

Greetings, Square Wheelers!

Our weekend in Southern Oaks, had its usual mixture of fun and fellowship, but since it is September, it also was our annual club meeting. Notes from the meeting will come to you in a separate mailing, but the most important detail is that, consenting to lead us forward are our next Presidents will be Ron and Linda Imus. How lucky are we! They will be joining our returning board: VPs: Wayne and Debbie Miller, Treasurer: Mary Chesnut, and Secretary: Laura Ramsey- I suppose I am recording and corresponding for our group. A massive thanks to Tim and Angela for leading us for the past four years.

We had three squares and seven couples round dancing for the majority of the weekend. There are folks we do not get to see often who attended. Did you know that Bucky and Nancy Hersey have moved (we hope temporarily) to Utah? Kathy and Charles Trimble celebrated their anniversary with us (I have been remiss in adding them to our email list but you guys are in the loop now! Audrey and Bruce are still newlyweds for a couple more months. Speaking of Audrey, is your last name now King? Anyway, she made a wonderful cranberry, apple and nut jello for our Saturday dance and some delicious Cowboy Cavier- I wish she had sent the leftovers home with me. I also learned that Bob Jenkins round danced competitively when he lived in California- and sailed many a boat- he is currently building another! Ann Hadsall joined us and it is as much a pleasure watching her dance as it was to listen to her cueing. She often partnered with Michael Dick, while Wendy Dick is recovering from shoulder surgery. We had visitors, Sandee and Jim Widekind from the Villages on Friday- they came because of an invitation from Bob and Terry Wallace who came on Saturday (hooray!) and we made sure to make them feel especially welcome.

Saturday brought other visitors, Sandy Jones and Tony Trenchera from the Ocala Twirlers- they are talented dancers.

Bill Chesnut played Baby Shark to cause all the grandmothers in the audience pray they wouldn't hear it over night as an ear worm. He also introduced me to a song I hadn't yet heard- So Far, So good and dedicated it to one of the callers we have lost from the past- I wish I remembered who. My brain skipped away on that one. Susan Snider played the crowd favorites Af n Af, and Axel F, but I now have a new favorite of her music- A Better Place, which was a Rumba.

We have created the beginning of the 2026 camping calendar- thank you Tim and Angela! Our members Barbara and Ray Stiver brought a suggestion for an alternative place to camp in Crystal River- many

thanks. Speaking of next year's calendar, We will not be going to Eagle's Roost in Georgia in February- they have almost doubled their rates, so we will go to Bushnell instead.

I am very grateful for our chances to be together- and next month is the biggie, our state Camporee. You know you can invite friends who are not campers if you think they will enjoy it- three nights of dancing and fellowship, including a Saturday catered meal for just \$50. Fellow campers are of course very welcome- we are aiming for 100 attendees but would be really happy to exceed that number.

As always, all mistakes are on me. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Laura Ramsey