



Single Spinners

## HOMESPUN NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S TWO CENTS

WE DID IT! We all survived the anniversary dance.

A special thanks goes out to Julie Otto, Freya and Fran who helped get things out of the attic, helped put things up, take things down and helped put things back up in the attic! A BIG THANKS ladies!!!!

I'd like to thank Sam and the House's and Dennis and Patti for taking time to help put things away at the church.

From everyone that I talked to they had a fun time at our anniversary so that is a positive. The dance seemed to be upbeat and the energy level was better than in previous years. Finally, the next time you see Del & Abbie Birmingham (the SDSDA presidents) congratulate them on winning the quilt that the ladies put together.

Moving on... It is the time after the anniversary dance and before Labor Day, so that means it is COOL AND CASUAL TIME!!! As long as you wear clothing in good taste, we don't really care what it is. We do ask that you keep it 'PG' and no 'R' if you get my drift, if you don't ask.

The next big event on the horizon is going to be our annual sheriff's picnic. The event is just now being talked about, so we will get information to you about it as soon as the board figures it out. Lol

I forgot to mention during the anniversary dance that we are having a New Year's Eve Dance. Tickets are now available for that dance. The door donation is \$12 and the dance will be held at the Lemon Grove United Methodist Church, which is coincidentally in Lemon Grove.

Our class is coming along nicely, tho we are in need of more women early on in the evening. So if you know how to dance the ladies part, please come early so we can keep our class on schedule.

Looking at the bigger picture, the SDSU Marketing group is coming to our dance tonight to start the look at square dancing. The SDSDA was picked by a group in the marketing MBA program and over the next few months will be creating a report on how we as an association can market ourselves to get more people involved in square dancing.

We hope to incorporate a few of their ideas to get more people dancing.

We will be having a few folks missing over the next few months as it is summer time and everyone will be going on trips. While you are our traveling and want to dance, check out

[www.wheresthedance.com](http://www.wheresthedance.com) it is a listing of all the dances in the USA. A few years ago, when my mom & I went on a trip to St. Louis and Detroit we used it to find a really nice club in St. Louis. So we danced in St. Louis one night, and went to a ballgame the other night that we were in the "Gateway to the West".

But... For those of you staying in town this month, Round-Up should be a bunch of fun. Holmes & Randall are going to be calling with Radka Sandeman cueing the rounds in the afternoon and evening sessions at the Balboa Park Club.

I think that is it for this month...

So, until next time...

As always, if you have any questions, comments, concerns things you wouldn't dare tell your psychiatrist but

would gladly share with me...  
I'm at 99% of the dances!  
Chris Davis

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### CLUB TRAVELS AND VISITATIONS

#### THIRD SATURDAY ROUNDUP

**Upcoming Official Travels:**  
Round-Up June 21st  
Calling: Holmes & Randall  
Cueing: Radka Sandeman  
Afternoon: Rounds, 3:15 – 5:15 pm  
Pre Rounds: 7 – 7:30pm  
Squares & Rounds 7:30– 9:45 PM

Dennis Lynn & Freya Peterson  
Travel Chair

### Websites

#### INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES:

Most of the websites have links to dancing in other locations, including overseas, and is available via our website's "links" feature.

[singlespinners.sdsda.org/](http://singlespinners.sdsda.org/)  
[www.sdsda.org](http://www.sdsda.org)  
[www.PalomarSDA.org](http://www.PalomarSDA.org)  
[www.backcountryysda.com](http://www.backcountryysda.com)  
[www.squaredance.org](http://www.squaredance.org)  
[www.NSDCNEC.org](http://www.NSDCNEC.org)  
[www.wheresthedance.com/](http://www.wheresthedance.com/)  
[www.facebook.com/singlespinners](http://www.facebook.com/singlespinners)

#### NEW WEB SITES /EMAIL INFO

San Diego County Square Dance Callers Assoc. Chart of monthly San Diego dances.

[dickneumann@gmail.com](mailto:dickneumann@gmail.com). If you would like to receive this list directly from Dick, just send him an e-mail and he will add you to his list.

