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Association, Inc.

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“Our Sixtieth-first year”

Serving the Mid-South
Dance Community

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Square Dance!

What Is GMS&RDA?

Have You Heard Of It?

What Is Its Purpose?

The GMS&RDA is the Greater Memphis Square and Round Dance Association. It is an organization of dance clubs in the greater Memphis area.

It is governed by a board of directors made up of a president, vice president, treasurer and secretary and two representatives (aka delegates) selected by each member-club and two delegates-at-large appointed by the president.

The purpose of the GMS&RDA is to promote all forms of folk dance conducted by the affiliated clubs. Furthermore, it is responsible for keeping and dispensing pertinent information to all dancers relative to special events scheduling and classes.

The Board meets at 7:15 p.m., on the third Tuesday of each odd-numbered calendar month. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings and to join in the discussions on how best to promote dancing in our area.

As always with volunteer organizations there is a need for new people with new ideas. Delegates will be reaching out in the next two months seeking people to be officers and delegates for the upcoming year. Please consider helping the organization. Please talk to one of the delegates.

GMS&RDA is also responsible for assuring that the annual Mid-South Dance Festival is scheduled and implemented. Guidelines for this event have been developed over the last fifty-five years and are available for planning. Consider becoming involved in this activity. Plans are almost complete for the 2018, and it is time, for many reasons, to start planning for the 57th in 2019.

Sidney Nelson, the chairman for the 55th, needs help setting up the hall for this year at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday October 19th at St Paul United Methodist Church. If you can help, let him know at 901-494-6762 or sidneynelson41@yahoo.com.

A final note, a current GMS&RDA members directory will be published and available to all members soon. A copy of it has been sent to the clubs with their delegates - please check it for any corrections and have corrections to Mary Ann Walker at walker5252@aol.com by the end of September.

Don't take life too serious
LIFE IS SIMPLE
EAT
SLEEP
AND
SQUARE
DANCE

ATTENTION PLEASE



The committee appointed to review the GMS&RDA bylaws made their report at the recent Board meeting and suggested several changes. After much discussion the Board approved the bylaws as printed on page 5 through 9 in this issue of The CALLER. The changes are highlighted and should be easy to identify. Please review these and give your Club delegate your recommendations. The second and final vote will be taken at the Board meeting on November 15.

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GMS&RDA ELECTED OFFICERS—Thru Dec. 2017

Pres: Dan (Glinda) Torvik, 245 Windy Ridge Cv. Collierville, TN 38017 901-853-1317 gtorvik@bellsouth.net

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APPOINTED OFFICERS: Serving thru Dec. 2017

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—Dan (Glinda) Torvik

Hope you have had fun dancing every chance you got this last month.

We had fun going to the graduation of the Wednesday night class that Justin did. There are a lot of enthusiastic dancers in that group that are already getting out and visiting clubs. Justin has started another class on Thursday nights and had a great turn out for it.

We enjoyed the ice cream and fellowship at the Top Spinners Anniversary dance. We also enjoyed dancing with Gary Shoemake at the cabin.

Over the Labor Day weekend, we traveled down to Paris, Texas to dance with Gary again along with Ken Bower, Mike Bramlett and Darrel McMillan then we came back to Little Rock for the Singles Convention and danced to several great national callers.

This past week we had fun dancing with Robert at BnB's. We are so lucky to have national callers here in our clubs.

We want to thank the people from our area that have volunteered to help with the 2021 National for taking the time to travel to Jackson, MS in September for our first meeting to start the plans for the convention. There are still positions that need to be filled so if you would like to be involved please let us know. Mary Ann Walker definitely needs volunteers to help her with registration and housing.

If you have not already please registered for the Mid-South Festival to be held October 20 -21 at St Paul United Methodist Church.

For those of you that came to the Alzheimer's fundraiser dance just wanted to let you know we will be sending them a \$3,000 donation. Thanks to all of you that supported the dance. Plans are being made to do another fundraiser dance next year.

