

# Welcome to Square Dancing & to Romeos and Calicos Square Dance Club!

Our club is pleased to coordinate your journey to successfully learning to square dance and just as important to have fun with you during this adventure. This brochure will give some basic information to get you going.

## This may help...

We have a website that you will be able to access for additional help/information. Go to RomeosandCalicos.com for

- Calendar of Events
- Taminations
- Video Square Dance Lessons
  Online

# **Basic Square Dance Terminology**

#### Angels:

An angel is an experienced dancer who volunteers to help with a new class,

#### Patter call:

A single tune is used by a caller as background for a series of calls, with no lyrics accompanying the music.

#### Singing call:

The caller sings a popular song while interspersing the lyrics with the calls. Sometimes dancers can sing along with part of the song.

### Tip:

Tip is the terminology used for one sequence of square dancing, starting from when you square up until you thank your square.

#### Definitions.

You will hear the phrase, "You have to know your definitions!" Technically Definitions are the call and how to do it. For some of the calls, the definition can be very long. But when we say, "You need to know your definitions," that means that when you are dancing, and you hear the call, you need to know what the movement is for each dancer, know which one is your role, and then dance it without hesitation.

## Class Time—What to know...

**Be on time** for the lesson. Lessons begin at 1 p.m., which means you are in the square on the floor.

When the caller begins to play music during class time it is a sign to get up and bring your partner to form a square.

Attend regularly. When you know that you will not attend a lesson due to a planned event, please inform the Caller ahead of time.

Contact either the Club Caller or Club President if an unexpected absentee occurs.

## **Dress Comfortably**

## We want you to have fun!

Being comfortable contributes to that. Jeans, t-shirts, shorts... dress clothes are acceptable too - be comfortable! Flip flops are discouraged but sandals are fine.