#### Future National Conventions

63nsdc.com Little Rock, Arkansas  
~ June 25 – 28, 2014

64nsdc.com Springfield, Massachusetts ~ June 24 – 27, 2015

65nsdc.com Des Moines, IA ~ June 22 – 25, 2016

### VICE-PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSISTED IN OUR SET-UP AND TAKE DOWN. We were able to be set up by 5:00 pm. because we decided to only put up about half of our normal display. It still looked GREAT.

Also a thank you to those that were not club members, but did assist during the dance and with our take down of decorations.

Dana

### CALLER'S CORNER

Greetings to you all! First off, I want to thank everyone for the tremendous effort demonstrated in putting on our Anniversary dance. I think everyone had a great time. Thanks so much for your help in putting on a great dance! It's hard to believe that 40 years have passed since the formation of the Spinners. It is equally hard to believe that I have been the caller for the club for over half of that time. In January, I will have called for this club for 24 years. Has it really been that long? Additionally, I was distantly involved with the club for nearly a decade previous to that, with my dad going through the class and joining the club in the early 1980's. This kind of longevity is getting more rare in our activity. Let's

make sure it continues for many years to come!

One way to perpetuate longevity in our club, or in any other organization for that matter, is strong, fresh leadership. Speaking in general, over the years I have observed a "catch 22" situation that may develop that can lead to weak or stagnant leadership. Existing leaders may feel comfortable in their positions, or like having that "dangle on their chest" that makes them feel important, or that they just want to hold on to that job. Another possibility is that they feel that no one else wants to take on that job. Please don't misunderstand. There are those who are genuinely dedicated to the activity and freely sign up to take on whatever job is needed -- many thanks to those who do! However, at the same time, those same people should look for someone to take over the position after a period of time to maintain freshness in purpose and mission of the group.

On the other hand, newer members may feel that they are not up to taking any leadership positions. They may feel that there are others who are in those jobs and to just let them continue to do it. They may want to help out, but feel inexperienced, overwhelmed, or intimidated by volunteering for the job. There are also those who are content with just showing up and dancing – and not getting involved with leadership. Ours is a unique activity. It is an activity where the *consum*

ers of the activity are also the proprietors. There is no Square Dancing Incorporated™ that will run and organize things while we just show up and dance. Our leaders at all levels, club, association, caller, cuer, manufacturer, etc., all come from our activity's consumers. We cannot deny that. If you are in this category, consider increasing your involvement in the leadership of the club. Start small and get comfortable in that role. There are many who can provide help.

Other than the anniversary dance this month, I'm not really doing any extra calling this month – it's vacation time! Of course, now that I have said that, I will be calling for Sundown Squares on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and support them if you can. Also, I encourage you to come out to the Fun Dance this month on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Jimmy Akin and Leo Catt will give you a great time!

Take care everyone. Until next time...  
John

**DO YOU WANT TO LEARN HOW TO ROUND DANCE?**

San Diego Round Dance Instructors – brand new website: [rounddance.org](http://rounddance.org)

**AROUND SPIDEY'S WEB**

If you have anything you want in this fine publication, just give it to Lynn Davis at a dance (deadline is the last dance of each month, and IF SPACE PERMITS, it will be included in the next issue) or you can e-mail it to: [lynnedavis542@cox.net](mailto:lynnedavis542@cox.net)

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Party Central

June 7<sup>th</sup> was our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dance with our jail!

June 10<sup>th</sup> is our "Under the Sea" Party with seafood on the menu. June Birthdays will be celebrated June 24<sup>th</sup>.

July 8<sup>th</sup> will be our "Red, White, and Blue" dance (Chocolate part II) on the menu. July 29<sup>th</sup> will bring Birthday Nite.

I hope to see you in a square at all of these dances and more. Just be sure to wear your Spinner Smile!!

So... Mark these dates on your calendars as you mark all the Round Ups and party nights for the other clubs. And enjoy the dancing.

See You in a square  
Jane Marus

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Last month you received your membership card for 2014/2015, Please fill it out and return it as soon as possible, because the Association Insurance deadline has been moved up, so to be able to get our club info in on a timely manner, we have to collect the info, earlier than usual. Thanks.

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**Now, for some odd laws**

In some states, including California, Florida, Nevada, Alaska and Hawaii a motorist can be cited for driving too slowly.

