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# For the Record

July 17, 2017

## From the Desk of the President

Hello Fellow Callers,

I'm asking for your support to change the current landscape of our activity. We as leaders need to take control of classes instead of dancers dictating the completion and graduation of student dancers. There is no way we as callers can teach sixty-eight moves in seventeen weeks and expect to turn out proficient square dancers. We need to shift our thinking and teaching techniques to one of the "Fifty Basic Programs": (Condensed Teaching Order), (Sustainable Square Dancing) and (Club 50) or a combination of the three which



consists of fifty-five moves. This concept can be accomplished in twelve weeks give or take depending on class makeup. I know this can work because I've used the method going on six years. After the initial twelve weeks, start adding ONE of the additional remaining moves each week until completion of the Mainstream Program. This adds another eighteen weeks of instruction with little teach time during regular dances. I'm sure some of the club members could use a review themselves. With that in mind, it would be nice if we as callers start some Basic Clubs where the new dancers and some dancers that are still intimidated by what they have learned in previous classes have a place to dance so as not to lose those folks. There are dancers who can't at that moment devote enough time to dance regularly but would dance if they didn't have to remember so many moves. This idea would bring these dancers along at a slower pace. It would be a better concept than to lose these dancers totally. If any of you have ideas that will help improve and/or combat the decline of our square dance population, please by all means say it.

This is a Grassroots Movement! We can all support.

*John Carlton*

Texas State Callers' Association  
Treasurer Report  
June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017

Expenses:

Badge orders	347.58
Callerlab representative (2016 & 2017)	500.00
Dues (Callerlab)	65.00
Lesson Grants (3 @ 250)	750.00
Donation (Marriner family)	500.00
Grants to Caller Assn's (6 @ 500)	3000.00
Operations (supplies, postage, website)	200.82
Plaque: Prestige Award	73.17
Seminar @ President's Meeting	1680.70
2016 Convention Caller's meeting lunch	462.77

**Total Expenses:**

**\$ 7584.04**

Income:

2016 Trails End walk-ins	509.00
2016 TSFSRD (pre-paid fees)	1625.50
TX National Conv. – gift	6000.00
Badges	203.98
Honey Pot	216.00
2016 Talent Show	233.00

**Total Income:**

**\$ 8787.48**

Check register balance as of June 1, 2017	\$ 11,182.40
Bank account balance as of June 1, 2017	\$ 11,682.40

Meeting Minutes June 10, 2017

Wichita Falls, Texas

Meeting called to Order by President Brad Caldwell

Brad thanked all for coming and for those that are calling. He spoke about the professionals we are and the professional leadership we provide. He reminded everyone about no dues currently to join the association and to please get the word out. Brad encouraged all to evangelize fellow callers!

Brad asked for the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting in the fall 2016

Motion made by John Geen to accept the minutes as published and seconded by Wayne Weston, passed by the membership.

Treasurer's report presented by John Carlton. The treasury was audited and letter provided by auditor. John Carlton reviewed the 754.04 collected so far Thursday. Motion was made by John Kephart and seconded by Skip Gates. Passed

Brad shared the letter sent by Teri Myer, who audited the associations accounts verifying the association assets and that the operating accounts are being maintained properly.

New business

Second time on Thursday night Brad was handed a letter this time from Howard and Sandra Rowen. The letter discussed the committee the federation has created. Howard and Sandra are the marketing promotion committee chairs charged with how to grow the different folk dance types. They are asking for a member of the TSCA association to join the committee to provide leadership to meet the charge. The goal presented is to start after July 1, 2017, to build a program to present of marketing and promoting to the TFSRDA board.

Brad asked for someone with passion to do this, with marketing and promotion background.

Brad made a recommendation to create an appointed position to represent TSCA. Wayne Weston made the motion and KO Jeanes seconded. Passed

Matt Barnes volunteered but, July weddings so he would not be available until August or September. After discussion Brad appointed Matt Barnes.

Dave Vieira made a motion that the 6k grant from the 2006 National Convention for caller training to be a separate line item on the treasurer's report to make it easier to show the status of the dollars. Al Frazier 2nd the motion and was passed.

