PRESIDENT’S NOTES

No Notes at this time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted all dances are 8 PM at Elizabeth Holladay Elementary School:

3/27 Circle Eight  Jimmy Roberson / George & Jeannine Springer

4/3 RSARDA  Gene Chamberlain / Connie & Roger Cox

4/17 Colonial Squares  David Staples / Gordy & Betty Adamski

4/24 Tuckahoe Squares  Ken Jordan / Gordy & Betty Adamski

5/1 Circle Eight  Jeremy Butler / Jim & Priscilla Adcock (early rounds 7pm)

5/4 RSARDA Meeting Library 7:30pm

5/21 RSARDA Booster Dance  Ken Bower / Christina Eum

6/2 Tuckahoe Squares  Mike Sikorsky
DBD 7-7:30,Plus 7:35-9:40pm

6/12 Day of Rounds  Pris & JC Collins / George & Jeannine Springer  2-4:30, 7-10pm

6/19 RSARDA  Men’s Bake Off Jeremy Butler / Gordy & Betty Adamski

7/10 RSARDA McGeorge Fund Dance  Linwood Thomas / Connie & Roger Cox

7/31 RSARDA Fall Festival Boster Jeremy Butler / Jim & Priscilla Adcock

8/14 RSARDA Watermelon Dance Ken Jordan / Pris & JC Collins

10/14-16 FORGET-ME-NOT BALL Holiday Inn Patriot Williamsburg, VA

CLUB NEWS

Circle Eight

We have been dancing during the fall and winter in spite of all the inclement weather. Our Halloween Party was a great success. We had fun and, of course, we had delicious goodies to eat.

Our annual trip to Cacapon in November, 2009 was a very enjoyable weekend. We had a great time square dancing, relaxing, shopping and eating. We thank Jim and Nan Durham for arranging this get-away for us and making our Friday night "White Elephant" party a delightful time of fun and laughter. We had a fantastic time exchanging some of the "gifts".

On December 11 we had our annual Christmas Party. The catered meal was delicious and we enjoyed exchanging gifts.

In spite of the weather forecast of "snow" on January 29 we had a great turnout for our introduction to square dancing. However, on January 30 we had to cancel the classes for that day because of the snow. We are pleased to report that we now have 11 new dancers for our new dancer class which is the largest new dancer class we have had for some time and they are all doing well.
On February 11 at our Valentine Party we selected a new King and Queen for 2010. Bob and Fran Fitch were voted to be our new King and Queen. This honor is bestowed on a couple for their enthusiasm, attendance, and support to our club and for square dancing.

We have some of our long standing members who are not feeling well at this time and we have them in our thoughts and prayers. We look forward to their return to our workshops and other square dancing activities.

Each year Circle Eight sponsors a benefit dance at Thompson Middle School for the Richmond Recreation and Parks school children activities. This year the date for this dance will be March 18.

Circle Eight will sponsor a booster dance for VASARDA on March 27. All square dancers are invited to enjoy a great night of square dancing and "goodies".

Ruth Stirling is organizing a cruise to Bermuda for May 29 - June 3, 2010. If you are interested contact Ruth. This cruise is for square dancers and their friends.

Rae Wootton, Secretary

**Capitol Squares**

A1-A2 dancing is alive and well on Thursday nights at Holladay School (7 PM). The club currently has about 30 members and is always looking for more. A step was taken in this direction recently when a Capitol Squares contingent visited Tuckahoe.

Tuckahoe Squares returned not only to retrieve their banner; but stole Capitol Squares Banner.

A new dancers class for those proficient in plus is currently underway.

For more information please contact any member of the club or our caller, Jeremy Butler (at 757-478-0025).

**Rhythm Rounders**

Round Dancing is doing well in Richmond, another "Day of Rounds" is planned for Saturday, June 12 at Holladay Elementary School. Workshops and an Evening dance are on the agenda for this event.

Ed and Virginia Nuckols celebrated their 62nd Wedding anniversary on March 12th. We salute them for their dedication to each other and for their dedication to dancing.

This January in Williamsburg at the Chamberlain Squares weekend, Virginia Nuckols celebrated another birthday.
As a tribute to that birthday, a “Famous Quartet” got together and performed a rendition of Happy Birthday in one part harmony. This was a once in a lifetime event, as the “Famous Quartet” broke up shortly after performing the song.

Four vests for sale!

**ROUND DANCE CLASSES**

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

**Tuesday** at Christ Lutheran Church, 7908 Woodman Rd, Richmond, VA. 7:30-9:30 George & Jeannine Springer Rumba and Cha Cha.  
Info: George & Jeannine Springer 804-730-6581.

