



# Single Spinners

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**November 2016**

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### **PRESIDENT'S TWO CENTS**

November means family and dancing, just not in that order.

Last weekend was Fiesta. Hope everyone was able to enjoy the dancing.

We have 3rd Saturday Round-Up this weekend with Andy Allemao and Buddy Weaver calling, with Bill Hale giving you the cues for rounds. Pre-rounds for the evening session begins at 7p, with alternating mainstream and plus dancing beginning a half-hour later.

Unfortunately, Dana passed away last week. I will let Lynn fill you in the details on how we are going to celebrate his life.

In December, we will be having "Children's Day" our Toys for Tots dance on Dec. 8th. Please bring what you can for Toys for Tots to that dance, so that Spinners can pass it on to the SDSDA and their Toys for Tots dance on Dec. 17. Also in December, we will be having our birthday night on the 29th.

I'm going to ask that we as a club take the lead in helping in something bigger than

square dancing. As we all know after the election a couple of weeks ago this country is deeply divided. I would like to ask that we go out in the greater San Diego community and help bring America together again. Regardless of your political party or views, remember we are ALL Americans. So, please help each other bring this country back together. Do something nice for someone that you may or may not know.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, concerns, things you wouldn't dare tell your psychiatrist but would gladly share with me, Chris Davis

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### **CLUB TRAVELS AND VISITATIONS**

### **THIRD SATURDAY ROUNDUP**

#### **Official travel:**

Caller: Andy Allemao & Buddy Weaver  
Cuer: Bill Hale  
Park Club: Afternoon - Rounds 3:15 -5:15  
Pre Rounds: 7 to 7:30 pm  
Squares: 7:30 to 9:45 pm

### **TRAVEL REPORT**

#### **11-19-16 Round Up Celebrate Thanksgiving**

Andy Allemao and  
Buddy Weaver  
Bill Hale cueing  
Balboa Park Club

11-20-16 Sundown  
Party Night  
Red and Gold Gala  
Andy and Bill  
La Mesa Rec. Center

11-25-16 Circulator's  
Party night  
Happy Turkeys' Pie Night

11-26-16 Caller's Association  
Anniversary Dance  
Balboa Park Club

12-10-16 Alpine's Sock Hop  
La Mesa Rec Center

12-17-16 Round Up  
Toys for Tots dance  
Balboa Park Club

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.backcountrysda.com](http://www.backcountrysda.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.

rochelle.pratt1971@gmail.com . If you would like to receive this list directly from Rochelle, just send her an e-mail and she will add you to her list.

### Future National Conventions

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

## VICE-PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Dana passed away from complications of his Parkinson's on Wednesday, November 9 with all of our children present.

**Memorial Service** will be on December 3, at 2:00 pm. Lemon Grove United Methodist Church. 3205 Washington Street, Lemon Grove. (plenty of parking there!).

Please, no flowers, contributions can be sent to the Parkinson's Foundation.

Interment will be this summer in New York, in the same cemetery that his parents,

grandparents and other relatives are buried.

He developed breathing problems, and could not swallow, and developed pneumonia

He went to the VA Hospital in La Jolla on October 29. They took great care of him. After he passed, the Palliative Care Unit performed a simple 'hale and farewell' ceremony, with the body covered with the American Flag.

## CALLER'S CORNER

Greetings to you all! I hope this month finds you all well.

First off, I want to thank you all for your support in our new dancer programs at Fiesta – the class level dance on Friday night and the blast class on Saturday. Your support validates these important programs at the Fiesta. In my opinion, these are the most important programs. We used to have full time class level and Mainstream halls at Fiesta. After having neither one for several years, we need to support those programs during the years when they are offered again.