John Carlton made a motion that while we are giving free dues (2019) and also pay for their badges. Matt Barnes seconded. Passed

John Carlton make a motion to add door prizes to give away Thursday night \$100 cap. Matt Barnes, seconded. Matt Barnes asked members to inquire why dancers do not attend and let him know findings? After discussion John amended his motion to \$200 and Matt Barnes, seconded. Passed

John Carlton made a motion to provide \$100 to the building owners for this meeting. Michele Vieira seconded. Passed

Brad brought up discussion regarding Paul Cote's comments regarding Nationals and promoting for non-square dancers. After conversation around how to accomplish, how to invite non-dancers, security, where are lessons after the promotion, etc. the idea was tabled for the incoming board.

Three seminars were brought up,

TSCA, October 6-7, 2017 with Elmer Sheffield

East Texas, September 29-30 with Al Stevens

South Central Oklahoma Wade Driver September 29-30

New board was introduced and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Vieira

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PAST PRESIDENT

In April many of our members attended Callerlab convention to not only learn and discuss all things pertinent to square dance, but also to renew old friendships and invigorate and refresh our passion for our beloved activity. I highly encourage you to attend whenever possible; it is a great way to recharge the batteries. Next year's Callerlab convention is March 26 – 28 in Albuquerque N.M. TSCA was very well represented this year having the current President, Vice- President, Treasurer and one Trustee in attendance. In addition, our own Vernon Jones presided over the convention as Chairman of Callerlab. Vernon and the Callerlab staff and volunteers did a great job and are to be congratulated and thanked for this year's program "Build the Base – NOW". I highly recommend to any and all that you purchase the MP3 recordings of the convention, there were a lot of excellent sessions of use to all of us. We did manage to gather as many of our Texas callers as we could locate for a picture that appears in this publication. My apologies if there was anyone we missed. We did our best to spread the word and have everyone in the photo.



I am not certain, but I think Texas can boast of having the greatest number of actively calling Callerlab Milestone award recipients. That would be because our own Deborah Carroll-Jones was recognized with that distinct honor this year. Congratulations Deborah, it was well deserved. Previous TSCA members still actively calling who have received this great honor are: Jon Jones, Melton Luttrell and Wade Driver. Also Marshall Filippo if we get to count him.

As my second term as President draws to a close I find I am encouraged by the progress that we seem to be making as an activity. I would like to think that my leadership has contributed in some small part to creating a healthy climate for discussion of the changes we see may be necessary. It has been an honor to serve in this capacity and I intend to stay active in the TSCA as long as I remain a square dance caller. Remember that the greatest asset the TSCA has is you. Please, if called, agree to serve in some capacity on behalf of TSCA. I am confident that the incoming board will be effective at continuing the progress we have begun. Please put Oct. 6-7 on your calendar. We will have our Fall meeting and seminar in Waco. Elmer Sheffield will be our clinician, be looking for a flyer in the near future.

*Brad Caldwell*

# CALLERLAB CONVENTION

## TEXAS ATTENDEES

March 25-28, 2017

Mesa, Arizona



## Milestone Award-Deborah Carroll-Jones



One of our own TSCA members was recognized at the recent CALLERLAB Convention. Deborah Carroll-Jones was honored on Tuesday evening, April 11, 2017 with CALLERLAB'S highest award of achievement.

The Milestone Award is given to those individuals who:

1 - Must show outstanding and significant contribution to the field of square dancing and have shown leadership in uncharted fields, which has resulted in the betterment of Square Dancing.

2 - Contribution must have stood the test of time.

3 - Unselfish contribution, divorced from personal gain and monetary rewards. Requires attitudes that think of others first.

4 - Must maintain and conduct self in professional manner, reflecting the high standards of leadership to which we have dedicated ourselves in our day to day actions.

5 - Must have exercised broad influence in the square dance activity although local geographic and highly specialized activity may lead to recognition.

The Milestone has only been given to 4 women in the 44 years of CALLERLAB's existence. Deborah is the sixth caller from the NORTEX area to bring home the Milestone. The others are: Carl Sims, Ray Smith, Joe Lewis, Jon Jones & Melton Luttrell.

