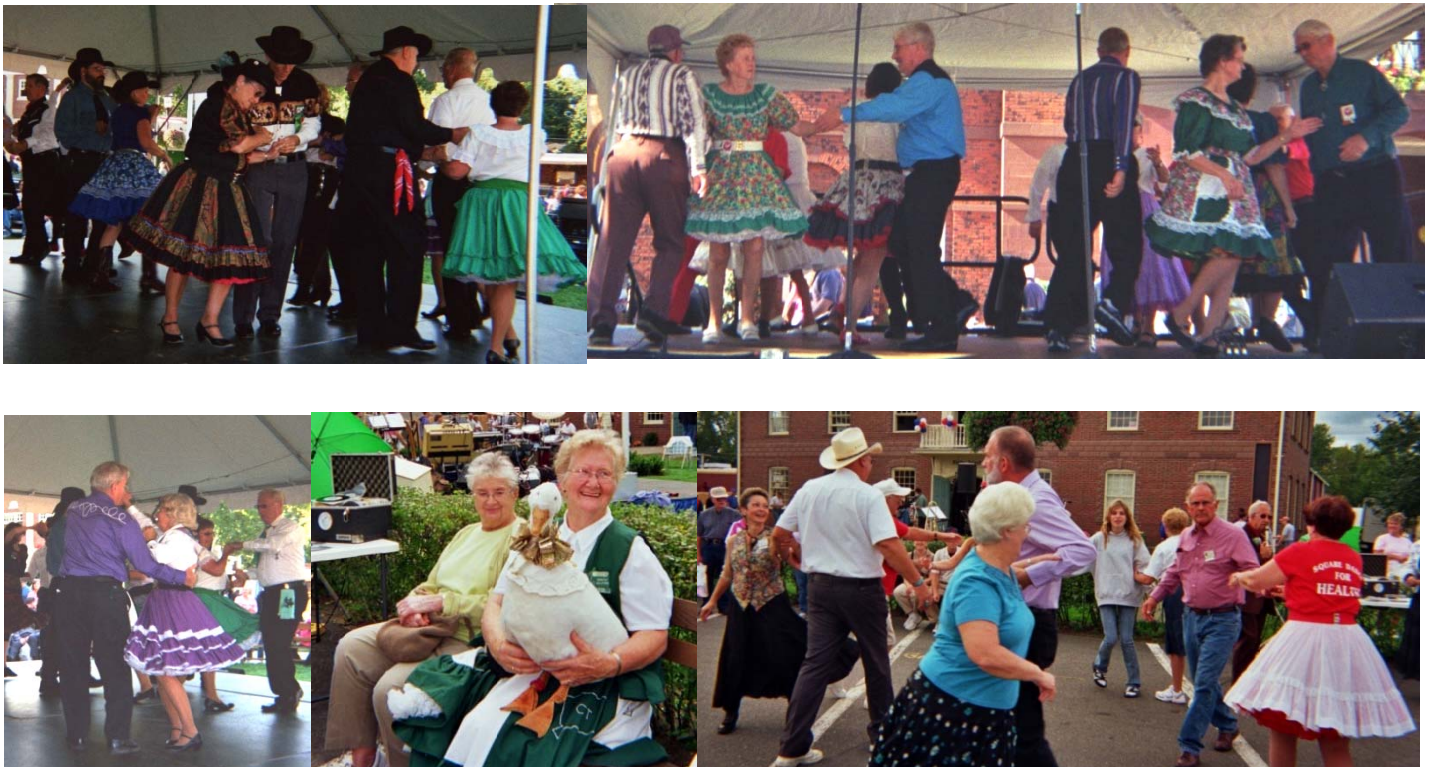
BIG E INTERACTIVE SQUARE DANCE PRESENTATIONS.....continued.....



NEW HAMPSHIRE -- Gail Mc William, NJ Dept. of Agriculture, Markets & Food, enjoyed seeing these NH volunteer dancers arrive: Dick & Shirley White, Linda Outlaw, Elrich Nitzsche, Ken Peabody, Cheryl Inbody, Dick & Jeannine Mattson, Clay & Dottie Todd, Keith & Joyce Koeber, Bill & Judy Finer, Suzanne Finer, and Ellie Morrill & Don Risley. Caller was Jay Silva.

In appreciation, the SDFNE **"THANKS"** all 4 States, CT – MA – NH – RI, for inviting the SDFNE to square dance on their State Day. By so doing, they help promote and preserve New England's Dance Heritage.

ENJOY ADDITIONAL PHOTOS FROM THE BIG "E"



VISITORS FROM RUSSIA



Russian attendees at Ken Ritucci's Northeast Callers School, not only enjoyed the sessions and dancing during their October 2008 weekend, but also found time to visit the SDFNE Library and Museum. They were impressed with the historical information for all to see and use. They requested square dance history information be sent to them. The SDFNE happily fulfilled that request in December 2008.

Fedor Antonova, caller
Petrozavodsk, Russia

Elena Nazarova, caller
Pskov, Russia

Ken Ritucci, caller
W.Spfld, MA USA

Tatiana Antonova, Fedor's Mom
Petrozavodsk, Russia

Museum Gift Shop



#101 - Tie-Dye Tee = \$10



#102 - SDFNE logo Tee = \$10



#104 - Collared
Polo Shirt/ short
sleeves - SDFNE
w/ address = \$15.



