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THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES, it has been a great year for square dancing and for “Keeping Square Dancing alive in Oklahoma”. We have had a lot of fun, danced with friends we have had for many years and made new ones. Some of our dear friends have gone on to a better reward and we miss them terribly. This is life and we are thankful to be a part of yours. We have met some new friends, renewed some existing friendships and strengthened existing ones and had a lot of fun doing this.

As you go into 2017 be positive, think good thoughts and work hard for what you want to accomplish. Julia and I will be dancing with many of you and visiting clubs throughout the year to “Just have fun” and we know you will be doing the same. We want to thank every one of our square dance friends for their love and support throughout the 40 years that we have been a part

of the Square Dance Family. There have been hills and valleys and a lot of trials along the way. We have had a great time on every adventure and plan to continue so for many years to come. Square dancing and our friends are a very big and important part of our life and we have you to thank for that.

As we go into 2017 remember your friends, family and your square dance family across the land. We are all so fortunate and have so much to

be thankful for. If we were to start a list it would consume the entire publication of this Sashay. We hope and pray that each of you have a wonderful Christmas and a fantastic new year. See you in a square somewhere.

A S – M – I – L – E is the shortest distance between friends, keep smiling.

Jim & Julia

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I would like to thank the entire Square Dance Family that worked so hard to have a GREAT FESTIVAL. I appreciate everyone doing a good job on their assignments. We had good turnout attending the Banquet and dance Friday night. We do appreciate the Square Dancers, Callers and Taws that attended the Banquet and reserved

their rooms at the Tower Hotel. This was a great help in us fulfilling the State Federation Contract with the Tower Hotel. We are under the same contract for 2017, unless we can get it changed. We were not able to fulfill it this year, which cost the State Federation more money.

The flooring for the dance was great. Everyone was

very pleased to have it.

I was very pleased to have four or five vendors for your shopping pleasure. Everyone enjoyed the Fashion Show and the fun dancing during the afternoon. Of course, the exhibitions were fantastic and very enjoyable. The president's entry was very nice and the Grand March was awesome with twenty some squares on the

floor. The callers did a great job keeping the floor full until 11:30. I have enjoyed being 1st Vice President this past year and I'm looking forward to the coming year.

Everyone have a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Robert Orman

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2015 Vernon Willis	c
& Joyce Winfield	c
2014 Bill Guthrie	sc
2013 Glen & Linda Bray	c
2012 Ron & Barb Smith	sw
2011 Ray and Patricia Mills	sw
2010 Jim & Julia Reese	gc
2009 Robert Orman & Billie Davis	c
2008 Chuck & Janice Bookout	ne
2007 Mike & Myrna Perkins	sw
2006 Marvin & Donna Kay Pierce	c
2005 Mike and Phyllis Thomason	c
2003 George & Shirley Hazlett	gc
2001 Dean & Rose Lloyd	s
2000 Gene & Barbara Morton	sw
1997 Louise Courtney	sc
1995 Norvell & Mary Dalley	s
1994 Harry & Pat Nelson	c
1989 Elton & Phillis Ferrell	sc
1988 Paul & Wanda Kittredge	c
1986 Vernon & Lois Schimmels	sw
1974 Harry & Pat Nelson	c

2nd Vice/Ticket Chair— MIKE & MYRNA PERKINS

2016 TICKET SALES RESULTS

WHAT A great SALES PROGRAM WE HAD. District Ticket Chairmen are MARVELOUS!! Great job. Our thanks go out to Bill and Joyce Stout, Central; George and Shirley Hazlett, Green Country; Eileen Low, Northeast; Sherry Evans, Northwest; Martha Thurman, Panhandle; Mike Mulier and Barbara Dolson, South Central; Norvell and Mary Dalley, Southern; and Ken and Neola Stephens, Southwest. Thanks to our assistants Bill Guthrie and Wanda Oliver. And thanks to the 1981 Yellow Corvette!

We may not have reached our "goal", but the number we did reach is FANTASTIC!! Our budget was 75,000 and we reached 84,769 at turn in and already have had more late turn ins. By Festival time we may reach 85,000.

OK. Here are the numbers.