In counties having populations of not less than 56,500 nor more than 59,000, according to the 1970 or any subsequent federal decennial census, domino games shall be lawful in billiard rooms or oth-

er rooms in which billiard tables are located. Source: Alabama Criminal Code Section 34-6-12

A United States Federal law states one can be fine up to \$1,000,000 for partaking in the act of Genocide. Source: US Code TITLE 18 > PART I > CHAPTER 50A > ♦ 1091

A United States federal law makes it illegal to issue a fake Weather Bureau forecast. Source: 18 U.S.C. ♦ 2074)

In Alabama it is unlawful to spend more than 5 minutes to vote. Arkansas drive-in aren't very convenient thanks to this law... No person shall drive a motor vehicle onto the premises of a drive-in restaurant and leave the premises without parking such motor vehicle, unless there is no unoccupied parking space available on the premises. Source: Code 1961, ♦♦ 25-156♦25-158

Colorado Water laws prohibit the use of rain barrels or any methods to catch rain for use. They claim the rain has already been legally allocated to the state and individual may not capture and use water to which he/she does not have a right. *New Laws passed in June 2009 eradicate this law.*

It is illegal in Kansas to fish bare-handed Source: Kansas law book

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READ THIS VERY SLOWLY... IT'S PRETTY PROFOUND. Too many people put off something that brings them joy just

because they haven't thought about it, don't have it on their schedule, didn't know it was coming or are too rigid to depart from their routine. I got to thinking one day about all those people on the Titanic who passed up dessert at dinner that fateful night in an effort to cut back. From then on, I've tried to be a little more flexible.

How many women out there will eat at home because their husband didn't suggest going out to dinner until after something had been thawed? Does the word 'refrigeration' mean nothing to you?

How often have your kids dropped in to talk and sat in silence while you watched 'Jeopardy' on television?

I cannot count the times I called my sister and said, 'How about going to lunch in a half hour?' She would gas up and stammer, 'I can't. I have clothes on the line. My hair is dirty. I wish I had known yesterday, I had a late breakfast, It looks like rain' And my personal favorite: 'It's Monday.' She died a few years ago. We never did have lunch together.

Because Americans cram so much into their lives, we tend to schedule our headaches.. We live on a sparse diet of promises we make to ourselves when all the conditions are perfect!

We'll go back and visit the grandparents when we get Steve toilet-trained. We'll entertain when we replace the living-room carpet. We'll go on a second honeymoon when

we get two more kids out of college.

Life has a way of accelerating as we get older. The days get shorter, and the list of promises to ourselves gets longer. One morning, we awaken, and all we have to show for our lives is a litany of 'I'm going to,' 'I plan on,' and 'Someday, when things are settled down a bit.'

When anyone calls my 'seize the moment' friend, she is open to adventure and available for trips. She keeps an open mind on new ideas. Her enthusiasm for life is contagious. You talk with her for five minutes, and you're ready to trade your bad feet for a pair of Rollerblades and skip an elevator for a bungee cord.

My lips have not touched ice cream in 10 years. I love ice cream. It's just that I might as well apply it directly to my stomach with a spatula and eliminate the digestive process. The other day, I stopped the car and bought a triple-decker. If my car had hit an iceberg on the way home, I would have died happy.

Now...go on and have a nice day. Do something you WANT to...not something on your SHOULD DO list. If you were going to die soon and had only one phone call you could make, who would you call and what would you say? And why are you waiting?

Make sure you read this to the end; you will understand why I sent this to you.

Have you ever watched kids playing on a merry go round or listened to the rain lapping

on the ground? Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight or gazed at the sun into the fading night? Do you run through each day on the fly? When you ask 'How are you?' Do you hear the reply?

When the day is done, do you lie in your bed with the next hundred chores running through your head? Ever told your child, 'We'll do it tomorrow.' And in your haste, not see his sorrow? Ever lost touch? Let a good friendship die? Just call to say 'Hi'?

When you worry and hurry through your day, it is like an unopened gift....Thrown away.... Life is not a race. Take it slower. Hear the music before the song is over.

'Life may not be the party we hoped for... but while we are here we might as well dance!'