#105 - Collared
Polo Shirt/ short
sleeves - 30th
Commemorative =
\$15.



#106 - Cookbook:
Square Meals &
Round Treats = \$8.



#103 - 35th Anniversary Tee =
One Tee = \$20
Two for \$35



#107 - Dangle = \$2



#108 - Dangle = \$2



#109 - Day Planner \$4



#110 - Wooden Magnet = \$2



#111 - SDFNE Pen = \$2



#112 - Zipper Pull = \$2



#113 - Embroidered Yellow "Wisdom Lamp"
(stick ons) = 2 for \$1

The SDFNE's Charlie & Bertha Baldwin Museum offers a variety of great items, including tees, planners, cook books, dangles, pens, and not all are pictured here. Your purchase supports the preservation of Square Dance History. Please place your order by filling out the Order form. Thank you:

Send your order form to: SDFNE, c/o MGS - B. Bennet,
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YEAR 2009 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place/Contact</u>
2 nd & 4 th (Wed.) and 1 st & 3 rd (Sat.)	SDFNE's Charlie & Bertha Baldwin Library and Museum <u>OPEN FOR VISITORS</u>	10am-2pm	Waumbec Mill, 250 Commercial St. 2 nd Fl Rm 2006, Manchester NH <u>Call: Dick Severance (603)-623-2692</u> <u>or Anna Dixon (781)-944-4416</u>
02-15 (Sun.)	Deadline for Hall of Fame Applications		Mail applications to: c/o Awards – D. Sprague 238 Woburn Street Reading MA 01867-2838
02-22 (Sun.)	"Huge Clothing Inventory Sale" New & Vintageand stay for the "Winter Ball"...	10am-3pm	Library and Museum in Waumbec Mill (see above)
02-22 (Sun.)	Tri-State Callers "Winter Ball" Contacts: Walt Bull: (207)-729-5964 waltbull@tristatecallers.com Paul Cote: (713)-299-1489 paul@paulcotecaller.com	2pm-5pm	Mill-A-Round Dance Center 250 Commercial St. 2 nd Floor Manchester NH Chris Pinkham: (603)-464-5821 Cp_info@mettelecom.com
04-23 (Thurs.)	Free "Trail-In" Dance For all dancers. 51 st NESRDC	8pm-11pm	Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA Ballroom Sandi Silva (603)-942-7226
04-24 (Fri.)	51 st NESRDC EDSARDA After-Party	noon-11pm 11pm-1:00am	Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA Ballroom
04-25 (Sat.)	51 st NESRDC-Sunrise Dance 51 st NESRDC -"Dancing Is Divine In 2009"	6am 10am-11pm	Sandi Silva (603)-942-7226
04-25 (Sat.)	51 st Fashion Show- Celebrate with Club Spirit" Narrator: Anna Keenan Dixon	9:am-10:am	Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA The Terrace Room Breakfast: 8:00am to 9:00am Maria Nelson: (508) 376-4952
04-25 (Sat.)	SDFNE "Special Drawing @ Celebrity Hour If you don't receive Tickets prior to convention	6:30pm	Host Hotel – Ballroom Call: France T. Rouff: (978)-975-2619
04-26 (Sun.)	SDFNE "Trail-Out" Dance	9:30am-Noon	Host Hotel – Ballroom Art & Pat Anthony: (401) 434-2309
05-16 (Sat.)	SDFNE Annual Meeting "Hall of Fame Induction"	2:pm-4:pm	Mill-A-Round Dance Center, Waumbec Mill 250 Commercial St., 2 nd Fl, Manchester NH Anna Dixon: (781) 944-4416
06-30 (Tues.)	Deadline for Local Legend Applications		Mail applications to: c/o Awards – D. Sprague 238 Woburn Street Reading MA 01867-2838

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To have your name or service, or to remember someone's birthday or celebration, or any Special Club/Organization event on the website for 1 month=\$30.00. Contact: Johnny Wedge 978-441-4126 or jbwedge@comcast.net.

FOUNDATION NEWS: A newsletter for SDFNE members is published twice a year. -- Editors, Anna & Mil Dixon, Production Assistance, France Rouff. We welcome your submissions of letters, articles, and news, by & about SDFNE members/clubs/organizations. Please include your name, address, email address, tel.number. Send to SDFNE Office, 238 Woburn St., Reading MA 01867-2838.

*****Forms for Memorials, Tributes and Membership subscriptions are available on Special Insert Page

SPECIAL NOTICE ABOUT SDFNE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Change is one of the constants of life. We hope you'll agree that the change that was implemented on May 19, 2007 is a good one. It will save the SDFNE time and money. We can use our "bulk mail" permit which will save on postage. Since then, there has been one (1) renewal date for SDFNE Annual Members.

Each year on the 3rd Saturday in May, SDFNE Renewals will be sent out.

If you attend the SDFNE Annual Meeting, you can renew your membership on that day.

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Couple \$25.00

Club or Organization \$40.00 ea.

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Couple \$250.00

Club or Organization \$275.00 ea.

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