1. Southern District with	18,600
2. Central District with	17,841
3. Southwest District with	12,508
4. South Central District w/	10,869
5. Northwest District w/	8,750
6. Green Country with	8,075
7. Northeast District with	6,980
8. Panhandle District with	1,146
Total	84,769
Add'l late turn	364
	85,133

TOP THREE CLUBS

1. Yellow Rockers -S-	14,151
2. Speck-Taculars - NE-	6,980
3. Hub City Squares - SW-	5,500

TOP THREE INDIVIDUALS

1. Larry and Margaret Stiles -	10,250
2. Bill and Joyce Stout - C	4,200
3. Eileen Low -NE	4,100

Prizes for these winners were awarded at the Pre-party. Prizes for the 100, 750, 1500, 3000 and 5000 have been awarded thru the district ticket chairmen.

Twenty Prizes for the drawing of the 100 ticket sellers were handed out. They were \$20 Walmart gift cards.

Ticket Winners were the following:

The 1981 Yellow Corvette or \$10,000 was won by

____Rick and Rejeana Wiebener, Alva, OK_____
and the ticket was sold by Jeanette Kremerier, Alva

The First Prize 50" Vizio Smart TV donated by George and Shirley Hazlett State Farm Insurance agent was won by

____Beth Woestine, Bethany_____
The second Prize, a Bunn Coffee brewer and an Igloo Ice Maker, donated by Guthrie and Perkins, was one by

____Wang Xiong, Eucha, OK_____
The Third Prize, a Masterbuilt , XL Propane Smoker donated by Robert Orman and Billie Davis, was won by

____Ed Kelsay, Bethany_____
Fourth Prize, a \$200 gift card, donated by Jim and Julia Reese was won by

____Jason's Service Station, Ratliff City, OK_____
Fifth Prize, a KING size Handmade quilt, donated and made by Lois and Vernon Schimmels was won by

____Dorilyn Lansburn, Bethany_____
Sixth Prize, a Char-Broil gas grill, donated by So. OKC Lowe's, was won by

____Ed Kelsay, Bethany, OK_____
Seventh Prize, a \$100 Walmart gift card, donated by Barb's Ceramics of Vernon, TX, was won by
____Mike Hubkey, Harrah, Oklahoma_____

Mike and Myrna Perkins,
2016 Second Vice president and Ticket chairman

3rd Vice—NORVELL AND MARY DALLEY

2017 is almost here and we are about to start another year of dancing and fellowship with our many square dance friends. We are looking forward to a great year.

Thank you again (I think) for entrusting us to arrange for your State Roundups. We hope that

you have enjoyed the roundups we have done for the past two years and are looking forward to 2017.

Thanks to the districts for stepping up to help us with locations for 2017, we have both the Spring and Fall Roundups in place. The Spring Round-

up will be in Southern District in Ada, and the Fall Roundup will be in the Green Country area at Sequoyah State Park east of Wagoner. We will have the assignments ready to hand out at the informal meeting in January, this will give each district a little over two months to get your assignment to-

gether.

Please be safe over this holiday season and may God bless each and every one of you.

Norvell & Mary Dalley

OSDF 3rd Vice President

Roundup Chairman

Program Book Chairman - BARBARA ALBRIGHT AND JUDY BLACKWELL

I would like to thank everyone the assisted me in various way in putting the program book together. I hope everyone enjoyed the pro-

gram book. Next year I hope that each of us will encourage others to purchase the program book. I wish to thank everyone for their

support during my first year in the state federation.

Sincerely,

Barbara Albright

Visit Nine—CARL & BOBBIE WILSON

Hey guys, we are done, yeah. Bobbie and I would like to thank you for your support and participation in the Visit Nine registration program. We feel that the past year was a huge success. We want to especially thank those of you who just got started, you bought your brown bar and first dangle.

We encourage you to go to the other districts and fill that brown bar up, you will meet so many great people, and have a blast.

Jim and Julia Reese will be taking the Visit Nine program next year. Bobbie and I would like to take this time to thank Jim and Julia for

allowing us to be a part of the OSDF and the Visit Nine program.

Again thank you guys for supporting us and your participation. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Hope we get to see you in a square real soon, we love you guys.

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MAKE TIME FOR VISIT
NINE

Singles Coordinator —BILL WALTON AND LYNN MOORE

Singles Christmas Dinner/Dance to be held at West Side Lions Hall on December 9th tickets must be bought before December 7th. Cost \$15.00 each for Dinner/Dance. Dance only \$10.00.

Callers will be Jeff Holley and Bob Thomas and Cuer will be Jim Couey.

This is the only info we are aware of for December for the Singles.