Remember to please support some special dances coming up. The Callers Association Anniversary dance will be on November 26. We will offer a class level dance in the afternoon and a Plus dance with rounds in the evening. We hope you can join us for one or both of those programs. On December 10, Alpine

Squares' annual Sock Hop that raises money for Rady Children's Hospital. On December 17, the Third Saturday Roundup will be collecting toys and money for the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. All of these dances have reputations of being great dances and will be called by San Diego callers. These are truly special occasions to spend part of the holiday season with our square dance family, raising money for good causes.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the passing of, and honoring the life of, Dana McCrary. We lost Dana this past week. Since then, I have been attempting to assess Dana's impact on our activity -- and on our club in particular. His impact is so great, that it is hard to measure. Dana and Lynn have been members of the Spinners from the very beginning of the club. From my recollection, the only meeting they missed was the one where the charter members were identified. That's the only reason why they are not listed officially as charter members. Personally, I think they are as close to being charter members as they come and they should be given that designation anyway. What do you think?

Speaking just to Dana's life in square dancing, there are countless hours of service on all levels -- from the club level, SDSDA, and the State Council. Dana and Lynn served as presidents of the SDSDA for two years. Dana served as president of our

club for over 20 years, 17 of which were in consecutive terms. Twenty years, that's something in itself! Dana has a steady and calm leadership style. He was not rattled by much. While some questioned Dana's opinions on some topics, no one questioned his good intentions for our club and the activity. He has certainly helped me out greatly over the years -- from supporting me to be the club caller for the Spinners, to encouraging me to stay when I felt like quitting. His steady leadership has kept the club going through good times and lean times.

There is more to be said, but that may wait until later -- many stories, many situations. Perhaps not enough can be said. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Lynn and the rest of their family, many of whom have been

Spinners in the past. I hope to see everyone at Dana's memorial service which, I am sure, is announced elsewhere in this newsletter.

Take care everyone. I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving. We will see you in December.

Blessings to you all! Take care. 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: [lynndavis542@cox.net](mailto:lynndavis542@cox.net)

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### IT'S PARTY TIME WITH THE SPINNERS.

Now that the time has changed and cool days have arrived this the time to come together and dance. Thanksgiving is quickly approaching; Christmas is just around the corner and minds are turning towards thoughts of family (and friends) gathering for those big meals. What a great time to shake off those pounds before the big events arrive. And while we enjoy the festivities we can help the Marine's with "Toys for Tots" for December party night on the 8th. Don't worry if you don't have a new toy to bring they are accepting money donations as well and will shop on the base for the kids. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

"Party Gal" Kathy Polk

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### Thoughts to ponder:

As we grow older, and hence wiser, we slowly realize that whether we wear a \$300 or \$30 watch - - - they both tell the same time.

Whether we carry a \$300 or \$30 wallet/handbag, the amount of money inside is the same.

Whether we drink a bottle of \$300 or \$10 wine - - - the hangover is the same.

Whether the house we live in is 300 or 3000 sq. ft., the loneliness is the same

You will realize, your true inner happiness does not come from the material things of this world.

Whether you fly first or economy class, if the plane goes down - - - you go down with it.

Whether you fly first or economy class, if the plane reaches its destination everyone arrives at the same time.

Therefore . . . I hope you realize, when you have mates, buddies and old friends, brothers and sisters, with whom you chat, laugh, talk, sing, talk about north-south-east-west or heaven and earth - - - that is true happiness!

### Five Undeniable Facts of Life:

1. Don't educate your children to be rich. Educate them to be happy so when they grow up they will know the value of things not the price.
2. Best wise words: "Eat your food as your medicines. Otherwise you have to eat medicines as your food."
3. The one who loves you will never leave you because even if there are 100 reasons to give up he or she will find one reason to hold on.
4. There is a big difference between a human being

and being human. Only a few really understand it.

5. You are loved when you are born. You will be loved when you die. In between, you have to manage!

If you just want to walk fast, walk alone; but, if you want to walk far, walk together!

### **Six Best Doctors in the World:**

1. Sunlight
2. Rest
3. Exercise
4. Diet
5. Self Confidence
6. Friends

The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts, the safest place to be is in someone's prayers, and the very best place to be is in the hands of God.