Respectfully submitted, Dan (Glinda) Torvik

SAVE the DATE
June 27, 30, 2018
Kansas City, MO
67th National Square
Dance Convention®

CLUB SPECIALS—Deadline for listing Specials is Saturday before 3rd Tuesday each month

Specials Coordinator: Bob (Mary Ann) Moats, Vice President, 5741 North St. Bartlett, TN
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OCTOBER

- 20th B&B closed
- 20th–21st GMS&RDA MID-SOUTH FESTIVAL
- 21st P&P closed
- 26th TS “Haunted Halloween” Costume Party
- 30th PHP Halloween Dance

NOVEMBER

- 11th P&P Veteran’s Day 51st Anniversary
- 21st GMS&RDA meeting

- 23rd TS closed Thanksgiving
- 24th B&B Robert’s Birthday Dance
- 25th P&P closed Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 7th TS Home for the Holidays Dance
- 21st TS closed
- 23rd P&P closed
- 25th PHP closed
- 28th TS closed

Sunshine Chairman

Sunshine Chairman, Peggy Vanlandingham
Kennington Pointe
6301 Village Grove Dr. Rm 114,
Memphis, TN 38115—Phone: 901-488-3479

Get Well: Al Poortvliet, Delbert Curlin, Bessie Russell, Helen Hindman.

Sympathy : Marie Lovelace in the death of her mother.
Mary Jo Poorvliet in the death of her step-mother.
Sam & Paulette Delk in the death of their daughter.

You all know that **Glinda and Dan Torvik** are the Chairmen for the 70th (2021) National Square Dance Convention to be held in Jackson, Mississippi.



In support of this endeavor a "Wiggins Weekend" is scheduled at Flint Creek, Wiggins, April 27-29, 2018. All proceeds from the event will go to the 70th as seed money.

For information phone Mary Landry 985-630-6240 or Mike at 985-630-6241.

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Colonial Park United Methodist Church
5330 Park Ave. Memphis, TN



2nd & 4th Friday, 7:30 -9:30 p.m.

Square Dance: Robert (Rosalie) Townsend, Caller
Gloria (Tom) McMullin Lines/Rounds

Mary Ann Walker, Pres. 901-628-4356 walker5252@aol.com



SOUTHERN ROUNDS

Graceland Christian Church
2126 Stateline Rd.
Southaven, MS

Tuesdays

- Class 6:00 - 7:00
- Line Dance 7:00 - 8:00
- Club Dance 8:00 - 9:30

Cuer: Gloria & Tom McMullin
662-429-1701 or 901-849-1701



GMS&RDA Member Club News

Club Reporters: Deadline for next club news is Monday October 23, 2017 **NOTE DATE** 
Send club news to: Jim Bobo, 9260 Laurel Hill South, Olive Branch, MS 38654—thecalleditor@yahoo.com



Touring in the convertible, Justin and Betty Jo were in Gulfport, MS and Fultondale, AL.

It has been an extremely busy time at the Log Cabin. TOP SPINNERS would like to thank everyone that came out to our 3rd Annual Hot August Nights with Gary Shoemake. Then, people turned right around and came back to Eads to celebrate our 37th Anniversary with some homemade ice-cream. The club was closed one week for nasty weather but then started a beginners' series. Now we have our eye set on hosting the annual GMS&RDA picnic on September 24th. All of these things wouldn't happen without visitors there every week. Club members haven't just be confined at the hall. Ridley & Kathy Clifton, Joe & Sharon White and Sharon Wappler were all at the Delta Fair. Dan & Glinda made pit stops in

Paris, TX and Little Rock, AR over Labor Day weekend. Justin Russell and Betty Fortune were in Gulfport, MS and Fultondale, AL. Several members are going to the Southeast Swing with Robert Townsend in Alabama. As fall approaches, we still have more great events coming up. Kathy Clifton is organizing a demo in Rosemark, TN for September 30th. The Mid-South Festival chairman, Sidney Nelson has been visiting clubs and promoting the event being held on October 20-21 in Lakeland, TN. Mark your calendars because you don't want to miss Ted Kennedy and Pauline Angress. Top Spinners will be hosting the Haunted Halloween Costume Party on October 26th. Grandma Bessie wanted me to say thank-you for your calls and prayers. She fell and broke her ankle and is currently at the Somerville rehab. She is in great spirits and says she misses her square dance family. You don't have to wait for a club special to come see us. See you in a square real soon. - JR

67th National Square Dance Convention® June 27, 30, 2018, Kansas City, MO BRANSON & OZARK MOUNTAIN COUNTRY

You have a choice to enjoy Branson and Ozark Mountain Country either prior to the 67th or after the 67th!

