RSARDA NOTES
Virginia Square & Round Dance Association is looking for representatives for the Richmond Region (Region 1). Betty & Paul Dubovsky are currently reps and are looking for someone to take their place for a 3-year term as Region 1 Directors for VASARDA? They would be with 2 other couples in Region 1 - Jim Saunders & Harriet, and Roger & Connie Cox. Please contact Betty Dubovsky if you would be interested, (804) 732-5654. THANKS again!

Upcoming events at Holladay Elementary School:

Feb 22nd New Dancers  Gene Chamberlain 8-10pm
Mar 8th RSARDA Spring Dinner Dance  BBQ  Jeremy Butler/Connie Cox  Meal 6pm Dance 8-10:30pm
Mar 15th Circle Eight Jeremy Butler/George Springer  Early rounds 7pm  Dance at 8pm-10:30
Apr 12 Tuckahoe Squares Butch Adams/George Springer  Early rounds 7:30  Dance at 8pm-10:30pm
May 6th RSARDA Meeting  in Library  7:30pm-9:30pm

NOTE: See full years schedule at end of Newsletter.

Please check out the RSARDA web site for fliers. The site is:  www.richmondsquaredance.com

CLUB NEWS

Capitol Squares

Well, the Capitol Squares are making it through the ‘cold dark’ winter months just fine. I am always amazed at the number of activities our members are involved with outside of the regular club night dances. There is, of course, Connie Cox who teaches Rounds, and David Trimble, who teaches lines. There are others members who support other clubs from Lake of the Woods, to areas south, east, and west of the city. There does not seem to be enough time to work in just one more little thing. But they do.

Around Thanksgiving, Jeremy Butler, our cub caller, called for a regular Friday night dance at Tuckahoe. We make a basic announcement at our workshop class, nothing more. When we got to Tuckahoe on Friday, there was nothing out of the ordinary. Within a very short time it was apparent that a full square of individuals from Capitol’s had shown up to support Jeremy. So we did the most logical thing, WE STOLE THEIR BANNER.

Jeremy welcomes Tuckahoe to come visit our workshop on Thursday night whenever it is convenient. He will set up an Advanced first nighters for them to participate. Also last month, Debbie Baker showed up at our workshop with a whole lot of refreshments and a big poster. We were celebrating Gary’s 180 degree turn
around. He no longer will be putting anything into the
government coffers, but is now officially removing as
much as possible. Gary has retired from his job at Fort
Lee. CONGRATULATIONS.

John Revene, Capitol Squares Rep

Colonial Squares

Our “COLD Winter Dancing Days & Nights” have arrived! But,
there’s a GREAT remedy to keep us REALLY WARM –
dancing!! We at the Colonial Squares Club hope you will NOT
become “couch potatoes” by staying at home – go out and
DANCE – be with your friends and keep your dancing feet
happy & going, PLUS keep yourself happy & trim!! Now that
the Christmas and New Year holidays are behind us, it’s time
to get back in shape – DANCE, DANCE, AND LOVE EVERY
MINUTE OF IT!!

Our club was very saddened by the sudden deaths of 2 of our
club dancers. On October 31st we lost Junie Wilson, dance
partner & best friend of Connie Swineford, and friend to all he
met. Then 4 days later on November 4th we lost Eugene
Nelson, a single dancer who enjoyed square dancing, too.
Earlier this month a WONDERFUL caller named Henry Hanke,
who in days gone by had called for FOUR CORNERS CLUB in
Richmond, which many years ago had folded, passed away.
Some of us “oldies” remember him fondly! I guess they
needed a caller up there for our square-dancing guys!!

Saturday, November 16th was our club’s sponsored dance at
Holladay School with the “two GREATS” – Jimmy Roberson
and Jim Adcock! It indeed was a GREAT dance with SO MANY
dancers! Thank ALL of you area clubs for supporting us!!
EVERY dance should be so well attended!!

December 14th brought RSARDA’s Annual Christmas Mother’s
Dance to Holladay School. There were quite a few dancers
there to enjoy Jeremy Butler’s calling, round dancing to Connie
Cox, AND LOTS of Christmas-time goodies on the refreshment
table! The Henrico Christmas Mother and her husband were
present to accept a very nice donation of over $800.00 from the
dancers present, and even danced a “first-nighter”!!

Tuesday evening, December 31st, 2013 brought Tuckahoe’s
Annual New Year’s Eve Dance with Gene Chamberlain calling.
(Where do we know HIM from?!) The weather was nice that
night and LOTS of our club dancers attended to support this
dance. SO MANY squares, in fact, EIGHT, were present to
dance, enjoy the GREAT food, to be together as friends, AND
to bring in the new year! Everyone was dressed festively and
smiles & hugs were definitely passed around! It was absolutely
the BEST WAY to bring in the new year with your dancing
friends – dancing, eating, blowing horns, and counting down
the seconds until midnight!!