**Wednesday** at Dumbarton Elementary school 7:30-9:30PM.  
Connie & Roger Cox is teaching Phase 2-4 rounds  
Info: Connie 434-298-1206

**Colonial Squares**

Happy Spring Dancing Days are ahead of us! Put a “spring” into your steps, and WHAT BETTER WAY to do this than dancing with ALL your square dancing friends, right?!?

RSARDA’s “FORGET-ME-NOT BALL” the weekend of October 15th – 17th in Williamsburg has come & gone for 2009 with a much smaller than anticipated number of attendees. The ones who DID attend had a WONDERFUL time dancing and participating in all the events, activities and drawings for prizes that were bid on and won! Our own club came out and supported this weekend in RECORD numbers!! We are so proud of each and every one of them for doing this!! Our SPECIAL thanks go to the coordinators of this annual Ball, our own John & Judy Brooks, who along with their faithful, hard-working committee members and the Ad sellers for the Festival Booklet, worked “untold amount of hours” to make this an enjoyable and successful dance weekend for YOU dancers! In October put the “FORGET-ME-NOT BALL” on your calendar – you’ll be glad you did!! If you’ve never attended this FUN weekend, go THIS YEAR and “have a BALL”!

The annual BEACH BASH held in Nags Head, N.C. the weekend of October 23rd & 24th, called by “The Dynamic Duo” (Matt Worley & Elbert Harrison, with cuer Judy Jaworski) was attended by club members Paul & Betty Dubovsky. This is ALWAYS a FUN dance weekend RIGHT ON THE BEACH, with free hot-dogs & goodies, nightly after-shows, and a chance to win a FREE registration for the NEXT year’s BEACH BASH! The weather was unseasonably warm that weekend – people were swimming in the ocean, and we even slept with the door open to our top floor balcony so the sound of the waves could lull us to sleep!! This is another dance weekend to TRY OUT in October!! VERY RELAXFUL!

Our club members sure enjoyed attending the Halloween dress dance sponsored by the Tuckahoe Squares on Halloween night, Saturday, October 31st! Our club members even won some of the prizes in the costume judging!!

On Sunday late afternoon, November 1st our club members met at the home & garage of club member AND stew-master, Janice Bradbury for her homemade Brunswick stew! Other foods and desserts were brought by the attendees. It was perfect for HOT stew, being a rather cold day. Hence we danced in our coats under the shelter of her garage with Gene “calling for his supper”!!

On Saturday, November 14th our club sponsored the dance at Holladay School with caller & cuer, Jimmy Roberson and Jim Adcock. What a HUGE SUCCESS that night was with TEN SQUARES+ on the dance floor!! These two “GREATS” sure drew a crowd!! We thank ALL OF YOU for supporting us!

Monday evening, November 16th found more than 2 squares of our club members dressed in colorful square dance attire performing a “Demo” for the residents of Dunlop House in Colonial Heights! Dancing for an hour non-stop, we could “see” their obvious pleasure!!

A bright and beautiful day dawned for our club’s annual Barbeque Dinner and Dance on Saturday, November 21st at the New Bohemia Hall! The BBQ was cooked on-site by our chef Sonny Thompson along with his baked beans, hush-puppies, and cole-slaw. Club member “Lu” Smathers provided the potato salad, and the desserts were furnished by the club members. A really great meal for only $8.00 per person! The crowd both for dining and dancing was small in number – only four squares dancing, but what a GREAT time we had!! Door prizes, a 50/50, a “first-nighter tip”, and a cake-walk added to the evening’s entertainment.

The annual Henrico Christmas Mother’s Dance sponsored by RSARDA was held on Saturday evening, December 12th at the Holladay School! Caller Gene Chamberlain and cuer Connie Cox, both of our club, provided the evening’s calling and cueing for the dancers. The Henrico Christmas Mother and her husband were present to try out our dance steps and to accept a HUGE donation of over $1,000.00 from RSARDA, the caller, the cuer, and the dancers! Besides loving to square & round dance, these dancers are such GENEROUS people/“angels”!!
Our club held its annual Christmas covered-dish supper on Monday evening, December 14th at 6:00 P.M. at the Colonial Heights High School. SO MANY covered-dish delicacies and desserts were brought to share with our special guest, the Colonial Heights/Chesterfield Christmas Mother! She gratefully accepted our club’s donation and stayed on to enjoy watching us dance & celebrate the December birthdays of our club members.

The annual NEW YEAR’S EVE DANCE sponsored by our club took place on Thursday night, December 31st at the Fulghum Center in Chesterfield County. The dance began at 9:00 P.M. and ended at the magic hour of midnight, just in time to bring in the new year of 2010! What a FUN time everyone had dancing, eating, and being with friends on both the LAST day of 2009 AND the FIRST day of 2010!! Our caller Gene Chamberlain called and Pris Collins cued for this festive occasion.