Pre-Convention Tour Sunday, June 24 – Tuesday, June 26 Departs 10 a.m.

Post-Convention Tour Sunday, July 1-Tuesday, July 3 Departs 10 am.

Sunday our deluxe motor coach departs the Convention Center for Ozark Mountain Country. We travel to Point Lookout for a tour of the COLLEGE of the OZARKS, a tuition-free institution Students work for their education and one will be our tour guide. After visiting the greenhouses and fruitcake bakery, more of those enterprising students will prepare and serve our dinner. Then on to Branson where we'll enjoy the SHOJI TABUCHI music show, Branson's most popular for over two decades.

Day 2 will find us in nearby Eureka Springs, the most unusual city in America. We will enjoy a guided tour through "Little Switzerland" and have lunch before returning to Branson for an open evening to dine, shop or see a music show of your choice. Our hotel is smack-dab in the middle of six music shows, numerous restaurants and specialty shopping. After breakfast and checkout, our journey returns to Kansas City in the late afternoon.

Fully escorted 3-day tour includes round-trip transportation, 2 nights lodging at a first class hotel, 4 meals, one music show, guide fees, tips and baggage handling.

\$330.00 per person double occupancy

\$430.00 per person single occupanc

BY-LAWS of THE GREATER MEMPHIS SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION**ARTICLE I**

Section 1. The name of the Association shall be known as The Greater Memphis Square & Round Dance Association, Incorporated (GMS&RDA) hereafter known as the Association.

ARTICLE II

The purpose of the Association shall be to promote all square, round and other forms of folk dancing affiliated with the Association and keep pertinent information available to all dancers and serve as a clearing agency for scheduling all special events in order avoid conflict of club events.

ARTICLE III ORGANIZATION

Section 1. All business of this Association shall be conducted by the Board of Directors (Board), which will be composed of two (2) delegates from each affiliated club and two (2) delegates at large. Each delegate will have one (1) vote.

- a. A delegate or club alternate shall represent only one (1) club.
- b. Delegates will serve without compensation.
- c. The Association President will serve as Chairman of the Board.

Section 2. Duties of delegates (Board)

- a. Elected by individual clubs as the club representative to the Board. ~~meeting.~~
- b. Bring items to the meeting from the represented club that may require Board review and vote.
- c. Address items presented for consideration at the Board meeting, present the club's point of view and vote on motions. Only a delegate can bring a motion to the floor and vote on a seconded motion.
- d. In club meetings following the Board meeting, update the represented club with information on the items considered and handled at a monthly meeting. Bring to the following Board meeting the action recommended by a club on a seconded motion made at the previous monthly meeting.
- e. Support approved Association functions through attendance, participation and promotion of said event with the represented club.
- f. Delegates At Large will assist the Executive Board in facilitating Board meetings and other Association functions.
- g. Delegates At Large will represent those Association members not affiliated with a club.

Sec 2-h rescinded by Board

- ~~h. Any club not represented at a Board meeting for two consecutive meetings will be suspended from voting. After representative of said club has attended two consecutive Board meetings delegates from said club will again be eligible to vote beginning with the next Board meeting. Suspended club(s) will not be counted when determining the quorum.~~

Section 3. All voting shall be done by the Board. The President shall cast a vote only in case of a tie.

Section 4. An Executive Board shall consist of the immediate past President and the current officers.

Section 5. There shall be an Association meeting on every odd month of the year. The President may call a meeting with two weeks' notice if deemed necessary by the majority of the Executive Board. The President with the approval of the Executive Board shall determine time and place of the meetings. A quorum for any Board meeting shall be one-half (½) of its member clubs in good standing.

Section 6. An up-to-date Association directory of all Association clubs, club members and non-affiliated members will be published annually as soon as possible after January 1st of each year. The directory shall include name, address, phone numbers, email address, club affiliation and GMS&RDA member status.

Section 7. All officers, delegates and committee chairmen must be current individual members of the association.