Thanks,

Lynn Moore & "Wild" Bill Walton

Webmaster—SONYA SAVELL-JONES

If your club will be starting lessons – or if you have a special dance you want to advertise, please send info along with the flyer ASAP and I will get it on the website. The sooner you notify

folks, the longer it will run and be seen by others. This is website!!! Use the tools given to you Free of Charge to help promote your special dances, lessons, etc. etc. etc.

Terry and I wish everyone a Very Merry CHRISTMAS and a Wonderful and SAFE New Year!! Loads of Love, Yellow Rocks and Kisses.

Sonya Savell-Jones

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Northeast District

What happened to 2016? It has now become history.

We are hoping for some good weather this winter, so we will be able to get to our out of town clubs. That way we can deliver the remaining signs to them.

For the month of January we will be having our new

Dancers Dance. Followed by the start of our ABC session. Something we encourage all of our new dancers to take part in. These dances last until our Spring Festival.

We changed our Wed night fun dance to Thursdays, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in Dec.

By doing so we hope to at-

tract more young people that attend Church on Wed. evening. Also if they should go on the wrong Thursdays, we have a welcoming square dance club that will invite them in. There was good success with the Wed nights as several of the people that came took square dance lessons.

North East is busy planning and making arrangements for our Spring Festival which we want to invite one and all to attend. It happens on April 1st. No fooling.

Wishing a Happy New Year to everyone!

Ken & Sue

South Central District

South Central District News, we are doing well and good. Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

South Central has a new President starting in January. Bill and Angie Stickler,

we are so proud they were willing to take the position. Please give them a big thumbs up.

Our nesting program we had 23 new students this month and they are really having a blast.

We have had two passing, Jim Asher from the Solo's of Lawton, Doyle Pollard, from Square Toppers of Lawton.

See ya in a square: Lonnie and Jody Billings

2017

Cincinnati, Ohio

June 21—24, 2017

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2018

**Kansas City,
Missouri**

**June 27-30, 2018
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2019

Atlanta, Georgia

June 26-29, 2019

**Convention Website
www.68nsdc.com**

2020

Spokane, Washington

June 17-20, 2020

**Convention Website
www.69nsdc.org**

Green Country

Our Annual Festival was held on November 12th in Tulsa. Festival Chairman, Jim and Julia Reese, did an excellent job planning and arranging for great callers for the Festival. We danced twelve tips with eight callers. Three new callers received a chance to showcase their

skills. A great time was had by all. A big THANKS to all that participated and helped in the festival activities.

Our next and last district activity scheduled for 2016 is our Annual Meeting to be Held on December 3rd. We will conduct normal busi-

ness and elect new officers for 2017. We may even have some new people accept positions? A chairman will be appointed for our Annual Caller's Appreciation Dinner to be conducted just after the New Year.

Merry Christmas and Happy

New Year to all of you.

George and Shirley Hazlett

Sashay Editor—Bob & Melissa Thomas

We hope you all enjoyed the Sashay this last year. There has been some changes about the way the newsletter is going to be distributed.

Of course you can always read the newsletter on the state website.:

oklahoma-square-dance-federation.org

by clicking on the newsletter link and choose the issue you wish to read.

Starting with this issue we will be distributing the newsletter by email. We have gathered all the emails we could but there are a lot

of districts we don't have emails for.

You can manage your own subscriptions. If someone forwarded this email to you, then click on the link below to register.

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Thanks,
Bob & Melissa Thomas

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THE SQUARE DANCER'S PLEDGE

With all my ability I will do my best to keep Square dancing enjoyable, wholesome, friendly, and the inspiring activity I know it to be.

This I pledge in the sincere desire that it may grow naturally and unexploited in the coming years and be available to all those who seek the opportunity for friendship, fun and harmony through Square Dancing.

The Purpose of the Oklahoma Square Dance Federation, Inc.

The Oklahoma Square Dance Federation, Inc. was originally formed in 1947 with the following purpose:

1. To promote square and round dancing as a recreational activity of the highest standard.
2. To provide for member district associations promotional and organizational assistance with regard to new or existing clubs within their area.
3. Encourage, support and assist the member district associations in their efforts toward development and advancement of leadership in the various phases of square and round dancing activities such as club management, promotional activities, callers, instructors, musicians, etc.
4. Promote and have active charge of an Annual Oklahoma Festival.
5. To Maintain communication between member district associations with regard to information of square and round dance activities within the association.
6. Encourage the member district associations to police and prohibit alcoholic beverages at any function within their districts. Use of alcoholic beverages at any Oklahoma Federation function shall be prohibited.
7. To operate as a Non-Profit Association.

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