Two of our club couples attended the annual Sweetheart Weekend in Virginia Beach the weekend of February 19th, 20th, & 21st, since they didn’t go on the cruise! The Worley’s ALWAYS provide such a FUN weekend for the dancers, who come from both the area & Virginia state clubs, AND clubs from out-of-state as well!! This is one dance weekend NOT to miss with ALL the GREAT callers and cuers that are there each year to provide the dancers with LOTS of dancing fun! Among the callers were Bob Worley, Matt Worley, Jeremy Butler, Bill Harrison, Drew Scearce, special guest Tim Mariner, and a new member of The Crown Record team, Robert Hurst from Sussex, ENGLAND!! (Next year’s special guest will be Tom Miller!) Among the cuers were Judy Jaworski, the Pilachowskis, and the Bradts. What a dance weekend to remember!

The week of February 14th through the 21st brought MUCH EXCITEMENT as our caller and caller Linwood Thomas called a “Square Dance Cruise to the Bahamas”! Sixteen dancers, including Gene & and his wife, Regina from our club went, plus eighteen dancers from the area clubs! One of our members, Bob Henderson even got to perform & sing on stage as Frank Sinatra!! He did GREAT and we’re all very proud of him! WHAT A LIFE OF FUN – square dancing, cruising, and eating with friends on the Carnival Cruise Line! Memories were made of this!!
Our club is sponsoring the dance on Saturday night, April 17th at the Elizabeth Holladay School! Come join us for a GREAT TIME with caller David Staples from North Carolina and cuer Gordon Adamski!!

We meet on Monday evenings at the Colonial Heights High School at 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. for new dancer lessons, and from 8:30 P.M. until 9:30 P.M. for the regular dancers (Plus level). Come for the entire evening - after all, WHO doesn’t need to brush up on their steps?! Gene Chamberlain is our club caller, Connie Cox the cuer, and Diane Hollins leads the lines. We enjoy having visitors, and Banner Stealers are ALWAYS welcome!!

Don’t let your happy dancing feet loose their rhythm & joy due to lack of dancing! Go out to the dances and dance with your square dance friends!! See you ALL in a square soon!

Club Historian – Betty Dubovsky

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**Tuckahoe Squares**

Wow! It’s already March and the Tuckahoe’s are ready to have another fantastic Yard Sale. This year, it is called “Square Mart”. It will be held “Rain or Shine” on Saturday April 24th from 7am - 3pm at our regular dance location, the West End Community Center.

Tuckahoe will continue to have special dances throughout the rest of the year with a wide variety of Callers to keep us on our toes.

In the last several months, our Banner has been taken by other local clubs. We do appreciate our guests and look forward to dancing with you, both at our club and yours.

Our new Square Dance Class is scheduled for graduation on March 19th. Gene Chamberlain has done an outstanding job in teaching the new dancers, as well as making it fun.

Upcoming dance specials are:
- 3/19  Gene Chamberlain “Graduation New Dancers”
- 3/26  Matt Worley 10/16
- 4/2  Gene Chamberlain
- 4/9  David Staples
- 4/16  Drew Scearce
- 4/23  DARK (no dance)
- 4/24  Sat Night: Ken Jordan/Gordy Adamski
- 4/30  Rich Steadman
- 5/7  George Jordan
- 5/14  Dark for Virginia State Festival
- 5/21  Dark
- 5/22  Picnic/Dance Dorey Park
- 5/28  David Staples
- 6/2  Mike Sikorsky (Wednesday)
- 6/4  Larry Winegard
- 6/11  Ken Jordan
- 6/18  Linwood Thomas
TIDBITS

DBD WORKSHOPS
Byrd Middle School  Sundays 2-5PM
April 18  Ken Jordan
May 2  George Jordan

TRIVIA
Q 1: Who was the first square dance record producer?
Q 2: Who was the first caller to be recorded?
Q 3: Has square dancing been done at Disneyland?
Q 4: What year did Dogbert become a square dance caller?
Q 5: Did the Brady Bunch ever square dance?
Q 6: What movie musical had square dancing? Can you name the caller?
Q 7: What Paule Shore movie had square dancing? Can you name the caller?
Q 8: How many movies can you name with Square Dance in the title?
Q 9: What famous cartoon character did a square dance skit?