Section 8. Expenditures required to perpetuate all dance genre supported by the Association up to Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) may be made by a current officer with the approval of the president. All expenditures made shall be reported by the Treasurer at the Board meeting following the expenditure.

Section 9. Any request for funds exceeding Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) shall be made in writing at a regularly constituted meeting and after appropriate discussion (time restricted at the discretion of the President); and a positive vote by the delegates the request shall be taken to the clubs for discussion. The request shall then be carried forward for a 2nd vote at the next regularly constituted Board meeting.

Section 10. The Fiscal and Calendar year shall run from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership representation to the Association will be by clubs. New member clubs must have a minimum of two (2) squares or equivalent educated in basic square, round or other forms of folk dancing. Application by a club for membership will be on a form provided by the Association. This completed application with club by-laws, roster, club officers and delegates to the Board, will be presented for consideration at a regular Board meeting. Eligibility of an applying club will be verified by a visit from an Association officer. A vote on the club's application will be taken at the Board meeting following the meeting at which the application is submitted.

Section 2. To retain membership each club will pledge its support to all Association sponsored functions and activities, and will uphold the By-laws of the Association. Renewed membership will be effective when the Association dues are received by the Association Treasurer. A club that has not renewed membership by the February meeting will not be eligible to vote in any Association business until the renewal process is completed. If a club fails to renew membership by the March meeting, the Board at their discretion may rescind membership.

Section 3. Individual membership in the Association can be obtained through a member club, at any Association sponsored dance or by mail to the Association.

- a. An individual need not be a member of any dance club to be a member.
- b. Dues of individual and family members are due by January 1st.
- c. Individual members are subject to the by-laws of this Association.

Para. d approved by Board

d. Members who are Lifetime members as of December 31, 2017, shall continue in that status for their life time. The provision for lifetime membership is discontinued as of January 1, 2018.

ARTICLE V DUES

Section 1. At the November meeting, the Board will set the amount of Association dues for club, family and individual membership for the upcoming year.

Sec. 2 and Sec 3, Approved by Board

Section 2. Membership dues must be received by the Association Treasurer on or before the January Board meeting of dues-year.

- a. Renewal forms for individual members (prepared by the Membership Chairperson) will be distributed to club Delegates at the last Board meeting of the year prior to the dues-year. Delegates will make these forms available to all current and former dancers.
 - b. Completed forms with dues payment will delivered to the Association Treasurer at the Christmas/ Appreciation & Recognition Dance or to a club delegate.
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Section 3. Any club whose membership has 100% membership in the Association by the January Board meeting may receive a refund of club membership dues. To receive this refund a club delegate must submit to the Association Treasurer at the January Board meeting the club dues and the current club roster indicating 100% membership in the Association by club members.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

- a. The President, Vice-President and Secretary shall serve one (1) year (January to December) following their election with a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms. The Treasurer serves at the discretion of the Board and without term limits.
- b. At the September Association meeting, the President will appoint a nominating committee to consist of the two (2) at large delegates to obtain a slate of candidates for each of the three (3) offices. This slate shall be submitted at the next meeting. Nominations for President, Vice-President, and Secretary will be accepted from the floor at the same meeting and will be published in the next Association publication with those submitted by the nominating committee. Candidates for office shall not be active or learning callers, round or line dance instructors and their spouses.
- c. A candidate for office must be a member in good standing of the Association at the time of nomination. The membership chairman will verify eligibility of each candidate.

Paragraph d approved by Board

- d. All Association members are eligible to vote. A ballot approved by the Executive Board will be distributed to Association delegates at the November Board meeting and printed in the November issue of The **CALLER**. Association members will acquire a ballot, complete it, and return it to a Club delegate. (Association members who are not members of a club may return their ballot to a club delegate or to the Association secretary.) The senior Club delegate will verify that the voter is an Association member and deliver the ballots to the Association president at the Christmas/Appreciation & Recognition Dance. The President will delegate three people to tally the votes and announce the results by the end of the Christmas/Appreciation & Recognition Dance. In case of a tie vote, a run off between the top two (2) candidates will take place at the Christmas/Appreciation & Recognition Dance by secret ballot by the delegates in attendance.
- e. Officers shall serve without compensation.

Section 2. Newly elected officers shall take office at the January Board meeting.

