

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello My Fellow Square Dancers,

I hope you had a Spring full of great dancing. I was so excited to see our club graduation rate increase. I hope everyone helps us welcome this new crop of square dancers in to our Magical world. Even with the increase of new square dancers, we all know that Square dancing dwindles in the summer due to vacations and other outside activities. I encourage everyone to visit and dance to help our past time thrive.



Our GSSDA board met and decided that change can be a good idea. Therefore, beginning in September there will no longer be individual GSSDA memberships or the Dixie Crier in the mail. We will continue to have Club Membership at a cost of \$20.00 per club. All member clubs will have a quarterly GSSDA Newsletter emailed to their Club representative. The club representative will then distribute the newsletter to club member by email or printed copy. Member clubs will have the privilege of advertising special dances in the newsletter calendar of events, have specials on our website and advertise on GSSDA Facebook. Member clubs may also purchase insurance through GSSDA. This in no way effects the state Convention and we plan to have at least one other fund raising dance per year.

These recent changes enable us to give you a bigger and better state convention. We have approximately fifty callers, cuers and instructors volunteering their time and talent this year for our State Convention, which is just around the corner (September 8 & 9) at the Classic Center in Athens. Our board certainly appreciates the entertainers' dedication and looks forward to them providing you with hours of dancing pleasure at what we hope is the biggest and best convention yet. Everything is under one roof this year and we have a new and bigger vendor hall. We need models for the fashion show, please send applications to Chad Stowe (application included in this issue on page 7). I think everyone agrees that we have a marvelous place to dance and fellowship, so be making your plans to join us in Athens for the 46th GSSDA Square and Round Dance Convention.

Please ensure that your local GSSDA representative (listed on page 30) is notified in advance of all graduations for your clubs. All representatives would like to take the opportunity to welcome your new dancers to GSSDA and tell them what our organization has to offer them. We would happy for a few minutes to speak with the new dancers and club members at either their final class or graduation. Thank you in advance for this courtesy.

I hope you take the time this summer to share your Magic for Square Dancing with everyone you meet.

See you in a square soon.
Willis K. Crump



Be sure to check periodically GSSDA's website for updates of special dances around Georgia and neighboring states. Website address: www.gssda.org. Communications are also set up through email address: GSSDA@yahoo.com.