On Monday evening, December 16th our club had our annual
Christmas covered-dish supper and dance. Our special guest
for the evening was the Chesterfield/Colonial Heights
Christmas Mother, and much to her surprise she received a
VERY generous donation of $640.00 from our club members!!

WOW! We are so proud of our “GIVING” club dancers!! After
that, our caller Gene, and his wife, Regina were given gift
cards, plus we had our monthly club Birthday night celebration!
What a GREAT night!!
On Saturday night, January 11th, we all had another chance to dance at Holladay School! RSARDA sponsored their “WINTER DANCE” with caller Ken Jordan and cuer Christina Eum providing the evening’s entertainment. It was a really fun dance, but poorly attended, with only 4 squares on the floor. You who didn’t attend sure missed a GREAT time! Come on out and support our Richmond association – it’s OURS and we need to support it! After all, it exists FOR US!!

A week later, on Saturday night, January 18th, 3 of our club members went to support Region 5’s annual “WINTER WONDERLAND DANCE” in the Tidewater area. Jerry Biggerstaff called to EIGHT squares, including LOTS of dancers from Tuckahoe!! LOTS of the Tidewater area callers & cuers were also present to mingle and dance in our squares, including Matt Worley, Ken Jordan, Jeremy Butler, Judy Jaworski, and Pris Collins! Oh, what fun it is to dance with dancers in other regions of our state!! It really widens our circles of friends!

Another Region 5 dance is just around the corner! Here’s your chance to go to the “24th ANNUAL SWEETHEART DANCE WEEKEND” in Va. Beach ON Valentine’s weekend!! It’ll be on February 14th & 15th at the Wyndham Oceanfront Hotel, RIGHT ON THE BEACH!! How romantic is that?! This is always a FUN weekend dance with MANY callers and cuers, including Bob & Matt Worley, Jeremy Butler, and Drew Scearce! It is well attended by the Richmond area dancers, too. Plan to go and give your Sweetheart a weekend of dancing to remember!

Don’t forget to come out to dance at the “NEW DANCER’S DANCE” sponsored by RSARDA at Holladay School and called by Gene Chamberlain on Saturday, February 22nd! Angels will be needed, so come one, come all to be there to support our future dancers! Let’s make their FIRST dance at Holladay School a memorable one!

RSARDA tries hard to provide dances for us to attend, so let’s show our support! They are sponsoring their “SPRING DINNER DANCE” on Saturday, March 8th, at the Holladay School. Jeremy Butler and Connie Cox will be the caller & cuer for the evening. LET’S FILL THE DANCE FLOOR!!

Our club meets on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:30 P.M. at the Colonial Heights High School cafeteria on Conduit Road in Colonial Heights. Our caller is the “renowned Gene Chamberlain” and our line dance instructor is Diane Hollins. Come join us for fun Monday evenings of dancing!! Visitors and dancers from area clubs, plus “banner-stealers” are all welcome to join us EACH WEEK!!

See you in a square full of smiling faces soon!

Club Historian – Betty Dubovsky

Circle Eight

Members of Circle Eight had a great fall and Holiday season, and are really looking forward to melting snow and warmer temperatures as we approach spring for more great dancing.

The Circle Eight Halloween Dance fell on Halloween, October 31st, with yummy treats and dancing.

The Annual Christmas Dinner and Dance

The very festive Christmas Dinner and Dance held on December 12th, was well attended again this year. All enjoyed a great dinner, dancing and a fun gift exchange. We thank everyone who planned this great time for Circle Eight members and guests.

The Circle Eight Family
They said “I do”
Wedding Bells rang for Circle Eight members Anne Hilker and Charlie Matthews on December 27, 2013. Many Circle Eight members had the pleasure of attending the wedding and reception. It was a lovely occasion for a wonderful couple. We wish them our very best wishes as they begin their new life together.

We are saddened to report:
Circle Eight lost one of its longtime members. Joe Wootton, who passed away January 1, 2014, following a long illness. He and his wife, Rae, have been very active members for over twenty years. We extend our deepest condolences to Rae and his family.

Looking forward to Spring
Circle Eight extends an invitation to all clubs in the area, and beyond, to join us every Thursday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Thompson Middle School on Forest Hill Avenue. We have a fun time every week and here are some special dances scheduled soon……

Join us for our Annual Valentine’s Dance on February 13th, at 7:00 p.m. We promise great refreshments, dancing and a fun evening. Wear your favorite red and white square dance attire and join in the fun.

The annual St Patrick’s Day Benefit Dance will be held on March 13th at 7:00 p.m., to raise funds to be donated to the Richmond Parks and Recreation School Activities Fund. Dress in your green and white square dance attire and join us for a fun evening for a good cause.

Circle Eight will sponsor the Saturday Night dance at Elizabeth Holiday School on March 15th with early rounds beginning at 7:00 p.m. Jeremy Butler will call and George Springer will be the cuer. All square and round dances are invited to join in the fun and, of course, refreshments will also be a part of the evening.