Section 3. Association officers shall not simultaneously serve as delegates.

Section 4. Should the President's office become vacated, the Vice-President shall assume the duties of President for the unexpired term. Should the office of Vice-President, or Secretary be vacated for any reason, the Board shall elect a replacement at the next Board meeting to complete the unexpired term. Should the office of Treasurer be vacated the Board by a majority vote will elect a replacement to serve without a finite date of tenure.

Sec. 5 approved by Board

Section 5. If no Association member consents to stand for election to the Presidency the three immediate Past Presidents willing to serve and the two Delegates at Large will each rotate as chairperson of the Association meetings.

Section 6. Duties of the Association Officers

- a. **President**
 1. The President shall appoint a Parliamentarian to assure proper Parliamentary procedure in accordance with "Robert's Rules of Order Revised".
 2. Conduct scheduled Board meetings
 3. Set the agenda and provide delegates a copy of the agenda
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4. Chair the Executive Board meetings.
5. Appoint all committees deemed necessary, with the exception of the nominating committee, whose terms expire at the completion of their duties.

Sec. 6 para. a-6 approved by Board

6. Appoint an Auditing Committee, which shall consist of three (3) the Association members and the Treasurer. This Committee shall audit all books and records that are required to be kept by Article VI, Section 5, Paragraph 5. This Committee shall make a written report during the first quarter of each calendar year and shall make the results known to the Board. With the approval of the Board, the President or the Treasure may direct that an additional audit be conducted each year by this Committee or by a certified public accountant.
 7. Appoint the two (2) delegates at large.
 8. MC the Christmas/Appreciation & Recognition Dance.
- b. Vice-President**
1. Assume the duties of the President when the President is unable to attend a Board meeting.
 2. Assume the duties of the President should the President's office become vacated.
 3. At the Board meetings, review with the delegates the club specials and adjust as needed.
 4. Arrange for callers and cuers for the annual Christmas/Appreciation & Recognition Dance.
 5. Work closely with the President to select locations and callers for sponsored Association dances.
- c. Treasurer**
1. Keep the financial records of the Association.
 2. Report the status of the Associations finances at the Board meetings.
 3. Periodically review investments for quality and maintain a record of results from investments.
 4. Make timely investment recommendations to the Executive Board, and if so directed by the President, to the delegates. To appoint as necessary persons with the proper skills to assist in developing these recommendations.
 5. Maintain a separate financial record of special dances and the Mid-South Festival as needed for reports and review of results.
- d. Secretary**
1. Take minutes at the Board meetings.
 2. Provide the editor of The CALLER a copy of Board minutes in a timely manner.
 3. Check attendance at the Board meeting and advise the President as to the status of the quorum.
 4. Maintain a file of the names of club delegates.

Sec. 5 approved by Board

5. The secretary will be responsible for distributing proxy forms upon request. The secretary will accept correctly completed proxy forms prior to the start of each Board meeting and will announce the name of the proxy and club represented before roll call. Any person not submitting a correctly completed form will not be allowed to act as a delegate.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

Section 1. The by-laws may be amended by a favorable majority of the Board present at two (2) readings, the first (1st) reading made at the time of the motion and the second (2nd) reading at the next regular Association meeting. Failure to pass first (1st) reading will stop the amendment. Any amendment that passes the (1st) reading will be published in the Association publication ("The **CALLER**") prior to second (2nd) reading and vote of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII

Association members, officers and delegates shall not be personally liable for debts, liabilities or other obligations of the Association.

ARTICLE IX

INDEMNIFICATION BY CORPORATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The Association to the fullest extent permissible shall indemnify the Directors and Officers of the Association under the laws of the State of Tennessee.

Revised February 17, 2009

Revised March 18, 2014

Revised May 24, 2017

Revised _____, 2017

SECRETARY'S CORNER — Sharon White

GMS & RDA Meeting was called to order September 20, 2017 at 7:25 PM on by Dan Torvik, President.

In attendance were - 4 officers, 8 Delegates from 7 clubs, 1 Visitors and 1 TN state Delegate.

Secretary's report: July 18, 2017 minutes were approved and seconded as printed in *The CALLER*.