Current Chairman of the Board of CALLERLAB, caller Patty Greene from North Carolina made the presentation. Deborah has proven to be a leader in the Square dance world by serving on and heading many committees within CALLERLAB (the International Association of Square Dance Callers) including being on the Board of Governors and serving as Vice Chairman. She has been a positive role model for other women callers as well as being the 3<sup>rd</sup> woman in the world to become a CALLERLAB Accredited Caller Coach. She's recorded many square dance records, including "Colors of the Wind," which won an Ozzie as the Favorite Singing Call recorded by a female caller. Deborah is currently the Club Caller for the Texas Reelers in Richardson, TX.

# Calendar

29-Jul-17	2018 Festival - 1st Planning Meeting – Evening Dance-Mineola, TX
11-Aug-17	Heart of Texas - 46th Annual Corn Huskers Hoedown
12-Aug-17	TopTex - Teen Dance - Kwahadi Museum, Amarillo, TX.
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29-Sep-17	East Texas Callers Seminar-Al Stevens-Gladewater, TX Sep 29-30, 2017
30-Sep-17	Red River Valley SRDA - Pioneer Dance
6-Oct-17	TSCA Seminar and Meeting-TSFSRD President's Meeting-Waco, TX-Elmer Sheffield
7-Oct-17	TSCA Seminar and Meeting-TSFSRD President's Meeting-Waco, TX-Elmer Sheffield
20-Oct-17	NORTEX Round-Up/Grapevine, TX
21-Oct-17	NORTEX Round-Up/Grapevine, TX
27-Oct-17	Houston SRDC - 69th Annual Hoe Down, Moody Gardens Convention Center, Galveston, TX
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12-Jan-18	TSFRD Nominating Meeting-Winnie, TX
13-Jan-18	TSFRD Nominating Meeting-Winnie, TX
20-Jan-18	Sam Houston Presidents Ball
27-Jan-18	PBSRDA - Winterfest, M-Squarena, Midland, TX
10-Feb-18	South Texas Square & Round Dance Association - Community Center, Port Lavaca, TX
24-Feb-18	Golden Triangle SRDA - It's Mardi Gras Time



2-Mar-18	TSFSRD Conclave - Conroe, TX
3-Mar-18	TSFSRD Conclave - Conroe, TX
8-Mar-18	TASSD Round-Up, Allemande Hall, Speegleville, TX
9-Mar-18	TASSD Round-Up, Allemande Hall, Speegleville, TX
10-Mar-18	TASSD Round-Up, Allemande Hall, Speegleville, TX
23-Mar-18	East Texas SRDA- Dancing 'cross Texas - Marshall Civic Center, Marshall, TX
24-Mar-18	2018 Festival - Final Planning Meeting; Holiday Inn South, Tyler, TX
24-Mar-18	East Texas SRDA- Dancing 'cross Texas - Marshall Civic Center, Marshall, TX
14-Apr-18	Lubbock SRDF LASRDF Dance Center, Lubbock, TX
27-Apr-18	Alamo Fiesta Dance - Tri Pointe, San Antonio, TX
28-Apr-18	Golden Gulf Coast SRDC - Fifties Dance; BTC Recreation Center, Brazoria, TX
11-May-18	Austin SRDA – Mid-Tex - Georgetown Community Center, Georgetown, TX
31-May-18	56th Annual - Texas State Federation Square and Round Dance Festival
	May 31, 2018 - June 3, 2018 - Tyler, Texas

# THE LEARNERS CLASS

A poem by HELEN BANIA Jannings, MO, USA 1992

A new class has begun, By introducing everyone,

The caller knows the score, Taught many dancers before.

A few will drop out in a week or two, "Too hard to learn something new",

Others eager to give it a try, These are the apple of the caller's eye.