Stay tuned for more exciting times with Circle Eight!

Ginny Fitzgerald, Secretary

**Tuckahoe Squares**

Tuckahoe held its 3rd Annual Costume Halloween Dance at Holladay School with Larry Winegard calling and Ken Ryder cueing. The dance was very well attended with most folks in costume, even the cuer and his wife. We had wonderful decorations set up and provided by Scout. This dance just keeps getting better and better each year.

A few of the live decorations.
Our new dancer’s class held its graduation just prior to Christmas. The class finished all of the mainstream calls with 18 graduates. We are now working on the Plus calls, with Gene doing the teaching. We look forward to dancing with the new dancers at the club on Fridays. Kudos to Caren Moore, Joyce Dyson and Linda Aicholtz for facilitating the class this year.

Tuckahoe ended the 2013 year with a New Year’s Eve Dance. Gene Chamberlain was the caller for the evening and George and Jeannine Springer provided the Round Dance cueing.

In January, several Tuckahoe’s traveled to Syringa to retrieve our banner. The Syringa club welcomed us with open arms. It has been hard to keep our banner for any length of time as the Syringa dancers are always on the move and especially like to visit our club.

Susan and Mac hosted the Winter Round up dance this January. They did an amazing job putting together the decorations and the food for this event.

At the last minute the community center notified us that the Community Center was not available, due to ice in the parking lot. With some luck we were able to secure the fellowship hall in the River Road Church, Baptist. Thank you, Dean & Carol!! Lots of cowgirls and cowboys showed up on a cold cold night. The beer was full of something call “root” and the BBQ and Chili warmed us right up. A great dance with a great turnout with superb food.
We were saddened by the passing of Junie Wilson, a longtime friend of Tuckahoe Squares.

Junie always was an angel and to know him was a true pleasure; Junie will be greatly missed.

Jim Sanderson a past president of Tuckahoe Squares passed away suddenly in December.

His leadership and friendly temperament will be remembered.

Keep dancing and join us on Friday nights at 8PM.

Upcoming Tuckahoe Dances:
02/07 Favorite Pie Night Linwood Thomas
02/14 Be My Sweetheart Larry Wineard
02/21 Celebrations “Plus Blast Dance” Chamberlain
02/28 Mardis Gras Dave Staples/George Springer
03/07 Quarterly Meeting Drew Scearce
03/14 At the Movies Nite Ken Jordan
03/21 Celebrations “Plus Blast Dance” Chamberlain

RHYTHM ROUNDERS

Next year will be the 21st annual “Day-of-Rounds”. It will be held on June 28th at Holladay school. Mark your calendars now. The Collins and Adcock’s will host the dance.

Monday at Holladay Elementary 7:00-9:00PM.
Pris & JC Collins Phase 3-5
Info: Pris & J.C. 757-596-1142

Tuesday at Christ Lutheran Church, 7908 Woodman Rd, Richmond, VA. 7:15-9:15pm. George & Jeannine Springer are teaching Level 3-4 Fox Trot, up through January. February will begin Rumba.
Info: George & Jeannine Springer 804-730-6581.
gsprint08@comcast.net

1st & 3rd Wednesday Dumbarton Elementary - 9000 Hungry Springs Rd. 7:30-9:30 in cafeteria. Can use side door that opens directly into cafeteria. Presently dancing phases II-IV. Call 434-298-1206 to make sure school is open. Connie Cox

EDITOR’S NOTES

Please submit any photos or club information to Rob Green, email address: bgreen44@verizon.net  Send me your email address for an electronic copy of this Newsletter.

Rob Green, Club Historian
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7300 Galaxie Road  
Richmond, VA

Byrd Middle School  
9400 Quocacsin Road  
Richmond, VA

Three Chopt Elementary School  
1600 Skipwith Road  
Richmond, VA
RSARDA Dinner/Dance
March 8, 2014

Caller: Jeremy Butler
Cuer: Connie Cox

Dinner at 6:00 pm. Cost: $10 per meal.
Squares & Rounds from 8:00 to 10:30. $9 per person

Buz and Ned's Real Barbecue: BBQ pork or BBQ chicken with cole slaw, red skin potato salad, baked beans with bacon, premium sandwich roll, drink and dessert.

Payment for meal required in advance
Contact Jim at 804-614-2393 or james.saunders.IH@verizon.net

Holladay Elementary School
7300 Galaxie Road
Richmond, VA

Directions: From North, go South on I-95 to Parham Road Exit, go West on Parham 1 block to US #1, go South on #1 to third light, turn right on Hilliard Road. Go thru 2 traffic lights and then 3 or 4 blocks to Galaxie Rd, turn right, go 3 blocks, Holladay School on left.

From South, West or East, go I-95 north to Exit #81, US route #1. go North to second light, turn left on Hilliard and follow instructions as from the North.