Treasure's report: July/ August 2017 Treasurer's report was presented by Betty Jo Fortune, treasurer and approved.

REPORTS:

Area demos:

Rosemark Festival September 30, 2017 – 8658

Rosemark Rd. Millington. Contact is Kathy Clifton

Bartlett Festival - Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 3 pm. Contact is Mary Ann Walker 628-4356

Bluegrass Festival Nov 4, 2017 At Shelby Forrest time and exact location are not available yet. Contact is Yvonne Johnson

Historian: no report

Membership: Carolyn Parent will be Membership Chairperson next year. Membership update forms will be available for delegates to take to their clubs at the November meeting and available at the Christmas dance.

Sunshine: Peggy Vanlandingham was not present. Yvonne reported Peggy sent out 3 get well cards and 3 sympathy cards over last 2 months.

Publicity: no report

Insurance: Dana Stine reported that he needs clubs to send in him their rosters for insurance purposes

TN State Association:

-JJ Johnson reported that the next TN State Meeting will be Sunday, October 22 at 9 am @ the Eads Civic Center.

-Dan Torvik, President, thanked everyone for their support and attendance at the TN State Dance. He reported there were over 1200 dancers

Liaison Callers/Curers: No report

Special Dances: Bob Moats, Vice President, listed the special dances and they will be listed in The Caller.

55th Mid-South Festival:

-Sidney Nelson reported on the festival at this time and everything is on track but registration is still slow.

-He needs the insurance for this dance and Glinda Torvik will follow up.

-Sidney reports that he has a plan to have drawing for a chance to win tickets to the the Tulane Game to raise money for the dance.

56th Mid-South Festival: Justin Russell reported that the Hall, the date and the Caller have been confirmed but he is still trying to nail down the cuer.

New Business:

-Alzheimer's association fundraiser dance. Yvonne Johnson reported that the money raised for Alzheimer's Association Dance was \$1,790. There was \$200 in expense for use of the hall. We also still have \$1,380 designated for another charity that failed to receive it. A motion was made and seconded to give \$3,000 total to the Alzheimer's association. The motion passed and Yvonne Johnson will follow up with this.

Discussion occurred about fundraising events in the future. Motion was made and seconded that that The Alzheimer's Association be our fundraising project for next year. The motion passed.

-Budget Committee – Dan will organize a budget committee for 2018.

-Slate of Officers for 2018. Delegates at Large Dorothy Bobo and Glinda Torvik will work on the Slate of officers for 2018

Insurance- questions have already been addressed by Dana Stine.

Motion was made and seconded to move GS&RDA meeting to the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The motion did not pass.

Old Business:

-GS&RDA picnic is Sunday September 24, 2017 at Eads Civic Center at 1 pm

Review of the Directory- is in process. Clubs have till September 30, 2017 to review for corrections. Contact Mary Ann Walker at Walker5252@aol.com with corrections.

-Bylaws updated by committee were discussed by all present. A motion was made and seconded to accept changes as amended. Motion passed. The amended bylaws will be presented in *The CALLER* with changes highlighted for members to review. Bylaws will be reviewed a second time at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm, on Sept. 20, 2017 by Dan Torvik, President.

Next GMS & RDA meeting will be held Tuesday, November 21, 2017.

Respectfully Reported — Sharon White, Secretary

MID-SOUTH AREA CLUB DANCE SCHEDULES

Initials Indicate: (S) Squares (R) Choreographed ball room dancing (C/W) Country Western, [(S-R) indicates the club dances Square and Ball room.

SUNDAY

T-SQUARES (Advance A2 & C1) 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. First Evangelical Church 735 Ridge Lake Blvd Memphis, TN. Caller Robert Townsend 901-634-8723 roberttownsend@netzero.net Pres. John Doles 901-481-5652.