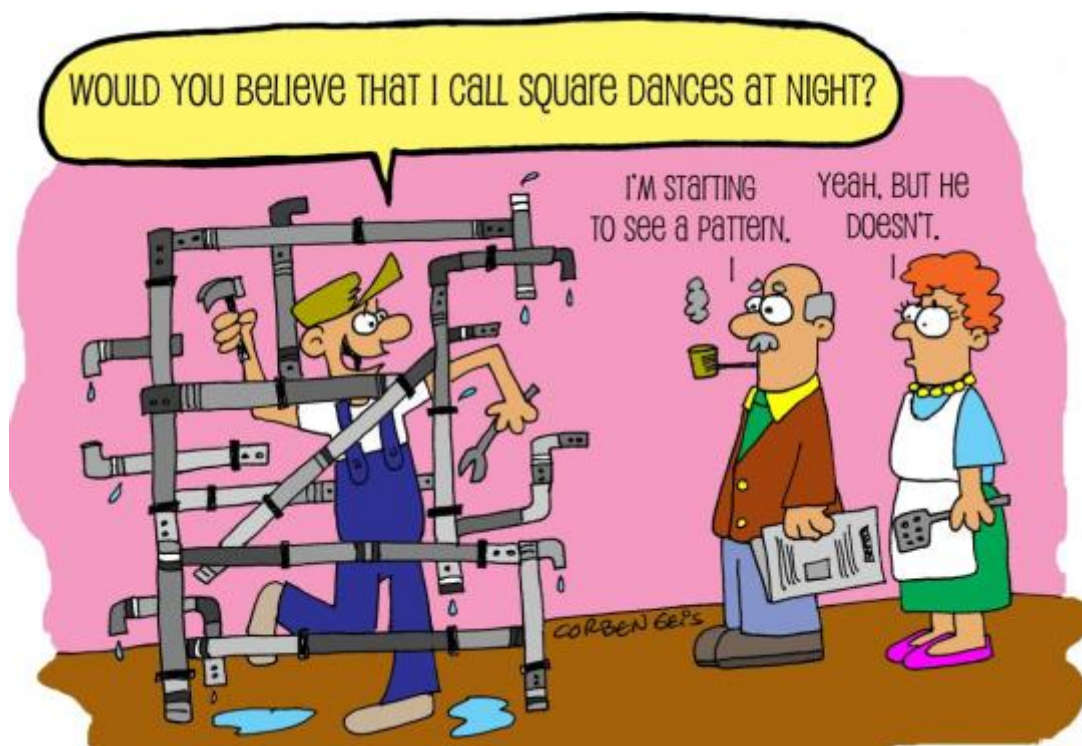
Callers are a special breed, know how to meet their need,

With patience, loves to teach, Thru their mistakes, he does not preach.

Over and over he will repeat, "Don't rush - dance to the beat",

Each lesson, they improve, Now they are getting into the groove.

The caller looks with pride as they dance side by side.



# CHOREO CORNER – Walk and Dodge

By Barry Wonson

This month I thought that we could have a look at one of the most used of the Mainstream calls...WALK & DODGE. A simple concept, taken in its most basic form - from the allowable formation, those facing in will “Walk across”, those facing out will “DODGE” (slide into the position held by walker. -- Well, sometimes)

Below are examples of some of the more standard set-ups and ending formations (I have used Touch 1/4 fairly extensively in examples below for the sake of simplicity, but please note that there are many other ways to get to the required set-up). Of course all of these could also be set up from a Left Touch 1/4.

From a wave set-up (from a standard 8 CHAIN THRU arrangement (called BOX here):

BOX: TOUCH 1/4, WALK & DODGE (Men walking, girls dodging -gives a line facing out, standard arrangement)

BOX: TOUCH 1/4, SCOOTBACK, WALK & DODGE (Girls walking, men dodging - gives a 1/2 sashayed line facing out)

BOX: TOUCH 1/4, CENTRES TRADE, (all) WALK & DODGE (Gives a BGGB line facing out)

BOX: TOUCH 1/4, CENTRES TRADE, SCOOTBACK, WALK & DODGE, (Gives a GBBG line facing out)

FROM COLUMNS:

From a BGBG LINE: TOUCH 1/4, WALK & DODGE (here we have a standard Men walk and girls Dodge, but it needs to be noted that this is within each group of 4 dancers - result is a standard Trade by formation)

From a BGBG LINE: TOUCH 1/4, SINGLE FILE CIRCULATE, WALK & DODGE (A little more complex, this has a column circulate and then the walk and dodge again gives us the dancers completing the actions within their own box of 4, Girls walking, Men dodging to give a half sashayed Trade by set up).