Answer 1&2: At the request of Henry Ford, Thomas Edison recorded Benjamin Lovett calling square dances. Mr. Ford wanted the recordings to be used in school programs across the United States.
Answer 3: Yes in 1976 and 2001 in conjunction with the National Square Dance Convention.
Answer 4: Jan 31, 1992 Dilbert comic strip by Scott Adams. Dogbert claimed to be in the "Alberdeen Hall of Dung".
Answer 5: Yes, in their living room. (Episode #80)
Answer 6: Let's Dance. Paul A. Pierce (un-credited) and 7 Brides for 7 Brothers.
Answer 7: The Son-In Law. Ernie Kinney
Answer 8: Square Dance Katy (1950), Square Dance (1987)
Answer 9: Bugs Bunny

EDITOR’S NOTES
Please submit any photos or club information to Rob Green
email address bgreen44@verizon.net Club presidents please submit email addresses for those dancers who use them.

Internet Links
RSARDA
http://www.richmondsquaredance.com/

VASARDA
http://www.vasquaredance.com/

2010 National Convention in Louisville, KY
http://www.59thnsdc.com/
The Richmond Square and Round Dance Association Board Meeting was called to order by the President, John Brooks, on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 7:32 pm in the Holladay Elementary School Library.

In attendance were John Brooks (President), Cindy Wilson (Vice President), Pat Shellenberg (Secretary-Treasurer), Bev Cook (Recording Secretary), Bill Wilson (Circle Eight), Cornelia Clipp (Colonial Squares), Mary Ann Gries (Capitol Squares), Jim Sanderson (Tuckahoe Squares), Jim Saunders (Rhythm Rounders) and Rob Green (Newsletter).

The Agenda was adopted; Motion by Jim Sanderson; Seconded by Mary Ann Gries.

The Minutes from the May 19, 2009, meeting were approved with corrections noted; Motion by Bill Wilson; Seconded by Jim Sanderson. CORRECTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE.

The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Pat Shellenberg and approved; Motion by Cornelia Clipp; Seconded by Jim Sanderson.

Cindy Wilson asked the Board to participate on a Committee for the Forget-Me-Not Ball. Volunteers needed for Ads, Caller/Cuer Baskets, Decorating, Flooring, Silent Auction, 50/50 and Front Desk/Registration.

FORGET-ME-NOT BALL UPDATE by JOHN BROOKS:
John went over the income received $3,715 verses anticipated income $6,592 for Ads, Registration, Silent Auction, 50/50, and Booster Dances. Anticipate Fall Festival to break even.

John stated Friday, September 18th is the last day to accept Ads for the Fall Festival Booklet. Ads must be sent directly to John Brooks or Cindy Wilson.

The Hospitality Room in the past has been sponsored by Colonial Squares. This year it will be a RSARDA sponsored Hospitality Room. RSARDA is asking all clubs to bring snacks, food, drinks, desserts, etc. and also provide volunteers to man the room. Cindy Wilson has the schedule for sign up. John noted that Tuckahoe Squares had 14 volunteers to offer to help in the Hospitality Room. The schedule for Friday/Saturday will be as follows:

8am – 10am 2pm – 4pm 8pm – until

John stated Dunkin’ Donuts will supply 3 dozen donuts each day for the festival. He is checking with Manhattan Bagels to see if they will do the same. Also, Starbucks gave a Certificate for coffee.

John gave an update on all funds received to date including the Yard Sale as $7,104.96 and total expenses paid to date as $5,038.93 with a remaining balance of $2,066.03. Estimated total due is $8,181.00.

Rob Green will be attending the Gatlinburg TN Dance and will give-a-way a Free Registration.

The next Fall Festival Meeting will be on Sunday, September 13th at Red’s Tax Service Office in Colonial Heights.

RSARDA BOOSTER DANCES AND CLUB DANCES:
It was noted that the RSARDA Booster Dances have not made money except for the Watermelon Dance. As previously discussed, Clubs/RSARDA will have only 2 dances per month which should improve attendance. John stated that Contracts for 2010 would be going out next week to the Callers, Cuers, and Line Dancing Leaders. Most dances need 8 squares to break even.

For the Mike Sikorsky Booster Dance, we will be paying either $250 or 60% of Dance Fee Collections. Also, Cindy requested all club members attending to bring snacks.
UPCOMING DANCES:  Noted on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:
Rhythm Rounders will head up the Nominating Committee for the 2010 Officers and Club Representatives. A Slate of Officers will be presented at the December 8, 2009 meeting.

NEWSLETTER:
Rob Green asked that articles, pictures, etc. for the Newsletter be sent to him by September 16, 2009.

NEXT MEETING:
The next RSARDA Meeting will be December 8, 2009, at 7:30 pm at Holladay School Library.

ADJOURNMENT:  Motion to adjourn by Bill Wilson; Seconded by Cornelia Clipp.
Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectively Submitted
Beverly Cook
Recording Secretary