MONDAY

COTTON PICKIN SQUARES (S) Freedom's Chapel Christian Church, 961 Getwell Rd (just south of Park Ave) 7:00-8:30 Caller Justin Russell, 901-604-5751 justinrus@gmail.com

MERRY-GO-ROUNDS (R) Berclair Civic Club, 743 Novarese. Dancing 8:00-10:00 p.m. Gordon & Mary Brower, Instr., 901-682-8276. Pres. Bob (Mary Ann) Moats, 5741 North St. Bartlett, TN 901-264-7100 moatsr@gmail.com

PLEASANT HILL PROMENADERS (S) Graceland Christian Church, 2126 Stateline Rd. E. (between Tchulahoma and Getwell) Southaven, MS, Dancing 7:30 to 9:30, Mondays. Caller, Robert Townsend. R-C/W, Gloria (Tom) McMullin, Rounds. Pres. Mary Ann Walker 901-628-4356 Walker5252@aol.com

TUESDAY

Next Meeting of GMS&RDA November 21, 2017, 7:15 Germantown Regional History & Genealogy Ctr., 7779 Poplar Pike, Germantown Dan (Glinda) Torvik, President **All GMS&RDA members welcome.**

T-SQUARES (S-advance level) 7:00- 9:00 p.m. St Michael's Catholic Church, 3863 Summer Ave, Caller Robert Townsend, 901-867-8722, roberttownsend@netzero.net Pres. John Doles 901-481-5652

SOUTHERN ROUNDS (R-C/W) 2126 Stateline Rd. (Graceland Christian Church) Southaven, MS. Class 6:00 Lines, 7:00. R-C/W Tom and Gloria McMullin 662-429-1701. Pres. Mary Smith 901-683-7812 hasselljr@att.net

THURSDAY

TOP SPINNERS (S-R-C/W) Eads Civic Center, 12365 Washington Rd, Eads, TN. (Just 1/2 mile off of Hwy64, and only 8 miles from Wolfchase Mall). Club dances 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Caller Justin Russell, 901-604-5751 justinrus@gmail.com R-C/W: Gin Weaver, 901-867-0056. President – Betty Jo Fortune



FRIDAY

BACHELORS 'n BACHELORETTES (S-R) Colonial Park United Methodist Church, 5330 Park Ave. (corner Park & Estate) Friday, 7:30 -9:30 p.m. Caller Robert Townsend, 901-867-8722, Lines/Rounds Gloria (Tom) McMullin. Pres. Mary Ann Walker 901-628-4356 walker5252@aol.com

SATURDAY

PISTOLS & PETTICOATS (S-R) Bartlett United Methodist Church, 5676 Stage Rd, Bartlett, Club dances 8:00 —10:00p.m. Caller Justin Russell, Cuer Gordon (Mary) Brower, Pres. Bob (Mary Ann) Moats, 901-373-4497, moatsr@gmail.com

From the DEMO Coordinator: If you can participate in any Demo, please contact Mary Ann Walker, 901-628-4356 walker5252@aol.com

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<p>Saturday Morning October 21st FELLOWSHIP HALL</p> <p>10:00 – 11:00am Round Dance Workshop 11:00 – 12:00pm Square Dancing Workshop</p>	<p>Saturday Evening October 21st FELLOWSHIP HALL</p> <p>7:00 – 8:00pm GRAND MARCH & INVOCATION 8:00 – 9:00pm Squares/Rounds/Lines 9:00 – 10:00pm Squares/Rounds/Lines 10:00 – 10:30pm Advanced Dancing</p>

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November 3&4, 2017, Tammany Twirlers' 55th Square & Round Dance Festival— Tammany Twirlers' Clubhouse, 35386 Home Estate Dr. Slidell, LA. Friday Sqs. Justin Russell, Saturday Sqs. Elmer Sheffield, Rds Mark & Pam Prow. Info: Frances & Richard Matthews frmatthews4@aol.com

November 10 & 11, 2017, 43rd Annual Fall Fun Fest Bartow Civic Center, Bartow, FL. WCSRDA, Florida Federation of Square Dancers. Callers, Don Moger & Bob Stern, cuer, Jimmy & Carol Griffin, Info: www.shufflinsquares.com

February 2-3, 2018, Biloxi, MS. 40th Annual Mardi Gras Festival Woolmarket Community Center. sqs. Steve Kopman, rds. Pauline Angress. Info: Nell Knott, 228-831-3727, <http://bellesandbuoys.webs.com>



August 23-25, 2018, 40th Alabama Square and Round Dance Association's State Convention. The Oxford Civic Center in Oxford, AL. Jim Purvis, Convention Chairman 251-653-5442

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