From the above, it is obvious that we can set up all possible sex arrangements within these common formations by having just the centers of column Box

Circulate, we then change to a same sex concept. Variations here can give all possible sex arrangements.

The above are just the basic uses involving all the dancers within each box of 4. Of course we have many other ideas as well.

For example: we could have just the center 4 dancers of waves, (or columns) Walk & Dodge.

□ From waves this will give us a 3 x 1 Line.

□ From columns this gives us the center 4 as a couple between the ends who are in mini waves. Both of these ideas give us a large number of possibilities for getting out of these set-ups back in to more normal ones. Examples of choro using some of these concepts from different set-ups: (SS) Side Ladies Chain, Heads Square Thru, Swing Thru, Single Hinge, **CENTRES WALK & DODGE**, Girl Facing Out Run, Couples Circulate, **CENTRES WALK & DODGE**, Ends Zoom, Centers Run, **CENTRES WALK & DODGE**, All Bow to Partner. (ZL): Touch 1/4, Single File Circulate, **CENTRES WALK & DODGE**, Centers in, Cast Off 3/4, **CENTRE 4 - MAN WALK LADIES DODGE**, Couples Circulate, 1/2 Tag, **CENTRES WALK & DODGE**, Centre Lady Run Left (**around Centre Man**), Swing Thru, Single Hinge Right & Left Grand. (ZB): Swing Thru, Ladies Cross Run, **LADIES WALK & DODGE**, Men Circulate, All Trade & Roll, All Pass Thru & Face in, Left Touch 1/4, **CENTRES WALK & DODGE**, Men Facing Out U Turn Back, Star Thru, Promenade. (SS) Heads Right & Left Thru, Pass The Ocean, Extend, Men Cross Run, Ladies Circulate, **MEN WALK & DODGE**, Men Run, Men Pass Thru, **LADIES WALK & DODGE**, Men Fold, Star Thru, Promenade.

Another neat variation is to setup a column of 6 and have that column Walk & Dodge: (**Note: Some of the examples given below use Plus Choreography**). (ZL): Touch 1/4, Single File Circulate 1 & 1/2, (**Ends with Column of 6 Between 2 Singles**), **COLUMN OF 6 WALK & DODGE**, Centre Girls Trade & Spread Apart (**Now Have Those Girls and Two Lonesome Recognize the Larger Diamond Formation**), Centers Chase Right, Then Single Hinge, Men Bend the Line, Girls Cut the Diamond, Girls Trade & Roll, Pass Thru, Star Thru\*\*, Promenade

□ \*\* After the Star Thru, you can have the couples facing out trade and you are back in the Zero Line

Of course if we can have the center 6 of a column Walk & Dodge, then the next extension is to have ALL in the column Walk & Dodge (**rather than just with a Box Circulate foursome**).

(ZL): Right & Left Thru, Touch 1/4, **ALL 8 WALK & DODGE**, **Centers Walk & Dodge**, Centers in, Cast Off 3/4, Slide Thru, Centers Pass Thru, Swing Thru, Men Run, Bend the Line (ZL)

(ZB) Slide Thru, Left Touch 1/4, **ALL 8 WALK & DODGE (Dancers at The End Facing Out Dodge – Everyone Else Walk)**, **CENTRES WALK & DODGE**, Others Trade, Star Thru, Pass Thru Wheel & Deal, Zoom, Centers Pass Thru: (ZB)

Of course the above modules use Walk & Dodge from only a small number of the many possible set-ups. We can have set-ups where we can use the term but have no Dodgers. Likewise, we can have everyone Dodge. There are the 3 x 1 variations, plus many more. The use of this call, like many others, is only limited by the imagination (and of course the definition).



## Fifth Weekend Square and Round Dance Special

Hosted by

### East Texas Callers Association

Friday, September 29, 2017

Beginning at 7:00 PM

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Beginning at 7:00 PM

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